

“God Speaks Your Love Language!”

Starting Sunday July 11 and continuing for five weeks, we will begin to examine the Love Languages of God and how this affects our relationship with Him.

Understanding Your Love Languages

In the field of linguistics there are major language groups such as English, Spanish, German, Greek, and Japanese to name a few. We all learn a primary language from our families and our environment. We can effectively communicate with others who speak our primary language. If, however, we try to converse in our primary language with someone who speaks only a different primary language, there will be very little real communication. We will probably have to resort to grunts, pointing, facial expressions and hand motions to communicate.

Dr. Gary Chapman has after years of study and research developed a model of five (5) primary Love languages. His point in this is simple. If spouses, friends and children understand each other's love languages and communicate with each other using the appropriate love language, real communication will take place. If not it will be like one person speaking Greek and the other German. Dr. Chapman has written several books on this topic. One of those books contends that God Speaks our Love Languages and that we should speak back to God using those love languages.

The Five Primary Love languages and their brief definitions are:

Words of Affirmation: Using words to affirm another person is one key way to express love. Affirmations may focus on the person's behavior, physical appearance or personality. The words may be spoken, written, or even sung. People whose primary love language is words of affirmation receive such affirming words like a spring rain on barren soil.

Quality Time: Quality time is giving someone your undivided attention. The important thing is not the activity, but the time spent together. When you give someone quality time, you are giving them a part of your life. It is a deep communication of love.

Gifts: Gifts is a universal expression of love because gifts are the product of loving thoughts. For some people, gifts, are a primary love language. To them nothing compares with a gift for making them feel more loved.

Acts of Service: “Actions speak louder than words.” The old saying is especially true for people whose primary love language is acts of service. Doing something that you know another person would like to have done is an expression of love.

Physical Touch: The emotional power of physical touch was known to mothers for centuries before science proved it to be true. That's why we pick up babies and cuddle them.

Each of us has a 'love tank.' Like the fuel tank of a car. Once you fill up the car's tank you can drive for a long way without any concern for fuel. Similarly each of us has a 'love tank' that gets filled by someone speaking our primary love language. If we don't get it filled we will sputter and stall. If it is filled regularly we will be sustained in our love.

We will look at each of these languages with some views on how God and Jesus use our love languages to reach us. We will explore how we can respond to God and use these love languages to share the Good News of Jesus with others. Please Join Us!

Pastor Ted

Immanuel Lutheran Volunteer Opportunities

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please put a check mark next to any item(s) for which you would be willing to volunteer. Immanuel has many needs that can be met by volunteers instead of having to pay for the services or not have the services performed. There is room at the end of the form to list other services which you would be willing to perform and your qualifications and experience.

WORSHIP

- Setting Up Communion
- Cleaning Up After Communion
- Playing a musical instrument
- Ushering
- Working the Sound Board
- Operating Computer/Projector
- Singing in Choir
- Singing a solo/duet
- Reading Lessons
- Doing Children's Messages

FACILITIES

- Vacuuming - Church
(Once a week)
- Washing Windows Narthex
- Washing Windows Prayer Garden
- Washing Windows front of bldg
- Washing Windows School
- Washing Windows Offices
- Tending Prayer Garden
- Trimming Bushes
- Cleaning Pews
- Sweeping Stairwells Narthex
- Old School House Cleaning

DAY SCHOOL

- Lunch Room Attendant
(11:30 - 1:30 daily)
- Lunch Preparer
(11-1 daily cook pre-packaged meals)
- Market Day Helper (Monthly)
- Art Class Assistant (weekly)
- Music/Choir Assistant (weekly)
- Office Assistant (periodic)

OUTREACH

Each Year in our communities there are numerous events that take place in which we could participate. But we need volunteers to coordinate our participation.

- Food Collection Coordinator
- Care Net Activities Coordinator
- Life Advocate (Lutherans For Life)
- Special Event Coordinator
- Parade Participation Coordinator
- Christmas Bazaar Coordinator
- Crop Walk Coordinator
- Random Acts - Kindness Coordinator
- Visitor Contact Coordinator
- Special Event Participant
- Special Mission Project Coordinator

MINISTRY IN-REACH

- Small Group Coordinator
- Bible Study Facilitator
- Midweek Bible Study Participant
- Prayer Partner (e-mail required)
- Sunday School Facilitator
- Greeting Card Facilitator
- Vacation Bible School Worker
- Men’s Club
- Dartball
- Prayer Shawl Small Group
- Men’s Bible Study Group
 - Facilitator
 - Participant
- Book Discussion Group
 - Facilitator
 - Participant

HOSPITALITY

- Coffee Hour Coordinator
- Thanksgiving Eve Coordinator
- Special Events Coordinator
- Old School House Event Coordinator
- Day School Event Coordinator

OFFICE ASSITANCE

- Computer skills
- Filing, sorting, assembling
- Financial/accounting
- Reception work
- Archivists

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS

Please list other opportunities, ideas or ministries you would suggest we operate. **Remember all opportunities and ministries will have to be self funding, as there is virtually no budgetary money for additional activities.**

Please tell us about yourself. Your education, experience, skills and talents that would be helpful in performing any of the functions, positions you have indicated an interest.

“Checking on our Job as Stewards”

A young boy walks into a small drug store and asks the druggist, “Could I use the telephone?” The druggist replies, “You certainly can,” and shows him where the telephone is. The boy calls a grocery store and asks the man who answers the phone, “Is your grocery store looking for someone to stock the shelves?” The man says, “No, we already have a stock boy.” The boy inquires, “If he isn’t doing a good job, maybe you need to get someone who will do a better job.” The man replies, “No, we are pleased with the work the boy is doing,” so the boy hung up the telephone.

The druggist hears the conversation and says to the boy, “I, sorry you didn’t get the job.” The boy says, “I don’t need a job, because I am the stock boy. I was checking to see what they thought of my work.”

What if we could call God to ask about the job we are doing as His stewards? If it were possible to call, what kind of response would you expect to hear? Would God see you as a person who acknowledges all that you have as having been given to you by Him and yourself as a manager, not an owner? Would God tell you that you are using your time, talents, and treasures in ways that please Him? Would God commend you for feeding the hungry, for sheltering the homeless, for giving generously to those in need? Would God be pleased with what you are giving to His Church? Would God tell you, “Well done, good and faithful steward?”

Unfortunately, we all fall well short of God’s standards, but, because of what Christ did for us on the cross, we are forgiven for all the times that we have failed to be faithful stewards. With God’s grace given to us through His Son, we can be molded and transformed into God-pleasing stewards. In Christ, we can be stewards who do God’s work well.



ALTAR GUILD PROJECT

All this month, the Altar Guild will be collecting items for the bi-monthly group birthday parties hosted by the Auxiliary of Lutheran Home and Services, Arlington Heights, for the Home’s residents. We are inviting the congregation to help us in our collection of these small personal items that are given to each resident celebrating a birthday. A collection box is on the table in the Narthex. The requested (new) items for either a man or woman are: facial tissues (125 or 160 count), playing cards, bar soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, handkerchiefs (non-initialed), note cards, and for women, hand lotion (small size). The collection will be through Sunday, July 25th.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES

INFORMATION FROM THE VOTERS MEETING.

AT THE JUNE VOTERS MEETING THE BUDGET FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR WAS ADOPTED. AS WAS NOTED IN THE JUNE NEWSLETTER ARTICLE FROM PASTOR TED, THIS BUDGET HAS A LARGE DEFICIT. WE AS A CONGREGATION WILL BE CHALLENGED. THE CURRENT YEARS BUDGET ALSO HAD A DEFICIT AND IN SPITE OF EVERYONE'S EFFORTS TO CONTROL SPENDING, IT APPEARS THAT WE WILL END THE FISCAL YEAR ON JUNE 30 SPENDING MORE THAN WE TOOK IN. PLUS WE WILL BE CARRYING BILLS OVER INTO THE NEW YEAR.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT ALL PART-TIME TEACHER POSITIONS WERE ELIMINATED FOR THE COMING YEAR. EXCEPT FOR ONE TEACHER'S AIDE ANY AIDE POSITIONS WILL BE DEPENDENT UPON ENROLLMENT. NO ONE ON STAFF RECEIVED ANY MERIT OR COST OF LIVING RAISES. THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW THAT THIS HAS TAKEN PLACE. AND STARTING ON JAN 1, 2011 ANY STAFF MEMBER WITH SOME FORM OF FAMILY HEALTH INSURANCE WILL START TO PAY A PERCENTAGE OF THE COST OF THAT COVERAGE.

WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO? FIRST, ALL OF US NEED TO BE CONSTANT IN PRAYER, PRAYING FOR OUR PASTOR, FOR OUR SCHOOL STAFF, FOR MORE ENROLLMENT IN THE SCHOOL, AND FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. WE NEED THEN TO CONSIDER OUR OWN LEVELS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT. ARE WE BEING GOOD STEWARDS AND GIVING IN RESPONSE TO THE GREAT NEWS OF A SAVIOR WHO PROVIDES FOR US EVERYTHING WE NEED IN THIS LIFE AND THE NEXT? ARE WE REGULAR IN OUR GIVING, EVEN WHEN WE SKIP A WEEK OR TWO OF ATTENDANCE? WE SHOULD CONSIDER WHO WE COULD INVITE TO COME AND WORSHIP WITH US, WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TO COME TO AN ACTIVITY OR EVENT SPONSORED BY IMMANUEL. WE ARE ALL CHARGED TO BE WITNESSES TO JESUS AND TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION - WE MUST ALL TAKE THIS JOB SERIOUSLY.

WE WOULD ALSO ASK YOU TO CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN SERVE AT IMMANUEL. (SEE RELATED ARTICLE & SIGN UP SHEETS)

FINALLY, WE MUST GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE SO REGULAR, SO FAITHFUL AND SO GENEROUS IN YOUR GIVING TO IMMANUEL. WE PRAY THAT GOD WILL CONTINUE TO BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.



LIFE LINE SCREENING - FRIDAY, JULY 16 HERE AT IMMANUEL!!!

A stroke prevention screening will be held here all day on the 16th of July. Painless ultrasound screenings can help you avoid a stroke. A variety of screenings are available, i.e. carotid artery, heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease, and osteoporosis screenings. Bright pink sheets with all the information and costs are located on the hall table by the mailboxes. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-324-1851.

MONTHLY EVENTS (unless otherwise noted)

Self-Defense classes Mondays at 6:00 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 NOT be meeting in July or August. Please watch for notices when we start meeting again beginning in September. During the summer, feel free to continue knitting/crocheting scarves, shawls, baby blankets, dish cloths, etc. We will find these items useful to donate to various organizations. See Patricia Contraveos if you have any questions.



20TH ANNUAL WESTCHESTER FEST

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
 July 9-10-11

On the grounds of St. Joseph High School
 (10900 W. Cermak Rd.)

**FREE ADMISSION
 CARNIVAL - FOOD - RIDES**

www.westchesterchamber.org

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**

JULY

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| 1 - Genesis 8:1-22 | |
| 2 - Genesis 9:1-17 | |
| 3 - Genesis 12:1-9 | |
| 4 - Genesis 15:1-21 | |
| 5 - Genesis 17:1-14 | |
| 6 - Genesis 17:15-27 | |
| 7 - Genesis 18:1-15 | |
| 8 - Genesis 21:1-21 | |
| 9 - Exodus 3:1-12 | 18 - Isaiah 50:1-11 |
| 10 - Exodus 3:13-22 | 19 - Isaiah 51:1-11 |
| 11 - Joshua 1:1-9 | 20 - Isaiah 51:12-23 |
| 12 - Judges 13:1-25 | 21 - Isaiah 52:1-12 |
| 13 - Isaiah 43:1-13 | 22 - Isaiah 52:13-53:12 |
| 14 - Isaiah 48:1-11 | 23 - Isaiah 54:1-10 |
| 15 - Isaiah 48:12-22 | 24 - Isaiah 54:11-17 |
| 16 - Isaiah 49:1-13 | 25 - Jeremiah 30:1-11 |
| 17 - Isaiah 49:14-26 | 26 - Jeremiah 30:12-24 |
| | 27 - Jeremiah 31:23-40 |
| | 28 - Jeremiah 32:26-44 |
| | 29 - Galatians 3:15-4:7 |
| | 30 - Galatians 4:8-20 |
| | 31 - Galatians 4:21-31 |



How Can you Help at Immanuel ?

Have you every thought about what it takes to keep Immanuel Lutheran Church and School open for classes and services? It takes a lot! There is the need for lights, heat, cooling, water, sewer, computers, printers, copiers, chairs, desks, brooms, mops, sump pumps, vacuum cleaners, toilets, sinks, towels, coffee, coffee cups and assorted supplies. And we have not touched on the people that make many of these things happen.

We have some 11 acres of property that in the summer needs to be mowed. (Yes, the Village requires us to mow it!) This takes 3 volunteers around 25 hours each week and requires the use of two commercial lawn mowers, weed trimmers, and \$25 of gasoline a week. On top of this there are bushes to trim, weeds to kill or pull up.

For services on a hot Sunday morning, someone must come over either the night before or very early on Sunday morning to start the air conditioning system to cool down the Sanctuary. (No we do not run it all the time - we have small units to cool the offices used during the week.)

We could go on and on for all of the various events and activities and needs that a church, school and cemetery require. We do not have money to pay to have people do all these things - we depend on volunteers. Take the recent storms. We lost two trees and part of another one and various branches from still others. We do not have money in our budget to get those removed. Volunteers came in and felled the trees, cut up the pieces, hauled most of the logs away and removed the branches for the Village to pick up.

So much of what we do depends on volunteers. This is where all of you can help. Enclosed with this newsletter is a volunteer sign up sheet. We truly want every one of you to fill out the form and return it to church. It is possible that you may have skills or talents that we have not listed, please add that and tell us how you can help us. You have seen that we stepped forward in faith to continue our current level of school and church events, but to do this we need to look for more volunteers. Without your help, we will be forced to either stop doing certain things or have to pay to have them done, which will compound our financial problems. We Need You!

CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY IS COMING!!

Watch for details coming soon in the church bulletin notes. Pictures are scheduled to be taken on Monday, August 16th and Tuesday, August 17th from 2:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Sign ups will begin on Sunday mornings after worship services starting July 11th. Appointments will be on a *first come, first serve* basis.



Immanuel Lutheran School News

July Mailing

All families who have enrolled their child for the 2010-2011 school year and are paid up with past fees will be receiving a mailing in July.

Enclosed in this mailing will be all the information you will need for the coming school year.



Concordia University Chicago

would like to invite you to the 19th annual **Cougar Classic Golf Outing**. This event helps raise money for the Athletic Dept. A special offer this year is if you include one church worker in a group of four, that church worker's golf is free. The event is July 9th at the Highlands Golf Course in Elgin, IL with an 8:30 am start. Breakfast & lunch is provided along with great prizes at the event. Cost is \$150 per golfer. Call 708-209-3116 to register your foursome.

**CHURCH PICTURE
DIRECTORY
SCHEDULE IS
COMING!
SIGN UPS - JULY
11TH, 18TH & 25TH
AFTER
CHURCH SERVICES.**

“School Registration”

School registration will be held on Wednesday, August 18th 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 and 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.

On Thursday, August 19th from 9:00 AM until 12 Noon, you may come in & “Meet the Teachers” as well.

July Birthdays

1 - Dan Herlin	11 - John Wilkins
2 - Philbert Wilcox Jr.	16 - Hillary Hempel
5 - Bruce Morris	18 - Mike Hadler
5 - Melania Sanchez	23 - Danielle Mbadu
6 - Mike Contraveos	23 - Miranda Lyke
6 - Tim Railsback	24 - Fred Clark
8 - Gay Svec	24 - Rob Blair
8 - Dave Swasko	25 - Pat Winterhalter
10 - Steve Hadler	26 - Virginia Mazanek

26 - Lisa Tipples
26 - Julie Bramos
30 - Len Mazanek
31 - Virginia Bauers
31 - Barbara Arnold



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. Information on enrollment, programs, events, fees and more is available.

Please visit our web site at www.immanuel-hillside.org

Remember that if you refer someone to Immanuel and they stay for at least one trimester, you will earn a \$100 credit toward your own tuition.

From the Principal's Desk

In mid-June, Voters' passed a budget for Immanuel's next fiscal year. The deficit budget reflected a minimalist budget—the basics to keep the Church and School running. In an attempt to lower school expenditures, two part time positions were eliminated with this budget. With the elimination of these two positions, 80% of a teaching position was lost.

Allow me to put that in prospective. Think about a 40 hour work week. Eighty percent of that is 32 hours a week. The 32 hours lost is direct math and reading instruction time at the 1st through 5th grade levels. The students in each of these grade levels will lose about 6 hours of direct instruction per week. Remaining classroom teachers will be left to figure out how to make up for this lost time. This is definitely a challenge!

You can help assist the teachers in meeting this challenge. In the past few weeks, a bright pink form has been distributed listing the wide variety of volunteer opportunities that exist in both the Church and the School. Please take time to prayerfully consider how you can help.

I would like to highlight just a few opportunities at the school.

1. Volunteers to listen to children read and to read aloud to small groups of children. Research tells us that children become better readers when read to regularly.
2. Volunteers to assist students working on computers. Although many children are comfortable on the computers, at times there are questions needing answered. They also need general supervision.
3. Volunteers to help students practice a skill. Examples are one-on-one practice with math facts and spelling words.
4. Volunteers to help with after school clubs and sports. Clubs and sports include cooking club, math club, homework help, track, volleyball, basketball, and cross country. New clubs can be considered based on volunteer expertise.
5. Volunteers to make copies and other clerical classroom tasks.
6. Volunteers to prepare and clean up lunches. Lunches come from a food service company. Volunteers heat the lunches and wash trays. (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)
7. Volunteers to supervise lunch periods. In order for teachers to get one break during the day, we need volunteers to supervise lunch periods. (11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

Many of the opportunities do not require a lot of experience. Willingness to help out on a regular basis is the key! Training will be provided.

If you can make a commitment of your time and talents, please take time to fill out that bright pink sheet or to contact me for more information on how you can help.

In Christ,

Lana J. Hahn

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RETURN REQUESTED

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ACOLYTE SCHEDULE



July 4 -
9:30 AM Mia Railing

July 11 -
NO ACOLYTE

July 18 -
9:30 AM Selena Perez

July 25 -
NO ACOLYTE

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.

