

## Moving Along with God's Plan

*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matt 5:14, 16).*

It's September already—can you believe it? Where did the summer go? Comments such as these are commonplace this time of year. In September we transition from summer to fall. September is a time for other transitions as well: return to work from vacation, return to school from summer break and returning to a more routine church schedule. Our brief summer season slowly shifts and once again we are on the move. That's what transition is—moving from one significant moment to another making the necessary adjustments that life demands. In worship the choirs, both school and church, bring another level of praise that we long for. And with a new school year students and their families join us for worship bringing with them another level of energy and enthusiasm as we praise the Lord together.

"Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!" (Psalm 95:1-2)

Movement can also be seen as we begin to live out our vision statement: "Glorifying God by Impacting Our Community." God is calling us to do something we have not done before. Thanks to a grant provided by the Northern Illinois District Endowment Fund and a lot of hard work by some very faithful and dedicated members, our much-anticipated Community Health and Wellness Fair will take place on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. This is our first big step in doing something that aligns with our vision statement. We are partnering with local businesses and service providers to make this event successful. God is calling us to be that city set on a hill that cannot be hidden. If you haven't already, please sign up in the narthex to help us make this inaugural event a success. Let's come together in Jesus' name to Impact our Community with health, wellness, and hospitality so that God can receive all the Glory. And don't forget the following Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, Immanuel will host a blood drive. Yet another opportunity to Impact our Community and Glorify God.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you who already give so much of your time, talent, and treasure to the ministry of Immanuel. Your efforts are not unnoticed. Together as the body of Christ we will move forward to do great things for God! The Lord is with us. Stand firm in your faith, trust that God will see us through, pray always for God's will to be done and the Lord will certainly bear fruit in our midst. So, as the apostle Paul says, *"Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him"* (Col 3:17). God has big plans for Immanuel and you are part of it. Let's get excited for the Lord!

To God be all the glory,

Pastor Steve Deombeleg



# Immanuel's 11th Annual Dinner Auction

November 1st, 2019  
6:00p.m. at the Bistro

Tickets are \$35.00 and go on sale September **29th**. The theme for this year's dinner auction is Black & White Extravaganza. The theme is simple yet elegant - just dress in black and /or white. It could be all black, all white, polka dots, stripes, dressy, jeans, or a costume. The ideas are endless!

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. We are also in need of wine for the cork sale. Come join the fun and help **raise money for Immanuel's Scholarship Fund!**



The Bistro  
2 Westbrook Corporate Center  
Westchester, IL 60154



# Blessings on Your Stewardship Journey

## Giving of Ourselves

Being a good steward implies more than the giving of money. God wants most of all not our money but ourselves. In writing to the Church in Corinth, Paul used the example the Macedonians as an example of generous giving. Even as an impoverished people, the Macedonians gave so freely because as Paul wrote "... they gave themselves first to the Lord" (2 Corinthians 8:5). Only when we have given ourselves, through faith, to the Lord are our possessions acceptable to Him. We are to be stewards of our lives, time, and talents. No amount of giving of money will substitute for the faithful giving of ourselves.

Jesus tells us *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven..."* (Matthew 6:19-20).



Through faith, we have the strength not to become so attached to worldly things, and we will store up treasures in heaven.

God blesses us with different gifts that we can use in our service to others. In 1 Peter 4:10 we read, *"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."* God works through us in serving others. Paul wrote the following to the believers in Ephesus: *"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). The instruction is clear that, as sinners saved by grace alone, we are to render service and not sit in idleness. May God help us all experience the joy that comes from serving others.

## 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. The Deombeleg Family
2. Laprika Duff & Jayla
3. Dorothy Francis
4. Arlene Gasperich
5. Lauren Gaston
6. Arah Gibson & Alana
7. The Hadler Family
8. The Hardy Family
9. Evelyn Haynes
10. Corinne Hein
11. The Hempel Family
12. Violet Horn
13. Sandra Houle
14. Leslie Iacovetti
15. Ed & Dorothy Ivers
16. Hans Jacobs
17. The Karpierz Family
18. Clyde & Omie Lane
19. Becky Lelings
20. The Lepe Family
21. The Mannella Family
22. The Mazanek Family
23. Ed & Karen Mulvihill
24. Heidi Murphy
25. Kathy Nelson
26. Linda Nickl
27. Irene Niko
28. Mike & Carol Northcutt
29. Dennis & Phyllis Ondrovic
30. Mindy Ondrovic

As God's people, we give because He first gave to us. *"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life"* (John 3:16). God is a giving God Who keeps on giving and giving to us. God's nature is to give, and we have been made in God's image. When we give cheerfully and generously, we are being renewed in God's likeness. Until heaven arrives, we are doing what we were made to do, which is to give. May God help us all experience the joy that comes through giving.

# Immanuel Christian Academy

Cross-Eyed Vision - by Valerie J. Winston

According to my parents, I did not start walking at the age that most children do. I'm not even sure if I spent much time crawling. When I finally did begin to walk, I bumped into everything such as chairs, walls, and tables. My parents said that the next day I refused to even try to walk. At some point they figured out something was wrong and took me to an eye doctor.

After the eye exam, the doctor showed my parents two pictures. The first picture showed how everyone else saw a fly. The second showed how I saw the fly. My father told me that it looked as if someone had squashed the fly. The official diagnosis was that I had Strabismus. There was a miscommunication between my brain and the muscles in my left eye, which caused a misalignment. Strabismus is commonly known as being cross-eyed.

I was born with the condition, but at the age of four I had surgery to correct my vision. At first, I used to feel bad about being called cross-eyed. It has played a role in my vision for over 50 years. But now, I appreciate the term "cross-eyed", especially as it relates to my life as a Christian.

As Christians, we should actually strive to be "Cross-Eyed". Colossians 3:2 says, "Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." Our focus should be on the cross as we remember Jesus' sacrifice for us. When Christ is our vision, we see the world through His eyes. When we focus on our troubles or the drama and storms that affect our lives, things become complicated and difficult to deal with. But with our eyes fixed on Jesus, we can get through those difficulties and those storms with His guidance, direction, and help.



## Education Sunday - September 8th

Teacher Dedication During Worship

Day School Choir Sings

Special Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall following church

*Please join us as we celebrate the beginning of another blessed school year!*



*Join Immanuel & the Old Schoolhouse Community Garden for the 2019*

# **Community Health & Wellness Fair**

## **SEPTEMBER 21st, 2019**

### **10:00am - 1:00pm**

*in the school gymnasium*

- ♥ Free Admission & Parking
- ♥ Free Food and Prizes
- ♥ Giveaways
- ♥ Children's Activities
- ♥ Demonstrations
- ♥ Free Health Screenings
- ♥ Flu Shots
- ♥ Free Clothing Pantry
- ♥ Register for Blood Drive
- ♥ Live Entertainment and More!

**Blood Drive - September 28th -9:30am - 2:30pm**

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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.

**September**

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Hebrews 4:14-5:10      | 16 1 Corinthians 2:1-16   |
| 2 Proverbs 1:1-19        | 17 1 Corinthians 3:1-23   |
| 3 Proverbs 1:20-33       | 18 Ecclesiastes 3:1-15    |
| 4 Proverbs 2:1-22        | 19 Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:16 |
| 5 Proverbs 3:1-18        | 20 Ecclesiastes 5:1-20    |
| 6 Proverbs 3:19-35       | 21 Psalm 1                |
| 7 Proverbs 4:1-27        | 22 Psalm 119:1-24         |
| 8 Proverbs 8:1-21        | 23 Psalm 119:25-48        |
| 9 Proverbs 8:22-36       | 24 Psalm 119:49-72        |
| 10 Proverbs 9:1-18       | 25 Psalm 119:73-96        |
| 11 Psalm 37:1-22         | 26 Psalm 119:97-120       |
| 12 Psalm 37:23-40        | 27 Psalm 119:121-144      |
| 13 Psalm 49              | 28 Psalm 119:145-176      |
| 14 Psalm 53              | 29 Job 28:1-28            |
| 15 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 | 30 James 1:1-18           |

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.

**MONTHLY EVENTS**

(unless otherwise noted)

**Faculty Meeting**

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

**PTL Meeting**

3rd Tuesday of Month

**Bible Study Sundays**

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 Classes at the Old Schoolhouse

Canning 101 - September 14th

Herbal Tonic Making - September 30th

Must Register in Advance Online

[www.immanuel-hillside.org/book-online](http://www.immanuel-hillside.org/book-online)

**Birthdays**

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 - Gloria Rubietta         | 10 - Maxwell Railing     | 21 - Selena Perez  |
| 2 - Ruth Anne<br>Brendemuhl | 11 - Arah Gibson         | 23 - Carson Thomas |
| 3 - Hans Jacobs             | 13 - Dot Schneider       | 26 - Clyde Lane    |
| 3 - Joe Chioda              | 17 - Tim Bell            | 28 - Omie Lane     |
| 3 - Lapricka Duff           | 17 - Lisa Chioda         | 29 - Joan Rundgren |
| 4 - Sheila Railing          | 18 - Pastor Steve        | 30 - Lloyd Mooney  |
| 9 - Grace Hadler            | 19 - Mindy Ondrovic      | 30 - Suzie Lepe    |
|                             | 19 - Arlene<br>Gasperich |                    |



If you are interested in getting in shape from the comfort of the Immanuel Gym, contact Susie Lah, certified personal trainer [Sueboo262@yahoo.com](mailto:Sueboo262@yahoo.com) 708.638.7644

Susie has morning and evening workout options available. Please contact her directly with any questions.

# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am - Worship HC 10:30am - Coffee Hour	2 No School 	3 3pm XC Practice 5pm Day School Meeting Evening PP Fitness	4 Morning PP Fitness 3pm Faculty Meeting 7:30pm Adult Choir	5 3pm XC Practice Evening PP Fitness	6 Morning PP Fitness 3pm XC Practice	7 Morning PP Fitness 3pm XC Practice
8 Scrip Orders 8:15am Bible Study 9:30am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour 11:45am Health Fair	9 Morning PP Fitness	10 3pm Math Club Evening PP Fitness	11 Morning PP Fitness 7:30pm Adult Choir	12 Evening PP Fitness	13 Morning PP Fitness 7pm Adult Volleyball	14 9am-Canning 101 at the OSH 9am-Garden Work Day
15 8:15am Bible Study 9:30am - Worship HC 10:30am - Coffee Hour	16 Morning PP Fitness	17 6pm Church Council Meeting 6pm PTL Meeting Evening PP Fitness	18 Morning PP Fitness 7:30pm Adult Choir	19 6pm - Back to School Pot Luck Dinner Evening PP Fitness in FH	20 Morning PP Fitness in FH 5pm - Set up for Health Fair	21 - Health Fair 10am - 1pm Volunteers arrive at 9am
22 8:15am Bible Study 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Hour Voters Meeting	23 - Picture Day Morning PP Fitness 	24 Evening PP Fitness	25 Morning PP Fitness Phil's Friends Chapel 7:30pm Adult Choir	26 Evening PP Fitness	27 Morning PP Fitness	28 9:30am Blood Drive Fellowship Hall in use - NID Event
29 8:15am Bible Study 9:30am - Worship HC 10:30am - Coffee Hour	30			Pixie Power Fitness Classes in the Gym or Fellowship Hall (FH) M/W/F—5:15am—6:05am T/Th - 6:30pm—7:20pm		

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

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**AS GOOD STEWARDS OF GOD'S VARIED GRACE.**

**1 PETER 4:10**