

"God With Us"



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

A monthly newsletter from Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

# Immanuel Messenger

From Pastor Vrudny

September, 2016

## 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*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

An apple seed is smaller than a pea, yet it grows into a large tree while the pea becomes a small vegetable plant. The mustard of Jesus' day {not the common mustard that grows in America} grew into a rather decent-sized tree. In Matthew 13, Jesus says:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches." {Matt.13:31-32}

God's Church {the 'kingdom of heaven'} started small.

The first reported number occurs in Acts 2:41 when three thousand people were converted. That's not a lot of souls when compared to the world's total population. Additionally, the Church was confined

to a little corner of the globe, the tiny country of the Jews. And only a minority believed in Jesus. But, as people spread the Gospel --{that is, shared the hope and peace in their forgiveness and future in Christ Jesus} -- that 'little mustard seed' grew from \*person-to-person.



The early Christians were not focused on 'numbers' but on their

powerful risen Lord. They, in fact, had been with their Lord Himself when He preached and

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## Are You Prepared?

*"...but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet with gentleness and respect..." - 1 Peter 3:14*



"...Prepared"? How in the world can I always be prepared? Who knows who I'm speaking with! Maybe even a "prickly person" (like the ladies Bible group is studying). Or maybe someone of a different faith. Or maybe another Christian who doesn't believe exactly the way I do! Or maybe I don't even really know what I believe about this or that certain topic! How can I be prepared and be ready to make a defense?

Well, the best I way I know to get prepared is to prepare! We already have the answer book. It's called, "The Holy Bible"! It's called "holy" because it is different for every other book that has ever been written! That's exciting! It's really a book that God wrote to us and for us! Now that autumn is upon us, and school is starting again, it just may be the PERFECT TIME to GET PREPARED!

It's always easier to study with someone else. It's kind of like running a race by yourself. You don't quite have the motivation to give your all if you're by yourself. If you are thinking of getting prepared, you may want to consider a Genesis to Revelation overview of the Bible. And you don't even need to go to school somewhere. Crossways is coming right here to Immanuel! You can see the details on page 7. It's exciting and motivating! And it's a perfect way to get prepared to "make a defense to anyone who asks you for the reason for the hope that is in you"! And I can 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.lutheranhour.org)
- ✦ **College Students**—Students don't leave home without Him! Connect with your Campus Church now or contact: [www.lcmscampus.org](http://www.lcmscampus.org).

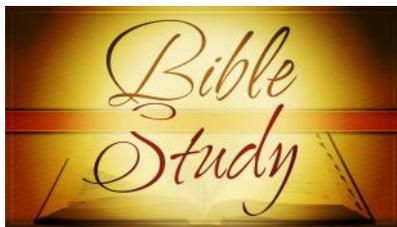
## Opportunity For Bible Study

*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](http://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 encour-

age 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?"

**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 organiza-

tions, 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](http://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: Coffee**

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taught, and they saw how *some* believed Him while *others* rejected Him; and there He was **in the flesh!!** They realized that, after Jesus Ascended & was no longer visible, there was literally nothing they could do to spiritually ‘butter’ people up so that a larger percentage would ‘accept’ Jesus as their Lord and

Savior; especially if they could not bring people to Him to physically see or touch Him.

So, either the Holy Spirit would convert hearts or He would not;

either people would believe the Gospel message or they would not; either people would receive the Lord’s gifts or they would not. Their Lord cautioned them that not all would receive their message of Christ’s forgiveness and salvation ~ *including members of their own family*. There would be times when they would have to ‘shake the dust off their feet’ and move on. And that’s what they did; but they always did so with the hope that the Lord Himself would, perhaps, oversee another opportunity for those people to hear that

same Gospel of their salvation and, by God’s grace, believe it.

Their focus was very simply to share the message of their own faith -- the apostolic’ Faith of the One Church whose focus is the Son of God, the cross & the empty tomb: *Jesus has paid the full pen-*

*alty for the sins of the whole world with his own life. Jesus IS the answer for man’s problems of sin, fear, sorrow & death!* From

the tiny mustard seed that began with faith in Jesus, the kingdom of believers expanded from Jerusalem to Judea to Samaria to Gentile cities in Asia and Europe.

That Kingdom is still growing today as people, like *US*, share Jesus with a world still living in unbelief. Be encouraged in that sharing -- which does not include the worry about whether we’re being ‘successful’ as measured by the numbers. We still can’t ‘make’ people be-

*“That Kingdom is still growing today as people, like US, share Jesus with a world still living in unbelief.”*

lieve a message which requires that a human soul be made alive from being dead. The Holy Spirit still oversees all of that. **Our mission** is to live lives faithful to the Spirit-filled Word. That is, to share & display The Faith found in daily, living obedience to your Savior’s holy ways; found in regular prayer and worship; found in forgiving-as-you-have-been-forgiven; found in helping your neighbor because it’s your Lord who has put them in your life; and always being prepared to give a Biblical answer to those who inquire about the spiritual hope you have!

A blessed September to you and to your household !

--- pastor vrudny

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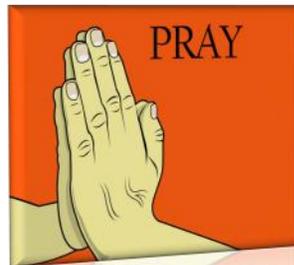
### Prayer Corner

#### Health Concerns & Other Issues:

- ✚ Lois Clark (cancer, friend of Sherman & Judy Jensen)
- ✚ Lloyd Dostal (cancer, brother of Judy Jensen)
- ✚ Kadlyn Eichberg (6 yr old from Laporte w/stage 3 cancer)
- ✚ Jim Eklund (Golden Living Room 116)
- ✚ David Gardemann (husband of Byrene, Stroke)
- ✚ Bonnie Hana Both (friend of Congregation)
- ✚ Judy Jensen (surgery 8/6 and medical)
- ✚ 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)
- ✚ Lori Sekulich (friend of Randy & Karla Schmidtke, liver disease)
- ✚ Leroy Strand (Chemo treatments)
- ✚ Don Taschner (dialysis) - Temporary address: St Therese at

Oxbow Lake, Room 214, 5100 Oak Grove Pkwy, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443 **(Note change from 5200 to 5100)**

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



(Carol Gustafson’s daughter)

#### LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces:

- ✚ Nathaniel Vrudny, Army Sergeant, son of Pastor & Bonnie—312th engineering unit in Kuwait
- ✚ Joshua Zieger, Marine Sergeant, nephew of Rick & Peggy Schmidtke, serving in the Middle East

**Missions:** Immanuel Lutheran School; Bethany and Victor Herron—Missionaries to Central Asia

## From the Congregation President

**Special Meeting:** At a special congregation meeting on July 31, we approved the Board of Education balanced budget of \$155,828 for the 2016-2017 school year. Thank you to the Board of Ed members for their diligent efforts in putting the budget together. We all will keep our school, its teachers and students in our prayers for another productive school year teaching children in our community about Jesus Christ and then translating that into what it means to have Jesus in our daily lives.

**Mortgage Retirement:** We reached another milestone in the life of Immanuel on August 21. As I previously reported, our congregation decided to use some of the money from the Sally Moore estate to complete the mortgage payments for our church mortgage that we have had since the building was built in 1997. See a photo of the mortgage burning ceremony in which we thanked God for the blessings he provided to our congregation in providing our members and friends with the funds to make that happen. Our thanks also goes to the Lutheran Church Extension Fund, which, through the generous contributions of all members of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, provided Immanuel with the

funds to build our church and then gave us the mortgage which allowed us to pay this back over an almost 20 year period. THANKS BE TO GOD !



Mortgage Burning Ceremony—August 21, 2016  
(Gordy & Liz Dahn had personally signed the mortgage!)

**ABC Sale Storage Container:** Over the last several years, we have borrowed a semi trailer to store the many contributions given to our school for its annual ABC sale. Storage of those items has been a challenge as well as getting them out of the trailer, returning the trailer to its owner etc. Our Board of Education has looked at several ways to try to solve this problem. Recently they located a used ocean going shipping container (see photo to page 8) located in Grand Rapids, MN which could be moved to our site and used for storage. Because it would im-

part the aesthetics of our entire facility, they brought a recommendation to our Church Council. At a special meeting of our Council, it was approved that the Board of Education, with their funds, would purchase the 53 foot long container and locate it on a prepared site just West of the garage. It is to be painted with a color more in keeping with the church exterior colors. It is hoped that it will be in place by mid September.

**Adult Day Care:** You will also note that the construction of the Adult Day Care facility adjacent to the West side of our church property is proceeding. It is their goal that it be operational about this time next year. We are working on an agreement for the joint use and maintenance of the road we are both using. We are very pleased with what they are building and their consideration and cooperation with us. As some of you may be aware, they have been in business in Bemidji for nearly 35 years. Welcome – to our new neighbors !

As always, if you have comments or questions, please let me know.

In His and your service, Tim Duin

## LWML Update

**Ladies Invited!** Every woman of Immanuel is **WELCOME, WANTED, and NEEDED** to be a part of the “Mary Martha LWML” here at Immanuel. We know that God has equipped YOU with special gifts which are just what we need!

We usually gather the third Tuesday of each month at 1:30. We start with a Bible Study, collect our “mites” (coins or loose change—our little becomes much when shared with other LWML groups), have a short business meeting, encourage each other and have treats!

### **Mini Retreat, “Come & See—The Holy Land”:**

Tuesday, September 20 from 5 to 8 pm. Pam Kruger will be sharing photos from the tour she and Dick took to the Holy Land and Petra. Pam says her 21 day tour of the Holy Land was absolutely “LIFE CHANGING” when it comes to her understanding of the Bible. She is looking forward to sharing her

joy with you. We invite you to come and see the Holy Land through her eyes this year. Be sure to invite your friends and family to join you! The evening includes dinner, worship and praise, door prizes and fellowship.

Future Events—Save the Date:

- ✦ Mini-Retreat—September 20 at 5 PM here at Immanuel
- ✦ LWML Sunday—October 16
- ✦ Zone Rally at Snellman—October 25
- ✦ Advent By Candlelight: December 4



**Next Meeting:** October 18 at 1:00 pm at Kathy Pinsonneault’s home. Please come—even if you have never joined us before!

## Stewardship

### Discipline

Webster’s Dictionary defines discipline as “training that develops self-control, efficiency.” An essential ingredient for success in many of life’s endeavors is discipline. God’s Word places discipline as important as wisdom and understanding. Proverbs 23:23 (NIV) reads, “Buy the truth and do not sell it; get wisdom, discipline and understanding.” Good discipline contributes to our personal success, whereas poor discipline squanders missed opportunities. Discipline is essential for us to receive many of Life’s blessings. When we, by God’s grace, discipline ourselves to serve and honor our Lord, we will receive God’s blessings, which are the greatest blessings of all.

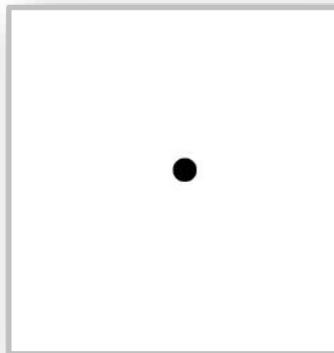
### Don’t Focus on that Black Dot!!

One day, a professor entered the classroom and asked his students to prepare for a surprise test. They all waited anxiously at their desks for the exam to begin. The professor handed out the exams with the text facing down, as usual. Once he handed them all out, he asked the students to turn over the papers.

To everyone’s surprise, there were no questions – just a black dot in the center of the sheet of paper. The professor, seeing the expression on everyone’s faces, told them the following: “I want you to write about what you see there”. The students, confused, got started on the inexplicable task.

At the end of the class, the professor took all the exams, and started reading each one of them out loud, in front of all the students. All of them, with no exception, defined the black dot, trying to explain its position in the center of the sheet.

After all had been read, the classroom silent, the professor started to explain. ‘I’m not going to grade you on this; I just wanted to give you something to think about. No one wrote about the white part of the paper. Everyone focused on the



black dot and the same happens in our lives.

Our life is a gift given to us by God, with love and care, and we always have reasons to celebrate – nature renewing itself everyday, our friends around us, the job that provides our livelihood, the miracles we see every day. However,

we insist on focusing only on the dark spot – the health issues that bother us, the lack of money, the complicated relationship with a family member, the disappointment with a friend.

The dark spots are very small when compared to all the blessings we have in our lives, but they’re the ones that pollute our minds.’

Take your eyes away from the black dots in your life. Enjoy all your blessings in each moment that God has given you.

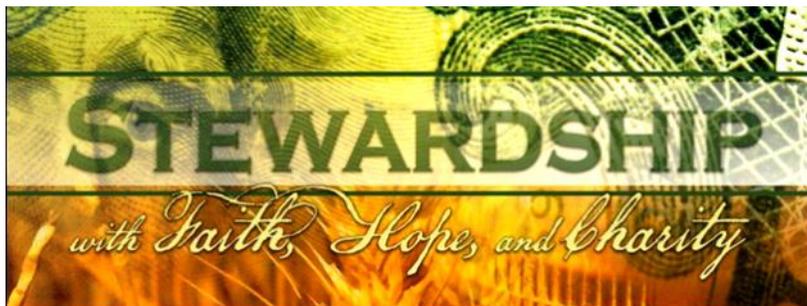
Blessings on your journey as a steward!

## Finances

### Church Finances

General Offerings:  
 July Offerings = \$13,132.52  
 Total Expenses = \$12,151.78  
 Over = \$980.74

Building Fund:  
 July Offerings = \$ 185.00  
 Building Fund Balance 7/31 = \$ 2,765.58



### School Finances:

6/1/16-6/30/16 income \$24,251.10  
 6/1/16-6/30/16 expense \$13,614.83  
 (Actual income & expense – loan amounts removed)  
 Lines of credit balance owed as of 7/11/16 \$19,000

### 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

**VBS** – VBS had a blessed week the week of August 7-11. Approximately 30 children attended and received the Good News of Jesus as their Savior! Thank you to everyone who helped, participated and was able to be a part of this outreach to our community.

**School Year** - We are looking forward to a new school year with all of its potential and opportunity for the children who attend our school. The Board of Education continues to ask for your prayers and support for our school and that God would bless our school with the students needed to have a successful school year.

**Campbell Labels for Education** – We have additional information regarding Campbell Soup Company winding down their “Labels for Education” program. As of August 1, 2016 only UPCs with the Labels for Education logo are accepted as points into registered schools’ bank accounts. They have begun the process



of removing the Labels for Education logo and expect there will be a limited number of products that contain these labels in stores through August 1, 2017. Once all Labels for Education logos have been removed from the products, UPCs will no longer be accepted. However, please continue to save any Labels for Education UPCs for the school, as long as they have the appropriate logo on them. We will continue to submit them until they are no longer accepted.

**Box Tops for Education** – Just as a side note, please do not confuse Box Tops for Education with Labels for Education. The school receives \$0.10 for every Box Top for Education and last year we earned over \$400. Our goal this year is \$1,000! Box Tops for Education labels are on great variety of products. Please continue to save these labels. They are submitted two to three times a year and the next submission will be in November.

## Immanuel Lutheran Church—Walker Sunday School Rally Day September 11, 2016

All Children: Preschool—6th Grade Welcome!  
Please join us for Worship at 9 and  
Sunday School at 10:30-11:30

*Volunteer teachers still needed!*

*Please contact Bonnie Vrudny at: 612-390-4936*



## 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](http://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>



Support our School!

**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](http://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.

## Crossways Bible Study—

Have you ever tried to figure out how all those Bible stories fit together? Here's your chance to see the "BIG PICTURE"!

Crossways is like a "spiritual shovel" that equips you to dig deep (without getting buried) into the Biblical "treasures" found from Genesis to Revelation.

Crossways is an in-depth Bible study for adults or mature children, consisting of six, 10-unit sessions.

**For men & women with or without previous Bible Study experience!**

**Information meeting right after church on Sunday, September 18.**

**Grab your coffee and donut. We'll have a quick meeting to answer questions and discuss the class schedule.**

*(We're trying to figure out a daytime class, but not while school is in session.)*

Cost is: \$20/each 10-unit session—Or \$80 for entire set (save \$40)  
We also have ideas for "grants" from Thrivent!

Contact Pam Kruger for further information by  
Phone: 218-682-3300  
or Email: [pamk@uslink.net](mailto:pamk@uslink.net)

**God has left a rather long message...**

**You deserve an explanation.**

**CROSSWAYS**

Ever wish you had a better grasp of each book of the Bible—and how its message relates to that of all the others?

Sign up for *Crossways*—a faith-enriching, life-changing course that serves as your 'road map' for an unforgettable journey through the entire Bible.

*"The Old Testament used to seem hard to grasp, but this pictorial 'grand sweep' approach provides an overall panoramic view of the Bible that makes it all 'click' and make sense."*  
—Class participant

**CROSSWAYS INTERNATIONAL**  
[www.crossways.org](http://www.crossways.org)

## Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study Update



The Thursday morning ladies study group just completed their study on *"Living A Chocolate Life (Savoring God's Grace)"*. Every week there was a chocolate treat recipe in our study book. Thanks to Pat Kastning, we usually got to sample the recipe. Our last class featured this yummy chocolate brownie cake!

We're just beginning a new study on *"How to Love Prickly People"*. Each of us has been pricked, hurt, and bruised by the snubs, jabs, and stabs from others. Yet the Bible encourages us to "love one another", "forgive one another", etc. How can we love those prickly people? Join us as we find answers in the Bible. All women are WELCOME, WANTED, and NEEDED! Join us Thursday mornings at 8:30.



## Thrivent Update



**THRIVENT CHOICE**

A total of \$322.00 Choice Dollars grant funds went to Immanuel Lutheran School in July.  
You've become part of something bigger by participating in Thrivent Choice®.

**SHARE THE GOOD NEWS!**  
#livegenerously.

Learn more about [Thrivent Financial](#) and the [Thrivent Choice](#) program.

## Use it or loose it!

Did you know that every Thrivent member has Thrivent Choice Dollars which YOU can be giving to our church or school? It doesn't cost you anything but about 5 minutes of your time! If you haven't used yours, find out more now.

Your dollars aren't carried over to the next year! It's like a free \$250 per event per person! Talk to Karen Sellner or Pat Kastning for help. IT's EASY!

(See details on bottom of page 2!)



A container similar to this one will be delivered to Immanuel School some time before the end of September. The container will be used to store donated items which will be sold at the school's annual ABC (Attic Basement Closet) Sale in June!

## Usher Assignments Through 2016

*If you are unable to serve and can not find a replacement, call Gordy Dahn at: 547-3083*

### September

9/4 Rick Schmidtke & Wayne Kastning  
9/11 Duane Payne & Jack Hopen  
9/18 Duane Payne & Jack Hopen  
9/25 Mike Keske & Bill Sellner

### October

10/2 Mike Keske & Bill Sellner  
10/9 Gordy Dahn & Mike Schmidtke  
10/16 Gordy Dahn & Mike Schmidtke  
10/23 Glenn Bakeberg & Jim Bodsgard  
10/30 Glenn Bakeberg & Jim Bodsgard

### November

11/6 Tim & TJ Anderson  
11/13 Tim & TJ Anderson  
11/20 Darrin Bronczyk & Dale Ross  
11/23 (Evening) Darrin Bronczyk & Dale Ross  
11/27 Darrin Bronczyk & Dale Ross

### December

12/4, 7 & 11 Rick Schmidtke & Neil Butenschoen  
12/14, 18, 21 & 24 Gordy Dahn & Will Pehling  
12/25 Mike Keske & Bill Sellner

### 2017

1/1 Mike Keske & Bill Sellner

## 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.

### Part-time Administrative Assistant Needed:

The center has a need for a reliable, honest, pro-life person with bookkeeping/secretarial skills. Hours could be flexible. If you know of someone, please call the center!

**Looking for Board Members:** We are saying goodbye to Gary McEnelly who has served two consecutive three year terms on our Board of Directors. He continues to serve on the Board of Directors for LAPS in Brainerd. Although he will continue to mentor us as needed, we will miss him TONS!!! Deb Frazee will also step down in November after

two terms. We are looking for board members from our service area (thirty mile radius) who have a heart for 'life' and feel called to serve in this way. Those interested please call the Center for more information.

**"Golfing for Life":** The center's team is practicing and fundraising like crazy to get ready for the annual fundraising event hosted by Brainerd Pregnancy Center Golf Tournament on September 13th at Cragun's Legacy Course. They are looking for at least one more "Fundraising Golfer" and any donations they can muster! Their team has won the "Highest Fundraising Team" Award for the past three years! All funds raised as a team go directly to the Walker Pregnancy Center! Last year the amount raised was over \$8000! This year the goal is \$10,000! They say, "Let's do it!" Let us know if you would like to be on the team!



**Adoption Celebration** is scheduled for April 25, 2017. The 8th Annual Fundraising banquet will be held featuring the life choice of adoption! We would love to hear

YOU adoption story or one of someone close to you!

**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: walkerpsc@arvig.net.

Thank you for your continued prayers for our clients, volunteers and for the director and for all of your support!

Thank you to our volunteers who gave of their time at the Walker Food Shelf the month of August.

### September Celebrations

#### Anniversaries

9/8 Mark & Connie Kimmerle (32 years)

9/9 Joel & Barb Vinkemeier (39 years)

9/9 Vern & Marilyn Black (38 years)

9/24 Jim & Mary Schmidtke (2 year)



#### Birthdays

9/2 Pat Kastning

9/5 Jeff Pehling

9/7 Vern Black

9/7 Corina Bronczyk

9/9 Mike Schmidtke

9/14 Jack Hopen

9/15 Charlie Thompson

9/16 Elliot Tesch

9/17 Rev. Jim Lauer

9/21 Jennifer Bauman

9/23 Nicole Bronczyk

9/26 Phil Anderson



Sunday School Rally Day  
Sunday, September 11  
10:30—11:30 AM



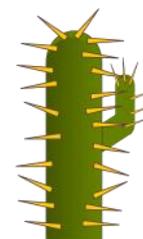
Quilting  
Tuesday, Sept 13, 27  
9:00 AM

Family Night  
For Everyone!  
Thursday,  
September 15  
6:00 pm

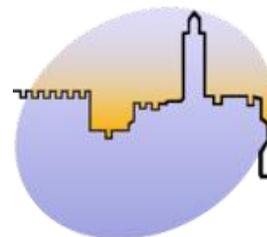


Crossways  
Information Meeting  
Sunday, September 18  
right after church.

New Ladies Study  
Loving Prickly People  
Thursday Mornings  
at 8:30



Ladies Annual  
Mini-Retreat  
Tuesday, September 20  
A "Tour of the Holy Land"  
5—8:30  
Sign up in office!



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

# upon this ROCK

Lutheran School Theme for 2016-2017

## STAFF For 2016/2017

Lori Langton: Preschool/Pre-K  
Janna Kietzman: Principal & K - 3rd Grade  
Cindy Ungerecht: Kindergarten – 1  
Holly Zubke: 4th - 8th Grade  
Corina Bronczyk: Preschool/Pre-K Teacher Aide

## Beginning of School Thoughts:

- Set a realistic bedtime. Proper rest contributes to optimum performance and better attitude.
- Feed the Body. Eat a good breakfast.
- Feed the Soul. Be in God's Word everyday. Set aside 15 min. a day to read a Bible story and discuss it with your children.



Gearing up for a Super year at Immanuel!  
Stop by and visit our amazing school.

*“Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.” - Isaiah 26:4*

“Upon This Rock” is the Lutheran School Theme for this school year. The following devotional is taken from this year’s Chapel talks for LCMS Schools.

Some Lutheran schools are built on the black soil of the Midwest; some on the red soil of the South; some on the swampy land of the Gulf coast; some on limestone, granite or other stones or mountainous and rocky terrain. Various land surfaces around the world provide the foundation for a Lutheran school. Wherever they are found or whatever the land foundation, Lutheran schools of all sizes, all age-level ranges, and all cultural combinations are built on The Rock. Peter’s confession, “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God” (Matt. 16:16), announces The Rock on which the Church is built. This confession is the foundation for every activity in a Lutheran school. This confession is the focus of weekly worship for Lutheran schools during the 2016-2017 school year. All earthly foundations are vulnerable and changing. Even the most solid rocks erode over time. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that the Lord is the “everlasting rock.” Lutheran schools are built on an unchanging, unalterable, eternal foundation. Lutheran schools are built on the rock of salvation. Lutheran schools are an integral part of the ministry of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The theme of the 2016 LCMS convention is carried to every Lutheran school, and the theme becomes personal and meaningful to every student.

May God bless our year together!

*“My Hope is built on nothing less than  
Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim,  
but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.”*

- Lutheran Service Book Hymn #575

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TUESDAY,  
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“ ...but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet with gentleness and respect...”

- 1 Peter 3:14

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9/4 Tim & Meg Duin

9/11 George & Bev Johnson

9/18 Mike & Lavonne Keske

9/25 Jack & Kathi Hopen

Acolytes

9/4 Mark Salvhus

9/11 Jeffrey Schmidtke

9/18 Jessica Schmidtke

9/25 Brandon Dodge

Fellowship Servers

9/4 Dar Pehling & Phyllis Eklund

9/11 Kathi Hopen & Barb Vinkemeier

9/18 Corina Bronczyk & Lori Reeve

9/25 Clara Gerwick & Joanne Loewen

Ushers

9/4 Rick Schmidtke & Wayne Kastning

9/11 Duane Payne & Jack Hopen

9/18 Duane Payne & Jack Hopen

9/25 Mike Keske & Bill Sellner

Elder: 9/4 & 9/11 Randy Fabian & 9/18 & 9/25 Joel Vinkemeier



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

Immanuel Lutheran Church		SEPTEMBER 2016				"God With Us"	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<b>August 28</b> <i>15th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <b>9 am</b> Worship <b>10 am</b> Bible Study <b>11 am- 1pm</b> Hog Roast	<b>Aug 29</b>	<b>Aug 30</b>	<b>Aug 31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Men's Bible Study <b>8:30 am</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> <i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <b>9 am</b> Worship w/Communion <b>10 am</b> Fellowship <b>10:30 am</b> Bible Study	<b>5</b> <b>7 pm</b> Board of Ed  <i>Labor Day</i>	<b>6</b> <b>First Day of School</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Men's Bible Study <b>8:30 am</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>8 am</b> Men of Immanuel Breakfast <b>Scrip Deadline</b>	
<b>11</b> <i>17th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <b>9 am</b> Worship <b>10 am</b> Fellowship <b>10:30 am</b> Bible Study <b>10:30 am</b> Sunday School <b>Sunday School Rally Day</b> <b>✠ School C.R.O.S.S. Appeal</b>	<b>12</b> <b>10 am</b> Elders Meet	<b>13</b> <b>9 am</b> Quilting  <b>7 pm</b> Council Meets	<b>14</b> <b>3-4:30 pm</b> Confirmation	<b>15</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Men's Bible Study <b>8:30 am</b> Women's Bible Study <b>6:00 pm</b> Family Night – Game Night!	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b> <i>18th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <b>9 am</b> Worship w/Communion <b>10 am</b> Fellowship <b>10:30 am</b> Bible Study <b>10:30 am</b> Sunday School	<b>19</b> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>20</b> <b>5:00 pm</b> LWML Annual Mini Retreat	<b>21</b> <b>3-4:30 pm</b> Confirmation	<b>22</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Men's Bible Study <b>8:30 am</b> Women's Bible Study  <i>Fall Begins</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	
<b>Pastor's Fall Conference @Lutheran Island Camp</b>							
<b>25</b> <i>19th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <b>9 am</b> Worship <b>10 am</b> Fellowship <b>10:30 am</b> Bible Study <b>10:30 am</b> Sunday School	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>9 am</b> Quilting 	<b>28</b> <b>3-4:30 pm</b> Confirmation	<b>29</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Men's Bible Study <b>8:30 am</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>30</b>	<b>October 1</b>	