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CHANNELS OF GOD'S BLESSINGS

What is your response to the question, "Are you a channel or a terminal?" This question isn't one at the forefronts of our minds, but it might be self-enlightening to consider it. A channel is a person who receives God's gifts and blessings and shares with others all that he/she is able. God made us to be channels of His blessings to others, and, through faith, we all become potential channels for God to use. In contrast, a person who acts as a terminal focuses on keeping what he/she receives. God's blessings stay with that person.

Why are some of us channels and others terminals? One of the major reasons is the different perspective on ownership. People who act as terminals view themselves as the true owners of what they have, because they don't see God as the source of "*every good gift and every perfect gift*" (James 1:17). In their minds, they own what they possess, having earned it all with their sweat and skill. In order to become God's channels instead of terminals, we need God to change our hearts. By His grace, we become His channels. By grace, we are enabled to acknowledge God as the giver of our lives and all of our blessings. With this new understanding, we recognize how God wants to use us as His channels through whom He can serve others. Our new hearts empower us to hold onto things loosely, freeing us to become giving and sharing people. We become God's channels through whom He shares both spiritual and material blessings. Peter the Apostle wrote, "*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace*" (1 Peter 4:10).

God honors us with the privilege and responsibility to be His channels. We may be reluctant to believe we can be blessings to others, thinking we are not adequate for God to use. Don't be concerned! God can use us in many different ways. What we offer may only be a smile, a helping hand, a phone call, or words of encouragement. One of the more meaningful ways that God can use us is to share what we've gone through in our lives. Sharing our life's struggles and challenges can be an encouragement to others as they face difficulties. In doing that you share a reflection of God's grace to a world that needs hope now more than ever.

When God uses us as channels for His blessings, we need to be mindful that He is the one Who accomplishes all things. We are but humble servants prepared for His service. Any success that comes from our service belongs to God.

May God help us all to be channels rather than terminals.

In the Fellowship and Love of Christ,

Pastor Steve Deombeleg

PYHT May 2022 News Report

Cash & Online Donations: \$150, S. Gonzalez, C. Bogs

Free Will Offerings: \$8

Grant Award: 0 - New Grants Written: (4)

Pending Grant Applications: (4)

PYHT Food Distributions & Activity:

In-Kind Food Donations Received: Sysco, Costco, EYFP, Michael Lewis Co, Norman Distribution, Frito Lay, GiveNKind. 19,200 Lbs.

PYHT Pop Up-Pantry Families Served: 111

PYHT Pop Up-Pantry Individuals Served: 407

PYHT Food Relief Agencies-Ministries Served: Hope Chicago Church & Academy, Youth Crossroads, Westchester Food Pantry, Lyons Church, St. Matthew's Soup Kitchen, Immanuel-DesPlaines, St. Paul-Oak Lawn, BEDS Plus-LaGrange, Elmhurst Food Pantry, Lutheran Church Charities, Oak Street Health, Breakfast with Baby, Leyden Township, Resurrection Church-Chicago, Inner City Impact, Elmwood Park Panty.

Volunteer Stipends Paid Out: \$400, \$200 Final Payments from Grant 2021

NEWS: Another great turnout at our May distribution, both volunteers and participants. A few changes to the

distribution routine to keep volunteers safe and to streamline our activity has been working really well. First Student Bus Co. & Oak Street Health provided Healthcare Information and Employment Opportunities.

Important Notes: Food shortages and a slowdown in both financial and food donations received this quarter will make for a more difficult summer for the pantry without additional support of either food or funds. Please consider shopping for additional canned and staple goods or making a financial contribution to our pantry operating funds.

New Grants Application:

New grants have been written to cover expansion of our pantry, transportation costs, and operating expenses. Please continue to pray for the ongoing needs of the pantry that we may continue to impact the community, assist our ministry partners, and give Glory to God. New grants submitted to Chicago Region Food System Fund, Dunkin Joy, NID-LCMS, Chick Fil-A, Union Pacific Foundation, Jewel-Osco, none of which covers the cost of purchasing food.

For All Families in Need

SUMMER Food Giveaways

FREE EVENT

Saturday, June 11th
Saturday, July 9th
Saturday, August 13th

Starting at **11am**
(or until we run out of food, arrive early)

Safe-Drive Through Distribution

Immanuel Lutheran Church-FOOD PANTRY
2317 S. Wolf Rd. Hillside, IL 60162

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OR VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.immanuel-hillside.org/pyht

ENROLL HERE!

Put Your Hands Together
A Ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church
Hillside Food Pantry

**Jewel
Osco.**



Summer Food Drive: Until June 26th

Please bring non perishables
to the Narthex any Sunday in June.

Items Needed:

- Boxed Cereal and Instant Oatmeal
- Pudding or Jell-O Cups
- Canned Meats & Meals
- Taco Shells & Seasoning Packets

Blessings on your Stewardship Journey

“Be Imitators of God”

Most children have an opportunity to imitate their parents. This imitation begins at an early age and often continues into adulthood. From our parents, we may have learned how to throw a ball, change diapers, learn how to cook and bake, hammer a nail, fix a leaky faucet, or wash clothes. Hopefully, most of us were able to imitate our parents when they served and helped others, attended church, worked hard in their vocations, or tried to be great parents. However, even the best of parents is not perfect. There is only One Who is safe to emulate in all respects.

In his letter to the church in Ephesus, the Apostle Paul wrote, *“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God”* (Ephesians 5:1-2). Paul exhorts us to *“be imitators of God.”* Paul is urging his readers to forgive one another just as God through Jesus has forgiven us. We are to live lives of love just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us. God’s actions in Jesus serve as a model for us. Just as Jesus’ whole life was focused on loving and serving His Father, God wants us to imitate Him as we love and serve others. Inspired by God, let us *“do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith”* (Galatians 6:10).

As we nurture our faith with God’s gifts of His Word and Sacraments, our desires are changed and we seek to follow and imitate Him.

WE ARE GOD’S INSTRUMENTS THROUGH WHICH OTHERS HEAR AND LEARN ABOUT JESUS.

“You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

AS BELIEVERS WHO ARE RICH IN CHRIST, WE EXPRESS OUR DEVOTION TO GOD THROUGH GENEROUS GIVING.

“You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God” (2 Corinthians 9:11).



Stewardship Corner

In 1 Corinthians 10:31 we read, *“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God”* God tells us through the Apostle Paul that we are to glorify God in and through whatever we do. Knowing that God has made us and given us purpose for our lives, our desire should be to do all to His honor. He has given each of us a specific role to fulfill in His kingdom plans and purposes. In his book *Beyond Blessed*, Rev. Robert Morris wrote, *“Deep genuine happiness and fulfillment stem from living our true purpose, not experiencing worldly, carnal pleasure. If you’re fulfilling the purpose for which God created you, you can have nothing and be deliriously happy and content.”*

IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

End of This Journey

Valerie Winston

As this year's faith walk draws to a close, we look back on how far we've come by faith. In many ways this past school year was just as challenging, if not more so than last year. But we continued to lean on the Lord and let Him guide us through the year. We began to gradually reintroduce many of our activities and events, albeit on a limited basis. We continue to be blessed with the support of our parents and of our congregation.

The Christmas program in December turned into a special concert presentation and was so well attended that we had to seat attendees in the narthex of the church. The Black History program in February was also well attended. We ran out of seats and had to bring in benches from the hallway. We were able to participate in our first sporting event since 2019. Several students participated in a track meet at Concordia University and performed extremely well.

In the past month the students enjoyed a Fun Day sponsored by the PTL. The Fun Day included assemblies, a special lunch, and time spent outside together playing games and dancing. Instead of a school musical we hosted a Spring Concert and Talent show. Again, we had wonderful attendance. The 5th and 6th graders were able to go to Walcamp for Outdoor Education and the 7th and 8th graders enjoyed several day trips to downtown Chicago.

To close out the last week of school we will have an Awards Night, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten promotions, 8th grade graduation, and our closing chapel. It has been a busy and filled year. There have been highs and lows, but we've continued to stay on the path that God has set before us. The students have worked hard, and the teachers have continued to show their dedication to their ministry. And while this year may be ending, we know that our faith walk continues. We will continue to walk by faith and not by sight as we look forward to the next school year. Blessings to all our students, parents, teachers and entire school family as we begin our summer vacation.

**We walk by Faith,
not by sight.**

2 Corinthians 5:7



Congratulations to the Class of 2022



Pre-K

Jahniya Brantley
 Landen Henderson
 Taliyah Hudson
 Garren Johnson
 Musette Richardson
 Skyla Smith

Kindergarten

Asenath Aguirre
 Aliyah Aromashodu
 Solomon Bishop
 Ester Garcia
 Kamryn Perry
 Braxton Whitaker
 Kaiyah Williams

8th Grade

Garionna Body
 Elijah Grimes
 Kennedy Honey
 Jayla Pernel
 Bulmaro Vega
 Rodriguez

High School

Samantha Hadler

Summer Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday June 9:00am - 1:00pm

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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.

June

2 Luke 20:1-18	15 John 15:1-11
3 Luke 20:19-44	16 John 15:12-27
4 Luke 20:45-21:19	17 John 16:1-16
Pentecost	18 John 16:17-33
5 Luke 21:20-38	19 John 17:1-26
6 Luke 22:1-23	20 John 18:1-14
7 Luke 22:24-46	21 John 18:15-40
8 Luke 22:47-71	22 John 19:1-22
9 Luke 23:1-25	23 John 19:23-42
10 Luke 23:26-56	24 John 20:1-18
11 Luke 24:1-27	25 John 20:19-31
12 Luke 24:28-53	26 John 21:1-25
13 John 14:1-17	27 Joshua 1:1-18
14 John 14:18-31	28 Joshua 2:1-24

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.

For the Record - Nothing to report



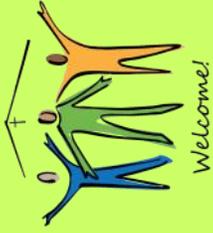
June Birthdays

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| 1 - Trina Bozzi | 18 - Patricia Washington |
| 1 - Jelisa Washington | 25 - Sharlyn Deombeleg |
| 9 - Taylor Balslew | 29 - Philbert Wilcox Sr |
| 10 - Scott Mazanek | 30 - Arianna Pena |
| 12- Chloe Karpierz | 30 - Leonard Bartels |
| 13 - Manny Lepe | |

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. (School Families in Red)

1. Annette Zimmerman
2. Aguirre Family (Asenath)
3. Allen Family (Jordyn)
4. Allen Family (Zkieris)
5. Alswaretty Family (Kiran)
6. Arce Family (Sofia)
7. Ron & Barb Arndt
8. Susan Arnold
9. Taylor Balslew
10. Leonard Bartels
11. Bassett Family (Aria)
12. Bell Family
13. Jennifer Bettin
14. Jeffrey Bettin
15. Karen Bimler
16. Bishop Family (Solomon & Sebastian)
17. Blair Family
18. Blankenship Family (Macen & Musette)
19. Bud Boese
20. Bozzi Family
21. Roger Brabant
22. Ruth Anne Brendemuhl
23. Bob Brown
24. Brown Family (Jacarius)
25. Doretha Brown & Rashaad Smith
26. Caldwell Family (Eva & Simone)
27. Joe & Lisa Chioda
28. Cruz Family (Janiya & Jayceon)
29. Davis Family (Carys & Carlton)
30. Davis Valencia Family (Amaru & Kaleah)



June 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

The Greater program is back and we are looking for volunteers! Job description: hand out bulletins and offer a welcoming smile to visitors and member alike. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please see Becky Lelings or Joanna Czubernat.

5—Pentecost 9:30am Worship H.C. / 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:15am Bible	6 End of Year Faculty Meeting	7	8	1	2	3	4
12 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour Voters Meeting	13 Raise Right Orders Due (formerly Scrip)	14	15	16	17	18	11 11am—1pm Food Pantry
19 - Father's Day 9:30am Worship H.C. / 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:15am Bible	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:15am Bible Study	27	28	29	30			
				1 9:00 a.m. PreK & Kindergarten Promotion 6:00p.m. Awards	2 11:30a.m. Dismissal 7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation	3 Closing Chapel 11:30a.m. Dismissal	

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