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Ever - Learning

“Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.” (Proverbs 25:4-5).

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

What beautiful words written in the Book of Proverbs for us. That should be our prayer as well. To know God’s ways and follow the paths he reveals ultimately leads us to those peaceful places, places that God provides for us on our earthly journey that often lack peace. When we take time to read God’s precious Word, we are led to places that are safe and secure, places of refuge, comfort, and rest. Our Lord pointed to himself as the One sent to us from the Father to provide what we need so desperately: *“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matt. 11:28)*. Paul reinforces the idea when he writes, *“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:7)*. Sometimes life makes no sense, but God’s peace sustains us and directs us. Peace acts like a guardian angel for our mental well-being. This peace is found in Jesus, our refuge. His disciples called him Teacher for that is what he was. And what he taught was the truth, *“Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation,”* for he is the Way and the Truth and the Life (Jn 14:6). God speaks to us through His Word, and we learn something new every day. Like little children we are always learning.

Which brings up something equally important and exciting—Immanuel Christian Academy begins another school year on August 23, 2021. We are excited that we have retained the majority of our student enrollment from the previous year. This new school year, like the year prior, faces challenges as faculty and staff work together to make learning and spiritual growth a priority. Our teachers are committed to providing the best possible education to these young learners. Most important is that our students are nourished with the Word of God. Our teachers point their students to Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, full of grace and truth. They look to Proverbs 25:4-5 as a guide for what ultimately leads them and us to places of safety, security, peace, and rest. We are also excited to welcome the newest faculty member of ICA, Patricia Pygmon. She will teach kindergarten. We will have a special installation for her during our worship service on August 22. Come and join us as we welcome her into the family of God. And please be sure to keep Patricia and all faculty, staff, students, and families in your prayers as they navigate through a new and challenging school year. Remember, each one of us is ever-learning. We look to God and His Word to lead us, teach us, and make known His ways so that we may know His truth and find true peace and comfort.

In the Fellowship and Love of Christ,

Pastor Steve Deombeleg

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PANTRY UPDATE

Grants & Awards:

Received **NID Endowment Partnership Fund**

Grant \$5,000

Received **Nourishing Neighbors Government Meals Advocacy** \$10k grant check

Received In-Kind Donation of Reusable Grocery Bags: **4Imprint.com** \$500

Cash Donations, **Karen & Ed Mulvihill, Stella Gonzalez (\$250)**

New Distribution Partnership:

Stacey Moss-Director of The Healing Corner-Chicago West Side. African American Youth Services, Gang Prevention, Education Assistance, Tattoo Removal and Employment Preparedness.

Federal Meals Program Advocacy Begins

Julie Hadler Begins training, Purchase of Kindle Tablet, Purchasing Printed Ads, Flyers, Signs and Forms.

PYHT Food Distributions & Activity:

Friday, July 2nd: Chicago Hope Pop-Up Food Pantry (4 Pallets), St. Paul-Oak Lawn (Chip Donation), Westchester Food Pantry (bread, chips)

Friday, July 9th: St. John Lutheran Church-Country Club Hills-Pop-up Pantry
Westchester Food Pantry-Donation Pick up

Saturday, July 10th: PYHT Pop-Up Pantry:

14 Volunteers

96 Families, 320 Individuals

Friday, July 16th: Chicago Hope Church & Academy Pop-Up Pantry

Friday, July 16th: Addison Township Donation Baby Care, Child Car Seats, Food

Saturday, July 17th: Cicero Community Collaborative: Baby Distribution

Thursday, July 22nd: Food Donation-Norman Dist.

Friday, July 23rd: Food Donations, American & United Airlines

Friday, July 23rd: Food Distribution-Food Relief Agencies & Ministries

Knights of Columbus & Immanuel Volunteers distributed 19,000 lbs. of food!

Christ the King Church, Chicago Hope Church & Academy, Immanuel Des Plaines, The Healing Corner-Chicago, LaSalle Street Church, Inner City Impact, Cicero Community Collaborative, Westchester Food Pantry.

Saturday, July 24th PYHT Pop-Up Pantry

PYHT Pop Up-Pantry Families Served: 191

PYHT Individuals Served: 642

Food Relief Agencies-Ministries Served: 19

Volunteer Hours: 210

Food Donations Received & Distributed: 29,000 Lbs.

Walking the Walk

As God's stewards, we are not only to "talk the talk" but "walk the walk" as well. Through faith, we know that God entrusts us with time, abilities, and resources and that He empowers us to use them in service for others and to extend His kingdom. When we "walk the walk," we not only continue talking but we put our talk into action. The Apostle John wrote, *"Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth"* (1 John 3:18). God's love compels us to serve and bless others not only in words but also in deeds. The Apostle James tells us *"But be doers of the word..."* (James 1:22). As God's stewards, we use all that He entrusts to us as instruments through which we show love to others.

In the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), we find a Samaritan who is "walking the walk." A Samaritan is traveling on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho when he finds a man along the road who had been robbed, beaten, and left for dead. If the Samaritan was just going to "talk the talk," he would have told the man who was beaten, "I love you, and I will pray for you." However, he "walked the walk" by stopping to help. Moved by compassion, he offered his time and talents by taking care of the man's wounds. The Samaritan went even further by putting the beaten man on his animal and taking him to an inn where he could be restored back to health. The Samaritan even used his own resources to pay the innkeeper for the man's care. He "walked the walk" by using his time, talents, and money to help a person in need.

The parable also illustrates two examples of people "talking the talk." Before the Samaritan found the robbed and beaten man, a priest and later a Levite saw the injured man but each walked away and offered no assistance. We can imagine that a priest and a Levite, in their preaching and teaching, would profess the importance of loving others, yet they failed to put their words into action.

As God's stewards, we seek opportunities to thank God for His love, forgiveness, and gifts by using our blessings in serving and giving to others. We are able and willing to help others because God's love within us overflows through us to others. May God help us all "walk the walk" and be the stewards we are called to be.

In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus warns us about how our attitude toward money and things can affect our response to God's Word. Jesus stated that some *"seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them"* (Matthew 13:7). He explained, *"As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful"* (Matthew 13:22). Having money and possessions can deceive you into believing that nothing is more important than owning things and enjoying the things money can buy. If the love of money controls your heart, God is pushed aside and your eternity with Him is endangered.

GIVING THE FIRST PART OF
OUR INCOME TO GOD REMINDS
US THAT HE HAS PROVIDED
ALL THAT WE HAVE.

"What do you have that you did
not receive? If then you received
it, why do you boast as if you
did not receive it?"

1 Corinthians 4:7



Jesus said, *"The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve"* (Matthew 20:28). He asks no less of us than that we serve others as He has served us. The writer of Hebrews tells us that we are called and enabled to *"serve the living God"* (Hebrews 9:14). In our work as servants, we serve God by serving others. When Jesus was asked, *"When did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You?"* Jesus replied, *Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me"* (Matthew 25:38, 40).

SPIRIT WEAR

Immanuel Christian Academy



If you are interested in Immanuel Christian Academy Spirit Wear, we have items from last year and the year before available for sale. Items will also be available in the narthex on Installation Sunday. Please make check out to Immanuel and place in Joanna Czubernat's church mailbox. Thank you! To purchase items online. bngn.smarttuition.com/?id=uew5txpgfqk#/home/

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We've Come This Far by Faith By Valerie Winston

As we prepare for a new school year, we cannot move forward without looking back to see how far we have come. And we have come a mighty long way. Because of God's grace and favor, last school year we were able to have a successful year, we were able to continue the educational process and we were able to stay safe and healthy. We were able to accomplish so many things and for that we give God all the honor, glory and praise.

We were able to do this, to come this far because of our faith. Our theme for this upcoming school year is, "We've Come This Far by Faith". This theme is based on 2 Corinthians 5:7, which says, "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

This year we will continue our faith walk. We thank you for your continued prayers and support on this journey. We also ask that you faith walk with us. We invite you to participate as we journey on Family Faith Walks throughout the year. Join us as we meditate on God's Word and grow in faith and understanding, as well as draw closer to Him in our own personal faith.

We thank God for the blessing of Immanuel Lutheran Church and for the school ministry of Immanuel Christian Academy. We also thank Him for the parents and families who have chosen our school and have entrusted their children to us. We thank Him for blessing us with a greater number of children this year. We especially thank Him for the faculty and staff who have been called by Him and have chosen to serve in this awesome ministry.

As we step onto the path of this new school year we pray that God will help us to continue to focus on Him in this walk of faith.



Everything written in the Scriptures was written to teach us, in order that we might have hope through the patience and encouragement which the Scriptures gives. Romans 15:4

Getting the Most Out of Your Daily Bible Reading

As you read the Bible each day, allow the Scriptures to speak to you. This daily “dialogue “ between you and the biblical text will reveal new understandings about God, and about yourself.

August

1 Philippians 1:1-11	16 1 Timothy 1:1-11
2 Philippians 1:12-30	17 1 Timothy 1:12-20
3 Philippians 2:1-11	18 1 Timothy 2:1-15
4 Philippians 2:12-30	19 1 Timothy 3:1-16
5 Philippians 3:1-21	20 1 Timothy 4:1-16
6 Philippians 4:1-23	21 1 Timothy 5:1-25
7 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	22 1 Timothy 6:1-21
8 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16	23 2 Timothy 1:1-18
9 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13	24 2 Timothy 2:1-13
10 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12	25 2 Timothy 2:14-26
11 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11	26 2 Timothy 3:1-9
12 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28	27 2 Timothy 3:10-4:8
13 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12	28 2 Timothy 4:9-22
14 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17	29 Titus 1:1-16
15 1 Thessalonians 3:1-18	30 Titus 2:1-15
	31 Titus 3:1-15

Set aside time to read the bible on a daily basis.

Find a quiet place to read and reflect on each day’s reading.

Begin with prayer, asking God for guidance and blessing.

A Month of Prayer

The fellowship of prayer consists of caring people who pray daily for members in the church. Members and their families will be listed in alphabetical order each month. Please pray for both their known and unknown needs.

1. The Blair Family
2. Bud & Lois Boese
3. The Bozzi Family
4. Roger Brabant
5. Ruth Anne Brendenmuhl
6. Bob Brown
7. Doretha Brown & Rashaad Smith
8. The Cairns Family
9. Joe & Lisa Chioda
10. The Czubernat Family
11. Detrall Dearbone
12. The Deombeleg Family
13. Laprika Duff & Jayla Pernell
14. Kari Fencel
15. Arlene Gasperich
16. The Hadler Family
17. Steve Hadler
18. Steve & Lucretia Hardy
19. Evelyn Haynes
20. Corinne Hein
21. The Hempel Family
22. Violet Horn
23. Sandra Houle
24. The Iacovetti Family
25. Dorothy Ivers
26. The Karpierz Family
27. Clyde & Omie Lane
28. Becky Lelings
29. The Lepe Family
30. The Mannella Family
31. The Mazanek Family

For the Record - Nothing to report



August Birthdays

5 - Jayla Pernell	22 - Annetta Zimmerman
6 - Paris Thomas	23 - Mike Northcutt
8 - Dave Svec	25 - Debbie Valentino
12 - Tom Sierawski	26 - Ron Arndt
16 - Rashaad Smith	28 - Johnny Welch
21 - Lynn Rand	31 - Tracy Bell

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship with HC Followed by coffee hour 11:00am Bible Study	2 School Registration Appointments					7
8 - Scrip Orders Due 9:30 Worship Followed by coffee hour 11:00am Bible Study	9	10	11	12	13	14 - 11am - 1pm PYHT Food Pantry Garden Work Day
15 9:30 Worship with HC Followed by coffee hour 11:00am Bible Study	16 Faculty Meetings	17	18	19 Stewardship Meeting	20 - 6:30pm Movie Night War Room	21
22 - 9:30 Worship <i>Installation Sunday</i> <i>Teacher re-dedication</i> Followed by coffee hour and Bible Study	23 1st day of school	24	25 Elders Meeting	26	27	28 Garden Work Day
29 9:30 Worship with HC Followed by coffee hour 11:00am Bible Study	30	31				

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*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10*