

NEXUS



September 2021

Pastoral Reflections—“*SENTIMENT SOLIDIFIED IN SUBSTANCE*” ♥

My friends Ram and Nancy make me laugh. Ram told a story that literally made me laugh out loud. Let me tell it to you.

Back in the early days of their marriage – money was sometimes tight and grocery store visits weren't always frequent – Nancy would make Ram's lunch for him. On one occasion he called and complained a bit to her.

He said, “Baby, (they always call each other “Baby”) my sandwich was only two end pieces of the bread and one thin slice of salami.”

Nancy responded, “But Baby, the sandwich was made with lots of love!”

Ram then said, “Next time, could there be more salami on the sandwich and less love.”

See Ram didn't just want sentiment, he also wanted substance. That got me thinking about living the Christian life. We can't just give sentiments, we're called to offer substance. See, that's the way of Jesus: He gave substance along with the sentiments. He didn't just say we mattered, He showed we mattered. He didn't just say we're not alone, He showed us we're not alone. He didn't just say “I love you,” He showed us He loved us.

I love the account in John's Gospel (chapter four) where Jesus is sitting by Himself at the well in the middle of Samaria, outside the protection of the village, during the heat of the day. His disciples had been sent to the village when a lone woman comes to the well. Not only is she an outcast (the Samaritans were considered “untouchable” by most of the Jewish people) she was an outcast of the outcasts as even the other women wouldn't go with her to this dangerous area. Now please believe this, it was no accident or coincidence that Jesus was sitting there when she arrives. In fact, there's a sense He was expecting her. Yes, He was tired from all His traveling, and yes, a well is a good place to find rest, but on that particular day, at that particular hour this woman comes up and is greeted by Jesus. We find later that this woman had been rejected, neglected and disrespected by so many. Yet Jesus is there waiting just for her! Jesus then changes her life. He not only talks to her and is kind to her (great sentiments) but He is waiting for her, reveals His true identity to her – “Messiah(!)”, and welcomes her into His orbit and ultimately eternity (great substance!).

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Oh, make no mistake about it, Jesus offered true emotion but it was coupled and reinforced by His action. The Gospel of grace is not just pleasingly sentimental it is positively substantial!

As we go into the autumn months, I am taking measure of how my life is going along. This obviously means giving a hard look at “am I being faithful to the core of my being as well as the moods, feelings, thoughts and dreams I have.” In other words, is my integrity showing that I say what I mean and then turn around and mean what I say? Am I solidifying my sentiment with my substance. I’m sure you’ve heard this old saw that I picked up somewhere:

My talk talks and my walk talks,
But my walk talks louder
than my talk talks.

The meaning is never lost to me – what I say and what I do both convey messages, but the message heard loudest is from my actions not my speech.

Sometimes the best substance solidifying our sentiment is just “showing up.” There are many situations in life where a person cannot solve another person’s problem, crisis or help end their chaos. Sometimes the best thing one can do is just “be there.” Permit me a little story to cement my point. A little girl was sent to the market at the end of her street by her mom to get milk before supper. The little girl was a long time in coming home. Just as the mom was really starting to worry, the little girl came home with the milk. The mom sternly asked why it took so long to come back.

The little girl said, “When I came out of the market I saw my friend Sally sitting on the curb crying. See, her mom had sent her to the market but she accidentally dropped her money in the storm drain.”

“Oh,” said the mom, “so you helped her get her money back?”

“No,” said the little girl.” “The money was gone. I sat on the curb and helped her cry.”

Ah, this little girl teaches me, and then teaches me some more. She didn’t give her friend empty emotionalism, or syrupy sentimentality, nor did she give her friend scientific solutions or arrogant assertions. She simply gave the present of her presence. She solidified her sentiment with her substance.

As I said earlier in this article, this is the way of Jesus. Ultimately, He solidified His sentiments of love for us with the substance of being born for us, dying for us, rising for us, and now preparing to come back and bring us to heaven! Bearing and wearing His name, we Christians are called to the same way. Oh, I’m not saying we have to die for our sentiments, I’m encouraging that we live them out.

I guess you could say I’m simply encouraging you to add more “substance” to the love as we make “the sandwiches” in our lives.

A blessed Autumn to you and yours!
Yours in Jesus with much love,



Pastor William P. Yonker



Ramona and I were entertaining some of her cousins who were in town visiting us and so we traveled up to the Von Bergen Sunflower Maze to take in the sights and sounds of that summer hot spot. The sunflowers were breathtakingly beautiful—we had such a good time and thankfully we navigated our way through the maze just fine—no one got lost.

In a sense this life in which we live is very much like a maze—at birth your parents are not given a booklet filled with instructions as to how best care for and love this gift from God. When we reach adolescence, no one gives us the blueprint of how to navigate the craziness of being a teenager. When we get ready to start dating, marry, have children, start a career, there is no guidance counselor we can see to tell us exactly how all this is going to turn out. When retirement lurks around the corner or death draws near, there is no handy guide that details how all this is going to turn out in the end. Life is a lot like that corn maze—confusing and difficult for most if not for all.

While there is no one “tell all” book that answers all these questions—that lays out every scenario that might happen to us through the years—there is a book that does promise us answers to the questions that perplex and puzzle us. That book is, of course, the Bible, God’s holy Word. In that “good book” we get to see the face of God, we get to hear His comforting voice speak to us and soothe us and comfort us, we get to experience the love of Christ that sent Him to Calvary’s cross to forgive all our sins, we get to watch as His plan of salvation is delivered to us, and we get to look into the future to see how our life will never end as He takes us to live in the wonder and joy of heaven above.

Maybe just maybe this is the year that you and your family will become more involved in Bible study here at Immanuel. Your children will value so much from learning during our Sunday School hour and at the same time you too can be learning from the Lord’s book of life. On Sunday mornings in Luther Hall from 9:15-10:15 we gather for our Immanuel Bible study. Join us each week as the pastors lead these studies looking at and investigating the Bible and using it as our guide through life. You are welcome to join these classes at any time.

During the week there are numerous other opportunities to join together for Bible study. The seniors meet for Bible study on Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 till 3:00 p.m. There are two men’s Bible studies, one on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. and a breakfast Bible study on Saturday from 7:00 till 8:30 a.m. For the ladies, our Thursday Bible studies take place at 9:00 a.m. with babysitting provided and again at 7:00 p.m. (some of these evening sessions are zoom only). All these classes offer you the opportunity to reconnect, recharge and be revitalized and I trust that you will be blessed by the time you invest in these opportunities to learn and grow, to be challenged and fed by the very Bread of life.

This life can be depressing, distressing and discouraging—we can feel like we’re stuck in a maze trying to find our way to some place of safety and rest on the journey. In God’s Word, He offers us the guiding light to find our way home to Him—come along with me this year and let’s study His Word so that we can be drawn closer to our Savior Jesus.

From
the
Pastor's
Heart



SENDING MY INTENTIONAL LOVE & ENCOURAGEMENT

Want to bring a *smile* to your favorite college student?
This inspirational Women's ministry meets several times throughout the year to create a special care package. The evening will also include time with a devotion and fellowship.

♥ **Monday, September 27th at 7:00pm in Luther Hall** ♥

What to expect. Each attendee brings a fun item to donate to each care package:

- Fuzzy Socks
- Toothbrush
- Cliff bars
- Hand-sanitizer
- Magazine
- Microwave popcorn
- Trail Mix
- The possibilities are endless!

Prior to our meeting, I will send out the total number of participants. That number will be the quantity of items you will bring to the event. I will be providing the boxes! Please register by September 20th to attend. Questions? Contact Julie Schmidt at 224-345-9339 or Julie.schmidt@judsonu.edu



2 WEEKLY
LIVESTREAM OPPORTUNITIES

* 5 pm on SATURDAY AFTERNOONS
Traditional / "Come As You Are" worship
(* LiveStream new as of 6/26/21)

Our Contemporary worship
is at 10:30 - SUNDAY MORNINGS

WATCH ANY - TIME / HOME OR AWAY!!

SEE OUR FACEBOOK - OR - OUR CHURCH/SCHOOL WEBSITE:
www.immanuel-ed.org / GO TO STREAMING WORSHIP / ARCHIVES

SEPTEMBER 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01 8:45am CHAPEL 9:00am Men's Study	02 9am Mom's Bible Study 1:00pm Dorcas 7:00pm Women's Evening Study	03 10:00am In Stitches 	04 7:30am Men's Study 5:00pm Worship REGISTER ONLINE †
05 8 & 10:30am Worship †	06  Church Office Closed	07 1:30pm Sr. Bible Study	08 8:45am CHAPEL 9:00am Men's Study 5:30pm Midweek Confirmation	09 9am Mom's Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Evening Study	10  Confirmation Retreat	11 7:30am Men's Study 5:00pm Worship REGISTER ONLINE † September 10-11
12 8 & 10:30am Worship †	13	14 1:30pm Sr. Bible Study 6:00pm PK Parent Night 6:45 pm Ministry Meetings	15 8:45am CHAPEL 9:00am Men's Study 5:30pm Midweek Confirmation	16 9am Mom's Bible Study 6:30pm MOPS 7:00pm Women's Evening Study	17 10:00am In Stitches 	18 7:30am Men's Study 5:00pm Worship REGISTER ONLINE †
19 8 & 10:30am Worship † 9:15am AIM Class	20	21 1:30pm Sr. Bible Study 7:00pm Trustees	22 8:45am CHAPEL 9:00am Men's Study 5:30pm Midweek Confirmation	23 9am Mom's Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Evening Study	24	25 7:30am Men's Study 5:00pm Worship REGISTER ONLINE †
26 8 & 10:30am Worship † 9:15am AIM Class	27 7:00pm SMILE Ministry Meeting	28 1:30pm Sr. Bible Study	29 8:45am CHAPEL 9:00am Men's Study 5:30pm Midweek Confirmation	30 9am Mom's Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Evening Study		



AIM (Adult Information & Membership)

New member classes begin Sunday, September 19th @ 9:15-10:15AM in the church conference room. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the church office at 847-428-4477 to register. *Babysitting is available!*

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!

Betty Altergott	9/30	Chris Gathman	9/24	Lynn McCarthy	9/14
Judy Bartelt	9/15	Peter Gnan	9/27	Judy Small	9/2
Jill Bernaeyge	9/19	Sandy Hager	9/6	Richard Storm	9/1
Betty Bruening	9/30	Gerald Heinz	9/4	Nancy Tonge	9/15
David Buker	9/14	Rosemary Holland	9/30	Steven Trebes	9/22
Gretchen DeWitt	9/6	Floyd Hopp	9/12	Mary Wahl	9/18
Barbara Gamble	9/19	Jill Krupp	9/10		

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH...

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



Matthew Thomas & Bradley Axel Trudeau
Taylor Renee Swan
July 25, 2021

Landon Reese Norman
August 7, 2021

Logan Michael Hohman
August 15, 2021

Adonis Luciano Pacheco
August 15, 2021

Gavin Michael Gathman
August 21, 2021



Sunday Morning Kids Ministry begins September 12th!

We are looking forward to kicking off a new year of programming for kids in Preschool - 5th Grade.

We hope your family will join us!

For more information and to pre-register your child for Kids Ministry go to:

<http://immanuel-ed.org/childrens-ministry>

If you have any questions, please contact David Meier in the church office. (847-428-4477 x251)

Join us in learning more about Jesus!

Middle School Bible Study

All students in grades 6-8 are invited to join us each week for our middle school Bible study, "Stampede."

This study takes place each Sunday morning (9:15-10:15am) in the Youth Room located on the lower level of church. We hope you'll join us!



Registration for the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering is now open! All students in grades 9-12 are invited to be a part of this unforgettable experience!

More information about the gathering can be found on the youth ministry page of the church's website.

Sign-up by September 30th.



ALL FOR LOVE

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7, ESV

This is the year of BIG things. LOVE is starting to fling open doors,
and when LOVE comes into the room, no one is safe.

Comfort zones crumble,
Relationships are born,
Fear is cast out,
Whimsy is restored,
Perspectives shift,
Ready or not, here it comes ...

WHERE: Immanuel Lutheran Church East Dundee

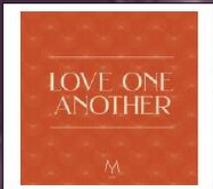
WHEN: Year 3 Kick Off... Thursday, September 16th 6:00-7:30 pm

Meeting Theme: The Measure of a Mamas Love! So Register today!

Childcare available upon request.

Questions and information contact Courtney Dougherty (MOPS Coordinator) at 847.428.1010 ext. 264 or cdougherty@immanuel-ed.org

For Group Details and/or MOPS Membership visit <https://www.mops.org/join/> Our group code: 2UHS



REGISTRATION RSVP

Send to: **Immanuel Lutheran Church**
310 East Main St.
East Dundee, IL 60118

or email: cdougherty@immanuel-ed.org

\$5 fee for each session 😊 (if you are able)

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Children's Names _____ Age _____ Childcare _____

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| 1. _____ | _____ | Yes or No |
| 2. _____ | _____ | Yes or No |
| 3. _____ | _____ | Yes or No |



GENERAL FUND

In Memory of Ronald Hansing - Nancy Eberly, Gerald & Ann Heinz

In Memory of James Knaak (*father of Lori Dickson*)-Dave Bartelt

In Memory of Bill Groneman - Sue Kennedy, Sandra Stoecklein, Rick & Trish Urbanski, Terri Cacioppo, Chris Kakavas

In Memory of George F. Deihls, Jr.- Pat & Amanda DeMarsh, Dave & Debbie Swanson, Randy & Deborah Hauschildt

BEYOND

In Memory of George F. Deihls, Jr. - Larry & Sandy Freeman

SCHOOL FUND

In Memory of Alan Rosenwinkel (*father of Michelle Buhrow*)- Scott & Cheryl Olson, Stuart & Shelly Hanfling, Erin & Jason Lash, Christina Parsons, Alan & Jennifer Tamburrino

In Memory of Bill Groneman - Sharon Christenson

In Memory of George F. Deihls, Jr. - Armond Bethke

FOUNDATION FUND

In Memory of George F. Deihls, Jr., In Memory of Marilyn Goers,

In Memory of Mary Holtz Eickhoff – Tom, Michele, Meredith & Carolyn Mullen

COMFORT DOG MINISTRY

In Memory of George F. Deihls, Jr. - Virginia Ikert, Ralph & Judy Buhrow, Erin & Jason Lash, Andy & Linda Olsen, John & Cathy Myers, Floyd & Linda Hopp, Jeff & Anita Meyer, James & Julia Marando, John & Margo Wilson, Paul & Carol Schif, Bill & Debbie Kline

TOTAL MEMORIAL FUNDS

General	\$320	School	\$630	Beyond	\$50
Comfort Dog	\$510	Foundation	\$700		



William R. Groneman - August 7, 2021

Ruth E. Gliemann - August 21, 2021

George F. Deihls, Jr. - August 12, 2021



Upcoming Worship, Music Events



& Ministry Notes... For September '21

8:00

SUNDAY MORNINGS...

**Hour of Traditional
Worship**

Our HERITAGE

10:30

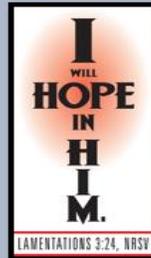
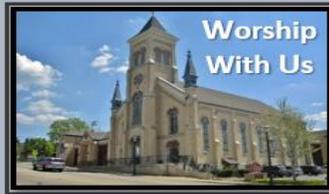
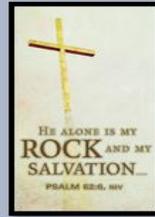
SUNDAY MORNINGS...

**Hour of Contemporary
Praise**

Our HOPE



Welcome to Worship



5:00 SATURDAY EVENINGS...

**Hour of "come as you
are" worship**

Our HEALTH

*** 4th SUNDAY EVE.
of the month...**

(Beginning @ 5 pm...starting in the Fall)

**- a Meal, some Music
and a Message**

Our HEARTH / Our HOME

Our HERITAGE

Ps. 119:111... Your testimonies
are my Heritage
forever, for they
are the joy
of my heart



Our HOPE

Ps. 71:14... But I will
Hope continually
and will praise You
yet more and more

Our HEALTH

Jer. 30:17... "But I will
restore you to
Health and heal
your wounds" --
declares the LORD

**Our HEARTH
& Our HOME**

John 14:23... Jesus said, "if anyone
loves Me -- My Father will love
him and We will come to him
and make Our Home with him"



Always Pray and Never Give Up 

Fall Gathering
September 25, 2021
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
195 Nesler Rd, Elgin, IL 60124
9AM to 2:30PM



Check-in will begin at 8:30 with "coffee and"



Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries Illinois Expansion
Bible Study by Rev. Edward DeWitt, President
Keynote Speaker Sheryl DeWitt, Executive Director
They are a recipient of a 2021-2023 LWML Grant!

Afternoon activities will include lunch, hands on mission work, and closing litany. Lots of time for fellowship and singing!

Questions? Call Kris Blackwell 630-234-1491 or kbwrk123@gmail.com

Registration is available on line until Sept 18 at lwmlnid.org or mail in this form by Sept 15

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Church/City _____

Registration is \$10 whether in person or watching the live stream:

I will attend in person I will attend on line (you will get the link via email)

I will stay for the afternoon fun!

Please order me a box lunch Cost is \$12 turkey wrap ham wrap

I will bring my own sack lunch

Mail check payable to **LWML NID** to

Marilyn Hess 111 N. Wheaton Ave Unit 102 Wheaton IL 60187

ALUMNI NEWS



Congratulations to
Jacobs High School's
Jordan Miller
on receiving Business,
Internship, and
Co Op Career
and Technical Education
Student of the Year 2021!
Jordan is a 2017 graduate of
Immanuel Lutheran School!



Kristen & David McCool –
Proud Marine parents of
Grace McCool who was
promoted to Lance Corporal!
Grace is a 2016 graduate of
Immanuel Lutheran School!



U.S. Navy Information Systems Technician 2nd
Class Hunter Apke, from East Dundee, IL.,
receives a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement
Medal from Capt. David Faehnle, commanding
officer, Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti (CLDJ),
during an awards ceremony on base on
June 25, 2021. Camp Lemonnier is an
operational installation that enables
U.S., allied and partner nation forces
to be where and when they are needed
to ensure security in Europe, Africa and
Southwest Asia. Hunter is a 2011 graduate
of Immanuel Lutheran School!



*Congratulations to all our recent high school graduates who are off to college.
May God continue to bless you and keep you in His constant care.*



SCHOOL NEWS

We began our new year on August 19 with the theme **IN ALL THINGS**. It is based on Colossians 1:15-20. *“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.”* What a great passage to focus on this year!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 10th Annual GO Fish 5k and Color Run! We are so thankful for your support of the Carpentersville FISH Food Pantry!



ILS Walkathon will be held Friday, October 1st 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.

ILS Spirit Wear is available for purchase. Join our Eagle Nation with some blue and gold spirit wear. To order go to <https://stores.inksoft.com/ildspirit/shop/home>



Welcome back to school! We still have openings! Contact Courtney Dougherty, Admissions Director @ cdougherty@immanuel-ed.org for a tour. Do you need Extended Care? Contact the office at 847-428-1010.



UPGRADED 8th GRADE CLASSROOM!

Immanuel Lutheran



Our new year of events and programs will begin on September 9, 2021, at 1:00 in Luther Hall C. We will start with a devotion/study on Esther of the Bible. Following will be our business meeting and a preview of the service projects, fundraisers, programs, and activities for the months ahead. 😊

As always, *"We serve the Lord with gladness as we stay mission minded."* All women of Immanuel are invited to come and join us. Questions? Call Lynn Kreutzer at 847-736-9117 or email Lynk7855@yahoo.com.

👁️ Look what's happening in our backyard!!

The parsonage of Faith Lutheran Church in Carpentersville is being renovated to offer love, hope, and a future for single pregnant women in crisis. Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries is helping LCFS (Lutheran Child and Family Services) and NID (Northern Illinois District) establish this Christ centered home.

Come join other women attending the LWML-NID Fall Gathering to hear Sheryl DeWitt, the Executive Director, share the vision, progress, and needs for this new home.

LWML-NID Fall Gathering - September 25, 2021 ---- 9:00 am-2:30 pm
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - 195 Nesler Road-Elgin, IL

Check out the registration form in the Nexus for further information regarding the day's activities.



"IN STITCHES" (Loom/Knit Group) Calling women of all ages who loom/knit or crochet (or want to learn). Join these Dorcas Society Women and friends to make hats, scarves, blankets, scrubbies, etc. under the guidance of Dawn Kucz. The group will be meeting in Luther Hall at 10AM on the following dates: September 3 and September 17. Questions? Call Dawn @ 224-575-0164.



LEVI Comfort Dog

Between visits, virtual visits and a little summer vacation visiting friends, I had a busy summer! Are you or someone you love needing some extra love and comfort? Contact Top Dog, Barb Christie @ 847-542-1203. We're here for you!



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