

ILC YOUTH

His righteous government and pow’r Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end,
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The People Who in Darkness Sat (LSB 412)

CONFIRMATION PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE | January 3rd

The first Wednesday in the new year we will be meeting for Parent/Teacher conferences during the time Confirmation usually meets. 6th/7th & 8th grade parents will be informed via email on the specifics for sign-up slots from their teachers. ***NO ACTS 4, Hannah Bible class, Confirmation classes, Hand-chimes on this Wednesday!***

HI-JINX | January 17th and 31st
(Middle School only)

Jr. Hi-Jinx starts up again this month. Join us for pizza and games starting at 6:00PM on select Wednesdays before Confirmation Class. Please bring \$2 to cover cost of food.

LYF BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY | January 14th and 21st

Beginning on the second Sunday of the month at 4PM Pastor Bernie will be leading a Bible study on worship here at Immanuel for the high school students. A letter with more information has been sent out to the students by way of invitation.

LCMS YOUTH AND FAMILY DAY ANDES SKI TRIP | January 27th

The annual Zone Family Ski Trip is Saturday, January 27th from 7:30AM—8:00PM. We will be going to Andes Tower Hills, and all are welcome! Please see the Youth Board for forms and more information.

Calendar

January 3rd
Parent/Teacher Conferences

January 10th
Confirmation Starts Again

January 14th
LYF Opportunity

January 17th
Hi- Jinx

January 21st
LYF Opportunity

January 27th
Family Zone Ski Trip

January 31st
Hi-Jinx

During the season of Epiphany, we are celebrating the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Throughout the prophets, we hear that Jesus is the “*Prince of Peace*” (Is. 9:6) and “*How beautiful are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace*” (Is. 52:7). Given this, there’s an expectation of a militant leader coming to impose peace across the land, but we can fast-forward to Paul’s letters to the Philippians regarding how Jesus did indeed bring peace in a way we did not expect. Turn to Philippians 2:5–11 in your Bible.

When I think of peace, I think of it being a result of winning a conflict or a fight. Many times, a battle fights for the illusion of peace within the two clashing parties. Both have differing views of peace and that is the kicker. Christ brought us peace and security by winning the victory over sin, death and the devil through His death on the cross and resurrection on the third day. He was not a military leader who came to fight for the freedom of the Jews from Roman oppression, but to free everyone from the power of the devil. It is a different kind of peace. We will still have hardships, tragedies, wars, and terrors; but in Christ we do not have to be anxious about the future.

Joyously we can be reminded of this peace at the end of each worship service in the Benediction: “*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.*”
-DCE Wolfgram