



The Immanuel Echo

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WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR FALL REFUSE

Do you have a favorite place to visit in the fall? I'm guessing THIS ONE isn't on your top ten list... my kids used to really enjoy going to the landfill with me. Why in the world was a stinky, messy, growing eyesore so fun? They loved climbing into the back of the truck and throwing sticks, leaves, grass and broken furniture into that enormous pit.

Oddly enough, in a way God invites you to treat HIM like a landfill. He encourages you this fall to *"Cast ALL your anxiety on him because he cares for you!"* (1 Peter. 5:7). "Pile it up!, Keep it coming! I can take it! Cover ME with it!"

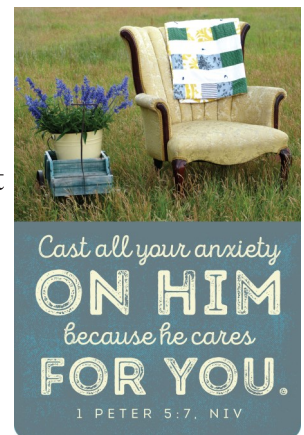
Of course the refuse God is asking you to cover him with is your anxiety. Your worry about what's next. The stresses from what's going on right now. The burdens weighing on you from the past. Everything that tends to pile up and make life feel like an endless battle. All the things that press down on you and cause pain, on the outside and inside.

God says he wants you to take all of those things, EVERY ONE, and "Throw it on me!" He wants your burdens and he wants your guilt because he wants you to be able to hold up under the stress of the present. He wants you to enjoy some certainty about your future.

I know it doesn't sound pleasant to throw these things on God. But it's all he wants from you. He's already taken so much – Jesus bore the sins of the ENTIRE world when he died on the cross. He didn't drop a single one. He didn't leave anyone out so that they're left carrying their own.

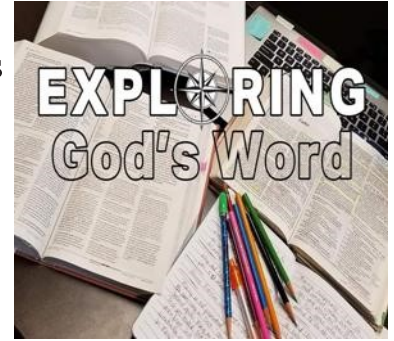
If you know someone who tends to help others so much it seems like they don't have any time left for themselves, then you know a tiny bit better about how God feels about all this. It's filled with love! So overflowing with love that no matter how many of your burdens you pile on him, his love will still spill all over you through Jesus. So don't be afraid. Go ahead and pile up ALL your fall refuse on him. Cast ALL your anxiety on him because he really, truly, cares for you.

~ Pastor Matt Zimpelmann



Sunday Family Bible Study

Join us for Family Bible Study on Sunday mornings between worship services to dig deeper into God's truths for us in our lives. During challenging times and joyful times, we learn to fix our eyes on Jesus, His truths, how vital He is in our lives, and our eternal future. Each week we explore a different topic so join us anytime. God has so much to tell us, to help us, at all times!

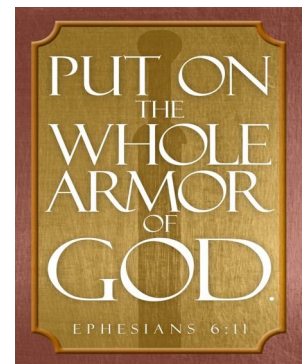


Our study is taught in a relaxed, family atmosphere. All ages are welcome! There are activity pages for the children that correlate with the lesson being studied, and they participate in the beginning of Bible study with their parents. At 9:50am, children are welcome to go with a teacher to the room across the hall. There they learn and explore the same portion of God's Word through felt board, video, crafts, etc. and sing praises to Jesus. At 10:10am the children are brought back to their parents in Bible study. Parents have the option of their children staying with them for all of Bible study; in this case parents with little ones may wish to bring along a snack or coloring book for them.

Our Bible study is held in the Fellowship Hall (church basement) from 9:20 AM to 10:15 AM.

Women's Bible Study—Ephesians

Our Bible Study exists to nurture, encourage, and equip women to faithfully and fully use their God-given gifts to glorify God. **Mark your calendars to join us on Saturdays, October 7th and 21st at 9:00 AM.** Women of all ages are invited to join us for Women's Bible Study. We meet in the Conference Room in the church office.



We are currently enjoying a study of Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Paul wrote his letter to the Ephesians while he was a prisoner and in it he reminded them of what God's great power and grace has done for all believers...that means you too! Paul also helps us to understand what our response should be to God's amazing grace.

Bring your Bible, if you don't have one, please let me know and we will supply you with one. There is a study guide and we will also be using The People's Bible Galatians / Ephesians book for reference as well. We have copies of both available. If you are planning to join us or have any questions, please contact Judy Fuerbringer at 920-973-3355 or judynglenn@ameritech.net. ***Join us to be refreshed!!!***

Opportunities for Men

Here are several opportunities for all the men to grow in God's Word!

† **Men's Prayer Group** meets on **Tuesdays, October 3rd and 17th at 7:30 AM** in the Gathering Room.

† **Men's Bible Study**— **Saturday, October 7th—8:00 AM** at Grace Lutheran and on **Saturdays, September 14th and 28th—8:00 AM** at 1st German Lutheran

"For where two or three gather in My name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20



Esther Circle Meeting

Esther Circle is the group that takes care of the altar area of church. We also set up the special displays for Lent, Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Our next meeting is on **Sunday, October 22nd at 11:45 AM, following the late worship service.** We will meet in the Music Room located in the lower level of church. **We are in need of more help!**

If you are interested in finding out more about Esther Circle or interested in helping, please join us for our meeting (no commitment required) or contact Judy Fuerbringer at 920-973-3355, with any questions.



Proverbs 3:9-10 - "Giving Back to God"

Proverbs 3:9-10 is a passage from the Book of Proverbs that emphasizes the importance of giving and honoring God with our wealth. It states, "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." This passage teaches us that giving generously to God is not only an act of obedience but also a way to experience God's blessings in our lives.

By acknowledging God as the source of our wealth and offering Him the first and best of what we have, we demonstrate our trust and reliance on Him. It also states that when we give willingly and generously, God will bless us abundantly, filling our lives with abundance and prosperity. Proverbs 3:9-10 reminds us that giving is not only an act of obedience but also a path to experiencing God's faithfulness and provision in our lives.

Blessings on your month,
~ Tom Wurm, Financial Secretary



GRIEF SHARE SESSION

GriefShare is a support ministry to help people who are grieving the loss of a loved one whether recent or in the past. Each session is about 2 hours long. There is a short video on various topics presented by mental health experts who have also gone through the grieving process. This is followed by group discussion time. Between each weekly session there is a workbook that has daily exercises that point you to God's Word and help you work through your grief.



A new session of GriefShare has just begun and **will continue meeting Wednesdays thru November 22nd**. We meet at Immanuel **from 5:30 to 7:30 PM** in the church Conference Room. If you are interested in getting more information or know someone who we should personally invite, please contact Larry Verlinden at 920-323-2297 or verlinden@comcast.net. More information and registration is available online at the GriefShare website, griefshare.org. There is a charge of \$20 per person which is to cover the cost of workbooks. Anyone is welcome to join the group at any time during the session. Please share this information with a family member and/or friend who is grieving the loss of a loved one.

LWMS Shoreline Circuit Bringing God's Kingdom to the Kingdom of Thailand

Matthew 6:10 "Thy Kingdom Come"

WHEN: Saturday, October 14th
WHERE: St. John's Lutheran Church —
3607 45th Street (HWY V) Two Rivers
REGISTRATION: 8:00 AM—9:00 AM
RALLY: 9:00 AM to 12:15 PM
LUNCH/FELLOWSHIP: to follow the rally

PRESENTER: Pastor Mark Zondag
Pastor Zondag graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in May 2021 and was assigned to join the WELS Asia One Team in Thailand. Hear from Pastor Zondag about his ministry. **Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!**

There will also be a display from the **Thai Village** with items available to purchase. These items are made by our Thai members who have been taught a trade or art and are able to provide for their families using these skills. Only cash & personal checks.

For more information, contact Judy Abel at 920-851-9880.



Participate in Immanuel's **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

Professional family portraits at our church!

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[infocusphotography.org/
immanuel-lutheran-church](http://infocusphotography.org/immanuel-lutheran-church)



Or Scan Here!

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Schedule your appointment.

Appointments will be held at Immanuel Lutheran

October 18th, 23rd-24th—2:00-7:00 PM
Thursday, November 30th—2:00-6:30 PM

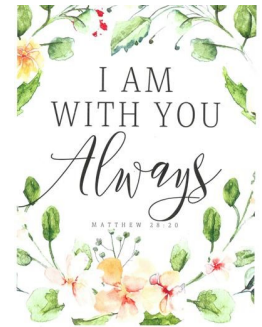
Please allow for a minimum of 40 minutes for your appointment to view and select your photo(s)

Any questions, please contact Judy Fuerbringer—920-973-3355

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.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The 2023-24 school year began on Wednesday, August 23rd, with an opening chapel service led by Pastor Bowe on our school theme, “**I Am with You Always.**” We currently have 146 students enrolled in our school for the 2023-24 school year. This is up from 141 students last school year. There are 125 students in grades K-8 with an additional 21 students in our preschool program. We also have a number of families who have enrolled or are planning to enroll in our God + Me class with Pastor Zimpelmann. The Lord’s harvest field in Manitowoc continues to be ripe! We thank God for continuing to bless the work being done through our church, school, and preschool!



CHALLENGES = OPPORTUNITIES

The increase in our enrollment over the past several years has certainly been a blessing, but it has also brought some challenges which, in turn, have brought increased opportunities for reaching out to our community with the Gospel. This school year, our 5th and 6th grades are being taught in a multi-grade classroom with a combined enrollment of 25 students. Next year, we are projecting that our 5th and 6th grades will have 37 students combined. With larger classes continuing to move up through our lower grades, the Board of Education is recommending that we call a new teacher in order to split those grades next year. Since we already have students on a waiting list for those grades, we are praying that adding a teacher will provide even more students the opportunity to enroll in our school so that they, too, can learn more about their Savior.



If the Lord blesses us with an additional teacher, that presents an additional challenge of finding classroom space for the new class. We are currently using every available classroom in our school building. In addition, we are also using the entire basement under the offices as our library and wrap-around care area. While arrangements can be made to provide classroom space on a temporary basis, we are studying the feasibility of adding three additional classrooms and a larger gathering space near the gymnasium to meet the expanding needs of our church, school and preschool. Please keep these challenges and opportunities in your thoughts and prayers as we strive to be the best stewards of the Lord’s blessings.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Our gracious God has certainly showered his blessings on our church and school through the workers that He has called to serve at Immanuel. We especially thank the Lord of the Church for sending Ms. Alexandria Conrad to serve as our new first grade teacher at Immanuel. We are excited for her to join our ministry team! When Ms. Conrad was assigned in May, her call was issued as a one-year call so that she could wrap up some loose ends that were tied to her licensure. We are happy to announce that she has completed the necessary requirements from MLC, and the Synod's assignment committee has made her call here at Immanuel permanent! Please continue to keep all of our faculty and staff in your thoughts and prayers this school year!



- ▶ **October 7th**—B-Team Volleyball Tournament at Wayside
- ▶ **October 14th**—A-Team Volleyball Tournament at various schools
- ▶ **October 15th**—A-Team Volleyball Tournament at MLHS
- ▶ **October 26th-27th**—WI State Teachers Conference-no school

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION—PIE

Partners in Education (PIE) is a parent organization that plans social events and fundraising for Immanuel School. Serving this school year as contact person is Jaimie Carlson.

This year, our fundraiser is for LED lighting in the north classrooms. The cost is \$18,000. Please prayerfully consider donating by contributing at the church office or attending our Trivia Night fundraiser on Saturday, November 4th.

UPCOMING EVENTS—2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR—Mark your calendars!

OCTOBER

- ◆ **4th—Wednesday—Pastries with Parents/Caregivers—Kindergarten thru 2nd grade**
- ◆ **5th—Thursday—6:30 PM—PIE Meeting—All are welcome!**
- ◆ **29th—Sunday—3:30 PM to 4:30 PM—Trunk or Treat**

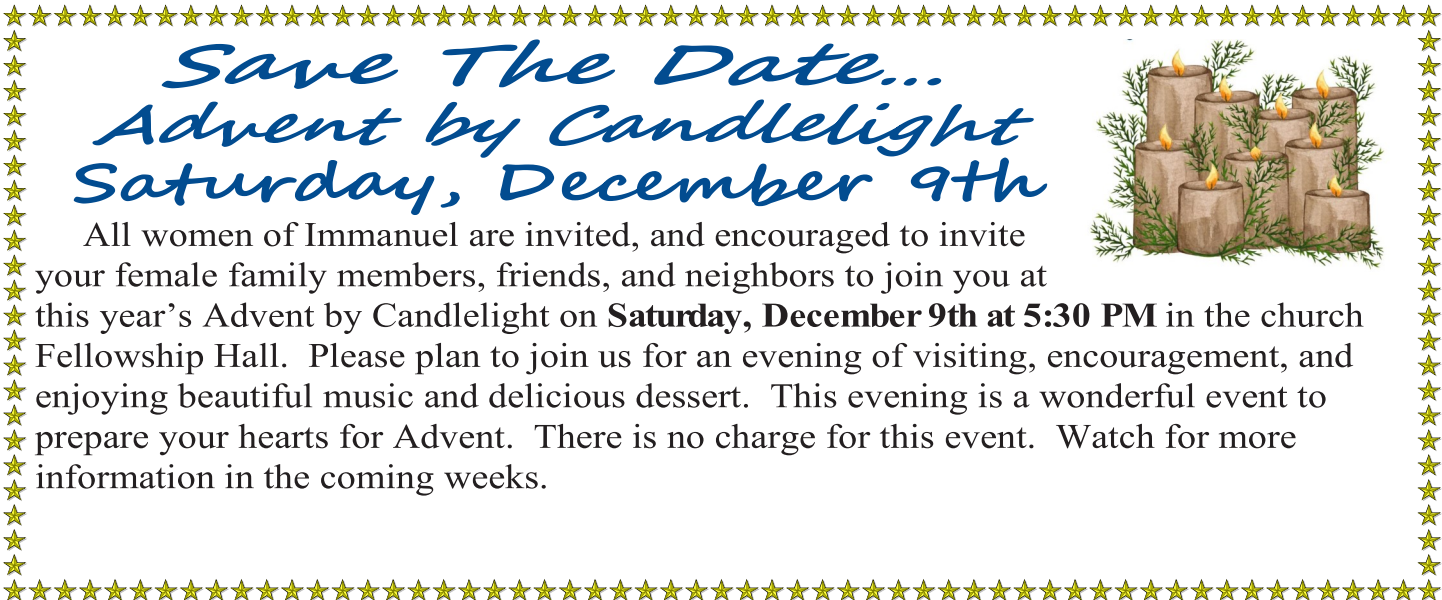
NOVEMBER

- ◆ **4th—Saturday—6:30 PM—Trivia Night at Harrigan's Gathering Center—funds raised will be used for LED lighting in the north classrooms.**

Thank you for your support!

Please contact Jaimie Carlson at 920-242-4286 to see how you can assist with our events. We are looking for parent volunteers for the many events we have planned. Our events help give back to the school, create social events for students and parents and support the staff.

We are looking forward to a great year!!!



**Save The Date...
Advent by Candlelight
Saturday, December 9th**



All women of Immanuel are invited, and encouraged to invite your female family members, friends, and neighbors to join you at this year’s Advent by Candlelight on **Saturday, December 9th at 5:30 PM** in the church Fellowship Hall. Please plan to join us for an evening of visiting, encouragement, and enjoying beautiful music and delicious dessert. This evening is a wonderful event to prepare your hearts for Advent. There is no charge for this event. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
ENDOWMENT FUND**

Immanuel Lutheran Endowment Fund (ILEF) founded in 2003

**“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” Hebrews 13:16**



What is an Endowment?

An endowment is money that is given or set aside as a permanent fund to meet special, designated for emergency needs not met through current income. An endowment is meant to last in perpetuity and only the income or a specific percentage of the market value should be expended each year. The endowment is a lasting legacy by members or friends of the church to continue their giving for the ministry of the church after they are gone. Planned gifts, such as bequests, life income arrangements, and gifts of real property or other appreciated assets, can grow into substantial endowment funds that nourish and sustain local church ministries well into the future.

An Endowment Funds Says That Your Church:

- † Believes in the future
- † Wishes to be guided in stewardship by the belief that all we have is from God
- † Wants to build a sense of permanence
- † Desires as a church family to be good stewards even as we expect each members to be a good steward
- † Wishes to go the extra mile in providing new services and programs
- † Wants to create a legacy for future generations.

If you have questions about the Immanuel Lutheran Endowment Fund (ILEF), please contact someone from the Endowment Committee or email us at endowment@ilutheran.org. Endowment Fund brochures, contribution envelopes, and bookmarks are available at the Welcome/Information Center in the Gathering Room at church.

Committee Members:

Greg Schmill, Chairperson Tony Dick, Secretary Dave Nickels, ECHO articles
Scott Stuckmann, Treasurer Judy Gueldner, Grant Request Coordinator



OKTOBERFEST

WHEN: Sunday, October 29th

WHERE: Immanuel after 10:30 AM Service

Come and join us for **Oktoberfest**. Enjoy music by Jerry Krueger along with some classic Oktoberfest food, fellowship and samples of Oktoberfest beer/root beer. Meat and beverages will be provided. Please bring a favorite dish to pass.

TO HELP.

We will be utilizing signupgenius.com again for people bringing a dish to pass and to sign up to help set up and clean up afterwards. More information will be in the upcoming Sunday bulletins.

DO YOU LIKE SCRAPBOOKING?



Open Scrapbooking for members and friends. Join us on **Saturday, October 21st, from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM**. Come for all day or part of the day. We are having a Potluck lunch and snacks to share, bring own beverages. There is plenty of room to spread out your projects. Any questions contact Toni @ 920-901-2725. This event is for adults and anyone in high school.



Come to **Mornings with Mommy—Manitowoc** for some fun with your little ones and fellowship with other moms and caregivers, **Thursday, October 12th from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM**. This month our theme is **ALL THINGS FALL!**. Join us for a fun and interactive play date—a place where moms and caregivers can mingle with each other and enjoy activities with their children. Activities, geared towards birth to 5 year olds and their caregivers include: hands-on activities,

engaging crafts, sensory play, story time, songs, and snacks. Meet new friends and Moms in a welcoming environment!

We meet in the Fellowship Hall, located in the lower level of Immanuel church. Please contact Andrea at 715-220-1439 or aldolan@gmail.com with any questions and to secure your spot. Feel free to invite a friend too! You can also fill out the form on our **Facebook page—Mornings with Mommy-Manitowoc**.

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.

Pastoral Acts



Baptisms

Grant John Menges

Gifts and Memorials

♥ Many thanks for the gifts of love for our Savior Jesus Christ for Immanuel



Serving Our Lord

2023 Church Council

God has richly blessed our family of faith with so many gifted people. One of the ways in which God's people have been gifted to serve is in the area of servant-leadership. So that your leaders are available for you to contact with ideas, encouragements, or concerns, we've listed the names of your Church Council here. Feel free to also use the following e-mail address to contact the entire Council: council@lutheran.org. (One e-mail sent to that address reaches all the Council members with e-mail.)

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OCTOBER GREETERS

10/01/2023

8:00 AM— Daryl & Lisa Kliment

10:30 AM— Matt & Jaimie
 Carlson Family

10/08/2023

8:00 AM— Mark & Joanne
 Gaedtke

10:30 AM— Judy Fuerbringer

10/15/2023

8:00 AM— Julie Denfeld
 10:30 AM— Larry & Linda Verlinden

10/22/2023

8:00 AM— Greg & Renee Schmill
 10:30 AM— Gina Zimpelmann & Sherl James

10/29/2023

8:00 AM— Judy Fuerbringer
 10:30 AM— Jerome & Germaine Krueger



THIS MONTH USHERS

10/22/23

10/01/23 Early—Team 2

10/01/23 Late—Team 7

10/05/23 6:30 PM—Team 12

10/08/23 Early—Team 3

10/08/23 Late—Team 8

10/12/23 6:30 PM—Team 10

10/15/23 Early—Team 4

10/15/23 Late—Team 9

10/19/23 6:30 PM—Team 11

Early—Team 5

10/22/23 Late—Team 6

10/26/23 6:30 PM—Team 12

10/29/23 Early—Team 1

10/29/23 Late—Team 7





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