

Glorifying God by Impacting Our Community

“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert” Isaiah 43:19

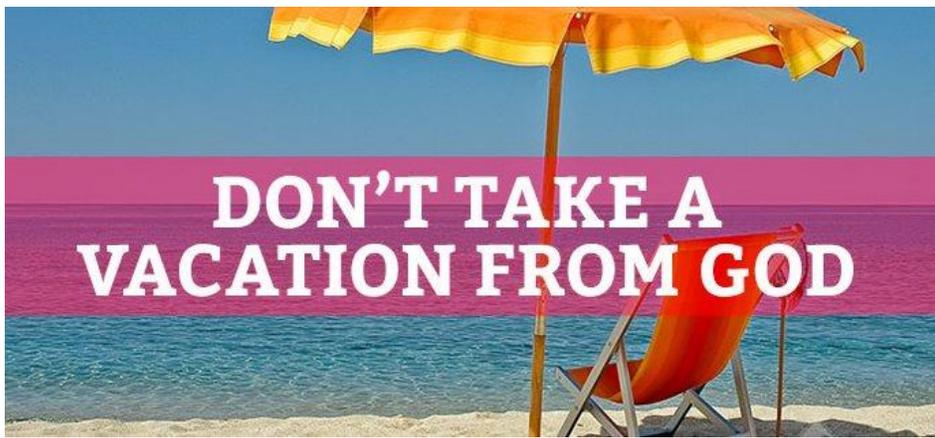
The prophet Isaiah spoke these words during the Israelite’s exile to Babylon. These words of comfort and encouragement were like a drink of cool water in a barren land. The Lord would make a way for His Chosen people to return to Jerusalem after their long captivity.

We may not know what it’s like to be in captivity, but Isaiah’s words are just as encouraging for us because in a way we have been going through our own wilderness experience. It was easy for Israel to look back on the glory days of the past exodus when the Lord delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians. But the Lord tells His people that He is their present provider of exodus, their deliverer from Babylon. In Isaiah 43:20b-21 the Lord says, *“for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”* The Lord accomplishes this with life-giving water for His people existing in the wilderness (Psalm 42:1). Working through our vision process we have come to believe that God can and will do this for Immanuel—His Chosen people.

As God provides life-giving water for us we will give praise to the Lord and spread His name among the nations. We can learn a lot from Isaiah as we move from a dry land to that place where God wants us to be. These verses reveal that our purpose is equal to that of the Israelites. You might say, “we’ve always given praise to the Lord!” I would agree. Along with “Glorifying God” (giving praise to the Lord) we are including “Impacting our Community” (spreading His name among the nations).

When Rev. Keith Haney was with us earlier in the year, he spoke of the need for Attitude Shift. He emphasized the importance of shifting from “doing” to “being.” This begs the question: what is the difference between “Going to Church” and “Being the Church?” Going to Church speaks to how we’ve done things. We have always praised the Lord when we gather together for worship. But being the Church speaks to our “identity”—who we are in Christ. In other words, identity asks: “How can we reshape ourselves to be more like Christ in His world?” This is probably the most important thing we learned in our vision retreat: “Seek to understand the people we are called to reach. Go to the people; don’t wait for them to come to you!” When we move from being “every member a minister” to “every member a missionary” the harvest becomes our focus.

“Being the Church” *is* spreading His name among the nations (all people); this is how we impact our community and *is* the “new thing” for Immanuel. Spreading the Lord’s name will impact our community and ultimately give God all the glory. Through it all God will provide His life-giving water so that we will not grow weary, in fact, our faith will be strengthened with each new opportunity God places before us.



SUMMER OFFERINGS

With summer upon us and many families taking vacation time, please remember that bills still need to get paid. Summer offerings often drop due to low attendance. Please remember Immanuel before you travel or set up reoccurring online donations.

<https://onrealm.org/ilchillside/Give/UOBRBYLIOZ>

Save the Date!

Immanuel's 11th Annual Dinner Auction will be held on November 1st at 6pm.

Tickets will be \$35.00 The theme for this year's dinner auction is yet to be determined.

Keep an eye out in the August Newsletter and in upcoming church bulletin inserts for updated information.

Help is always needed! If you would like to be involved, please speak with Becky Lelingis or Carol Northcutt.

New items accepted for donations towards our silent and live auction. Come join the fun and help raise money for Immanuel's Scholarship Fund!

MONTHLY EVENTS

(unless otherwise noted)

Faculty Meeting

1st Wednesday of the Month
(Sept. - May)

PTL Meeting - See Calendar

2nd Tuesday of the month
Sept. - May

Adult Bible Study Sundays

10:45am June - August
8:15am September - May

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays 10:00am

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays 4:30pm

Dartball - Tuesday 7:30

September - May

Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays 7:30pm
September - 1st Week in June

Garden Work Days 3rd Saturday

of the month May - August
9am - Noon

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 your prayers. We want to rejoice with you and thank the Lord.



Blessings on your Stewardship Journey

Giving to God and Country

The Pharisees, who were trying to discredit and intimidate Jesus, asked Him a loaded question about whether or not it was proper to pay taxes to Caesar. Responding to the Pharisees, Jesus said, *“You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap Me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax.”* After receiving the coin He said, *“Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription? Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”* (Matthew 22:18-21).

In His response, Jesus conveys to us our dual responsibilities to our country and to our God. We are to give to our country what belongs to our nation and give to God what belongs to Him.

What belongs to our country? What are our responsibilities to our country? Certainly, we are to support our nation with our words and deeds. If need be, we are to serve in the military. We are to pay our fair share of the cost to run our country through our taxes. We need to be obedient to its laws.

What belongs to God? As Christians, we know that it all belongs to Him. Everyone and everything is His. He is our creator and redeemer. Our first responsibility to God is to love Him above everything else. We are to serve and obey Him. We are to obey His commands, and we are to return a portion of our money to Him through our church and other Christian ministries.

Unfortunately, it seems that our nation often fares better than God. Our nation threatens, and we obey. God commands our obedience, but we often ignore His commands. Our country forces us to pay our taxes, and so, by April 15 of each year, we submit our 1040 tax returns. God wants us to give generously to Him; however, we often neglect to give our offerings to our church. Because our offerings are voluntary, they can be seen to be less important than our taxes.

May God help us all see how important it is for us to serve Him through the faithful use of our time, talents, and money.

A Month of Prayer

The fellowship of prayer consists of caring people who pray daily for members in the church. Members and their families will be listed in alphabetical order each month. Please pray for both their known and unknown needs.

1. Robert Pokorny
2. Railing Family
3. Lynn Rand
4. Redis Family
5. Gloria Rubietta
6. Joan Rundgren
7. Dot Schneider
8. Karen Sierawski
9. Jayne Siou
10. Rose Slagle
11. Smith /Brown Family
12. Daniel Stallings
13. Rita Stallings
14. Svec Family
15. Swasko Family
16. Tense Family
17. Thomas Family
18. Thomas Family (Willis)
19. Thomas Tillman
20. Lisa Tipples
21. Lance Turner
22. Wayne & Debbie Valentino
23. Thy & Sarah Vu
24. Washington Family
25. Randy & Michelle Weeks
26. Marilyn Weeks
27. Welch Family
28. Dorothy Westphal
29. Robert Westpahl
30. Philbert Wilcox, Sr.
31. Philbert Wilcox, Jr.

Jesus said, *“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing”* (John 15:4-5).

In Jesus’ illustration, we are the branches, and He is the Vine. As branches on the Vine, we are totally dependent on Christ, the true Vine. We, as branches, are to bear fruit. This fruit will be evident in our lives as a natural outcome of Christ living in us. We minister to the needs of others as Jesus, the Vine, did during His life on earth. We are not saved by the fruit we bear, but we have been created by God and empowered by Him to bear fruit.



Summer Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9am - 1pm

Pastor will be on vacation until July 10th

Due to waxing floors:

Church Office & Hallways will be closed June 30th - July 5th

School Office & Hallways will be closed July 4th - the 14th.

Please call first to make sure we are in.

The Fourth of July is a patriotic and festive holiday celebrated throughout our country. As a country, we declared our independence from England on July 4, 1776. We fought the British in a war for the next few years, until the British surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia, on October 19, 1781, effectively ending the war. George Washington became the first president of the United States in 1789. By God's grace through Jesus, we are so very blessed to be citizens of a country with all its freedoms. We can attend worship services and Bible studies without the threat of punishment or death. Let us not take our freedoms for granted but thank God daily for our great country and its wonderful freedoms.

WE SHOULD THANK GOD DAILY THAT WE LIVE IN A COUNTRY THAT ALLOWS US TO SAY, "ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL."

"I urge...that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for...all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness" (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

SINCE JULY 4TH, 1776, THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN THE LAND OF THE FREE.

FATHER, THANK YOU FOR THE FREEDOM WE ENJOY IN OUR COUNTRY. BUT THANK YOU MORE FOR THE FREEDOM JESUS CHRIST WON FOR US ALL. AMEN.



Join Immanuel & the Old Schoolhouse Community Garden for the 2019

Community Health & Wellness Fair

SEPTEMBER 21st, 2019

10:00am - 1:00pm

in the Immanuel school gymnasium

HEALTH FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Immanuel needs outgoing & friendly volunteers to help meet and greet visitors at the Health Fair. If you are able help and willing to engage others from within the community, please speak to Becky Lelingis or sign up in the Narthex.



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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 gives. 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.

JULY

1 Revelation 22:1-21	17 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
2 2 Corinthians 1:1-11	18 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
3 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4	19 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11
4 2 Corinthians 2:5-17	20 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28
5 2 Corinthians 3:1-18	21 Hebrews 10:1-18
6 2 Corinthians 4:1-15	22 Hebrews 10:19-39
7 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10	23 Hebrews 11:1-7
8 2 Corinthians 5:11-21	24 Hebrews 11:8-22
9 2 Corinthians 6:1-13	25 Hebrews 11:23-40
10 Philippians 2:1-11	26 Hebrews 12:1-13
11 Philippians 2:12-30	27 Hebrews 12:14-29
12 Philippians 3:1-11	28 Hebrews 13:1-21
13 Philippians 3:12-4:1	29 1 Peter 3:13-22
14 Colossians 1:1-14	30 1 Peter 4:1-11
15 Colossians 1:15-23	31 1 Peter 4:12-19
16 Colossians 1:24-2:7	

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.

Pastor’s article continued

We are already showing signs of moving in the right direction. In June, our VBS program provided the means to meet new families and children and our Community Garden had an amazing turnout for the “tree planting” event. In September we look forward to hosting a Health and Wellness Fair. Through these types of events we can impact our community, be the church, and be more like Christ in His world. These events help us understand the people in our community - the people we are called to reach. Let’s explore new ways of impacting our community where the people are so that God may be Glorified and our neighbors will come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

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Pastor Steve Deombeleg

July Greeters

7 - Rita Stallings

14 - Philbert Wilcox Jr.

21 & 28 - Open

2019 - 2020

School Registration Packets

**will be mailed out mid -
July to enrolled families.**

**Registration is scheduled for
August 7th, 4pm - 7pm**

Birthdays

2 Philbert Wilcox Jr.	16 Hillary Hempel
5 Ricardo Perez	18 Mike Hadler
7 Detrall Dearbone	18 Robert Brown
8 Gay Svec	24 Rob Blair
8 Dave Swasko	25 Patricia Winterhalter
10 Steven Hadler	26 Virginia Mazanek
11 John Wilkins	26 Lisa Tipples
12 Annelies Pitz	29 Tenley Bozzi
13 Kathy Nelson	30 Len Mazanek





July 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
Church Fellowship Hall Closed						
7 9:30am Worship HC 10:30 Coffee Hour 10:45am Bible Study	8	9	10	11 Office Closed	12 Office Closed	13
Office Closed						
14 9:30am Worship 10:30 Coffee Hour 10:45am Bible Study	15	16	17 Informer Submissions Due	18	19	20 9am - Garden Work Day
21 9:30am Worship HC 10:30 Coffee Hour 10:45am Bible Study	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:30am Worship 10:30 Coffee Hour 10:45am Bible Study	29	30	31			

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