



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Glorifying God. Impacting the Community.

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Changing Seasons—Continual Worship

Grace and peace to you from our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

What a beautiful time of year. Flowers are blooming. Birds are singing. The weather is improving and we are looking forward to summer. In the Church we continue the celebration of Easter with the proclamation, “Alleluia! Christ is risen!” “He is risen indeed! Alleluia!” This fifty-day season from the Resurrection of Our Lord to the Day of Pentecost accounts for one seventh of the Church year. It is during the month of May that we also celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord, forty days after Easter, when Jesus ascended into heaven not only as God but also as man. The final Sunday of the Easter Season is the Day of Pentecost on May 28th.

The Day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church, as the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and they testified about the resurrected Lord. The Sundays after Pentecost make up the longest portion of the Church Year. This is called the Time of the Church—the time we focus on growing together in the life the Holy Trinity. Our seasonal color turns to green reflecting this growth as believers in Christ as we serve our neighbor and one another in love. Through this long season we will look at the many ways that Christ and the Apostles taught us how to live in this world which is fleeting (not our true home).

During the summer let’s focus on spending time with God in His Church. It’s easy for us to enter a more relaxed mode and curtail our attendance at Immanuel. Therefore, I encourage you to be mindful of your worship attendance as you plan your vacations, visit friends and family, and enjoy your time away. As a matter of fact, what a great idea it would be to join us livestream on our website on Sunday mornings to show your friends and families how we worship the Lord. Another important part of worship takes place as we joyfully give back to God through our tithes and offerings. When we leave for vacation, the tendency is to forego our offerings because we are not in Church. There are several ways you can give generously during the summer months. Before leaving town, you can give your offering in person. You can visit our website to give your offering. And there is always the convenience of using the REALM app on your smart phone to return a portion to the Lord for all He has given you.

Please enjoy your summer (officially begins June 21) vacations and times of relaxation. God is so good that He provides many ways for us to find rest (or adventure if you prefer). The Lord knows we need times of refreshing just as Jesus did.

In the Fellowship and Love of Christ,

Pastor Steve Deombeleg

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A ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church

Private & Online Donations: \$ 105

**Immanuel Lutheran Church - Des Plaines
Endowment Fund \$1,500, Lutheran Church
Charities \$1125**

Pending Grant Applications: (9)

New Grants Written this Month: 1

Grant Awards: Costco-\$200

PYHT Food Distributions & Activity:

In-Kind Food Donations Received: Costco, EYFP, Sysco, Westchester FP, Peoples Resource Center, Norman Distribution, Holy Apostles Greek Church, Mayfield Foods, Patterson Foods, Norman Distribution.

**PYHT Pop Up-Pantry Families Served: Sat 4/8
424 Individuals/106 Families (Easter) 26 Volunteers**

**PYHT-Friday Food Pantry: Families Thursday
March 30th 41 families/8 Food Ministries**

PYHT SHINE Event: Friday, April 14th 280 Individuals/76 Families 16-Volunteers

PYHT Food Relief Agencies & Ministries Served:

Westchester Food Pantry, St. Paul-Oak Lawn, Elmhurst Food Pantry, Leyden Township FP, Village of Hillside, Lombard FP, Tabor Lutheran Church-Chgo, Immanuel Bartlett, Downers Grove Soup Kitchen, Elmwood Park Community Church FP, Lyons Church.

Volunteer Stipends Paid Out: \$200, Gift Cards, \$100

News

Volunteers: Thank you for great participation and turnout for Easter pantry day (26) and our special SHINE Event on 4/14 (16)! We were blessed by the presence of Sue Green from the NID-LCMS on Friday the 14th, and the other wonderful volunteers who joined us. Everyone looked great in their SHINE T-shirts, we need to wear them all the time! Thank you to Lynn Rand, for taking the day off work to serve the Lord and impact the community!

Volunteers of the Month: overwhelming gratitude pours out to Bill Armandi and Evan Nelson, giving up time in service of God's children. Special thanks to the Hadlers, Mike, Julie, Grace and Sam. Your dedicated ser-

vice every month in packing boxes, taking prayer requests, and organizing the pantry and beverage storage after the whirlwind of divine chaos on Saturdays! **Thanks to you all!**

Midwest Food Bank Membership: Approved!

Food donation pickups will begin this Summer. This is a great start to our continued sustainability.

New Freezer: A donation was made from Lutheran Church Charities and completely paid for the new freezer and a portion of the electricity it takes to run it.

SHINE EVENT: Great Food donations were available and wonderful pantry bags were made for the event. Special SHINE Bags including a votive candle, toiletries, flip-flops, personal care items and devotionals were given away. We received a lot of NEW visitors and it was a perfect day of service all around! Thank you to all 16 volunteers, Joanna, and Pastor Steve who took great photos.

Expansion Project Update: Concrete permits have been applied for this week after receiving generic engineered drawings. Hopefully the village of Hillside can use them for permitting purposes, otherwise specific drawings will be needed at an additional \$800 fee. It will delay the project by at least 3 weeks.

Fundraising: Joanna Czubernat is currently managing the online pantry fundraising campaign for the expansion project. We still have a way to go to fund the remaining costs of the project.

*PLEASE PRAY FOR CONTINUED
GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT FOR OUR
MINISTRY EXPANSION PROJECT.*

THE FOOD PANTRY IS EXPANDING!
BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP
Help Us Reach Our Goal \$60,000

Immanuel's Food Pantry
Put Your Hands Together



Donate Today!
www.immanuel-hillside.org/pyht #PutYourHandsTogether

“The Lord Has Need of It”

As God’s people, we understand that all we are and have are gifts from Him. God entrusts us with many blessings. He is the creator and owner of all things, and we, as stewards, have the responsibility and privilege to manage His gifts to us according to His purpose. As caretakers, but not owners, of what God has given to us, we need to be mindful not to become too attached to things knowing that He may ask us at any time to give what we have to people in need or to advance His kingdom. If we hear God telling us, *“The Lord has need of it”* (Luke 19:34) are we going to be willing to surrender some of our savings, 401k plans, or whatever we have for the purpose that He has for them?

In the Gospel of Luke, the owner of a donkey heard the words, *“The Lord has need of it.”* During the time of Jesus, donkeys were one of the most important assets to a person’s survival. Donkeys were used for transportation and for hauling food and other items. To fulfill an Old Testament prophecy, Jesus would use a donkey to make His triumphant entry into Jerusalem. In Zechariah 9:9 we read, *“Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”* Jesus told two of disciples where they should go to find a donkey *“So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ And they said, ‘The Lord has need of it’”* (Luke 19:32-34). When the donkey’s owners saw the disciples untying the donkey, they did not contest or argue with them. By giving this animal to the disciples, the owners displayed deep faith and love for Jesus as well as trust that Jesus would provide for them even without this prized possession. What a joy it must have been for them to see Jesus riding into Jerusalem on their donkey!

In our lives, there are many things that we value more than others. We should be asking ourselves if we are we going to be as willing as the owners of the donkey were to surrender something important to us? While, we may never be asked to give away something of great value, we still have the opportunity to express our gratitude to God for Who He is and for His countless blessings by giving to Him faithfully and generously throughout the year. We work hard to earn our incomes and to accumulate some money to save. Every time we give some of our money to God through the church, we give away something that has some importance to us. May God grant each of us thankful, trusting, and giving hearts.

AS GOD’S STEWARDS, WE ARE TO
MANAGE OUR LIVES AND OUR
GIFTS FOR HIS PURPOSES.

“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 Corinthian 5:15).



Stewardship Corner

Richard Foster wrote, “Nothing disciplines the inordinate desires of the flesh like service, and nothing transforms the desires of the flesh like serving in hiddenness. The flesh whines against service but screams against hidden service. It strains and pulls for honor and recognition.” As God’s stewards, we are to serve all people, not just those who can bring us status or clout or return the favor. Helping others minimizes the problem of self-absorption or pride that interferes with a life of servanthood. When we do mundane, unnoticed acts of service for others, we receive the reward of knowing that it is really Christ we are serving (Matthew 25:40).



Immanuel Christian Academy Annual Fund

CELEBRATING 170 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

It continues to be our hope that we will be blessed to persevere for another 170 years. It is also our hope that you would help us celebrate. We are still asking for 170 people to bless us with \$170 to celebrate this special anniversary. We would like to make technology upgrades to our building. We would like to create a display to honor and recognize academic achievements. We hope to paint classrooms and hallways and upgrade the flooring in the school. There is also so much more we would like to do to improve our school and continue to move forward into the future. And you can help make that hope a reality.

We have received \$1700 in donations for the school annual fund. The school year is almost over and we could use your help! If you are able, please visit: <https://onrealm.org/ilchillside/give/appeal2023> or mail a check to the school office. We will continue to update you on the progress of the Annual Fund.



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Raise Right - Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that enables families to raise money for their church or school. Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards. You purchase gift cards from your organization at face value, and your coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for Immanuel. It's that simple! Order Forms are in the church hallway or enroll online:



<https://www.raiseright.com/shop>
Enrollment Code: 9D337C6F55761

Order Market Day Today!

Market Day offers home direct delivery!

Register at www.marketdaylocal.com

Choose **Immanuel Christian Academy - Hillside** as your organization.



Immanuel Christian Academy News



**May 8th -
May 12th**

**Principal
Appreciation Day
May 12th**



Join us for the all school musical,
Aladdin. Friday May 19th at
7:00 p.m. in the school gym.

**No School
May 26th & 29th**



Second Trimester Honor Roll

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

– 4.0 or higher

GRADES 5 and 6

Eden Burks
Simone Caldwell
Kate Fructuoso
Blessing Gerard
Raniya Gipson
Cloe Lewis
Ryan Nash
Kennedy Perry
Zion Smith
Jacarius Thurman
Terrell Wright

GRADES 7 and 8

Savion Harris
Jaden Nash

HIGH HONOR ROLL

– 3.5 or higher

GRADES 3 and 4

Adelia Connally
Zach Garcia
Jordyn Hunt
Londyn Marsh
Morgan Moore
Thomas Skinner
Kyrie Williams

GRADES 5 and 6

Carlton Davis
Luke Woodruff

GRADES 7 and 8

Jordyn Allen
Trinity Cade
Jaden Fructuoso

HONOR ROLL

– 3.0 or higher

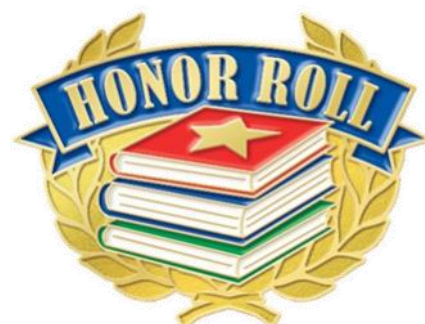
GRADES 5 and 6

Zkieris Harris
Amanda McKenzie

GRADES 7 and 8

Evan Burks

28 out of 34 students in
Grades 3-8



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.

May

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| 1 Hebrews 11:1-22 | 17 Psalm 47 |
| 2 Hebrews 11:23-40 | <i>Ascension Day</i> |
| 3 Hebrews 12:1-29 | 18 Acts 1:1-11 |
| <i>National Day of Prayer</i> | 19 Acts 1:12-26 |
| 4 Psalm 85 | 20 Ephesians 1:1-23 |
| 5 Psalm 86 | 21 Ephesians 2:1-22 |
| 6 Hebrews 13:1-21 | 22 Ephesians 3:1-21 |
| 7 Galatians 1:1-24 | 23 Ephesians 4:1-16 |
| 8 Galatians 2:1-21 | 24 Ephesians 4:17-32 |
| 9 Galatians 3:1-14 | 25 Ephesians 5:1-20 |
| 10 Galatians 3:15—4:7 | 26 Ephesians 5:21-33 |
| 11 Galatians 4:8-31 | 27 Ephesians 6:1-24 |
| 12 Galatians 5:1-26 | <i>Pentecost</i> |
| 13 Galatians 6:1-18 | 28 Acts 2:1-21 |
| 14 Psalm 11 | 29 Acts 2:22-47 |
| 15 Psalm 16 | 30 Acts 8:4-25 |
| 16 Psalm 27 | 31 Acts 8:26-40 |

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.

May Birthdays

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3 - Sarah Vu | 11 - Joshua Svec |
| 3 - Landen Henderson -K | 11 - Bill Redis |
| 6 - Naomi Perez | 14 - J.T. Redis |
| 9 - Kristen Karpierz | 19 - Karen Mulvihill |
| 10 - Samantha Hadler | 24 - Sofia Arce 2nd Grade |
| | 25 - Dallas Sims 2nd Grade |
| | 29 - Marilyn Weeks |

**For the
Record
Nothing to
report**



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. **ICA school families in Red.**

1. Dorothy Westphal
2. **Whitaker / Stevens Family**
3. Philbert Wilcox Sr.
4. Philbert Wilcox Jr.
5. **Williams Family**
6. Brett Willis
7. Valerie Winston
8. Vern Witt
9. **Woodruff Family**
10. **Wright Family**
11. **Youhas / Connally Family**
12. **Aguirre Family**
13. **Allen Family**
14. **Allen Family**
15. **Arce Family**
16. Ron & Barb Arndt
17. Susan Arnold
18. Taylor Balslew
19. Leonard Bartels
20. Bell Family
21. Jennifer Bettin
22. Jeffrey Bettin
23. Karen Bimler
24. Blair Family
25. Bozzi Family
26. Ruth Anne Brendemuhl
27. Bob Brown
28. **Brown Family**
29. Doretha Brown & Rashaad Smith
30. **Caldwell Family**
31. Joe & Lisa Chioda




The Old Schoolhouse Community Garden

is looking for volunteers! Please join us for one of our garden workdays or commit to being a “Harvest Helper.” New garden t-shirts also available for sale. Speak with Tom Czubernat for more info.



MAY 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|-----|
| 1 National School Principal Appreciation Day (see May 12th) | 2 | 3 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice | 4 - National Day of Prayer 7am Morning Prayer Meeting | 5 | 6 ICA Track Meet @ Glenbard East | |
| 7 - Scrip Orders Due 9:30am - Worship HC 10:30am - Fellowship 11:15am Bible Study | 8 9 - ICA Track Meet @ Concordia 6pm Church Council Budget | 10 -3pm Faculty Meeting 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice | 11 7am Morning Prayer Meeting | 12 - School Principal's Day (Observed) | 13 11:00 a.m. PYHT Food Pantry | |
| Teacher Appreciation Week | | | | | | |
| 14 - Mother's Day 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Fellowship 11:15am Bible Study | 15 16 | 17 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice | 18 7am Morning Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. ICA Piano Recital in the Church Fellowship Hall | 19 7:00 p.m. All School Musical "Aladdin" in the Gymnasium | 20 | |
| 21 9:30am - Worship HC 10:30am - Fellowship 11:15am Bible Study | 22 23 6pm Church Council | 24 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice | 25 7am Morning Prayer Meeting | 26 | 27 No School Records Day | |
| 7th & 8th Grade Class Trip | | | | | | |
| 28 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Fellowship 11:15am Bible Study | 29 - 30 No School Memorial Day | 31 - 9:00 a.m. PreK & Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony 6:00 p.m. Academic Awards | June 1st Half Day 11:30 a.m. Dismissal 7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation | June 2nd Half Day |  | |

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