

"God With Us"



And they will call Him
Immanuel -
"God With Us"
Matthew 1:23

Immanuel Lutheran Church

We, the people of Immanuel Lutheran Church, in joyful response to all that our gracious God has done for us, seek to glorify God by bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people.

We have GOOD NEWS! Jesus is ALIVE and LOVES YOU!



Immanuel Lutheran School

Where Faith & Education Meet

A **Child** nurtured in a **Christian** Lutheran setting will be **Prepared** to live a **Joyful**, productive, God-pleasing **Life**.

*Quality Christian education open to all children
Preschool through
Grade 8*

A monthly newsletter from Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

Immanuel Messenger

From Pastor Vrudny

August, 2015



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God." Romans 8:19

Summertime and watermelons: one of my favorite combinations! Watermelons are the fruit of **patience**. You need to first get by the large rind, and

then eat slowly enough to be able to separate the seeds from the good stuff. I wonder if the first watermelon seed-spitting contest started because of frustration? Maybe not; but I'm sure it originated with some *seedy* characters.

Are you a patient person? Some call themselves 'patient' but are really just procrastinators. You can test your real patience during those times you & your boss argue over the best way to get the job done. Another test: listening to

someone tell you what you already know, or a story you've already heard {it's okay – be gracious!}. Patience is a 'virtue'; an asset; a desirable human quality. So, hurry up and get some!



Actually, patience is even more: it's a **Fruit Of The Spirit** mentioned by Paul. He comments on it in Romans 8:24-25, "For in this hope we were saved.

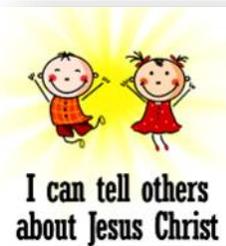
But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not

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Cell: 612-390-4935 ☩ Home: 218-547-4720

NOTE: Church P O Box closed — need to use street address for mail.

God and My Mission, by Pastor Mark Jeske



This was so good that I had to share from Pastor Mark Jeske, "Time of Grace" daily devotions:

"Have you ever wondered why you're still here? If God has saved you, if you are now guaranteed eternal life through Jesus, why doesn't he whisk you away to heaven?"

The reason is that you are far too valuable to his plan. He has a mission for you. Just as other people helped you to hear and understand the Bible's message, so you are part of the communication network that other people need so that they can become believers too. When you speak of what God has done, it's as though God were telling the story himself. When you speak God's words of instruction for godly living, it's as though God himself were speaking directly and personally to them.

Look first within your own family, especially to the younger ones. "We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done . . . which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children" (Psalm 78:4-6).

Who are the three individuals in your life who most helped you to hear Jesus' voice? Can you think of three people in your life who need to hear about Jesus?"

What a great reminder! And I say HALLELUJAH to that!

-Pam's Thoughts



Opportunities For Worship

Sunday Worship—We worship God each Sunday at 9:00 AM and celebrate The Lord's Supper the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. Remember to invite your family member, your new neighbor or a friend to worship with you. They are welcome, wanted and needed!

Lutheran Hour Ministries—Lutheran Hour Ministries can be heard on Sunday mornings at 6:05 AM on WCCO 830, 12:30 PM on KDHL 920, or 5 PM Sundays on KTIG 102.7.

The **Lutheran Hour Ministries** has expanded into additional markets. The Lutheran Hour is now available: online, MP3, Podcast, Sirius XM Satellite Radio. For local broadcast information visit www.lutheranhour.org

College Students—Students don't leave home without Him! Connect with your Campus Church now or contact: www.lcmscampus.org.

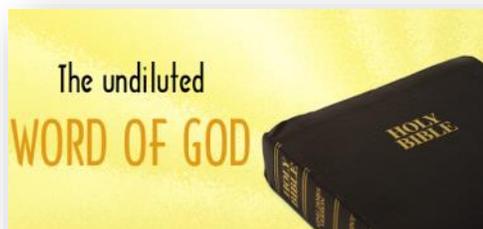
Opportunity For Bible Study

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Join us for Sunday morning Bible study choices! First—a study on the morning Gospel reading prior to worship at 8:30 am in the back of the church. Then fill up your coffee cup and join a group right after Sunday Worship from 10:30—11:30, in the Fellowship Hall. Your input is valued. You will be blessed and be a blessing to us!

Youth Study: 5th—12th Graders meet by the Church Library after church each Sunday—except during summer months.

Men's Bible Study each Thursday morning at 8:30 am in the back of the sanctuary. All men are encouraged and invited to

attend.



Women's Bible Study every Thursday morning at 8:30 am, meeting now at the church library. We would love to have you join us as we share God's Word and fellowship with one another.

E-DiBS will electronically deliver to you a daily Bible study where we will go book by book, verse by verse and have a short explanation and application for better understanding. Sign up by contacting the Church office by phone, email or in person. This service is free because of a generous donation. For more information visit: www.e-dibs.org.

Opportunity For Supporting Our Church

Will You Help? Stop by the bulletin board in the entry hall to read ways to help support our church. Immanuel receives many small to medium sized bills during the month. Some larger bills have been divided into smaller amounts in order to encourage members to "chip in". The Board of Stewardship would like to thank those who have helped already and would like to ask the rest of the congregation, "Will You Help, too?"

The Endowment Fund for Immanuel Lutheran Church and School has been set up at the First National Bank in Walker. If you are interested in contributing to this fund, serving on the governing board for this fund, or want more information, stop in the office.

LCEF introduces the new PartnerPLUS Fixed Rate

Term Note! This new term, fixed rate note is for current investors and non-investors. PartnerPLUS is available to individuals, LCMS ministries and organizations and for IRAs. PartnerPLUS is for anyone who is looking to be a Minister Partner!

PartnerPLUS features:

- 2% fixed rate on 2-year note. 2.5% fixed rate on 4-year note
- \$500-\$25,000 initial investment amount
- Second-tier rate on balances over \$25,000 (1.000%)
- \$500 minimum to open
- Additional investments of at least \$25 allowed



The church can always use coffee, and paper towels, hand soap, and dish soap.

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yet have, we wait for it patiently.”

So, if you hope for a watermelon and you already have one, it’s not really a hope. But, if you’ve only just planted your watermelon seeds, you’ll have to practice

some patience. Obviously, that’s not what Paul was waiting for.

Patience usually involves some form of waiting. Because God’s plan for us is something only He fully understands, and because He carries it out according to His divine timeline, the Holy Spirit is charged to give us patience. We wait confidently for God to do His will; not only in the promise of our eternal salvation, but in all things.

We practice patience when we pray. God promises to answer prayer, and He always does! Conflict arises when we want God to answer prayers in ways that seem logical,

beneficial & timely according to our standards. Patience involves trusting God to answer prayer in ways best for us, even if it doesn’t meet our specifications.

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We also practice patience as we wait for Jesus to return. Thousands of years passed

between the time God first promised a Savior to Adam & Eve and the time the angels sang the birth announcement to scruffy shepherds. When Christ’s work on earth ended, He promised to return and take us to heaven. Do you ever become impatient with that promise? Of course, when He shows up unexpectedly, someone probably will ask why He

couldn’t have waited a little longer! It’s a good thing it’s up to Him.

So, whether it’s with an answer to our prayer for daily bread, or a summer blessing, or the glorious return of our merciful Savior, or arguing with the boss, or watermelon, when your patience is tested let the Spirit remind you that the people of God have always been called upon to be patient; even the whole of creation waits with eager longing for the fulfillment of God’s Kingdom; why should we be any different?

Love in Christ,

pastor vrudny

BE WATCHING FOR DUANE PAYNE TO UPDATE YOUR PHOTO FOR A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!



Prayer Corner

Health Concerns & Other Issues:

- ✚ Jim Eklund (surgery)
- ✚ Pat Finney (friend of Della Lembke on kidney dialysis)
- ✚ Laurie Gjerde (friend of Darin & Corina Bronczyk)
- ✚ Delores Kastning (mother of Wayne & Pat)
- ✚ John Lager (father to Peggy Schmidtke)
- ✚ Carla Morgenstern (friend of Darin & Corina Bronczyk)
- ✚ Jean Parsons
- ✚ Duane Paulsen (surgery)
- ✚ Deborah Peterson (Mike Keske’s sister)

- ✚ Leroy Strand
- ✚ Leona Strand (at Golden Living Center, room 110)



Giving Thanks:

- ✚ Lois Clark
- ✚ Averi Jensen (Great Granddaughter of Sherman & Judi Jensen, dog attack)
- ✚ Brad Zubke (heart attack and surgery)

Prayer of Remembrance: For the families who have had loved ones who have passed away.

Missions: Immanuel Lutheran School, LWML Sewing Ministry, Men of Immanuel

From the Congregation President

We had a small group of members attend our Special Congregation Meeting on 7/19/15. It is summer time and many of our members are engaged in summer activities with relatives and friends who come to share in our "up-North" life style. Weekends are a busy and special time and so is worshipping our Lord and thanking Him for all of the blessings He has given us. What a privilege it is to be a member of His kingdom!

The sole issue on the agenda was a motion by our Board of Education, approved by our Church Council, to approve an unbalanced budget for our school for the upcoming school year. The motion passed on a voice vote.

A large majority of our members strongly support our having a parochial school that teaches and shares Jesus Christ with the children of our community. Some of the concern our Board of Education shared at



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

the Council meeting, discussed at the Special meeting and in private conversations with our members is that they are aware the budget is not balanced as is required by our Immanuel Congregation Policies in

a motion dated 7/13/2008. Our Board has always prepared its budget based on actual, not expected enrollment. Therefore the biggest difficulty always is not knowing for sure what the enrollment numbers are going to be when school starts and yet having to

have staff to handle the needs of the students and provide a quality education. Difficult -isn't it?

Although our members passed the presented budget, it is just a budget. It is not an authorization to spend that amount of money. Those of us not on the Board of Education, are relying on our members on the Board to make the tough decisions needed, not only at the start, but

throughout the entire year. Of course staffing is the biggest item and our Board will be making those decisions right up to the days before school starts, based on actual enrollment.

We all need to keep our Board members in our prayers as they go about the business of running our school.

Speaking of our school, we just completed our ABC sale. WOW – what a lot of work by a HUGE number of people. And look at the TREMENDOUS result – over \$20,000 to help with our school budget. What a blessing our God gives us. Thank you to everyone who helped – perhaps only with a prayer. That helps make it easier for those who can spend extra time, energy and effort.

Thank you also to those that on 7/18/15 helped pack up the truck as Pastor Bitz and family made their move to the Gray Eagle, MN area. We again express our heartfelt thanks to Pastor Bitz and Angela for all they did while here and wish them God's blessings at their new location and chapter in their lives.

In His and your service, Tim Duin

Centennial Choir News

Been wishing Immanuel had a choir? Here's your chance! In order to enhance our Centennial celebration, Mary Tetzloff and Eve Vrudny have agreed to organize and direct a choir. There will be three or four rehearsals over the next months. Be watching the church bulletin



and Facebook for details as they become available. In the meantime, let Mary or Eve know if you are interested in being a part of making a joyful noise unto the Lord!

LWML Update

Great News! The LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) has an extra space set just for YOU! Every woman in our congregation is a member of the Mary Martha LWML at Immanuel. You are so welcome, wanted, and needed!

Our meetings are usually on the third Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, August 18 at 1:00 pm at Kathi Hopen's house. We would LOVE to have you join us!



We're getting ready for our fall "mini-retreat" on September 22. We have an excellent professional speaker, Karen Pitkin, with

the topic, "Three Mary's" in the Bible. It should be an evening of encouragement, enjoyment, and fellowship! Be watching for details.

Our LWML ladies thank God for YOU!

Stewardship

“Being a Steward Like Joseph”

Do you like to be in charge? What do you think it takes to be a strong leader? What attributes are required of a good manager or a corporate executive? Do you think you have what it takes to head a committee, a government, or even a country?

Take Joseph, for example. You remember him – the kid with the coat of many colors? His brothers certainly had no respect for him. In fact, they had hatred for him, because they saw him as his daddy’s favorite. They were so jealous they got rid of him – sold him as a slave to go who-knows-where. They didn’t care. But God did. Throughout the narrative of Joseph in Genesis 37-50, the words, “And God was with him,” are repeated. He was so honest, so smart, such a good administrator that he was elevated to the next-to-highest position in the country of Egypt. All because “God was with him.” It was Joseph’s task to save up food from the seven good years to last through the seven years of famine. He did such a great

job that, not only were the Egyptians fed, people from other countries came to Joseph to get grain for food, too. Among them, you know, were Joseph’s brothers.

Now Joseph had the upper hand. Now he



had the power. Now he could decide their fate. When they realized who he was, they were scared! After all, look what they had done to him! But Joseph forgave. Joseph said, “As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive...” (Genesis 50:20). Joseph realized that all he had – his life, his wisdom, his

job, and being reunited with his family after many years – all these were gifts from God. God had been directing Joseph’s path his whole life. Everything in Joseph’s life – the ups and downs – God used to make him the leader he was, to make him a blessing to all around him.

Keep that in mind when things happen that are unpleasant, even painful. It’s even more important to keep that in mind when things are going well (because that’s when we’re tempted to forget about God). God uses everything to mold you into the person He wants you to be, to prepare you for the work He wants you to do in this life, and to shape you into a steward who uses His gifts in service to God by serving others.

Blessings on your stewardship journey!

Finances

Church General Offerings

June Offerings = \$9,874.16

Total Expenses = \$9,764.74

Overage = \$109.42

Building Fund (Mortgage Payment)

June Offerings = \$910.00

Mortgage Payment = \$2,227.63

Shortage = \$1,316.63

It was necessary to transfer \$1,600 from the Steward Account (Sale of Parsonage) to the Building Fund in June to pay the Mortgage Payment on the 17th.

Information Regarding First 6 Months 2015 vs 2014 Offerings/Expenses/Budget

General Offerings: 2015 general offerings were \$5,692.34 more than during first half 2014. HOWEVER, the expenses were \$9,111.71 more than our income. Even though we were over budget for the general fund, we still had to transfer \$3600 of the budgeted \$31,460 (Other Income LOC or Steward Acct.) from the

sale of the parsonage to the general fund to meet these expenses on time.



Building Fund (Mortgage Payment) 2015 offerings (and LCEF Rebate) to pay the mortgage payment were \$2064.50 less than this period in 2014 and we had to transfer \$8800 from sale of the parsonage to pay the mortgage payment. This means we were \$8800 under budget to pay the mortgage. The June 30 balance in the Sale of the Parsonage (Steward Account) was \$32,831.91 compared to \$45,119.85 on January 1, 2015.

School Finances

5/1/15-5/31/15 income = \$8,638.62

5/1/15-5/31/15 expense = \$12,424.10

(Actual income & expense – loan amounts removed)

Lines of credit balance owed as of 6/1/15 = \$29,150

Centennial Update



Immanuel's 100th Anniversary Paraments

The beautiful design has been selected for the new white paraments to adorn the altar at Immanuel's 100th Anniversary Celebration in October! Members of Immanuel have generously donated funds for the down payment and the order has now been placed. The funding goal for the paraments is nearing completion and a total of \$800 is the remaining amount needed to reach the funding goal. Please prayerfully consider a donation of any amount dedicated for the paraments. Mark 'paraments' on your donation, place in an envelope in the offering plate and it will be dedicated to this special fund. Thank you!

The Lord's Baseball Game

Freddy and the Lord stood by to observe a baseball game. The Lord's team was playing Satan's team.

The Lord's team was at bat, the score was tied zero to zero, and it was the bottom of the 9th inning with two outs.

They continued to watch as a batter stepped up to the plate named 'Love.'

Love swung at the first pitch and hit a single, because "Love never fails."

The next batter was named Faith, who also got a single because Faith works with Love.

The next batter up was named Godly Wisdom. Satan wound up and threw the first pitch.

Godly Wisdom looked it over and let it pass: Ball one.

Three more pitches and Godly Wisdom walked because he never swings at what Satan throws.

The bases were now loaded. The Lord then turned to Freddy and told him He was now going to bring in His star player.

Up to the plate stepped Grace. Freddy said, "He sure doesn't look like much!"

Satan's whole team relaxed when they saw Grace.

Thinking he had won the game, Satan wound up and fired his first pitch.

To the shock of everyone, Grace hit the ball harder than anyone had ever seen! But Satan was not worried; his center fielder let very few get by.

He went up for the ball, but it went right through his glove, hit him on the head and sent him crashing on the ground;

the roaring crowds went wild as the ball continued over the fence . . . for a home run

The Lord's team won!

The Lord then asked Freddy if he knew why Love, Faith and Godly Wisdom could get on base but couldn't win the game.

Freddy answered that he didn't know why.

The Lord explained, "If your love, faith and wisdom had won the game, you would think you had done it by yourself. Love, Faith and Wisdom will get you on base but only My

Grace can get you Home:



"For by Grace are you saved, it is a gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

From The Bitz Family

Friends and family at Immanuel,

A simple Thank You is so inadequate to express the depth of my gratitude to you.

For seven years you have loved and supported me and my family. From willing travelers when we moved in, to introductions and invitations as we got to know you. Through help with kids in church, surrogate grandparents, hugs and tears when Clara died, encouraging words and listening ears during Mike's illness, helping hands and strong backs as we moved out, and innumerable other ways, each and every one of you has shown us God's love for us.



I know we will come to love any congregation where God puts us, but believe me – they have some big shoes to fill.

Thank you for being God's hands on earth and taking care of us so well.

Love,
The Bitz's, Angela and Mike

Bitz Family: 17027 State 287, Grey Eagle, MN 56336

From George Johnson

A Correction for the July Newsletter: This correction is in regard to the "Secret Servant" item: "Thank You to Randy Fabian for bringing donuts each week to the Thursday Morning Bible Study! You are a blessing."

This is not so much a correction—but as an effort to point out that while I also count donuts a blessing, the real blessings come from Randy's sharing his strong faith, his helping all of us get the real wisdom of God's Word. When Randy goes back to Texas in the fall, we miss both the donuts and his wisdom which helps strengthen the faith of all of us.

While I was thinking of Randy's spiritual contributions to our Bible Class, I had the following thoughts:

I thank God for everyone who is at Bible Class and has helped build each other's faith through God's Word. In our short time of having this Thursday Morning Class, we have been very blessed by two former members "not so secret", who have entered God's Kingdom of Glory, Rev. Tom Palomaki and Hal Bakker. The members of our class heard some of the best testimonies of faith ever given. The closer it come to their entry into God's Kingdom of Glory, the greater witness of faith we heard.

During the last months of Hal's earthly life, we met at his home. Hal wanted Marie to schedule a class the week he died. Because of his weekend at the hospital on the North Shore, Marie knew and told us to cancel. Hal had built his own casket in preparation for the day his disease would overtake his body.

I'm sure everyone who had this Bible Class with these two servants of Christ will agree, "We were very thankful we could have this kind of spiritual lift."

To God be the glory for both the donuts, and these spiritual men!

- George Johnson



Did you notice the fresh, clean walls of the Fellowship Hall? A HUGE thank you to Dale Ross, the Vrudny's, the Vinkemeier's, the Black's, and the Duin's for the excellent job of painting! They did a SUPERB job!!



Board of Education

The Board of Education thanks the congregation for its support in approving the school's budget for the 2015-2016 school year. God has put forth challenges for the Board and our school this coming year. We ask for all of your prayers for the remainder of the summer and beginning of the school year that God would move parents in our community and give them



a heart for Christian education for their children. God has blessed our school in the past few years with an increase in enrollment and we believe that he will continue to bless our school. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

Opportunities to Help the School

RECYCLING: Immanuel School can now recycle your old cell phones. Just drop them at the office or deposit them with the ink jet cartridges.

On-Line Search: Immanuel School has signed up as a charity on www.goodsearch.com. Every time you use this search engine, they donate 1 cent to our school. Please choose Immanuel Lutheran School as your charity when it asks you, "Who do you "Goodsearch" for?"

Amazon Smile: Take advantage of the Amazon Smile Program with your Amazon orders and help the school! Simple. Anyone who signs up for Amazon Smile and chooses the school for their charity will automatically contribute 0.5% if their purchase of most items to the school! You can sign up at: [http://](http://smile.amazon.com)

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Scrip Orders: The school's scrip program is a great way for parents, grandparents, family and friends to help pay for tuition! 50% of each scrip order's profit may be designated toward a student's tuition. Many retailers participate in the gift card program and also offer ScripNow, where certificates can be downloaded from your account through orders placed online at www.shopwithscrip.com. Scrip packets are available by the office. New order deadline: 10th of each month. Contact Kelly Schmidtke (547-1080) with any questions.



Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center

LIFE. Something beautiful.

The Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center exists to provide physical and spiritual life affirming choices for women and families facing an unplanned pregnancy.

Please be in prayer for women making the toughest decision of their lives...and one that will affect them for the rest of their lives, no matter what they choose. Pray for them to come to know and trust God with their future and their child's life.

Abortion Recovery: Recently shocking videos have been released about Planned Parenthood selling fetal body parts. If you or someone close to you have an abortion experience in their past, these videos may bring up unexpected feelings of sorrow, confusion, grief, anger or shock. These feelings are normal after being reminded of a traumatic event. If you believe you or someone you know is experiencing unwanted emotions associated with a past abortion, please stop in or give us a call. We offer abortion recovery support and help with healing after abortion. A 10 week study, Forgiven & Set Free will begin this fall.



Please call for more information.

Other Prayer Requests: Speaking opportunities in area church groups, or other places where we can spread our message of hope to those we serve.

Need: We need size 12mos-2T clothing, mostly girls.

Amazon Smile: Anyone who signs up for Amazon Smile and chooses us as their Charity, will automatically contribute 0.5% if their purchase of most items to our Center. You can sign up at: <http://smile.amazon.com>

"LIKE" us on Facebook: Please find us on Facebook for ministry updates and then be sure to "Like" us.

Prayer Partner: If you would like your email to be included in our list of Monthly prayer calendars (and impromptu prayer concerns throughout the month) please email: walkerpsc@arvig.net.

Location: The pregnancy center is located at 507 Front Street in Walker. Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11 AM to 4PM. Our phone is: 218-547-LIFE (5433) and our email is: walkerpsc@arvig.net.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

The Dedication of Christ Serve Ranch August 29

Within our MN North District we have a wonderful blessing in the form of Lutheran Island Camp (LIC). Every year, more than a thousand youth attend one of the summer camps there. They learn of and are encouraged in their Savior Jesus, make new friends, and have summer fun in Lutheran, Biblically-appropriate ways! Most camp counselors are students of our Concordia University System.

In the last few years LIC has been developing



the first science and environmental learning center in the country that teaches science, education, leadership, and the environment from a Lutheran-Christian, Biblical worldview.

It is called: Christ Serve Ranch.

The dedication of the Ranch is planned for the weekend of August 28-30; specifically the events on Saturday, Aug. 29 and YOU are invited!

Those events include: ours, exhibits, demonstrations, and various youth & family activities. The Dedication Worship Service will be at 2:30pm, a concert is planned for 7:30pm, and the meals will be

provided at no charge. Featured speakers will be Rev. Dr. Dean Wenthe, Steve Deace, and MN Astronaut Karen Nyberg.

You can receive more information about that day and the events by requesting a brochure from pastor. If you would like to help make that day a blessing for those attending, there are many things volunteers are being asked to do. While the food is being provided at no charge, the Camp asks you to register your attendance so that amounts can be planned.

You can read more about the Ranch via your internet device: "www.christserveranch.org" or "dedication@christserveranch.org"

Our Military "Biblestick" Effort

The Military "Biblestick" is an audio MP3 player with the complete New Testament and 65 minutes of selected Psalms. It is produced by the company, *Faith comes By Hearing*, who through the years, have produced the Bible on cassette and CD, and have made God's Word easy to listen to. The Biblestick comes complete with a battery & earbuds, and is distributed through our military chaplains to any soldier/sailor who requests it.

With YOUR HELP we have collected donations to provide 30 Biblesticks. Thank You! These have been a great comfort to our young adults in strange surroundings and in harm's way. Many of those deployed are fathers and mothers who look for comfort & God's presence while away from their families and churches. One army chaplain said: "The format is perfect. Soldiers can listen while they are waiting for meetings or missions to start. What a booster shot for morale and spiritual edification." And a marine said: "I've been pretty exhausted at the end of each day, but I keep falling asleep listening to God's Word!"

Thank you for responding to this request! --- pastor



August Celebrations

Anniversaries

- 8/2 Chuck & Deb Thompson (41 years)
- 8/11 Mike & Lavonne Keske (43 years)
- 8/14 Wayne & Pat Kastning (34 years)
- 8/18 Brandon & Holly Zubke (8 years)
- 8/19 George & Bev Johnson (65 years)
- 8/23 Pastor & Angela Bitz (12 years)
- 8/23 Troy & Nicole Zubke (7 years)
- 8/24 Don & Barb Taschner (57 years)
- 8/26 Trevor & Stacie Lindahl (9 years)
- 8/28 Mike & Kelly Schmidtke (22 years)
- 8/30 Randy & Karla Schmidtke (41 years)



Birthdays

- 8/1 Meg Duin
- 8/2 Lavonne Keske
- 8/6 Myra Schmidtke (85)
- 8/8 Jim Eklund
- 8/8 Andrew Salvhus Jr. (16)
- 8/8 Brad Thompson
- 8/9 Willard Pehling
- 8/10 Angie Thompson
- 8/11 Randi Nielson (15)
- 8/11 Brandon Zubke
- 8/18 Quinn Anderson (15)
- 8/18 Liz Dahn
- 8/18 Pam Kruger
- 8/18 Elizabeth Swanson
- 8/21 Madeline Mitchell (13)
- 8/22 Morgan Schmidtke (8)
- 8/23 Maxwell Entwistle (16)
- 8/27 Ana Bilben
- 8/29 Mary Tetzloff
- 8/30 Chad Zubke
- 8/31 LaShawnda Nielsen





Vacation Bible School
August 2—6th
6:00 – 8:30 pm

Bring your neighbors, friends, and family!
We can use YOUR HELP!!
Check with Corina Bronczyk for details!

Men of Immanuel

Saturday August 8 @ 8 am
Fellowship Hall



LWML
Tuesday, August 18 @ 1 pm
Kathi Hopen's Home



Quilting Ministry
August 11 & 25
9 am—Fellowship Hall





Sunday, August 30, 2015
Men of Immanuel
"Annual Hog Roast Dinner"
supplied by Charlie's Up North 11am- 1pm

THANK YOU FROM THE MERCY TEAM!

Thank you to all who attended, donated 27 pies, ice cream, time and money to the VERY SUCCESSFUL Pie and Ice Cream Social. Immanuel members, once again, demonstrated "Compassion in Action" to help meet possible emergency needs for our members. We raised \$416, and our Mercy Fund Balance is now \$1769. You may contribute to this fund anytime by designating your donation to the Mercy Fund. If you are aware of a member with an emergency need, please contact Pastor Vrudny or Nancy Albrecht. Thanks again for all your support!





New Mailing Address for Bitz Family

17027 State 287
Grey Eagle, MN 56356

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 4th, 2015
100th year Anniversary Celebration



We want to include YOU!
Please let the office know your special days
so we can celebrate with you!



**OPEN HOUSE FOR
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015
8:00am — 7:30pm**



- Visit with the teachers
- Receive class schedules
- Learn more about the quality Christian education at Immanuel Lutheran School
- Tour the Classroom
- Enjoy refreshments and fellowship

Coming Soon: Immanuel Lutheran School



**Scholastic
Book Fair
September
1—10**

40% of all purchases go to provide new books for our school library

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST FOR 2015 - 2016



Preschool/Pre-K List

- Crayons, Markers and Glue will be provided

Please sure your child has:

- Regular size backpack
- Extra complete outfit to leave in backpack
- Optional - Pre-K: small blanket & small pillow for rest time.



Kindergarten - 3rd Grade List

- No. 2 pencils (at least 12)
- 1 box of 24 or more crayons
- 1 box of colored pencils
- Washable markers (classic colors)
- Water color paints
- Glue sticks
- Good pair of scissors
- 1 large eraser
- 1 pencil box
- Book bag
- Extra outfit to leave in book bag

4th - 8th Grade List

- 1 box of washable markers
- 1 box of 64 or 96 count crayons
- 1 bottle of Elmer's School glue
- 1 box of colored pencils
- No. 2 pencils (at least 12)
- 1 large eraser
- 1 pen
- 4 notebooks wide ruled
- 4 pocket folders
- Good pair of scissors
- Ruler with inches and cm
- Book bag

- Each Child is asked to bring 1 roll of paper towels and 1 box of Kleenex.
- Additional pencils and supplies may be needed during the course of the year.
- Please Mark your items

The Walker Area Foundation presented Immanuel Lutheran School with a \$2,500 check for the purchase of tablets or computers. Our 3rd—8th grade students will use the computers in conjunction with a new curriculum, Through Alpha Omega Publications, where all textbooks and assignments are online. Our teachers are excited to work with a curriculum that is Christian, continually updated, interactive, and able to be customized to meet the needs of each child. This change in curriculum is in keeping with our National Lutheran School Accreditation goal to update curriculum.



**Openings available!
Preschool Morning Session
& Pre-kindergarten All Day**

Students 33 months to 4 years
may now be enrolled in Preschool.

Students 4 years
old by Sept. 1st
may enroll in
Pre-kindergarten.

CLASS SIZE
IS LIMITED. ✝



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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND EDUCATION MEET | 2015-2016 CALENDAR



- 11 PTL Meeting 6:00
- 18 MINNKOTA Conference

AUGUST 2015						
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- 2 Preschool/Pre-K Dad's Night 6:00
- 9 PTL Meeting 6:00
- 15 NO SCHOOL
- 16 Family Night 6:00
- 20 Bible Bowl

- 1 Open House 8:00am - 7:30pm
- 8 **First Day of School**
- 8 PTL Meeting 6:00
- 15 Family Night 6:00
- 1-10 Scholastic Book Fair

SEPTEMBER 2015						
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- 8 PTL Meeting 6:00
- 20 Beef Stew/Chili Cook-Off/ Silent Auction
- 23-28 NO SCHOOL - Easter
- 29-31 Parent/Teacher Conf.

- 2 K-8th Grandparent's Day
- 4 Students sing at Immanuel for the Anniversary
- 13 PTL Meeting 6:00
- 14 **SCHOOL'S OUT AT 1:00**
- PARENT'S PICK STUDENTS UP**
- 15-16 NO SCHOOL/MEA

OCTOBER 2015						
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- 5 Preschool/Pre-k Mom's Night 6:00
- 12 PTL Meeting 6:00
- 14 Open House & Reg. 8:00am-7:30pm
- 14 Preview to Preschool 6:00 - 7:00
- 19 Family Night 6:00

- 3 School Pictures
- 9 NO SCHOOL
- 10 PTL Meeting 6:00
- 10-12 Parent/Teacher Conf.
- 17 Family Night 6:00
- 26-27 NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2015						
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- 10 PTL Meeting 6:00
- 19 Spring Musical 1 & 7
- 20 Track Meet/Perham K-8
- 24 Preschool/Pre-K Award Night 6:30
- 26 Graduation/ Awards Picnic 5:30
- 26 **Last Day of School**

- 2 Picture Retake Day
- 8 PTL Meeting 6:00
- 15 K-8 Christmas Musical
- 22 Preschool/Pre-K Christmas Program 6:30
- 24-31 NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2015						
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JUNE 2016						
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- 5-8 ABC Sale Set-up
- 9-11 ABC Sale

- 1 NO SCHOOL
- 12 PTL Meeting 6:00
- 18 NO SCHOOL
- 24 Sing at Immanuel 9:00
- 24-29 National Lutheran Schools Week
- 28 Open House & Reg. 8:00am - 7:30pm

JANUARY 2016						
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- No School
- Teacher Workshop
- Parent/Teacher Conf.
- School Events
- PTL Meetings

1st Quarter 42 days
 2nd Quarter 40 days
 3rd Quarter 45 days
 4th Quarter 43 days
 Total days 170 days

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“Without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”

—Hebrews 11:6

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Whatever you do, work heartily as for the Lord, and not for man. Colossians 3:23

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Altar Duty: Nancy Albrecht

Greeters

8/2 Duane & Phyllis Payne
8/9 Will & Dar Pehling
8/16 Clara Gerwick
8/23 Bill & Karen Sellner
8/30 Joel & Barb Vinkemeier

Acolytes

8/2 Jeffrey Schmidtke
8/9 Jessica Schmidtke
8/16 Brandon Dodge
8/23 Johnathon Myers
8/30 Randi Nielsen

Elder

8/2 & 8/9 Mike Keske
8/16, 8/23 & 8/30 Glenn Bakeberg

Fellowship Servers

8/2 Nancy Albrecht & Llavonne Keske
8/9 Marilyn Bakeberg & Kathy Pinsonneault
8/16 Meg Duin & Karen Sellner
8/23 Barb Vinkemeier
8/30 Men of Immanuel Hog Roast

Ushers

8/2 Will Pehling & Bill Sellner
8/9 Will Pehling & Bill Sellner
8/16 Dale Ross & Duane Payne
8/23 Dale Ross & Duane Payne
8/30 Neil Butenschoen & Jack Hopen

Organist

8/2 & 8/16 Mary Tetzloff
8/9, 8/23 & 8/30 Eve Vrudny



A huge **THANK YOU** to all who continue to serve our congregation! Bless you!

Immanuel Lutheran Church		AUGUST 2015			"God With Us"	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July 26 <i>9th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study Study	July 31	1
2 <i>10th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9 am Worship w/Communion 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Bible Study	3 Council Agenda & Finance Due 10 am Elders Meet	4	5	6 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study	7	8 8 am Men of Immanuel Breakfast
VBS 6 pm – 8:30 pm						
9 <i>11th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Bible Study	10 Scrip Deadline 7 pm Board of Ed	11 9:30 am Pastor's Winkle Meeting at Walker 9 am Quilting  7 pm Council Meets	12	13 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study	14	15
16 <i>12th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9 am Worship w/Communion 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Bible Study	17 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	18 1:00 pm LWML @ Kathi Hopen's Home	19	20 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study	21	22
23 <i>13th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Bible Study	24	25 9 am Quilting 	26	27 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study	28	29
30 <i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9 am Worship 10 am Bible Study 11 am- 1 pm Hog Roast	31 Council Agenda & Finance Due	Sept. 1 8am-7:30pm School Open House 9:30 am Carpet Cleaning	Sept. 2	Sept. 3 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study	Sept. 4	Sept. 5