

# N E X U S

## OCTOBER 2019

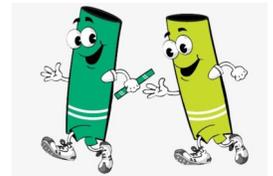
### Pastoral Reflections: "THE PASSING OF THE BATON"

In track meets, perhaps the most beautiful races are the relay races. Four participants from the same team run against four participants from other teams. Each participant runs a "leg" of the race passing a single baton from first participant of a team to the last. If this baton is dropped, it must be picked up for the runner to continue. All first-leg opponents start at the same time and each team (all four participants) must stay in the assigned lane they are given. To drop the baton is almost a sure way to lose. To run out of your lane means your team is disqualified.

In high school, my duties for the Varsity Grand Haven Buccaneers included the high jump, the high hurdle race, the low hurdle (then intermediate hurdle) race and finally the mile relay (now referred to as the 1600-meter relay). I loved high jumping and hurdling, but I had a love/hate relationship with the mile relay.

See high jumping and hurdling depended on me alone. Being in the relay meant success came at the hands of teammates working together.

A single person could run the best leg of their life but if a teammate failed, the whole team failed.



But the dependency on one another is really what makes the relay race so beautiful. You have to depend on the one before you in the race. There needs to be a unity in the exchange of baton from one hand to another. And finally, after giving it your all, you still have to concentrate on giving a fluid hand off to the one who is running after you. The relay is part energy, part stamina, part acrobatics, part ballet, and part sprinting.

† † †  
My mom's birthday is this month. She'll be 83 on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Seventeen years ago, she had a stroke and quite frankly, because of the severity of the stroke, we thought she would not live to see her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. To our delight, God has spared her and she has surprised us with her longevity.

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## pastoral reflections...cont'd

For almost sixty years I have watched my mom live her life. I saw my mom receive the final baton from her mom when Grandma Strege died. Then thirteen years later I saw Grandpa Strege hand off his baton to his only child, my mom, when he passed away. After meticulously caring for my Great Uncle Keith and my Great Aunt Alice, she received their batons too. Most difficult and most beautiful was watching her receive the baton from her husband, my dad, when he died.

I watched as she carefully received the hand-offs and kept running the race marked out for her.

Truly it was a thing of harsh beauty to see the passing of the batons as my mom continued on in the way she was raised and lived by being a Lutheran Christian following Jesus Christ. She didn't drop that baton, she stayed in her lane and to this day runs the race the best she can "keeping her eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfection of the faith." (Hebrews 12:2)

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My Senior year in high school was a banner year for both our boys and girls track team. We won conference and sent a number of athletes to the state tournament. Not only did we win conference outright but we never lost a conference meet. Indulge me in my reverie. Our last meet of the season was against the Benton Harbor Tigers. The meet seesawed back and forth from race to race as to which team was winning. The meet came down to the last race. If we won the race we won the meet. If we lost the race, we lost the meet. The last race, of course, was the mile relay. I was running the third leg. I was to receive the baton from Ryan Soule. After my leg, I was to hand it off to Ron Peel. Steve Crum started the race for us and was neck and neck getting ready for the first handoff. Ryan received the baton cleanly and rocketed toward me. Each leg was 440 yards, one lap around the track. As Ryan drew close to me, he somehow misstepped and stumbled at the last minute. I already was starting my run looking back to get the baton when I saw him stumble. Nevertheless, with incredible concentration, Ryan dove headfirst, arm outstretched to lay the baton in my waiting hand. I was a couple of steps behind my opponent when I took off pulling even with my opponent. As I prepared to handoff my baton, knowing I had to make a smooth transition and not drop the baton. I also knew I had to keep the momentum going without stepping out of my lane. As I heard the satisfying slap of the aluminum dowel against Ryan's palm I watched he and the other runner race for all their worth. Coming down the homestretch, neck and neck, I strained to see the outcome while gasping for breath.

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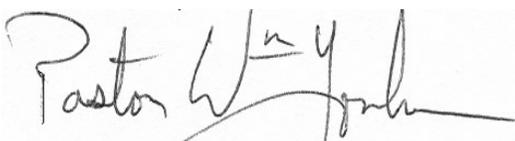
And then it happened. One of the Benton Harbor teammates was cheering so hard he jumped on to the track in front of our guy, Ron, before the race was finished. Smashing into Ron, Ron nearly fell and had to limp across the finish line. However, Benton Harbor was disqualified for the interference and we won the race, won the meet and won the conference undefeated.

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

At our Baptisms, the Holy Spirit gave us a race to run. Near the end of his life, St. Paul said, "I have fought the good fight. I have run the race, I have kept the faith." (II Timothy 4:7). Here St. Paul equates running the race with living out our Christian faith. For many of us, we received this faith from those who came before us and passed us their baton. Likewise, we pass on the baton to those who come after us. Here's the Good News. Jesus says we will win the race! Through His death and resurrection taking away our sins and giving us eternal life, we are victorious in our believing in Him alone. There's more Good News, even if the baton gets dropped and picked up, there's no losing the race. And still there's more Good News, when we run out of our lane, step off of the path God has given for us, there's no disqualification. There's forgiveness, love and another chance to run the race to the finish line. As a Christian, receiving the baton of faith, running the race of faith and then passing it on to others as they run is truly a beautiful thing.

I'm looking forward to celebrating my mom's birthday this month. I'm glad she hasn't yet fully passed her baton to me. But here's what I know, when she does, she will end up in the winner's circle...Jesus promises!

A blessed Autumn to you and yours!



Yours in Jesus with much love,



*Lord of peace, may You give our pastor and his family peace at all times and in every way (2 Thess. 3:16).*

We praise and thank God for our faithful servants—

Pastor William Yonker

Pastor Phillip Baerwolf

Pastor Bruce Meissner

May God continue to bless them and their families as they continue to serve His flock here at Immanuel!



Church  
Picnic

**BEYOND**

**10/26 Because of You BEYOND**

**Thank You Celebration**

Join us from 4-6 p.m. on Saturday 10/26 as we invite you to a picnic for all of our members and friends featuring brats, hot dogs, some other yummy food and our second annual Trunk or Treat celebration.

It is going to be such a fun and amazing time. We will have a big tent and plenty of food so please come and enjoy this wonderful time to say thank you to God for all He has done here at Immanuel.

We will have some other fun and games to play and all we need is you.

Join us for the picnic then come to church at 6:00 or on Sunday morning as we continue our celebration of the Lord's goodness and grace.

**Immanuel Lutheran**  
**TRUNK**  
**OR**  
**Treat**  
**October 26 | 3:30-5:30pm**

Gather together with friends and neighbors to start your trick-or-treating fun! Decorate your trunks, dress up in costume, and don't forget to bring candy to share with all in attendance!

Registration forms for hosting a decorated trunk or donating candy are available at the church welcome center, in the church and school offices, or online at: <http://immanuel-ed.org/trunk-or-treat>.

Registration deadline is October 13th.

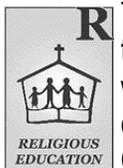
# from the pastor

At worship a few weekends ago there was this beautiful moment: two third graders were kneeling at the communion rail with their families, the one looked over at the other on opposite sides of the church and smiled and then waved. In the midst of such a holy and reverent moment in worship, these two boys found an opportunity to share some love and some joy with the other. It was a moment that was beyond precious. And in so many ways it sums up the best of Immanuel Lutheran Church and School. In fact, it powerfully demonstrates why we focus on the **WORDS** of eternal life—our strategic plan over the next five years.



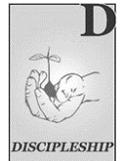
**W** This delightful moment took place in **WORSHIP**. As the children of God gather in the Lord's house, we remember our Baptism, we hear His Word, we receive His forgiveness, we feast at His table, we fellowship together and we sing His praises and offer our gifts of love thanking Him for His kindness, His love and His faithfulness to us.

The happy smiles on their faces are a wonderful tool for our **OUTREACH** ministry here at Immanuel. How many times is Christianity and the Church attacked unfairly for being mean spirited and angry? Just spend some time in a confirmation class or watch people interact after church services to realize nothing could be further from the truth. We love to smile, to laugh, to encourage, to lift up, to be inspired and moved by the work of the Holy Spirit as He lives and moves within us sharing the light and the love of Jesus which resides in our hearts.



**R** These two boys are receiving the gift of **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** here at Immanuel. Every day they get to hear the great good news of sins forgiven and life restored through our Savior Jesus. Every day they get to spend time with incredible teachers who love Jesus and God's Word and share it with them during devotions and religion class and so many other opportunities in between. What a blessing to be able to grow up together as brothers in Christ here in our school.

In a profound way, these two young boys were experiencing the joy of **DISCIPLESHIP** as they knelt there at the communion rail. Joining together in the fellowship of that altar, they received a blessing from the pastor reminding them that Jesus lives and that He loves them very much. By joining together in this family meal, they were bonded within this community of faith here at Immanuel. Reminded that in Christ, we are better together as He is the Vine and we are the branches.



**S** And just the act of being in worship helped these young children to embrace the ministry of **STEWARDSHIP** which is nothing more than using the gifts God has given to you. The Lord gave them a friendly smile to share, eyes to see each other and a heart of love for the other. These children were using the gifts God has given to them for His glory and for their good—they are being good stewards of the rich blessings the Lord pours out into their lives.

I love the words of Jesus in Matthew 11:26 where He says, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children." I thank God for the gift of these kids at the communion rail and the way they looked at each other and what it reveals to us. Even more I thank God for the gift of this Immanuel—where together as the Lord's little children we get to reflect on all that our Savior Jesus has done for us and here we get to live for Jesus as He works in us and through us. Especially as we rejoice in the love that Jesus reveals to us by dying on the cross and being raised from the dead as He forgives our sins and prepares us for life eternal with Him in heaven.

Peace and joy—Pastor Baerwolf



LWML & Immanuel Lutheran Dorcas Society

# MONTHLY NEWS & UPDATES



“AUTUMN LEAVES THEY ARE A COMIN!”

Fall is my favorite season of the year with its riot of colors as the trees begin their march towards winter white but leave behind piles and piles of crunchie leaves. Lil’ kids love to play in those piles you just raked up! And will rake again and again, but the chore brings back sweet memories of rolling in the leaves and then your dad burning the leaves with apples buried in them from the neighbors yard. Just got to love those memories!

## DORCAS SOCIETY IN OCTOBER

**Dorcas** meets the first Thursday of each month @ 1:00 p.m. in Luther Hall.

**Meeting:** Thursday, October 3rd. Lynn Kreutzer will be doing a LWML Quarterly Bible Study.

**LWML SUNDAY:** Look for our ladies in the purple aprons and pick up a new mite box!

**LCMS Stocking Stuffer Collection**—See the poster by the back entryway and thank you for brightening a foster child’s Christmas!



**LWML Fall Fellowship** with other churches in the area at Immanuel on Saturday, October 19th from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Guest speakers from LCFS will be here. It’s an In-Gathering for Christmas stocking stuffers and all sizes (*no preemie*) of diapers, including pull-ups. LCFS can never have too many diapers!



## YOUR MITE BOXES ARE NEEDED YEAR ROUND!!

Every **penny** counts toward fulfilling LWML’s new mission grants for the next two years. We have new mite boxes and a listing of the new grants to take home.



The purple collection box for mites are at each church entrance, so stop and pick-up a new one. Thank You.

## DORCAS CALL TO MISSIONS



**Knitting/Looming Circle: Friday, October 18th @ 1pm in Luther Hall.**

Meets the 3rd Friday of each month

The group works on a variety of projects, hats for newborn babies and scarves/hats for LCFS foster kids 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, October 24th @ 1:00 p.m. Meet in church kitchen and carpool to visits.

*We visit members who are no longer able to come to church or are in nursing homes.*

*We put a smile on their face because they realize church members have not forgotten them.*

*It puts a smile on your face too!*



### LUTHERAN WOMENS MISSION LEAGUE LWML

#### LWML SUNDAY, “FAITH LIKE A MUSTARD SEED”

**SATURDAY 10/5, SUNDAY 10/6, WEDNESDAY, 10/9**

“Faith like a Mustard Seed”, based on Jesus words in Luke 17:6 that faith as small as a mustard seed can move a mulberry tree is the theme for LWML Sunday 2019. We may long for a greater more heroic faith, but what about the faith we have right now? The power of a daily walk, with Jesus, can transform lives and multiply disciples. Little faith or great, there are mulberry trees to be moved!

## 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.



# SCHOOL NEWS



Sue Domeier  
Principal



The calendar tells us it's October and our thoughts turn to pumpkins, Confirmation, autumn and falling leaves. At Immanuel, we've been in school for almost a whole quarter. Parent Teacher Conferences loom on the horizon, and classrooms are humming along.



The operetta, "Into the Woods" is scheduled for next month on November 15 - 16, performed by our upper grade students. They are practicing hard and working to put on a memorable performance. Watch for more information to follow! It's going to be wonderful!



MOPS is off to a great start too! The next meeting will be held Friday, October 18 at Immanuel. If you know a mom of a pre-schooler or two or three, who might like a little mom time, contact the school office for more information. Child care and activities are planned so come out for a morning of fellowship and fun!

Our annual Walk-a-Thon was held September 20. This year students walked north to Fireman's Park, enjoyed lunch and some games before walking back to school where they enjoyed a sweet treat. It was a wonderful day for all of us! Thank you for your support of the many programs offered at Immanuel.

If you'd like to make a donation to Walk-a-Thon, please contact the school office!



Our first Lunch Bunch is scheduled for October 22. This program is planned and prepared by our Pre-School staff. More information will be out soon. Sign up to stay, pack a lunch, and be ready for a great time! Bring a friend!

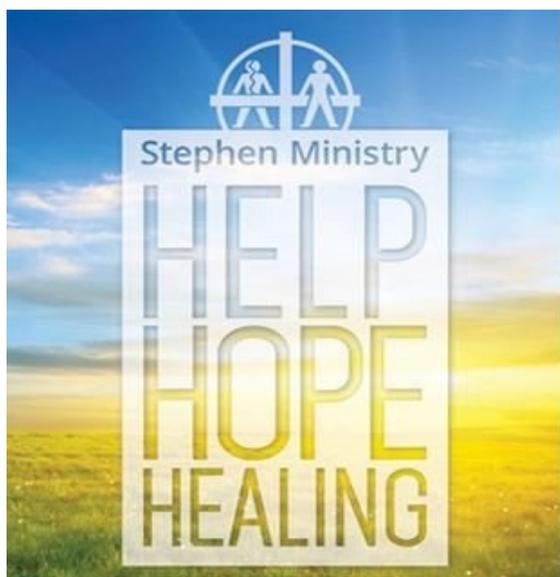
Our fall athletic season is off to a grand start. Both boys and girls are playing Volleyball and having good success. The boys are out to defend a State Championship and are working hard. Our Cross Country team is off to the races - literally. In fact, Immanuel was able to host our first Soaring Eagle Cross Country Invitational last month. Over 90 runners representing five schools came out on a rainy Saturday and ran our tough course. It was a wonderful day!

We thank our friends from Zion - Marengo for their gift for our inaugural race. What a blessing our Lutheran Schools are to one another!



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# Recognizing the Signs of Depression and Anxiety



**October 5, 10:00AM**

**Luther Hall**

**Lisa Luedtke**

Stephen Ministry is YOUR Ministry! Did you know that symptoms of depression and anxiety can be very similar to each other and are often manifested in physical pain? Learn more about how to spot either in a presentation by Lisa Luedtke, MS-MFT, QMHP

## CONTACT US

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/ministries/>. Scroll down to Stephen Ministry and submit the contact form.

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The holidays are just around the corner. That means it's almost time for the Giving Tree, an Immanuel tradition. Beginning Friday, November 1st here at Church, the trees will be located near the Welcome Center and the Church Office. Please consider donating gifts and/or gift cards that will help to share God's joy & love near and far.



GENERAL Fund

*In Memory of Irene Fischer*  
Char Mahlman

*In Memory of Chris Freise*  
John & Jan Bonkoski, Marty Wilharm,  
Char Mahlman, Steve & Jan Weber,  
Don & Peg Bruell, Mike Fritz, Donna Bach,  
Julie Laney, Richard & Judith Hoemann, Jeff Bober

SO THEY WILL

*In Memory of Irene Fischer*  
John & Cathy Myers, Bill & Lori Wascher, Gerald & Ann Heinz,  
Floyd & Linda Hopp, Fred & Sally Noverini, Rick & Tammy Burndige  
Steve & Jan Weber, Bill & Deb Kline

*In Memory of Chris Freise*  
Gerald & Ann Heinz

*In Memory of John K. "Jack" Kamp*  
Pat & Amanda DeMarsh, Jim Bonkoski, Don & Peg Bruell, Steve & Lorna Trebes,  
Peter & Rebecca Mensching, Bill & Kay Gade, Al & Chris Navarro, Judy Thornhill  
Kevin & Sue Rynders

SCHOLARSHIP Fund

*In Memory of John K. "Jack" Kamp*  
Mark & Sarah Guth, Anthony & Denise Dragel, John & Jan Bonkoski, Mike Fritz,  
Bethany Stika, Karen Mensching, John & Jane Theis, Betty Bruening, Jill Niese,  
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Schuring, Donald & Katherine Turner, Ed & Beth Kinney,  
Donna Pilgrim, Mark & Janet Guth, Deanna Guth, Gerald & Debra Hopp,  
Maurice Martin, Nancy Wilson, Anton & Linda Sokol, Robert Albrecht,  
Richard & Sarah Paul

*In Memory of Henry & Hildegard Eggert*  
Lisa Eggert-Schreiner

FOUNDATION Fund

*In Memory of John K. "Jack" Kamp*  
Tom & Michele Mullen

COMFORT DOG Ministry

*In Honor/Appreciation of Amy Apperson*  
Steve & Jan Weber

<b><u>MEMORIAL FUNDS</u></b>	
General Fund	\$395
So They Will	\$590
Foundation Fund	\$100
Scholarship	\$2160
Comfort Dog	\$75



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



## PPP Wednesday Night Worship, 7 pm...

Come join us for a midwk PPP worship:



(PIANO, PRAYER & PREACHING). Enjoy the singer and piano-led worship with messages from Pastors Yonker, Baerwolf and Bowen and Vicar Joe Glombicki

PPP worship time is Wednesday nights at 7 pm in the sanctuary. Children (PK to Gr. 2) have a message prepared especially for them:



"IMMANUEL KIDS WORSHIP", shared in Luther Hall during the pastor's sermon time.

Holy Communion is celebrated the last Wednesday of the month.



## VISITING CHOIR - WORSHIP/CONCERT - Nov. 2

On Saturday night - Nov. 2nd - The KAMMERCHOR from Concordia-Wisconsin will be joining us and sharing their Fall Choral Music in a special "All Saints" Worship/Concert ...in our 6 pm Saturday night worship.

Watch 4 D-tails & all special housing needs. Come join us!

## LIVESTREAM OFFERING HELP STILL NEEDED!!!

If anyone is interested in helping to coordinate our weekly offering of sermons via Podcast, our Immanuel website, etc or our Sunday morning (10:45) and special service LIVESTREAM - Please contact the church office... 847.428.4477 x 227

**We are in NEED.**

*For more info as to what is involved, and whether or not you might have some of those computer/website skills...*

*give Bill Gade a call 1.847.428.4477 x227*



### HELP WITH...

- WORSHIP AIDES??
- GREETERS??

Let us know how we can help you connect



## SPECIAL WORSHIP / EVENTS in OCTOBER...



**Reformation Weekend**, Oct. 26/27 ... Communion served all 3 services: Sat. 6 pm/Sun. 8 & 10:45



**Confirmation Sunday**, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm -- our 3<sup>rd</sup> year confirmand students continue their JOURNEY with this special service of confirmation, connection, and commitment.

**All Saints Weekend**, 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of November (Nov. 2-3) ... Each year we take time to remember all that God has done and continues to do in us through the pillars in our lives that draw us closer to Him.

# 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!

Peggy Grant	10/1	Lori Wascher	10/16
Pam Meyer	10/1	Helen Kauffman	10/17
Bob Block	10/3	John Myers	10/18
Robert Hoyt	10/3	Esther Goebbert	10/19
Debbie Jaroszkiewicz	10/4	Ken Schroeder	10/19
John Bonkoski	10/5	George Deihs II	10/20
Susan Sneed	10/6	Carol Bethke	10/21
Victoria Studt	10/6	Arlene Rehberg	10/21
Jill Yucuis	10/6	Tim Sneed	10/21
Mitch VanDiggelen	10/7	Cheryl Bergquist	10/22
Don Bruell	10/8	Tom Dziejwior	10/29
Betty Roberts	10/9	Dale Streeter	10/29
Dan Gathman	10/10	Nancy Gustitus	10/28
Judy Buhrow	10/11	Janet Bonkoski	10/30
Marilyn Dorman	10/11	Joan Pearson	10/30
Pat Dziuba	10/14	Sally Susanke	10/30



Tim & Buffy Anderson	10/3
Brent & Krystal Aversano	10/11
Paul & Theresa Deihs	10/3
Randy & Angela Schultz	10/4
Lee & Linda Thompson	10/6
Scott & Dawn Pachniak	10/7
David & Susan Meier	10/8
Chad & Shelly Pieper	10/8
Scott & Gail Stone	10/8
Bill & Debbie Kline	10/9
Dennis & Betty Roberts	10/11
Dennis & Judy Gade	10/14
Kris & Karen Spenk	10/14
Russ & Ginger Diven	10/15
Pat & Amanda DeMarsh	10/16
David & Heather Erdman	10/17
Rev. Phillip & Ramona Baerwolf	10/17
Steve & Kathy Harrison	10/18
Jeff & Jackie Lemke	10/18
Carl & Stacy Kelly	10/20
Kurt & Briana Solarte	10/21
Tom & Michele Mullen	10/24
Wally & Laura Smith	10/28
Harry & Deanne Clark	10/29



† Christine S. Freise August 29, 2019	† John K. "Jack" Kamp September 3, 2019
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† Shannon Linnemann & Cody Flinchum  
September 21, 2019



† Cheyanne Charles Ruth Hawkey  
daughter of Anthony & Kayla Hawkey  
September 8, 2019

† Luca Nicolas Costa  
son of Angelo & Megan Costa  
September 15, 2019

† Lucille May Novakowski  
daughter of Brent & Marissa Novakowski  
September 21, 2019

† Lillian Gwen Thomas  
daughter of Ian & Angela Thomas  
October 26, 2019

THRIVENT



We thank Immanuel members for supporting Thrivent Choice. Immanuel received two checks from Thrivent Financial for the month of August. We received \$275 for our Scholarship Fund and \$491 for Immanuel's General Fund.

If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, you can direct Choice Dollars to either Immanuel Lutheran Church or School. Just call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Choice Dollars." You can also go online at [Thrivent.comchoicedollars](http://Thrivent.comchoicedollars).

# VETERANS DAY PASTA DINNER

Sunday, November 10th

4:30-7:00 p.m.

Luther Hall



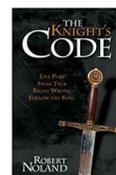
## Upcoming Men's Bible Studies... Studying, Praying, Sharing

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...



# MOPS

Mothers of Preschoolers

Join us as we Explore God's will  
for our life as MOMS  
TO THE FULL.....

Meeting Dates: Immanuel Lutheran Church 10:30-12:00

Sept. 13    Oct. 18    Nov. 8    Dec. 13    Jan. 10

Feb. 14    Mar. 13    Apr. 17    May 15

Email [cdougherty@immanuel-ed.org](mailto:cdougherty@immanuel-ed.org) to register for individual meeting dates and childcare needs.



MOPS

*this is motherhood*

Return this session registration card with \$5 by Oct. 11 to the church office @ 310 E. Main St. East Dundee, IL 60118. Please register on the MOPS website using our group code 2UHS (you can do this later)

## MOPS Registration    October 18th    10:30-12:00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

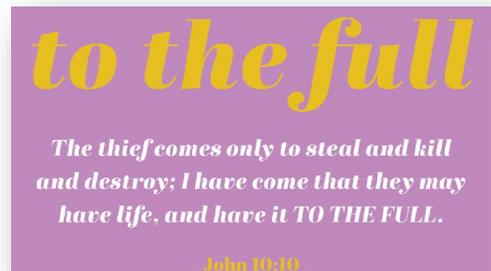
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Children attending needing childcare:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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## LEVI *COMFORT CLIPS*

It's starting to be flu season or at least 'sick' season at Immanuel. Kids have some kind of upper respiratory thing and we're not sounding good. Of course, the 'sick bed' is outside my office. It's hard and uncomfortable. It only feels good if you're really not well. That's when we know a child is really sick. They ask to lie down.

Our other sign is Levi. If Levi is not out and about on assignment, he stays at school. He has a bed in my office, lies under my desk, and generally holds court. When a child comes down and doesn't feel well, Levi wants to be the first one out. He lays his head on a lap or hand and offers comfort as only he knows how. The kids like it too. So many kids talk to him while they await a parent coming for a pick up. Levi is a good listener.

So often I hear from a child, 'Don't worry Levi, I won't breathe on you.' 'Don't get sick, Levi.' 'I won't throw up on you, Levi, I promise.' There are more, but you get the drift. I'll usually joke and talk about how much I appreciate that since I wasn't planning on doing dog baths at school. I also don't want to have to explain to Mrs. Christie, our Top Dog, why Levi is a mess. The kids laugh a little and go back to petting the dog.

It's amazing how well a dog can sense that something is wrong in a child. Levi can ignore a reading or spelling group practicing outside in the hallway, but if a child is not feeling well, he's right there.

I've learned to rely on Levi when he's with me. He will want to be with a child and lets me know that's what we need to do. I've learned to trust him. This afternoon was one of those times.

A little one came down not feeling well. Levi did his thing, but kept wanting to return to her. I was working on this newsletter and Levi kept interrupting me. He did not want to leave this little girl alone. When mom came, I learned that this family had to put their cat down this morning. Yes, this little girl was not feeling well physically, but more than that, she was sad about her cat. Levi can sense that and works to offer comfort. That happens often, and each time I'm amazed.

Levi is a dog. He is not human. He can not talk. He can not reason. He's a dog. But, he is a dog who offers love and comfort - the basics of what we need to feel better.

While I am thankful for the gift of Levi, I am more thankful for a God who knows me better than a dog ever could. I am thankful for a God who knows my hurts and challenges, who knows my joys and celebrations, who knows me so well that He hears my sighs and gives me comfort.

As much as I marvel at what Levi can do, I am thunderstruck at the thought of a God who knows me **Beyond** what I could ever imagine! That is my prayer for you - that the God of Comfort give you all that you need and **Beyond!** And, if you need a bit of Levi, stop on by. He's always ready for a pet or scratch behind the ear!

*Sue Domeier—Principal*

*If you are in need of a visit from Levi—please contact Barb Christie, Top Dog, Team Levi @ 847-542-1203*

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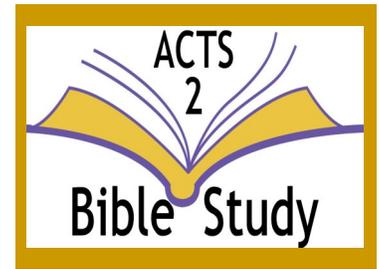
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**SAVE THE DATE**

New Orleans Mission Trip January 4th-12th

## 1Corinthians Chapter 13: 1-8

*"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing."*



If I make charitable donations but I do not have love, I am nothing.

If I sing His praises with perfect pitch but I do not have love, I am nothing.

If I win a Nobel peace prize or make peace with my sibling but I do not have love, I am nothing.

If I am a great civic leader but I do not have love, I am nothing

If I feed the hungry but I do not have love, I am nothing.

If I build a beautiful church, office building or park but I do not have love, I am nothing.

I'd like to thank St. Paul for taking a hammer to worldly values and giving me the true definition of love because without the forgiving love of Jesus I wouldn't know what real love looks like and I have to admit that I'm learning all the time. These words in 1 Corinthians are asking us all to check our heart motives. And if we find we are lacking in the heart department we are to look towards the cross and the living Word for relationship development.

*"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."*

Try and imagine that everyone you meet is an immortal child of God. EVERYONE (including yourself) is made in His image. Maybe we don't see Him through the dirt or clothes or our own fear; but these words of Paul remind us to LOOK not in the mirror of worldly values but in the light of Christ's love.

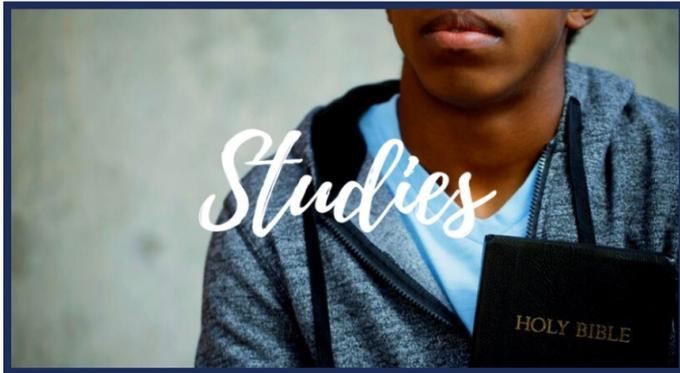
I'm staggered by how often I've failed to marvel at each one of His beings and how often I missed opportunities to share love I've been given AKA, Jesus, with them.

The Bible is the most profound book you'll ever read. The fact that it is the LIVING WORD means that every time you read it, think about it, or sing it a better way of sharing love will be yours in Christ. Please consider joining a bible study, prayer group, social group or worship group at Immanuel. Your heart will be something for it.

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

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

# IMMANUEL Youth Ministry



## **Be Bold (MS)**

Sunday Mornings - 9:30am  
in the youth room

## **Living Well (HS)**

Sunday Mornings - 9:30am  
in the auxiliary kitchen

## **Together (HS)**

Sunday Night's - 5:30pm  
in the youth room

## **HS Pumpkin Hunt**

Sunday, October 27th | 4-7pm  
D'Angelo Property

It's that time of year for our annual pumpkin hunt! Join us for an afternoon of pumpkin competition and hunting. There is no cost. RSVP online by October 20th.



## **Mission Team Fundraiser**

October 1-31, 2019

Christmas wreaths and greenery will be sold by students on the mission team during the month of October. All proceeds will go to benefit the students traveling to Rochester, NY this summer.

## **High School Service Project**

Sunday, October 20th | 5:30 -7pm  
Immanuel Church & School

Join us as we clean up leaves and other debris around our property before winter comes. We will be doing light yardwork, so dress accordingly. Hope to see you there!





# Family Faith Building Ideas for Your Home

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## God's Grace to Us

1 Peter 5:4, 9-10 - "And When the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away."

## Faith Walk

When you are in the yard raking leaves this fall, take a minute to examine the fall leaves. Look for leaves that are still green, those that are bright red, orange, or yellow, and some that are brown.

## Faith Talk

- Discuss what happens to leaves in the fall. Most leaves begin a deep green color. Then they burst into brilliant shades of yellow, red, orange, but quickly their colors fade to the drab brown of a dead leaf.
- People without faith are like leaves. They may lead a glamorous life that looks good on the outside, but when they die their glory fades away.
- God has given all who believe in Christ a promise. We will be given an eternal crown of life that will not fade.
- Read 1 Peter 1:3-9 for a picture of the never-fading glory in Jesus.

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## The Crown of Life

Other Ideas for Your Family to try:

Make a leaf collection. To preserve the leaves, iron them between sheets of waxed paper. Cover the waxed paper with newspaper while you iron to keep from melting wax onto your iron.

Do leaf rubbings. Place leaves, vein-side-up, under a piece of paper. Rub over the leaves with the sides of a crayon. Be sure to rub over the entire leaf for the full effect.

Make crowns from paper and green leaves. How long does it take for their glory to fade?

## Prayer Time

Dear Christ, King of Glory,

When we get discouraged, help us to remember the glory that awaits us in heaven through the glory and power of Your death on the cross. To you be the glory! For your sake. Amen.

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### 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

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