

Immanuel Informer

“Are We Afraid to Hear the Truth?”

One of the first politicians to have trouble understanding what truth is was Pontius Pilate. Remember in examining Jesus, Pilate asks the question. *“What is Truth?”* (John 18:38) I don't know about you but after watching our politicians most of July I find that truth was in short supply from both political parties. It makes one want to throw absolutely every one of them out of office and start all over. Get rid of the political parties and only elect people who will tell us the truth, whether it is good or bad. And the news media seemed to be willing cohorts in this effort to not tell the truth. All of this seems to be driven by a belief by politicians, media types and others that we, the everyday person, does not want to hear the truth or that we are incapable of understanding the truth.

And that caused me to wonder if that was true. Are we afraid to hear the truth? Do we want only people who will tell us what we want to hear? St. Paul in his letter to Timothy cautioned Timothy about this. *“For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths”* (2nd Timothy 4:3-4)

Are we really a people who do not want to hear the truth? I am convinced that there is a portion of society that willingly closes their ears to the truth. Yet as Christian people, we have to stand for absolute certain truths. We cannot negotiate away fundamental truths. These are the truths of Biblical Christianity. If we deny these truths we have denied the fundamental beliefs of our faith. Think about those truths!

- God exists from all time. He has no beginning and no end. We have one God who manifests Himself in three distinct persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- God is the creator of the whole universe and everything in that universe.
- God is still active in the universe.
- God created Man and Woman, and they are body and spirit.
- Man and Woman sinned, violated the command the Lord gave to them. Thus sin, disobedience to God, came into the world.
- This sin broke the perfect relationship that existed between God and the Man and Woman.
- God had a plan to reconcile, restore the right relationship between Himself and Adam and Eve. That plan involved having Jesus, the second person of the Holy Trinity, take on human form, come to earth, where He kept God's law perfectly.
- Then Jesus willingly gave up His life on the cross to pay the price for our sin.
- All that He did with his life, death and resurrection provides us forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life, reconciling us to God.

Finally we know that it is through the power of the Holy Spirit that we can believe and confess Jesus as Lord and Savior.

So that everyone knows – This is truth! Absolute Truth! It is God's Truth. Do we want to know it? Will we listen to it?

Financial News and Notes

The most important news is that the Voters approved a new budget for the fiscal year which began July 1, 2011 and ends on June 30, 2012. Again this was a challenging budget. The proposed deficit was \$98,000. Our employees received no cost of living or merit increases. Their salaries were adjusted for their years of service. The total adjustment was either \$100 or \$200 for the whole year which amounts to a couple of dollars a paycheck. Hourly employees were given a 7 cents an hour adjustment. The way for us to reduce this deficit is to increase the enrollment in our Christian Day School. The more students we enroll and who pay tuition reduces this deficit. This is why all of us have been encouraged to talk to family, friends and neighbors about Immanuel's day school. The church council also appointed a task force to start immediately on studying ways to increase enrollment and increase funding for the school.

The other important point for us was to note that overall giving by the congregation was for the second straight year up slightly over the previous year. We thank God for each of you who regularly support the ministry of Immanuel. We pray God's continued blessing for you and your family.

As a congregation another way for us to approach the challenges before us is in prayer. Please know that we need your prayers for our ministry here at this time and this place. Please remember the weekly prayer in the announcements each Sunday should be included your daily prayers.

WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH FLEA MARKET

Saturday, August 6th from 8:30 am - 2 pm. \$5 admittance for Early Bird shopping 8-8:30 am. No charge after 8:30 am. Food will be sold until 1:30 pm. White Elephant Tables & many vendors will be present! Tons of great deals. Event occurs rain or shine!

Annual "FAMILY DAY" at Mayslake Peabody Estate in Oak Brook on Saturday, August 13th from 10 am to 1 pm, sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County. This free event features nature walks, archery, entertainment, arts & crafts and child-friendly tours of the 39-room Tudor Revival-style Mayslake Hall. The event attracts over 1,000 visitors. For more info regarding exhibiting & sponsoring this event please view our [Family Day at Mayslake Sponsorship Form](#) at www.dupageforest.org

"SHAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL" at the Senior Lifestyle Expo's "50's Sock Hop!"
Tuesday, August 30th and Wednesday, August 31st from 9 am to 2 pm at
Drury Lane Theater & Conference Center, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.
Our "50's Sock Hop" will cap the first day of the Expo starting at 1:30 pm &
ending at 3:00 pm. Tickets \$3.00 at the door. (admission to the Sock Hop is
included with tickets) Check out the Expo website at
www.SeniorLifestyleExpo.org

“Showing our Devotion”

Webster’s Dictionary defines devotion as “loyalty, deep affection, or religious worship.” We can be devoted to jobs, to families, to hobbies, to attaining success, wealth, or status. We can be devoted to a political party or a sports team. A Christian’s highest devotion should be to His Lord and the Lord’s Church.

We show our devotion to Christ in different ways, but much of our devotion is expressed in what we say or do. To the Ephesians Paul wrote, *“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them”* (Ephesians 2:10). Our good works show our devotion to God for Who He is and what He has done for us. As Christians, we show our devotion to Jesus through the faithful stewardship of our time, talents, and money.

As devoted stewards . . .

- we give generously. Giving puts our devotion into action. Because of our devotion to Jesus, we generously give Him our best. Jesus said, *“Freely you have received, freely give”* (Matthew 10:8 NIV). He also said, *“It is more blessed to give than to receive”* (Acts 20:35).
- we follow Jesus’ example of serving. Jesus said, *“. . . .the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve . . .”* (Matthew 20:28). Filled with Christ’s love and grace, we become new people who are prompted to follow His lead by helping and serving others. *“For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him Who for their sake died and was raised:”* (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).
- we love others. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 19:19). We are equipped by Christ to be loving people because He changes us into loving people. Paul wrote, *“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith”* (Galatians 6:10). Peter wrote, *“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins”* (1 Peter 4:8).
- we are in this world but not of the world (John 15:19). We acknowledge that God is the owner and the source of all good things. We are devoted to Jesus, so we hold things of this world loosely. We love people rather than things.

May God keep our hearts devoted to Him and, through our devotion, may He be glorified.

Immanuel Lutheran School News

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR THE FALL

If you have an interest, or know of someone who has an interest in an Immanuel Lutheran School education, please call the school office at 708-562-5580 & check on the availability of openings in our classrooms for the fall. Spaces are limited in each grade. Please visit our web site at www.immanuel-hillside.org

Teacher Installation-Rededication

On Sunday, August 21st at our 9:30 AM worship service, we will have our teacher installation/rededication. We invite you to attend this special worship service to assure our teachers of your prayers, encouragement, love and support. A special coffee hour reception sponsored by Immanuel's Day School Commission will be held at 10:30 AM.

From the Day School Commission -

We appreciate you trusting us with your child/children here at Immanuel Lutheran School. The school could not survive without them. Thanks for having faith in our principal and teachers, trusting that your child/children are receiving a quality Christian education. We would be happy to meet you & introduce ourselves. We work with the pastor, principal and church council as part of the Christian church family body. We look forward to seeing you at church and school functions.

Barbara Brown
Don Mitchell
Lawanda Lundt
Debbie Valentino

“School Registration”

School registration will be held on Wednesday, August 17th from 5:00-8:00 PM. There will be an opportunity to “Meet the Teachers” during that same time period. At registration, parents will be able to meet up with old acquaintances as well as make some new ones. The PTL Board will be present to tell you about the opportunities to serve during the next school year. There will also be an “Ice Cream Social” at the same time sponsored by the PTL.

On Thursday, August 18th from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM, there will be an Open House to meet the teachers as well.

August Birthdays

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| 1 - Margo Heald | 23 - Mike Northcutt |
| 1 - Allen Westphal | 24 - Amira Dinkha |
| 4 - Samuel Manilla | 25 - Debbie Valentino |
| 6 - Paris Willis | 26 - Ron Arndt |
| 8 - Dave Svec | 30 - Patricia Contraveos |
| 12 - Thomas Sierawski | 31 - Tracy Bell |
| 16 - Rashaad Smith | |
| 22 - Annetta Zimmerman | |
| 22 - Marge Pokorny | |



**MARKET DAY IS BACK!
ORDERS DUE IN TO
THE OFFICE BY
TUES., AUG. 23RD.
ONLINE ORDERS DUE
FRI., AUG. 26TH. PICK
UP IS TUES., AUG.
30TH FROM 3-4 PM.**

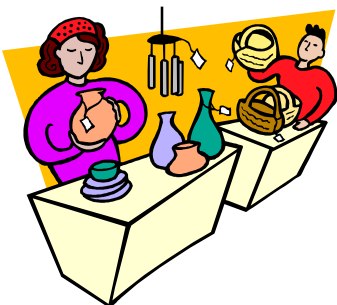


Are you crafty?
Can you knit or sew?
Do you enjoy paper crafts,
painting or building birdhouses?

Reserve a vendor booth at Immanuel's PTL Fall Craft Fair!

Date: October 22, 2011 10:00am – 4:00pm
Booth Cost for Church Members: \$25.00,
\$35.00 if electrical required

Deadline: October 7, 2011
Contact the School Office 708-562-5580 or
Joanna Czubernat 708-562-5776



If you do not have time or items for your own booth, consider donating quality handmade items to Immanuel's community booth. All proceeds will be donated back to Immanuel.

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 taking a break during the summer & will not meet in August. In September, we will start our scarves project again. (just in case you would like to start ahead of time and knit/crochet during the summer)

<p>FOR THE RECORD:</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
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Adult Choir

Adult choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, August 31st at 7:30 PM. They will meet in Mr. Hempel’s classroom. Everyone is invited to join!



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**

AUGUST

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| 1 - 2 Thessalonians 3.1-18 | |
| 2 - Psalm 11 | 21 - Genesis 50.15-21 |
| 3 - Psalm 16 | 22 - 2 Samuel 19.8b-23 |
| 4 - Psalm 23 | 23 - 2 Samuel 19.24-30 |
| 5 - Psalm 25 | 24 - 2 Samuel 19.31-40 |
| 6 - Psalm 27 | 25 - Isaiah 55.1-13 |
| | 26 - Jeremiah 30.1-11 |
| 7 - Psalm 28 | 27 - Jeremiah 30.12-24 |
| 8 - Psalm 30 | |
| 9 - Psalm 31 | 28 - Jeremiah 31.1-14 |
| 10 - Psalm 32 | 29 - Jeremiah 31.15-26 |
| 11 - Psalm 34 | 30 - Jeremiah 31.31-40 |
| 12 - Psalm 35 | 31 - Jeremiah 33.1-13 |
| 13 - Psalm 36 | |
| 14 - Psalm 61 | |
| 15 - Psalm 62 | |
| 16 - Psalm 63 | |
| 17 - Psalm 71 | |
| 18 - Psalm 73 | |
| 19 - Psalm 91 | |
| 20 - Psalm 103 | |



August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 PM Self Defense	2	3	4 7:00 PM AYSO meeting	5	6 AYSO Meeting
7 9:30 AM Holy Communion 10:30 AM Coffee Time	8 7:00 PM Self Defense	9	10	11	12	13
14 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Time	15 7:00 PM Self Defense	16	17 5:00-8:00 PM School Registration Open House Ice Cream Social	18 10:00 AM - 1:00PM Open House 10:30 AM Worship @ Conda	19	20
21 9:30 AM Holy Communion Teacher Rededication 10:30 AM Coffee Time	22 7:00 PM Self Defense	23	24 8:00 AM Classes begin	25	26	27
28 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Time	29 7:00 PM Self Defense	30	31 10:30 AM Worship @ Maylake 7:30 PM Adult Choir rehearsal			

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RETURN REQUESTED

POSTMASTER: DATED MATERIAL

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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



August 7 -

9:30 AM - Sebastian Manilla

August 14 -
NO ACOLYTE

August 21 -

9:30 AM - Sebastian Manilla

August 28 -
NO ACOLYTE