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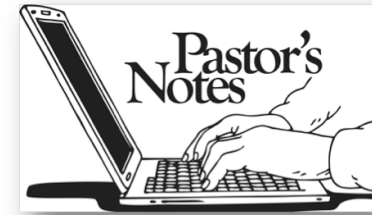
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RECORD**

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***FROM THE LAPTOP OF
PASTOR JUD***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I remember that when I was around 14 or 15 years old I had pains in my legs. I was told they were shin splints caused by growing fast. I was experiencing growing pains. It was painful but just part of growing up.

At Immanuel, we are also experiencing growing pains as the school student body grows and requires additional space. We have an increasing opportunity to reach out to this community with the love of Jesus, but we will experience growing pains.

We are also looking at updating existing classrooms and restrooms and at converting the fluorescent light fixtures to high efficiency LED fixtures. Plus, what do we do with the lawn mower once we have to demolish the garage? So many details to be worked out.

There will be lots of opportunities for us to pull together as a congregation to work on various phase of different projects—lots of opportunities to serve one another and the community in practical ways.

I give thanks for each one of you and the patience you have already shown and for the patience that will be required in the upcoming months. In our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, we remember that Christ has risen! And that makes all the difference.

See you Sunday.

Peace in Christ,



Pastor Kevin Jud



April/May 2018 Worship Schedule

Sunday Services 8 AM and 10:45 AM

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Noon and 7:15 PM

Easter 7 AM and 10:45 AM Breakfast 8:30 AM

SEASON	DATE	FESTIVAL	1 ST Reading	PSALM	EPISTLE	GOSPEL
EASTER	Apr. 1	The Resurrection of Our Lord <i>Easter Sunrise</i>	Ex. 15:1–11	Ps. 118:15–29	1 Cor. 5:6b–8	John 20:1–18
	Apr. 8	Second S. of Easter	Acts 4:32–35	Ps. 148	1 John 1:1–2:2	John 20:19–31
	Apr. 15	Third S. of Easter	Acts 3:11–21	Ps. 4	1 John 3:1–7	Luke 24:36–49
	Apr. 22	Fourth S. of Easter	Acts 4:1–12	Ps. 23	1 John 3:16–24	John 10:11–18
	Apr. 29	Fifth S. of Easter	Acts 8:26–40	Ps. 150	1 John 4:1–11 (12–21)	John 15:1–8
	May 6	Sixth S. of Easter	Acts 10:34–48	Ps. 98	1 John 5:1–8	John 15:9–17
	May 10	The Ascension of Our Lord	Acts 1:1–11	Ps. 47	Eph. 1:15–23	Luke 24:44–53
	May 13	Seventh S. of Easter	Acts 1:12–26	Ps. 1	1 John 5:9–15	John 17:11b–19
PENTECOST	May 20	The Day of Pentecost	Ezek. 37:1–14	Ps. 139:1–12 (13–16)	Acts 2:1–21	John 15:26–27 16:4b–17
	May 27	The Holy Trinity	Is. 6:1–8	Ps. 29	Acts 2:14a, 22–36	John 3:1–17

MAUNDY THURSDAY PRAYER VIGIL

Once again, this year the sanctuary will be open for prayer on Maundy Thursday, March 29, from 8 AM until the time of the evening service. Please feel free to come in to the sanctuary at any time on Maundy Thursday for prayer. You may stay as long as you wish.

May we use this time to pray for our loved ones and our selves, as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Christ's joyous Easter resurrection! If at all possible, we would like to have people praying in the sanctuary throughout the entire day on Maundy Thursday.



“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

James 5:16 (New International Version)

April Service Schedule

Easter Sunday, April 1

7: 00 a.m.

Elders: Jeff Martin, Mark Morgan
Acolyte: Dawson Yauger
Greeter: Larry & Sue Head

10:45 a.m.

Elders: Shawn Pugh, Tim Rasch
Acolyte: Hannah Reynolds
Greeters: Tim & Nancy Rasch

Sunday, April 8

8: 00 a.m.

Elders: Mark Morgan, Jeff Martin
Acolyte: Ethan Flohr
Greeters: Dennis & Virgie Rutledge

10:45 a.m.

Elders: Tim Rasch, Tim Stumpf
Acolyte: Desiree Downing
Greeter: Carolyn Ott

Sunday, April 15

8: 00 a.m.

Elders: Jeff Martin, Eric Schlade
Acolyte: Joey D'Angora
Greeters: Pam Naab

10:45 a.m.

Elders: Tim Stumpf, Tim Rasch
Acolyte: Jack Heitger
Greeter: Brandon Pugh

Sunday, April 22

8: 00 a.m.

Elders: Eric Schlade, Phil Howar
Acolyte: Breanna Crooke
Greeters: Werner & Pauline Schwitalski

10:45 a.m.

Elders: Dan Heitger, Shawn Pugh
Acolyte: Logan Harley
Greeters: Rick & Vickie Baker

Sunday, April 29

8: 00 a.m.

Elder: Jeff Martin
Acolyte: Dale Yauger
Greeters: Dick & Candy Tendarr

10:45 a.m.

Elder: Dan Heitger
Acolyte: Rebecca Jud
Greeters: Tim & Nancy Rasch

Ushers for April

8:00 a.m.

Phil Howard, Head Usher
Bob D'Angora
Nick Jud

10:45 a.m.

Garry Gillie, Head Usher
Doug & Ruby Erbeck
Mark & Joy Begley

Altar Guild for April

Sue Martin
Joellen Catron

May Service Schedule

Sunday, May 6

8: 00 a.m.

Elders: Jeff Martin, Mark Morgan
Acolyte: Dawson Yauger
Greeters: Bruce & Andrea Brinker

10:45 a.m.

Elders: Shawn Pugh, Dan Heitger
Acolyte: Landon Harley
Greeter: Carolyn Ott

Sunday, May 13

8: 00 a.m.

Elders: Mark Morgan, Jeff Martin
Acolyte: Ethan Flohr
Greeter: Larry & Sue Head

10:45 a.m.

Elders: Tim Rasch, Tim Stumpf
Acolyte: Hannah Reynolds
Greeter: Brandon Pugh

Sunday, May 20

8: 00 a.m.

Elders: Jeff Martin, Eric Schlade
Acolyte: Joey D'Angora
Greeters: Dennis & Virgie Rutledge

10:45 a.m.

Elders: Tim Stumpf, Dan Heitger
Acolyte: Desiree Downing
Greeters: Rick & Vickie Baker

Sunday, May 27

8: 00 a.m.

Elders: Eric Schlade, Phil Howard
Acolyte: Breanna Crooke
Greeters: Pam Naab

10:45 a.m.

Elders: Dan Heitger, Shawn Pugh
Acolyte: Jack Heitger
Greeters: Tim & Nancy Rasch

Ushers for May

8:00 a.m.

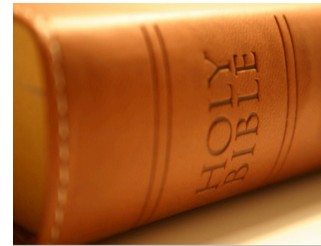
Werner Schwitalski, Head Usher
Dick Tendam
Dennis Rutledge
Jim Peters

10:45 a.m.

Denny Ray, Head Usher
Gary McMahan

Altar Guild for May

Janet Jones
Chris Hilbert



Weekday Bible Studies:

Men's Monday Night Bible Study: Meets at 7 PM to study a book of the Holy Bible. All men are welcome. Led by Gary Miller.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets at 10:30 AM downstairs at Bradford Place on Millville Avenue for an informative and interactive study. Topics include: History & Meaning of Baptism, What the Bible Says About Angels & Demons, History & Meaning of Holy Communion, Highlights of Revelation. Led by Pastor Lyle Rasch.

Sunday Morning Bible Studies:

Sunday School Classes: Children and Youth Sunday School Classes are held each Sunday at 9:45 AM.

Mike Head's Bible Study: Meets in Room 11, the 5th and 6th grade room, which is the last classroom on the left down the back hallway. Currently an in-depth study of Philipians.

Matt Franke's Bible Study: Meets in Room 10, the 7th and 8th grade room, which is the next-to-last classroom on the left down the back hallway. A study of the lessons for the day in an interactive group format.

Pastor Jud's Bible Study: Meets at 9:45 in the Library/Multi-purpose room. Currently studying the NEW edition of ***Luther's Small Catechism***.

Youth News for Spring / Summer 2018



May 5 – Yard Sale

May 6 – Confirmation Sunday

May 18-20 – 3rd – 6th Grade Retreat

June 27 – 6th – 9th Grade W.O.W. Beach Water Park

July 24-26 – 6th – 9th Grade W.O.W. St. Louis Trip



Youth, Parent, and Other Workers Needed

for the

Saturday, May 5th

YARD SALE SETUP ON THURSDAY 5/3 & FRIDAY 5/4

Bring in donations after 4PM on Thursday. Get your friends and relatives to make donations. Let's make this a huge sale.

The money from this sale will pay for travel expenses and help defray the registration fees for the Servant Events.

Everyone is encouraged to help, even if you are not able to go on a Servant Event this year.

All Servant Event participants and their parents should help at least 3 hours on Thursday or Friday and either from 8AM – 2PM or 2PM – 4PM on Saturday.

Thursday, May 3, 4 – 9PM

Collect and sort items. We need parents and youth to help sort donations. Also, we need a team of a parent or youth leader and two youth with a pickup or the church van to pick up items, beginning as soon as possible after school. Call astor Jud to volunteer.

Friday, May 4, 9:30AM – 9PM

Collect and sort items and set up for the sale on Saturday. All Jr. and Sr. High youth, join us for the evening. **Parents are asked to join us as well, as they are an invaluable help, especially in the clothing areas.** Please come as early as possible and stay as long as possible.

Saturday, May 5, 8AM – 3PM Yard Sale

Workers are needed for the sale and cleanup. Please come as early as possible and stay as late as possible. We need help with checkout, food, cleanup, questions, etc. The most help is needed at opening and closing.

Note: We need donations of Plastic and Paper Grocery Bags and Metal and Wooden Hangers.



YARD SALE

Please Start Saving Donations

Save your treasures for the Immanuel Youth Group
Spring Yard Sale.

Saturday, May 5th, 8 AM – 3 PM
to raise money for Summer Servant Events



Drop off will begin the afternoon of Thursday, May 3th. Call the church office at 893-6792 or Pastor at 309-1550 for pick up of large items.

Clothing, toys, small appliances, furniture,
household items, tools, etc.



May 18-20
Grades 3-6

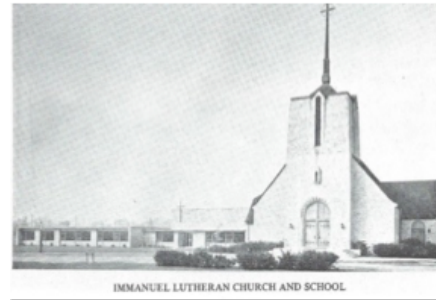
At Camp Lakeview
near Seymour, IN

Cost \$60

Check payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church
(scholarships are available if needed)

We will depart Friday at 6 PM from Church (eat before you come) and return Sunday around 2:30 PM.

Sign up on youth bulletin board at Church.



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Church History Continued

“God With Us – Then and Now” was the theme of Immanuel’s 90th Anniversary celebration during 1986. A service of celebration and dinner was held on September 28. Rev. Arthur Ziegler, Pastor Emeritus of the Ohio District and son of Immanuel’s Pastor Ziegler, preached at the afternoon service, while Pastor Tirmenstein preached at the morning services. Nineteen-eighty-six was a busy year of growth, as the congregation began a two-year Church Growth Process.

Under the leadership of the Director of Music and organist, Sylvia Malinak, several choirs were active, including the adult choir, a women’s choir, a men’s choir, The Koinonia Singers and two handbell choirs.

Mission support was expanded with the adoption of Henry and Ruthie Witte as our missionary family in Venezuela.

Sport’s activities were also popular that year with a women’s softball team added to supplement the two men’s softball teams, as well as the women’s volleyball team.

Early in the year, a series on Parenting by Dr. Dobson was well received. A seven week program entitled “Heart to Heart” gave members inspiration to share their faith. Bible classes were held for all ages each Sunday. The neighborhood Bible Study groups continued meeting in the homes again from Christmas to Easter. An overnight retreat for adults met with success. The church library added many books, available in a corner of the meeting room. Ann Batdorf was busy organizing and repairing the books with the help of Jack and Mildred Willsey.

Nineteen-eighty-seven was another banner year with baptized members reaching 907, and communicant members totaling 666. Forty-five adults joined through confirmation and transfer. The budget was \$351,000. This was in addition to the amounts pledged for the building expansion.

Pastor Duchow was given permission to begin a course at the Concordia Seminary toward the degree of Doctor of Ministry. This would mean classes there for two or four weeks each year. Pastor Tirmenstein received an honor for the Fort Hamilton Hospital chaplain program’s tenth anniversary. He was influential in that program from its infancy.

John Bohlen, head Elder, wrote an informative article about the new policy of distribution of the Lord’s Supper in both services. Both individual and common cup were to be used in the twice-monthly services

We were bulging at the seams (which really was a blessing) so we decided to add an addition on to the wing at the back of school. Construction began for a \$272,000 building

expansion. The members contributed \$70,000 and pledged an additional \$150,000 over a five year period. School tuition was raised and members with children in school were asked to try to contribute further to help the project. (Members’ children did not pay full tuition at that time.)



In December 1987, ground was broken. Several changes were made to the plans, and work progressed through 1988. We would extend out through the back kitchen door to build the multi-purpose meeting room. The kindergarten room was shortened to build a hall to the back. This separated the kindergarten bathroom from the class room so new bathrooms were added on to the back of the kindergarten room. The addition gave us three new classrooms, a school library, a large fellowship room, two new offices and ramps for handicap access.

To celebrate the construction, we had a ribbon cutting by Jeff Pool on September 11, 1988. The congregation left church through the church front doors and processed around to the back of the school where prayers, readings and the ribbon cutting was performed.

**Submitted by Carolyn Ott
Church Historian**

(To be continued in the next Record.)



Are you an “OWL”? (Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors)

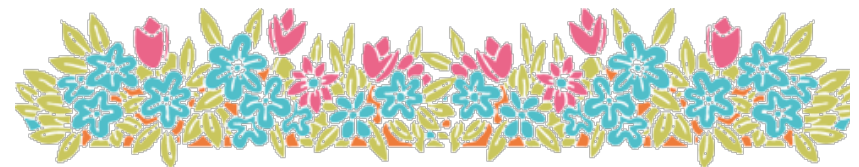
Are you over 55? Our Immanuel Seniors enjoy lunch out or the second Friday of the month, and sometimes we go on afternoon side trips.

I have been doing the planning for over 10 years and, with being out of town so much and my arthritis problems, I am looking for a person or persons to choose a month and plan an activity. If we all pitch in to help, you wouldn't have to do it very often. This is a great way to meet and have fellowship with other seniors in a small group setting.



If you are willing and able to plan a month, please call me, Carolyn Ott, at 513-863-8265. May God guide you in your decision.

MY PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED. Carl and Andrea Benson have volunteered to plan the activities until the end of the year. If you would like to help them with a month, please give Carl a call at 513-867-1497.





In an effort to keep our altar flowers cost at \$15.00 per vase, The Fig Tree will not bill individuals. Please make checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church and put in the payment box on the side of the cabinet in the Narthex. You may also mail a check to the church. Do not put checks in the offering plate. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Hilbert at 513-895-1531 or 513-235-4845 or Chris Rasch in the church office at 893-6792. Thank you.
Please return the green plastic vase the flowers came in to the table outside Pastor's office. Thank you!



If you have a joy or sorrow to share for the prayer list, Please notify the church office at 893-6792



Pastor Jud's Honor System Bookstore is set up in the hall. Pay Pastor or place money in basket marked Bookstore.

Hearing assist devices

Are available - Ask an Elder or Usher if you would like to use one.



In His Service

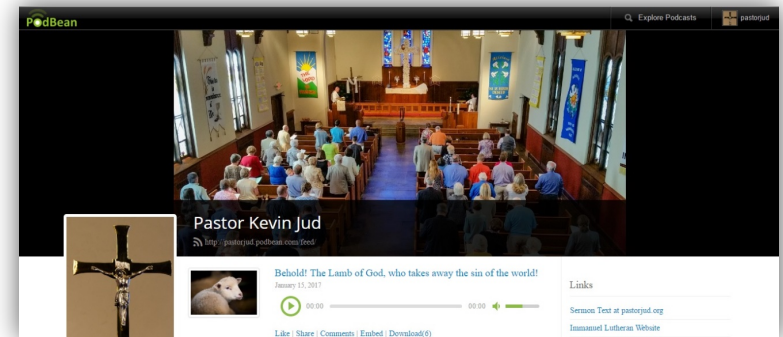
Please keep praying for God's protection and care for all members of the military and their families.

Especially: Matt Gille, Michael Telford, Chad Carpenter, and Andy Bowman

Sermons Now Available Online

At www.immanuelhamiltonchurch.com
under sermon tab

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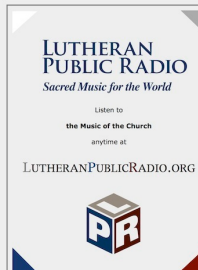
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Domestic Violence

from www.LCMS.org

Newsletter April/May 2018

Types of domestic violence

Domestic violence corrupts intimate relationships. These relationships may include a spouse or intimate partner or date. It involves behavior on the part of one person to control and intimidate another.

This behavior, typically characterized as harassing, intimidating or threatening, may include actual or threatened physical assault, verbal abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse or economic abuse.

Domestic violence can include actual violence, such as physical assault (pushing, choking, hitting, pinching, etc.). It also includes acts of sexual abuse (forcing or coercing someone into unwanted sexual activity). These types of behaviors are criminal in most jurisdictions, and the person who engages in them can be arrested and charged, with or without the consent of the victim of the violence or abuse.

Domestic violence also includes harassing, intimidating and threatening behavior. This could include stalking, wherein one person repeatedly follows, watches or contacts another person.

Domestic violence also includes verbal abuse, psychological abuse and emotional abuse. This may involve name calling and putdowns. It might include isolating a person from his or her family and friends or refusing to allow him or her to get a job. It might entail financial abuse, such as withholding money or demanding that the other person account for every dollar spent.

Threatening loved ones is a common form of abuse, including threatening to harm or kill the victim, their children, their parents,

their friends or even their pets. Threats can sometimes include a threat to commit suicide.

The effects of domestic violence

Domestic violence is about control and power and typically is perpetrated by men against women, though the frequency with which men are reporting abuse is on the rise. A recent study commissioned

by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the United States have experienced a form of intimate partner violence in their lifetime.



Victims of abuse suffer intensely and experience emotional problems that will endure long past the end of the violence. Children in homes where domestic violence is present are more likely to be abused, and,

even if not physically harmed, they may have emotional and behavioral problems.

Identify, understand and intervene

It is important to identify the warning signs that domestic violence is occurring in a relationship or marriage.

It is also helpful to understand the causes and consequences of domestic violence, including its effects on the perpetrator, on the victim, on the children in the family, and on schools and churches. It is necessary to intervene when you confront domestic violence as it is happening or when you learn that it has occurred in the past.

April Birthdays

Aline Parsley ~ 4/1	Andrew George ~ 4/16
Henry Peterson ~ 4/1	Sarah Stumpf ~ 4/16
Jim Peters ~ 4/2	Nathan Weingartner ~ 4/16
Tina Brinkman ~ 4/4	Alison Welch ~ 4/16
Larry Head ~ 4/4	Pam Stumpf ~ 4/17
Shane Coley ~ 4/6	Mark Morgan ~ 4/18
Kevin Jud ~ 4/6	Gregg Kamp ~ 4/19
Sachiko Okamoto ~ 4/6	Carrie Keller 4/20
Thomas Martin ~ 4/7	Matthew Hilbert ~ 4/21
Kathy Bonar ~ 4/9	Joy Begley ~ 4/22
Breanna Crooke ~ 4/9	Stephanie Spoerl ~ 4/22
Matthew Dawson ~ 4/10	Heather Schwan ~ 4/23
Timothy Spoerl ~ 4/10	Scott Crooke ~ 4/24
Dick Tendam ~ 4/13	Beth McMahan ~ 4/24
Brittany Hess ~ 4/14	Vera Rees ~ 4/24
Ethel Jasbring ~ 4/14	Dolores Franke ~ 4/25
Daxton Jones ~ 4/14	Paul French ~ 4/25
Matthew Keller ~ 4/14	Donald Barnhart ~ 4/26
Natalie Reder ~ 4/14	Patricia Streufert ~ 4/26
Doris Kramer ~ 4/15	Quinn Ferguson ~ 4/27
Cole Martin ~ 4/15	Jeni Daniels ~ 4/28
Gary McMahan ~ 4/15	Aaron McMahan ~ 4/28
	Kenneth Baker ~ 4/30



April Wedding Anniversaries

John & Jessica Peters	April 5	15 years
Gregg & Pam Kamp	April 6	33 years
Carl & Andrea Benson	April 8	51 years
Tim & Pamela Naab	April 17	36 years
David & Martha Risner	April 18	20 years
Shawn & Christina Pugh	April 20	22 years
Rob & Alison Spoerl	April 23	2 years
Matthew & Erika Keller	April 25	3 years
John & Mary Barrett	April 26	49 years

May Birthdays

Linda Head ~ 5/1	Brian Kamp ~ 5/11
Norman Dingeldein ~ 5/2	Aaron Helson ~ 5/16
Flo Harbin ~ 5/2	Mary Plenz ~ 5/17
Slayde Jones ~ 5/2	Linda Burket ~ 5/18
Jonathan Abshire ~ 5/3	Heather Jud ~ 5/20
Cora Morgan ~ 5/3	Logan Sackenheim ~ 5/20
Lillian Pfohl ~ 5/3	Drew Brinker ~ 5/22
Holly Short ~ 5/3	Tessa Crooke ~ 5/22
Brennan Behr ~ 5/6	Brandon Pugh ~ 5/23
Chloe Sams ~ 5/6	Izzy Combs ~ 5/24
Madelyn Peterson ~ 5/7	Landon Harley ~ 5/24
Megan Vogel ~ 5/7	Kelly Abshire ~ 5/26
Patsy Urmston ~ 5/8	Mike Head ~ 5/26
Berta Howard ~ 5/9	Timothy Krause ~ 5/26
Lisa Miller ~ 5/9	Olivia Risner ~ 5/27
Dale Yauger ~ 5/9	Shari Bickel ~ 5/28
Dawson Yauger ~ 5/9	Samantha Jacobs ~ 5/30
Sally Martin ~ 5/10	Julia Kamp ~ 5/30
Eileen Vicena ~ 5/10	Ruth Parsley ~ 5/30
Carol Hess ~ 5/11	Molly Risner ~ 5/30



May Wedding Anniversaries

Michael & Sarah Wysong	May 2	9 years
Scott & Pam Rupp	May 9	37 years
Marcus & Bethany French	May 13	12 years
Charles & Janet Jones	May 15	25 years
Kenneth & Lois Ann Baker	May 19	39 years
Pastor Kevin & Jeannette Jud	May 21	30 years
Christopher & Mary Sams	May 21	33 years
Tyson & Heidi Bentz	May 27	6 years
Mark & Stephanie Morgan	May 27	12 years
Thomas & Sally Martin	May 29	36 years
Andrew & Janelle Fonner	May 30	9 years

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Newsletter Article

April 2018

Our Father in heaven sent His Son, Jesus, to be our savior. His atoning sacrifice is the firstfruits of all the dead, a pleasing aroma to His Father – and ours – so that His perfect life and death count for all who believe in Him.

He claimed us as His own children in Holy Baptism. He sustains and strengthens our faith with His Holy Word and His Body and Blood. As new creatures, who have put on Christ, we bear good fruit. We do the good works prepared for us, which He makes known to us in His Word.



By faith then, trusting in the Word of God, we do what He says because He does not lie and always keeps His promises. For “without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him” (Heb. 11:6).

And so the Lord promises: “Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine” (Prov. 3:9-10).

How do we honor the Lord with the wealth that God has given us in His generosity? By giving it generously to those whom the

Lord has called us to love and support: our family, our society, and our church. And His promise is that in so doing, we will never lack.

I can almost hear it now: “But that’s from the Old Testament!” But our Lord Jesus Himself gives us similar promises in the New Testament. He says, at the conclusion of the parable of the talents, “For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance” (Matt. 25:29).

And then at the end of the parable of the dishonest manager, he says: “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Luke 16:10–13).

And in His sermon on the mount, He says: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust



**“Store up for yourselves treasures
in heaven, where moth & rust do
not destroy, & where thieves do not
break in and steal.”**

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destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:19–21).

We have become conditioned against these promises because of their misuse by the peddlers of the prosperity gospel—the guys on TV who say we get rich by putting God in our debt. And thus, we miss out on the fact that God does reward temporal faithfulness in temporal matters with temporal blessings.

It’s no quid pro quo. It’s all from God’s grace, His fatherly divine goodness and mercy. But those Bible passages just quoted do in fact say what they say! It’s not the Old Testament’s problem. It’s ours. It is almost as if we have become so jaded against this that we think it a virtue to be stingy with our offerings.



But our Father in heaven still loves to bless those who bless others. He loves to give to those who give freely and generously. In fact,

he challenges us to challenge Him: “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need” (Mal. 3:10).

And so, while we don’t give so that we would get, we do receive from the Lord in order to give, and He will bless our giving with more receiving. For “He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things” (Rom. 8:32)?

Giving back to the Lord a portion of what He has given you is acknowledging that all that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord as a gift.

It is not our life, our body, our time, our money; it all belongs to God.



And so our offering should be:

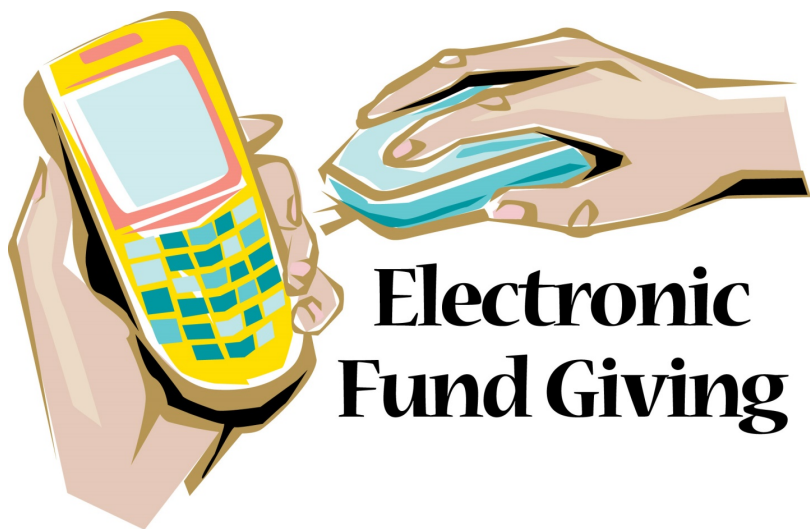
Regular

Cheerful

Sacrificial

One of the best ways to do this is through the Simply Giving program of automatic giving. Simply complete the Authorization Form and return it to the church office. Thank you for your continued love and support of the Lord’s work at Immanuel Lutheran Church & School.





Electronic Fund Giving

With the new website at www.immanuelhamiltonchurch.com, there is an option to set up electronic offerings online. See the e-giving section of the website. Many people find automatic offering to be a regular and convenient way to give.

There will be a form to set up electronic ACH (Automated Clearing House) withdrawals from checking or savings accounts or by credit card payment.

Also, there will be a text offering option in which you set up an account and can send offerings by text.

Check it out at www.immanuelhamiltonchurch.com.



Continue Making Gifts After Your Death

Have you ever considered establishing an estate plan that continues your Christian gifting after your death? The ministries that you support financially during your life may continue to do their work even after you have gone to heaven. By including a gift to these ministries in your estate plan, you display the Holy Spirit's guidance in your life.

One of our favorite quotes is, "If you have assets and loved ones and you wish for your assets to get to the ones you desire them to, then you need a plan." The same is true for making future gifts to your church after your death.

This information is provided to help you create a Lifetime Plan for Giving™ that provides for the people you love and ministries you care about.

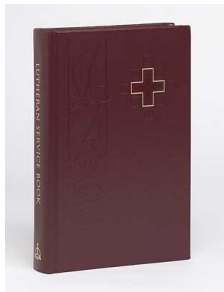
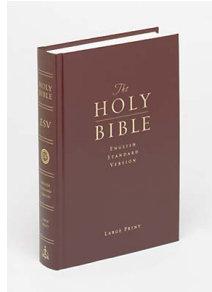
Contact the LCMS Foundation Today! 800-325-7912
LCMSFoundation.org

New Hymnals and Bibles for Immanuel

We would like to provide ESV Bibles and Lutheran Service Book Hymnals in the pews so people can use them during worship.

If you would like to help provide either Bibles or Hymnals, you can do so and give them as a memorial in honor of a loved one who has gone to the Church Triumphant.

Cost of each Bible is \$12.



Cost of each Lutheran Service Book Hymnal is \$25.

Please complete a memorial form and put it in the offering plate or give it to Nancy Rasch or Pastor along with your donation. Please make checks payable to **Immanuel Lutheran** and put “Bibles or “Hymnals” in the memo.

I would like to purchase for Immanuel:

_____ **Bible(s)** @ \$12 each _____ **Hymnal(s)** @ \$25 each

In honor of:

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Our Ladies Aid Group is continuing our support of the **Galilean Children's Home** in Liberty, Kentucky.

The home is on a very large farm. They take in children with debilitating physical handicaps. Some

of the people have been there over 40 years. Once they take a child in, they take care of them until the Lord calls them home—no matter how old they become. They also have a school, which many local children in the area also attend.

For the past two years the **Ladies Aid** have been collecting articles from their “Current Needs” list, and then weve taken a van and delivered them to the home. But this year, we will be **collecting money** to purchase 175 pounds of chicken for \$200 or 150 pounds of beef for \$300.





When we receive enough monetary donations, we will mail a check to the Galilean Home. You may put your donation in a separate envelope and mark it to the Ladies Aid for the Galilean

Home in the Sunday Collection plate or bring your donation to the Ladies Aid meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month.



Please consider a donation of Cookies



For Pastor Jud's
Monday Night Bible Study
At the Butler County
Juvenile Detention Center

If you are able, please donate 2-3 packages of store bought cookies as a treat for the residents at JDC.

Each Monday evening at 6:30 PM Pastor Jud leads the boys at JDC in a Bible Study, often over the text from Sunday's sermon.

Please bring the cookies and put them in Pastor's Office or by his door.

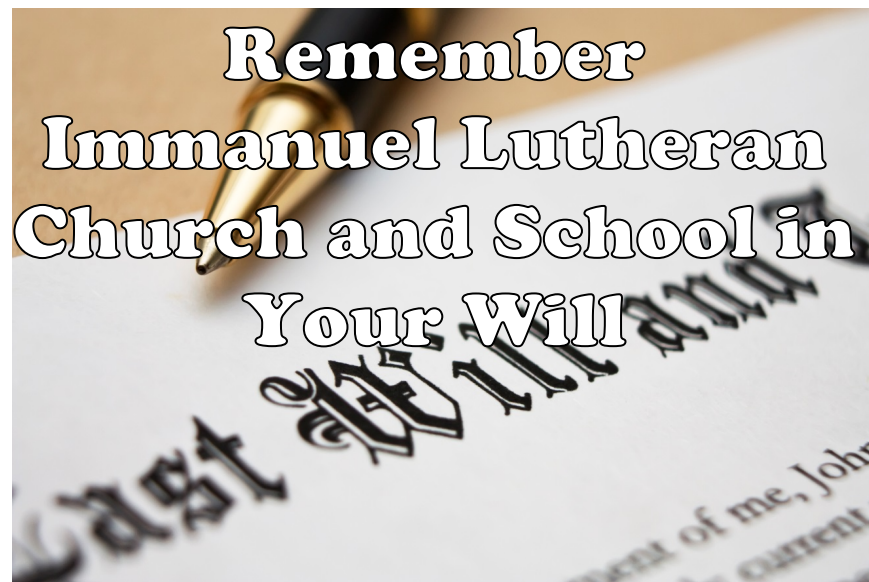
Thank you so much for your support of this ongoing ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Individual Confession and Absolution:



Every Sunday we have the opportunity for confession and absolution together as the Body of Christ. This forgiveness is effective as if God Himself spoke the words of absolution.

If, however, you are troubled by a particular sin or struggle with a recurrent sin, you are welcome to take advantage of individual confession and absolution with Pastor Jud. Please call or text 513-309-1550 to schedule a time.



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