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Pastoral Reflections - Go PLAY

“Go outside and play.” Those words were music to my ears. My mom said them often. After the chores were done, after homework or housework had been completed, she’d say, “Now go play.” Not only were we allowed to go live the life of a kid, not only were we given permission to take a break from the responsibilities of family life, we were told to go be a kid. Of course the rules we’d been taught were always meant to be followed: play nice, play fair, take turns, don’t push, don’t bully, don’t fight, share, mind your manners, be polite, don’t go with strangers, be respectful to the neighbors and most importantly, come home when you hear dad’s whistle. These were the boundaries in which we could “go play.”

Being set free to “go play” was more than fun activities, more than just “killing time” or “wasting time” on the frivolous or fanciful, it was an experience that helped refresh attitudes, restore bones, rectify relationships and reclaim the joy in simply living. For me, “going out to play” wasn’t about what was played, in fact it wasn’t about activities or lack of activities at all. “Going out to play” was more of a “state of being.” It was freedom. Not just freedom from things like school/school work, home chores, family obligations, etc. But it was a freedom to things: Freedom to feel joy, freedom to engage with friends, freedom to experience the places around us, freedom to delight in fully being as God’s child in His great big wonderful world.

I’m afraid not many adults feel like they can have a “go play” attitude as a sense of well-being. “I’ve got bills to pay, mouths to feed, responsibilities at home and work to attend to, problems that need addressing, relationships that need fixing, etc., etc., etc.” Even when there’s a “girls/guys night out”, “girls/guys weekend”, leagues of fantasy football, golf, bowling, billiards; clubs of wine-tasting, card-playing, sporting event, concert, recital or lecture, all these things seem more of a distraction from the burdens of life rather than an attraction to the joys that make life worth living.

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Of course Jesus is known for having made bold statements but lately one confounds, astounds and resounds loudly in my brain. In John 15:11 Jesus says, “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy would be in you and that your joy may be full.” In my more childish moments, I want to say, “Really Jesus? Full joy? Here and Now?? What about all the violence? What about all the heart-ache and heart-break? What about the brokenness of peoples’ minds, bodies and hearts?”

But then I remember...Jesus sees it all, He knows it all...He feels it all. So whatever is He talking about?

The joy Jesus is talking about is the sense of well-being that comes from walking with Him throughout our lives. This is not the flimsy, temporary excitement of worldly things or pleasures, but it is the deep, lasting and abiding joy of knowing we’re loved and cared for by the Almighty God through His Son Jesus. Because He has brought us into the family of God – no barriers of our sin or shame are in between us – we are free to feel joy, engage with friends, experience the places around us, and delight in living as God’s child in His world. In dying on the cross, Jesus has fulfilled the punishment of our sinfulness and because He rose from the grave, our assurance of the Father’s love for us is secure. We are free to live in the Father’s world joyfully.

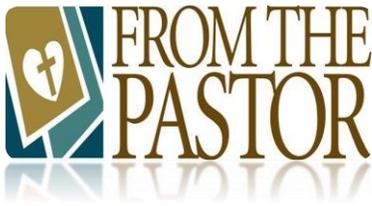
So lately, I’m trying to remind myself – to give myself permission to “go play.” Oh, please know I’m not looking to shirk my responsibilities or shrink from my obligations, I’m simply trying to live fully in the joy of our Lord Jesus. This October is filled with opportunities to “go play.” I suggest: enjoy the cool, fragrant evenings; buy and carve a pumpkin; phone a friend you haven’t talked to in awhile; write cards and letters to loved ones – everyone loves getting personal “snail” mail; try making your own recipe of egg nog or hot chocolate; mix up a batch of your favorite chili; dust off and crack the jackets of books you’ve been meaning to read; sort through the old albums, CD’s cassettes (8 tracks?!) you have and listen to the music you like; do something you normally don’t do, like go to an opera or ballet or lecture or poetry reading and see if maybe you do like these things. And (this is a big “and”!) try not to see these things as distractions from the ho-hum, hum drum and boredom of life but as attractions to what the French call “Joie de vivre” which means the exuberant joy of life!

Please hear me say: fulfill your responsibilities, be faithful to your accountabilities, tend to the obligations and regulations and suspend the angers and angst of life. But in the midst of these things, let me remind you, you have an amazing Lord and Savior who gives you life and salvation and who attends to you every hour of every day of your life—don’t be afraid to go play.

I am
Yours in Jesus, with love,

Pastor William P. Yonker





One of our Amazon devices is located in our bathroom and it has a clock which shines bright in the darkness. When the bathroom light is turned on it does not shine as bright but when the light is off, that device serves as a nightlight for us. It comes in handy—shining in the darkness—helping us see our way into the bathroom.

Do you use a nightlight? For kids, they can be quite a comfort and I suppose for many adults as well—the darkness can be a bit overwhelming—the darkness can be a little scary—but just that little bit of light shatters the darkness and can provide us with just a wonderful sense of security and peace.

I love the words of I John 1:5 which declares, “God is light.” That little phrase is such a powerful reminder to you and to me as to who our God is and what our God does. What a great gift to give yourself to be reminded of that powerful truth—“God is light.” Let me just remind you about two truths we learn from these three little words.

The first is this—Light gives life. I love to visit the first grade classroom when the chicks are about to be hatched from their eggs. First graders have such high energy—they are so easily excited by things—but when the chicks are about to be hatched it is a whole new level of energy—there is a buzz in the school—which egg will be the first one to break open—will anyone be there to watch it occur. Mrs. Dougherty has even gone so far as to install a web camera on the hatchery just so the first graders do not miss that moment when a chick is born.

If you take a look at the hatchery though you will notice something very important—some bright lights that not only warm the eggs but provide just enough heat so that the eggs can come to life. Instead of a mother hen laying on her eggs, those heat lamps do the trick and the eggs eventually are cracked open by the tiny beaks of those chicks and then the chirping and everything else can be seen and experienced.



Light gives life—so it was at the beginning of time when God’s voice boomed over creation and said, “let there be light!” Light gives life! So it will be at the end of time as we read in the book of Revelation that there is no sun or moon in heaven because the Lord gives heaven its light. The Lord gives us life through His light that shines into our hearts breaking through the darkness of our sin and drawing us closer and closer to Jesus. We remember how the sun refused to shine as Jesus was dying on the cross to wash away all our sins and

forgive us through His death. And then the glorious rays that shine forth from Easter’s empty tomb reminding us of that eternal life that awaits us in heaven. Light gives life!

Light also gives hope. I read recently about a lab experiment with rats that were placed into a tank of water and put in a room with no light. A camera recorded the rats attempt to keep swimming in the water until after about 6 hours all of them drowned. Another set of rats was placed in a similar tank but this time one small light was attached over the tank and those rats managed to keep kicking for 17 hours just because that light gave them hope.

The light of Christ fills our lives with hope. In the midst of the darkness of this world, we have this confidence—this encouragement. That in Christ there is no darkness at all. As He forgives our sins, as He lives in our hearts, as He fills us with His good gifts, as He reminds us of Easter triumph, Easter joy, as He comes again to take us to live with Him in heaven, He shines the light of His love into our hearts

Three great words for us to remember today and everyday...“God is light”.

Love, peace and joy—Pastor Baerwolf

OCTOBER 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01	02
						7:30am Men's Study 5:00pm Worship REGISTER ONLINE †
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
8 & 10:30am Worship † 9:15am AIM Class		1:30pm Sr. Bible Study	8:45 Chapel 9:00am Men's Study 10-12 In Stitches 2pm Early Release 5:30pm Midweek Confirmation	9am Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study 1:00pm Dorcas Society 7:00pm Women's Evening Bible Study		7:30am Men's Study 9:00am FML 5:00pm Worship REGISTER ONLINE †
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8 & 10:30am Worship † 9:15am AIM Class LWML SUNDAY	 Church Office Closed	1:30pm Sr. Bible Study 6:00pm PK Parent Night 6:45 pm Ministry Meetings	8:45 Chapel 9:00am Men's Study 10-12 In Stitches 5:30pm Midweek Confirmation	9am Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Evening Bible Study		7:30am Men's Study 5:00pm Worship REGISTER ONLINE †
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8 & 10:30am Worship † 9:15am AIM Class		1:30pm Sr. Bible Study 7:00pm Trustees	8:45 Chapel 9:00am Men's Study 10-12 In Stitches 5:30pm Midweek Confirmation	9am Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Evening Study		7:30am Men's Study 5:00pm Worship REGISTER ONLINE †
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8 & 10:30am Worship † 9:15am AIM Class		1:30pm Sr. Bible Study	8:45 Chapel 9:00am Men's Study 10-12 In Stitches 5:30pm Midweek Confirmation	9am Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Evening Bible Study		7:30am Men's Study 1pm Confirmation Rehearsal 5:00pm Worship REGISTER ONLINE †
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Reformation Sunday 8 & 10:30am Worship † 9:15am AIM Class 1:00pm Confirmation						

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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!

Cheryl Berquist	10/22	Dan Gathman	10/10	Arlene Rehberg	10/21
Carol Bethke	10/21	Esther Goebbert	10/19	Betty Roberts	10/9
Bob Block	10/3	Nancy Gustitus	10/28	Pinky Schroeder	10/19
Jan Bonkoski	10/30	Robert Hoyt	10/3	Dale Streeter	10/29
John Bonkoski	10/5	Debbie Jaroszkiewicz	10/4	Victoria Studt	10/6
Don Bruell	10/8	Maris Johnson	10/18	Sally Susanke	10/30
Judy Buhrow	10/11	Helen Kauffman	10/17	Jane Theis	10/7
Sharon Callovi	10/30	Pam Meyer	10/1	Mitch VanDiggelen	10/7
Marilyn Dorman	10/11	John Myers	10/18	Lori Wascher	10/16
Pat Dziuba	10/14	Joan Pearson	10/30	Sue Watzlawick	10/16
Bill Gade	10/17	Lantz Rakow	10/21	Jill Yucius	10/6

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH...

Anderson, Tim & Buffy	10/3	Meyer, Richard & Tracy	10/23
Aversano, Brent & Krystal	10/11	Mullen, Tom & Michele	10/24
Baerwolf, Rev. Phillip & Ramona	10/17	Pachniak, Scott & Dawn	10/7
Deihs, Paul & Theresa	10/3	Pieper, Chad & Shelly	10/8
DeMarsh, Pat & Amanda	10/16	Roberts, Dennis & Betty	10/11
Diven, Russ & Ginger	10/15	Smith, Wally & Laura	10/28
Erdman, David & Heather	10/17	Solarte, Kurt & Briana	10/21
Gade, Dennis & Judy	10/14	Spenk, Kris & Karen	10/14
Harrison, Steve & Kathy	10/18	Stone, Scott & Gail	10/8
Kline, Bill & Debbie	10/9	Swan, Brandon & Taylor	10/19
Lemke, Jeff & Jackie	10/18	Thompson, Lee & Linda	10/6
Meier, Dave & Susan	10/8		



Brooks Patrick Anderson
October 9
Maren May Clark
October 23
Emma Joyce Leffelman
October 23



Kimberly Laura Bartels & Adam Richard Schutt
September 25, 2021



GENERAL FUND

In Memory of Ruth Gliesman

Wally & Betty Reuter, Emmett Gillie, Peter & Vivian Gliesmann, Ralph & Judy Buhrow

In Memory of Michael Williams - Bill & Kay Gade

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In Memory of Chris Becker (son of Ken & Cathy Becker)

Peter & Lori Anderson, Sue Domeier, John & Jane Theis, Pat & Amanda DeMarsh, Jim Bonkoski, Brad & Brittany Cerwin, Glenn & Karen Storm, Doug & Martha Krieser, Chris & Cheryl Wendt, Bill & Kay Gade, Jason & Erin Lash, Dave Bartelt, Barry & Barb Faga, John & Lea Conrad, Chuck & Marilyn Koehlert, Dale & Gail Streeter, Kevin & Kim Freeman, Al & Chris Navarro, Dennis & Kristie King, Steve & Karen Guenther, Tony & Megan Moretti, Ron & Barb Arndt

In Memory of Gerald Schroeder

Bill & Kay Gade

FEED MY LAMBS

In Memory of Chris Becker (son of Ken & Cathy Becker)

Gwen & Bob Gorman

FOUNDATION FUND

In Memory of Chris Becker (son of Ken & Cathy Becker)

Tom & Michele Mullen

TOTAL MEMORIAL FUNDS

General	\$295
Scholarship	\$1095
Feed My Lambs	\$50
Foundation	\$100



Ronald Schumacher
Deceased November 19, 2019
Internment August 28, 2021

Christopher M. Becker
September 20, 2021

Gerald L. "Jerry" Heinz
September 27, 2021



SCHOOL NEWS

Our school year is up and running. Bells, chorus, athletics and a musical are all occurring this fall. Our families and students are busy and it is wonderful! We love being back at a full schedule with a full calendar of events! We are so blessed!



Thank you to everyone who supported the 10th anniversary of the Go Fish 5k and Kids' Color Run 2021. It was a great day of fun and fellowship.

Because of our generous sponsors and amazing participants, we were able to collect over \$7,500 for the Fish Pantry of Carpentersville.

We are also incredibly grateful to our volunteers for their help to make the day go so smoothly.

See you next year!

ALUMNI NEWS



Randall Oaks Golf Club & Banquets

“Stories like these are our favorites! Youth Golf Instructor Roslyn with Golf Operations Manager Bob Mertel in 2014 when she won the **Dundee Township Park District Jr. Open** and this year at the Jr. Open tournament as an instructor before returning as a sophomore playing Division 1 Golf for **Valparaiso University!**

In between, she dominated the local golf scene and was a captain, two-time team MVP and state qualifier at Jacobs **District 300!** Best of luck this season at Valpo and thank you for all of the golfers you inspired this summer with us at Randall Oaks Golf Club!” *Roslyn Leitner is a 2016 graduate of Immanuel Lutheran School.*



Families in Faith

**Something New
on Sundays.**

Begins October 10th

At Immanuel we love Vacation Bible School, and we know you do too! This year we want to bring a taste of that fun to Sunday morning with a new approach to Kids ministry - Families in Faith!

Parents and children in Preschool - 5th grade are invited to join us on the second Sunday of each month as we join in memorable, hands-on, family-focused activities. There will be some familiar faces of Bible Buddies and well known VBS songs that you've heard on repeat over the years.

Families in Faith will take place in the school gym on the second Sunday of each month from 9:15am - 10:15am. We hope to see you and your family there! Sign-up online at: immanuel-ed.org/childrens-ministry



**HAVE FUN COOKING WITH US ON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH
& NOVEMBER 13TH**



**9-11AM
LUTHER HALL**



Click the link below to sign up, or
to see our list of needs to
make a donation.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoD44AFAC28A3F49-donations>

FEED MY LAMBS HOMELESS FOOD MINISTRY

Feed My Lambs provides food for individuals and families in need. We gather in the church kitchen on a regular basis to prepare food, and we visit local homeless ministries to serve in our community.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING?

We are currently looking for volunteers to help deliver and serve hot lunches at the Wayside Homeless Ministry in Elgin. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out!

**Contact Alison Lyon
(630) 709-6546 or
alison.b.lyon@gmail.com
for more information.**

Immanuel Lutheran



Dorcas Society will be meeting on October 7, at 1:00 in Luther Hall. A brief video will be shown explaining the various recipients of the grants from our MITES. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

Our meeting on November 4 will include a *“Make and Take”* activity. All attending will make a Thanksgiving card to take home and send to someone. Questions?? Call Lynn Kreutzer at 847-736-9117 or email Lynk7855@yahoo.com



LWML Sunday — Celebrate with Lutheran Women in Mission

October 10th will be the Sunday we celebrate all that God has done through the LWML. We praise the Lord for opportunities to share His message and love with people in all walks of life throughout our community and the world. The Immanuel Dorcas Society is celebrating the joy of serving the Lord with gladness in this congregation. The power of God is evident in the dimes and quarters (*mites*) you put in your Mite Box, and we celebrate this fact each fall on LWML Sunday. *Thank you!*

Our new LWML Mission Statement reads: *“As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.”* The Holy Spirit has been doing this for 79 years through the LWML!

STAMPS FOR MISSIONS LWML NID invites you to save postage stamps – especially during the holiday season and donate them for our mission goal. Stamps are sorted and sold in batches to collectors and dealers at stamp shows and club auctions. Needed:

1. All intact picture postcards. Do not cut off the stamps, send the entire postcard.
 2. All old (pre1930) envelopes intact. Do not cut off the stamps.
 3. All foreign stamps, large and small.
 4. Large commemorative U.S. stamps.
 5. Small definitive (common) U.S. stamps (including USA nonprofit bulk stamps), except **DO NOT** save Love, Flag, Bell **OR** Christmas stamps. Save unused charity return mail stamps.
 6. Any collections of stamps, save on sheets if possible and do not remove stamps from pages or albums.
- If at all possible, stamps should be trimmed leaving about 1/4" margin around the stamp. **Stamps can be placed in the wooden boxes outside the church office.**

LEVI Comfort Dog

Being fashionable is not the only function of clothing. Humans wear special garments for work, play, events -- and even to ride a horse!

"I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness." *Isaiah 61:10*



I got to travel to Paw Paw, Michigan!
No, that's not a joke,
it really is called that!

I met so many friendly folks at the
farmer's market, craft fair,
and lakeside worship service.
Thanks for the memories, Paw Paw!





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



SPECIAL WORSHIP / EVENTS in OCTOBER...



Reformation Weekend, Oct. 30/31 ... Sat. 5 pm / Sun. 8 & 10:45 -- Pastor Phillip Baerwolf will be sharing the message.



Confirmation Sunday, Oct. 31st, 1 pm -- our 3rd year confirmand students continue their Journey with this special service of confirmation, connection, and commitment.



All Saints Weekend, 1st weekend of November (Nov. 6-7) ... 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.



Ladies,

Interested in attending a Bible Study?
Check out the options available to you on Thursdays.

Thursday Mornings

Join us Thursday mornings in Luther Hall from 8:30-10:30am. Enjoy fellowship and the study of God's Word. FREE Babysitting is available.

Thursday Evening In-Person

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month to learn from God's Word and encourage and learn from your sisters in Christ. 7-8:30pm in Luther Hall

Thursday Evening Online

Join us from the comfort of your own home on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month to get into the Word. This online study meets from 7-8:30pm VIA ZOOM.

Contact Alison Lyon at alison.b.lyon@gmail.com or (630)709-6546 for details.

“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 every Wednesday. Questions: Call Dawn @ 224-575-0164

Greeting Card Ministry is back in action! This group is supported by the Dorcas Society but anyone can join. No experience necessary. All supplies are provided and lots of fun is guaranteed as women color, stamp, cut, and assemble these cards which will be sent to shut-ins and other members of our congregation on various occasions. Please join these ladies in Luther Hall on October 28, at 1:00. **Questions:** Call Judy Buhrow at 630-329-6340.



Eye glasses needed.... If you have glasses that you no longer want, you can drop them off in the wooden box outside the church office. These will be given to Lutheran mission teams who will distribute them to those need.



August 2021

Dear friends of Immanuel –

We give thanks to our great God for you and your steadfast, faithful support in prayers and gifts for God's work in Latin America & the Caribbean. We are so thankful this year especially for your generous financial gift toward my (Jamielynn's) deaconess studies online through the Fort Wayne seminary. I have already grown and been blessed by the classes and look forward to more. I am confident God is using and will use them in my life and ministry. (*Philippians 1:3-6*)

In Christ – Rafael & Jamielynn (Tinkey) Flores



Here Comes the **Giving Tree**! The **Giving Tree** will be here soon! Stay tuned to see how you can help share the love of Jesus and Christmas joy with less fortunate families in our community.

If you have any questions or want to get involved now, please call Lisa Buker at 847-428-8953 or email Lindsay Laas at Lindsay.Laas@yahoo.com to find out more. *Merry Christmas!*

PRAYER VIGIL

November 12

Ephesians 6:18 states, "*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.*"

We at Immanuel have this opportunity to pray for others in our congregation on Friday, November 12, for our 12-hour Prayer Vigil. We start at 10:00am and go until 10:00pm.

Remember all the times Jesus went off to a quiet place to pray? We have just the place for you. Here at Immanuel in our church for four hours. The remaining hours we will have a virtual prayer vigil, with you praying in your own home.

Requests from our members will be available to pray for them. Requests may be anonymous. Prayer request cards will be in the pews and also be available at the Prayer Corner. You may also send in your requests to immanuelprays@hotmail.com. Just fill in *Prayer Vigil* in the subject line. You may also phone any requests to Nancy Flynn @ 815-459-8053.

Come and pray with us on that Friday. We are hoping to have four hours where you may come into church and pray. Watch for the notice on the hours the church will be open. If you cannot spend an entire hour, please come for as long as you can. We will have a link to the signup sheet for the virtual prayer vigil on the Immanuel website.

Thank you for volunteering to spend time in prayer.



“Getting LCFS’ help at Christmas really made things easier on us. The girls saw all the gifts under the tree and were so excited.”

– LCFS foster mom

Give from your heart and help children have a Merry Christmas!

Your donation will put gifts under the tree for the children in our care. Foster parents will receive money specifically to buy Christmas gifts for each child—assuring they receive what they want and need. This was such a blessing to the families we served last year, and, with continuing COVID concerns, ensures we all stay safer.

Visit www.LCFS.org/ChristmasDrive to donate or for more information. Thank you.

Questions? Contact
Mandy_Widtfeldt@lcfs.org
or 630-470-3853

Mail donations to:
Attn: LCFS Christmas Drive,
One Oakbrook Terrace, Suite 501
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181



**Lutheran Child and
Family Services of Illinois**



**SAVE THE
DATE!!!**



**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 7TH**

VETERANS DAY PASTA DINNER

Veterans and Servicemen are invited to enjoy a
FREE DINNER

catered by Aliano's at Immanuel Lutheran

**OPEN HOUSE - 4:30-6:30P.M.
MORE INFO TO FOLLOW**

Contact Alison Lyon at
alison.b.lyon@gmail.com for more information
and/or if you would like to volunteer.

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Pastor Meissner, Pastor Bojens, Pastor Bowen & Pastor Thompson for loving and serving
our congregation here at Immanuel! God is so good!*