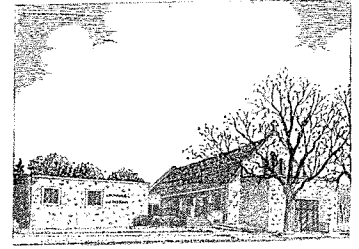


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## August 2021

### Newsletter Article

Church is open. All are welcome to come to the services at God's house. We have been missing many these past months. Please come to the Lord's House and receive the gifts that God has promised to you. Come and share in the fellowship of God's family. Come and be strengthened in God's Word and grace and mercy.

Come and hear the Gospel of Jesus. But we often have the question of what it costs us to follow Jesus and receive the gifts that God gives to us through Christ. We ask, "How Much, Lord?"

We read in Mark 10.

### Mark 10:17-27

<sup>17</sup> And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.' " <sup>20</sup> And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." <sup>21</sup> And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." <sup>22</sup> Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he

had great possessions.

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup> And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" The question is directed to Jesus. We are bold. We want an answer.

"You know the commandments."

Indeed we do. It's the answer we want. We are confident. "All these I have kept from my youth."

"You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

This we didn't expect. "How much, Lord?" Our question betrays our nature. Our way is to bargain with Christ. The "all" of Jesus is unacceptable to us. We cannot sell "all," let

alone give away “all.” Our way is not God’s way. Our way is not the way of faith. We leave the presence of the Lord grieved. We cannot follow Jesus.

“Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”

Jesus’ statement leaves the disciples astonished. It leaves us astonished. “Then who can be saved?” Our question betrays our futility and hopelessness. We betray our unbelief. To be saved at all is impossible.

“With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”

God’s way is not man’s way. God does not bargain or

withhold. That is our way; the way of the Law. God does the giving. That is His way; the way of the Gospel. He gives the gifts. He gave His only begotten Son to die for us. “<sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21). “<sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). Eternal life is what God gives to us in Christ Jesus. It is His gift and all things are possible with Him.

Lord, it is too great a task for me to give up all and follow You. Help me, O God, with my unbelief. Strengthen me. Teach me in Your way—the way of grace in Christ Jesus. Lead me. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

May God continue to bless you and keep you in His grace.  
Pastor Mueller

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As I prepare for my first full year as "headmaster" of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran School, I've been reflecting on the reasons why we, as a congregation, are engaged in a school ministry in our community. Here are my thoughts, which will be a part of our school handbook and my greeting to our school parents for the 2021-22 school year:

Children are a blessing from God, meant to be received with joy and thanksgiving. Yet, when we become parents, we also receive from God a tremendous new calling to, as the Scriptures teach, “Train up a child in the way he should go; [so that] when he is old he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6 ESV)

Concerning this, Martin Luther writes: “God has entrusted [our children] to us who are older and know from experience what is best for them. And God will hold us strictly accountable for them.” (AE, vol. 45, p. 353)

Training a child in the way that he or she should go is an act of sacrificial love. It requires firmness, discipline, wisdom, knowledge, and a vision for the God-pleasing life which our children are called to live. We do not train our children by indulging in their every whim. And while we certainly have fun with our children and celebrate their creativity and unique giftedness, we remain the parents and trainers of our children, according to the calling of God. They are not in charge, but we are. And we have received this responsibility for their good.

### Stewardship Corner

“When it comes to stewardship, a favorite Bible verse is the account of the widow’s mite (Luke 21:1–4). It’s a moving account. Our Lord praises the seemingly small gift of two copper coins given by a poor widow above the abundance of gifts given by the rich, saying, “Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them” (Luke 21:3).

Yet, we must also humbly acknowledge that we sinners cannot do any of this training of our children without God’s help. But with His help, and the help of one another, we can train our children to know what is beautiful, true, and good. We can help them grow in wisdom, eloquence and virtue and teach them to live a life of love toward God and service toward their neighbor. And when they fail, as all people do, we can point them to Christ and His cross and declare to our children His love and forgiveness which will bring them hope and peace.

And as our children learn to live in this way, centered on Christ and His love, and showing love for God and neighbor, then they will find their purpose, both in this world and in the world to come.

At Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran School, we are honored to come alongside parents and support them in their calling as parents. It is our privilege to help them teach their children God’s Word and the various academic disciplines that will train them to appreciate all that is good, beautiful, and true, so that they will be well prepared for their calling to love God and neighbor. And we trust that, with God’s help, parents will be working at home to do the same: training up their children in the way they should go, so that when they are old, they will not depart from it.

Pastor Daugherty

And that is usually where we stop. But the text goes on. “For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on” (Luke 21:4).

“She ... put in all she had to live on.” She gave everything. She held nothing back. She trusted that the Lord who made

her and all creatures; who gave her everything she had; who redeemed her from her own sin, from death, and the power of the devil; who called her by the gospel and enlightened her with His gifts of Word and Sacrament; would continue to do this. He would provide her with all that she needed for this body and life because that is the character of the God she had.

But this is not why we give small gifts. Her gift, though it appeared small, was actually large. When we are tempted to give small gifts, it is precisely because we want them to be small! We don't trust the Lord to provide for us. We give small gifts because we lack faith in the One who created us, redeemed us, sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith. We give small gifts because we doubt that God will really give us what we need and desire. We give small gifts because we are not content with what God has already given.

We are not slaves, children of the slave woman, under the Old Covenant (Galatians 4). We are adopted sons of the free woman. And since we are sons, we are also heirs. And heirs receive the inheritance. For everything is already ours in Christ. And thus, moved by the willing spirit of adoption, we do the will of God in financial matters far beyond all that done by those under the Old Covenant who were forced by legal demands.

So, what have you decided to give? How do I decide what to give? Let the Scriptures be your guide.



Lue Nerland  
Kenton Dietrich  
Willetta Dye  
Pierce Sanchez  
Merlin Ring  
Dean Tucker

Shane Dye  
Bridget Vaughn  
Dr. R. Craig Dietrich  
Frank Johns  
Gary Trenkle

Edward & Cheryl McDuffie	8/6/1977
Tom & Shirley DeVoogd	8/7/2004
Brad & Joan Schnell	8/7/1982
Justin & Heather Edwards	8/11/1995
Travis & Kristy Shoemaker	8/14/1999
Merlin & Tonchita Ring	8/24/1965
Mark & Bridget Vaughn	8/24/1990
Kyle & Samantha Steinman	8/27/2011
Jeremy & Cassie Palmer	8/29/1998
Bart & Starla Endsley	8/30/1996



**ONGOING MISSION PROJECTS:** Used bedding is needed by the quilters. Canceled postage stamps are needed for mission projects. Old eye glasses and outdated hearing aids are useful to others. Bedding may be left in the quilting room. Other items can be left in the cupboard under the guest book.



**ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MONTH WERE FROM:**  
 Brad and Marlene Stewart in memory of Marlene's father

**WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES. . .**

Adult Bible Study - Sundays, 9 am Fellowship Hall.  
 Bible Break - Thursdays, 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall



**MONTHLY LWML BIBLE STUDIES:**

**Lydia** – Will meet again starting in September.  
**Martha** – Will meet again starting in September.  
**Tabitha** – Will meet again starting in September.

## August Duty Roster

**Ushers:** Saturday: Mr. Josh Childers  
 Sunday: Mr. Bart Endsley & Mr. Ian Gomez

**Elders:** Saturday: Mr. Joel Hausmann  
 Sunday: Mr. Jim Henton

Date	Acolytes	Coffee Duty	Counters
July 31 <sup>st</sup> August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Miss Avery Gomez Miss Ayla Foster	Jill Mueller	August 2 <sup>nd</sup> Karen Kelly
August 7 <sup>th</sup> August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Paige Jensen Mr. Logan Vogel	Jocelyn Gerth	August 9 <sup>th</sup> Deb Grant
August 14 <sup>th</sup> August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Jady Aguallo Mr Jett Herian	Teresa Dye Judy Dye	August 16 <sup>th</sup> Deb Moore
August 21 <sup>st</sup> August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mr. Zach Childers Mr. Eban Lore	Cheryl Sheldon Karen Kelly	August 23 <sup>rd</sup> Starla Endsley
August 28 <sup>th</sup> August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Railey Wills Mr. Jonas Daugherty	Nancy Scherbarth Sue Bartels	August 30 <sup>th</sup> Karen Kelly

### Stewardship of the Word Daily Bible readings for the month of August:

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|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Isaiah 18-22 | 8. Isaiah 49-53  | 15. Jeremiah 10-13 | 22. Jeremiah 35-37   | 29. Lamentations 3-5 |
| 2. Isaiah 23-27 | 9. Isaiah 54-58  | 16. Jeremiah 14-17 | 23. Jeremiah 38-41   | 30. Ezekiel 1-4      |
| 3. Isaiah 28-30 | 10. Isaiah 59-63 | 17. Jeremiah 18-22 | 24. Jeremiah 42-45   | 31. Ezekiel 5-8      |
| 4. Isaiah 31-35 | 11. Isaiah 64-66 | 18. Jeremiah 23-25 | 25. Jeremiah 46-48   |                      |
| 5. Isaiah 36-41 | 12. Jeremiah 1-3 | 19. Jeremiah 26-29 | 26. Jeremiah 49-50   |                      |
| 6. Isaiah 42-44 | 13. Jeremiah 4-6 | 20. Jeremiah 30-31 | 27. Jeremiah 51-52   |                      |
| 7. Isaiah 45-48 | 14. Jeremiah 7-9 | 21. Jeremiah 32-34 | 28. Lamentations 1-2 |                      |

# School News

Would you like to help our teachers get needed supplies in their classrooms? This year, it's even easier for you to help! Our teachers have created wish lists on Amazon of just what they would like to have for their students. Here are the links for our classrooms. Shop on Amazon and the items will ship directly to the school for you.

Miss Jill (P/PK) -

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/21PNDEJ1UOCBR>

Ms. Horn (K) -

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/6MYYLRT8TNK6>

Mrs. Walters (1st) -

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/27TDQLAUS4VL9>

Mrs. Hardin (2nd) -

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2HV6DOUJLZM6K>

Ms. Dye (3rd/4th) -

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1668N0CSB4W0>

Ms. Wisroth (5th) -

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/TFQHUQI04OV6>

Mrs. Scherbarth (6th) -

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/Q4JRRAXFO5HH>

Mrs. Terrell (7th/8th) -

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/7T0GCHJTT8MV>

Greetings from IELS!! What a busy summer we have had out at the school. A couple of highlights of the summer have been attending the wedding of one of our teachers in Wakefield, NE. and being able to attend (with the ENTIRE staff) a conference on classical education in Houston. Danielle and Cole Walters were married in June. A great time was had by all! I also wanted to share a couple of important dates with you. Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 P.M. we will host an Open House at the school. Please come out and meet the new teachers and see the classroom changes. We ask for your prayers for our first day of school which will be, Thursday August 12<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to our Opening Chapel on Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 A.M. Please join us!

Our school has always been considered a classical school. After the conference in Houston, we have decided its time to apply to be accredited through Consortium for Classical Lutheran Education system. This accreditation is a rigorous self-study program that helps us to sharpen the curriculum as well as the service of our staff. Sharing the love of Jesus has been and will continue to be our priority! We will continue to strive to prepare our students for service to Jesus, their families, and the community around them and to make lifelong learners of them all. One of the areas that we have already begun to make changes is in the area of the library. The wonderful men of our congregation have built a new library in our back room! The previous library will be used as an office for Pastor Daugherty. Many of the books in our library (donations from many wonderful people) are needing to be replaced. We have some very specific literature that we are planning to get lots of quality books in our kid's hands. If you are interested in helping us with this huge endeavor, please let me know.

I wanted to make sure that all of you have heard (and are praying for) our teaching staff. They are as follows:

Head Teacher/Preschool-Miss Jill

Kindergarten- Christa Horn

1<sup>st</sup> grade- Danielle Walters

2<sup>nd</sup> grade- Courtney Hardin

3rd/4<sup>th</sup> grade- Alyssa Dye and Wanda Morrison

5<sup>th</sup> grade- Jesse Wisroth

6<sup>th</sup> grade- Carly Scherbarth

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grades- Rosie Terrell

Headmaster- Pastor Daugherty

We have been blessed with a wonderful teaching staff and we look forward to seeing where God leads us. The entire staff will also continue to be trained in our reading and phonogram program the first week of August. A trainer will be here from Omaha to help train our new teachers as well as sharpen the skills of our returning teachers.

A huge thank you to all who helped with the fireworks tent! It was a great success. We sold over \$145,000 worth of fireworks.

Our profit should be approximately \$26,000! It takes many hands to handle a project of this size. We are again helping provide school supplies for our students. If you are willing to help with this, please let me know. Thank you all so much for this wonderful school! Thank you for providing a wonderful mission opportunity sharing the love of Jesus. Please continue to pray for all of us who serve at IELS.

On a personal note, my family is looking forward to helping my dad, Roger Benitz, celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 14<sup>th</sup>. I would love it (as would he) if you would be willing to send a card to him for this special occasion. His address is as follows:

Roger Benitz  
807 Santa Fe #412  
Atchison, KS 66002

Blessed August!! Miss Jill

Hello! This summer has flown by, and I am so excited for the upcoming changes in our classroom the 2021-2022 school year. These changes include moving down the hall and combining 3rd and 4th grade in our classroom. I am looking forward to continuing activities from last year and creating new traditions.

I am thankful for the opportunity to have attended the CCLE conference in Houston with the team in July, and am looking forward to implementing different strategies in my classroom. Attending a session focused on combining elementary grades and networking with other classical Lutheran teachers has been instrumental in planning for the upcoming school year.

Be on the lookout for the 2020-2021 third grade class quilt in the Open Class building at the Box Butte County Fair as well as the classroom art in the school building.

-Miss Dye

Hello! I hope you all are enjoying your summer. I am excited for school to begin and to see the students. The teachers enjoyed a nice trip to Houston, TX at the beginning of July for CCLE. The conference was full of wonderful information about classical education. A session I thoroughly enjoyed was "Benefits of the Outside Classroom." This teacher took her preschool and kindergarten students on an outdoor adventure every Friday afternoon. I would love to do something like this with my kindergarten students! I would love the opportunity to take my students fishing or do a farming/ranching unit and show them different equipment and animals. Is there anyone in the congregation that could help me achieve this? I appreciate any ideas you have! Email: [chorn@ielschool.org](mailto:chorn@ielschool.org)

-Miss Horn (soon-to-be Mrs. Fulk on September 4)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am deeply grateful and humbled by your warm welcome and generous gift. God has provided so richly for me and continues to do so through you all. I am eager to settle in to my new house, my new church, and my new classroom, all the gifts I didn't expect or plan – what blessings God has in store to accomplish His purpose! Soli Deo gloria!

Please continue to keep me in your prayers; you are in mine. I look forward to meeting more of you and receiving God's Word and Sacrament together.

Grace and peace in Christ,  
Jesse Wisroth



# August

BIRTHDAYS

8-1 - Blake Steinman  
8-1 - Lanny Schnell  
8-2 - James Henton  
8-2 - Peggy Miles  
8-3 - Knox Oestman  
8-4 - Brandy Stark  
8-5 - Jody Meer  
8-6 - Cleone Panwitz  
8-7 - Leslie Kling  
8-7 - Avery Gomez  
8-7 - Courtney White  
8-7 - Brandi Pohlman  
8-7 - Ulala Lucas  
8-7 - Tammy Lore  
8-8 - Ty Kolle  
8-9 - Baily Clear  
8-9 - Christian Clear  
8-9 - Keith Kolle  
8-9 - Sharon Hashman  
8-10-Samantha Steinman

8-10 - Spencer Sanchez  
8-10 - Mason Holmes  
8-13 - Cydnie Herian  
8-13 - Scott Morrison  
8-13 - John Herian  
8-14 - Lindsey Chasek  
8-15 - Jack Evert  
8-15 - Gary Hashman  
8-16 - Jason Rowley  
8-16 - Don Colson  
8-17 - Isabel Aguallo  
8-17 - Debra Neeley  
8-18 - Jennifer Hinman  
8-19 - Richard Bloom  
8-20 - Jett Herian  
8-20 - Jepsen Stark  
8-21 - Lennon Korth  
8-21 - Ryan Taylor

8-23 - Heather Wilcox  
8-22 - Macey Seebohm  
8-22 - Samantha Kresl  
8-22 - Keegan Grant  
8-22- Chris Seebohm  
8-24 - Michael Eggink  
8-25 - Janice Brixius  
8-26 - Andrea Luce  
8-26 - Braxten Bruhn  
8-26 - Tessa Oestman  
8-27 - Zachary Childers  
8-27 - Thomas Devoogd  
8-28 - Alexander Pfeiffer  
8-28 - Michelle Hunter  
8-28 - Courtney Wills  
8-29 - Larry Seidler  
8-30 - Sydney Bignell  
8-31 - Jonathan Fintel  
8-31 - Robert Mischnick  
8-31 - Leah Krebs



8-1 - Katie Huston  
8-1 - Norma Romick  
8-1 - Garret Schmid  
8-1 - Rachelle Pfeiffer  
8-1 - Joella Fritzler  
8-1 - Sharon Ditsch  
8-2 - Shawn Kelly  
8-3 - Georgia Krebs  
8-3 - Darrell Schledewitz  
8-3 - Doug Edwards  
8-4 - Chris Bartels  
8-4 - Brandy Stark  
8-5 - Misty Evert  
8-5 - Madison Gibson  
8-6 - Teresa Thies  
8-6 - Jackson Chasek

8-7 - Zachariah Narjes  
8-8 - Jakob Herian  
8-8 - Dwayne Rose  
8-8 - Tara Gibson  
8-8 - Lisa Softley  
8-9 - Teresa Dye  
8-10 - Bany Stark  
8-13 - Kyle Kaman  
8-14 - Mikayla Seebohm  
8-14 - Ashley Rose  
8-14 - Kevin Wilson  
8-15 - Baily Clear  
8-15 - Christian Clear  
8-16 - Rosella Canova

8-16 - LaShayne Kolle  
8-19 - Blake Steinman  
8-20 - Leslie Kling  
8-21 - Mark Vaughn  
8-21 - Keith Kolle  
8-23 - Kris Childers  
8-24 - MaKenzie McCarty  
8-25 - Kalli Bridge  
8-25 - Kinzie Bridge  
8-26 - James Collins  
8-27 - Attley Bolek  
8-28 - Ian Gomez  
8-28 - Hilary Gomez  
8-30 - Ty Kolle  
8-30 - Sharon Tiensvold  
8-31 - Cody Henderson  
8-31 - Johana Wills  
8-31 - Brian Grant