



## *Misseo Dei*—Our Future Optics

The word “optics” is one you have probably heard quite a bit the past few years, especially on the major news networks. The word “optics” refers to how a situation, action, or event, is perceived by the public or by a group of people. It goes something like this: *“Administrators worry about the bad optics of hiring a new staff during a budget crisis.”* The past few months members of Immanuel have gathered for what are called “Visioning Retreats.” These retreats provided a platform for asking some very important questions pertaining to who we are as a congregation. More specifically we asked: what do we do well as a congregation? what are the needs of the community around us? and, (God forbid) would the community even notice if we were to close our doors?

Tough questions to be sure but questions that we must address in light of current trends for Christian churches. During these retreats we learned how our culture perceives Christianity (its optics) in the twenty-first century. Our facilitator Rev. Keith Haney led us through a process to help us understand the many challenges congregations face on a regular basis; challenges that, in many instances, effect their very existence. Working together we were able to evaluate who we are as followers of Jesus Christ in this place at this present time. More importantly, its greater purpose was to help us look ahead and visualize *who we could be* as God’s people in this community in which we are situated. In the end, this exercise helped us focus on looking beyond ourselves and look instead to those around us; to be Christ to them so that they too might know God’s love and salvation through his Son. This is called *Misseo Dei*; or the mission of God. *“This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all”* (1 Timothy 2:3-5a).

Our group has proposed a Vision for Immanuel and will present it at our next Voter’s Meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to attend because, as members of Immanuel, you play a vital role in God’s mission. In presenting Immanuel’s Vision, we will need your approval—your blessing. Copies of the statement will be available for those who cannot attend.

Continuing the theme of mission, on June 9<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost—also known as the birth of the Church. The Holy Spirit was poured out then and continues to be poured out today. The Holy Spirit comes with fills us with power; power for sending. On June 15 – 22 Sue Redis and Suzie Lepe will join Lord of Life Lutheran church in Tennessee. They will travel to Guatemala in *Misseo Dei*. Be sure to keep them in your prayers as they share the love of Jesus in word and deed. Pray that this team will be used mightily, bearing witness to Christ, to the glory of God. *“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people”* (Titus 2:11). Thank you to all who were able to support them financially. You are a blessing. Let’s continue to support them with our prayers.

In the Fellowship and Love of Christ,

Pastor Steve Deombeleg

IMMANUEL'S  
OLD SCHOOLHOUSE  
COMMUNITY GARDEN

# 2019 PLOT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Applications available in the church narthex  
or contact Tom Czubernat:  
tczubernat@immanuel-hillside.org

GARDEN SEASON HAS BEGUN!

COME GROW WITH US!

## MONTHLY EVENTS

(unless otherwise noted)

**Faculty Meeting - 1st Wednesday of  
the Month 3pm**

**PTL Meeting - See Calendar**

**Adult Bible Study Sundays**

10:45am June - August

8:15am September - May

**Women's Bible Study**

Wednesdays 10:00am

**Men's Bible Study**

Wednesdays 4:30pm

**Dartball - Tuesday 7:30**

September - May

**Adult Choir Rehearsal**

Wednesdays 7:30pm

September - 1st Week in June

**Garden Work Days 3rd Saturday**

of the month May - August

9am - Noon

*Voters Meeting*

*June 9th*

*After coffee hour*



Announcing...the planting of a  
**Community Orchard**



We welcome all the local community to join us and celebrate in  
the planting of the fruit trees for the orchard on:

**Saturday June 22nd 9:30am**

**4733 Cermak Rd-Hillside, IL 60162**

*(Parking on Westwood Ave. and behind Inland Bank)*

Donated By:



All tools and gloves provided

Light refreshments provided

Come dressed in suitable clothing including  
suitable footwear. This will be a hands-on day!

Email: [oldschoolhousegardens@gmail.com](mailto:oldschoolhousegardens@gmail.com)

Contact: Jayne (708) 261-2006

## Checking on our Job as Stewards

A young boy walks into a small drug store and asks the druggist, "Could I use the telephone?" The druggist replies, "You certainly can," and shows him where the telephone is. The boy calls a grocery store and asks the man who answers the phone, "Is your grocery store looking for someone to stock the shelves?" The man says, "No, we already have a stock boy." The boy inquires, "If he isn't doing a good job, maybe you need to get someone who will do a better job." The man replies, "No, we are pleased with the work the boy is doing," so the boy hung up the telephone.

The druggist hears the conversation and says to the boy, "I'm sorry you didn't get the job." The boy says, "I don't need a job, because I am the stock boy. I was checking to see what they thought of my work."

What if we could call God to ask about the job we are doing as His stewards? If it were possible to call, what kind of response would you expect to hear? Would God see you as a person who acknowledges all that you have as having been given to you by Him and yourself as a manager, not an owner? Would God tell you that you are using your time, talents, and money in ways that please Him? Would God commend you for feeding the hungry, for sheltering the homeless, for giving generously to those in need? Would God be pleased with what you are giving to His Church? Would God tell you, *"Well done, good and faithful steward"* (Matthew 25:23)?

Unfortunately, we all fall well short of God's standards, but, because of what Christ did for us on the cross, we are forgiven for all the times that we have failed to be faithful stewards. With God's grace given to us through His Son, we can be molded and transformed into God-pleasing stewards. In Christ, we can be stewards who do God's work well.

In his letter, Peter wrote, *"Always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you"* (1 Peter 3:15). God blesses us with minds to learn and mouths to speak. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God will give us the words and the courage to use them. Along with most people, we are eager to talk about the weather, sports, economy, or politics, but, as Christians, we have been given the treasure of the Gospel message—something vastly more important to talk about. Our attitude should be like that of Peter and John, who, when commanded to stop speaking of Christ, said, *"We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard"* (Acts 4:20).

## 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. Steve and Lucretia Hardy
2. Don Hartman
3. Evelyn Haynes
4. Corinne Hein
5. The Hempel Family
6. Violet Horn
7. Sandra Houle
8. Leslie Iacovetti
9. Ed & Dorothy Ivers
10. Hans Jacobs
11. Dan & Kristen Karpierz
12. Stephan & Nancy Knapp
13. John Kyanka
14. Clyde & Omie Lane
15. Bob & Becky Lelings
16. The Lepe Family
17. The Mannella Family
18. The Mazanek Family
19. Lloyd & Toni Mooney
20. The Mulvihill family
21. Heidi Murphy
22. Kathy Nelson
23. Lynda Nickl
24. Irene Niko
25. Mike and Carol Northcutt
26. The Ondrovic Family
27. The Pena Family
28. The Perez Family
29. Renee Phillips
30. Annelies Pitz

**TRANSFORMED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE GIVE OURSELVES WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN SERVICE TO OTHERS.**

"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith"  
(Galatians 6:10).

## *Immanuel Christian Academy News*



### **Summer Office Hours**

**Monday through Thursday 9am - 1pm**

**Pastor will be on vacation June 26th - July 10th**

**Due to waxing floors:**

**Church Office & Hallways will be closed June 30th - July 5th**

**School Office & Hallways will be closed July 4th - the 14th.**

*Due to illness or vacation plans changing, please call first to make sure we are in.*



**2019 - 2020 Registration Packets will be mailed mid - July to enrolled families. Registration Night is scheduled for August 7th, 2019.**



Health  
&  
Wellness

September 21st, 2019

Immanuel will host a Community Health & Wellness Fair. We have started planning this event, but need your help! If you have interest, please attend our next meeting on May 5th after church or speak with Jayne Siou or Joanna Czubernat.



Think of Immanuel as you do your Spring cleaning! We need your gently used men's, women's and children's clothing and shoes. Immanuel will host a Free Will Clothing Store during the Community Health & Wellness Fair on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you in advance for your help.

*Congratulations*  
GRADUATES  
CLASS OF 2019

*Grace Hadler and Rashaad Smith  
will graduate June 2nd from Walther  
Christian Academy. Congrats!!*

*Congratulations to our 8th Grade  
Graduates John Allen and Zoe Crawford!*

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Returns to Immanuel June 17th - 21st

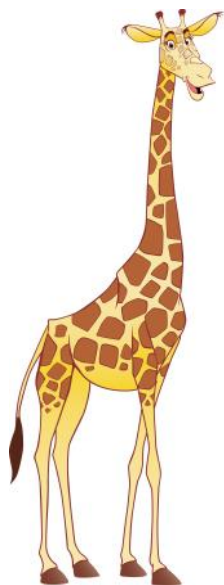
6pm - 8:30pm each evening!

Volunteers and Donations still needed!

Please check the post-it note board in the

Narthex or speak with Mrs. Svec

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/ih2019>



Life is wild, but  
God is good.



*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.

**JUNE**

- |                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 1 Peter 2:1-10  | 15 Acts 4:23-37           |
| 2 Luke 11:1-13    | 16 Acts 10:1-16           |
| 3 John 14:15-31   | 17 Acts 10:17-33          |
| 4 John 15:18-16:4 | 18 Acts 10:34-48          |
| 5 John 16:5-15    | 19 Acts 11:1-18           |
| 6 John 16:16-33   | 20 Acts 11:19-30          |
| 7 Ezekiel 37:1-14 | 21 Acts 16:1-15           |
| 8 Joel 2:28-3:8   | 22 Acts 16:16-40          |
|                   | 23 Romans 8:1-17          |
| <b>Pentecost</b>  | 24 Romans 8:18-39         |
| 9 Acts 2:1-13     | 25 1 Corinthians 12:1-11  |
| 10 Acts 2:14-36   | 26 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 |
| 11 Acts 2:37-47   | 27 Galatians 5:16-26      |
| 12 Acts 3:1-10    | 28 Ephesians 4:1-16       |
| 13 Acts 3:11-26   | 29 Ephesians 4:17-5.2     |
| 14 Acts 4:1-22    | 30 2 Timothy 1:1-18       |

**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.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- 2 - Altar Guild Meeting
- 3 - EOY Faculty Meeting
- 4 - Day School Meeting
- 5 - Elders Meeting
- 6 - EOY PTL Meeting
- 9 - Pentecost  
GLS Orders Due  
Voters Meeting
- 15 - Garden Work Day
- 16 - Father’s Day
- 17 - Vacation Bible School Begins
- 21 - Vacation Bible School Concludes
- 22 - Tree Planting at the OSHCG

**June 25th - July 10th**  
**Pastor on Vacation**

**June Greeters**

- June 2 - Dennis & Phyllis**
- June 9 - Tim & Tracy**
- June 16 Mike & Maxine**
- June 23 - Julie Hadler**
- June 30th - Heidi Murphy**

**Birthdays**



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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 - Trina Bozzi       | 20 - Jake Mitchell      |
| 1 - Jelisa Washington | 24 - Josh Svec          |
| 9 - Taylor Balslew    | 25 - Sharlyn Deombeleg  |
| 10 - Ed Ivers         | 29 - Philbert Wilcox Sr |
| 10 - Scott Mazanek    | 30 - Arianna Pena       |
| 13 - Manny Lepe       | 30 - Leonard Bartels    |

*For the Record:*  
*Marriage May 25th*  
*Thy Vu & Sarah (Johnson) Vu*





# JUNE 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Gym & Fellowship Hall in Use
2 8:15am Bible Study 9:30am Worship HC 10:30 Coffee Hour Altar Guild Meeting	3 - 9am - End of Year Faculty Meeting	4 - 5pm Day School Meeting	5 - 10:00am WBS 4:30pm MBS 6pm Elders Meeting 7pm Adult Choir Practice	6 - 6pm End of the Year PTL Meeting	7	8 - OSH in use
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23 8:15am Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30 Coffee Hour	24	25	26 Pastor on Vacation until July 10th ⇒	27 ⇒	<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6:00pm - 8:30pm Mon - Friday</b>	
30 8:15am Bible Study 9:30am Worship HC 10:30 Coffee Hour	Pastor on Vacation ⇒	Pastor on Vacation until July 10th ⇒	Pastor on Vacation until July 10th ⇒	28 ⇒	29 - OSH in Use	HC - Holy Communion WBS - Women's Bible Study MBS - Men's Bible Study OSHCG - Old School House Community Garden GLS - Great Lakes Scrip (Manna)

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**RETURN REQUESTED**

**POSTMASTER: DATED MATERIAL**

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**REMEMBER TO PRAY. . .** If you have a prayer request, please call the pastor in the church office (708-562-5590). We are praying for you! Please notify the office when circumstances of your request change or when the Lord answers your prayers. We want to rejoice with you and thank the Lord.



**All of them were  
filled with  
the Holy Spirit!  
Acts 2.4**