



December 15, 2016

*“PREPARING KIDS FOR TOMORROW”*

#### STANDING FIRM IN CHRIST...I CAN'T BE SHAKEN!

This past week's chapel service was led by our Little Ark and Kindergarten students. They presented an Advent service filled with joy and song. Our next chapel service on January 4 and will be led by Mr. Bower.



#### CHAPEL OFFERINGS

This 2nd trimester's chapel offerings are being used to help support Phil's Friends. Phil's Friends is a Christian nonprofit organization founded by two-time cancer survivor Phil Zielke. Phil's Friends is committed to bringing support and hope to those affected by cancer in the United States. They reach out through care packages, weekly cards, and prayer.



#### CHILI'S GIVE BACK PROGRAM

While out doing your Christmas shopping, stop by Chili's and enjoy a meal out. Your business will benefit Operation Christmas Child as 15% of your bill will be donated. This program runs through December 31. Pliers are available in the office and the back of the Church.

#### KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

Mrs. Koenig and Mrs. Lawin want to thank the volunteers who so lovingly help out every month at Kids of the Kingdom meetings. They so enjoy your precious children and love watching them serve others in so many ways. This year Kids of the Kingdom celebrates 25 years at Immanuel. Many of our former Kids continue to make a difference in this world. We are after all His hands and feet. Thank-you for your support.

#### GREAT NEWS!

Our church's Bible study library is now digital and gigantic! Join for free. You should soon receive an invitation e-mail to register for RightNow Media. Click the "Get Started" button in the email, create your profile, then explore what is available. If you don't receive your invite soon, contact Monica Wolowiec at [mwolowiec@immanuelcl.org](mailto:mwolowiec@immanuelcl.org).

#### CLASSES DISMISS FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK DECEMBER 16 AT 11:30 AM



#### 5TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

On Wednesday, January 11, ILS will host a meeting in the Library entitled "Welcome to Middle School." From 7:00 pm—8:00 pm, students and parents will hear about the changes, expectations, and opportunities that the students moving into the middle school next year will face. The middle school teachers will be present to share and answer questions. This is a great opportunity to meet the middle school staff and learn about what to expect.

#### 8TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

On Wednesday, January 18, ILS will host a meeting with counselors from area high schools who will discuss, "Transitioning Into High School." Discussions will center on making that smooth transition from a middle school environment to a larger and more complex high school setting. This meeting will take place in the Library beginning at 7:00 pm.

#### IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

December 16	School Dismissed at 11:30; Christmas Break begins
December 18	Congregational Meeting
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship 2 pm, 4 pm in the Commons; 8pm, 10 pm at the Historic Church
December 25	Christmas Worship 10 am in the Commons
January 3	Classes Resume
January 6—8	Route 31 Basketball Tournament

#### CONGREGATIONAL Q & A MEETING

On Sunday, December 18, Immanuel Lutheran Church will hold a congregational meeting to discuss the 2017 Church Budget. The meeting will take place following the 11:00 worship service that day.

#### VOTERS MEETING

On Sunday, January 15: On Sunday, January 15, following the 11:00 worship service., Immanuel will hold their annual Voters Meeting with the primary purpose being the approval of the 2017 Budget.

#### JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Jump Rope for Heart is coming to Immanuel Lutheran School on February 16 and 17. On these days, students will be jumping rope to help save lives through the American Heart Association. Last year we raised enough to save 45 lives. Every \$50 we raise helps save 1 life. Our goal this year is to save 50 lives. Mr. Lapp will be introducing and running this year's Jump Rope for Heart event. This year the "Zoo Crew" is helping us Go Wild for heart health! Look for information to come home with your child. Any questions? Contact Mr. Lapp.



## BASKETBALL



This past week has been a tough week for Panther Basketball. The Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys both lost to Immanuel Dundee. The JV Boys were the winners as they defeated Immanuel Dundee. On Thursday, December 15, the JV Girls, Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys teams play Zion, Marengo at home beginning at 4:00.

## ROUTE 31 TOURNAMENT IS COMING

The 8th Annual Route 31 Invitational Varsity Basketball Tournament is gearing up to start on Friday, January 6 at 3:00 pm. Teams from Illinois, Missouri, and Wisconsin will be participating. Both the boys and the girls will be playing. The host schools are Immanuel—Crystal Lake and Immanuel—Dundee. Plan to schedule time to come and watch some quality grade school basketball. If you are interesting in volunteering to help with this event, contact Mr. Lapp at [dlapp@immanuelcl.org](mailto:dlapp@immanuelcl.org).

## AMAZONSMILE

AmazonSmile is a simple way to support Immanuel while doing your online Christmas shopping! Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to shop—you'll find the exact same low prices as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price back to Immanuel. The first time you use AmazonSmile just put Immanuel Lutheran Church Crystal Lake in as your charity. Millions of products are eligible for donations—you will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.

## WANT A FUNDRAISER THAT EVERYONE LOVES?

Purchase gift cards through Manna! A designated percentage of every card sold will go to your family account and can be used at any time, and another percentage goes to the school, so you get the cards you want for shopping, dining, movies, golfing, gas, hotels, Visa cards, the list goes on and on, to use for yourself or to give as gifts. Not a school family? You can designate the profit to a school family, or just to the school. Please stop by the Manna table in the foyer and check it out!



## CALLING ALL CRAFTERS AND VENDORS!!

Our annual Spring Spotlight Craft & Vendor Fair is Friday, March 3rd from 6—9 pm. If you would like to display your crafts or business, please contact Marlene at [marlene\\_mcginnis2000@yahoo.com](mailto:marlene_mcginnis2000@yahoo.com). Registration forms are also available in the office

## HONORS BAND DATE ANNOUNCED

Mark the date for this year's Honors Band Festival --Saturday April 29th, 2017! Honors Band is a yearly event hosted by Music Education Services, bringing advanced students together to play challenging music. Students participate in a full day event with various conductors, sectionals, and a final concert. The band instrumentation and part placements will be suitable for advanced pieces, comparable to an Illinois Music Education Association district/all-state band. Students that participate in the Junior Honors Band and Senior Honors Band are chosen through a selection process. This process has been implemented to help the band have the very best sound and to better prepare our students for their high school band experience. Students chosen to participate in Honors Band will be notified by their director in February.



## LIBRARY CORNER



Mrs. Lawin would like to thank you all for your help and generosity in maintaining our beautiful school library. Give yourself a gift and take time to read the "Happy Birthday Jesus" story with your children or encourage them to read it to the family. Found in Luke, it is written by my favorite author and He loves us all! Merry Christmas! P.S. Books make a great gift!

## MOTHER/SON DATE NIGHT

February 18 at The Pointe. The school is in need of an organized person to coordinate this event for us. Please contact Ed Bower to sign up to be the point person on this special event for mothers and sons. Dads, don't worry... You'll get your daddy/daughter date night too.

## JEANS DAY FUNDRAISER

Immanuel Lutheran School will be hosting a Jeans Day fundraiser starting Jan. 3rd – Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> You are able to pre-pay \$1.00 a day for your child to be able to wear jeans the whole month of January. This will be for Monday - Thursday and students **MUST** still wear a uniform shirt. Fridays will remain normal spirit wear day. There are a total of 16 days available for Jeans Day. We are pleased to announce that this year; all proceeds will go to Family Accounts. Simply complete the form and return it to school with your payment beginning January 3, 2017.

