



Immanuel

Lutheran Church

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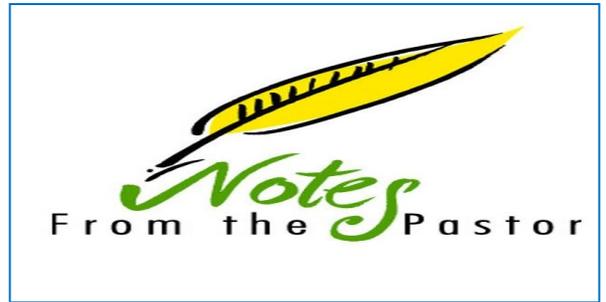
Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
Bartlett, IL

Vacation Bible School

August 2-6 2021
9 am - 11:30 am

A voice from the past, the long past....

Before Dr. Martin Luther appeared on the scene, there were other attempts at reforming the Church, which had become filthy with corruption. One of those who was a bright light in that dismal period was Thomas a Kempis, who lived in the 1400's.



His concern was that there be a devotion to Christ with a concern to imitate His example.

One of the very troubling consequences of the Covid pandemic has been that many Christians have stopped receiving Holy Communion in a regular way. Troubling, because that is the one thing that our Lord Jesus told us to do in the way of remembering Him. His words tell of His bodily presence there for us. Celebrations of Holy Communion have been at the very living center of the Church's life from the beginning.

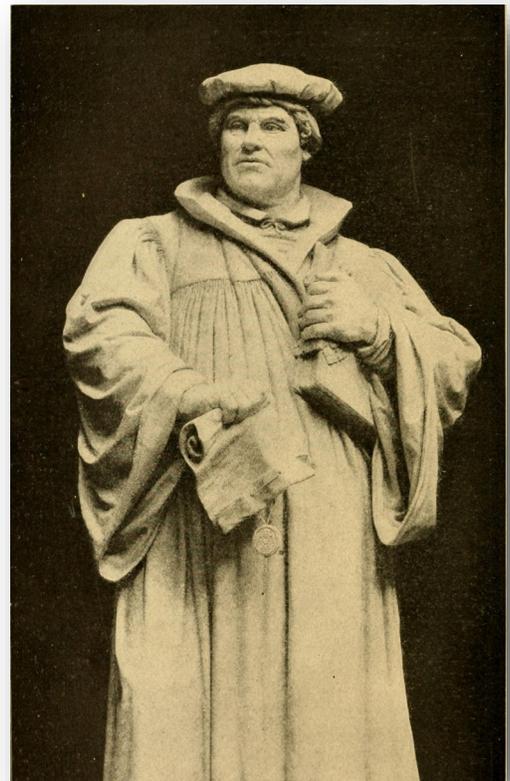
I came upon these word from Thomas in his well known devotional classic, The Imitation of Christ:

“What means this most gracious honor and this friendly invitation? How shall I dare to come, I who am conscious of no good on which to presume? How shall I lead You into my house, I who have so often offended in Your most kindly sight?”

“Angels and archangels revere You, the holy and the just fear You, and You say, ‘Come to Me: all of you!’”

“If You, Lord, had not said it, who would have believed it to be true? And if You had not commanded, who would dare approach?”

The pandemic has done tremendous physical damage, including deaths. Let's not allow it to damage us spiritually too. Our celebrations of the Lord's own Supper are done carefully, with pandemic guidelines in mind. I am also available to bring Holy Communion to those who are homebound or have health concerns about coming to church.



With the wonderful invitation and command of our Savior Himself very clear to us all, let's re-access how we are receiving this divine treasure offered us at cost beyond our imagining. What value do we give it? Our confessions call this gift the "medicine of immortality," echoing a Second Century theologian, Ignatius of Antioch.

What does our Savior want it to mean to you?

Pastor Bauman



YOUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We are now studying the Book of Revelation. Please join us!
The class meets on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and is offered both in person and remotely through Google Meet. Contact Sally Hover at shover@einsteinacademy.us or call 630-276-3298 if you would like to join remotely. You will be very welcome!



Breakfast Brunch Bunch Is Back!

Breakfast Brunch Bunch is making a comeback! Mark August 8th on your calendar and please join us for a short bible study, breakfast and fellowship right after Sunday service. This time we are headed to Briana's Pancake House at 6680 Barrington Rd, Hanover Park, IL 60133.



Treasurer's Report

August 2021

Hello members and friends of Immanuel. Summer is now upon us and Immanuel has quite a few projects going on as you will see throughout the Newsletter.

Finances – Over the last two months I have written that Immanuel's income over the last three months has been much lower than previous months and expenses have been higher over the same period. Income for July was \$8,053 which was certainly greater than June's \$4,261, but was still less than the approximate \$10,000 average monthly income for the first half of 2021. However, expenses were \$12,000, somewhat higher than the approximate \$10,000 average monthly expense for the first half of 2021, primarily due to the \$2,200 cost of the monument repairs at the cemetery. Because of this shortfall, Immanuel had to withdraw \$5,000 from the Paycheck Protection Program funding. Due to Immanuel's continuing decline in total contributions, we anticipate that another \$5,000 withdrawal from the PPP may become necessary.

A huge Thank You to several members who responded to Immanuel's financial concerns relayed in last month's Newsletter. Our contribution offerings increased significantly over our "all time low" experienced in June.

Perhaps we need to refocus on Immanuel's current Budget in view of the disruptions created by COVID-19 in church attendance, your family life, employment issues, etc., etc. Immanuel does now see significant normalcy returning, however, and we need to refocus on Immanuel's need to return to "pre-COVID" normalcy. In spite of COVID-19, Immanuel's budget needs remain unchanged:

Monthly Income needed: \$11,185

Monthly Expenses: \$12,945

While we can somewhat control Expenses, only Immanuel's members can control the Income needs.

It is great to see some members returning to in-church services little by little each month. It is important for Immanuel and other members and families returning to church. We're happy to see each other and visit briefly and would like to see others who haven't yet returned. Let's return to life as we knew it before COVID-19.

Cemetery – As you will recall from the May and June Newsletters, I wrote about the vandalism to several of our monuments at the cemetery. The broken and overturned monuments have now been uprighted and repaired at a cost of \$2,200. Also a security camera and security signs have been installed in a joint effort between the adjacent church and Immanuel. It has been suggested that members who are Thrivent members may wish to consider contributing Thrivent Choice Dollars to Immanuel to assist with this unforeseen expense burden on Immanuel's Budget.

Photos of the uprighted monuments, security cameras and security signs are posted elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Additional repairs and upgrades –

Hot Water Tank Replacement – After 18 years of service, Immanuel's HWT has started to leak slowly and needs to be replaced soon at an estimated expense of \$500. Bob and John are willing and able to perform the installation work but members are encouraged to make an additional contribution to defray this unexpected expense.

Church Exterior Painting – Part of preparing for Immanuel’s 150th Anniversary in September, the Board of Church Properties, as approved by the Board of Directors, has scheduled a much needed refreshment of Immanuel’s exterior paint in August. Again, members are encouraged to make an additional contribution to defray this much needed work at a cost of around \$1,000 for paint supplies and labor.

Weed Spraying - It’s that time of the year for weed control in the parking lot area. John and Bob plan on doing the spraying as weather permits in August.

Leaking Riser Pipe (part of the Automatic Sprinkler System) – As soon as Fox Valley can schedule the repairs, a section of the original piping (part of the 2001 Church Addition) will be replaced. Quote for this work is \$1,730; Fox Valley has agreed to allow Immanuel to pay in four installments.

Northern Illinois District (NID) – Our recent financial picture has not provided sufficient cash flow to allow Immanuel to make its semi-annual \$1,000 contribution to NID in June as provided for in the current Budget. We are hopeful to make this payment yet in July as well as our second semi-annual contribution in December.

Spanish Church – Since Christ the Rock Spanish Church had grown over their years with Immanuel since 2013, they were able to purchase and establish their own church building. Since CTR left just before Easter, Immanuel has been talking with another Spanish Church group about utilizing Immanuel’s facilities to grow their church, Asablea Apostolica, similar to the way Immanuel worked with CTR including expense sharing and facility maintenance assistance. This is another “win-win” opportunity for both Immanuel and another church to spread the word of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Pastor Armando is well acquainted with Pastor Quintero of CTR, and Pastor Bauman, Dave Schroeder and I have had three meetings with Pastor Armando with additional meetings foreseen for the future once their paperwork has been finalized. This church has been utilizing the facilities of Grace Lutheran Church in Streamwood for the past 10 years along with two other churches. It appears space may have been an issue at Grace.

Words to live by:

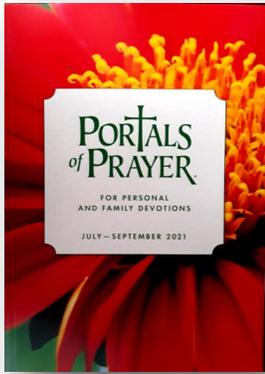
2 Corinthians 9:11

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

(This reminds us that giving generously will be rewarded.)

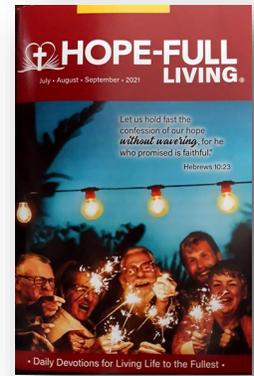
**Blessings to all,
Bob Brinkman
Treasurer**





Portals of Prayer/ Hope-Full Living

The latest Portals of Prayer and Hope-Full Living are now available. Hope-Full Living is a newer devotional booklet with daily devotions and especially written for older



adults. Many who have used it report finding it very helpful.

The latest edition of Portals of Prayer, also in large print and Hope-Full Living are available in the church narthex or to be mailed to you by calling the church office at (630) 837-1166.



Keep using the AmazonSmile icon for your Amazon purchases, Once again, the link is <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-6414746>.

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Remember: Every little bit adds up!

August Birthdays

8/1 Melody Manka

8/23 Barbara Platter

8/11 Kevan Bauman

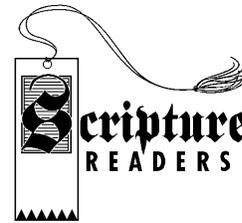
8/27 Gayle Sterrett

August 2021 Schedules



Lay Minister Schedule

August 1 - Mike Tellin & Al Thilk
August 8 -
August 15 - Mike Tellin & Al Thilk
August 22 -
August 29 - Mike Tellin & Al Thilk



Reader Schedule

August 1 - Dave Schroeder
August 8 - Mike Tellin
August 15 - Sally Hover
August 22 - Al Thilk
August 29 - Mike Tellin

If you would like to volunteer to serve please call the office.

If unable to serve when scheduled, please try to find a substitute. Also notify the church office as soon as possible (630 837-1166 or immanuelbartlett@sbcglobal.net) Thank you!



WE ARE CELEBRATING!

On Sunday, September 19, we will begin a pandemic-delayed year's long celebration of Immanuel's 150th anniversary. A special 11:00 a.m. Service is being planned (none at 9:30 a.m. that Sunday) followed by an open house time of bountiful food and relaxing fellowship. Pastor Allen Buss, Our Northern Illinois District President will be the guest preacher. Bev Bayes is leading our planning committee. Please see or call her at (630) 546-1750 to offer your ideas and support. Please give former members a personal invitation.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	2 VBS 9—11:30 am	3 VBS 9—11:30 am	4 VBS 9—11:30 am	5 VBS 9—11:30 am	6 VBS 9—11:30 am	7 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
8 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:40 Breakfast/Brunch Bunch	9	10 Board of Evangelism 7 p.m.	11	12	13	14 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
15 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	16	17	18	19	20	21 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
22 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	23	24	25	26 The Oaks of Barilett Service 1:30 p.m. Board of Lay Min. 7 p.m.	27	28 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
29 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	30	31 Board of Directors 7 p.m.				