

The Immanuel Echo

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Raised To New Life

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:4).

Dear brothers and sisters,

I am often simply astounded by the advances of modern medicine. New medicines, new therapies, and new surgical tools and techniques make it possible to save lives today that couldn't have been saved just ten years ago. With all these advances, is there any limit to what doctors can do?

There is a limit. A doctor cannot create life where there wasn't one before. A doctor cannot resurrect the dead. But our God can. And that's exactly what he does in Baptism. He brings life to the lifeless.

By nature, that's what all people are like. We are born into this world "dead in transgressions and sins" (Ephesians 2:1). There is no spiritual life in us naturally, not even a little spark. Our hearts aren't capable of faith in God or service to God. Like a corpse lying on the embalmer's table, we could do nothing.

But then the pastor splashed a handful of water on our infant heads and spoke life-giving words: "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." That washing with water is filled with the power of the Spirit, power that connected us to the death and resurrection of Christ. In Baptism the Spirit created life where there was no life before. He raised us from spiritual death. He resurrected us to a new life, a life of faith in Christ, trust in God's promises and power to serve him in thanks for his love.

What a joyous life this is! In thanks for the peace of forgiveness won for us by Christ, we get to forgive those who sin against us. In gratitude for the good news of eternal life in Jesus, we get to share that good news with others. In appreciation for the God who selflessly served us by sending his Son, we get to serve our neighbors in love.

Perhaps your life has been saved by a talented medical professional. What a blessing that is! But it can't compare with the new life God gives us in Baptism. Rejoice in that new life. And live it to God's glory.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Daniel Sims



**NEW LIFE
IN CHRIST**

Our Ministry

2018-2019 SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY PLAN

September 2018 **The Story of Jonah**

Join us for a four-week study of this magnificent little book in which we learn of God's amazing patience and compassion for lost sinners.

October 2018 **Defending Biblical Creation**

Mr. Lee Jabs will help us dig into the Creation vs. Evolution debate, and give us tools to defend our biblical faith in the six-day creation as recorded in Genesis.

Nov-Dec 2018 **Timely Topics: Part I**

This study will equip learners for discussing challenging issues with family, friends and coworkers. Topics include global warming, gender identity, Santa Claus, secret baptism, close communion, politics and bankruptcy.

January 2019 **Principles of Lutheran Worship**

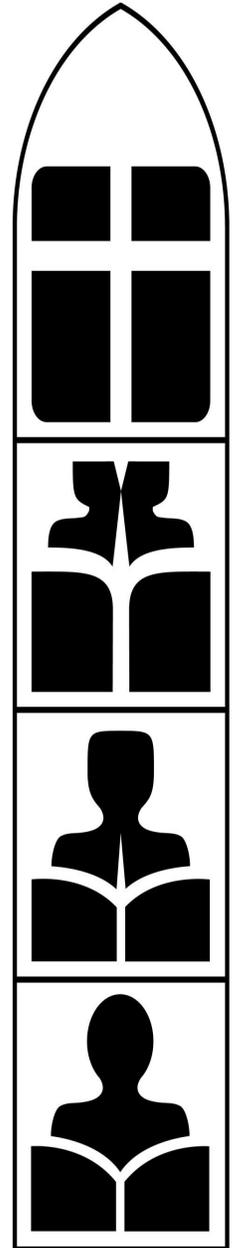
When Martin Luther set out to reform the church he wanted to keep all that was good and get rid of those things that were false. His reforms had a big impact on how Christians worship. Come and have your own worship life enriched as we study Luther's four principles of worship.

Feb-Mar 2019 **Angels and Demons**

Society today seems fascinated with angels and demons, to the point of obsession. This Bible study leads us through Scripture and digs out what it really says about good and bad angels. The power of God over evil and his use of heavenly angels will provide comfort for every Christian.

April-May 2019 **Paul's Letter to the Philippians**

Philippians is often called the epistle of joy, and for good reason. In it the Apostle Paul shares the reason that believers can be joyful in every situation: We have a Savior! Our eternity is certain! Our joy in the gospel is what moves us to live in a way that glorifies our Savior.



**Learn
&
Grow**

Women's Bible Study Resumes

Mark your calendars to join us on **Saturdays, September 15th and 22nd at 8:30 AM** for a study through the 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 September we will study the Fruit of Joy and Peace. 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. We meet in the Conference Room located in the church office area.



Mark your calendars to join us in October on Saturdays the 20th and 27th. In November we will meet on the 3rd and 17th; in December on the 1st and the 15th. This is a wonderful opportunity to be refreshed and grow in faith with fellow sisters in Christ.

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

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

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

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

† **Men's Breakfast 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 **September**, Men's Breakfast Bible Study will meet on **the 8th and 22nd**.



SUNDAY SCHOOL IS STARTING

Sunday, September 9th at 9:15 AM will be the first day of Sunday School. This year our Sunday School is limited to three levels of students: NURSERY (ages 0-3), PK-K, and GRADES 1-3. Children in fourth grade and above are encouraged to join the Sunday School as helpers OR attend Adult Bible Study with their parents. Registration forms are available in the Gathering Room. You can also register your children online by visiting ilutheran.org, click on the GROW button, click on Sunday School, then click on the Sunday School Registration button at the bottom of the page. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Sims, Sunday School Secretary at jenlsims24@gmail.com.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL GETS
UNDERWAY**

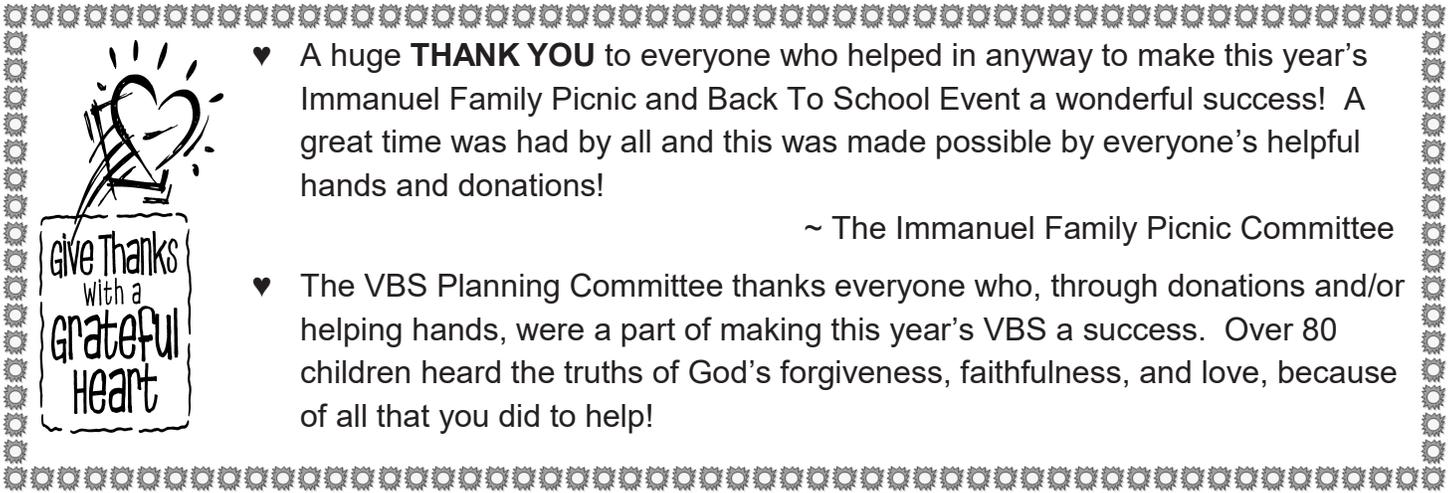
**Thanks,
Everyone!**



On behalf of the church council I would like to express my thanks to all those who helped with the various projects we had at church and school this summer. At school we had new heating and air conditioning units installed upstairs. We had new flooring installed throughout the school which looks great and has the school logo in the main hall. We had lots of painting done in the school. The school is ready for another great year.

At the parsonage we had the first floor wood floors refinished. Some of the members from Ladies of Immanuel then went through and thoroughly cleaned the whole house. We are in the final stages of having another bathroom added in the basement. The parsonage will be used by Brian and Allison Lee who will be house parents for some international students who will be attending MLHS.

~ Larry Verlinden
Church Council President





- ♥ A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped in anyway to make this year's Immanuel Family Picnic and Back To School Event a wonderful success! A great time was had by all and this was made possible by everyone's helpful hands and donations!
~ The Immanuel Family Picnic Committee
- ♥ The VBS Planning Committee thanks everyone who, through donations and/or helping hands, were a part of making this year's VBS a success. Over 80 children heard the truths of God's forgiveness, faithfulness, and love, because of all that you did to help!



Immanuel's parsonage is full again. We should expect many comings and goings of the international students and their house parents, Brian and Allison Lee. Please introduce yourself to them when you see them at church. We are planning on having a more formal welcome for them soon. Look for more, upcoming information in the bulletin. There will be a gift card/pantry shower for them. They will be in need of food gift cards, especially to grocery stores as well as paper/pantry goods.

Let's give them a warm Manty welcome!



Two New Mom Programs start in September:



- ♥ **Mornings with Mommy** is a fun, mom & child play date with activities, songs, crafts & snacks. We meet the **first Thursday of the month from 10:00-11:00 AM.**
- ♥ **Mornings with Jesus** is where kids play & moms pray. We'll start with an opening kid's message followed by supervised playtime while the moms have a 30-minute bible study and finish with a snack. *We would love to see "experienced" moms/grandmas there too to share your insights and wisdom.* This will be the **third Thursday of the month, 10:00-11:00 AM.** We'll meet in the lower level Fellowship Hall in the church for both events and both are **open to all so bring a friend!** Questions, contact Jaimie Carlson at 920-242-4286.

NEW MOMS GROUPS at IMMANUEL

Join us on the first and third Thursdays of the month for two new programs for children and caregivers.



**FUN + FREE
MOM and CHILD PLAYDATE**

- Thematic, Hands-on activities
- Games, songs, and crafts
- Meet local friends

Ages birth to 5
Snack provided at conclusion.
**1st Thursday of the Month
10:00-11:00am**

KIDS PLAY MOMS PRAY

- Opening kid's message + song
 - Supervised playtime
 - 30 minute mother's Bible study, discussion and prayer
- Snack provided at conclusion.
**3rd Thursday of the Month
10:00-11:00am**



MORNINGS WITH JESUS



Mornings with Mommy - Manitowoc
Like us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up-to-date with announcements and events!



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School News

Our mission is to **assist** the families of our **congregation** and our **community**, in **raising** their children to **know and serve the Lord Jesus**, for time and eternity, through a **Christ-centered and academically excellent** education.

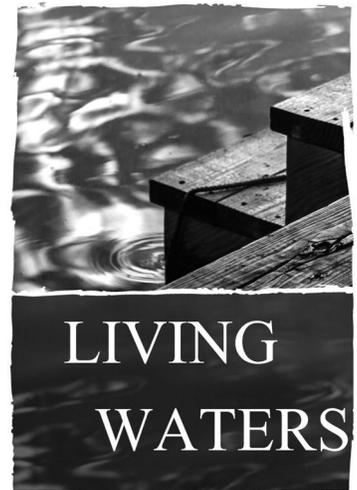
RIPPLE EFFECT

Have you ever thrown a pebble in a pond or lake? It has a ripple effect doesn't it? You see ripples and waves radiating from where the rock or pebble landed in the water. What kind of ripple effect will you have with your friends at school this year? What kind of ripple effect will you have on your church family this year? Will you be a positive influence on the people around you or a negative one?

The Lord wants us to shine our light continually for him in our life. Share God's love and have a ripple effect on all the people that we interact with. In our classroom, in the hallways, on the playground, in the library, throughout all of our conversations we will have a ripple effect on the people around us. What ripple effect do you have at soccer, volleyball, and cross-country practices? You have the opportunity this year to be a person of encouragement and joy from the Lord. You have the opportunity to show patience and self-control this year. These ripples showing concern and being a good friend to one another show the love that Christ had for us. Shown by our actions, our faith from the Holy Spirit can have a wonderful ripple effect on all of our friends and classmates.

Let's start our school year off with a huge stone landing in the living water of the Gospel and Good News and having a ripple effect the whole year. See you at the lake of Living Waters skipping your stones for the Lord!!! ☺

~Mrs. Karen Kehl



THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS PROGRAM

Has your group, classroom, organization thought of applying to Thrivent Financial for help to fund a project? No mention of using the Thrivent Action Teams Program has been heard of in quite some time at Immanuel. We have Advent meals and Lenten meals, Christmas activities, and school activities coming up in the near future. To learn more and apply for a Thrivent Action Kit, a Thrivent member should visit www.thrivent.com/actionteam. If you're not a Thrivent member there are many of us around church, just ask around. The kit contains much helpful information about conducting events or projects, along with a credit card loaded with \$250 to use toward supplies, promotions, etc. for your event, if approved. Check it out!



~ Sandy Stadelman

Enjoy great fun and fellowship for your whole family at Camp Phillip's 5k run/walk.

This year we have added a 1K for children ages 10 years and younger.

The 5K Fun Run/Walk raises a portion of the funds that Camp Phillip uses to provide discounts and camperships to hundreds of campers per year.



Here are some of the details:

- * \$35 registration fee (\$5 for the 1K) includes lunch after the run.
- * Options include lodging on Saturday eve and/or meals on Saturday eve and Sunday morning.
- * Check-in is from 10:30 AM till 11:15 AM in the Camp Phillip Dining Hall.
- * Come early and catch our Camp Phillip worship service in the Dining Hall at 9:30 AM.
- * The 1K starts at 11:15 AM, the 5K at 11:30 AM and closes at 1:15 PM.

To get more detailed information and to register, head to www.campphillip.com/5K.

Any questions about the entire weekend which is Fall Family Camp, lodging or 1K/5K run/walk registration, contact Camp Phillip at office@campphillip.com or 920-787-3202.

Do you love Camp Phillip but are not able to make the race? That is okay! Donations are always appreciated and are also necessary in making camp RUN! You can send donations to Camp Phillip at W9944 Buttercup Avenue, Wautoma, WI 54982.

SUPPORT ERIC TROGE'S "A GREAT LAKE FOR A GREAT CAUSE"

Eric Troge recently retired after 43 years as a WELS teacher and principal. To celebrate his retirement, he is riding his bike around Lake Michigan. The goal of the ride is to fundraise for the new lodge being built at Camp Phillip.

Camp Phillip is one of Eric's favorite places. Over the years he has taken many classes of school children to Camp Phillip. His grandchildren are summer campers here and in 2018 one of his grandsons was a junior counselor.

God has blessed Camp Phillip with record breaking summer camper numbers to the point where some weeks were completely filled and children were not able to attend.

The new lodge will provide more lodging, handicap facilities and meeting space. Although outside construction is nearing completion, funds are still needed to complete the interior, plumbing, electrical, fire suppression and furnishings. To learn more about Eric's plans, check out the [Great Lake for a Great Cause webpage](#).

Here is Eric's challenge and his request: he is going to start riding north from Ludington, Michigan, on August 29th and will finish sometime in early September on the west shore. If you would like to support him in his cause, please read about the project [Camp Phillip Lodge](#) and consider donating directly to the [Great Lake for a Great Cause Fund](#). If you would like to follow Eric's bike ride around Lake Michigan, simply email him at erictroge@gmail.com and he will add you to the list for a daily update to track his progress.

God's blessings to you!

Handbells Needs Ringers

Let us **REJOICE** and ring together! If you can count and read musical notes then Handbell Choir would be a wonderful way for you to ring praises to our LORD! Please consider joining the Handbell Choir we need more ringers. Our practice time is on **Sundays right after 2nd service**. Our first practice is scheduled for **Sunday, September 16th at 11:45 AM**. I look forward to glorifying the Lord in music together with you!

~ Kathy Gast



Join Choir

We would love to have you join the Immanuel Senior Choir. And no, you do not have to be a senior to belong! **Anyone, high school age or above is welcome to join**. Use your God-given vocal talents (strong or even not-so-strong) to praise your Lord in song! We meet every **Wednesday at 7pm** in the Music Room in the basement of church. Rehearsals will start on **September 26th**.

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

We are heading into a new season, fall is coming and a new routine has started. Book Discussions will be starting up again this month. Everyone is invited to read and discuss the selected book of the month. It is a way to try books by new authors or different genres. The discussions are very relaxed with lively discussion. If you are interested, books can be picked up by contacting Ellie Waege at 482-0906.

I now have all the purchases from the library conference available in the library for check out. *I'm A Christian Even At Work* by Jerry L Poppe can be found in non-fiction 261.85. Christian business leaders must remember they are still Christians even at work. Employees will gain a better understanding of the challenges that management faces and will be led to better serve their employer in the Lord's name.

The Taste of Home Church Suppers is now available. Whenever people come together in fellowship and friendship, food is at the center of the celebration. This book has over 308 recipes which would be suitable for church gatherings. You're sure to find just the perfect dish.

Tracie Peterson seems to be a popular author in our Church Library so I purchased the first book in the *Heart of Alaska Series*, *In The Shadow of Denali*. Cassidy and her father, a mountain guide, work at the prestigious Carry Hotel near the foot of Mt. McKinley (Denali). Meanwhile, as the hotel prepares for a visit from the President, Allen travels to the hotel to be an apprentice mountain guide. Allen's father died on the mountains years earlier and some say the seasoned mountain guide is to blame. The mountain guide is Cassidy's father. Allen wants to find out the truth. Cassidy becomes an unlikely ally as they try to unravel this mystery.

In *The Story People* by Heather Kaufman, Ben inherits his uncle's bookstore. Ben has a secure career and a built-in home, but he doesn't have contentment. As Ben looks ahead to the next chapter of his life, some well-meaning customers scheme to keep him in town by finding him a proper wife on THEIR terms.

~ Laura Rozoff



Member News



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

- † **Those in school this fall**—that they may also continue in the wisdom of Jesus.
- † **Our School & Staff**—that they may grow academically and spiritually.
- † **Manitowoc Lutheran High School**—that it may continue to train youth in a Christ-centered atmosphere.

Pastoral Acts

Transfer In

Madeline Barbier & daughter
Amelia Robinson
from Bethany, Manitowoc

Transfer Out

Phil Goldbeck & family
to Bethany, Manitowoc

Weddings

Rachel Winter & Josh Severeld
July 28, 2018

Funerals

John Stadelman
August 13, 2018

Gifts and Memorials

- ♥ Memorials: \$50
- ♥ Church Picnic: \$1195
- ♥ School Improvements: \$9300



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
- Timothy Lindloff, Board of Education

9/02/2018

- 8:00 AM—Daryl & Lisa Kliment
- 10:30 AM—Fred & Barbara Heiderich

9/09/2018

- 8:00 AM—Bea Buss & Harriet Kappelman
- 10:30 AM—Karen Kehl

9/16/2018

- 8:00 AM—Nick & Barbara Nitka
- 10:30 AM—Gary & Lynn Markowski

9/23/2018

- 8:00 AM—Mark & Joanne Gaedtke
- 10:30 AM—Judy Fuerbringer

9/30/2018

- 8:00 AM—Ron & Lynn Strzyzewski
- 10:30 AM—Open



Greeters
Schedule

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THIS MONTH

9/02/2018 Early—Team 4

9/02/2018 Late—Team 7

9/06/2018 Team 11—6:30 PM

9/09/2018 Early—Team 1

9/09/2018 Late—Team 8

9/13/2018 Team 12—6:30 PM

9/16/2018 Early—Team 1A

9/16/2018 Late—Team 5

9/20/2018 Team 9—6:30 PM

9/23/2018 Early—Team 2

9/23/2018 Late—Team 6

9/27/2018 Team 10—6:30 PM

9/30/2018 Early—Team 3

9/30/2018 Late—Team 7



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Worship Schedule

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

Jesus Cares Worship

Monday, September 10th—6:30 PM

Devotional Service

Friday, September 28th —11:00 AM

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