The Immanuel Echo

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GOD IS NO LIAR

God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? (Numbers 23:19)

Dear brothers and sisters,

The story is told of four high school boys who couldn't resist the temptation to skip morning classes. Each had been smitten with a bad case of spring fever. After lunch they showed up at school and reported to the teacher that their car had a flat tire. Much to their relief, she smiled and said, "Well, you missed a quiz this morning, so take your seats and get out a pencil and paper." Still smiling, she waited as they settled down and got ready for her questions. Then she said, "First question--which tire was flat?" They hadn't thought of that.

It's human nature to lie. People lie all the time. We can talk about politicians and used car dealers all day, but the fact is all of us are guilty of lying. The euphemism "a little white lie" doesn't help matters. A lie is still a lie. You can't trust the word of a human being.

It's not God's nature to lie. Just the opposite: It is God's nature to always tell the truth. His Word is completely reliable and trustworthy. As Jesus said, **"Your Word is truth"** (John 17:17). What a comfort! God is absolutely trustworthy. He is faithful to his Word. When he speaks he tells the truth. When he makes a promise he keeps it.

When he said, **"The wages of sin is death,"** (Romans 6:23) he meant it. Sin earns a horrible paycheck for us. We sinners deserve to die eternally in hell. God also said, **"The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."** He meant that too. Jesus took on our flesh, obeyed God perfectly in our place, made payment for all our sins, suffered our hell and rose again. He removed the curse of sin and gave us the gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. That's what God's Word says. And God is not a man that he should lie.

Consider all the promises that God has made. "Surely, I will be with you always. Never will I leave you; never will I forsake. I know the plans I have for you, plans to give you hope and a future. Take heart, your sins are forgiven. The blood of Jesus purifies you from every sin. I will come back and take you to be with me so that you can be where I am. Behold, I am coming soon."

Which one of those is a lie? Which one of those is a half-truth? Which one of those is an exaggeration? Not a one. They are all true. God is not a man that he should lie.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Daniel Sims

Our Ministry

PLAN AHEAD THIS SUMMER!

Thursday worship is at 6:30 PM, so don't forget to take advantage of it if you are going to be out of town for the weekend.

Sunday worship is at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM.

It is the growing season for our lawns, gardens, flower beds, and fields. It is **ALWAYS** growing season for your souls. Come and get your faith watered each week at church. We don't worship because we know everything is going to work out. We worship because even when it doesn't, we want to be with Jesus.

When you are out of town, go to **wels.net** and click on the **Find A Church** link located on the middle right on the homepage to find a WELS church near your vacation destination.

You can also watch: ***TIME OF GRACE***
WBGA-TV Channel 26, Sunday mornings at 6:30 AM

You can mail or drop off your regular church offerings at 916 Pine Street, use the donation link at ilutheran.org, or sign up for regular withdrawals from your bank account thru ETF. For more information, please contact the front office at church@ilutheran.org or 684-3404.

Summer Bible Study Information...

- ***Summer Sunday Bible Study Series:***

  † ***Very Important Chapters* | Begins Sunday, June 3rd**
  This summer we will be doing a study on the Very Important Chapters of the Bible. We will begin in Exodus with the birth of Moses. Each study stands on its own, so you don't need to worry if you miss a week or two while on vacation. The lessons will be taught in a relaxed, family atmosphere. Parents with little ones are encouraged to bring them along (and perhaps a snack or coloring book for them too). *Our Bible study is held in the Fellowship Hall (church basement) from **9:25 AM to 10:10 AM. JOIN US...ALL ARE WELCOME!!!***

- ***Men—Opportunities to Grow In Faith...***

  † **Men's Prayer Group** meets on the **first and third Tuesday of June & July at 7:00 AM** in the Gathering Room.

  † **Men's Bible Study**—Rise and shine on the second and fourth Saturday of the month and join us in the Fellowship Hall **at 8:00 AM** for a bite to eat and a serving of the Bread of Life. In **June**, Men's Bible Study will meet on **the 9th and 23rd** and in **July**, we will meet on the **14th and 28th.**

Womens Bible Study—Fruit of the Spirit

We are currently travelling through a series entitled ***Fruit of the Spirit*** by Lane Burgland. Jesus has called every believer to bear fruit. Jesus said, "...I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last." John 15:16 But what fruit? How will you bear fruit as a believer? In June we are focusing on the fruit of JOY. This is an on-going Bible Study, you can join us at any time. You do not need to purchase any materials, we have copies available for you. **JOIN US!!!**

Join us on **Saturdays, June 2nd and 16th at 8:30 AM.** We meet in the Conference Room located in the church office area. Updates for July and August will be in the Sunday bulletins.

If you have any suggestions or questions regarding our Bible Study, please contact Judy Fuerbringer at 973-3355 or judynglenn@ameritech.net.

DIVINE DINNERS

Do you know of an Immanuel member who could use some Christian love? Immanuel **Divine Dinners** may be able to help. **Divine Dinners' purpose is to share Christian love through the giving of meals to members who may be ill, have a new baby, or are going through a difficult time.** We will be contacting people to donate meals through the TAG survey (Time and Gifts). If you'd like to be added to the volunteer list, please add your name to the binder in the back of the Gathering Room. If you know of someone who may need help, please let Pastor Sims, Ann Wilson (734-674-9251) or Andrea Dolan (715-220-1439) know.

FREE CYCLE

Don't forget Immanuel is sponsoring a rummage sale where everything is free. Last year Immanuel used Free Cycle to acquaint our neighbors to our congregation and how we can show love to them. We are again having another Free Cycle but need the help of our members. When you clean out your "stuff", please consider bringing it to our Free Cycle. **Slightly used articles** would be appreciated. The special event will be held on:

Friday, June 8th, 8:30 AM- 5:00 PM
Saturday, June 9th, 8:30 AM-3:00 PM

Bring your donations to the school gym on:

1. **Wednesday, June 6th from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM**
2. **Thursday, June 7th from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM**

What could be brought to the Free Cycle? Such things as men, women, children, and baby clothes, baby gear, books, toys, kitchen wares, bedding, towels, electronics, home decor, accessories and handbags, stuffed animals, sporting goods, and/or larger items.

Would you be able to volunteer for a few hours to the Free Cycle? We will need help setting up and/or manning the Free Cycle. If you can help, please contact Ellie Waeger at 482-0906.

HELP WITH IMMANUEL FAMILY PICNIC

The Immanuel Family Picnic and Immanuel Back to School event will be on **Sunday, August 19th**. Various games and activities to enjoy along with Branches Band will provide afternoon entertainment. This will be a **FREE** event open to all Immanuel families, friends and the community.

We are looking for monetary donations and items to assist in deferring the cost. Volunteers are also needed to make this event a success for all. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the Church Office and marked for a specific item listed, or for a general picnic offering. If you would like to sign up on line, you can by visiting **PerfectPotluck.com** and locating the schedule by coordinator last name (Smith) and password (1927), then click on Immanuel Family Picnic 2018.

Signup sheets will also be made available in the back of Church in the coming weeks. Any questions can be directed to Dan Smith at gonegoosehunting@gmail.com.

IMMANUEL FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, August 19th
10:30 AM
Outdoor Worship
Celebration & Picnic

Music by
Mike Westendorf

Following the worship service there will be food available at no cost… hamburgers, brats, hotdogs, chicken breasts, chips, beans, applesauce, carrots, beverages

Desserts available for donation…all proceeds to go to Ladies of Immanuel.

Bring your own lawn chairs if you would like

Fun & Games for All Ages
Invite your friends!
Bounce House
Dunk Tank
Face Painting
Cotton Candy
Snow Cones
Bean Bag Games

Request by the Board of Elders

One of the duties of the Board of Elders is to visit, counsel and encourage members who have manifested a lack of concern for hearing of God's Word, the reception of the Lord's Supper, and have shown general disregard for the work of the church.

One of the tools used by the Elders to identify members who have been absent for long periods of time is by yearly monitoring the signing of the Guest or Friendship Register located in the pews.

The Board of Elders asks that you make it a priority to sign this register so we can more accurately identify brothers and sisters in Christ who need encouragement.

Also, we ask that parents who have grown children who are still members but are now living out of the area to please help us update their contact information. Any questions or concerns regarding this request can be directed to Head Elder, Russ Vogt at 920-905-4650 or stealthtt@sbcglobal.net

You Are Invited!

Immanuel is having VBS (Vacation Bible School) this summer. We invite all children ages 3 through those entering 6th grade to come. If you have family and friends who would be interested, please invite them, too!

For five days, **July 30th through August 3rd, from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM**, Immanuel will be transformed into ***Space Station Salvation***. Each day students will blast off to one of five exciting star destinations. Each star shares an essential truth from Scripture, and students will also enjoy lots of space-related activities, snacks, crafts, and music. Our Biblically sound, Gospel focused lessons will provide would-be astronauts an out-of-this-world adventure! ALL are welcome, and there is NO charge—it is free!

Please use the registration form on **Page 8** of the Echo to reserve your child(rens) spot in the ***Space Station VBS*** program this summer! We hope to see you there!

VBS Teachers and Helpers Needed!

In order to ensure another successful VBS **we will need many helpful hearts and hands**. Youth volunteers, in 7th grade and older we NEED YOU too!!! Please consider being a teacher, helper, snack maker, music assistant, or people to help make and serve the Friday closing day meal. This is a very special week at Immanuel for our own children, and also an exciting way for us to reach out to the community with the truths of God's love.

Watch the bulletin for updates. Interested in helping? There are sign-up sheets in the binder in the back of the Gathering Room of church, you can also sign up online, by going to the Immanuel home page, click on the Community link and then VBS!

You can also contact **Brad Washuleski at 920-254-0119 or email bwashuleski@sasd.net if you are interested.**

School News

Our mission is to **assist** the families of our **congregation** and **community** in **training** their children, both **spiritually** and **academically**, through **excellence** in **Christ-centered**

IMMANUEL SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL KICK OFF
Sunday, August 19th

- **9:00 AM**—Students get to see their new classrooms, bring their supplies, and take home their books to be covered. It will also be an opportunity for the staff to speak with the parents prior to the school year.
- **9:15 AM**—Parents and students in grades 5-8 would meet in church

A more detailed letter will be sent to the parents of our students.

MLHS Academic Fair ~

In April, many of our students competed in the MLHS Academic Fair and Music competition. They all did an outstanding job representing their school, but most importantly they also represented their Lord and Savior. Many of them earned top honors in their specific competition. Many pictures and results were posted to Immanuel's Facebook page. Below are just some a few of the notables:

- Immanuel Junior Choir – Excellent Rating
- Immanuel Math Team – 2nd Place Overall
- Immanuel Academic Bowl Team – 1st Place Overall
- Emma Kracht (8th grade) – 2nd Place in Math
- Emma Kracht (8th grade) – 1st Place Overall (2nd year in a row!)
- Josie Sims (8th grade) – Perfect Score in Forensics
- Madeline Oswald (8th grade) - Perfect Score in Forensics

Administrative Assistant Appreciation Week ~

In April we celebrated the national Administrative Assistant Appreciation week. The Lord has blessed Immanuel with a wonderful support staff of faithful and hardworking individuals. While most of you know our secretary, Mrs. Deb Menges, you may not know that we also have a financial secretary, Mrs. Gaye Klein, who works behind the scenes with the church and school's finances. If you happen to see either of these faithful servants, please be sure to thank them for all of their hard work!

Our accreditation committee continues to review the various accreditation standards and collect specific evidence that demonstrates that our school has met those standards. We thank Mrs. Jaimie Carlson and Mrs. Becca Sweney for all of their help with that work. We have tentatively set our accreditation site team visit for the month of November 2019. Please continue to look for updates on the process as that date gets nearer.

Graduation ~

On **Wednesday, May 23rd**, our preschool will end the school year with their graduation at **10:30 AM**. Our kindergarten and eighth grade graduations will be on **Thursday, May 24th, in the 6:30 PM worship service.** Following the service, there will be a reception for the graduates in the lower level of the church. This year we have 14 eighth grade graduates and 7 kindergarten graduates. Of the 14 eighth grade graduates, 11 will be attending one of our WELS high schools. Congratulations and God's blessings to all of our graduates!

Save the Date - Building Strong Christian Homes: From the Family Up & From the Elders Down

FAMILY OF FAITH

Join us on **Saturday, August 4th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM** here at Immanuel Lutheran Church as we gather together to strengthen our homes. Speaker Dr. Ryan C. MacPherson will present a workshop for all members and guests of Immanuel. Register for free childcare and for the event by calling 920-684-3404 or online at www.hausvater.org/events/402. Breakfast and lunch will be provided by Parker Johns and is included with the cost of the event. Cost is $5 per child, $10 per adult with a max of $25 per family. We look forward to seeing you there.

Partners in Education - PIE

We would like to extend a thank you to Jaimie Carlson for her time with organizing this past year. We also thank each and every one of the staff, parents, members, and students who also gave of their time and talents to make this year such a fun and successful year. Please watch for more information on the upcoming events for the 2018-2019 school year. We will have several opportunities for volunteering, organizing and socializing with each other. We welcome ideas and look forward to see you at future meetings. We will have one summer meeting on **Tuesday, July 10th at 6:00 PM**, then resume on the third Tuesday of each month starting in September. We were able to raise funds towards improving the floors and A/C system for our school, assisted the classrooms with field trips, and provide continual support to staff & students throughout the year in many ways. If you are interested in more information, please contact Dawn Welnicke at dwelnicke@gmail.com or 920-901-7378.

Martin Luther College Field Trip ~

In April, our 7th & 8th graders joined students from our sister schools in the area on a trip to visit Martin Luther College, our Synod's worker training school in New Ulm, MN. The trip gave these young people a wonderful opportunity to witness first-hand how richly the Lord has blessed our Synod through the college in New Ulm. They also had a special opportunity to consider whether they could serve the Lord in either the preaching or teaching ministry. In addition to the tour of the campus, the students were able to visit Grandad's Bluff in LaCrosse, visit the Herman the German monument, attend the Children's' Theater production of Cinderella, and explore the Mall of America. They had a great time.

Immanuel & Preschool Students – Use this Form to Register

Blast Off for Vacation Bible School!

Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Manitowoc
On the corner of N. 9th Street & Waldo Blvd.
Phone: 920-684-3404 or www.ilutheran.org

When: Monday, July 30th - Friday, Aug. 3rd
9:00am – 11:30am

For: 3 year olds through those entering 6th grade
(All children must be potty trained.)

Cost: It's free! All are welcome!

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(fill out this form, detach, and return to Immanuel, or register online at www.ilutheran.org)

VBS Registration

Children's Names	Grade (next school year)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please list additional children on the reverse, as well as any food allergies or health concerns.

I give permission for the above child(ren) to be photographed at Immanuel's 2018 VBS and have no objections to such photographs being used in Immanuel's social media, or in local media or promotional fliers. (Children's names will not be included with photographs posted on social media.)

Parent's/Guardian's Signature for Photo Permission: _____

Parents' Name(s):_____

Address/City/State: _____

Phone: _____ Member of: _____
(List church name, or "None")

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please return this form to your teacher or mail it to
Immanuel Lutheran Church, 916 Pine St., Manitowoc WI 54220
OR you may register online at www.ilutheran.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.
James 5:16

† **Our School Faculty—**that the Lord would bless them this summer with renewal and vigor, as they continue with the personal studies and prepare for a new school year

† **For yourself—**that the Lord will give you the words to say to your family, friends, and acquaintances to invite them to come to worship with you.

Pastoral Acts

Accept
Lee & Jane Jabs
from St. Matthew, Janesville

8th Grade Confirmands:
Abbygail Bachmann, Ryan Dewane, Amelie Doneff, Cameron Grasee, Emma Kracht, Madeline Oswald, Elijah Ratajczyk, Bailey Seal, Josie Sims, Grace Zander

Transfer Out
Erica Schoenike (nee Behnke)
to Morning Star, Jackson, WI

Gifts & Memorials
♥ Memorials: $300
♥ Church Library: $200

Church Library News

You may stop in at the Immanuel church library at any time. It is located in our church basement. You will find books, music, & videos. Check out is self-service. *~Laura Rozoff, Church Librarian*

"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" 2 Peter 3:18

Spring Church Library Conference News

I was able to attend the WELS-CLO library conference at Northwest Publishing House in April. It was a full agenda with several authors speaking about their new books as well as, a presentation by Pastor Curt Jahn who is vice president of NPH publishing services. Pastor Jahn explained the book review process and the editorial process. The presentation was very informative and included a tour of the NPH building. The guest speakers were Jane Dew and Jerralyn Moudry who discussed the devotional book His Days My Praise. This book is a collection of 365 devotions written by 12 devoted Christian women. As you read them, you will be encouraged to ponder God's Word and apply it to your everyday life. A My Praise section accompanies each devotion, allowing you to collect and reflect on your thoughts. Each devotion also includes a suggestion that will lead you to read the entire Bible over 365 days. Devotions are numbered, not dated, so you can embark on this devotional journey any time of the year. Their description of the writing process was humorous and inspiring. We will have a copy of this book in our library soon.

The second speaker was Mary Schmal who described her new tween/teen book series The Children of the Light. This series is based on the Fruit of the Spirit as experienced in the lives of nine children living in a lighthouse in 1884. Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. Nine kids. Nine gifts. Nine blessed. Mary collaborated with an illustrator on this project which has taken its inspiration from the Door County Area.

It was a very productive day and some purchases were made for our library. Look for these new additions coming to the library soon. I hope to write more about these new additions in the next Echo, including some reviews from our fellow church members.

Have a blessed summer!
Laura Rozoff

Serving Our Lord

2018 Church Council

In order that we might keep the best line of communications open between the church leaders and the rest of the congregation, we publish the names of the current Church Council in the newsletter. This will provide you with a list of people to contact if you have any questions regarding anything happening in our ministry. You may also use the following e-mail address to contact the Council as a whole: **council@ilutheran.org**. (One e-mail sent to that address reaches all the Council members with email.)

Larry Verlinden, President
Paul Kluenker, Secretary
Matthew Strathmann, Treasurer
Russ Vogt, Elders
Gary Markowski, Financial Secretary
Dan Smith, Adult Discipleship
Mark Svatek, Youth Discipleship
Brad Washuleski, Evangelism
Nate Reis, Property
Board of Education, TBD

USHERS THIS MONTH

JUNE:

6/03/2018 Early—Team 1-A
6/03/2018 Late—Team 6

6/07/2018 Team 10—6:30 PM

6/10/2018 Early—Team 2
6/10/2018 Late—Team 7

6/14/2018 Team 11—6:30 PM

6/17/2018 Early—Team 3
6/17/2018 Late—Team 8

6/21/2018 Team 12—6:30 PM

6/24/2018 Early—Team 4
6/24/2018 Late—Team 5

6/28/2018 Team 9—6:30 PM

JULY:

7/01/2018 Early—Team 1
7/01/2018 Late—Team 6

7/05/2018 Team 10—6:30 PM

7/08/2018 Early—Team 1-A
7/08/2018 Late—Team 7

7/12/2018 Team 11—6:30 PM

7/15/2018 Early—Team 2
7/15/2018 Late—Team 8

7/19/2018 Team 12—6:30 PM

7/22/2018 Early—Team 3
7/22/2018 Late—Team 5

7/26/2018 Team 9—6:30 PM

7/29/2018 Early—Team 4
7/29/2018 Late—Team 6

Greeters Schedule

JUNE

6/03/2018
8:00 AM—Daryl & Lisa Kliment
10:30 AM—Jerome & Germaine Krueger

6/10/2018
8:00 AM—Bea Buss & Harriet Kappelman
10:30 AM—Larry & Linda Verlinden

6/17/2018
8:00 AM—Nick & Barb Nitka
10:30 AM—Peter & Judy Polster

6/25/2018
8:00 AM—Mark & Joanne Gaedtke
10:30 AM—Fred & Barb Heiderich

JULY

7/01/2018
8:00 AM—Ron & Lynn Strzyzewski
10:30 AM—Karen Kehl

7/08/2018
8:00 AM—Tony & Sally Dick
10:30 AM—Gary & Lynn Markowski

7/15/2018
8:00 AM—Robert & Susan Kempfert
10:30 AM—Mark & Cristin Svatek

7/22/2018
8:00 AM—Clarence & Sharon Morrow
10:30 AM—Judy Fuerbringer & Karen Winter

7/29/2018
8:00 AM—Robert & Shirley Blattler
10:30 AM—Howard & Betty Wilsmann

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Worship Schedule

Thursdays: 6:30 PM
Sundays: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Devotional Service

Fridays, June 22nd & July 20th —11:00 AM

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