

**WEEKLY WATCH**  
**Immanuel Lutheran School**  
**Hillside, Illinois**

**“Whatsoever You Do”**

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**CHAPEL**

The next chapel service will be held on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. Pastor Vratny will lead us in worship. The theme will be “As I Stand Firm in the Faith.” Offerings are designated to Feed My Starving Children.



**HOT LUNCH ORDER FORMS WERE DUE THIS MORNING FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. IF YOU MISSED THE DEADLINE, WE CANNOT ACCEPT LATE ORDERS.**

**MARKET DAY ORDERS - Pick up is Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:00 PM.**

Kindergarten is in need of plastic lids. Plastic lids from coffee cans, margarine tubs, premade dip containers, cottage cheese, or yogurt lids are a few ideas. We are collecting the lids through the month of October. The lids will be used to create Christmas ornaments for our tree at the Brookfield Zoo.

**TOMORROW.....FUN FAIR!! (FLYER ATTACHED). PTL IS SPONSORING THE FUN FAIR ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup> FROM 12 NOON TO 3:00 PM. WRISTBANDS ARE \$12.00 FOR ONE CHILD. ADDITIONAL WRISTBANDS ARE \$6.00. WE ALSO NEED CAKE DONATIONS FOR THE “CAKE WALK.”**



**Gifts for Soldiers in Afghanistan**

ILC&S will be collecting items for soldiers that are currently serving in Afghanistan. We actually asked the soldiers they needed. Listed below are the items requested. If you would like to donate item(s), please place your donation in the drop box in the back of the church or school. The collection will continue through November 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Hardy (1st/2nd) or Mrs. Hahn.

Food Items: peanuts, corn nuts, sunflower seeds, Gatorade, Kool-Aid pouches, powdered drink mix, individual snacks, jell-o, pudding, cheese/crackers, trail mix, slim jims, individual oatmeal packages, individual soup cans and instant soup, hard candy, life savers, jolly ranchers, tic tacs, etc.

Writing & Fun Materials: Travel board games, crossword puzzles, stationary/journals, disposable cameras, playing cards, blank greeting cards, magazines, paperback books, Frisbees.

Other: Batteries (all except AA), sewing kits, small flashlights, blankets, single sheet sets, Ziploc bags, AT&T prepaid Global Calling Cards.

**VETERANS’ DAY – NOVEMBER 11**

**There will be a special chapel service that day at 1:45 PM to honor all veterans and those that are still serving. Please join us.**



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## **From the Principal’s Desk**

Halloween tends to be a controversial issue among Christians today. Some say it’s sinful to celebrate a day that glamorizes the occult. Others say it is simply a harmless fall festival.

The name Halloween (All Hallows Eve) is innocent enough. Its literal meaning is “the evening before All Saint’s Day. All Saints’ Day is a church festival day celebrated on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Traditionally, Christians honor God for saints (believers) of the past on All Saints’ Day. The observance of Halloween has a less commendable beginning, however. The ancient Druids and Celts believed that on the night before All Saints’ Day evil spirits are called forth and spirits of the dead revisit their earthly homes. People observed various rituals to ward off these spirits.

Over time the original purpose of Halloween diminished and harvest festival customs were added. The celebration of Halloween has evolved through the ages. So the question to ask is: “Is our present-day celebration of Halloween God-pleasing?”

Certainly the celebration of evil—death, violence, gore, and harmful pranks can never be God-pleasing. Witchcraft, superstition, and the occult have no place in the lives of Christians. Take this opportunity to discuss Halloween with your child. Explain why, as Christians, we choose not to dress up as evil characters or act in ways that glorify evil instead of God.

Can you think of some new ways for Christians to celebrate Halloween that fit in with the meaning of our faith? Here are a few suggestions to get you started. We can give people a “real treat” on Halloween by sharing Christ and the victory He won for us over death and the devil. We can wear costumes that imitate the outstanding characteristics of faithful people of God from the past. We can carve a Christian symbol in the front of our pumpkins and thereby witness to others that Christ is “the true light.”

“When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the **light** of the **world**. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the **light** of life.” John 8:12.

In Christ,  
*Lana J. Hahn*

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**WALTHER H.S. NEWS**

Walther Lutheran High School will be hosting two open houses this fall. The first will be held on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 pm. In November, Walther will host an open house on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. These dates provide an excellent opportunity to explore your option for continuing in Lutheran education. Learn about Walther’s ability to prepare students for college as they continue in an education anchored in Christian teaching. Meet with the faculty, talk with current students, and learn about Walther’s many fine programs.

Attention 8<sup>th</sup> graders! Are you looking for a unique academic challenge? Would you appreciate an opportunity to measure yourself against other high achieving students in the Chicago-land area? Walther Lutheran will offer 8<sup>th</sup> grade students the opportunity to take the ACT Test (a college entrance exam) on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Test results from 8<sup>th</sup> grade are NOT included as part of your permanent file. Walther will send the results directly to you and they remain confidential. Talk with your principal or 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher to see if this challenge might be right for you.



**ALL SCHOOL SING** - at Immanuel’s church service this Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. Please meet in church at 9:15 AM.

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who helped with the Rummage Sale last weekend. After expenses, we profited approximately \$1,700.00. Remember, if you worked during the sale or helped with set-up or sorting, bring in your volunteer card to get credit for the time you worked.

**PIZZA LUNCH ORDERS WERE SENT HOME THIS WEEK. MONEY AND ORDERS DUE NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>. THIS IS FOR OUR PIZZA LUNCH ON FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup>.**



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**FUN FAIR**

**GAMES**

**FOOD**

**COME ONE COME ALL  
BRING YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR FRIENDS.**

**OCTOBER 24, 2009  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL GYM  
12PM-3PM**

**PTL IS SPONSORING ITS 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FUN FAIR  
WRISTBANDS AT THE DOOR \$12.00  
(\$6.00 FOR ADDITIONAL WRISTBANDS)**

**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR  
THE “CAKE WALK”**



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**The Week That Was .....**

Last week’s quote was “just go out there and do what you’ve got to do” and that is exactly what the Lady Cardinals did at the Walther Tournament. Their 2 and 2 record does not reflect their true performance. The Lady Cardinals played their best volleyball of the season and did an excellent job of glorifying God for the abilities he gave them, representing their school and playing for the love of the game. They finished pool play with a one and one record. They lost to Immanuel, Elmhurst and defeated Walther Academy, Forest Park. In the cross over game for the right to go to the medal round, they defeated Trinity, Burr Ridge in two straight games. In the medal round, the Lady Cardinals squared off with the Tigers from St. Paul, Canfield. This contest turned out to be one of the best matches in the tournament. Each team won one game 25-22 setting up a third and decisive game. In an action packed game, Canfield squeaked by Immanuel 16-14 to claim the consolation championship. Even in defeat the Lady Cardinals proved a lot. They stepped up their game and gave one of the best teams in the area a great game.

**GREAT JOB ONE AND ALL!!!**

**The Week Upcoming .....**

Monday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> – Day Off

Tuesday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> – Girls B-Ball Practice

Wednesday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> – Day Off

Thursday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> – Girls B-Ball Practice

Friday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> – Girls B-Ball Practice

**GREAT JOB  
LADY  
CARDINALS  
VOLLEYBALL  
TEAM!!!!**

**CARDINAL PRIDE CATALOGUE**

Did you read your Cardinal Pride Catalog??

Planning On Ordering??

Orders are being placed next week!!!

Questions, Comments.....See Coach John

Quote Of The  
Week.....

If you’re a champion,  
you have to have it in  
your heart.