

Immanuel Messenger

GOD WITH US



A Message from Pastor Callahan

August 2019

Dear Friends of Immanuel,

“When they came, [Samuel] looked on Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the LORD’s anointed is before him.’ But the LORD said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.’”

- 1 Samuel 16:6-7

First, a little background is in order for our reading is in order. This reading comes from a time in Israel’s history when things were a little tumultuous. Their king, Saul, had abandoned the LORD. Since Saul had turned his back on the commands of the LORD, the Lord called His prophet, Samuel, to go and anointed another to take Saul’s place. Such are the circumstances surrounding this reading from Scripture.

I share this reading with you because when I first read it for one of my recent morning devotions I was a little frightened. I was struck by the last words of verse 7, “the LORD looks on the heart”. Now, certainly the LORD was making a point to Samuel in this conversation. Saul had been of great stature, and by all outward appearances he was a wonderful man to be chosen for the task of leading Israel, yet in his heart he ended up being corrupted and evil, abandoning the LORD who had called him and placed him upon the throne. So the LORD’s point is well taken. We ought not, as the saying goes, judge a book by its cover”. But that is so hard not to do. First impressions, studies have shown, have a lasting effect. Whether those impressions are good or bad, they can be hard to shake, and so it is natural for us to make judgments on situations, places, or people based off of the facts that we see and the impressions they make upon us.

On the other end, we can use this knowledge to manipulate those around us, and sometimes we do just that. We can make all the right people think we are kind, and generous, and hard-working while we are really all of the things Luther calls us to

think of in his short form of confession, “Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?” The reason the words from our reading from 1 Samuel can be so terrifying is that, though we may be able to hide our fiendish thoughts and evil inclinations from our neighbors, the LORD does not see as man sees, He looks at the heart. And we all remember what Jesus says about the heart, don’t we? “For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.” We cannot hide our sin or sinful nature from the LORD, no matter how much we might like to think we can, or how hard we might try.

But the blessing of this passage from Scripture is that, though the LORD does see our hearts for what they are; sinful, contemptable, and corrupted, His love for us continues on unabated. It is exactly for those reasons that He sent His Son to take on our human flesh, bear our sin upon the cross, and die the death that we have earned for ourselves. Though we are sinners through and through, our Lord continues to call us by name to come to Him, repent of our sin, and hear the blessed proclamation that, in Christ, our sins have been forgiven. When we hear the Word of God calling us to Himself and forgiving our sins, and we spend time in His Word through prayer and meditation, our hearts will turn from hearts that love sin to hearts that love Him! May your hearts be filled with His Word and love, and may your faith bear much fruit as you live as His forgiven and redeemed children!

In His love,

Pastor Callahan

SPECIAL DATES IN AUGUST:

- LWML Mites Collection, **Aug. 4**
- First Day of School, **Aug. 19**
- Back to School Blast, **Aug. 23**
- Sunday School/Bible Class Begins, **Aug. 25**

HELP US CARE FOR YOU: *Your well-being is important to us and we want to pray for you!* When you or a family member is hospitalized, we want to serve you with prayers and visits. Unfortunately, we are no longer notified by the hospital; please call the church office when you have any medical/surgical procedure or in any time of spiritual need at **217-442-5675**.



Prayer requests: we are certainly pleased to pray for your (non-member) family and friends alongside our Immanuel members. Please keep us informed of their needs.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO – AND FOR – YOU!

Birthdays are unique because they celebrate who someone *is*, not what they've *done*. Henri Nouwen wrote, "It is more important to celebrate a birthday than a successful exam, a promotion or a victory. Because to celebrate a birthday means to say to someone, 'Thank you for being you.' ... On a birthday we do not say, 'Thanks for what you did, or said, or accomplished.' No, we say, 'Thank you for being born and being among us.'" To rejoice over someone purely for who they are is an echo of God's joy over us. Some families celebrate "baptism birthdays" (anniversaries) by lighting candles, sharing scripture and prayer, perhaps looking at photos and recounting stories of that milestone event that marked the beginning of their faith life. On a birthday, said Nouwen, "we lift someone up and let everyone say, 'We love you.'" In baptism, God lifts us to his very heart and declares, "You are my precious child. I love you."

LAST CHANCE: Soon, we will begin updating our church Directory of Members and Friends. **Please let us know if any of your contact information has changed.** You can call Kim in the church office, or email ilcd.churchsec@gmail.com. There is also a large print copy of the current phone directory in a binder on the table in the hall – stop by and take a look at your listing and pencil in your changes. We can add your email, cell numbers, etc. As a reminder, your information is for congregational communications only; it will not be distributed or used for any solicitation purposes.

Don't let your emotions be your decision maker. Stop and pray, let God lead you. He can change everything.

CAMP CILCA NEWS:

401 children and adults came to CILCA this summer to hear God's Word in God's creation! Thanks be to God for His continued work in this Christ-centered place! Save the dates for the following opportunities to support and / or enjoy Camp CILCA: their *Chicken Fry and Auction* is **Sept. 1**; the *Jr./Sr. High Catechetical Retreat* is **Oct. 4-5**; the *Men's Shooting Retreat* is **Oct. 12**; and their *Homecoming* is **Oct. 26**. Camp CILCA is also in need of a part-time cook, hours vary by season. Find out more online at www.cilca.org or call 217-487-7497. Camp CILCA exists to foster and strengthen faith in Jesus Christ and relationships with others in a unique outdoor setting.



WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS: The Women's Guild board will meet **Aug. 8** at 9 am to plan meetings and activities for the upcoming year. Please return your surveys to give us guidance and suggestions. If your survey has been misplaced, just put your thoughts on paper and place in any board members mailbox. **Save the Date:** Fall Rally at Ash Grove on **Sept. 17**.

PARISH EDUCATION:

- Monthly meeting: **Aug. 19** at 6:30 pm
- *Coffee to Go* begins **Aug. 21** at 6:45 am
- Monical's Day is **Sept. 9**
- Coming Soon: *Rally Day*

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School and Bible Class resume on **Aug. 25** after church at approximately 9:45 am and finishes by 10:30. Coffee, donuts, and juice are served. Adults meet in the multi-purpose room and children ages 3 on up meet in the youth room and lounge.

"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord."

-2 Peter 3:18

Have you heard of Amazon Smile? Amazon Smile, found at www.smile.amazon.com, is just like Amazon.com, but for everything you order, a portion of the total purchase price is donated to a charity of your choice, such as Immanuel Lutheran Church. You just sign in using your normal Amazon username and password, choose the charity to support (suggestion: Immanuel Lutheran Church in Danville, IL), and start ordering as normal. A quick update for those already using Amazon Smile, if you have Danville Lutheran School chosen as your charity, it is no longer an option. Please log in and change your charity. We suggest Immanuel Lutheran Church! If you shop on Amazon, this is an easy way to add some additional support to YOUR church!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUMMARY:

- ❖ Board members continue to discuss appropriate steps for final dissolution of Danville Lutheran School.
- ❖ Board continues to discuss the future of Christian education with developing Immanuel Lutheran School. An updated report was given by Gail Garner.
- ❖ Board approved Sam Van Camp as Director of Finance and Cindy Pasquale and Pam West to finance board.
- ❖ Updated version of Immanuel Lutheran Church Constitution By-Laws reviewed and discussed. Vote for approval to present to congregation will be in the near future.
- ❖ Pastoral call committee update: Surveys mailed to congregation for their input. Once surveys are compiled the next step is to go to the district with list. Target date is July 30.
- ❖ Board of Properties: School floors close to completion and window project is ongoing. Recognition of appreciation for Jerry Kennett, Denny Hilton, and Gary Stuhr for their time and help with properties.
- ❖ Finance: Reviewed quarterly report.
- ❖ Youth: no report
- ❖ Mission/Social Ministry: Acquired Midwest Food Bank
- ❖ Stewardship: Back to school bake sale in the planning as well as a Culver's Night.
- ❖ Parish Education: Sunday School begins Aug. 25
- ❖ Elders: no report
- ❖ Evangelism: no report
- ❖ Next board meeting: August 20, 2019

GIFT (SCRIP) CARDS: There will not be a Scrip order in August. The next Scrip card order is due to the church office by 1 pm on **Sept. 9**. *How does this help Immanuel?* Each vendor gives us a percentage of the face value of the gift card which is our profit. This rate depends on the vendor and ranges anywhere from 1.5 – 14%. Right now this provides \$700 - \$1,000 of income annually for the church, but it could be much more if more people utilized this opportunity! Most of the local fast food/chain restaurants (with varying rates of profit), plus Meijer, Kohl's, Wal-Mart, and Big R have cards available *every Sunday* and in the office during the week.

CAPITAL FUND DRIVE COMMITTEE: We have \$18,800 already saved for the next west side classroom window phase. So far this year, fundraisers for the west windows (Super Bowl Subs, Valentine's sweets, PI day, rummage sale, 5 soup suppers, Men's Club Taste of Deutschland, Kohl's Cares Workday at the church, and the concession at Danville Dans games) have raised \$8,744! Thank you to everyone involved in making those fundraisers successful! The next phase will be the windows for the two west side classrooms, the music room and the cafeteria which will be \$26,960. *The music room curtains move when it's breezy!* These new windows will also help lower our heating and air conditioning bills since they are energy efficient. If you or a group of members would like to sponsor a window by raising the money for it, please contact Jo Van Hovel or Wayne Mann. Prior generations worked and sacrificed to build the school/church building, and it is up to us to preserve and improve our church home just as we would our own household's. There is a cost breakdown for the windows on the Capital Fund bulletin board (between the mailboxes and the coat room); please stop by and check it out. It's not too late to donate to the Capital Fund Drive. All donations from small to large are equally appreciated. Envelopes for this purpose are on the ushers' desk and the Capital Fund Drive bulletin board between the mailboxes and the coat room. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Van Hovel. Our next meeting is **Aug. 8** at 6:30 pm. Members of the congregation are welcome to join us for this meeting.

HOG ROAST: We will recap the Hog Roast on **Aug. 8** at 6:30 pm. immediately following the Capital Fund meeting. Anyone wanting to make comments or suggestions is welcome to come to this meeting. If you have something to share and cannot attend the meeting, talk to one of the Capital Fund committee members. We want to make future events better. The results of our Hog Roast fundraiser will be reported in the September newsletter, and in a near future Immanuel Lights. *Thank you* to everyone who volunteered, donated, made a dessert, brought a car to the car show, and came to eat the delicious food. Above all, thank you to our awesome God who made everything possible!

STEAK FRY PLANNING MEETING: We will have the initial planning meeting on **Aug. 8** for the Steak Fry. It will follow the recap meeting for the Hog Roast. Again, we need lots of members to volunteer for this event which is **Oct. 5** from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Signup sheet for volunteers and desserts will be in the chapel hallway soon.

CID LWML MITE BYTES: Mission Grant #2 – 22 Dinners for Kare 9 Ministry - \$3,600

According to the Veteran’s Administration, each day nearly 22 veterans commit suicide. To remember these victims and to help prevent others, Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn, IL hosts a free meal on the 22nd of each month for active military members, veterans, and their families. It will be a safe, confidential and upbeat environment for sharing the gospel and fellowship as they bring awareness to Veterans’ needs. The Kare 9 Military Ministry dog, Dinah, will be involved to offer comfort. These funds would be used to offset the cost of food for the dinners. *How can I help? Pray that God provides the military men and women comfort and compassion through this grant. Support this grant by donating to your church’s LWML society mite fund.*

DISTRICT LLL RETREAT: “St. Paul’s Missionary Journeys”, **Sept. 7**, at Camp CILCA. Doors open at 8 am; opening devotion at 9 am with closing at 3:30 pm. Advance registration is requested. Payment can be made at check-in. It is open to anyone that is interested and registered!

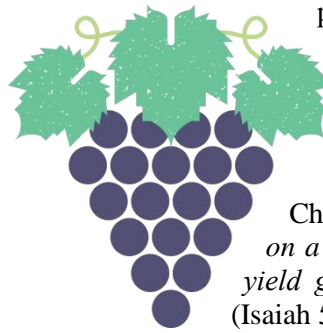
The apostle Paul set out into the Mediterranean world, telling the Good News of Jesus. No setting proved too formidable for him, no place too forbidding. Paul got his resolve from his message and his Master. Facing with the mission challenges of the 21st century, we will study how Paul by God’s grace met mission challenges in the first century.

Please read Acts, Chapters 13-20 ahead of time, and bring your Bible to the retreat!

Speaker: CID Executive for Missions, Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb. Dr. Schurb was a parish pastor for 19 years and for seven years an Assistant to the President of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. He taught theology (including the “Life of Paul” course) at Concordia College, Ann Arbor and is presently an adjunct instructor for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne.

Registration is \$10. For planning purposes, we request registration by **Sept. 1**. Contact Deloris Blessman for questions and to register at (309)-361-1461 or email: delorisblessman@yahoo.com. Mail: 24204 CR 1850N, Topeka, IL 61567. Payment can be made at check-in or by mail to Deloris.

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL: As the fruit used to produce wine for Holy Communion, grapes represent the blood shed by Jesus on the cross. Grapes also symbolize fruitfulness (or lack thereof) in the life of ancient Israel and, by extension, of a Christian. *“My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ... he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes”* (Isaiah 5:1-2, NRSV)



GOD’S MORNING ROUTINE

Every new day, we wake up to blessings from God.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the boxed letters in order below to complete Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV.

- Brush these daily _ _ _ _ _ □
- Do this to your shoes _ □ _
- This rises in the east □ _ _
- Cold breakfast food □ _ _ _ _
- Hot breakfast food □ □ _ _ _
- Talk to God □ _ _ _
- Morning meal _ _ _ □ _ _ □
- Extend your limbs □ _ _ _ _
- Fruit drink _ _ □ _
- Waffle machine _ _ □ □
- Eat these scrambled or fried _ _ _ □



Because of the LORD’s great love ... □ □ □
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 new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV

Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs; his compassions



Immanuel Lutheran School News

Welcome Students!

We have 60 kids now enrolled at Immanuel! We praise God for the opportunity to serve so many children and their families! We are excited to get to know each and every one of them and share the Good News of Jesus with them – and we couldn't have done it without YOU! Thank you to all who have been supportive of Immanuel. We thank Gail and Barb Garner for the tremendous amount of time and effort they have put in to give our school the best possible start! We thank the church leadership, the teachers, staff, and everyone serving on the Christian Education Committee. We thank you all for your continued prayers!

Dates to Remember

- ❖ **Aug. 19** – All School Open House
- ❖ **Aug. 20** – First Full Day of School.
- ❖ **Aug. 23** – Back to School Blast



Back to School BLAST

You're invited to celebrate the new school year with us! Join us on **August 23rd** from **5 – 6:30 pm**

Join us for the Back to School Blast! We will enjoy a cookout with games and activities for all ages! We want to make our school families feel welcome, so please come enjoy the free meal and mingle with school families. Donations are appreciated: we need chips, hamburger buns, hot dogs, watermelon, and desserts. Save the date! Please come!

Back-to-School Donation Board

Can you help the teachers prepare their classrooms for students? There is a donation board set up in the hallway next to the information table. There are items in all price ranges – everyone can help! Just take a tag with an item you would like to donate and return it the following Sunday or bring it to the church office during the week. Thanks!





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August 4 (Luke 12:13-21)

“What’s in Your Wallet?”

Rev. James L. Elsner, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church~Stroh, IN

“What's in your wallet?” goes the TV commercial asking about how you manage your wealth. Jesus had something important to say about that. He cautions about a condition in human hearts – yes, even yours!

August 11 (Luke 12:34)

“Anxious Hearts”

Rev. Shayne Jonker, Faith Lutheran Church~Roanoke, IN

“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” If your stuff is what you treasure, your heart will be devoted to these things and become your gods. Thus, our Lord graciously directs us away from our idols to Himself. For He alone is reliable and can deliver us from anxiety and fear.

August 18 (Luke 12:49-53)

“A Special Baptism”

By Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church~New Haven, IN

At Christmas, the angels proclaimed, *“Peace on earth!”* In our Gospel, Jesus proclaims, *“Fire!”* *“Division!”* What happened to Jesus that He would tell us He has not come to give peace but division?

August 25 (Hebrews 12:4-24)

“Where Are You Standing?”

By Rev. William Mueller, Suburban Bethlehem Church~Fort Wayne, IN

The reading in Hebrews 12 is always a challenging section of God's Word. Who enjoys struggles? Who even wants to hear that God allows various things in our life to “discipline” us? We thought God was loving! Take a closer look at where we are standing and rejoice in God's even greater love and mercy!

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Barbara Dawless



Elders

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Aug. 4 John Albers, Roger Dahlenburg
18 Don DeMoss, Kurt Thornsborough

Ushers

Aug. **Team "B"**
Cpt. Ray Wittmann, Scott Huckstadt,
Wayne Mann, Ted Mann, Larry Fredericks,
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Lay Readers

Aug. 4 Carol Johnston
11 Al Julian
18 Kathy Kyle
25 Roger & Lorel Fitting

Greeters

Aug. 4 Narthex John & Marcy Heeren
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11 Narthex Charles Vollmer family
Chapel Charlotte Schendel
18 Narthex Bill & Joyce Martin
Chapel Carl & Jerry Young
Walter Harbison
25 Narthex Gary & Sarah Stuhr
Chapel Carol Johnston

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11 Quentin Alblinger
18 Noah Christensen
25 Rhylie Beauvois

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Bible Quiz

During the dramatic experience when God called Isaiah to be a prophet, who or what filled the temple?

- A. 144,000 worshipers
- B. The bottom of God's robe
- C. Smoke
- D. Priests offering sacrifices



Answer: B and C (See Isaiah 6:1-8.)



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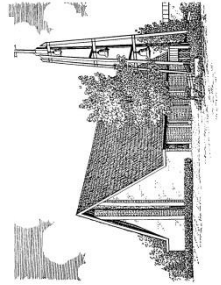
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Worship Schedule

Sunday Mornings
Aug. 4, 11, 18 & 25
8:30 am

Evenings
Aug. 7, 14, 21 & 28
at 5:00 pm

Worship

Communion Schedule

Aug. 4 & 18
8:30 am

Aug. 28 at 5:00 pm

