"Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?" -Mt 6:26



Today's Message

"Prayer, Not Despair"

Rev. Larry Tieman Immanuel Lutheran Church

April 29, 2018

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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

<u>Connecting</u>

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.

<u>I'd like to Know More</u>

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 *

I. WORRY IS TIMELESS

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" (Matthew 6:25)

A. They just changed the t_____.

- 1. We still worry about f_____.
- 2. We still worry about our b_____.
- 3. We still worry about the f_____.

"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." (v. 34)

B. To worry is to have a d_____ mind, so Jesus says...

1. A_____ like a bird.

"Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" (v. 26)

Do the m_____

"And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?" (v.27)

C. There are two things you should never, ever worry about...

1. Never worry about the things you c____ change.

2. Never worry about the things you c_____ change.

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." (v. 33)

II. THE ROOT PROBLEM OF WORRY

"And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?" (vv. 28-30)

A. P____ Faith

"Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all." (31-32)

- B. Worry is p_____ atheism.
 - 1. There is a God.
 - 2. That God is in c_____ of my life.
 - 3. That God I_____ me and cares for me.
 - 4. Why w_____?
- III. THE SOLUTION IS PROPER FOCUS
 - A. Proper priorities promote p_____.
 - B. M_____ priorities multiply worry.
 - C. Specific prayers help keep a proper focus!

MY NEXT STEPS . . .

- Pray specifically today for whatever is causing you anxiety.
- Return next Sunday to learn more about finding peace even in the midst of chaos.

Coming Up at >>

>> Sunday, April 29, 2018 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

ILS Middle School Presents



May 11 & 12, 2018

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Hakuna Matata!

The beloved Disney story of The Lion King will come to life right here at Immanuel on Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12! Performances will begin at 7:00 pm on both nights with a matinee for seniors and pre-school children on Friday (May 11) morning at 9:00 am.

All performances will be held at the school location at 300 S Pathway Court Crystal Lake. Tickets for reserved seats for the 7:00 performances are available for \$5 for students and seniors and \$7 for adults at the school office beginning May 1st. For more information call the office at 815 459 1441.

This week we celebrate the Baptism of Lucas Daniel Westlund at the 11 am Worship Service. Altar Flowers are in celebration of Stan and Ruth Kottke's 50th wedding anniversary.

Senior Social—Patriotic& Illinois Bicentennial Celebration



Sunday, May 20

1:30—3:30 pm at The Pointe

Enjoy an afternoon of patriotism, entertainment and good ole' fashion summer picnic style refreshments.

We are looking forward to seeing you as we celebrate, enjoy fellowship, and have tons of fun!



VBS 2018 – REGISTRATION OPEN — Come sail away with us this summer and learn about Jesus through a "*Shipwrecked*" theme. Vacation Bible School will be June 18 – 22 with a worship service and celebration on Sunday, June 24. To find the Registration and Volunteer Forms, go to Immanuel's website at www.immanuelcl.org/family/vacation-bible-school or contact Laura Gilleland at <u>Igilleland@immanuelcl.org</u> for questions.

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April 8—May 20, 2018

Sunday at 9:30 am

Tot Time (1 & 2 Year Olds w/Parents) Sunday School (Age 3—5th Grade) Verge (6th Grade) Confirmation (7th - 8th Grades) High School (9-12 Grades)	Gym Classrooms Room 203 Multi-Purpose Room Youth Room
The Reason for God (Pastor Bob)	Library
God Connects	Art Room
Anxious for Nothing (Begins 4/15) (Nicole Storz)	Room 201
The Book of Acts (Steve & Laura Wright)	Music Room

Nursery available

Quality Christian Programming: RightNow Media is a free, Netflix like Christian resource for adults and kids alike. This free resource is open to *anyone*, for a free subscription to the RightNow Media Library, visit our website at http://immanuelcl.org/resources/rightnow-media-library. Any questions, contact Laura at

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).