

Immanuel Messenger

GOD WITH US



Confirmation retreat for junior and Senior High youth October 1 & 2

On October 1 & 2, our district camp, camp CILCA will be holding a confirmation retreat. The cost is \$40. Outdoor ministry is a great way for youth to reflect upon their faith, relax and meet new friends who hold the same Lutheran faith as they do.

If you are a parent, consider being a chaperone. The fee for chaperones is only \$20 and you will be able to enjoy many of the benefits of the confirmation retreat while assisting in monitoring and mentoring the youth.

This retreat is an opportunity to enjoy one of the great resources our district has, camp CILCA. It is also an opportunity to get to know our Lord in His creation. Through worship, bible study, prayer, reflection and fun. Attending this retreat the youth and chaperones will enjoy Matins, Vespers, and Bible / Catechetical study all led by the pastors of the Central Illinois District. Other recreational activities will be led by camp staff.

In my youth I enjoyed my camp experiences, and this is a brief short time in the autumn for our youth to enjoy nature while living out their baptismal life. For more information, contact Camp CILCA:

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Director: Pastor Joshua Theilen

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More Bible Study Opportunities

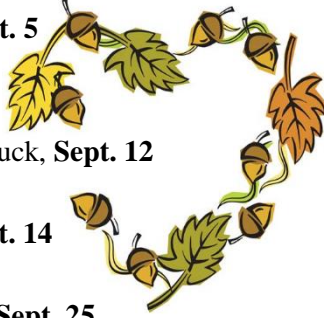
We have already announced some Bible studies in a recent edition. Now we give more details on the Men's Bible Study. The Men's Bible study will focus on the General Epistles. These are the epistles towards the end of the New Testament that are written by inspired authors other than St. Paul. They include two written by Jesus' own earthly Brothers, James and Jude, and several written by the evangelists Peter and John.

Men's Bible Study will gather for its initial meeting on September 30th at 9:30am and go through the "By His Word" series studies from CPH. This is an excellent time to gather and study the word of God with fellow men of faith.

Immanuel realizes that many of members must be working in their vocation during the day, so we are working to offer a weeknight Bible study. This study will be open to all adults who wish to come and study the Bible. This study will be focusing on some of the Old Testament with using the same "By His name" series and focusing on the Old Testament history and its teaching about our triune God at a time that is YBD. Watch for more updates!

SPECIAL DATES IN SEPTEMBER:

- LWML Mite Collection, **Sept. 5**
- Labor Day, **Sept. 6**
- Patriot Day, **Sept. 11**
- Homecoming Service & Potluck, **Sept. 12**
- Grandparent's Day, **Sept. 12**
- LWML Zone Fall Rally, **Sept. 14**
- 1st Day of Autumn, **Sept. 22**
- Steak Fry Carry-out Dinner, **Sept. 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. You can also reach Pastor Yonkers anytime on his cell phone: 260-413-8375.



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.

GOD LANGUISHES WITH US: A headline from last spring teased, "There's a Name for the Blah You're Feeling." The writer decided what he and others felt as the pandemic wore on wasn't burnout or depression, but *languishing* — decreasing vitality; feeling dispirited. People of ancient times experienced this too: "The land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished because of the famine" (Genesis 47:13). "The wine dries up, the vine languishes, all the merry-hearted sigh" (Isaiah 24:7). But there's more. If you used to be "merry-hearted" but now sigh a lot, hear this: "The heavens languish together with the earth" (Isaiah 24:4). Isaiah uses "the heavens" to refer to God, who languishes with us. Like an empathizing friend, God sits *with* us in our struggle. Sure, we pray for rescue *now*: "I am languishing; O Lord, heal me" (Psalm 6:2). But when our timing isn't God's, we trust his promise of restoration: "[God] will wipe every tear from their eyes ... mourning and crying and pain will be no more" (Revelation 21:4). With the psalmist we hold two truths at once: "My soul languishes for your salvation; I hope in your word" (119:81).

—Heidi Hyland Mann, *The Newsletter Newsletter*

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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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will begin kick off on Tuesday, **Sept. 28** at 9:30 am (please note the date change). With the LWML Fall Rally on the 14th, then the Circuit Pastor's Conference on the 21st, we can't begin until the 28th. The study, led by Pastor Yonkers, is from CPH called Life Foundations: Prayer. Ladies, please contact Carol Johnston to order a copy of the book. You can attend without purchasing the book – we don't want anyone left out. We look forward to gathering together again!

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Celebrating with Joy 125 years

"Return to the Lord, our God"

Homecoming Celebration Service
Sunday, September 12, 2021
Sunday School & Bible Class: 8:30 am
Homecoming Service: 9:30 am

Potluck Luncheon to follow
(Meat, drinks, dessert, and paper products will be provided. Covered dishes to share would be appreciated, but certainly not necessary to attend.)

Join us as we remember all the blessings bestowed on us during Immanuel's 125 years. We will recall our Baptism, time in Sunday School, Confirmation, and weddings. Join us in praising God and thanking Him for these blessings He has bestowed on all of us.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUMMARY:

- **ILS REPORT:** There are currently 42 enrolled after our Meet the Teacher Day. The program is going very well.
- **NEW BUSINESS:** Wayne Mann resigned from his position as the Director of Properties. A motion passed by unanimous consent to appoint Scott Huckstadt for the remainder of the term with elections in June 2022. A motion was passed by unanimous consent to remain on our current health plan. The board is currently investigating a few options to improve the audio in the back of the sanctuary.
- **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Sue DeMoss reported that all contracts are completed and experience was figured in to hourly wages. Desserts are needed for the Back to School Party, the Men's Club is cooking for it, and Dave Creek is donating bounce houses to use that evening (thanks, Dave!). A lot of good ideas came from the garden meeting. Summer Camp's final profit for the school was \$14,210.69.
- **FINANCE:** Reviewed financial reports. Audits of all church account will begin after the September Board meeting. A motion passed by unanimous consent to close the 2020 – 2021 Fiscal year.
- **PROPERTIES:** The new school gutters have been installed. Roof leaks have been repaired and ceiling tiles replaced. The water fountain in the school was replaced. We are grateful to our plumber, who donates his time! Keys have been copied for the breaker boxes at the school and hung up high near the boxes. Our insurance carrier, Church Mutual, will come for a property walk-through. Scott will investigate the parsonage ice maker that is not working. Sue DeMoss reported that nails are protruding from the playground equipment.
- **STEWARDSHIP:** We will host another Rummage Sale in October. Lunch-to-Go to start up again soon.
- **EVANGELISM:** Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 24th from 4 – 6 pm.
- **WORSHIP:** We have made some slight changes due to the recent uptick in Covid cases. We had an acolyte training. Tom will contact Choir members to see if there is any interest in starting back up. Rally Day service will be outdoors again on the last Sunday in September.
- **PARISH EDUCATION:** Coffee to Go will begin soon. The committee brainstormed some ideas regarding the church library, more info to come later.
- **MISSIONS & SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Joyce Martin shared a thank you letter from Crosspoint Human Services. The Food Pantry may begin providing assistance to Day Spring Women and Children's Center.
- **ELDERS:** Don DeMoss reported on membership changes. Elders send cards monthly.
- **PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Yonkers reported that he is keeping up on Covid recommendations. He has obtained LERT certification. He met with Kurt about

Confirmation classes. Pastor will lead both the Men's and Women's Bible Studies. The first ILS Chapel is tomorrow.

- **VICEPRESIDENT:** Butch, along with finance, is closely following the school enrollment and costs as the year gets going to manage the budget. A post-call Call Committee dinner meeting is scheduled with the Yonkers family. Butch would like to see if there is any interest for a couples/family Bible Study once a month. We would invite school families and have kids' activities planned. Work with Worship, Pastor, Christian Education, Parish Education, and the ILS Director and faculty to make connections.
- **PRESIDENT:** Josh is leading the investigation of the audio in the church, and following up with the attorney regarding the Schuring bequest.
- **NEXT MEETING:** September 21, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

CAMP CILCA NEWS: On Labor Day weekend **Sept. 4 – 6**, pitch your tent with others from across Central Illinois for a weekend of swimming, fishing, canoe rides, disc golf, squishy-ball, campfire devotions, Christian fellowship, and freshly fried chicken at the Sunday Chicken Fry. *Contact the camp office today to reserve a spot in the campground, a cabin, or a hotel room in the CGC.* This year's auction will be live, and includes many gift baskets, crafts, homemade preserves and candy, a week of summer camp, a family dinner for 10 at CILCA, 2 guided youth hunts worth over \$600, and more great items.

Sunday Schedule:

10:30am ~ Matins at the Outdoor Chapel

11:15 ~ Dedication of Dining Hall

11:30-2:00 ~ **Chicken Fry** (Adults, \$8; Children, \$5)

1pm ~ **Live Auction begins!**

1-4pm ~ Beach open (weather permitting)

Never Again will I confess...

... "I can't" (Phil. 4:13)

... lack (Phil. 4:19)

... fear (II Timothy 1:7)

... doubt or lack of faith. (Rom. 12:3)

... weakness (Psalm 27:1)

... supremacy of Satan over my life (1 John 4:4)

... defeat (II Corinthians 2:14)

... lack of wisdom (I Corinthians 1:30)

... worries and frustrations (I Peter 5:7)

HAHAHA... A little boy once asked his father about the meaning of the bronze plaque on the wall of their narthex. *"Those are the names of those who died in the service,"* the father answered. *"Which service,"* the boy asked, *"early or late?"*

GIFT (SCRIP) CARDS: The next order is due Monday, **Sept. 13** at 9 am. Please place your orders in Jo Van Hoveln's mailbox. Scrip cards are good anywhere in the USA and can be used for confirmation, birthday, graduation, or wedding gifts. Order blanks are on the table in the chapel hallway. Orders are not limited to the vendors listed on the order blank; if you want to order a vendor not listed, first see if it is available through this program by looking it up on the internet. For a complete list of the vendors, go to www.shopwithscrip.com. At the very bottom of the home page is a heading "Brand List," Click on it and click on "view all". On the lower left side of this page has "Retailers List." If your vendor is available 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. There is also a vendor list on the bulletin board. These orders will be available for pickup on Sunday, **Sept. 19** or in the church office after that. We will start selling select cards in the narthex hallway in September.

CAPITAL FUND DRIVE: We have completed most of our parsonage updates; there are a few things that we are considering once we have the funds to complete them. Again, our thanks to the people who donated their time and resources to accomplishing most of the projects before the Yonkers' family moved into the parsonage. The school gutters have been installed, and we are waiting for the invoice to arrive; this will let us know what projects we will start on next. The congregation established the Capital Fund Drive in 2012, and thanks to our generous congregation, we have accomplished many needed upgrades / renovations. 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 list of projects completed and the costs on the Capital Fund bulletin board; please stop by and check it out.

STEAK FRY: The Capital Fund Drive is again hosting a carryout steak meal as a fundraiser. The event will be held Saturday, **Sept. 25** from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The menu is: 10 oz. grilled ribeye steak, baked potato, green beans, Italian bread, and dessert for \$15. The tickets are on sale in the chapel hallway on Sunday mornings and in the church office during the week. There is also a signup sheet for volunteers. This year we would like to invite members to give a monetary donation to help defray the cost increase in the food (especially the steak). To donate, you can give it to the ticket seller on Sunday, in the church office during the week, or put it in an envelope in the collection plate. Please put your name on the envelope if you want this donation listed on your 2021 giving statement. Blocks of tickets are available to sell to your co-workers or family. *Please come!*

Attention Singers and Handbell Ringers!

WELCOME
BACK, CHOIR

We will plan on starting up our Choir and Handbells this month. Our first practices will be Wednesday, September 8. The Choir will meet at 6:15 pm, with

the Handbells gathering at 7:00 pm. Anyone that is interested in being part of these groups is invited to join us in the balcony. You don't have to read music to be part of our groups. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tom Fricke at 217-474-2457.

WOMEN'S GUILD will meet Tuesday, **Sept. 7** at 6:30 pm, one week earlier than our usual meeting due to the Fall Rally. Just a reminder of the Danville Zone Fall Rally is at Saint John's Lutheran Church in Buckley, Illinois on the morning of Tuesday, **Sept. 14**. Please let Diana Pratt know by **Sept. 7** if you would like to attend or if you would like additional details. A copy of the itinerary for the morning is on the LWML bulletin board in the hallway. The Guild board will meet Thursday morning, **Sept. 2** at 9 am.

ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH:

September is Alzheimer's Awareness month. It is likely that we all have personally known someone with Alzheimer's. 1 in 9 seniors over 65 are diagnosed with Alzheimer's. It is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States, killing more than breast and prostate cancers combined. 1 in 3 seniors will be diagnosed with Alzheimer's or other form of dementia. It can be a very difficult disease, but there is a poem, titled "Do Not Ask Me to Remember," that can bring some insight. It might be what someone suffering with it might say. If you know someone whose loved one is suffering from Alzheimer's or other dementia, please share this with them.

Do not ask me to remember, don't try to make me understand, let me rest and know you're with me, kiss my cheek and hold my hand. I'm confused beyond your concept, I am sad and sick and lost. All I know is that I need you to be with me at all cost. Do not lose your patience with me, do not scold or curse or cry. I can't help the way I'm acting, can't be different though I try. Just remember that I need you, that the best of me is gone. Please don't fail to stand beside me, love me 'til my life is done.

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September 2021

September 5 (Mark 7:31-37)

“All Things Well”

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

Isaiah foretold of the Messiah who would perform many miraculous signs and wonders. Those signs and wonders were performed by Jesus. These actions clearly identify Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah, the Savior of the world.

September 12 (Mark 9:14-29)

“I Believe... Help!”

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

How well prepared are we to handle the moments of crisis in faith? What are we going to do when prayers aren't answered? What are we going to do when we realize there is a depth requirement to our faith, and we appear to be coming up rather shallow? There is good news for us in this account of an exasperated Father and an ever-compassionate Savior!

September 19 (Mark 9:35-37)

“Driven by Fear or Faith”

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

What animates your life – fear or faith? Jesus' disciples attempt to overcome their fear by seeking temporal greatness. Jesus shows them a better way, His way, a way that leads to a life that never ends.

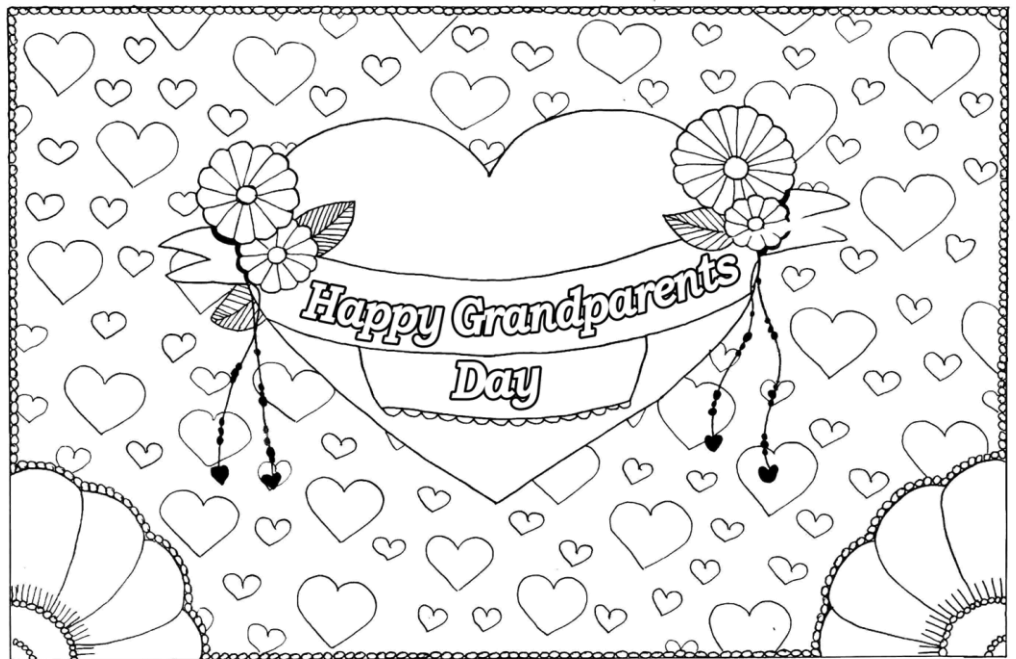
September 26 (James 5:13-18)

“Powerful Prayer”

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

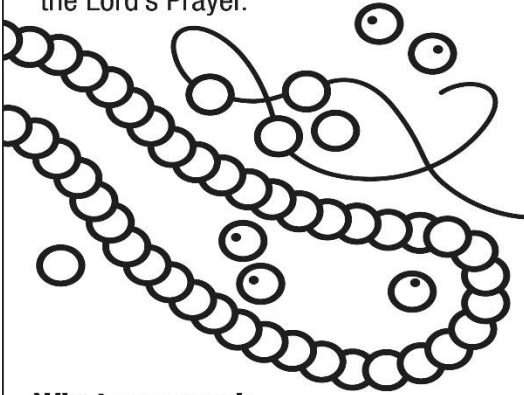
Do you sometimes think that your praying is useless? Wrong! The prayer of a believer is powerful. God always hears and answers that prayer, and in the best possible way.

Sunday, September 12 is Grandparents Day! To celebrate your special grandparents, color the card and give it to them. You can even make them a prayer bracelet and work on the puzzle together!



Prayer bracelet

Make this craft to help you remember the Lord's Prayer.



What you need:

- Elastic string (12 inches)
- Colored beads (see below)
- Clear nail polish

What you do:

1. Knot the string at one end. Add beads in this order: blue, white, gold, green, yellow, red, black, orange
2. Tie the ends so the bracelet fits your wrist. Place a dot of nail polish to secure the knot. Trim excess string.
3. As you pray, use the bead colors as reminders of Jesus' words (see Matthew 6:9-13):

- **blue** = the Father
- **white** = God's holiness
- **gold** = God's kingdom
- **green** = the earth
- **yellow** = wheat (bread)
- **red** = Christ's blood (forgiveness)
- **black** = temptation
- **orange** = God's power to deliver

Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.

party - t = p r a y (v. 1)

lady + i = _ _ _ _ (v. 3)

drab + e = _ _ _ _ (v. 5)

rod + o = _ _ _ _ (v. 7)

bask - b = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

keeps - p = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

define - ee = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

shift - t = _ _ _ _ (v. 11)

sneaky - y = _ _ _ _ (v. 11)

sift + g = _ _ _ _ (v. 13)



What will the Father give to those who ask of him?

_ _ _ _ _ (v. 13)



September

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Sept. Don DeMoss, Ken Kuhn, and Kurt Thornsborough

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Sept. 5 Allen Julian, Dwain Dixon
19 Don DeMoss, Josh Christensen

Ushers

Sept. **Team "C"**
Capt. Kurt Thornsborough, Paul Pasquale, Don Page,
Butch Buesing, and Gary West

Lay Readers

Sept. 5 Gail & Barb Garner
12 Mike & Sue Heidle
19 Carol Johnston
26 Allen Julian

Gospel Reader

Gail Garner
Mike Heidle
Josh Christensen
Allen Julian

Greeters

Sept. 5 John & Marcy Heeren, Kitty Lee
12 Charles Vollmer Family
19 Bill & Joyce Martin, Walter Harbison
26 Carol Johnston

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Sept. 5 Jamie Yonkers & Noah Christensen
12 Kendall Wright & Kyla Culotti
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26 Zachary Davis

Altar Guild

Sept. Sharon Runyan and Kathy Christensen

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Sept. Team "C" Mary Powell

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Sept. Marilyn Le Pere and Mary Powell

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Sept. 5 Mike DeMoss
12 Dwain Dixon
19 Noah Christensen
26 Mike DeMoss

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

How many times in the Old Testament do people cross a body of water on dry ground?

- A. once
- B. twice
- C. three times
- D. four times



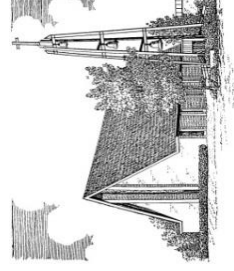
Answer: C (See Exodus 14; Joshua 3; 2 Kings 2.)



*Praise the LORD!
Praise God
in his sanctuary,
praise him
in his mighty heavens!*

Psalms 150:1, ESV

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Sundays
Sept. 5, 12, 19 & 26
at 9:30 am
Wednesdays
Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
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