

## Keeping the Easter Momentum Going

On Easter Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, we and the whole Church throughout the world and all time, rose with our Lord. Proclaiming our “Alleluias,” we praised the Lord because Jesus is alive! Like a refreshing drink of cool water after a hard workout we shouted from the rooftops that “He is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!”

After the long season of Lent we gave up our Alleluia’s to focus on repentance, (*“Return to the Lord your God for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love”* Joel 2:13b). What a relief to once again shout out praises to our Lord. And what a beautiful service it was with so much singing and praising God for raising His only begotten Son from the grave. The processional hymn *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”* LSB 457 never gets old. You can still hear it in your mind throughout the week. And the reading from Matthew’s Gospel when the women visited Jesus’ tomb was so inspiring: *“<sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you”* (Matt. 28:5-7).

The glorious season of Easter has now begun and it is such a special time for God’s people—The Church—as we celebrate the Great Fifty Days of Easter. Keeping the momentum going may be hard but it should be worth the effort. During this time we will confront the Risen Christ each Sunday in worship. It will be a kind of “foretaste of the feast to come,” a celebration of our togetherness as the family of God—looking forward to feasting with the Lord eternally at his heavenly banquet table even as we gather around the Lord’s table now and around our own tables in his name. As followers of Jesus Christ our celebration of his Resurrection should be at the top of our list. Paul writes, *“<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.”* (1 Cor. 15:3-6). There is nothing more important than the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. He has conquered death!

Therefore, let’s keep the Easter momentum going in our worship attendance, hearing and studying the Word of God, praying regularly, and in giving back to God with our time, talent, and treasure. Let’s keep the Easter momentum going as we share this message of Christ with those who have yet to believe. Keep that person in prayer, asking God to give you the words to speak. Let’s keep the Easter momentum going by engaging our communities with the love of Christ through service—actions *and* words—open your eyes and look for opportunities. Let’s keep the Easter momentum going as we serve one another in love—more Christlike action.

Thank you to everyone who made our Lenten season and Easter celebrations so meaningful with your time and energy and gifts.

“Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Steve Deombeleg

Announcing...the planting of a  
**Community Orchard**



We welcome all the local community to join us and celebrate in the planting of the fruit trees for the orchard on:

**Saturday June 22nd 9:30am**

**4733 Cermak Rd-Hillside, IL 60162**

*(Parking on Westwood Ave. and behind Inland Bank)*

 All tools and gloves provided

 Light refreshments provided

 Come dressed in suitable clothing including suitable footwear. This will be a hands-on day!



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## MONTHLY EVENTS

(unless otherwise noted)

**Faculty Meeting - 1st Wednesday**  
of the Month 3pm

**PTL Meeting - 1st Tuesday**  
of the month 6pm

**Adult Bible Study Sundays**  
8:15am September - May  
10:45am June - August

**Women's Bible Study**  
Wednesdays 10:30am

**Men's Bible Study**  
Wednesdays 4:30pm

**Dartball - Tuesday 7:30**  
See calendar

**Adult Choir Rehearsal**  
Wednesdays 7:30pm  
September - May

**Garden Work Days 3rd Saturday**  
of the month May - August  
9am - Noon

*Save the Date:*  
*Voters Meeting*  
*June 9th*  
*After coffee hour*



IMMANUEL'S  
OLD SCHOOLHOUSE  
COMMUNITY GARDEN

**2019 PLOT  
APPLICATIONS  
AVAILABLE**

Applications available in the church narthex  
or contact Tom Czubernat:  
[tczubernat@immanuel-hillside.org](mailto:tczubernat@immanuel-hillside.org)

GARDEN SEASON HAS BEGUN!

**COME GROW WITH US!**



Stewardship is not just about giving money to the church. It includes this, to be sure, but it is not limited to it. Stewardship involves our whole life – everything we have and everything we are.

Let us not, though, fall into the trap of thinking that because we give of ourselves in one area we can neglect giving in another. Stewardship is not stealing from Peter to pay Paul. It is not a game we play whereby we justify ourselves in not giving a tenth of our income because we have given in some other way. This is why our Lord warns: *“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.”* (Matthew 23:23)

We are given to do both – tithe of ourselves and what we have. And so it is that St. Paul makes his appeal to us: *“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”* (Romans 12:1-2)

We are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God. We are not to have the mind of the world, where we exchange equal weight of this for an equal weight of that, and then think that we have done what God has required.

Our whole life is given over for service in and for the Church of God. This is to be done in thanksgiving for what God in Christ has accomplished for us. This is our spiritual worship, the reasonable response to what He has done for us – not one for the other, but all in all.

But what does this look like? St. Paul never lays down a general principle without also giving us some practical application of what shape that principle is to take concretely. He gives the general principle that our bodies are to be living sacrifices to God, and, after admonishing those who have been given particular gifts of grace to serve the church, St. Paul then speaks generally of what is expected of all. He says: *“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.”* (Romans 12:9-13)

This is what it looks like to present your bodies as living sacrifices. This is how we live out the grace of God here in time.

Let us then heed the apostle’s teaching. Let us present our bodies – everything that we have and everything that we are – as living sacrifices to God, our reasonable response to what God in Christ Jesus accomplished for us by His death and resurrection.

Through this we have forgiveness of sins, a new life in Christ, and eternal salvation. And through this worship, the grace of God is made manifest in His saints – for the church and the world.



## *Immanuel Christian Academy News*

### I Can Do All Things

by Valerie Winston

As we come to the close of another year, I have spent some time reflecting on our theme, which comes from Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Those words are a source of uplifting encouragement and a source of strength in times of struggle and turmoil. But those same words can be encouraging even when things are going well.

We are given strength to endure the tough times and experience growth through them. Our faith becomes stronger as we face our struggles. God gives us the ability to be able to stand strong. Sometimes we struggle to be happy and content with what we have. When we face disappointments or setbacks, or if we trip or stumble, we focus on what we don't have or the things that make us unhappy. But in Christ we can move our focus from what we don't have to what we do have. Our hope isn't in what we do or don't have here on earth. Our hope is in Christ.

Through Christ we receive the strength to see beyond our present situation and to trust in Him to provide us with everything we need. Our greatest victory is the victory given to us through Jesus Christ. Jesus died in our place and came back to life as the true Conqueror. We didn't earn the victory, but because of Christ's victory we're guaranteed so much.

Throughout this past school year we have had ups and downs, and joys and sorrows. Through it all we trusted that Christ would give us the strength to see it through. We have peace, life, and a fresh start. Christ won the victory and we get to share in that. That's how we can truly do all things through Christ.



**Join us for Immanuel's  
All School Musical  
May 17, 2019 at 7pm**

Adapted from Disney's beloved animated film and the works of Rudyard Kipling, the "man cub" Mowgli, bounds through the jungle and learns what it means to be human.

*Please Join us for the Kindergarten  
and 8th Grade Graduation on  
May 30th at 7pm*





September 21st, 2019  
 Immanuel will host a Community Health & Wellness Fair. We have started planning this event, but need your help! If you have interest, please attend our next meeting on May 5th after church or speak with Jayne



Think of Immanuel as you do your Spring cleaning! We need your gently used men's, women's and children's clothing and shoes. Immanuel will host a Free Will Clothing Store during the Community Health & Wellness Fair on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you in advance for your help.

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The theme for the 2019 National Day of Prayer on May 2, 2019 is **Love One Another**. The theme comes from the words of Jesus in John 13:34,

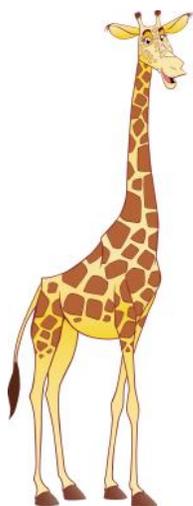
**“Love one another. Just as I have loved you.”**

For more info, visit: <https://nationaldayofprayer.org/>

Meet the Immanuel staff & students on the front lawn at 9am to join hands in prayer.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 1 - Women's Bible Study  
Faculty Meeting  
Men's Bible Study  
Adult Choir
- 2 - National Day of Prayer  
Piano Recital
- 6- 10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 7 - Concordia Track Meet  
Day School Commission Meeting  
Stewardship Meeting
- 8 - Women's Bible Study  
Men's Bible Study  
Adult Choir
- 9 - Elders Meeting
- 12 - GLS ORDERS DUE
- 14 - Math Club  
Church Council Meeting
- 15 - Women's Bible Study  
Men's Bible Study  
Adult Choir
- 17 - Informer Submissions Due  
All School Musical
- 18 - Garden Work Day
- 21 -22 Pastor at Conference
- 22 - Women's Bible Study  
Men's Bible Study  
Adult Choir
- 24- No School Memorial Day Weekend
- 27 - No School Memorial Day
- 29 - Field Day
- 30 - Pre K Promotion  
Kindergarten & 8th Grade Graduation
- 31 - Last Day of School - Awards



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Returns to Immanuel June 17th - 21st  
 6pm - 8:30pm each evening!

Volunteers and Donations still needed!

Please speak with Mrs. Svec  
 or sign-up online!

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/ih2019>

Life is wild, but  
 God is good.



*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 1 Peter 1:13-25  | 17 Isaiah 49:19-26      |
| 2 Psalm 85         | 18 Isaiah 51:1-16       |
| 3 Psalm 23         | 19 Jeremiah 3:1-14      |
| 4 Psalm 32         | 20 Jeremiah 3:15-25     |
| 5 Isaiah 40:1-11   | 21 Lamentations 3:19-33 |
| 6 Isaiah 40:12-31  | 22 Ezekiel 33:10-20     |
| 7 Isaiah 41:1-10   | 23 Ezekiel 34:11-31     |
| 8 Isaiah 41:11-20  | 24 Hosea 14:1-9         |
| 9 Isaiah 42:1-17   | 25 Exodus 34:1-9        |
| 10 Isaiah 43:1-13  | 26 Psalm 81             |
| 11 Isaiah 43:14-28 | 27 Psalm 91             |
| 12 Isaiah 44:1-8   | 28 Psalm 103            |
| 13 Isaiah 44:21-28 | 29 Matthew 18:21-35     |
| 14 Isaiah 48:1-11  | <b>Ascension Day</b>    |
| 15 Isaiah 48:12-22 | 30 Acts 1:1-11          |
| 16 Isaiah 49: 8-18 | 31 Luke 15:11-32        |



**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.



## **Birthdays**

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 2 - Sarah Johnson   | 10 - Samantha Hadler |
| 4 - John Kyanka     | 11 - Bill Redis      |
| 5 - Daniel Bell     | 14 - J.T. Redis      |
| 6 - Naomi Perez     | 19 - Karen Mulvihill |
| 9 - Kristen Mazanek | 29 - Marilyn Weeks   |

## **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. Brett Willis
2. Valerie Winston
3. Patricia Winterhalter
4. Vern Witt
5. Harold Zedler
6. Annetta Zimmerman
7. Trevor Anderson
8. Ron & Barb Arndt
9. Susan Arnold
10. Taylor Balslew
11. Carolyn Barry
12. Leonard Bartels
13. Evelyn Becker
14. The Bell Family
15. Jeffrey Bettin
16. Jennifer Bettin
17. Leonard Bettin
18. Karen Bimler
19. The Blair Family
20. Bud & Lois Boese
21. The Bozzi Family
22. Roger Brabant
23. Ruth Anne Brendemuhl
24. Doretha Brown
25. Joe & Lisa Chioda
26. The Czubernat family
27. Detrall Dearbone
28. The Deombeleg family
29. Dorothy Francis
30. Arlene Gasperich
31. The Hadler Family

### **May Greeters**

- 5 - Harold Zedler  
12 - Heidi Murphy  
19 - Jayne Siou  
26 - Open

*For the Record:  
Nothing to report*





# MAY 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>HC - Holy Communion WBS - Women's Bible Study MBS - Men's Bible Study OSHCG - Old School House Community Garden GLS - Great Lakes Scrip (Manna)</p>	<p>1 10:30am - WBS 3pm Faculty Meeting 4:30pm MBS 7:30pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>2 National Day of Prayer 7pm - Piano Recital</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 10am - Visioning Retreat</p>		
<p>5 8:15am Bible Study 9:30am Worship HC 10:30 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>6 7 - Track Meet at Concordia 5:30pm Dayschool Commission Meeting / 6pm Stewardship Meeting</p>	<p>8 10:30am - WBS 4:30pm MBS 7:30pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>9 6pm Elders Meeting</p>	<p>10 11</p>		
<p><b>12 - Mother's Day</b> GLS Orders Due 8:15am Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>13 3pm - Math club 6pm - Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>14 10:30am - WBS 4:30pm MBS 7:30pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>15 7pm - All School Musical Jungle Book</p>	<p>16 17 18 9am OSHCG Garden Work Day</p>		
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<p>26 8:15am Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>27 - Memorial Day <b>No School</b> </p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 - Field Day 10:30am - WBS 4:30pm MBS 7:30pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>30 <b>PreK Promotion</b> <b>Graduation Day</b></p>		
				<p>31 <b>Last Day of School</b> <b>11:30 Dismissal</b></p>	<p>June 1st Gym in Use for Cub Scouts Blue &amp; Gold Ceremony</p>	

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**RETURN REQUESTED**

**POSTMASTER: DATED MATERIAL**

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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.**

