



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Glorifying God. Impacting the Community.

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Celebrating Immanuel Christian Academy's Milestone

Greetings in the name of Jesus,

I hope your summer has turned out to be better than you expected. We now move into the fall months with more regularity in our schedules. Where does the summer go? We all ask the same question. But, that's life, as we move through its rhythms and cycles.

A return to school for students is clearly one of the most noticeable changes. For Immanuel Christian Academy, this school year is one of great achievement. ICA will reach an historic milestone. This year we will celebrate our 170th year of continued Christian education in Hillside. That is no small feat. Just think about how ICA has contributed to the community throughout its history. Imagine the thousands of students who received an outstanding education for seventeen decades. That is truly something to praise God for. *"Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!" (Psalm 32:11).*

ICA has been *"Glorifying God and Impacting Our Community"* long before our vision statement was created. Just think about the thousands of lives that have been impacted since 1852 and continue to be impacted to this day. That's remarkable and worthy of celebrating, which will take place beginning with a big "Kick-Off Celebration" on Saturday September 17. Both school and church will come together for a time of fun, food, and festivities. Now that we are returning to a more normal lifestyle, we can actually gather with people without all the restrictions, fears, and limitations. The timing couldn't be better.

With that said, we need your help to make this a memorable and exciting event for all. Both the ICA 170th Planning Committee and Stewardship Commission have been working diligently to ensure that this celebration will be a rich and rewarding experience. As I said, we need you, the congregation of Immanuel to step forward by using your gifts of service and hospitality. Look for announcements and volunteer opportunities. What a great way to live out the vision of Immanuel. This celebration provides an opening for us to show our love and support for the most significant ministry in Immanuel's history. I encourage you to join us for a time of community building and an overall coming together to share life in the name of Jesus.

I look forward to seeing you on Saturday, September 17, as we rejoice in this landmark celebration. Thank God for blessing Immanuel Christian Academy for 170 years. May He continue to bless this enduring Christian institution well into the future, guided by the Holy Spirit, all to the glory of God.

In the Fellowship and Love of Christ,

Pastor Steve Deombeleg

PANTRY UPDATE

Cash & Online Donations: \$82

Free Will Offerings: \$96

Grant Awards: 0

Pending Grant Applications: 6 New Grants written this month

New Distribution Partnerships: Trinity Lutheran Church-Galewood, Chicago

New Donation Partnerships:

PYHT Food Distributions & Activity:

In-Kind Food Donations Received: Sysco, Costco, EYFP, Michael Lewis Co., Elmwood Park Pantry, Elmwood Park Community Church Pantry, GiveNKind, Frito Lay, Norman Distribution, Leyden Township.

PYHT Pop Up-Pantry Families Served:

186 Saturdays + Fridays)

PYHT Pop Up-Pantry Individuals Served:

380 (980-District Wide)

PYHT Food Relief Agencies & Ministries Served:

Youth Crossroads, Westchester Food Pantry, Lyons Church, St. Matthew's Soup Kitchen, St. Paul-Oak Lawn, BEDS Plus-LaGrange, Elmhurst Food Pantry, Leyden Township FP, Inner City Impact, Elmwood Park Panty, Village of Hillside, Downers Grove Soup Kitchen, Chatham Fields Lutheran Church-Chicago, Chicago Hope Church, Leyden Township Food Pantry, Chicago Heights Food Pantry, City of Rockford, Trinity - Galewood, Quinn House - Maywood.

Volunteer Stipends Paid Out: \$200 +\$175 Gas Gift Cards

City of Rockford: Rock House Kids 30,000 KIND BARS Event!

NEWS

Friday Distribution:

Friday giveaways are going well and now have 39 families signed up to receive invites to Friday Pantry Day. We have served approximately 20+ additional families per week on Friday and now are distributing via the North door and parking lot as a pick-up area. We are hoping to continue the Friday distributions as long as supplies hold up and we continue to receive Costco donations. Distributions through the North Narthex door should relieve any driveway traffic on school days.

PRE-HOLIDAY FOOD & FUND DRIVE:

Thanksgiving & Christmas Food Giveaways will be on our regular, second Saturday of the month for November and December. We will not hold any additional Holiday food giveaways this year due to the rising costs of food and transportation. We will give away Turkey & Ham Holiday Meal Boxes on both Saturday, November 12th and December 10th and will continue the weekly Friday giveaways throughout the Holiday season. Last year we gave away a total of 200 meal boxes at a cost of \$35 each (\$7,000).

Although the cost of the meal box has risen considerably since last year, we will keep the cost at \$35, beginning a fundraising in Mid-October.

PYHT Expansion Project Update:

News announcement will be going out soon, regarding the current expansion plans and funding options.

PLEASE PRAY FOR CONTINUED GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT FOR OUR MINISTRY EXPANSION PROJECT.



Finding Joy in Doing Good Works

In the Apostle Paul's letter to the people in Ephesus, he wrote, *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them"* (Ephesians 2:10). In order that we might do those good works, God gives us the physical and spiritual tools we need to be the instruments through which He can work. God has handcrafted us for the unique work that He has planned for each of us. We are His masterpieces filled with the Holy Spirit.

With the same power that God used in the beginning to create man from dust and later to resurrect Jesus from the dead (Ephesians 1:19-20), He raises us out of spiritual death and makes us new people—His workmanship, transformed stewards—whose works give evidence that we are new creatures. By the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, we are brought into God's kingdom. We are no longer part of or in union with the world. As new people living under the power of the Gospel, we desire to honor God and obediently do the good works He has planned for us to do. Because Christ has redeemed us from all wickedness and purified for *"Himself a people for His own possession,"* we are zealous to do good works (Titus 2:14).

In his book *Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey*, William Chancellor Weedon shares an interesting perspective regarding good works, Long before you see the opportunity for good works or recognize it, it was in God's heart as a gift for you. By that good work, He lets you exercise the resurrection life planted into you at your Baptism. That means that all around you every single day, your different callings, a huge variety of "Easter eggs" await your discovery and enjoyment.

Mr. Weedon compares the joy of doing good works to the joy that a child might experience when he/she finds "Easter eggs" on an Easter egg hunt. The more good works that God has planned for us the greater will be our joy.

God created us to do good works, but we are not saved through good works. Scripture tells us that we are saved by grace through faith in Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9). Just as the morning follows night, our good works follow our salvation by grace. Good works are an important purpose for our lives as Christian stewards. As we ask the Lord to enable us to submit to His will, He will put those good works He has prepared us to do before us. God may not tell us in advance what good works He wants us to do, but we know these works exist and that He has equipped us to do them. We can trust that, when we do good works, they are deeds needed to be done, God will be pleased, and we will find joy.

JESUS SENT HIS DISCIPLES
INTO THE WORLD AND NOW
HE IS SENDING US.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"

(Acts 1:8).

Christian Stewardship

IT'S NOT YOUR
TREASURE TO BURY

Stewardship Corner

In the book of Acts, Luke wrote, *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"* (Acts 1:8). Through the Holy Spirit, we receive the strength that we need to fulfill the command to share the Gospel with all people. Through Jesus' presence and strength, we are empowered to share with our families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. We are tools in God's hands to tell others of His life-changing and life-saving love. We are His instruments through whom He works, but Jesus is the One Who changes the hearts and minds of those in whom we plant the seeds. May God help us see the importance and urgency of our mission.


BUONA *Benefit Night*

20% of sales will benefit
Immanuel Christian Academy

BUONA HILSIDE
2135 S. WOLF RD, 60453
708-236-0575
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022



Email fundraising@buona.com to plan your Buona Benefit Night! Not valid with online, app, phone orders, or Gift Card purchases. Promoting on Buona's premises is prohibited.

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Order Market Day Today!

Market Day is back with home direct delivery!

Register at www.marketdaylocal.com

Choose Immanuel Christian Academy - Hillside as your organization.



RaiseRight - Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that enables families to raise money for their church or school. Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards.

You purchase gift cards from your organization at face value, and your coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for Immanuel. It's that simple! Order Forms are in the church hallway or enroll online: <https://www.raiseright.com/shop> Enrollment Code: 9D337C6F55761

170th Anniversary Celebration

Let's **KICK OFF** the 170th year of Immanuel's Christian Education Ministry with a back to school picnic!

FOOD, FUN, GAMES and more!

Bring the whole family!

September 17th • 11am - 2pm

**BACK TO
SCHOOL
PICNIC**

IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Immanuel Christian Academy

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...



Immanuel – God With Us

Valerie Winston

School began once again this past week. In Religion class we are studying the New Testament this year. That means we are starting with the birth of Jesus. It might seem odd to do so and perhaps it would seem best to hold off on those stories until Christmas. However, I believe that God has a special reason for leading us to those stories this year. In the story of the Annunciation, we got to the part of the story where Joseph is thinking about divorcing Mary quietly. But the angel of the Lord appeared to him and explained what was happening with Mary. In that explanation the angel also tells Joseph that the child's name shall be Immanuel, which means, "God with us". I paused in the lesson to remind the students about the name of our school. It struck me in that moment just how appropriate a name that is.

God promised to be with us in His Son and has continued to be with us. Jesus assures us as He assured His disciples that He would be with us to the very end of the age in Matthew 28. God has had a continuing presence in our lives and in the life of Immanuel Christian Academy. He is not just with us like a friend who might walk beside us, even though He does. He comes to live inside us, gives us strength in the place of weakness, courage in the place of fear, and life in places that once felt dead.

We never have to be alone and we don't have to worry. We can simply rest, knowing He is with us, in us, loves us and will never leave us. God has had a beautiful plan for the life of this school and its students. That plan started 170 years ago. He has given us the strength and confidence to keep going. He wants us to know His voice and follow Him. God has led every step of the way from 1852 until 2022 and will keep leading us into the future, because He holds the future. God is with us today and always.

Celebrating 170 Years of Christian Education Ministry!

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.

September

1 2 Corinthians 9:1-15	
2 Ephesians 1:1-23	16 Colossians 2:8-23
3 Ephesians 2:1-22	17 Colossians 3:1-25
4 Ephesians 3:1-21	18 Colossians 4:1-18
5 Ephesians 4:1-24	19 1 Timothy 1:1-20
6 Ephesians 4:25-5:14	20 1 Timothy 2:1-15
7 Ephesians 5:15-33	21 1 Timothy 3:1-16
8 Ephesians 6:1-24	22 1 Timothy 4:1-16
9 Philippians 1:1-20	23 1 Timothy 5:1-16
10 Philippians 1:21-2:11	24 1 Timothy 5:17-6:2
11 Philippians 2:12-30	25 1 Timothy 6:3-21
12 Philippians 3:1-21	26 Matthew 3:1-17
13 Philippians 4:1-23	27 Matthew 4:1-11
14 Colossians 1:1-23	28 Matthew 4:12-25
15 Colossians 1:24-2:7	29 Matthew 5:1-20

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.

School families in red.

1. Becky Lelings
2. The Lepe Family
3. **The Lewis Family**
4. The Mannella Family
5. **The Marsh Family**
6. The Mazanek Family
7. Virginia Mazanek
8. **The McKenzie Family**
9. Lloyd & Toni Mooney
10. **The Moore Family**
11. Ed & Karen Mulvihill
12. Heidi Murphy
13. **The Nash Family**
14. Kathy Nelson
15. Lynda Nickl
16. Mike & Carol Northcutt
17. Phyllis Ondrovic
18. Mindy Ondrovic
19. Pena Family
20. Perez Family
21. **The Perry Family**
22. Annelies Pitz
23. Lynn Rand
24. Susan Redis
25. Gloria Rubietta
26. **The Ruffin Family**
27. Joan Rundgren
28. **The Shannon Family**
29. Karen Sierawski
30. **The Sims Family**

For the Record

Deaths

Kari Fencl - August 16, 2022




September Birthdays

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|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 - Gloria Rubietta | 9 - Grace Hadler | 19 - Arlene Gasperich |
| 2 - Ruth Anne Brendemuhl | 10 - Maxwell Railing | 21 - Selena Perez |
| 3 - Joe Chioda | 13 - Dot Schneider | 26 - Clyde Lane |
| 3 - Lapricka Duff | 17 - Tim Bell | 28 - Omie Lane |
| 4 - Barbara Brown | 17 - Lisa Chioda | 29 - Joan Rundgren |
| 4 - Sheila Railing | 18 - Steve Deombeleg | 30 - Lloyd Mooney |
| 9 - Patty Pygman | 19 - Mindy Ondrovic | 30 - Suzie Lepe |



September 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><i>Holy Communion is offered the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of every month.</i></p> <p><i>For full calendar that includes school away games for athletics Please view our online calendar www.icahillside.org/calendar</i></p>						
4 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 Coffee Hour 11:15 Bible Study	5 No School Labor Day	6- 4:00 p.m. Home Volleyball Game 5:30 p.m. Day School Commission Meeting	7 3pm Faculty Meeting	8 6:00 pm Parent's Meeting with the Principal 6pm Elders Meeting	9 11:00 a.m. Friday Food Distribution	10 - PYHT Food Pantry 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
11 - Scrip Orders Due 9:30 a.m. Worship Re-dedication of Teachers /School Sing 10:45 Coffee Hour	12	13 BUONA BENEFIT 6PM PTL MEETING @ BUONA	14	15 6:00 p.m. Back to School Night	16 11:00 a.m. Friday Food Distribution 4:00 p.m. Home Volleyball Game	17 170th Anniversary Picnic 11am - 2pm
18 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee Hour 11:15 Bible Study	19	20 - 4:00 p.m. Home Volleyball Game	21	22	23 11:00 a.m. Friday Food Distribution	24
25 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 Coffee Hour 11:15 Bible Study	26	27 - School Picture Day 4:00 p.m. Home Volleyball Game 	28	29	30 11:00 a.m. Friday Food Distribution	

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RETURN REQUESTED

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