

"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

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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
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A monthly newsletter from Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

Immanuel Messenger

From Pastor Vrudny

June, 2016



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations." Ps.90:1

For this newsletter devotional, allow me to relay to you a recent *Lutheran Witness* article, which I found comforting and encouraging. The author is Rev. Tim Pauls of Good Shepherd Lutheran ~ Boise, Idaho. Its thoughts have run through my own mind many times over the last quarter centu-

ry(!) to the praise of our constant, ever-reliable, never-changing & always faithful Lord. I wonder if *you* will relate to it? Let's find out....

✦ On Dec.1, 2015, Travis Yenir ~ one of the tallest acolytes our parish has ever known ~ signed his letter of commitment to play college basketball. It was a first at his small school ~ a big deal to a close-knit community, and the ceremony in the library was crowded with family, friends, teachers and students. Past coaches were invited to speak, as was his future college coach who had flown in for the occasion. Travis himself said a few words, many of which were thanks to all sorts of people for their help and support thru the years ~ coaches, teachers, friends, teammates

and others. He somehow neglected to include his pastor and the brilliant confirmation instruction he had received(!), but I charitably attributed this to the adrenaline of the moment.

He did remember to thank his parents, and it was the way he did it that caught my attention. He thanked his mom for the hundreds of peanut butter sandwiches made



in haste before and after practices, and he thanked his dad for the thousands

of rebounds, morning and evening, as he relentlessly practiced his out-

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Generations

He appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God. Psalm 78:4-6.



We don't need to read our Bibles for very many pages before we see that God created marriage and family right from the beginning! And it doesn't take many more pages to see that he gave special assignments for His order right from the beginning! All through the Bible God uses marriage as a picture of His relationship with his church. He assigns husbands are to be leaders in the family, wives to respect and support their own husbands, kids to obey their parents, and etc. Actually, it's amazing to me that God assigned fathers to be the ones to teach their children about God's law. He didn't leave it to the scholars, or the pastors, or the teachers—but to the dads! What a HUGE responsibility! It doesn't take long to take a look at our generation and see that things around us are a bit "off kilter".

I was thinking that whatever we can do to encourage fathers with their task, we should do! Obviously, some of us are in the oldest generation in our families—so we can model and support and encourage the next generations! The end of the verse above says that the result of obedience to that task is that the next generation will find out where their hope lies (in GOD), and not forget God's works! I like that. It seems we hear often of the hopelessness around us. It could just be that God wants YOU to be the supporter and encourager to a dad you know! 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

Great discussions! Wonderful discoveries! Good friendships! Everyone welcome, wanted and needed!

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 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 for the lively, informative discussion!



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 EDiBS Website: EDiBS now has a website that you can go to for more information on their ministry, daily Bible Studies and archived EDiBS (Every Day in Bible Study). The teacher is Rev. Paul Stark currently serving at St. Paul's Lutheran LCMS in Peachtree City, GA. Check it out at: www.edibs.life

Opportunity For Supporting Our Church & School



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?"

Newsletter: If you would like to advertise your business by inserting your business card,

Do you have a Thrivent product? Do you have Choice Dollars to direct? You could use you Choice Dollars to support our Lutheran School or Congregation.

The Thrivent Choice® program is a charitable grant program that allows members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes a portion

of its charitable grant funds each year. Eligible benefit members can help direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to thousands of nonprofit organizations, including congregations.

You may be eligible for dollars to support your congregation, your Lutheran school, or another nonprofit. Your dollars are based on insurance premiums or contract values. Funds granted to you, if not used, have expiration dates-so stay current on funds you may have and assign them.

If you are an eligible member, please consider our Lutheran School or Immanuel Congregation when directing Choice Dollars.

To learn more about Thrivent Choice, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836, and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted. It's helpful to know your account number, but not necessary. Karen Sellner is one of your volunteer congregational coordinators for Thrivent.

Needed: Lemonade

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side jumper. ***Eighteen years of parenting, reduced to peanut butter sandwiches and rebounds!*** I thought it was awesome. Hopefully you do too.

I sometimes say that parenting is 1 percent Disneyland, 1 percent tragedy (inevitably), and 98 percent ordinary days. It's almost entirely family meals and doing chores, packing lunches, brushing teeth, homework, laughing at the dog, devotions, prayers and story time. In other words, children aren't formed into mature adults by the occasional special vacation, nor hopefully by intermittent heartbreak.

They're best shaped by the normal days of families doing what families ordinarily do. Having been a dad for a while now, I'm comforted that life in our household is one of blessed predictability and stability. Some might categorize life around the Pauls house as, well..., boring; but constantly changing households make for unstable childhoods. In other words, while Travis is a talented power forward, the reason he's off to play college ball has a ton to do with peanut butter sandwiches and rebounds.

In the course of small talk as a pastor, I often get the question, "So, what's new around church?" The question can baffle me. Sometimes, it's just an inquiry about who's doing what in the congregation. Sometimes, it's asked with the expectation that we should always be changing, always doing something new. But a congregation is the family of God in a certain

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place; and as God ordered families to run in ordinary ways, so also He orders congregations. Born into the family by Holy Baptism, Christians mature in faith by a diet of Word and Supper. We have our share of celebrations and times of mourning too, but it's *not* big events, once-in-a-lifetime experiences, or constant innovations that make a congregation

alive: Jesus does! Present in His *means of grace* ~ those same blessed, predictable means of grace, Sunday after Sunday after Sunday.

What's new at church? Thankfully, very little; the crucified and risen Lord keeps gathering His people to forgive them and

strengthen their faith. He never describes Himself as 'exciting' in Scripture, but He does declare Himself faithful. To the innovating Corinthians, He advised through Paul that "All things should be done decently and in good order." [1Cor.14:40] His fidelity and the ordinary serve His people well, as the most extraordinary gifts are given in the more ordinary of ways and means. ✚

Sometimes I don't think we realize how our world around us *can* affect our view & expectation of God's Church. Have we realized that the constant push for 'innovation' has gone beyond upgraded phones, computers, smart TVs, & smarter cars to attempted innovations & upgrades in marriage, gender, ethics & morals? If we have expected God's Church to 'innovate' to keep up with the

changing expectations & desires of our culture (in teachings & practices), where are we to turn to when our culture has gone too far? Have we not seen how other believers have gone too far and left behind the God-given, timeless Word, Sacrament, & worship-life of His people in Christ? Satan will accuse us of being 'boring' and 'outdated'; but the Spirit expects us to be steadfast and faithful; even predictable and stable.

Let us guard against leaving God's good, traditional things behind. Let us not complain, as Old Testament Israel did, about the ordinary, boring 'manna & Moses' that our Lord has given to us. Some things are not meant to change ~ like the Lord Himself and His delivery of mercy & salvation to sinners. Let us make the most of what we have, and rejoice in the solid foundation of Christ and His Word; which has endured countless distracting man-made innovations thru the centuries. The Spirit will continue to change hearts & minds to turn away from the 'ever-innovating' culture and to "return to the Lord." Christ Jesus will continue to make disciples to join with us, by 'baptizing and teaching everything He has long-ago commanded.' [Mt.28]

Blessings to you and to your household! --- pastor vrudny

Prayer Corner

Health Concerns & Other Issues:

- ✚ Kadlyn Eichberg 6 yr old from Laporte w/ stage 3 cancer
- ✚ Jim Eklund (Golden Living Room 116)
- ✚ Ed Goetze (father of Holly Zubke)
- ✚ Amy Hoseth (wife of Scott, physical rehab in Bemidji)
- ✚ Delores Kastning (mother of Wayne & Pat)
- ✚ Carla Morgenstern (friend of Darin & Corina Bronczyk)
- ✚ Deborah Peterson (Mike Keske's sister)
- ✚ Kim Puleo (cancer, friend of Keske's)
- ✚ Shelly Rohwen (Medical tests, daughter of Sherman & Judy Jensen)
- ✚ Leroy Strand (Chemo treatments)
- ✚ Don Taschner (heart related, St Mary's, Rochester)



Prayers of Comfort: For the families who have had loved ones who have passed away.

LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces:

- ✚ Nathaniel Vrudy, Army Sergeant, son of Pastor & Bonnie—312th engineering unit in TX
- ✚ Scott Vrudny, Army 1st Lieutenant, nephew of Pastor & Bonnie—serving in Afghanistan

Missions: Immanuel Lutheran School; Bethany and Victor Herron—Missionaries to Central Asia (Carol Gustafson's daughter)

From the Congregation President

As most of you know, over the last 20 years the Sally Moore estate has been pending. While our church did receive \$135,000 some years ago, it has been an agonizingly slow process to bring the estate to a close. FINALLY, it has been closed and we received a final check for \$208,166.88. We held a special meeting of our congregation after services on 5/22/16 to decide what to do with this money. Three motions were passed by the congregation as follows:

1. The congregation is to spend \$13,552.35 (plus a few days interest) to pay off the mortgage we have had on our church building.
2. The congregation is to set aside \$100,000 in a 1 year interest bearing account with Thrivent.
3. The congregation is to set aside the balance (about \$94,000) in an interest bearing account with First National Bank of Walker from which funds can be disbursed up to a maximum of \$20,000 per project upon approval of the Church Council.

As a part of the discussion, congregation members were asked to bring any of their ideas on how some of this money should be spent to our Church Council who will prioritize and evaluate each request and determine if it should be funded.



As I write this we are getting ready for our chicken dinner. These two dinners June 6 and later in the summer, are the two biggest fund raisers of the year for our Men of Immanuel. These funds are dispensed for projects related to our facilities maintenance and repair. A huge THANK YOU to Charlie and Debbie Thompson for all their donation, cooking and delivery of all the hot food. Also a thank you to those members who have sold tickets, helped with the serving and cleanup and donated desserts.

We also are preparing for our ABC sale on 6/8,9,10 which is THE biggest Fund raiser for our school. This truly is a team effort by our Immanuel family members as well as numerous non-member volunteers. Thank you to everyone who is helping in any way.

What an action packed and fun time this is for our congregation. It is truly a blessing that our God has given to us. It makes all of us happy to be a member of our Immanuel family and a part of the family blessed by our Triune God !

In His and your service, Tim Duin

LWML Update

Welcome, wanted, needed! We need YOU! What a blessing is the Lutheran Women's Missionary League! If you haven't tried this long-standing organization of our church, we're inviting you to think again about doing so. Last month the MN North District announced we had not only achieved our mite goal of \$136,000, but even exceeded it by almost \$8000!

Purse-suing God's Service: On a 'local level' here at Immanuel, we are wrapping up the Human Care project of "Purse-suing God's Service." Thank you so much for all the support we received in collecting purses and toiletries to be given to women seeking shelter at abuse centers in Cass County.

ABC Style Show and Luncheon: June's meeting will be the ABC Style Show and Luncheon on the 18th. Last year was our first attempt at this event. Given its' success, we knew we should try it again. By shopping the ABC sale over the weekend of June 9-11th, you're not only supporting the school, but possibly finding some pretty amazing outfits that are just begging to be modeled!! The outfit can be anything from silly to serious. Then on the 18th, you can show it off on the runway (fellowship hall). Of course, it's not a must that you become a model for the day, but the more participation, the more fun. Come whether modeling or not and enjoy the fellowship and a delicious luncheon. We do need a count for food preparation, so please either sign up on the sheet in the church office, or call the church and let Peggy know. Hope to see you there!



Congratulations and thank you to Kathy Pinsonneault as she retires from her office as our LWML MN North District Park Rapids Zone President! Her last meeting as president was in International Falls at the Spring Rally on April 26. We are so blessed to have her active in our own local LWML. We love you, Kathy! You are amazing!

Stewardship

Giving: An Obligation or Opportunity?

As the Apostle Paul traveled to churches, he collected offerings for the Christians in Jerusalem who were experiencing hard economic times.

When Paul was speaking to the Corinthians, he used the Macedonian believers as an example of people who, in spite of their own economic troubles,

gave joyfully to the people in Jerusalem. The Macedonians' love for Christ and their concern for their fellow believers moved them to give beyond their ability. The Macedonians gave themselves first to the Lord, Paul said, and then they "[begged] us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saint" (2 Corinthians 8:4). In Christ, they saw their giving as an opportunity to help other believers in need.

Does someone who views giving as an obligation plead for the opportunity to



give? Probably not. When giving is an obligation, we will give, but giving as an obligation will not give us the joy or the attitude of pleading for the privilege to give as the Macedonians had. As God's people, we have both an obligation and an opportunity. Scripture is clear that we are

called to give. Paul said, "On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up" (1 Corinthians 16:2).

Giving is an obligation, but "their abundance of joy" resulted in the desire to give generously – we might even say sacrificially. What were they so overjoyed about? We know it wasn't because their bank accounts were fat. We read that they were "in a severe test of affliction," so it wasn't because things were going so well for them. They wanted to give because of "the grace of God that [had] been given among [them]" (2 Corinthians 8:1-3). When we stop to ponder "the grace of God" that has been poured out on us, we,

too, will stop giving grudgingly and, in joyful gratitude, start to give willingly and cheerfully. We want to give, because giving is an expression of our love and gratitude to God for who He is and what He does for us. The more we give of ourselves and our gifts the closer our relationship with Christ becomes, and the more we want to give, and the more God blesses us which enables our continued giving. "[We] will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Corinthians 9:11).

These are difficult economic times. As responsible stewards, we look for areas where we can cut back in our spending. If you're considering a reduction in your giving to the Lord, read 2 Corinthians 8-9. Go to the Lord in prayer and ask Him what He would have you do. Then "count your blessings," as the old adage goes, thanking God for the opportunity and joy He gives as He allows us to be a part of His mission on Earth.

Blessings on your stewardship journey!

Finances

Church Finances

General Offerings:
 April Offerings = \$12,363.88
 Total Expenses = \$11,375.80
 Over \$988.08

Building Fund (Mortgage Payment):
 April Offerings = \$2,650.00
 Mortgage Payment = \$2,227.63
 Over \$422.37



School Finances:

2/1/16-2/29/16 income \$13,694.08
 2/1/16-2/29/16 expense \$7,854.00
 (Actual income & expense – loan amounts removed)
 Lines of credit balance owed as of 4/4/15 \$41,470

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.

Board of Education

ABC Sale
June 9th, 10th & 11th
 Thursday & Friday 8 am-6 pm
 Saturday 8 am-noon
 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
 Located 1/2 mile East of the "Y" Junction on Hwy. 200, South of Walker
 All proceeds go to Immanuel Lutheran School
 Preschool through 8th grade
DONATIONS WANTED
 To donate items,
 call Lavonne at
682-3824
 Email: milakeswebb@tds.net
 All donations of furniture, clean clothing,
 linens, toys, tools and treasures
 will be greatly appreciated!
 Think of us during your spring cleaning!
 (no tv's or electronics, please)
 Immanuel Lutheran School
 in Walker is a non-profit
 organization and all donations
 are tax-deductible.
 Receipts given - please ask.
 Donations accepted now thru Tuesday, June 7th

ABC Sale – Our biggest fundraiser of the year is coming up in June, dates are June 9th through the 11th! Let your friends, family, neighbors know that we are looking for donation items. The trailer is in place behind the school ready to be filled. You may drop off items during church hours or call Lavonne Keske for after 2:00 p.m. drop offs. If you are able to drop off your own items, please do so. It is a big help.

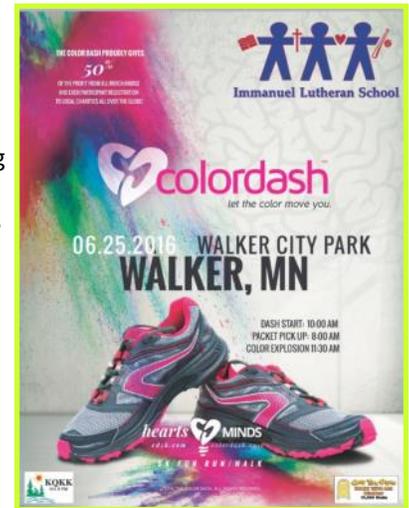
We are picking up loads through June 7th. Contact Lavonne Keske for pick up of loads at 218-682-3824. We are looking for volunteers for the week of the ABC Sale, starting on Sunday the 5th. **Please consider helping for whatever time you can volunteer.** Any time you are helping is greatly appreciated!!

Color Dash 5K Fundraiser– The Color Dash 5K fundraiser for our school will be held on Saturday, June 25th, starting in the Walker Park. The school will receive one-half of all registration monies, in addition to money received from race day items sold by

the Color Dash organization. Our goal is to register at least 500 people, with the potential of making \$10,000. If you are planning on attending or registering as a non-participant, please do so before June 11th. We need a minimum of 150 registered by that date!

Campbell Soup Labels – After 42 years, Campbell Soup Company has made the decision to wind down the Labels for Education program. The program will continue exactly as it is for the remainder of the 2015-2016 program year, and its final date is July 31, 2016. Immanuel School has participated in this program since the school began, so we are making a final push to gather as many points as possible before the July 31, 2016 deadline. To make submitting points easier, please take the time to trim the points/UPC codes before dropping them off in the collection box. Thanks for your assistance with this. Board of Education

Thank you all for your continued support for the school through your gifts, as well as volunteering your time and talents!!



It seems that each generation has to find out for itself that the stove is hot.

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://smile.amazon.com>

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



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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.

Men of Immanuel

The Men of Immanuel will meet Saturday, June 4 at 8 am in the fellowship hall at church. There will be devotion, short meeting, fellowship and a great breakfast served by Duane Payne & Dale Ross. The coffee will be on please come and join us.

A Church Garden

Three Rows of Squash

1. Squash indifference.
2. Squash criticism.
3. Squash gossip.

Four Rows of Turnips

1. Turn up for meetings.
2. Turn up with a smile.
3. Turn up with a visitor.
4. Turn up with a Bible.

Five Rows of Lettuce

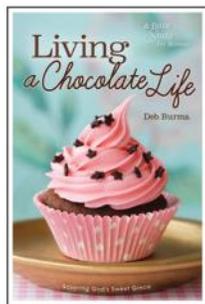
1. Let us love one another.
2. Let us welcome strangers.
3. Let us be faithful in duty.
4. Let us truly worship God.
5. Let us give liberally.



A man was watching his eighty-year-old neighbor planting a small peach tree. He inquired of him as follows: "You don't expect to eat peaches

from that tree, do you?" The old man rested on his spade. He said, "No, at my age I know I won't. But all my life I've enjoyed peaches—never from a tree I planted myself. I'm just trying to pay the other fellows who planted the trees for me."

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study



Our Thursday morning ladies are beginning a new Bible study called, "Living a Chocolate Life". Living a Chocolate Life is a women's Bible study that warmly invites all to savor God's rich and endless supply of grace in Christ. Whether you're sampling bitter nuggets of pain to sweet morsels of joy, this study reminds you that the Holy Spirit fills us with sweet faith in our Savior—and it is only He who can truly satisfy.

Written with a fun chocolate theme, each session focuses on one aspect of life as a Christian woman, encouraging you towards introspection and personal reflection. Each session includes at least one recipe for a chocolate dessert item, a Bible verse to memorize, and chocolate trivia. Created for women 18 years and older, this study is ideal for women who have never attended a Bible study, or for women who are looking for a different type of Bible study. We meet at 8:30 a.m. each Thursday morning and would love YOU to join us!

Secret Servant

Thank you to Jack Hopen for the driveway improvements! Thanks for the Class 5 and the grading! You are appreciated!

Thank you Ed & Darlene Thue for the supply of napkins and paper towels.

Thank you to Meg Duin for her continued help in decorating and maintaining our church and fellowship hall with appropriate adornments!

Yes, God is keeping track of the "good deeds" you do in private. However, if you see someone doing something "in secret", let the church office know so we can all say thank you! The smallest thing you do is GREATLY appreciated! YOU are appreciated!



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 (and men) 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.

Other Prayer Requests:

Please be in prayer for those who would step up to be Mentors in our new program - "Mentors for Moms" which would work something like the Kinship program but based on the scripture: Titus 2:3-6

Please pray for our new "Relationship Educational and Leadership" outreach curriculum, (Teaching the skills and Strategies to Build Healthy Connections) which will be available in the new year for public settings as well as homeschool settings and youth groups.



Baby Bottle Campaign: As our Baby bottle Campaign is in full swing through Father's Day, please pray about making an extra effort on behalf of 6 new clients utilizing our Incentive Program. The money raised through our Baby Bottle Campaign stocks our Incentive room with cribs, strollers, highchairs, swings and many other necessary Baby Items.

Needs: We are in need of summer clothing for outfits sized 12 months to 2T and Onesies of all sizes.

Teal's Market: Keep those Teal's Market Receipts coming in. We get a 1% donation for each one we turn in.

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

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). Our mailing address: P O BOX 1527, Walker, MN 56484—and our email is: walk-erpssc@arvig.net.

Thank you for your continued prayers for our clients, volunteers and for the director.

It's hard to know just where one generation ends and the next one begins, but it's somewhere around 9:00 p.m.

TO THE THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATION



Max Jukes lived in New York. He did not believe in Christ or in Christian training. He refused to take his children to church, even when they asked to go. He has had 1,026 descendants; 300 were sent to prison for an average term of thirteen years; 190 were public prostitutes; 680 were admitted alcoholics. His family, thus far, has cost the state in excess of \$420,000. They made no contribution to society.

Jonathan Edwards lived in the same state, at the same time as Jukes. He loved the Lord and saw that his children were in church every Sunday, as he served the Lord to the best of his ability. He has had 929 descendants, and of these 430 were ministers; 86 became university professors; 13 became university presidents; 75 authored good books; 7 were elected to the United States Congress. One was vice president of his nation. His family never cost the state one cent but has contributed immeasurably to the life of plenty in this land today.

June Celebrations

Anniversaries

- 6/7 Randy and Deb Fabian (41 Years)
- 6/13 Jim & Judy Gratke (46 years)
- 6/16 Robert & Nancy Albrecht (43 years)
- 6/18 Jim & Linda Kolar (17 years)
- 6/20 Darrin & Corina Bronczyk (29 years)
- 6/20 Jeff & Anita Pehling (18 years)
- 6/27 Ron & Sis Geiser (46 years)
- 6/28 Jim & Marie Morgan (8 years)

Birthdays

- 6/3 Vaughn Ellis
- 6/5 Marie Morgan
- 6/8 Robert Albrecht
- 6/10 Sherman Jensen
- 6/10 Rosie Schmidtke (3)
- 6/11 Dar Pehling
- 6/11 Joel Vinkemeier
- 6/11 Tracy Limmatta
- 6/11 Jared Nielson
- 6/13 Kiok Anderson
- 6/14 Tim Duin
- 6/14 Allie Campbell
- 6/15 Bonnie Vrudny
- 6/15 Bryce Zubke (8)
- 6/16 Phyllis Eklund
- 6/16 John Schmidtke (10)
- 6/18 Dick Kruger
- 6/22 Kathy Pinsonneault
- 6/23 Merle Johnson
- 6/26 Alexis Gardner (8)
- 6/26 Jeff Anderson



Sunday, June 5, 11—1
Men of Immanuel serve
Chicken Dinner!

ABC Sale

Set up: June 5—8
Sale: June 9—11



Your help needed to set up, to spread the word, and to purchase items for the largest school fund-



ABC Sale Style Show
Saturday, June 18 From
11-1

Join us for the fun of modeling or watching styles modeled which were purchased at the ABC Sale!

Color Dash 5K
Immanuel Lutheran School
Walker City Park
(Details on page 10)
8—11:30



Movie Night— “Risen”
Wednesday, June 22 at 6:00 pm



SAVE THE DATE!!! VBS Coming
August 7-11 (Sun-Thur) 6-8:30pm

ALL children, preschool—6th grade, are invited to attend. Many fun activities are being planned that will help children discover Jesus' miraculous power! Please invite your friends and neighbors! Volunteers needed to make our VBS a success. Please prayerfully consider how you can help! Volunteer sign-ups along with student registration will be starting soon!



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



“...Why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Acts 1:11

On Thursday, May 5th the Pre-kindergarten class learned about the ascension of Jesus and how Jesus’ disciples would be his witnesses and spread the Gospel message throughout the land. After their Bible lesson they went outside to launch a balloon as a reminder of the ascension. As they gazed into the sky, they were asked; “Can you see the balloon anymore? No the children answered. But you know that it is still there don’t you? Yes, the children replied. We read that Jesus went up into heaven, can you see him there? No, the children answered. But you know he is there because the Bible tells us so and Jesus promised that one day he will come back the same way he went up.” We believe this because eye witnesses of this event have told us so, just as Jesus instructed them. We believe because the Holy Spirit has filled us with faith, and gives us the words, strength and courage to boldly proclaim that Jesus Christ IS our Lord and Savior. What a blessing it is to be part of a school where you can pray, praise, and talk about Jesus every day.

SUMMER CONTACT INFORMATION:

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ATTIC Basement CLOSET Sale
June 9th, 10th & 11th
Thursday & Friday 8 am-6 pm
Saturday 8 am-noon

Sign up NOW and support Immanuel Lutheran School at: The Color Dash

June 25th, 2016 • Walker City Park
8 AM Packet Pickup Begins at Start/Finish Area
10 AM Race Starts
11:30 AM Color Explosion/Check Presentation

Sign up to support us and 50% of the net profits go to Immanuel School!

Links to register for the event are on our web site: www.immannuellutheranwalker.com under events or check out the Immanuel Lutheran School Facebook page.

Facebook: The Color Dash 5K-Walker,MN-ILS

Call us at school if you would like to volunteer to help. 547-4139

Immanuel Lutheran School—Where Faith and Education Meet



Highlights from our spring musical, "Back to the Cross"



Highlights from the Lutheran School Track Meet in Perham



Thanks to the MN DNR Fisheries Office out of Walker for stopping by to show our students the Walleye Fry that would be released into area lakes.



The preschool and pre-k country of the month was Mexico. They learned many facts about Mexico and sampled Mexican food during snack time.

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

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Altar Duty: Bev Johnson

Greeters

6/5 Dick & Pam Kruger
6/12 Jim & Joann Loewen
6/19 Duane & Helen Paulsen
6/26 Duane & Phyllis Payne

Acolytes

6/5 Matthew Salvhus
6/12 Jeffrey Schmidtke
6/19 Jessica Schmidtke
6/26 Brandon Dodge

Fellowship Servers

6/5 Welcome Back Chicken Dinner
6/12 Nancy Albrecht & Dar Pehling
6/19 Marilyn Black & Kathi Hopen
6/26 Fellowship Potluck Brunch

Ushers

6/5 Duane Payne & Jack Hopen
6/12 Duane Payne & Jack Hopen
6/19 Rick Schmidtke & Mike Keske
6/26 Rick Schmidtke & Mike Keske

Elder: 6/5 & 6/12 Vern Black & 6/19 & 6/26 Glenn Bakeberg



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

Immanuel Lutheran Church			JUNE 2016			"God With Us"		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
May 29 <i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9 am Worship w/Communion 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Bible Study	May 30 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Observed</i>	31	1	2 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study	3	4 8 am Men of Immanuel Breakfast		
5 <i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9 am Worship w/Communion No Bible Study Today 11 am-1 pm Chicken Dinner	6 Council Agenda & Finance Due in office 10 am Elders Meet	7	8	9	10 Scrip Deadline	11		
2 pm-?	8 am-?	ABC Sale set-up	8 am-?	8 am-?	8 am- 6 pm	8 am- 6 pm	8 am- noon	
				Annual ABC Sale		Clean-up noon-?		
12 <i>4th Sunday After Pentecost</i> 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Bible Study	13	14 <i>Flag Day</i> 9 am Quilting  9:30 am Pastor at Winkle in Snellman 7 pm Council	15	16 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study	17	18 ABC Style Show		
19 <i>5th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Father's Day</i> 9 am Worship w/Communion 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Bible Study	20 <i>Summer Begins</i> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21	22 6:00 pm Movie Night "Risen"	23 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study	24	25 "Color Dash" 5K for Immanuel Lutheran School at City Park		
LWML MN North Convention at Wilmar								
26 <i>6th Sunday After Pentecost</i> 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship Potluck	27 Council Agenda & Finance Due	28 9 am Quilting 	29	30 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study	July 1	July 2		