

Immanuel Informer

"In God We Trust - Do We?"

This phrase, In God We Trust, appears on all U.S. currency. And every so often some individual or agency questions whether or not the statement ought to be removed. And when that happens many people both Christians and non-Christians rise up and complain. The reasons vary why people think this phrase should remain on our money. But most often is the argument that this country was founded on basic Biblical principles and we need to keep those and live by those.

But do we live by those principles? Do we really trust God? In reading through the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible, there are examples of people trusting God. Abraham, Noah, Moses to name a few. But there are many more places where there are huge numbers of people who don't trust in God.

Take the Israelites as they fled Egypt and headed for the Promised Land. The very presence of God was in their midst, there was the cloud that led them by day and the pillar of fire by night. This presence of God never left them, with the possible exception of when they were at Mt. Sinai to receive the law. At that time the presence of God covered the whole mountain. Amazingly, even in the presence of God, the people did not trust God. They turned away and put their trust in a Golden Calf fashioned out of their own jewelry. There are numerous examples of the peoples' failure to trust in God listed in these books of the Bible.

As we fast forward to today and the coming events of this month we will see Jesus tell the disciples that He must go to Jerusalem be arrested, tried, convicted, beaten, crucified and rise from the dead. Here in the presence of the promised one of God they are told what will happen and told to stay the course. Yet where were the disciples on Easter morning? They were huddled in rooms, behind locked doors, fearful for their lives when if they had trusted Jesus they would have been at the garden by the tomb waiting for the resurrection. Even after the women bring the good news that Jesus has risen from the dead, the disciples do not budge. Even Peter and John who have seen the empty tomb do nothing to proclaim the risen Savior.

We will soon make that journey again to Jerusalem, Gethsemane, Golgotha and the Garden. We will hear the promises of a savior who lives, has conquered death, forgives sin and promises eternal life. And Jesus will ask us to live our lives trusting Him for all we are and all we need. Will we? Will we, "Trust in God?"

Pastor Ted

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE REMINDER:

Sunday, April 17- Palm Sunday Cantata - 9:30 A.M. - "You Are the Christ"
Breakfast - 10:45 A.M.



Thursday, April 21 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00 P.M. with Holy Communion

Friday, April 22 - Prayer Vigil - 12:00 Noon to 7:00 P.M.
Cordia @ Westmont - 1:30 P.M.
Good Friday - 7:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 24 - Easter Sunday
Holy Communion - 7:45 A.M.
Special Coffee Hour - 9:00 A.M.
Holy Communion - 10:00 A.M.
Cordia @ Westmont - 1:30 P.M.



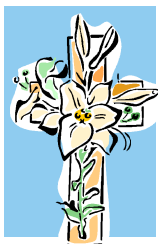
PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

The Men's Club will be serving breakfast after our Palm Sunday service on Sunday, April 17th. Coffee cakes will be needed. Please cut them into serving slices & bring them on the morning of the 17th.

EASTER SUNDAY SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR

Coffee cakes and hard boiled eggs will be needed for our special coffee hour on Easter Sunday morning to be served at 10:45 A.M. Please bring them to the fellowship hall before our 7:45 A.M. service or immediately following that service.

“Easter and Giving”



Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! This is the message we share as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus. This is also the message of the entire 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians where we find the Good News of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for our sins and His victory over sin, death, and hell as He rises from the dead. Then Paul goes on to explain how Jesus' victory is our victory - that, because Christ is risen from the dead, so, too, shall we rise from the dead. The whole chapter is Good News upon Good News culminating in words from the prophet Isaiah, *“Death is swallowed up I victory.”* Paul adds, *“But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ”* (1 Corinthians 15:54,57).

Then we have the “therefore.” The “therefore” is our response to this best of all news. *“Therefore,”* Paul writes, *“be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain”* (1 Corinthians 15:58). Our labor, our acts of doing good to others, of serving in our congregations, our encouraging our pastors and other church workers, our fellowship with other believers are to abound. We are never to give up or grow weary - we won't NEED to grow weary - for our work is in the Lord Who equips us to do His will (Hebrews 13:21) so that nothing we do is in vain.

Paul isn't finished with his “therefore.” It continues in the next chapter: *“Now concerning the collection for the saints...On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come”* (1 Corinthians 16:2).

At first, we might think this is an abrupt transition - moving from such heights as the Resurrection and life eternal to talking about such earthly things as setting aside part of one's income to give to the church. Reflecting upon the whole Easter message again, though, we see the importance of sharing this Good News by using all our resources, our labor and our money. We see the very strong link between Easter and giving, between Christ's ultimate sacrifice and our small, yet significant in His eyes, sacrifice. And just as Jesus found joy in looking beyond the cross, so do we find joy in looking at our Savior (Hebrews 12:2).

Immanuel Lutheran School News

NO SCHOOL -

April 1 - Spring Break

April 21 - Maundy Thursday

April 22 - Good Friday

April 25 - Easter Monday

MARKET DAY

Order forms are always available in the narthex & the front hall of the school.

Pick up dates:

April 12

May 3

May 31 (June sale)

Pick up times are 3:00-4:00 pm

CONGRATULATIONS to Zachary Blair and Jessica Trznadel who were placed on the Honor Roll at Nazareth Academy for the First Semester. Zachary was placed on the A Honor Roll (GPA 3.5-4.0) & Jessica on the B Honor Roll (GPA 3.0-3.49).

IMPORTANT DATES

- 1 - NO SCHOOL
- 8 - Mid-trimester reports
- 10 - Volunteer Coffee Hour
- 11 - Manna orders due
- 12 - 3:00 PM Market Day Sale
- 12 - 3:00 PM Math Club
- 15 - Fine Arts Fest @ Roselle
- 17 - Palm Sunday
- 21 - NO SCHOOL
- 22 - NO SCHOOL
- 24 - Easter Sunday
- 25 - NO SCHOOL
- 27 - 10:30 AM Band Rehearsal
- 27 - 3:00 PM Cooking Club
- 29 - 6:30 PM PTL Game Night

“Volunteer Coffee Hour”

To show our appreciation to all those who volunteer their time and talents with the school students and staff throughout the year, the faculty of Immanuel will be holding a special “Volunteer Coffee Hour” especially for you on Sunday, April 10th at 10:45 a.m. (immediately following the church service) in the church fellowship hall. Please plan on joining us!



April Birthdays

- 4 - Becky Lelingis
- 5 - Phyllis Ondrovic
- 8 - Vern Witt
- 11 - Wayne Valentino
- 18 - Elaine Boettcher
- 19 - Evelyn Becker
- 19 - Luke Svec
- 20 - David Mannella
- 24 - Fred Boettcher
- 25 - Miguel Lepe Jr.
- 26 - Lorraine Witt
- 28 - Heidi Murphy



From the Principal's Desk

Each April Immanuel Lutheran School recognizes the many congregation members that volunteer and support the school. This year our celebration will be a special coffee hour on April 10th after the 9:30 church service. You are invited, and we hope your will come!

Valuable is the work you do
Outstanding in how you always come through
Loyal, sincere, and full of good cheer
Untiring in your efforts throughout the year
Notable are the contributions you make
Trustworthy in every project you take
Eager to reach your every goal
Effective in the way you fulfill your role
Ready with a smile like a shining star
Special and wonderful -- that's what you are!!

We really have some special volunteers this year. We would like to extend a special thanks to Margo Heald (Librarian), Hans Hansen (Lunchroom Supervisor), Stacy Mitchell (PTL board member), Don Mitchell (Day School Commission), Barbara Brown (Day School Commission), Debbie Valentino (Day School Commission), LuWanda Lundt (Day School Commission), Michael Mannella (Painting), Randy Weeks (Painting & Dinner Auction), Ed Mulvihill (Painting & Dinner Auction), Mike Northcutt (Building Maintenance), Mike Hadler (Photography), Julie Hadler (various activities), Becky Lelingis (Dinner/Auction), Haley Swasko (Extended Care), Steve Hardy and Ron & Barb Arndt (Science Fair judges), and all the many people that worked on the Accreditation committees! This list is not a complete list of all volunteers! It would be impossible to name all the people that have supported Immanuel Lutheran School in so many ways throughout the year. We have been blessed!

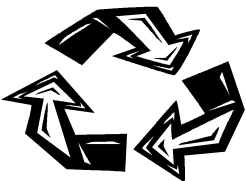
We look forward to saying "thanks" to all of you in person on April 10th. Please join us for coffee and treats. We even have a special gift for you.

Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. ~Martin Luther King, Jr.

In Christ,

Lana J. Hahn

PLEASE HELP THE ENVIRONMENT BY RECYCLING



In an effort to grow our paper recycling program and raise additional money, we are asking for your support. If you work at a business that does not currently have a recycling plan, we are inviting you to bring your office paper to our Paper Retriever bin. We take newspapers, magazines, catalogs, file folders, office papers, old mail and any soft cover books. You would be helping our organization and the environment! Recycling with Paper Retriever is the easiest way to contribute without opening your wallet! Our recycling bin is located in the church parking lot. Please call Carol Northcutt our Recycling Coordinator if you need more information.

MONTHLY EVENTS (unless otherwise noted)

Sunday School classes on Sundays at 8:30 AM
 Adult Bible Study on Sundays at 8:30 AM
 Self-Defense classes Mondays at 7:00 PM
 Confirmation classes Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
 Darts Tuesdays at 8:00 PM
 Adult Choir Rehearsals Wednesdays at 7:30 PM
 Men’s Club every second Saturday of the month
 8:00 AM
 Prayer Shawl Group every first Thursday of the
 month 7:00 PM


Prayer Shawl Group

The Prayer Shawl Group will be meeting on **Thursday, April 7** at 7:00 PM at the Old School House (4733 Cermak Rd. - behind the Verizon store). See Patricia Contraveos if you have any questions.

FOR THE RECORD:

Baptism -
Erich Matthew Arndt - March 5

Deaths -
Steve Panko - March 16



Everything written in the Scriptures was written to teach us, in order that we might have hope through the patience and encouragement which the Scriptures give us.

Romans 15:4

Getting the Most Out of Your Daily Bible Reading

As you read the Bible each day, allow the Scriptures to speak to you. This daily “dialogue “ between you and the biblical text will reveal new understandings about God, and about yourself.

- **Set aside time** to read the Bible on a daily basis.
- **Find a quiet place** to read and reflect on each day’s reading
- **Begin with prayer**, asking God for guidance and blessing.

**Believe the Good News
 And Share God’s Love**

APRIL

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| 1 - James 5.13-20 | 18 - John 13.1-20 |
| 2 - Philippians 1.1-11 | 19 - John 13.21-38 |
| Fourth Sunday in Lent | 20 - John 18.1-18 |
| 3 - Philippians 1.12-30 | Maundy Thursday |
| 4 - Philippians 2.1-11 | 21 - John 18.19-40 |
| 5 - Philippians 2.12-30 | 22 - John 19.1-30 |
| 6 - Philippians 3.1-11 | 23 - John 19.31-42 |
| 7 - Philippians 3.12-21 | Easter Sunday |
| 8 - Philippians 4.1-9 | 24 - John 20.1-18 |
| 9 - Philippians 4.10-23 | 25 - John 20.19-31 |
| Fifth Sunday in Lent | 26 - 1 Cor.15.1-11 |
| 10 - Hebrews 4.14-5.10 | 27 - 1 Cor. 15.12-34 |
| 11 - Hebrews 5.11-6.12 | 28 - 1 Cor. 15.35-58 |
| 12 - Hebrews 6.13-7.9 | 29 - Revelation 21.1-8 |
| 13 - John 11.1-27 | 30 - Revelation 21.9-27 |
| 14 - John 11.28-44 | |
| 15 - John 11.45-57 | |
| 16 - John 12.1-11 | |
| Palm Sunday | |
| 17 - John 12.12-19 | |



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REMEMBER TO PRAY. . . . If you have a prayer request, please call the pastor in the church office (708-562-5590) . We are praying for you! Please notify the office when circumstances of your request change or when the Lord answers our prayers. We want to rejoice with you and thank the Lord.



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE



**April 3 -
9:30 AM - Zachary Redis**

**April 10 -
9:30 AM - Selena Perez**

**April 17 - Palm Sunday
9:30 AM - Christopher Swasko**

**April 21 - Maundy Thursday
7:00 PM - Sebastian Manilla**

**April 22 - Good Friday
7:00 PM - Joshua DuBois**

**April 24 - Easter Sunday
7:45 AM - Mia Railing
10:00 AM - Zachary Redis**