

Dear Friends of Immanuel,

“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

- Romans 8:38-39

In my short tenure as the vacancy pastor for Immanuel I have, or will have, officiated five funerals for members who have died. In a time when the church is accosted with acts of violence against her members (remember the Easter celebration mass murder in Sri Lanka?), when her enemies surround her on all sides, and it seems as though the world is devolving further and further into mass chaos, we may be tempted to wonder to ourselves, “How will we ever survive?” It is tempting to look around and, seeing friends and loved ones dying, wonder to ourselves how the church will weather the storm. It is tempting to want to acquiesce to the demands of the world that we be more tolerant, more accepting, and more lenient in our doctrine and practice so that we would be able to see increases in our membership rather than continual decreases.

But it is in times like these that remind me why our Lutheran hymnody is so important. LSB 645, “Built on the Rock” speaks to this very situation that the church faces in our own day and age. Written over 200 years ago, in this hymn we sing these beautiful words: “Built on the Rock the Church shall stand even when steeples are falling. Crumbled have spires in every land; bells still are chiming and calling, calling the young and old to rest, but most of all the souls distressed, longing for rest everlasting.” The author goes on to remind us that no matter what happens to the church on earth, the Church will always prevail. Why? Because of

the means of grace! “Here stands the font before our eyes, telling how God has received us. The altar recalls Christ’s sacrifice and what His Supper here gives us. Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same, and evermore our Redeemer.”

The Church lives on because Christ is her Bridegroom, her Head, and He is living! That is the point of the empty tomb, isn’t it? Recall the words of the angels on that Easter morning, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen” (Lk. 24:5b-6a). This is the reason for our Easter proclamation, “Alleluia, Christ is risen!”, but it also the reason for Paul’s words of comfort to the Church in Rome and the Church today. Because Christ lives, nothing will be able to separate us from the love that God has for us. Because Jesus died for our sins and paid their debt in full, even when we die, we are victorious! When our hope is built on the Rock of Christ, nothing will ever prevail against I, not even the gates of hell.

Moreover, we have been given the means of grace, the very tokens of our Lord’s boundless and ceaseless love for His Church. Each and every week you come into His presence, receive the promise that your sins have been forgiven, hear the proclamation of His Word, and remember your baptism. You come to His table, regularly, to feast at a banquet like none other. You come, invited as dear children of the Heavenly Father to receive blessings the world cannot give. So rest assured, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, that the Church will prevail. She will remain. She will continue calling, preaching, and teaching no matter what the devil or the world throws at her.

In His Service,

Pastor Callahan



SPECIAL DATES IN JULY:

- Independence Day, **July 4**
- Hog Roast, **July 27**

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.

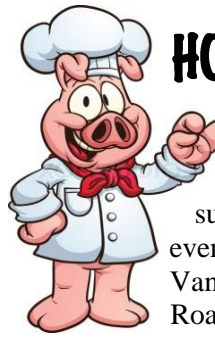
Please keep us informed of their needs.

A PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH: Loving God, we thank you — the true Father of our country — for the blessings of this land and the gifts of cultures around the world. Prompt us to strive for justice for all, at home and abroad. Remind us, in the words of the hymn, that “*this is our Father's world*” and that your goodness prevails. Amid tragedies and conflicts, guard us against despair. Help us focus on the kindness evident daily: from generous neighbors to conscientious public servants (because most are). On Independence Day and every day, “O let [us] ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.” Amen. — *Sandy Hyland*

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO: 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. *Thank you!*

ALTAR FLOWERS: Beginning in July, the cost of Altar Flowers will go down to \$30 per week. We are asking for a volunteer or two to help pick up flowers on Saturday mornings from Anker. If you would like to help out once in a while, please talk to Diana Pratt or Mary Powell. There are still several Sundays available to sponsor — celebrate special occasions or remember or honor your loved ones at church with Altar flowers!

***Look around and be distressed,
Look to Jesus and be at rest!***



HOG ROAST: We'll continue planning for the 7th annual Community Hog Roast on Monday, **July 8** at 6:30 pm. **LOTS** of volunteers are needed to help make this a successful event. New ideas to help make this event bigger and better are welcome; contact Jo Van Hovel or the church office. The Hog Roast is **July 27** from 4 to 7 pm.

TICKETS are on sale before and after church every Sunday and in the church office during the week. The cost is \$10 for adults. You can purchase a hot dog meal for children under 12 for just \$6. Pick up some additional tickets to sell out in the community!

VOLUNTEERS are needed. Signup sheets are on a card table in the chapel hall way. *Many hands make light work*; we'd like to work in short shifts so everyone has a chance to enjoy the event with their family and friends!

DESSERTS are needed for the meal and for the cake walk; this signup sheet is also on the card table. Homemade pies are preferred, but we are looking for a variety of desserts.

SILENT AUCTION donations are welcome! You can create your own basket, or donate an item or gift card. Do you have a connection with a local business? Ask them to make a donation! Please bring your donations to the church office.

YARD SIGNS are also available. Please pick up one to put in your yard; the more advertising we do, the bigger the event!

A CAR SHOW will be held (weather permitting); if you or someone you know would like to have a vehicle in the show, call Jo Van Hovel (217-474-2743) or email her (taxlady5068@sbcglobal.net). It is another fundraising part of our Hog Roast; plus, you could win a trophy for first place or a ribbon for second or third place.

COME ENJOY THE EVENT! We encourage you to come and invite your friends and family! In case of rain, the event will be held in the gym (no car show). We'll have leftovers for sale in the multipurpose room on **July 28** after church.

CAMP CILCA is a nonprofit Christian Camp that strives to foster and strengthen faith in Jesus Christ and relationships with others in a unique outdoor setting. Founded by the LCMS, it sits on 220 beautiful acres of land just 7 miles north of Springfield in Cantrall, Illinois. There are many upcoming events that give you the perfect opportunity to make the short trip to check it out! The 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 the Women's Scrapbooking Retreat is **Nov. 1 – 3**. For more information, call the office at 217-487-7497, or visit www.cilca.org.



We are excited for the opportunity to serve our congregation and community families with encouraging educational excellence with the great Gospel we cherish at Immanuel Lutheran School! Our very successful Immanuel Twos program will continue for 2 year olds, we'll offer Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds, and elementary grades Kindergarten through Third Grade. *Do you know a family that could benefit from our school? Tell them about us! **Registration materials are ready!*** You can stop by the church office anytime to pick them up, and they are available on the church website: www.ilcdanville.com. Save the date for a registration night on **July 23!** As we plan and prepare for the upcoming school year, we encourage you to get involved. Not sure how to do so? There are many ways you can help!

Pray for us! Make Immanuel Lutheran School a part of your daily prayers! Pray for our congregation. Pray for the school leadership, staff, parents, students, and volunteers.

Join the excitement! We are appreciative of all who have contributed their time and talents to our school! *Thank you!!* We are looking to make this year unique, and we need your help! Watch for a survey soon! You can read to students, help with art, greet families, tutor, serve lunch, organize events and activities, clean toys and rooms, decorate bulletin boards, and more! There is something for everyone!

Support our fundraisers! We recycle many items for cash. Bring in your aluminum cans, used ink cartridges, and juice pouches. We collect *Box Tops for Education!* Box Tops labels can be found on hundreds of everyday products including groceries, paper products, office supplies, and cleaners. All you have to do is cut them out, bring them in, and we get cash for our school!

Spread the word! Reach out to your circle in the community and tell all you know about our school and the benefits of a Christian education at Immanuel! Talk about our caring teachers and fun activities! Our tuition is affordable and there are scholarships, discounts, payment plans and more to help!

Adopt-a-Student! Pick up a brochure from the table in the hallway. *You* can make a difference as to whether a child is able to attend our school! When you *Adopt-a-Student*, you change a future, change a life - our school and God's kingdom grows!

GIFT (SCRIP) CARDS: The next Scrip card order is due to the church office by 1 pm on **July 8** and will be available for pickup **June 14**. Please note: ***There will be no scrip order in August.*** *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! Order forms are on the information table. Orders are not limited to the vendors listed on the order blank; a full vendor list is on the hall bulletin board. Write the name of the vendor, denomination of the gift card, number of cards wanted, and total amount on a blank line of the order form. 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.

CENTRAL IL DISTRICT MISSION STORY:

“Moving four hours away from home to come to Western four years ago was a very hard challenge for me,” said Emma as she was graduating recently from Western Illinois University. “Moving to somewhere where I knew no one was my worst nightmare as a shy freshman girl. I thought that everything would be different.”

“But I quickly found that at least one thing would remain the same,” she continued. “My parents brought me that first weekend to meet Pastor [Mike] Burdick and see the Student Center. After that first Sunday service, I was so happy to know that the thing that would remain the same is God's steadfast love and care. Throughout these four years I have been able to receive God's Word and Sacrament regularly. No matter what else was changing in my life, this place always felt like home.”

Emma added: “This place has also given me so many opportunities that I never thought would happen. Never did I think I would get the privilege of conducting a choir, brass, timpani, and organ on such a marvelous occasion as the 50th anniversary of the Student Center. This place has given me so many other opportunities as well such as singing regularly and serving in Lutheran Student Fellowship, but that 50th anniversary service will forever be one of my favorite memories.”

Overall, Emma said, “I find it fitting that my first educational setting in preschool was at an Immanuel Lutheran school, and I end my educational career (possibly) with an Immanuel Lutheran Church and Student Center. . . . I look forward to coming back and visiting as an alum.”

The Lord used your congregation's gifts to the Lord through the Central Illinois District to support Immanuel Lutheran Church's campus ministry in Macomb, for students like Emma. Thank you! Please send contact information on your church's college-bound youth to the District office for campus ministry referral!

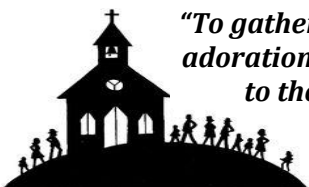
“I thank my God . . . because of your partnership in the gospel” (Phil. 1:3-5).

PROPERTIES: Once again, we will work the concessions at the Danville Dans Stadium and we need your help on **July 2 & 9**. Sign up to work a shift on the event bulletin board. *It's not all work – we'll have FUN, too!*



CAPITAL FUND DRIVE COMMITTEE: We are replacing the windows in the two west side classrooms, the music room, and the cafeteria, which will cost \$26,960.00, and we have \$14,700 already saved. So far this year, fundraisers for the west windows (Super Bowl Subs, Valentine's sweets, PI day, rummage sale, 5 soup suppers and Men's Club Taste of Deutschland) have raised \$6,044! *Thank you to everyone involved to help make those fundraiser events successful!* We are on Arrow Glass' schedule to have these replaced this summer, starting July 1. 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. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Van Hovel. Our next meeting is **July 8** at 6:30 pm. Members of the congregation are welcome to join us!

VOTERS' MEETING RESULTS: Thank you to all who attended the Regular Voter's Meeting in June. Butch Buesing was elected as our Vice-President, Sue Heidle as our Director of Stewardship, Joyce Martin as our Director of Missions and Social Ministry, Josh Christensen as our Director of Youth Ministry, and Gail Garner as our Director of Christian Education. The church budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year was passed.



"To gather with God's people in united adoration of the Father is as necessary to the Christian life as prayer"
-Martin Luther

Thank you to our VBS volunteers! VBS could not happen without you! We appreciate the giving of your time and talents to serve our church and Jesus' little lambs!

Sue Heidle	Kirsten Hammer
Jan Mann	Haley Buesing
Eileen Huckstadt	Molly Buesing
Tara Wells	Chelsea Pratt
Annie Clark	Rhyllie Beauvois
Lorel Fitting	Deegan Culotti
Mary Powell	Sharron Runyan
Dianne Siebert	Marilyn LePere
Noah Christensen	Bonnie Holmes
Hannah Christensen	Nancy McCoy
Katie Rouse	Pam VanCamp
Marah Showers	Debbie Ferris
Carrie Farrell	Rosemary Hilton
Joyce Martin	Shirley Kuhn
TJ Mann	Nancy Purviance
Darlene Collins	Michael Heidle
Josiah Heidle	Dave Creek
Kim Davis	Anna Schaumburg
Diana Pratt	Cheyenne Walls
Tabby Hammer	

CID LWML MITE BYTES: Mission Grant #1 - Student Aid for Church Workers - \$30,000

Due to the high cost of becoming a full-time church worker, many students find it difficult to complete their schooling. This grant will provide partial funding to CID students so they may realize their dreams of becoming full-time church workers. These funds would be distributed through the LCMS CID Scholarship Committee. *How can you help? Pray that God provides men and women willing to become church workers to spread the Gospel message throughout the world. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML society mite fund.*



**CHRIST IS ALONE
WORTHY OF PRAISE
AND NONE OTHER
FOR THERE IS LIFE
ONLY IN HIS NAME**

PATRIOTIC PINWHEEL

Create this colorful July 4th craft.

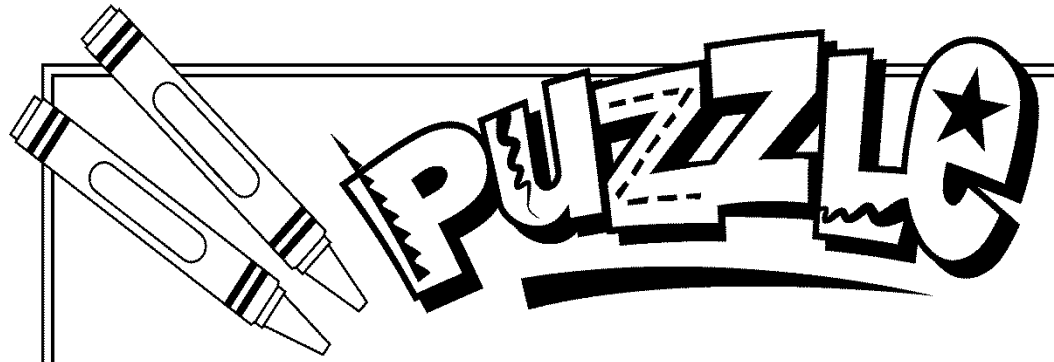
What you need:

- Decorated card stock square (5" x 5")
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- 2 one-inch circles of card stock
- Glue
- Pipe cleaner (3 inches)
- Drinking straw



What you do:

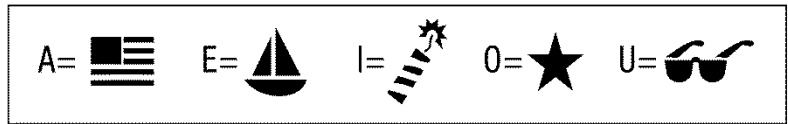
1. Fold the square corner to corner to form an X. Unfold.
2. To make spokes, cut the four creases until an inch from the center.
3. Punch a hole in the middle of the square, near the tips of each spoke, and in the middle of each circle.
4. Fold each spoke toward the center, lining up the holes. Glue in place.
5. Wrap one end of the pipe cleaner around the top of the straw. Thread a circle, the pinwheel, and the remaining circle onto the pipe cleaner.
6. Roll the pipe cleaner end into a ball. Then spin!



"IN DEPENDENCE" DAY!

Always live "in dependence" on God.

Directions: Use the vowel code to complete Psalm 16:8, NIV.



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 W _ th h _ m _ t my
 r _ ght h _ nd,
 w _ ll n _ t b _ sh _ k _ n.
 Ps _ lm 16:8, N _ V

Answer: I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8, NIV

SERVING IN...



Elders

July John Albers, Don DeMoss, Ken Kuhn

Communion Assistants

July 7 Wayne Mann, Josh Christensen
21 David Ammermann, Al Julian

Ushers

July **Team "A"**
Cpt. Don DeMoss, Pete Rudolph, Randy
Wilkinson, RJ Davis, Chris DeMoss

Lay Readers

July 7 Dwain Dixon
14 Carrie Farrell
21 Marilyn Le Pere
28 Gail and Barb Garner

Greeters

July 7 Narthex John & Marcy Heeren
Chapel Kitty Lee
14 Narthex Charles Vollmer family
Chapel Charlotte Schendel
21 Narthex Bill & Joyce Martin
Chapel *Volunteer needed!*
28 Narthex Gary & Sarah Stuhr
Chapel Carol Johnston

Acolytes

July 7 Noah Christensen
14 Rhylye Beauvois
21 Josey Clem
28 Hannah Christensen

Altar Guild

July Sharon Crow, Debbie Ferris, Rosemary Hilton

Money Counters

July Team "A" Holly Clem,
Jerry & Charlotte Kennett

Check Signers

July Carol Johnston
Charlotte Schendel

Official Acts

Funerals

Betty Mann
Shirley Gunia



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?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

At the burning bush, Moses asks God's name. What is God's answer?

- A. The Lord
- B. I AM
- C. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
- D. All of the above



Answer: D (See Exodus 3:14-15.)



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GOD WITH US

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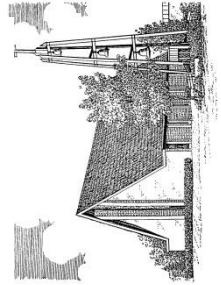
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Worship Schedule

Sunday Mornings
July 7, 14, 21 & 28
8:30 am

Evenings
July 3, 10, 17, 24
& 31
at 5:00 pm

Worship

Communion Schedule

July 7 & 21
8:30 am

July 31 at 5:00 pm

