

Builders for Christ

Weekly Update from
Immanuel Lutheran School, Hutchinson, MN

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Hi Volunteers,

As promised, Jeff Pinske and I were back for a bit this week to hang the 7 exterior classroom doors and install temporary locks on them. We were assisted by faithful Allan Dueterhoeft and Abigail Polzin, a member of the Kingdom Workers board. The doors were mostly needed to contain the warmth within the building, as temperatures here have cooled off considerably this week. The week started at 90 degrees and I don't think we reached 50 yesterday plus we had a strong cold northwest wind. The large "storefront doors" are to be installed on Monday, October 9th and then the building should finally be secure. For warranty reasons, the heating system can't be turned on until all of the drywall sanding and painting is done so the heat within the building needs to be contained.

The drywall hangers are probably half done and left for a few days for another project. Both the hangers and tapers are scheduled to be there on Monday to proceed with finishing up the drywall.

Greetings!

This past week things have been pretty quiet on the outside of our new building. Immanuel member, Larry Karg, ran his Bobcat soil conditioner over the grounds to smooth out the soil. Four propane tanks were placed on their pad overlooking my garden. We don't miss the backup beepers of the heavy equipment, but do miss the sound of the children calling out to the workers on their way to lunch!

The last BfC trailer left our parking lot on its way to another project in Neenah, Wisconsin. The electric hookups will get taken down on Saturday. Our teacherage is still set up for BfC volunteers even though someone locked the door. Elwood had to come over and get the key on Wednesday to stay overnight. He and Jeff Pinske installed doors on Thursday. We're looking forward to seeing some volunteers again in November to work on trim. Someone has to eat all these snacks!

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For the 12 or so of you who have indicated interest in returning in November to finish it up, our new super, Phil, thinks we'll be able to hang the interior doors early November and that accessories like handicap grab bars and toilet partitions will probably be late November after all the ceramic tile is in place. Josh's last day was Wednesday. (He is starting his own carpentry business with his brother.)

This is probably the last newsletter for a few weeks as I don't plan to return to Immanuel until November. I will ask Phil to send pictures after the storefront doors are in and I will pass them along to you.

I'm hoping you are all considering joining us in Peridot, AZ this winter. My attention has been turning toward that project somewhat now that I am at home. (plus pickleball of course). Signup for that project will be posted soon.

Mona, my editor and publisher, asked Pastor DeVries to write an update since I'm not on site much anymore. His write up is at the left. God Bless!

In His service,
Elwood