



February 20, 2009

Dear fellow-members of Immanuel:

*“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,
and comes down from the Father of lights!” James 1:17*

The time for a decision regarding the purchase of the Muellerleile property is coming quickly. It is important that we all prayerfully consider what we may each contribute to this effort, remembering that our success depends upon God’s grace and blessing! While we may feel that our abilities to complete this project successfully are limited, God’s abilities are limitless! He can take our modest contributions, given out of faith and in love, and make them abound to His glory!

The Church Council has scheduled a voters’ meeting for Monday, March 9th, at 7:00 pm. Its purpose will be to discuss our pending land transaction and to determine whether to make the roughly \$1,650,000 purchase or to cancel the agreement based upon a lack of adequate financing.

In order that you may prepare for this meeting, we are providing a status update of the work that has been done.

- We have received a conceptual layout from Paulsen Architects (see enclosed copy). This layout shows that we would need about 17 acres to accommodate the original facility concept developed during our long term feasibility study (2005). The Paulsen drawing also suggests reserving an additional 3.35 acres for future use. This possibility is shown by the dashed, red driveway, which places the additional acreage next to the sketched, athletic fields.
- The design work completed by Paulsen has now been sent to I&S Group, so they can finish their engineering and other projects. I&S has indicated that they will have a preliminary plan (including layout, utilities, and wetland delineation) ready for our review shortly.
- Upon receipt of the plan from I&S Group, we will begin more earnest discussions with potential buyers of the excess land. The voters will decide the final disposition of any purchase and subsequent sale.

We have begun to collect some contribution and loan forms from Immanuel members. At this time, members have notified us of \$25,000 in direct contributions and \$35,000 of available loans. We ask all of you to remember that **the requested deadline for returning the contribution and loan forms is March 1**. We need to hear from hundreds of you!

As you prayerfully consider what the Lord will enable you to do to help with this purchase, we encourage you to consider the long-range benefit this purchase could mean for our ministry at Immanuel. While Mankato is growing in every direction, its primary projected growth is to the east and south. The property we hope to purchase is on the southeast edge of Mankato, which means it is ideally suited for our expansion purposes. It is highly visible, easily accessed, and within years to be surrounded by new housing divisions.

We have included extra copies of the contribution and loan forms in the event that you need them. We are not asking for you to send a check at this time, we are simply asking for you to indicate the amount of your expected gift. If the voters determine to proceed with the land purchase, you will be contacted after the March 9th voters’ meeting and asked to provide your check.

Completed forms should be returned to Financial Secretary, Tom Lentz. You may mail the forms to the church (attention: Tom Lentz), or bring them to the church office. You may also return them by sealing the completed forms in a separate, addressed envelope and putting it in the collection plate. The envelopes will then be routed to the Financial Secretary.

If you have any questions regarding the work that is currently in process, please speak with Tom Lentz (Financial Secretary—625-9390) or Michael Wheaton (member of the ERC—388-1584).

Working in God’s Kingdom together,
The Immanuel Church Council

Robert Timm, Congregational President

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