



# September

## 2019 NEXUS

### Pastoral Reflections: "GETTING THE MESSES CLEANED UP"

Life is messy. You don't have to live long to know this it's true. My new grandson, Nathan William, shows me this is true. Even as adorable as he is when he's eating, he's already accomplished at getting messy. Here's a wonder . . . it's true for every single person – in life we all get messy. Some messes are self-made. Some are made by others for us. And sometimes messes just happen because we live in a messy world.

I love this story. A woman from Minnesota with some of her friends traveled to Beverly Hills and Hollywood for a vacation. After window shopping on Rodeo Drive, the woman decided to indulge herself in getting an ice cream cone. While standing in line inside the ice cream shop, she glanced over at the next line and recognized one of the most famous movie stars of her day, Paul Newman. Famous for his talent, good looks of blue eyes and dimpled smile as well as a boyish charm, the woman's heart skipped a beat as she tried to remain calm and sophisticated. After stealing a second glance at Mr. Newman, she saw he was glancing at her. Because he smiled at her she smiled back but pretended not to recognize him. When it was her turn to order she carefully announced so as not to betray being star-struck. Her wait for her cone was short. As the server handed her the cone she struggled to get her wallet out of her purse and her money out of her wallet. After paying for her cone and receiving her change she left the shop without even a sideways glance at Mr. Newman.

However, when this woman got outside she realized she didn't have her ice cream cone and must have left it in one of the holders on the ice cream case. Feeling foolish and not wanting to go back inside for she knew Paul Newman would know she was country bumpkin, she paused outside considering her options. It was then Paul Newman exited the ice cream shop holding his cone. The woman smiled at him and started heading back inside the store when Mr. Newman stopped her.



He asked, "Are you wondering where your ice cream cone is?"

"Yes," she replied. "I must have left it on the holder on the counter."

"No, you didn't," Paul Newman said with a grin. "You put it in your purse."

Oh, what a mess the inside of her purse must have been!" Yes, life can get awful messy and we see the messes keep right on happening.

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## pastoral reflections...cont'd

This is so true for my life. One time, in our first apartment at the seminary I dumped a full glass of tomato juice on our brand new oatmeal colored couch. No lie, Joanne ran into the bathroom yelling, "mom, please fix this!" (Her parents were visiting us in St. Louis). To this day, I thank my mother-in-law, Janet Schumacher and Scotch Guard material protector for getting that couch clean and keeping me from living in a matrimony of misery.

Sadly this was not an isolated incident. My Bible, notebooks and many reading books have coffee stains on them. I spill, I slop, I drip, I drop, I schloop, I make messes...often!

Knowing this about myself, I can't help but thrill to have Jesus. Oh to be sure, He has cleaned up the biggest stain and mess of my life and yours too. He has taken away the sin and the punishment our sin caused. The greatest stain remover ever is the cross of Calvary where Jesus died to take away our sins. Jesus' rising from the grave assures us the stain is gone forever and the blood Jesus shed now cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:7b)

But here's also what's wonderful: Jesus has never been afraid to enter into the messiness of our lives.

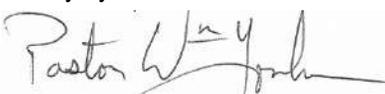
Think about this a moment. When Jesus did His earthly ministry, He walked through a land that was very arid and hot – often near desert-like. Certainly the sanitary conditions as well as people's personal hygiene left much to be desired. Yet Jesus allows Himself to be swarmed by crowds of humanity. Sometimes surrounded by the diseased, Jesus kept healing and loving and blessing. Bartimaeus, a blind beggar would've had a very hard time finding the resources, the means and the ability to be properly clean, yet Jesus called him to His side. Throngs of children were brought to Jesus without the brands of "Pampers" and "Pull-ups" yet Jesus welcomed them into His arms and blessed them. The unclean, the unkempt and the unhealthy always seemed to be at His side. He willingly touched the lepers, the lame and those limited in virtue. He picked up Malchus' cut off ear and healed him; He allowed the bleeding woman to touch Him, rendering Him levitically unclean; He asked to drink water from an outcast woman's bucket; He entered into the presence of the demon possessed and exorcized the evil spirits. You see, don't you? Jesus was never, and is never, afraid to enter into the messiness of humanity.

But here's the thing, Jesus never left a person messy who wanted to be made clean. Jesus willingly waded into people's messes but even more willingly He sanitized, deodorized and purified our bodies, hearts and souls. Now as we, the baptized in Christ, stand before the Almighty and Holy Father God, we are unsoiled, unsullied and unstained.

Sadly it's true, we all have an amazing capacity to make messes in our lives and even make messes of our lives. That's why I'm a disciple of Jesus. He who was not afraid to enter my messiness is only too glad to get rid of my messes. This is true for you as well.

I'm trying not to make too many messes as I grow older. I'm an optimist that I'll better control my spillage and me clumsiness. But I'm also a realist --- the spills and the messes will keep happening. I'm so glad we have Jesus for the cleaning up of all of our messes!

A blessed beginning of Autumn to you and yours  
Always yours, with much love,



Pastor William P. Yonker

"Drawing people closer to the person of Jesus Christ..."

# from the pastor

The last words of Jesus recorded in the book of Acts just before His ascension into heaven remind us of the mission Jesus gives us to do—He says, “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). How amazing is it that Jesus chooses us to be His missionaries, to witness to the goodness and the grace of God in sending Jesus to be our Savior? We have this incredible privilege of sharing this good news with many others in our everyday lives. This is the work of outreach and over the next five years our congregation is going to be focusing on the opportunities which are right in front of us to draw more people closer to Christ.

One way we hope to do that in our Day School ministry is by focusing our hearts on those beyond our walls: caring for and loving those who are not part of our family. During the course of this school year we are going to be supporting a boy and girl who are students at a Christian school in India. We will send the school \$100 a month to ensure these children are receiving a quality and Christ centered education. Maybe you would like to help us in this noble endeavor by bringing some of your change to our India Transformed collection spots around church.



We wanted to introduce these kids to you as we will be praying for them and the students in our Day School will have the opportunity to write emails and letters to them assuring them of our prayers and hopes for a wonderful school year. **Shallot Ruth** is a quiet yet understanding and helpful girl who is obedient to her parents, teachers and elders. She enjoys dance as a way to help alleviate her shyness. In December, she will celebrate her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday. A few encouraging words have helped the child overcome a lot of her hesitation; how much more impact would a sponsor’s love and support have on her? Sponsorship will bless the child immensely and help ease the family’s challenging situation.

We also will be sponsoring **Gourav** whose family has recently moved to a bigger city seeking a better life for them. As his parents deal with unemployment and other struggles, Gourav now has to learn a different language and adapt to a new home. His parents are committed to giving their son the best education they can provide but in these challenging times it is impossible for them to give their son that gift without our help and support. Gourav is ten years old. He is an intelligent child and works hard to keep up his good grades. A sponsor's support will provide for every school need and Gourav will be greatly encouraged to perform well in school.



We encourage you to pray for these children and to support them if possible through your gifts of love with the India Transformed collection cans which you will find in the atrium of Luther Hall. This is outreach as we share the love that has been given to us by our Savior Jesus. Forgiven of all our sins by Jesus’ death on the cross and promised heaven as our home because of our Lord’s victorious resurrection from the dead, our desire reflects the heart of Jesus in wanting many more to come and recline at the table in the kingdom of God which Jesus is even now preparing for us.

Thank you for this love and support for Shallot Ruth and Gourav and thanks as well for your dedication to being the Lord’s witnesses in Dundee, Carpentersville, Algonquin, Elgin, Lake in the Hills and to the ends of the earth.

Peace and joy—Pastor Baerwolf



# LWML & Immanuel Lutheran Dorcas Society

## MONTHLY NEWS & UPDATES



**“HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN!”**

On the first day of school, my mom would open all the windows, put this record on and blast the song out, as all the kids gathered to walk to school, with our shiny new Barbie or Capt. America lunch boxes in hand and possibly, a new pair of saddle shoes for me. A-h-h-h, those were the days and sweet memories.

### DORCAS SOCIETY STARTS A NEW YEAR

**SEPTEMBER:** We start with our annual month long collection of Christmas Stocking Stuffers for Lutheran Child and Family Services Foster Kids and will end on October 19th, with a presentation from LCFS, at our LWML Fall Fellowship in Luther Hall. All Immanuel Ladies, are invited to attend. More information to follow.



### DORCAS CALL TO MISSIONS

#### Knitting/Looming Circle:



Meets the 3rd Friday of each month- September 20th @ 1pm in Luther Hall  
The group works on a variety of projects so come, join the group, bring your yarn and needles/loom and share some fellowship. Our “Brilliant” yarn Guru, Nohra Chester, can answer any question and help fix any mistake. Call her at 305.510.4802 for more information.

#### TLC Nursing/Home Visits: Meets the Fourth Thursday of each Month

Thursday, September 26th @ 1:00 p.m. in the church kitchen  
Meet at church & carpool to visits.



*Put a smile on their faces and yours when we visit older members who are unable to come to church.*



## LUTHERAN CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES



There are 125,000 abused children in Illinois and LCFS currently has 1,800 of those children placed with safe and caring foster families. At the same time, LCFS staff work with the birth families helping them to get their lives together, so they can be reunited with their children. Please continue to Support\$\$ and Pray for foster parents and the children in their care. The charity works tirelessly to reunite as many children as possible with their parents.

If you would like to support LCFS go to their web site [www.lcfs.org/donate](http://www.lcfs.org/donate). Thank you!

## Learn to Loom Knit!



Coming up on September 21st from 8:30-11 a.m. in Luther Hall!  
12 years old and up! No experience needed - supplies will be provided!

Come and join the fun and learn how to Loom-Knit! After participating in this class, you will go home with your very own circular loom and a completed baby hat. *If you desire, you may donate your hat to Lutheran Child and Family Services (LCS) for their Christmas stocking gifts for foster children.* This beginner class will give you enough basics to allow you to make bigger projects in the future using the same round loom.

Cost is \$5.00 per person - Registration deadline is September 13th.  
This is a Dorcas Society event sponsored with the help of Thrivent Financial.

### REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

I am registering for \_\_\_\_\_ (#) of people @ \$5.00 per person

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to the Church Office. Questions?  
Contact Lynn Kreutzer @ 847-736-9117 or Nohra Chester @ 305-510-4802



# SCHOOL NEWS



Sue Domeier  
Principal



What a summer we've had! Students, staff, and families kept busy with a wide variety of activities - from swimming at the pool, to vacationing all over the world, to spending time with family and friends - our Immanuel family has been busy!

Summers are busy times on campus too. While we take a hiatus from the academic portion of our life together. We continued to share Joy through VBS, STEAM Camp, Art Camp, Summer Youth Theater, Athletic Camps and more! Our building was busy! Extended Care remained open for the summer too. That was well received by our families and it is our intent to continue that into the future. Please keep us in mind when you think about summer time child care!

We began our new year on August 13 with the theme **Beyond**. It is based on Joshua 1:16 "All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go." What a great passage to learn about this year!



September brings even more new activities for our families. Our FFF class is scheduled to begin September 9. This class is designed for children who are 'almost' 3. They attend on Monday mornings and are introduced to a classroom setting, working with others, lessons on Bible stories, numbers, letters and more. For more information, please give us a call at 847.428.1010. We are happy to talk with you! Children are required to be toilet trained before enrolling.



**Volleyball and Cross Country** teams are practicing and ready for competition. We welcome you to join us and cheer for our mighty Immanuel Eagles.



See the calendar on the website for more information.



**ILS Spirit Wear** is available for purchase. Join our Eagle Nation with some blue and gold spirit wear for athletic contests and wearing around town. To order, please see the forms posted in our school newsletter.





ILS Walkathon will be held Friday, September 20th this year. Students will soon begin asking for sponsorship for their walk. We have some new and exciting changes to our walk day, so stay tuned for details.

If you would like to sponsor a student or make a gift to the cause, please contact the school office or make a financial gift in care of the school. Monies raised helps support our school in the area of technology i.e. Chrome-books, software licenses, hardware such as computers, Smart Boards and projectors, and more! Every dollar collected directly benefits our children and their learning! Thank you for your generosity! It is so appreciated!

*Thank you*

**to all who partner with us in educating our students!**

Immanuel congregation members, parents, grandparents, and all who give through Partners in Education... we are so thankful for your support. Your generosity allowed us to help many families with financial aid this school year.

For several of them, it meant being able to enroll in our school for the first time, while for others it meant begin able to stay at ILS despite a job loss or change in circumstances.

*Thank you!*

*Prayer*

As always we are thankful for the many prayers that arise on behalf of our faculty, staff, students, and families at Immanuel. What a comfort that brings! What a great God we serve!





GENERAL Fund

*In memory of Sandra Beck (Mother of Scott Haverkampf)*

Judy Bartelt

*In Memory of Dave Radloff*

Phyllis Wear, Barry & Barb Faga, Char Mahlman, Jeannine Schol, Dick & Cathy Storm, Judy Bartelt, Gerald & Ann Heinz, Nancy & Terrance Flynn, Mike Fritz, Bill & Kay Gade, Jan & Steve Weber, Dawn & Alan Koshiol, Jim & Barb Christie, Henry & Donna Karolus, Steve & Julie Bartelt, Jani Bixby, Dave Bartelt, Rogers & Sally Susanke

*In memory of Muriel Niss*

Gerald & Ann Heinz, Liz Gade, Tyler & Troy DeMien, Denise Izbicki

*In Memory of Tiny & Yvonne Moore (Parents of Eileen Hawkey)*

Biff & Eileen Hawkey (Cross Country Trail Repair)

*In Memory of Peggy Frattini*

Marty Wilharm

*In Memory of Mark Hill*

Bill & Kay Gade

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

*In memory of Dave Radloff*

John & Jane Theis, Virginia Ikert, Glenn & Karen Storm, Jamie & Ann Bartelt, Luann Lamz, Jill & John Shaw, Becky McKeel, Jeff & Cheryl Leitner, Dale & Gail Streeter, Bill & Kay Gade, Ryan McGrath, David & Connie Ashton, Ken & Joan Bober Jr., Jim & Sue Wilbrandt, MaryKay Martino, Charles Boothby & Family, Brin Bixby, Chuck & Marilyn Koehlert, Wanda & Greg Daum, Barb & Barry Faga

*In memory of Irene Fischer*

Dale & Gail Streeter

*In Memory of Terry Sasenberg*

John & Jan Bonkoski

COMPASSION IN ACTION

*In memory of Muriel Niss*

Sabine Morse

SCHOLARSHIP Fund

*In memory of Muriel Niss*

Jeannine Sproule

FOUNDATION Fund

*In memory of Muriel Niss*

Tom & Michele Mullen

*In Memory of Dave Radloff*

Pinky & Irma Schroeder, Tom & Michelle Mullen

*In memory of Irene Fischer*

Tom, Michele, Meredith & Carolyn Mullen, Pinky & Irma Schroeder

<b><u>MEMORIAL FUNDS</u></b>	
General Fund	\$2612
So They Will	\$1120
Foundation Fund	\$350
Compassion In Action	\$100
Immanuel School	\$675
School Scholarship	\$125
Dorcas Society	\$20

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# memorials & gifts *continued...*

## SO THEY WILL

*In memory of Irene Fischer*

Betty Bruhn, Dan, Judy, Ashley & Jordan Bartelt, Sandy Wascher, Stan & Deb Broederdorf, Val Hackman, Nancy & Terrance Flynn, Virginia Ikert, John & Jane Theis, Susan McIntyre, Steve, Julie, Peyton & Riley Bartelt, Henry & Donna Karolus, Dale & Gail Streeter, Chad, Megan & Brooklynn Jensen, Jill & John Shaw, Chuck & Marilyn Koehlert, Karen Koehlert, Ken, Roseanne Koehlert & Family, Ann, Jamie, Brad & Ben Bartelt, Keith, Judy, Jonah, Nathan & Hannah Koehlert, Dave Bartelt, Mike & Kim Krabbe, Tom, Michele, Meredith & Carolyn Mullen, Rod & Penny Seyller, Mark Eickhoff, Dave & Debbie Swanson, Ralph & Judy Buhrow, Dick & Cathy Storm, Judy Bartelt, Paulette Jensen, Larry & Sandy Freeman

*In memory of Dave Radloff*

Ralph & Judy Buhrow, Don & Peg Bruell

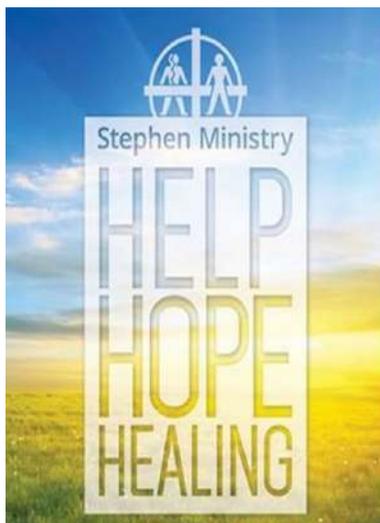
## DORCAS SOCIETY

*In memory of Irene Fischer*

Lynn Kreutzer

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## Stephen Ministry is YOUR Ministry



### **SAVE THE DATE – October 5, 10:00AM**

Do you know how to spot signs of depression or anxiety? Recognizing them allows you to get help for yourself or a loved one. Join us for a seminar sponsored by Stephen Ministry and presented by Lisa Luedtke on October 5<sup>th</sup> – 10am in Luther Hall.

### **CONTACT US**

According to the 2018 Community Health Needs Assessment Report of Kane County 15.5% of people in our county said they seldom or never get social or emotional support. That's a huge part of our community! You can now contact us through the Immanuel website. Please share this link with someone you love who needs help. [https://immanuel-ed.org/our-church/](https://immanuel-ed.org/our-church/ministries/)

[ministries/](https://immanuel-ed.org/our-church/ministries/) Scroll down to Stephen Ministry and submit the contact form.

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*If you would like to speak with a member of the Board of Trustees or an Elder, please contact the church office at 847-428-4477.*

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Immanuel Lutheran Church and School is embarking on an ambitious five year Strategic Plan which will guide and shape our ministry. Please continue to pray that we may hear and receive the **WORDS** of eternal life from the heart of our Savior Jesus as He forgives our sins

and gives us opportunity to *Worship* Him,  
to offer *Outreach* in His name,  
to share *Religious education* with our kids and their families,  
to grow in *Discipleship*  
and to practice faithful and generous *Stewardship*.

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# Upcoming Worship, Music Events & Ministry Notes... For September



## Welcome to ALL THINGS WORSHIP...

To all of our school families...to children back in the classroom, to teachers doing what they love, back at a place where Jesus is taught and shared in Word and example. AND to God's house as children and families come again to chapel & church as they also participate in our weekend worship. We invite all families to come and be part of our worship - in our TRADITIONAL/LITURGICAL services (6 pm Saturday or 8 am Sunday mornings), join us in our CONTEMPORARY PRAISE service (10:45 am on Sundays) or in our informal midweek offering - PIANO, PRAYER & PREACHING (PPP) - Wednesday nights at 7 pm - where we are led in song on piano/song leader(s), with messages from our pastors that tend to dig a little deeper into scriptures & stories. For ALL THINGS WORSHIP - we encourage you to come grow with us as together we grow in the Word because we know that when families gather in the Lord - by His AMAZING GRACE and promise...great things happen!

## A Season of Music - An Opportunity for Worship...

Join in with our music groups - our Sacred Choir (H.S. & Adults), Handbells (ensembles for adults or youth), Instrumental & Praise Ensembles. Many of our music groups for worship meet on Thursday nights. If interested in seeing how your talents might be able to mix with ours to bring praise to God, please contact our Music & Worship Director, Bill Gade (847.428.4477 x227)



- Sacred Choir (for high school aged to adult) will be starting again on Thursday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. - with our rehearsals in the Music Room (lower level Christian Life Center)

- Praise Team "ALL CALL" - preparing for Sunday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> in the 10:45 - we will be rehearsing Thursday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Sanctuary & Luther Hall. (also for high school to adult) ...Come Join Us!

That there is much musical talent here at Immanuel that God has blessed us with (each wkend there are approximately 15-30 musicians involved - oftentimes more - in traditional & contemporary worship services), with our fine choirs, handbell and praise ensembles, there are still times when someone might ask how they might get involved... vocally, instrumentally, etc. -- Please feel free to ask!! We'd be thrilled!



Whether you "used to play" or "used to sing" ... perhaps you're someone who "always wanted to, but never had or took the chance". Whatever your level of expertise, whatever you think you might have to offer...perhaps the only thing you have to give is the desire to learn (to read notes, to learn how to sing in an ensemble or play the handbells or play an instrument) - do know that we will work with you to help you find that musical niche. God blesses us with many talents, even those yet unknown and untapped. Let us know how we can help you 'tap' into yours - Contact Bill Gade @ 847.428.4477 x 227

**PPP (PIANO PRAYER & PREACHING) this Month...** Come join us for our informal Midweek Worship - Wed. nights at 7 pm. The services, led by piano & song leader, are a mix of classic hymns & classic praise/worship songs. Pastors Yonker & Baerwolf continue with our WORDS theme/messages.

*(Communion is served last Wed. of month)*

**Kids in Worship...** We hope you will check out the variety of resources for children of all ages - to help engage them in worship. These worship resources are available each and every weekend in the back of church in our "Kids in Worship" area.



### (ALWAYS) OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- Sound Board/screens:
  - training available
- Worship Aide:
  - help w/ bulletins, etc
  - Give Bill Gade a call if able to help... 847.428.4477 x227

### AWAY ON THE WEEKEND...

#### WATCH ON (10:45) "LIVESTREAM"

(takes just a few minutes & IT'S FREE)

Here is the link to Livestream

<http://new.livestream.com/>

UPPER R.H. CORNER - "Sign-up"  
SIGN UP w/ EMAIL (or Facebook)

"search window": Type - Immanuel Lutheran Church (see maroon logo)

# MEMBER UPDATES

Each month we will publish a "GOLDEN YEARS" listing of members who have reached the milestone of 60 years of age or over. To all we say HAPPY BIRTHDAY" & thank you, with God's help, for keeping Immanuel alive for these many years!



Vivian Scott	9/1	David Buker	9/14	Steve Trebes	9/22
Dick Storm	9/1	Lynn McCarthy	9/14	Tom Wisniewski	9/22
George Lippig	9/2	Judy Bartelt	9/15	Helen Messerschmidt	9/23
Gerald Heinz	9/4	Nancy Tonge	9/15	Chris Gathman	9/24
Gretchen DeWitt	9/6	Jill Bernaegye	9/19	Betty Altergott	9/30
Sandy Hager	9/6	Barbara Gamble	9/19	Betty Bruening	9/30
Floyd Hopp	9/12	Chris Freise	9/22	Rosemary Holland	9/30



James & Anita Bartels	9/28	Brian & Katy Keller	9/1	Tom & Dayle Roberts	9/16
Bob & Annabelle Block	9/5	Steve & Donna Larson	9/17	Todd & Teresa Smith	9/11
Don & Peg Bruell	9/15	Rob & Brook Marshall	9/3	Rogers & Sally Susanke	9/15
David & Kathryn Cells	9/22	Jon & Carolyn Mensching	9/11	John & Jane Theis	9/21
Bill & Cindy Grandt	9/13	Joe & Joy Myslo	9/3	Todd & Sandy Walden	9/28
Faron & Kelly Greene	9/16	Bob & Natalie Nelson	9/8	Daniel & Natalie Wandel	9/4
Pat & Brenda Hanson	9/27	Hank & Karen Rahmel	9/11	Walter & Alverta Westphal	9/5
Bill & Kathy Jansen	9/21	Mark & Karen Rill	9/23		

## Baptisms

† Aaron Matthew Gardner  
son of Daniel & Tanya (Emery)  
July 30, 2019

† Jack Christopher Jaeger  
son of Chris & Danielle Jaeger  
July 31, 2019

† Luca Nicolas Costa  
son of Angelo & Megan Costa  
September 8, 2019

† Cheyanne Charles Ruth Hawkey  
daughter of Anthony & Kayla Hawkey  
September 15, 2019

† Lucille May Nobakowski  
daughter of Brett & Marissa Nobakowski  
September 21, 2019



### TRANSFERRED OUT

Julia Heinz - St. Paul Lutheran Church-Mt. Prospect, IL

Kelly Barnes (Alexander, Genevieve, William) Light of Christ-Algonquin, IL

Steve Hall - St. Paul Lutheran Church-Rochelle, IL



## Funerals

† Mark William Hill  
August 6, 2019

† Irene M. Fischer  
August 9, 2019

# THRIVENT



During July Immanuel received \$153.00 from Thrivent Financial.

There are two ways to designate Thrivent Choice funds.

Once is to call 1-800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice." Be ready to give your phone number and date of birth. Tell the Thrivent representative that you want your Choice dollars to go to Immanuel Lutheran Church or School in East Dundee, Illinois. Another way to enroll is to go online at [Thrivent.comchoicedollars](http://Thrivent.comchoicedollars).

If you have further questions, please contact Ken Becker or Chris Wendt at 847-428-4477, John Drafall at 847-669-3028 or Thrivent Headquarters at 1-800-847-4836.

**The second quarter (April, May, June) for Thrivent Choice 2019 is now open for Thrivent Choice members. You may contact Thrivent to designate first and second quarter gifts to Immanuel.**

**Thank you for your support of Thrivent Choice!**

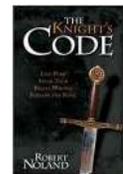
## Upcoming Men's Bible Studies... Studying, Praying, Sharing

Our **Five.10.10** Men's Ministry Group meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday nights

We are now reading/studying (**just starting**) the book

"The Knight's Code" - by Robert Nolan

We meet @ 7:30 pm for Book / Bible Study / Fellowship



We make time to talk, share, read, study, pray...very, very informal  
Men...college aged or above are invited & welcomed!!

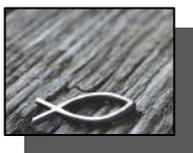
We gather at the "Old D'Angelo Homestead" aka "The House on the Hill"

Contact Bill Gade @ the Church office (847.428.4477 x227) or Cliff Surges (773.983.8893)  
if you have interest/questions

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- To see how men from our 5.10.10 men's ministry are involved, and if interested in hearing more about this amazing ministry - ask some of the 5.10.10 men...



**Thank you** to everyone who participated and gave us another successful year for the Go FISH 5k Family Run & Kids Color Run. Around \$4500 was raised for the FISH Food Pantry!







SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:00 am <b>Worship</b> w/Holy Communion 9:30 am Acts2 10:45 am <b>Worship</b> 5:30 pm IYM Live	2  <b>Church Office Closed</b>	3 1:30 pm Sr. Bible Study	4 9:00 am Men's Study <b>5:30 pm Confirmation</b> <i>1st &amp; 2nd Year Begins</i> 7:00 pm <b>PPP Worship</b>	5 9:00 am Moms Study 1:00 pm Dorcas 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry	6 7:00 pm Couples Bible Study <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Confirmation Retreat 9/6-9/8</b> </div>	7 7:30 am Men's Study 9am Feed My Lambs 6:00 pm <b>Worship</b>
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SAVE THE DATE

New Orleans Mission Trip January 4th-12th

## Can you help us share some Christmas love?

Our aging outdoor nativity set has experienced its last Christmas. The Elders have retired it from active duty and so we are seeking your help to purchase a new outdoor nativity set for our church and school. We have a few different ones in mind to consider purchasing and so we are wondering if you would be willing to help in donating some money so that we can offer this outreach to our community in sharing the Good News of Jesus and His love with the many who travel by our campus. We need \$5,000-\$15,000 to purchase either a starter set or a complete outdoor nativity set.

Your gift of love can be given in the envelope that is included in this Nexus.

We would love to have these donations gathered by the middle of September so that we can purchase the outdoor nativity set and have it ready to be put in place right after Thanksgiving. Thanks in advance for this generous gift as we seek to *draw more people closer to Christ*.



Twice a year or so our congregation holds classes to both give more information on the teachings of Immanuel and help people make an informed decision in joining our church. These classes are called A.I.M. (*Adult Information and Membership*) classes. The AIM Class is fast moving, direct, filled with humor and stories and each week you will dig into God's Word to see what it has to say about our life, our faith and our church.

Our next session of classes will begin September 29th and will be led by Pastor Yonker. Class will meet in the church office conference room and babysitting will be available in the nursery. This series of eight-ten classes will help you see the major beliefs and teachings of the Lutheran Church & you are personally invited to attend. More information regarding the class will be sent out as it becomes available. New members transferring in are also encouraged to attend. Contact the church office at 847-428-4477 to register.

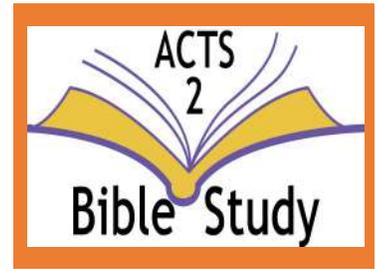
**Do you have a knack for growing plants? Love spending time outdoors?**

**If you (*and your family!*) are interested in helping out with the gardening/landscaping here at Immanuel, contact Sue in the church office at 847-428-4477.**



## Change is hard.

Prior to being a wife and mother, I worked in the hotel industry. One of the aspects of my position included being a member of the 'take over' team when new hotels came into management. They probably call that job something more exotic today but 'take over' described what we were to accomplish. We had a limited amount of time to implement our management systems, introduce expectations and evaluate opportunities. In other words, we were a whirlwind of change. This was a difficult process that was made a little easier by our corporate belief in keeping the people we inherited employed and making changes to the systems that supported them.



My favorite boss, Mr. Q. once said to me, "If someone bottled a drink that would make change easier for people it would make millions". Rarely will you witness people getting in line for change. They mostly walk around the idea, but rarely do they immediately dive in deep because change is really hard.

Christ, our gentle brother, asks each of us to change our hearts, minds and even our bodies to love and serve Him and His children on earth. When He came to the earth it was during a period of the Roman civilization. The word, civilization sounds funny now because if you weren't already Roman the changes would have been better described as oppression, aggression, possession and pure evil. The Romans were not a kind and gentle people. They were warriors who took over the world through death and torture. Change was deadly hard.

The people of Jesus' time were looking for a military leader who could defeat the oppressors. Instead they were given a leader who walked like heaven itself. He loved them, healed them, taught them, fed them and ultimately released them from worldly oppression and chaos.

We are once again in a time of unwelcomed change. The world as we have known it is in chaos. Life is easily ended. Integrity is something of a burden. I don't need to go on describing our current world, but I will say that evil is afoot and openly practicing its ways. Change is happening.

We know we are in changing times. Should we fight to stay the same? Do we fight to keep what is ours? Should we adopt the lifestyle that the agents of change are presenting us as the new normal? Do we look for a military leader?

We are blessed to have the written Word, Jesus' teachings to search for the answers. In Chapter 5 of the gospel of Matthew, Jesus introduces change by giving the Sermon on the Mount. Please take some time and learn it. He was radical, but He wasn't about abolishing the foundation of God's teachings. He was a rebel, but He wasn't anti-government. He explains the greatest agent of change to us. Which is LOVE. He wants us to change and be intentional about loving God and others.

Change is life-giving hard. But we are called to change our hearts to be followers of Christ. Where do we find out how to change? A good place to start is the Sermon on the Mount. Dive into it and discover what Jesus meant when He talks about being humble, compassionate, meek, truthful, merciful, a peacemaker or a prophet. Go and make everyone aware of His LOVE.

Please consider joining a bible study, Acts 2 group, service group or worship group and discover how your change can add love to our World.

***Sunday Mornings @ 9:30-10:30 a.m.***

Pastor Phillip Baerwolf ***Luther Hall B*** Pastor Bruce Meissner ***Luther Hall C*** Joe Glombicki ***Luther Hall A***

# M MOPS

THIS IS MOTHERHOOD

We are excited to embark on a new journey at Immanuel. Please join us and invite other Preschool Moms you know. See the attached information and registration!

DID YOU KNOW?

WHY do babies come from TAILS? WHERE do thoughts come from? WHERE do babies come from? WHAT does SANTA smell like? HOW do BIRDS fly? WHY can't I see my EYES? WHERE does THE SUN go when it gets dark? DOES GOD sleep? WHY do we have to WEAR PANTS? IF I plant a SESAME SEED will it grow a CHEESEBURGER? IS THE MOON really made of CHEESE? WHAT does God look like?

**Preschoolers ASK an average of 300 QUESTIONS per day.**

IF YOU'RE A MOM, YOU KNOW.

WE KNOW HOW YOU FEEL AND MOPS IS JUST WHAT YOU NEED.  
VISIT [MOPS.ORG](http://MOPS.ORG)



*this is motherhood*

- ❖ Return this session registration card with \$5 by Sept. 6 to the church office  
310 E. Main St. East Dundee, IL
- ❖ Please register on the MOPS website using our group code 2UHS (you can do this later!)

### MOPS Registration Sept. 13, 10:30-12:00

Name \_\_\_\_\_ cell \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Children attending needing childcare:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ age: \_\_\_\_\_

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What is most important to you:

\_\_\_ time to yourself

\_\_\_ meeting other moms

\_\_\_ being inspired

\_\_\_ other (tell on back)



# IMMANUEL Youth Ministry



## MS Confirmation Retreat

September 6-8, 2019  
YMCA Camp Duncan - Volo, IL

Confirmation retreat is just around the corner for all 2nd & 3rd year students. Packing lists & directions are available on the church website. Questions? Contact Dave Meier.



## 2020 Workcamp Info Meeting

Sunday, September 15th | 12noon  
In Luther Hall

We are getting ready for the summer of 2020! Join us to find out more information about the amazing mission trip opportunity we'll be participating in the week of July 18-26.



## High School Service Project

Sunday, September 29 | 5:30pm  
In the Church Kitchen

Join us at youth night as we help our KAIROS prison ministry prepare for their visits to minister to those in prison by baking cookies for them to take on their weekend visits.





# Family Faith Building Ideas for Your Home

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## God's Grace to Us

From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.  
- Ephesians 4:16

## Faith Walk

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Walk through your neighborhood looking for 'labors of love' - homegrown projects lovingly done.

## Faith Talk

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- What is a 'labor of love'?
- What was the greatest labor of love Christ did for us? (Hint: Read John 19:17)
- How are our lives to be labors of love for Christ? For one another? Why?
- What happens through our labors of love?
- How can your lives better reflect labors of love for the Lord and for one another?

## Labors of Love

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Other ideas for discussing a 'Labor of Love':

Have each family member carry around a heavy object, such as a brick, for several hours. At the end of the designated time discuss the experience. How did it feel? Is labor always easy?

Have each person in your family try to lift your car. Can it be done alone? Trying to live in perfect righteousness alone, without Jesus' forgiveness and the Holy Spirit working in our hearts, is impossible. We are weak because of our sin.

Pass out helium-filled balloons. The Holy Spirit can be compared to the helium in the balloons. Christ took away the weight of our sins, and the Holy Spirit makes us weightless and lifts us up to do good deeds in Jesus' name.

Use blocks to build something. Each block alone cannot make a grand construction, but together they can build a cathedral, a castle, or a mansion. Our labors of love alone may not seem like much, but together they build up, in love, the body of Christ.

## Prayer Time

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Dear Christ,  
May we, the body, labor in love for You, supporting one another and building up Your kingdom, just as you offered us the greatest labor of love, Your death. In your name we pray. Amen.

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*Business Manager*

### CHURCH SERVICES

*Saturday @ 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday @ 8:00 & 10:45 a.m. A staffed nursery is available Sunday mornings  
Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.*

### HOLY COMMUNION

*1st & 3rd week Saturday 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th week - Sunday 10:45 a.m.  
5th week - alternates*

### IMMANUEL KIDS & ACTS 2 BIBLE STUDIES

*Sunday 9:30 a.m.*

### BROADCAST OF WORSHIP SERVICES

*Radio -  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. (live)  
WRMN, 1410 AM*

*Television - Friday 5:00 p.m. - Access Channel 17*

### WEEKDAY OFFICE HOURS

*9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.*

*Website: [immanuel-ed.org](http://immanuel-ed.org)*

*Email: [immanuel@immanuel-ed.org](mailto:immanuel@immanuel-ed.org)*

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