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An Investment with Eternal Benefits



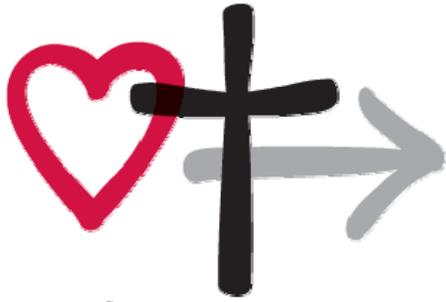
Dear Friends in Christ,

Have you ever been asked the question, "What do you want most for your children?" This is a very important question and deserves serious thought and consideration. What is my answer? I want my children to be Christians. I want them to grow up with a fervent and deep faith in Christ Jesus as their Lord and Savior. I want them to know for certain that they have the forgiveness of sins for Jesus' sake. I want them to know how to love their husbands and wives and children when they grow up. I want them to know how to pass on the Christian faith to their children. I want them to know how to live in their earthly vocations not for their own self-centered benefit, but for the benefit of their neighbor. I want them to know how to pray and how to confess their faith to others. I want them to know how to forgive those who have sinned against them. I want them to know the joy of suffering under the crosses of this life with patience and confidence in the grace of God. Yes, more than anything else, I want my children to be Christians.

I believe that each of us at Immanuel Lutheran Church want the same thing for their children and families. We all need to hear and receive the Word of God and partake of the Sacrament of the Altar whenever it is offered.

Has your family prayer and devotional time at home been sporadic or missing? The spirit has been willing, but, all too often, the flesh has been weak. We all struggle against the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh to give our children what they need the most: the Word of God. This is why God ordains there to be Christian congregations, Divine Services, and public catechesis (teaching). These gifts of God ensure that the Word of God and the call to repentance and faith is constantly available to baptized Christians.

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The LOVE of CHRIST COMPELS us
2 corinthians 5:14

Focus on Stewardship

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl 9:10).

God bids us to be faithful in the tasks He calls us to do. He calls us to be members of a family (husbands and wives; fathers and mothers; sons and daughters). He calls us to be members of society (those who govern and those who are governed). And He calls us to be members of His family, the Church (those who preach and teach and those who hear and learn). Each of these callings from God places a duty on us.

As members of a family, husbands are given the duty to die for their wives as Christ gave His life for His bride, the Church; while wives are given the duty to respect their husbands and submit themselves to them as the Church does to Christ. Fathers and mothers are to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Scriptures concerning Baptism, Confession, the Office of the Keys, and the Lord’s Supper. Children are to honor their parents throughout their lives, and even when their parents are no longer alive, serving and obeying them, loving and cherishing them, and speaking well of them.

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The Monday night Bible Study is tentatively scheduled to resume in October.

Eternal Benefits . . .

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Where faith in Christ is established and nourished by the Word of God, it bears fruit in our lives through loving service to others.

We are truly blessed! We want nothing more for all children and adults than that they be Christians.

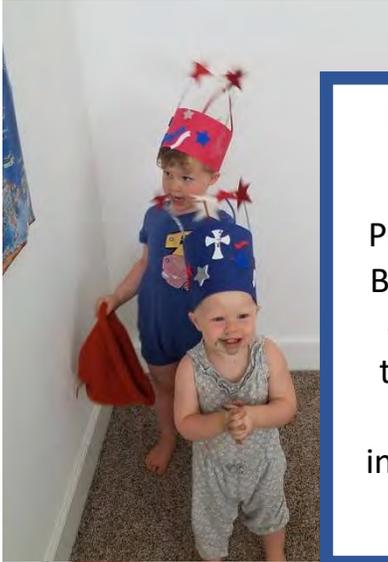
Please join us for Christian Education and the Divine Service at Immanuel. We plan to resume Bible Class and Sunday School on Sunday, September 13. You are invited! It is an investment that has eternal benefits!

~Pastor Richard Gaub

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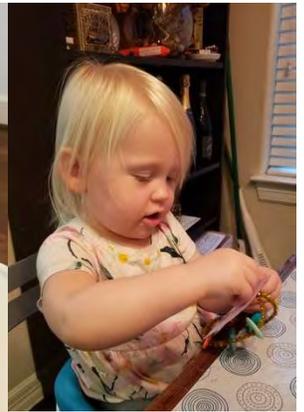
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SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL



Patriotic Hats from July 4th. (Left)

Prayer Flip Flops with Buttons representing different people or things. The buttons were reminders to include in our prayers each day. (Right)



In our last “Elements of Faith” Lesson, the children did an experiment of Rice in a bottle. The lesson looked at this last science lesson in this way. **“We are the rice jammed together in the jar. Jesus is the skewer. He is the one who holds us all together and won’t let us come apart. If we want to live as people of faith, we will let Jesus bond us together as one family, united in our faith in Jesus. Imagine how strong we will be as a church when we cling to Jesus and one another like Ruth and Naomi.”**

To help bond us together, the children were given Thank you cards to mail to the whole congregation. Be looking for the card in the mail.

~Cathleen Chevallier, SS Superintendent

THANK YOU!

Sunday School back on Campus tentatively set for September 13th.



ECE LAST DAY OF SUMMER SESSION! FUN IN THE SUN!



Ms. Megan's and Ms. Winnie's Classes celebrated the last day of our summer session. What could be better than bubbles and a sprinkler on a hot Houston summer day! After our outdoor fun, we had a Chick-fil-A lunch, and a long afternoon nap.

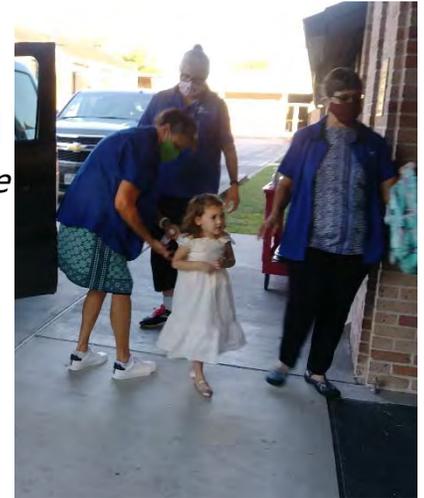
Look Out Pre-School Here We Come!

~Winnie McNamara



**2020-2021
Immanuel ECE
First Day of School**

~Connie Meave



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Immanuel Lutheran ECE
18 Months through Pre-Kindergarten





Welcome
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Stewardship . . .

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As members of society, God calls those who govern to bear the sword, that is, to punish those who do evil (those who live contrary to **God's will**) and to reward those who do good (those whose lives are lived in conformity with **God's will**). Those who are governed are to obey their leaders as to the Lord Himself, for **their leaders bear the sword of God's temporal justice** for a purpose.

As members of God's own family, the Church, He calls those who preach and teach to do so in faithfulness to His holy Word. To preach and teach the Law of God to convict the hearts of hearers of their sin and to encourage, admonish, and exhort them to do good works **in accordance with God's will. They are to** preach and teach the Gospel, the full forgiveness of their sins accomplished by Christ and received through faith, not by works. They are to administer the means of grace in accordance with the Gospel and the Word of God. They do all this for the young and old alike, for those who are near and far off. Those who hear and learn are to submit themselves to their preachers and teachers. They are support them by their prayers and their gifts.

Each of these callings from God place a duty on us. They make a claim on our presence; on our prayers; and our time, talents, and treasures. So, **"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might"** (*Ecc1 9:10*). Pray for your family, your government, and your church. Give of yourself by means of your time, your talents, and your treasures to your family, your government, and your Church.

That is what it means to be faithful in the tasks that God has given us. That is what it means to do it with all your might.

~submitted by Kathy Angst

[Stewardship newsletter insert for September 2020, from the LCMS website <https://files.lcms.org/wl/?id=9S1zJAE4a0geKB7Ro9hVLPYb7zckDmfa>]

*Regularly Scheduled
Voters' Meeting*

*Sunday September 27
Immediately following the
Worship Service*

Trust

[This item excerpted from Texas Messenger (August 2020, page 20) https://txlcms.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/TX_August_2020_C2-6.pdf.]

Trusting is tough! But we as Christians put our faith in God in troubled times and do our best to encourage others through adversity and distress. We know that we cannot lean on our own understanding but must trust in Him. We trust because He has commanded us to be strong and courageous.

"Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (*Joshua 1:9*)

The older we get, the more experience confirms that **God's endless love and mercy will** sustain us through our circumstances. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness to His people who serve with gladness and faithfully support sharing the Gospel in so many places throughout the world!

~Terri Wenzel

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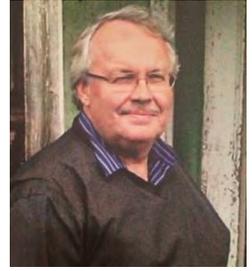
*Greater love has no one than this, that
someone lay down his life for his friends.
(John 15:13)*

*Let each of you look not only to his own
interests, but also to the interests of others.
(Philippians 2:4)*



*PLEASE protect your
Brothers and Sisters in
Christ and wear a mask in
the Lord's House*

2020 Head for the Cure, Houston, Run For Rod



[Editor's note: Rod Anderson was an active member of Immanuel, serving as Congregation President at the time of his death in December 2013.]

We are excited to be a part of the 8th annual Head for the Cure 5K Houston, but the event on October 10th, 2020 will be virtual this year! Team Run for Rod is set up and we'd love to see you again! For those in Houston, depending on COVID-19, we may map out an area for us to walk/run in Jackie's neighborhood. Otherwise, you can participate virtually from anywhere.

We participated in the first Head for the Cure; Dad was still with us then but couldn't attend due to the rainy weather. Dad was touched that we participated, especially because the money raised goes back to where he was treated at MD Anderson. The Brain Tumor Trials Collaborative at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center began in 2004. For more information about all of their great work please visit <http://www.bttconline.org> and <http://www.mdanderson.org>. Last year, **we had a team of fifty and raised over \$10,000! We appreciate everyone's love and support!**

The staff at MD Anderson was always caring and supportive. We had ups and downs throughout Dad's illness but he fought hard and the caring people at MD Anderson did everything in their power to treat his disease and ensure his quality of life. We were blessed by the extra time his care team was able to provide us with him. The brain cancer research trials he was able to participate in certainly blessed us with additional time.

The cause is extremely close to us and we want friends and family to be able to celebrate Dad's life and memory. Head for the Cure is dedicated to raising funds and awareness for brain cancer research. Each year, over 200,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with a primary or metastatic brain tumor. More than 120 types of brain tumors exist, making effective treatment complicated. Cutting edge research is needed as we continue to make strides in this fight. The majority of the money raised stays at MD Anderson Cancer Center here in Houston.

Every Head for the Cure event marks a day of celebration where those diagnosed with brain cancer are honored and celebrated by their friends and families, those who have lost their battles are remembered, and we are all inspired to carry on the fight. Please consider joining our team and walking or running with us, or making a donation today to help Head for the Cure defeat brain cancer, step by step!

~Love to all, Carrie, Jackie, Chris & Claire Anderson

To donate by check, make out to Head for the Cure and put Run for Rod in the Memo field and mail them to Jackie or leave it with Karen in the church office. To join the team or donate online:

https://secure.headforthecure.org/site/TR?team_id=12622&pg=team&fr_id=1894&et=eXVy_M00C4Wnf1qzTlyR3g

Serving Immanuel September 2020

	Sunday September 6	Sunday September 13	Sunday September 20	Sunday September 27
Elder	Max B.	Max B.	Max B.	Max B.
Acolyte	Emily H.	Molly H.	Nikki B.	Emily H.
Usher Team	#4 John C.	#5 Bill O.	#1 Bill E.	#2 Larry G.
Media	Barbara S.	Karen E.	Melissa T.	Jackie A.
Audio	Max B.	Ray T.	Gerald O.	Max B.
Altar Guild	Bonnie T. & Evelyn M.	Bonnie T. & Evelyn M.	Bonnie T. & Evelyn M.	Bonnie T. & Evelyn M.
Trustee	Mike R.	Mike R.	Mike R.	Mike R.

If you would like to fill in, trade, or substitute please contact the church office. Thank you.

Serving Immanuel October 2020

	Sunday October 4	Sunday October 11	Sunday October 18	Reformation Sunday October 25
Elder	Mike R.	Mike R.	Mike R.	Mike R.
Acolyte	Molly H.	Nikki B.	Emily H.	Molly H.
Usher Team	#3 Lonnie A.	#4 John C.	#5 Bill O.	#1 Bill E.
Media	Barbara S.	Karen E.	Melissa T.	Jackie A.
Audio	Gerald O.	Max B.	Ray T.	Gerald O.
Altar Guild	Vivian G.	Vivian G.	Vivian G.	Vivian G.
Trustee	Max B.	Max B.	Max B.	Max B.

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Immanuel Lutheran Church - September 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6 Usher Team #5 Worship Service w/Communion @ 9:00 am	7 Offices Closed ECE Closed 	8	9	10	11	12
13 Usher Team #1 Worship Service w/Communion @ 9:00 am Bible Class/Sunday School @ 10:30 am	14	15 Church Council @ 7:00 pm	16	17	18	19
20 Usher Team #2 Worship @ 9:00 am w/Communion ECE Teacher Installation Bible Class/Sunday School @ 10:30 am	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Usher Team #3 Worship Service w/Communion @ 9:00 am Voters' Meeting @10:30 am	28	29	30	1	2	3



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Return Service Requested

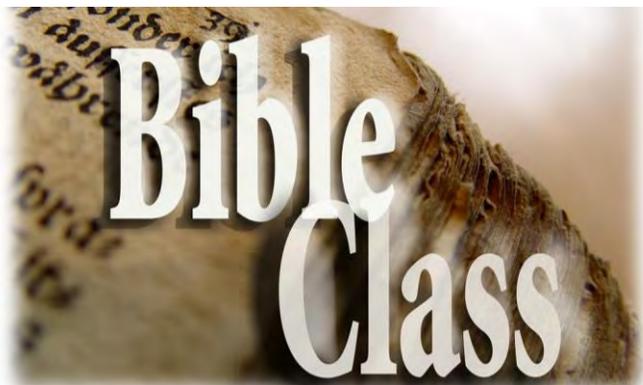
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*Scheduled to
Resume Sunday
September 13
10:30 am*



*Bible Class Topic:
Gospel of Matthew*