



Today's Message

"On the Road with the Little Children"

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New Here... Welcome!

If you are new to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, we would love to meet you! Be sure to stop by our "Connection Center" where a **welcome gift** is waiting for you, and thanks for sharing worship with us today!

What's Happening:

You can always keep in touch with what's happening by checking in at our website: www.immanuelcl.org

Connecting

A Connection card helps us to get to know you! We like to send a thank you for visiting us, and to help you find classes or connections that might best fit what you are looking for.

I'd like to Know More

We would love to answer your questions! Call the church office or email: stieman@immanuelcl.org

Service Times: Saturday Evenings, 6:00pm Historic Church • Sunday Mornings 8:00 - 9:30 - 11:00 Pathway Court *

SERMON NOTES

"I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." (Luke 18:17)

There are many child-like qualities that we as Christians of all ages would do well to embrace and cherish and hold onto all the days of our lives. Here are three of them:

I. THE ABILITY TO C_____ LIFE

- A. Some folks l_____ that as they get older.
- B. Ask a Kindergartener...
 - 1. Can you s_____?
 - 2. Can you d_____?
 - 3. Can you d_____?
- C. The answer is always, "Y____!"
- D. They believe everything is still possible for them!
- E. Ask yourself the same questions...
- F. Don't give in to c_____ and bitterness and c_____.

II. THE ABILITY TO M_____ AT GOD'S BLESSINGS

A. A walk in the yard with a t_____ would be filled with...

- 1. Amazement and w_____ and j_____ and gratitude.
- 2. Even e_____!

B. Compare that with the dis_____ farmer. (Earl Nightengale)

- 1. There was no e_____ in his life.
- 2. He was t_____ of his farm and his house and his existence.

C. We have the greatest d_____ in our own backyard!

D. God's r_____, God's blessings, are all around us!

III. THE ABILITY TO T_____

A. Jesus Christ came into the world to s_____ us.

B. And to tell us...

- 1. That we are not alone!
- 2. That we don't have to face the hard d_____ of life alone!

C. And to hold our h_____!

Memory Verse

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16)

MY NEXT STEPS . . .

*Reflect on Luke 18:16 this week.

*Sign up for a "Transformed" small group today!

Coming Up at >>



Immanuel

>> Sunday, August 20, 2017 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Touching Hearts and Transforming Lives with the Light of Jesus Christ...



BEGINNING NEXT WEEK!

WHAT IS TRANSFORMED?

TRANSFORMED is a church-wide seven session Campaign that will guide and grow you by exploring what the Bible has to say about every essential area of our lives: Spiritual, Physical, Mental, Emotional, Relational, Financial and Vocational.

The key message is the only way to truly change your life is to change the way you think. That is why the key verse for this series is Romans 12:1, "Do

not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind".

The study looks at the two key words in this statement, Conform and Transform.

What is the difference?

According to the dictionary, to conform means to "make or become the same" or "to behave in a conventional way by accepting, without questions, the customs traditions and prevailing opinions of others". In other words, to conform is to fit into somebody else's mold; it's to do things the way everybody else does.

On the other hand to transform means "Change the condition, function, nature, character or personality of something." CONFORM TRANSFORM Relates to behavior Relates to character Effect is from outside in The development is from inside out CONFORMING has to do with **BEHAVIOR**. TRANSFORMING has to do with **CHARACTER**.

CONFORMING is **FROM THE OUTSIDE IN**. TRANSFORMING is **FROM THE INSIDE OUT**.

The world is shouting for our attention with answers to our relationship struggles, solutions to our financial trouble, and explanations to our search for meaning. But the world's promises leave us empty and searching for more. God's will is the only answer that promises to TRANSFORM our lives from the inside out.

Let's be TRANSFORMED together. For more information, contact Pastor Bob Pudell bpudell@immanuelcl.org



Altar Flowers are in thanks and praise to the glory of our God for the Marts family, in celebration of Eric and Heather's anniversary. We celebrate the baptism of Caitlyn Mae Dorfner at the 9:30 service today!

***SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2017 FREE COMMUNITY CLINIC**



DINNER NIGHT OUT for Immanuel Lutheran School will be held at Chick-Fil-A on **Wednesday, August 23, from 11 am—7 pm**. Mention Immanuel Lutheran School when ordering and 25% will be donated back to school.



EXCITING OPPORTUNITY WITH MOPS! — Do you love little kiddos? Are you looking for a way to give back that fits nicely into a weekday schedule? Immanuel's MOPS (Mother of Preschoolers) program is in need of childcare volunteers for children ages 1-5, one to two times a month on Tuesday mornings from 9-11 am. This is a great way to give back while your kids are in school or during the prime hours of the day. Plus the work is rewarding and fun! Contact Allie Kreuz for more info at senorakreuz@gmail.com

rightnow MEDIA

Quality Kids Christian Programming: RightNow Media is a free, Netflix like Christian resource for adults and kids alike, which has age-appropriate kids' programming. All church members will be receiving an invitation to access RightNow Media. But, this free resource is open to *anyone*, so if you would like an invitation contact Laura at lgilleland@immanuelcl.org or in the church office.

Get the latest weekly Announcements, event postings, and information at: www.Immanuelcl.org

* Families with Young Children: Changing tables are found in the washrooms down the hall on the left of the worship area. Nursing Mom's room is located behind the desk in the Library (doors on the back wall of worship area).