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In Changing Times God Provides

Psalm 90

¹Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

²Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

In a world of rapid change, the above verses are a good reminder for believers in Christ that no matter how intimidating and unsettling the changes are to our nation, God never changes. It sounds trite but I believe that in these last days they are more important than ever. Each generation has its own challenges and believes that their moment in history is like no other – we also believe that. In two recent articles in *The Lutheran Witness (LW)*, Gene Edward Veith discusses the various changes that are taking place across our land that followers of Jesus Christ cannot ignore. These changes directly affect the core beliefs of Christianity, the decisions we make on a daily basis, and how we walk together as the body of Christ.

In his article, “Changes on the Horizon” (March 2021) Veith raises certain problematic issues that challenge Christianity in America. He discusses The Equality Act and the Do No Harm Act specifically. If you are not familiar with these bills you should be. The passing of either bill would cause great harm to the Church and to our schools. Veith ends his article with these words: “As God’s people, Christians should not be surprised at the persecution aimed squarely at the church. In times of struggle, the church does well to remember David’s exhortation: ‘Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation’” (Ps 146:3). He is sounding the alarm; we should take notice and act.

In the May 2021 issue of *LW* Veith has another article addressing Cancel Culture, another cultural phenomenon that you are surely aware of by now. Cancelling as an ideology has become the norm for our society and brings with it very damaging consequences to our freedom of speech. Here Veith breaks down very simply, the characteristics of Cancel Culture. Cancelling is changing the fabric of our society. Both articles are fairly short and easy to read. There are other important topics addressed in *LW*, topics focusing on how Christians are to navigate our modern world and respond with a Biblical worldview. I will make them available to you. Moreover, God has so much to say about our place in this world. In troubling times He provides a refuge through His Word. Paul says, that our struggle is not against “flesh and blood, but against...the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places” (Eph 6:12). *cont. on page 2*

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Therefore, what better place to go for comfort, strength, and encouragement than to the house of the Lord. As of this writing, the state of Illinois has tentatively announced that it is planning to fully reopen the economy on June 11th. The CDC has announced no mask requirements for those who

have received Covid vaccinations with the two-week post period (with some exceptions). So, things are changing for the better. The day is surely drawing near for us to rejoice together once again. Therefore, I would like to encourage those of you have abstained from worship for a time to return to God's house. Bring your weary, parched, and thirsting

souls to be refreshed with God's good gifts in Christ. God is our dwelling place. He is everlasting and His love endures forever.

In the Fellowship and Love of Christ,

Pastor Steve



PYHT MINISTRY REPORT, May 2021

NEWS: June Zoom meeting will be scheduled to discuss the future of the ministry, distribution schedule changes, Westchester Food Pantry, community needs, grants and funding.

Saturday, May 1 Pantry Day

118 families served, 445 individuals
16 Volunteers
14 Prayer Requests
6,200lbs of bagged groceries, produce, meat, dairy snacks, and desserts, and a lot of bread distributed

Re-stocked Little Free Pantry x5 this week

Food Donations provided for:

Freedom Missionary Baptist Church
Mobile Pantry
Westchester Food Pantry
Village of Hillside-Fire Department

*PYHT Food Distribution Costs this week \$1,800 includes food purchases, bags, truck/delivery x2

Friday, May 14, ILC-Palatine Mobile Pantry Event

It was a hot but beautiful day, excellent turnout of Palatine volunteers, students and families. We served about 50 families.

Saturday, May 15 Pantry Day

17 volunteers

391 individuals, 104 Families
105 Grocery Bags
105 Meal Boxes plus bread, dairy, meat, and dessert

Friday, May 28 Agency Food Distribution

Received 4,300lbs of food from Delta and British Airways
4 Volunteers from the Knights of Columbus helped us serve:
St. Paul Lutheran Church
-Oak Lawn
Chicago Hope Church

Saturday, May 29th Holiday Weekend Pantry Day

Distribution of 100 grocery bags, meal boxes and food donations



Movie Night! The Chosen Is taking place in the sanctuary on select Fridays. We will follow the same safety guidelines as those used during worship. Please check the Sunday Bulletin for June dates.

Guided by the Eyes of the Heart

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus spoke about two treasures (Matthew 6:19-20). We either seek “treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal” or “treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.” We are all treasure seekers because we either want to enjoy treasures on earth or treasures in heaven. Our choices, decisions, and actions are dictated by what we hold dear. What we treasure dictates how we think about ourselves and our relationships with others and most important with God.

So what is your treasure? What causes you to love the treasures or the things of this world or the treasure that God offers? Why do some of us follow one path and others a different one? God gives us two eyes to see, and they are an enormous help for our existence. However, they do not provide help as to which treasure we serve. In his book *Redeeming Money*, Paul David Tripp suggests that we have another pair of eyes and those eyes are eyes of the heart. This set of eyes makes up an important part of our vision system. He wrote: “*The eyes of the heart are always envisioning something. They are always fixed and focused on some hope, some dream, something you value. What the eyes of your heart envision will shape what your physical eyes look for and notice. Your physical vision is not neutral. No, it is guided by the eyes of your heart...What, for you, is the treasure dream that shapes the way you see your world? What physical things get your focus because they connect to the treasure that has already commanded the focus of your heart?...The treasures of your heart will always shape the way you see.*”

Later in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, “*No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money*” (verse 24). Jesus is telling us that either God or money will be our treasure and become the master in our hearts. We are told that we can’t serve both God and money. In this verse, Jesus points out that money above everything else can keep our hearts from making Him their treasure. We can say that no heart is free. As Jesus said, we either seek treasures on earth or in heaven.

As sinful people, our hearts are inclined to seek treasures on earth. Only with God’s Word working through the Holy Spirit can the grip that money and material things have on us be broken. In our prayers, let us ask God not only to give us good eyesight, but, more important, to give us even better vision with the eyes of our hearts so that we can clearly see the treasures in heaven which will give us joy and peace on earth and life eternal with Jesus.

FAITH TOWARD GOD AND LOVE TOWARD OUR NEIGHBOR FIND COMMON NOURISHMENT IN OUR FORGIVENESS THROUGH JESUS.

“Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!” (Romans 7:24-25).

THE INCREDIBLE GENEROUSITY OF GOD PROMPTS US TO GIVE GENEROUSLY.

“God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:8

Give Generously this summer.

With summer approaching, many families taking vacation time. Please remember that bills still need to get paid. Summer offerings often drop due to low attendance. Please remember Immanuel before you travel or set up recurring donations through Realm.

Stewardship Corner

In His sovereignty, God chose not to evangelize the world by a sudden miracle. Instead of using His angels, God chose to use us to be His hands, feet, and mouth to the world. He wants to work through us to advance His kingdom, and He wants to involve everyone. God calls each of us into ministry. Each of us has a purpose to fulfill, so we are an important part of God plan. God places us where He wants us to be. To be effective in the work that God gives us to do, we are equipped with the gifts that we will need. In the words of the Apostle Peter, “*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.*” 1 Peter 4:10



IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

This Far by Faith

By Valerie Winston

Faith is the substance of things hoped for. As we began this past school year we hoped that even with all the issues, concerns, and changes we would be able to continue the educational process while trying to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible.

Our theme for this past school year has been, “Unshakeable Faith” based on 1 Corinthians 16:13 which says, “Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.” We have truly been able to be strong and courageous because of our faith in God. No matter the challenges that would or could arise, we knew that God would see us through.

We have been so blessed and fortunate to have such an amazing year. Even the difficult situations that normally occur during a school year, didn't happen this year. We have been abundantly blessed with a loving and dedicated faculty and staff. We have hard-working students who have made difficult adjustments with their method of learning. And we have some of the most amazing and supportive parents, who have entrusted and will continue to entrust their children to our care. In all my years of ministry, I don't think I've ever seen 100% re-enrollment, especially before the end of a school year.

Our school has also been blessed to have a wonderfully supportive congregation. We know how hard many of you have fought and continue to fight to keep our school going. We thank you for your continued prayers and support of this ministry. You have been and continue to be such a blessing to the school.

We are so grateful to God for His grace and many wonderful blessings upon our school. We will continue to stand firm in our faith as we begin to focus on next year and our theme “We've Come This Far by Faith”. This theme is based on 2 Corinthians 5:7 which says, “We walk by faith, not by sight.” We know that God is still in control and it is our faith in Him that has led us this far and will continue to see us through.

DRIVE THRU EVENT

*Special Send off for Preschool
& Kindergarten Students*

Pick Up Yearbooks & Awards

VBS Bags to Go!

SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH 9:00AM-11:30AM
IMMANUEL SCHOOL PARKING LOT

Congratulations to the Class of 2021



Nadia Bradley
Melannie Garcia
Trinity Hodges
Micah Lewis



Summer Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday June 9:00am - 1:00pm

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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

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| 1 Psalm 25 | |
| 2 Psalm 32 | 16 Joel 2:1-17 |
| 3 Psalm 51 | 17 Joel 2:18-27 |
| 4 Psalm 57 | 18 Jonah 3:1-10 |
| 5 Exodus 33:12-23 | 19 Jonah 4:1-11 |
| 6 Exodus 34:1-9 | 20 Micah 7:8-20 |
| 7 2 Samuel 19:8b-23 | 21 Romans 9:1-18 |
| 8 Isaiah 30:8-26 | 22 Romans 9:19-10:4 |
| 9 Isaiah 40:1-17 | 23 Romans 10:5-21 |
| 10 Isaiah 40:18-31 | 24 Romans 11:1-12 |
| 11 Isaiah 55:1-13 | 25 Romans 11:13-24 |
| 12 Jeremiah 31:1-22 | 26 Romans 11:25-36 |
| 13 Lamentations 3:19-33 | 27 Philemon |
| 14 Ezekiel 39:21-29 | 28 1 Peter 2:1-10 |
| 15 Daniel 9:1-19 | 29 Psalm 103 |

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. Sandra Houle
2. The Iacovetti Family
3. Dorothy Ivers
4. The Karpierz Family
5. Clyde & Omie Lane
6. Becky Lelingis
7. The Lepe Family
8. The Mannella Family
9. The Mazanek Family
10. Virginia Mazanek
11. Lloyd & Toni Mooney
12. Ed & Karen Mulvihill
13. Heidi Murphy
14. Kathy Nelson
15. Lynda Nickl
16. Irene Niko
17. Mike & Carol Northcutt
18. Phyllis Ondrovic
19. Mindy Ondrovic
20. Pena Family
21. Perez Family
22. Annelies Pitz
23. Lynn Rand
24. Susan Redis
25. Gloria Rubietta
26. Joan Rundgren
27. Karen Sierawski
28. Jayne Siou
29. Rose Slagle
30. Daniel Stallings

For the Record - Nothing to report



June Birthdays

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| 1 - Trina Bozzi | 18 - Patricia Washington |
| 1 - Jelisa Washington | 24 - Josh Svec |
| 9 - Taylor Balslew | 25 - Sharlyn Deombeleg |
| 10 - Scott Mazanek | 29 - Philbert Wilcox Sr |
| 12- Chloe Karpierz | 30 - Arianna Pena |
| 13 - Manny Lepe | 30 - Leonard Bartels |



JUNE 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 - Scrip Orders Due 9:30am Worship with HC followed by coffee in Fellowship Hall, followed by Bible Study in the Sanctuary	7 - 9:00am End of Year Faculty Meeting	1	2	3	4 7pm - 8th Grade Graduation	5 - 9am - 11:30am Drive Through End of School Event and VBS
13 - 9:30am Worship followed by Coffee in Fellowship Hall, followed by Bible Study in the Sanctuary	14	15 6pm - Church Council Budget Meeting	16	17 Informer Submissions Due	18	12 11am - 1pm Food Pantry 9am - Noon - Garden Work Day
20 - Father's Day 9:30am Worship with HC followed by coffee in Fellowship Hall, followed by Bible Study in the Sanctuary	21	22	23	24	25	26 11am - 1pm Food Pantry 9am - Noon - Garden Work Day
27 - 9:30am Worship followed by Coffee in Fellowship Hall, followed by Voters Meeting	28	29	30			

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