Immanuel Messenger

May 2021

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!" – Psalm 118:1

Growing up, every time I ate a meal at my grandparent's home, these words were prayed before we were able to dig in to the delicious food on our plates. This is one of the times that we can say with great certainty that the Lord is good, we see His provision before our eyes as we yearn to begin feasting. Sometimes, however, it is not so easy to see the Lord's goodness.

These words, in fact, both open and close psalm 118, which is interesting and insightful. The verses between these words mirror the life of the Christian. These we read things like these; "Out of my distress I called on the Lord", "I shall look in triumph on those who hate me", "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes", "All nations surround me", "They surrounded me like bees", and "I was pushed hard, so that I was falling". Certainly these do <u>not</u> sound like times to give thanks, wouldn't you agree?

There are a lot of correlations that can be drawn here, most specifically the pandemic under which we have been living for the past 14 months. At a conference I recently attended, the statistics are staggering. Calls to help lines have increased some 40-80%, suicide calls have increased by 600%, and liquor sales among women has increases 262%. To top it all off, in this time of deep distress, Immanuel has been without a called pastor! Certainly these past two years have been hard ones!

But now is the time when the Lord's goodness shines brightly, isn't it? Now things can finally get back to normal. Now, you will have a called man filling the office regularly. That is most certainly a good thing, it is a reason for us to celebrate, give thanks, and sing! And that is something that I pray you will do with great joy and gusto as you welcome your new pastor in the coming months. But I also pray that you will be aware. Be aware that the honeymoon phase will pass, the brightness of having a new pastor will fade, and the relationship between pastor and Church will necessarily change. Amongst it all, the devil, the world, and the sinful flesh will wage war against the Lord's Church.

Make no mistake, the attacks against the Lord's people will never cease as long as the devil has his way in this world. But, like the phrase that bookends this psalm, there is much in those times for which we can give thanks. For in the midst of a world that hates us and seeks to destroy and devour us, you will have a pastor to regularly point you to the Gospel of your Lord Jesus Christ, administer to you His precious Sacraments, and teach the Lord's Word in its truth and purity to you, the people for whom the Lord of Life died!

In the coming weeks and months, I pray that you will be able to proclaim these words. I pray that you will be able to see, in all things, that the Lord <u>is</u> good. I pray that, when the hard times come, temptations seem inescapable, and the devil is prowling at your door, that your eyes would be focused on your Lord Jesus Christ whose death makes you His own, and into whose resurrection you have been baptized so that you might have the hope of eternal life in His kingdom. When your eyes are set on the One who redeems and sustains you, you can in all times proclaim, "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!"

> Soli Deo Gloria, Pastor Callahan

SPECIAL DATES IN MAY: ((

- LWML Mite Collection, May 2
- Mother's Day, May 9
- The Ascension of our Lord, May 13
- Armed Forces Day, May 15
- ILS Danville Gardens Day, May 17
- Cemetery Work Day, May 22
- Pentecost, May 23
- Monical's Day, May 24
- Trinity Sunday, May 30
- Saints Service and Cemetery Walk, May 30
- Zora Drews Door Offering, May 30
- Memorial Day, May 31
- Memorial Day Service at the Cemetery, May 31 /

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. use keep us informed of their needs.

THE WINNER: A father of five won a toy in a raffle. He gathered his young children to ask who should get the present. "Who's the most obedient?" Dad asked. "Who never talks back to Mom? Who does everything she says?" Five small voices answered in unison, "Okay, Dad, you get the toy."

LUTHERAN LEGACY: The church has two endowment funds (one for the general fund and one for building and grounds). To donate directly to Lutheran Legacy, go online to *lutheranlegacyfoundation.org* and click on the *"funds"* link on the top of the page, then on *"churches"* for Immanuel or *"parochial schools"* for ILS. The funds are listed in alphabetical order, scroll down until you find Immanuel in Danville and click on the *"donate"* button to the right. You can choose to donate by credit card or check. If you do not have a computer, simply pick up a donation form from information table in the hall and mail a check.

STAY CONNECTED with the <u>C</u>entral <u>Illinois</u> <u>D</u>istrict: CID's website: *http://www.cidlcms.org/*

CID's GatePost: *http://www.cidlcms.org/gatepost.html* Subscribe to the E-GatePost (digital newsletter) and monthly bulletin inserts: *http://www.cidlcms.org/*

MISSIONS AND SOCIAL MINISTRIES is

looking for a few new volunteers. This is a great way to get involved – you can help out as much or as little as you would like and your schedule allows! On the first Tuesday of each month, a few volunteers go to Bloomington to pick up a large donation from Midwest Food Bank. Volunteers are needed to help unload the trailer, unbox the food, and stock the shelves. If you would like to help out more often than once per month, they prepare and distribute food baskets each Thursday morning. Immanuel Cares is also very active and a great way to share the love of Christ. They send cards, make phone calls, visit, and pray for Immanuel members and friends. If you are interested, please contact the church office or talk to Joyce Martin.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE: Once again we will gather at our Lutheran Cemetery on Memorial



Day, May 31 at 9 am along with our friends from Trinity for a service of Word and Prayer in remembrance of members of both congregations who died in this past year and especially in remembrance of those who have given their lives to defend our nation and our freedoms. *Please join us!*

DIRECTORY UPDATES: Please note the following changes in your copy of the church directory: **Mel Schriefer** is now at Autumn Fields of Savoy, 65 Airport Road Apt. 106, Savoy, IL 61874; **Jim and Caroline Darby's** address in 14121 W. Casa Linda Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375; **Bevely Page** is at Deer Creek Manor, 3916 N. Vermilion St., Danville, IL 61834. Please continue to let the church office know if you have moved or if your information is listed incorrectly. We don't want you to miss out on *anything* because we don't have the correct contact information! *Thank you*!

WOMEN'S GUILD: Please plan to attend our final meeting before summer break on Tuesday, **May 11** at 6:30 pm. On the agenda will be Bazaar plans and summer outing plans. Thank you in advance to our hostesses Nancy and Rosemary! We thank everyone so much for your continued gifts to mites. The CID women (and men) surpassed their mite goal of \$105,000! The total amount raised was \$116,447.80 with over \$40,000 of it being collected just in March! New projects will be voted on during the CID virtual convention on May 1.

A good mom has bad days and great days and normal days and overwhelming days, and perfect days and trying days, and supermom days and just being a mom days and real and crazy motherhood days and also a whole lot of love! GET YOUR PLANTS! Getting ready to

work in your garden? ILS is hosting a fundraiser at Danville Gardens on **May 17**, from 2 to 6 pm. Watch for flyers – coming soon! A portion of your purchase will benefit ILS.



On behalf of the school board,

teachers, staff, and the children, we give an extra special, heartfelt, and sincere THANK YOU to those of you who have been supportive of ILS <u>all year!</u>

ILS is in need of some Subs for teachers and aids. Subs must meet the DCFS criteria; so it is important that we have some subs identified and qualified before a need arises! We also have the possibility of expanding our Two's program to include Young Two's -- if so, we may need an additional teacher or aide, again someone that meets the DCFS criteria. If you or someone you know might have interest in any of these positions in the near future, please speak with Mike Heidle (ILS: 442-5036; cell 516-0085) soon! Thanks for your support of our ILS!

ZORA DREWS: Immanuel will hold a *fifth-Sunday* door offering on **May 30** for our *Zora Drews Scholarship Fund*. You can help families who are struggling financially to keep their children in ILS. Keep our school in your prayers!

CHANGE IN WORSHIP SCHEDULES: As we have navigated this past year, our worship has sometimes been different than we are used to. We thank everyone for their continued cooperation and understanding as we work to provide a safe place while still conducting our worship services. Because of the vaccinations for COVID-19 that have taken place, health officials in Illinois have stated that those who are completely vaccinated do not count against attendance limits. Therefore, we are going back to just one service on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am. This also means that you no longer have to register to attend. For members that are concerned about being in a larger crowd, we remind you that we still have our Wednesday evening worship service at 5:00 pm, and we'll continue to stream our Sunday services through YouTube. We will continue to keep pews marked off to help with social distancing. We ask that when you're in close proximity to one another in the hallways and narthex to please continue wearing your mask in these areas.

COMMUNION on Wednesdays is currently offered on the last Wednesday of each month. In order to offer Communion to those who attend on Wednesdays as often as Sunday attendees, we will now have Communion services on each Wednesday following a Communion Sunday. Please refer to your church events calendar – the Wednesdays with Communion are noted on there. **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** In May, children will continue to study how God used the elements of nature to help His people. Our lessons will include "Jesus Calms a Storm" from Luke 8 and "Jesus Heals with Mud" from John 9. We know that God continues to help His people today as He did long ago. Note: there will be no Sunday School or Bible Class on **May 30** due to the Cemetery Walk.

VBS TO GO: This year we are offering VBS kits to go for three age levels... preschool - kindergarten, grades

1-3, and grades 4-6. The kits will include Bible Lessons, crafts, snacks, and more. Call the church office by **May 10** to reserve a kit or pick up a form from the chapel hall table and put it in Diana Pratt's mailbox. Kits can be picked up after church on Sunday, **June 6**, or during office hours on Monday, **June 7**. Jesus leads the way to the treasure of eternal life with Him!

GIFT (SCRIP) CARDS: The next Scrip order is due to the church office by 9:00 am on **May 10**. *Scrip cards make great Confirmation, graduation, and wedding gifts!* Order blanks are on the table in the chapel hallway. Orders are not limited to the vendors listed on the order blank. There is a full vendor at *www.shopwithscrip.com* or on the hall bulletin board. If your vendor is available write the name, denomination of the gift card, number of cards wanted, and total amount on a blank line of the order form. This order will be available for pickup after church on **May 16** or in the church office after that.

CAPITAL FUND DRIVE: Our current bank balance is \$20,233 which includes the Honey Sunday, Chilito-go, Valentine's Day bake sale, PI day, pork loin meal, rummage sale, and Super Bowl subs fundraisers (\$7,887) and Christmas tree gifts of \$3,780. We have now funded our current project Our current projects are replacing the school guttering! We have a signed contract with Bash Pepper from Champaign, and they will complete the project this summer. 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. All donations from large to small are equally appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Van Hoveln or any of the committee members.

GRADUATION: It's the time of year when students of all ages are graduating school and college and moving on to the next step in their lives. We'd like to recognize all of our graduates with a special prayer and blessing. Please add your graduate's name to the board in our Narthex, so that we can include them in this graduates blessing. *Congrats!*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUMMARY:

- SCHOOL GUTTERING: A bid from Bash Pepper Roofing was accepted and the work will be completed over the summer.
- ILS REPORT: ILS recently passed a surprise visit from our DCFS Representative. Tuition and lunch accounts are up to date. Seals on the large two door freezer need to be replaced.
- MOWER: The large mower broke down necessitating the purchase of a new mower for \$7190.00.
- LUTHERAN CEMETERY: The cemetery committee is collecting bids for mowing the property. The Anniversary Committee is scheduling a work day ahead of the Cemetery Walk.
- NETWORK: Upgrades have been installed and the internet and Wi-Fi are working well.
- WORSHIP: We held a discussion regarding service times. A motion passed unanimously to go back to having only one service at 8:30 am on Sundays.
- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The school board is forming a committee to create a nature walk and garden with activities for the children.
- FINANCE: Reviewed financial reports. A motion was passed to approve new check signers.
- PROPERTIES: The parsonage has been painted and carpets cleaned. Three toilets in the school were repaired. The grease trap in the kitchen was pumped out. Backflow testing needs completed. Asbestos inspection is due in 2021.
- STEWARDSHIP: The rummage and bake sale brought in a little over \$3000.00.
- EVANGELISM: Easter baskets were sent home with our ILS children.
- PARISH EDUCATION: Parish Ed will offer VBS to go this year. Some of the rummage sale money will be used to purchase new nativity costumes. Monical's Day is scheduled for May 24.
- SOCIAL MINISTRY: Reviewed Immanuel Cares and Food Pantry Reports. Looking for additional volunteers.
- VICEPRESIDENT: Visit with Pastor Yonkers went well. Currently working on a list for BOD elections and school reps. Budget prep has begun.
- PRESIDENT: Work with the Cemetery Committee.

• NEXT MEETING: May 18, 2021.

CALL UPDATE: After much prayer, Pastor Yonkers has accepted the Call to serve here at Immanuel! Praise the Lord! Pastor Yonkers and family are planning to move towards the end of May or early June. Please continue to pray for our future Pastor and his family!

MOWER AUCTION: As many of you may have heard already, the large mower broke down and the motor is not repairable. We will hold a sealed auction bid for the old mower with a minimum bid of \$500.00. Once the auction closes on Friday, **May 7** at 3:00 pm, the sealed bids will be opened and the highest bidder will get the old mower. The highest bidder must take the entire mower, not just the parts they want from it. The mower details are as follows:

- 2009 Dixie Chopper
- Generac GTV-760/990 motor
- 74" mowing deck

We have the mower and engine owner's manuals in the church office if you would like to look at them. Please place your bids in a sealed envelope and bring them to the church office prior to closing.

125th ANNIVERSARY OUTREACH: As part of our 125th anniversary celebration, there is an outreach program with quarterly gatherings for different not-for-profit help organizations in the area. Each quarter, we will have an ingathering of 125 items to a help organization with an orange box in the chapel hallway designated for these donations. For the second quarter (April through June) we will be supporting the *VA Illiana Health Care System* with items for the men and women who have served our country, sometimes at great cost to themselves. The items requested are:

- Individual wrapped snacks:
 - Peanut butter crackers
 - o Little Debbie soft snack cakes
- Toiletry items:
 - o Toothpaste or Fixodent
 - Disposable razors
 - Combs
 - Deodorant
- Socks
- Crossword puzzle books

These items will be distributed to the veterans by the Volunteer Services Program at the VA. The veterans are very appreciative of all items we donate. Please help us reach our goal of 125 items by June 30. So far, we have collected 53 of the125 items.

PORK LOIN MEAL: Thank you for helping us complete another successful fund raiser for the Capital Fund Drive. We sold 99 tickets, sold the leftovers, and received several donations to make our profit of \$1,490 for this event. A big thank you to all who bought tickets, volunteered to help at this event and/or gave a monetary donation. This helped to complete the funding for the school guttering project which should be completed this summer.

A PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY:



selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion — their very lives — for our benefit. May these brave men and women now know the joy of eternity and your presence. And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief. Help us as we minister to their needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DID YOU KNOW? We've made electronic church offerings easy peasy lemon squeezy! Take advantage of Simply Giving from Thrivent. Now you can have donations automatically withdrawn from your bank account. Choose the timing that's best for you! Want to sync your giving with your pay check? No problem. Or maybe you'd like to giver smaller, more regular amounts. No problem. You choose the payment frequency weekly, semi-monthly or monthly. Enjoy convenience and safety. Automatic withdrawals can make your life less stressful. Payments are made to support our church whether you miss worship for a week or if you are hibernating in Florida for the winter. Plus, you'll never worry about lost or stolen checks. Sign Up and forget *it.* Grab an enrollment form from the table in the hallway. Fill it out and return it to the office. Then forget about it, knowing you're supporting your church in an *easy peasy lemon squeezy* way!



MONICAL'S DAY: Eat pizza and support our Parish Education programs! Mark your calendars for **May 24**! Flyers, which you must bring with you, will be available soon – watch your mailboxes! *Thanks*!

The law demands everything ...but gives nothing. The gospel demands nothing ...but gives everything.

— Tullian Tchividjian



Just for Fun & Humor...

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

UNANSWERED PRAYER

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why. "Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon."

"How come He doesn't answer it?" she asked.

BEING THANKFUL

The preacher asked Johnny, "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?"

The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"

ALL MEN / ALL GIRLS

When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "And all girls."

This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?"

Her response, "Because everybody always finishes their prayers by saying 'All Men'!"

SAY A PRAYER

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. "Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer." said his mother.

"I don't need to," the boy replied.

"Of course, you do" his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house." Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook."



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"Connected to the Vine"

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

A dormant vineyard looks so bleak, so lifeless. But at the harvest, it is lush and green and filled with ripe grapes. Just as the grapes receive their nourishment from the vine, we Christians receive our spiritual life and nourishment from the Vine, Jesus Christ our Lord.

May 9 (Acts 10:34-48)

May 2 (John 15:1-8)

"Jesus is for You!"

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

We often struggle with issues of favoritism or partiality. Is one group of people better than another? Is one nation favored more by God? In an eye-opening, opinion-changing, and heart-rendering account in Acts 10, we discover the powerful, eternal truth of "God shows no partiality."

May 16 (Ephesians 1:22-23)

"Jesus Reigns Through Us"

By Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer, Holy Cross Lutheran Church~Fort Wayne, IN

Jesus Christ's ascension is nicknamed "the forgotten festival." And yet, we experience it daily. Where is Jesus now? What is He up to? God be praised, Jesus reigns through us!

May 23 (Acts 2:1-18)

"The Almighty Spirit"

By Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier III, Concordia Theological Seminary~Fort Wayne, IN

The Holy Spirit is almighty God. The Spirit has acted on your behalf in the past, the Spirit does so now, and will continue to work for your benefit in the future. Why? The Spirit loves you and wants your salvation.

May 30 (Isaiah 6:8)

"The Holy Trinity"

Rev. Thomas Eggold, Emmanuel Lutheran Church~Fort Wayne, IN

Standing on our own, the sight of the Lord is a terrifying vision of judgment, but in the purifying blood of Christ, we can sing, "Holy, Holy," Through the blood of Christ, we can speak the good news of the Gospel, and along with Isaiah, through the purifying and atoning blood of Christ we can stand in the presence of the Lord and say with a clean heart and clean lips, "Here am I, Lord. Send me."



ILS Connections

A monthly Newsletter Connecting our school families, teaching staff, school leaders, congregation, and community!

Sent to Serve! May 2021

From our School Director:

We still have a LOT more fun, learning, and activities for this year; but it is time to say that we could really use your help!! Please help us get the word out to every family you know with young children that we are enrolling for 2021– 2022! Our Two's through PreK program is unique and exciting, so please help us share the word!

We would like to expand our enrollment for all classes, and it's possible we can open a "young Two's" class to include children at 18 months or even 15 months! But we need families to enroll now!

So we really do need you to share the word now with families you know who have young children. Tell them to call me – I love talking with families about the advantages of our Preschool program! If you have questions or suggestions about our school please contact me in the school office: 217-442-5036; cell: 516-0085; or: *ILS.MichaelHeidle.Director@gmail.com*



Miss Kirsten's Class

Hello everyone! We have been enjoying the warmer weather and the time to go outside and play. Can't believe it is our last month of school! Our Two's class enjoyed learning about Easter and we finished learning all of our shapes! In May, we will learn about the letters J, K, and L. Also, the numbers 9 and 10 and the colors grey and black. We will celebrate multiple birthdays this month and will have a camping themed end of the year party! Hope everyone else is enjoying the warmer weather!

Mrs. Hammer's Class

How can it be May already?! The school year flew by. We are ending the year with the letters Y and Z, #9, white and pentagon. We are also learning about ocean animals and zoo animals. We will end the school year with a luau and a pizza party. Thanks for all your support and prayers for the year.



Mrs. Heidle's Class

Our PreK class was able to have our moms and dads come to the gym (with masks and social distancing) for Muffins with Moms and Donuts with Dads. What a great time to make crafts, sing parent songs and God's time songs and play hand bells for them. Then we served them muffins and donuts. We hope to have an Art Show and a small graduation program in May. We will continue to learn about men of the bible, Jonah, the 3 men in the furnace, Daniel and David. We have learned all our letters so now we are going to try to learn some words and more math activities as we get ready for Kindergarten! We had a fun farm unit, rainforest unit and will still have a sea unit. We love to learn. We also hatched chickens and butterflies in our classroom thanks to Vermilion County Ag in the Classroom. Our first lunch on the lawn was canceled due to snow! We loved the snow but our teachers did not.

Happy May to you all!

Register NOW for 2021–2022

Registration forms are available for this next year! Returning students and congregation members are encouraged to register quickly to ensure your spot for another exciting year of fun, growth, and development at ILS! Please help us grow our school: tell your friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers who have young children about the benefits of ILS and encourage them to register!

Summer Camp

Immanuel will again offer Summer Camp in June and July! Registration forms and info are available; be sure to include our Summer Camp in your plans for great, fun-filled childcare!

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Although ILS is not yet a registered charity to which Thrivent Choice Dollars can be designated, 4 members and friends of Immanuel designated their Choice Dollars to our Church and then gave Kim evidence of that and asked that it go to our school. Thus, we recently received \$272! Thank you! And we're still working to get ILS listed directly as a designation option.

Scholastic Book Fair

We recently held a Scholastic Book Fair at ILS. School families bought \$561.04 in books; Church families bought \$158.35 on Sunday morning. We earned \$135.12 in Scholastic bucks that we can use for books for our school! Thank you!!

Please visit our Immanuel website: www.ilcdanville.com and click to subject tab "Immanuel Lutheran School" for info and more photos of our ILS! And be sure to follow our church/school on Facebook and check the page daily for photos, videos, and updates!

Flower Sales

Our Spring Flower Sale: we sold 52 plants through the church; 69 plants through the school. We brought in \$1,452; our cost was \$868; our profit was \$584!

Our Poinsettia Sale in December: we sold 9 wreaths; 3 swags; 94 poinsettias. We collected \$1,428; our cost was \$917.94; our profit was \$510.06! Thank you for all your support for our ILS!

Rummage Sale benefits ILS

Our Spring Rummage Sale & Bake Sale brought in a little over \$3000 – some was designated for our school; some went to Sunday School for Nativity costumes; and much of it went to our capital fund to complete what was needed for new guttering on our school! Many thanks to all who helped!!

BoxTops

We still collect BoxTops for education; rather than cutting the BoxTop coupon from food packaging, get the BoxTop app and scan each receipt to automatically earn BoxTop points (\$\$) for ILS! If you need help getting setting up the app on your phone, talk with Sue or Mike Heidle!

Cookies for School Lunch

You could make our children happy with cookies! You could make 2 dozen cookies or cupcakes as a special treat for our lunch program! What a great way to connect!

Upcoming Dates for ILS!

Lunch on the Lawn: May 5 and May 19 "ILS Day" at Danville Gardens: May 17 Last Day of School: May 21 Summer Camp: June 1 to July 30 Meet the Teacher: Aug. 16 First Day of School: Aug. 17







Immanuel Lutheran School is a fully licensed early childhood center that provides a caring environment for children to learn and grow as they play and share and sing. We offer preschool classes for 2's, 3's, and pre-K children.

"We appreciate the before/after care, faith based, structured learning and the summer program. All 3 of my kids experienced ILS in some way. I believe the safety and security has helped them flourish. Solomon has grown tremendously with his knowledge and behavior. He loves going to school every day. The peace of mind I have with him in a safe and loving environment is priceless."

Ashton & Jared Greer

Register now for 2021-2022!





Jesus commands us to be his witnesses. This craft is a reminder to reach out to all our "circles."

What you need:

- 5 bowls or cups (assorted sizes)
- Construction paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Brad fastener
- Crayons or markers

What you do:

- Place the bowls and cups upside down, each on a different color of paper. Trace around the circles and cut them out.
- 2. With a pencil, pierce a small hole atop each circle. Layer circles on each other from largest to smallest, aligning the holes. Insert the brad through all layers.
- 3. Starting in the center, label the circles *my house*, *my city*, *my state*, *my country*, *the world*. Draw a picture on each one.
- 4. Pray, asking Jesus how you can spread his message.





<u>Elders</u>

May Don DeMoss, Ken Kuhn, Kurt Thornsbrough

Communion Assistants

- May 2 Dwain Dixson
 - 16 Kurt Thornsbrough
 - 30 Josh Christensen

<u>Ushers</u>

May Team "E"

Capt. Denny Hilton, Dave Creek, Glen Natschke, and Mike Ferris

Lay Readers

- May 2 Dwain Dixson
 - 9 Carrie Farrell
 - 16 Gail & Barb Garner
 - 23 Mike & Sue Heidle
 - 30 Carol Johnston

Greeters

May 2 Narthex John & Marcy Heeren Chapel Kitty Lee 9 Narthex Charles Vollmer family Volunteer needed Chapel 16 Narthex **Bill & Joyce Martin** Walter Harbison Chapel 23 Narthex Gary & Sarah Stuhr Carol Johnston Chapel 30 Narthex **Dianne Seibert** Chapel Roger Seibert

Acolytes

- May 2 Hannah Christensen
 - 9 Kyla Culotti
 - 16 Zachary Davis
 - 23 Tiffany Walters
 - 30 Noah Christensen

Altar Guild

May Eileen Huckstadt and Carrie Farrell

Money Counters

May Team "B" Nancy Purviance and Martha Elliott

Check Signers

May Sharon Glossinger and Mike Ferris

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Acts 1:1 (NIV) reads: "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach." What "former book" did the author write to Theophilus?

A. Matthew

- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John

Answer: C (See Luke 1:1-4.)



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