



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Glorifying God. Impacting the Community.

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Sing a New Song to the Lord

Greetings in the name of the Risen Lord!

Psalm 96 (to the right) says it best, we have a new song to sing. We're singing a new song because of what happened on Easter morning. Our new song is one of praise to our God who has sent Christ our King to conquer sin, death, and the devil. This is a time to rejoice in the fact that, despite all the negativity that surrounds you on a daily basis, you can still proclaim the marvelous deeds of God's salvation.

You do this because of the new life you have in Christ. So not only do you sing to God, you also proclaim to others this message of grace (vv 2-3). God shows His glory through His wonderful deeds of salvation on behalf of all people.

*¹Sing a new song to the Lord;
let the whole earth sing to the Lord.
²Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
proclaim his salvation from day to day.
³Declare his glory among the nations,
his wondrous works among all peoples.*

*⁶Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.*

*¹¹Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;
let the sea and all that fills it resound.*

*¹²Let the fields and everything in them celebrate.
Then all the trees of the forest will shout for joy*

*¹³before the Lord, for he is coming—
for he is coming to judge the earth.*

*He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his faithfulness.*

Psalm 96:1-3, 6, 11-13

As we move through the Easter season we'll confront the Risen Christ in the readings that become 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, even as we gather around the Lord's table now and around our own tables in His name; being led and sheltered by the Good Shepherd—as His gathered flock. Coming to worship is such a blessing.

And now that springtime has arrived, flowers are blooming, and birds are singing, remember the Psalm above. It's a reminder to you that all of God's creation shouts for joy and celebrates because not only has His Christ come to save us, the Lord is coming to judge the earth (v 3). You're in the right place right now when it comes to facing this judgment because it will be a day of joy for God's chosen people.

Until then, let us take advantage of the great gifts of God. The month of May brings with it other times of rejoicing as well. Sunday May 1st, "Open House Sunday," will be a time to rejoice with the students and families of Immanuel Christian Academy. Please invite families with children to see what a great blessing our Christian school has to offer them. Teacher appreciation week is also observed May 2-6, so let's not forget the great work they are doing for God's Kingdom.

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Cash & Online Donations: \$445.00

Donation: Small Chest Freezer, LCC

Grant Award: 0

New Grants Written: (4)

Pending Grant Applications: (4)

New Distribution Partnerships:

Living Christ Lutheran Church-Arlington Heights, Mt.

Olive Lutheran Church-Rockford

New Donation Partnerships: (1) Gate Gourmet

PYHT Food Distributions & Activity:

In-Kind Food Donations Received: 22,000 lbs.

Sysco, Costco, EYFP, Michael Lewis Co, Norman Distribution, Costco, Project 22:9

PYHT Pop Up-Pantry Families Served: 140

PYHT Pop Up-Pantry Individuals Served: 453

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, Food Rescue US, Fight2Feed, Christ the King-Chicago, Elmhurst Food Pantry, Lutheran Church Charities, Downers Grove Soup Kitchen, Oak Street Health (Special Event), Breakfast with Baby, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church-Rockford, City of Rockford, Boys & Girls Club-Rockford(3/31/22)

Volunteer Stipends Paid Out: \$400, \$200

NEWS:

This month we have been working with the Old Schoolhouse Community Garden (Tom Czubernat) in building/installing a compost bin for the pantry (\$1000). Along with new composting of food waste and cardboard generated from the pantry we donated \$2,500 toward the purchase of a large, portable branch shredder that can handle up to 6in diameter tree branches off our property. We will be able to provide wood chips and compost for more garden beds and expand our produce production while helping clean up the Church property and being better stewards of the land.

We are excited to partner with the University of Chicago Extension programs to provide nutrition counselling, youth engagement, youth gardening, cooking demonstrations, community collaboration and grant writing for both PYHT and OSHCG.

Put Your Hands Together
A ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church

For All Families in Need

SUMMER Food Giveaways

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

FREE EVENT

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL US AT (708) 562-5590
OR VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.immanuel-hillside.org/pyht

ENROLL HERE!

Put Your Hands Together
Hillside Food Pantry

Jewel Osco

Pantry Needs:

Boxed Cereal

Instant Oatmeal

Pudding or Jello Cups

Canned Meats & Meals

Taco Shells & Seasoning Packets

(Dollar Tree & Sam's Club)

Muffin Mix

The Old Schoolhouse Community Garden
is looking for volunteers!

Please join us for one of our garden work days or speak with Tom Czubernat about how to help harvest for the food pantry.



Channels of God's Amazing Love

Because God is love, His nature is to love. Love is not merely an attribute of God; it is His character. *"God is love,"* (1 John 4:8), and His love to us is a gift. From the time that He created the world, God has never stopped pouring out His love. He gives us His complete and perfect love not because we are worthy or attractive people, but because He is a God of unfathomable love. That love moved Him to give His Son to rescue us from sin that entered the world when Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating the forbidden fruit. Out of obedience to His Father and love for us, Jesus gave His life for us. Through His birth, life, death, and resurrection from that death, we through faith have received the forgiveness of our sins and life eternal.

We often find it very difficult to love someone we believe does not deserve our love or who does not reciprocate our love. God's love overcomes those barriers that each of us has. He loves us even though we are unworthy of His love. He doesn't love us because we please Him. He loves us simply because He is love. His love is unconditional. This is the difference between God and us. Since *"God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us"* (Romans 5:8), we must realize that we, too, are undeserving. How can we withhold love from others when we ourselves have received such abundant, undeserved love from our Father in Christ?

God charges us to share His love. As the Holy Spirit leads and directs us, convicts and encourages us, the command to love others becomes a joy, not an obligation. It is God's love flowing through us to others that makes loving others natural and joyful. Throughout God's Word, He calls us to love everyone which includes not only our families and friends but our enemies, neighbors, and strangers. Jesus tells His disciples that, when they feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit those in prison, they are really doing it for Jesus (Matthew 25:35-40). When we love our neighbors, God's love is perfected and shown in us and through us.

God's love to us in Christ is that power that enables us to love Him and others. *"We love because He first loved us"* (1 John 4:19). By God's grace, we become people responding out of love to serve those He places in our lives. When needs arise, Jesus opens our eyes and hearts so we can respond to those needs. The Apostle John wrote, *"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God love abide in him?"* (1 John 3:17). Are others seeing God's love through us? May God help us all be channels of God's amazing love.

**CHRISTIAN STEWARDS
ADOPT A SENSIBLE LIFE-
STYLE, LIVING AS GIVERS,
NOT TAKERS.**

"Freely you have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8 NIV).



Stewardship Corner

Scripture is clear that God takes the initiative to call us as stewards. We learn this from the opening chapters of Genesis. Wanting stewards or caretakers for His creation, God called Adam and Eve to be the first stewards. Speaking directly to them, God gave them dominion over all that He had created (Genesis 1:26), including this command to Adam to work and keep the Garden of Eden where He had placed him and Eve (Genesis 2:15). Today we don't hear God audibly call out to us, but through Scripture He speaks to us. God's Word is a guide and an encouragement to our faithful stewardship.

IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Homework and Lessons

Valerie Winston

I have decided to change the format of the article that I write each month. I want the members of Immanuel to know more about what is happening each month at school and give the students an opportunity to share some of their thoughts with you. This article may contain information or summaries about activities and events as well. I hope you enjoy this time with the students.

This month I asked the students in my classroom to share some things that they have learned this year and I asked them to tell why students sometimes don't do their homework. Their answers are below. Some answers are light-hearted humor.

What I've learned this year...

- * I learned how to convert fractions to percents and percents to fractions.
- * I learned in science that the tallest mountain in our solar system is called Olympus Mons and is located on Mars. I also learned that the hottest stars are blue.
- * In religion I really liked the story about Samson.
- * I've learned how to respect others in my classroom, even though we aren't friends.
- * I like math because it's fun and fractions are sometimes hard, but it's still nice.
- * I learned about Balaam and the talking donkey. I liked the story because I heard about it from my sister and I'm glad I learned it finally.
- * I learned that somewhere in the Bible people ate their own children.
- * I liked that we learned how to solve improper fractions and in social studies we learned about Greek myths.
- * I learned that you have to put fractions in simplest form.
- * We learned long division. I love long division.
- * I learned how to write better.

Why kids don't do their homework...

- * Because we get tired of doing work and sometimes get bored.
- * Because my closet is very messy and I fell asleep playing and my lizard ate it.
- * I "accidentally" threw it in the fire.
- * It blew away in the wind.
- * I forgot to do it.
- * I stayed up all night watching TV.
- * I didn't do my homework because it was in the refrigerator.
- * I fell asleep on my homework and when I breathed it flew off my desk and into the trash, then the trash person took it.
- * I was playing video games.
- * I forgot it at home, and it was behind my bed.

Pastor's article

Of course, Mother's Day is the second Sunday of the month, another time for celebration. Bring mom or grandma to church; we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper that day (we are switching communion Sunday's to accommodate "Open House Sunday.")

Ascension Day is May 26th—when our Lord ascended into heaven not only as God but also as man (40 days after Easter). This day oftentimes goes by unnoticed, but we should recognize its significance—Jesus now sits at the right hand of God, who is everywhere, having taken up again the power and authority that were His since before time.

Lastly, Memorial Day is May 30. Let's be sure to remember those who died serving our nation.

I look forward to seeing you in worship this Sunday as we sing a new song to the Lord.

In the Fellowship and Love of Christ,

Pastor Steve Deombeleg



May 1 - May 7 is the perfect time to thank Immanuel teachers for their hard work and dedication.

Please visit their classrooms during Open House on May 1!

Immanuel Christian Academy

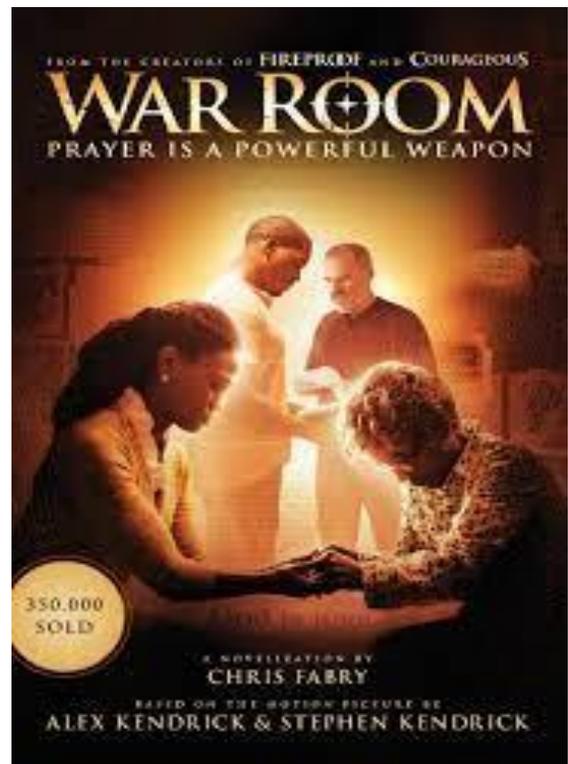
OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY

MAY 1, 2022
 WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
 FELLOWSHIP - 10:30 A.M.
 VISIT CLASSROOMS
 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Open Enrollment

Immanuel Christian Academy
 2329 S. Wolf Road
 Hillside, IL 60162
 708-562-5580 x 102
www.icahillside.org

Join us for Movie Night!
May 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.



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 Luke 6:39-49 | 16 Luke 12:1-12 |
| 2 Luke 7:1-17 | 17 Luke 12:13-34 |
| 3 Luke 7:18-35 | 18 Luke 12:35-53 |
| 4 Luke 7:36-50 | 19 Luke 12:54-13:17 |
| 5 Luke 8:1-21 | 20 Luke 13:18-35 |
| 6 Luke 8:22-39 | 21 Luke 14:1-24 |
| 7 Luke 8:40-56 | 22 Luke 14:25-15:10 |
| 8 Luke 9:1-17 | 23 Luke 15:11-32 |
| 9 Luke 9:18-36 | 24 Luke 16:1-18 |
| 10 Luke 9:37-62 | 25 Luke 16:19-31 |
| 11 Luke 10:1-22 | Ascension Day |
| 12 Luke 10:23-42 | 26 Luke 17:1-19 |
| 13 Luke 11:1-13 | 27 Luke 17:20-37 |
| 14 Luke 11:14-36 | 28 Luke 18:1-17 |
| 15 Luke 11:37-54 | 29 Luke 18:18-34 |

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



May Birthdays

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| 3 - Sarah Vu | 14 - J.T. Redis |
| 3 - Landen Henderson-PreK | 19 - Karen Mulvihill |
| 6 - Naomi Perez | 23 - Crystal Rock -5th Grade |
| 9 - Kristen Karpierz | 24 - Sofia Arce -1st Grade |
| 10 - Samantha Hadler | 25 - Dallas Sims -1st Grade |
| 11 - Joshua Svec | 29 - Marilyn Weeks |
| 11 - Bill Redis | |



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. Skinner Family (Thomas)
2. Starks Family (Zion)
3. Smith Family (Skyla)
4. Stevens Family (Braxton)
5. Svec Family
6. Thomas Family
(Chris, Katie, Braydon, Carson)
7. Thomas Family
(Rick, Paris Zariah, Regan, Tripp)
8. Lisa Tipples
9. Lance Turner
10. Valencia / Davis Family (Kaleah & Amaru)
11. Wayne & Debbie Valentino
12. Thy & Sarah Vu
13. Patricia Washington
14. Weaver Family (Sklyer & Raven)
15. Marilyn Weeks
16. Randy & Michelle Weeks
17. The Welch Family
18. Dorothy Westphal
19. Philbert Wilcox Sr.
20. Philbert Wilcox Jr.
21. Williams Family (Kyrie & Kaiyah)
22. Williams/Aromashodu Family (Aliyah)
23. Brett Willis
24. Valerie Winston
25. Vern Witt
26. Woodruff Family
(Luke)
27. Wright Family (Terrell)
28. Wright/Body Family (Garionna)
29. Wright/Hunt Family (Jordyn)
30. Youhas/Connally Family (Adelia &Arabella)
31. Harold Zedler



May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 - 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:30 am Open House Teacher Appreciation Week Begins	2 - Scrip Orders Due	3	4 - 8:15am Chapel 3:00pm Faculty Meeting 7:30pm Adult Choir	5 - 7AM - Thursday Morning Prayer Meeting	6 - 7:00 p.m. Adult Volleyball 7:00 p.m. Movie Night War Room	7
8 - Mothers Day 9:30am Worship H.C. 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:15am Bible Study	9	10	Teacher Appreciation Week 11 8:15am Chapel 7:30pm Adult Choir	12 - 7AM - Thursday Morning Prayer Meeting 7pm Elders Meeting	13	14 PYHT Food Pantry Day 11AM - 1PM
15 - 9:30am Worship H.C. 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:15am Bible Study	16	17	18 8:15am Chapel 7:30pm Adult Choir Pastor's Conference	19 7AM - Thursday Morning Prayer Meeting	20 7pm - School Talent Show	21
22 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:15am Bible Study	23 Outdoor Education 7th & 8th Grade Class Trip	24 Outdoor Education 7th & 8th Grade Class Trip	25 Outdoor Education 7th & 8th Grade Class Trip 8:15am Chapel 7:30pm Adult Choir	26 Outdoor Education 7th & 8th Grade Class Trip 5:45pm Stewardship Meeting	27 - No School	28
29 9:30am Worship H.C. 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:15am Bible Study	30 - Memorial Day No School	31 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting	June 1st 3:00 p.m. Faculty Meeting	June 2nd PreK & Kindergarten Promotion 7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation		

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*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10*