

The Immanuel Echo

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SING GOD'S TRUTH Defeated yet Victorious "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the
Mountains fall into the heart of the sea" (Psalm 46:1,2).*



Christians often seem defeated in this world. Jesus didn't promise us otherwise. He told his first disciples that the leaders of this world "will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues. On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. All men will hate you because of me." (Matthew 10:17,18,22). Jesus does not paint an inviting picture of discipleship. Later he would comment, "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also." (John 15:18,20).

Martin Luther commented that "the church is so overwhelmed by the cross, by affliction, by shame, and by contempt. The world judges nothing to be more unsightly and harmful than the church."^{*} Indeed, the church in this world seems like a defeated bunch, haggard and harried by powerful enemies who hate God's Word. Led by Satan, these forces pursue God's faithful people to the bitter end. Our defeat seems imminent!

The truth, however, is that Jesus and his people are already victorious, not only now but for all eternity. By his perfect life, innocent sufferings and death, and glorious resurrection from the dead, Jesus has won a complete victory over the devil and his evil allies. Yes, the church seems defeated, but it is actually victorious. That's reason to sing and rejoice!

Luther treated this awesome truth in his great Reformation hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (CW 200). Our enemy is powerful indeed: "The old evil foe now means deadly woe; deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight; on earth is not his equal" (st. 1). But then our champion is introduced: "For us fights the valiant one whom God himself elected . . . Jesus Christ. . . . He holds the field forever" (st. 2). Even though there are many in this world who are "eager to devour us, we tremble not, we fear no ill; they shall not overpower us" (st. 3). With Jesus on our side, our enemies can take everything from us in this world, but "our victory is won; the kingdom's ours forever" (st. 4).

It is no wonder that we often sing these truths accompanied by trumpets.

^{*}From *What Luther Says*, Vol. 1, #793.

Our Ministry

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

2017-2018 | Fellowship Hall | 9:25-10:10 AM

Reformation: Grace, Faith, Scripture (Sep-Dec)

As we approach the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, we'll dig into history and gain a better understanding of what we Lutherans believe, teach and practice today. Each lesson begins with a 3-4 minute video vignette from the recent documentary *A Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy*. Join us to learn more about the great truths of the Lutheran Reformation - Grace alone! Faith alone! Scripture alone! Class began on September 10.



Baptism: My Adoption into God's Family (Jan-Feb)

This class offers a thorough review of Baptism, one of the greatest gifts God has given us. Through a study of the pertinent passages we will learn what the Bible says about this life-giving Sacrament. This study also helps us understand how Baptism has been taught by other churches at different times in history. For those who wish to dig deeper, a companion book will be made available.

Follow Me: Matthew, Part 1 (Mar-May)

What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ? Matthew's Gospel describes how Jesus called his disciples and then molded their minds, hearts, and wills. Jesus prepared his disciples for their work and he prepares us also. This study covers the first thirteen chapters of Matthew's Gospel. It presents the account of Jesus' life using the theme "Follow Me" to show how Jesus called and trained his disciples to proclaim his death and resurrection to the world.

Some Points to Consider:

- ▶ No Bible study experience or knowledge necessary
- ▶ No one will make you read or answer questions
- ▶ Actively participate or sit and listen – it's up to you!
- ▶ Bible study offers a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith and to get to know your fellow Immanuel members better
- ▶ Questions? Contact Pastor Sims at 684-3404.

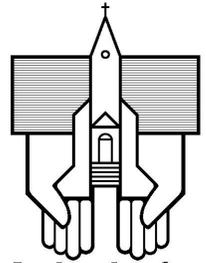
Celebrating 90 Years in 9 Months Update...

Immanuel's first 2 decades saw the Great Depression and World War II. Times were challenging! Yet God's people saw the value of sharing their God-given gifts - time, talents, and treasures - for His work here at Immanuel. In the 3rd decade, God moved his people to build again. The Immanuel family was so committed to staying strong in education, that they built a separate school building. No longer were Immanuel's students confined to the church basement.. (See Mike Stadelman's article titled *Immanuel's History in History*).

What I find amazing is the fact that at a time of such financial and emotional stress, the Holy Spirit moved hearts to give. Imagine! That same Holy Spirit is working in our hearts today. If we don't put up the wall of disbelief, the Holy Spirit will bless our efforts to make needed improvement to our school which continues to share the life-saving Gospel with our youth.

Consider the gifts you've been given. Compare them to the challenges of our members during the Great Depression and World War II. Consider this promise from God as you give a portion of your financial gifts back to His work - "I will be with you." (Haggai 1:13).

~Jason Muench, Campaign Coordinator



*Lord, you have been
our dwelling place
in all generations.
Psalm 90:1*

Men...Here's What Is Happening!!!

Calling on all the men of Immanuel...here are opportunities just for you! Check them out and join us!!!

- † **Men's Prayer Group** meets on the **first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 AM** in the Gathering Room.
- † **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** meets on **Saturday, October 14th and 28th at 8:00 AM**

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Men's Bible Study

Womens Bible Study—Bible Sisters

In October our Women's Bible Study continues with our study of a series entitled **The Bible Sisters Study**, which looks at a different woman of the Bible, highlighting God's faithfulness in her life, along with applications to the lives of all Christian women today. In October we will continue our study of **The Proverbs 31 Woman—Setting God-pleasing Goals for Your Life**; followed by **Sarah—Learning to Wait on God's Timing**



Ladies, join us and call your friends and invite them to come and learn all about the LORD and what he has to say in your lives! Our Bible Study exists to nurture, encourage, and equip women to faithfully and fully use their God-given gifts to glorify God. It is also a wonderful way to get to know fellow sisters in Christ!

Join us on **Saturday, October 21st and 28th at 8:30 AM**. We meet in the Conference Room located in the church office area. **ALSO...**if you have any suggestions for future Women's Bible Study topics or any questions regarding our Bible Study, please contact Judy Fuerbringer at 684-3333 or judynglenn@ameritech.net. I would appreciate any input!

PLAN TO JOIN US...WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU!!!! ☺

TREASURER'S REPORT

The values reported below reflect balances on 08/31/17.

From Revenue and Expense Budget Performance report for the month ending **AUGUST 31, 2017**—Items of note:

- Offerings Year to Date: ACTUAL—\$84,716 ; BUDGET: \$125,460
- Total Income (offerings, tuition, special, etc.) to date:
ACTUAL—\$132,771; BUDGET—\$160,450
- Total Expenses to date: ACTUAL—\$143,874; BUDGET—\$160,841
- We have received \$11,103 less than we have spent, after two months into our fiscal year



From our Balance Sheet for the month ending **AUGUST 31, 2017**—items of note:

- Line Of Credit (\$150,000 limit): \$88,000 balance
- Asset Accounts:
 - Checking account (used for payroll, insurance, day to day expenses): \$17,367
 - MLHS Tuition Assistance: \$29,039
 - Pastor Tuition Assistance: \$24,779
 - BFN Money Market Account: \$10,077
 - United One Credit Union: \$141,103
- Liability Accounts (Restricted Funds):
 - Our Liability Accounts that fall under the category, Restricted Funds, have a balance of \$32,664. (including: \$8,070 School Gift and \$16,395 Anniversary Gift)
 - An additional \$5,000 was drawn on the Line of Credit in August and was used for cash flow needs.
 - Fiscal YTD Lord's Work Away, we have transferred: \$9,106 to MLHS; \$4,500 to Synod (same as budget)
 - A \$5,000 draw on the Line of Credit occurred in August. The Line of Credit (\$88,000) is \$7,000 less at the end of August 2017 than it was at the end of August 2016 (\$95,000).

Respectfully,
Larry Kronschnabel, Treasurer
lmkron@att.net

**LADIES...Mark your calendars now &
plan to attend the**

**2018 PATHWAYS TO CHRIST RETREAT—Oshkosh
“Speak O Lord”**

***We will be focusing on the message shared
in the three verses of this song.***

March 9-11, 2018



More information will be in the November Echo and will also be published on pathwaystochrist.org.

SHORELINE CIRCUIT 2017 FALL RALLY

Chosen for His Purpose! 1 Peter 2:9

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. "

All ladies of the congregation are members of LWMS and are welcome at all rallies. Spouses are always welcomed as guests. This year's rally will be in beautiful Kewaunee County. Come for the rally and then spend the day exploring!



DATE: Saturday, October 14, 2017

TIME: 9:00 AM to NOON

SPEAKER: Prof. Thomas Kock from the Seminary

TOPIC: Starting New Missions

Come and learn how our Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod starts new missions!

PLACE: Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1012 Wisconsin Avenue, Kewaunee

Ladies...Mark Your Calendars for Annual *Advent By Candlelight* Saturday, December 9th

Begin the evening at 6:00 PM with viewing the beautifully decorated candle lit tables! Feel free to invite your female family members and friends and join us for an evening of fellowship, music, God's Word, and delicious desserts as we prepare our hearts for the Advent season! To reserve your seat, guests are encouraged to sign-up to attend in the black binder located in the Gathering Room or call Jacque Goldbeck at 682-5735 or 242-3867.



Hostess Opportunities: Please consider volunteering to be a hostess for the evening! Hostesses provide table settings, holiday decorations, candles, and a dessert for between 6-10 guests. Many ladies decide to co-host with a partner. It is lots of fun and requires only a few hours of your time for planning, baking or buying, and decorating! If you are interested and would like more information please contact Jacque Goldbeck at 682-5735 or 242-3867.

Kitchen Assistant Needed: If decorating a table isn't your thing but you enjoy serving, please consider helping in the kitchen for Woman's Advent By Candlelight. Duties include helping to make the coffee & hot apple cider and overseeing that the coffee/hot cider pots remain full for the duration of the fellowship. If you are interested and would like more information please contact Kathy Gast at 684-0876.

Immanuel's History in History

Part of the *Celebrating 90 Years in 9 Months* campaign

What was going on around Immanuel as its history was being written? That's the purpose of this series of articles titled "Immanuel's History in History". This month we focus on 1947-1956, the 3rd decade of Immanuel's history as highlighted by Mike Stadelman.

~ Jason Muench, Campaign Coordinator



1947 to 1956

The third decade of Immanuel's history found the nation experiencing a period of economic growth following World War II. Advancements in technology began to explode during this time.

Polaroid cameras, Silly Putty, color TV, automobile seatbelts and the television remote control were some items invented during this period. (My sister and I were still the remote control in the 70's in our home.) The first non-stop flight around the world occurred in 1949. In 1954, the phrase "under God" was added to the pledge of allegiance; and in 1956, "IN GOD WE TRUST" was declared the national motto. In 1953, the minimum wage was \$0.75 per hour and the average annual income was \$4,700.

At Immanuel, our school which was located in the church basement, was experiencing many hardships. Not only was overcrowding due to the limited space an issue, but remember that the basement was also used for other functions (funeral meals, etc.) – many of which still occur to this day. Therefore in 1952, plans were made to build a separate school building. On November 28, 1954, our new school building was dedicated. The building contained four classrooms, four restrooms, a work room, an office, and a janitor's room. The total cost of the building was \$117,685. Victor Albrecht taught grades 6-8, Martin Baumann had grades 3-5, and Helen Zimmermann Demsien taught grades 1 & 2. In 1955, Philemon Hensel was added as a fourth teacher.

The Senior Choir began in 1947. (A Male Choir served from 1927-1949) Junior Choir began in 1960. In the 1940s, a weekly radio program of Lutheran Meditations was conducted by Pastor Uetzmann. Students from grades 5-8, under the direction of Victor Albrecht, were used as a radio choir. While part of the purpose was to serve those who could not attend regular services, it also became an outreach tool.

The size of our congregation in 1947 was 913 souls which grew to 1,166 souls in 1957. Immanuel's operating budget in 1952 was \$24,300.

God has truly blessed our family of believers here at Immanuel for the past 90 years. He has always taken care of us through good times and bad. We need to trust in His promises and firmly cling to the hope of eternal joy that awaits us in heaven. All of this given by grace through our Lord and Savior's perfect life, innocent death, and resurrection. To God be the Glory!

~Mike Stadelman

Our School

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** education.

Trust In The Lord

How much do you trust someone or something? Do you trust your child when you leave them at home? Or can you trust a student going to the office for a teacher? Can you trust that your computer will always work for you? Can you trust your son or daughter to drive their sibling to school? We have been studying about Abraham's trust in the Lord. His strong faith trusted in the Lord when he asked him to leave his home in Ur, travel to Haran and on to Canaan. He trusted in the Lord to send him a Savior from his descendants. His trust in the Lord should be emulated by all believers.



Help us Lord, throughout the year to trust you with all our heart and soul and mind.

Mission Project *School Missions*



At the beginning of the school year four groups of eighth graders talked about different mission projects. The school voted and we chose the Houston hurricane victims for our yearly project. We will keep them in our prayers for strength throughout the year.

The Victory Is Won Project

To reinforce the theme of the year "The Victory is Won", this past Thursday, teams of students met in the gym to brainstorm what this meant to them. The impressive chalk drawings show their cooperation and faith filled ideas that resulted from studying 1 Corinthians 15:57. This beautiful passage from Corinthian's epitomizes the love that Christ has given to all of us through his victory over Satan.



Hornet Athletics



At the time of this writing both A and B volleyball teams are undefeated! They are red hot playing with good teamwork and having a positive attitude. A shout out to Mrs. Oswald and Mrs. Sims for coaching the girls.

The soccer teams have also been red hot because it has literally been 80° when they have been playing their tournaments. They have played a tournament every Saturday in the month of September. Their season ends with the tournament on September 23rd in New Holstein. With the beastly hot weather, the players ran hard and kicked on goal. Results will be given next month. If you see Brandon and Carrie Ott, Jason Sweney, and Trent Nelson please thank them for being coaches for the soccer teams. We really appreciate all the time and effort that they have given the children.



- ▶ **October 4th thru 6th: Parent Teacher Consultations;** No school on October 6th
- ▶ **October 17th & 18th:** Parents are invited to visit the classrooms of their children
- ▶ **October 25th:** End of 1st quarter
- ▶ **October 26th & 27th:** State Teachers Conference (No School)

Enjoy the beautiful weather!

Manitowoc Lutheran High School

FALL SHOWCASE

October 22, 2017

2:00 pm at MLHS

- **Pie, Torte & Ice Cream Social**
- **Silent Auction**
- **Bidding Ends at 3:45 pm**



**4:00 pm
Fall Concert**



ALTER FLOWER DONOR INFORMATION

If you would like to beautify our altar area for worship services, there is a Flower Sign-up Chart in the lower level of church on the bulletin board. All flower donors are asked to please put your phone number next to your name. Thank You! Esther Circle Members



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

We all know Martin Luther as the man who started the Reformation, but do you know what a fascinating life he led? Here are some interesting facts about Martin Luther:



- ◆ Martin Luther was born Martin Luder in 1483. He was named for the Saint on whose feast day he was born. His birth name was Martin Luder but later changed his last name to Luther because it was more academically respectable.
- ◆ In 1505 he was caught in a severe thunderstorm being nearly hit by lightning. He prayed to Saint Anne to save him promising to become a monk if he did. Within a few months he fulfilled this promise.
- ◆ Through his studies he began to question the practice of indulgences this began his path to reform the church.
- ◆ The actual title of Martin Luther's 95 Theses was the "Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences"
- ◆ The church exiled Martin Luther for not recanting and he spent a year in exile at Wartburg Castle. During this time he lived incognito as a knight named Junker Jorg.
- ◆ It took Martin Luther ten years to translate the New Testament into German.
- ◆ Martin Luther was regarded as Germany's most important composer prior to Bach.
- ◆ Martin was a neighbor to the Cranachs who painted portraits of Martin Luther which still survive today.
- ◆ Martin Luther became a woodworker to support his family in his later years.

Martin Luther was a very unique person and his story is worth revisiting. You may learn something new. Ellie Waege will have her Martin Luther/Reformation display in church starting in October. There will be books for all ages and DVDs. You are welcome to check them out and explore this fascinating historical figure.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:

The Book Discussion will be Friday, October 13th at 1:15 PM. They will be discussing the book "Twelve Extraordinary Women" by John MacArthur. Twelve different women of the Bible are discussed and show how they can relate to us today. If you are interested you can contact Ellie at 482-0906.

~ Laura Rozoff

Member News



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

James 5:16

- † **Our Immanuel Family**— that we may continue to trust in the Lord and His plans for us.
- † **Those in school this fall**—that they may also continue in the wisdom of Jesus
- † **Our School and Staff**—that they may grow academically and spiritually
- † **Manitowoc Lutheran High School**—that it may continue to train youth in a Christ-centered atmosphere

Membership News

Baptisms

Kaia Elayna Habeck
daughter of Paula Habeck
7-30-17

Weddings

Michael Stadelman & Cheyenne Bender
7-22-17

Gifts and Memorials

- ♥ \$50 given for Meditations
- ♥ \$120 given for Dunk Tank - Church Picnic
- ♥ \$30 given for Lemonade Stand - Church Picnic
- ♥ \$80 given for Face Painting - Church Picnic



Serving Our Lord

2017 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 e-mail.)

Mike Stadelman, President
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Larry Kronschnabel, Treasurer
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Gary Markowski, Financial Secretary
Russ Vogt, Adult Discipleship
Mark Svatek, Youth Discipleship
Brad Washuleski, Evangelism
Nate Reis, Property
Brandon Ott, Board of Education

10/01/2017

8:00 AM – Ron & Lynn Strzyzewski

10:30 AM – Gary & Lynn Markowski

10/08/2017

8:00 AM – Tony & Sally Dick

10:30 AM – John & Sandy Stadelman

10/15/2017

8:00 AM – Robert & Susan Kempfert

10:30 AM – Mark & Cristin Svatek

10/22/2017

8:00 AM – Gene & Sharon Morrow

10:30 AM – Howard & Betty Wilsmann

10/29/2017

8:00 AM – Robert & Shirley Blattler

10:30 AM – Ron & Toni Nicklaus



THIS MONTH USHERS

10/01/2017 Early—Team 4

10/01/2017 Late—Team 8

10/05/2017 Team 12—6:30 PM

10/08/2017 Early—Team 1

10/08/2017 Late—Team 5

10/12/2017 Late—Team 9

10/15/2017 Early—Team 1A

10/15/2017 Late—Team 6

10/19/2017 Team 10—6:30 PM

10/22/2017 Early—Team 2

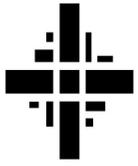
10/22/2017 Late—Team 7

10/26/2017 Team 11—6:30 PM

10/29/2017 Early—Team 3

10/29/2017 Late—Team 8





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Worship Schedule

Thursdays: 6:30 PM

Sundays: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Jesus Cares Worship

Monday, October 9th—6:30 PM

Devotional Service

October 20th—11:00 AM

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