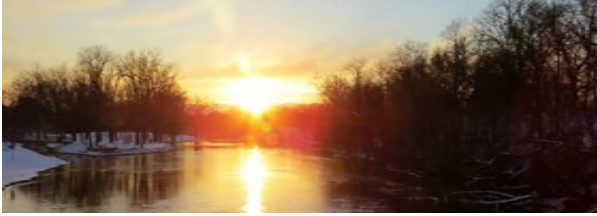


"The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands."

Psalms 19:1 (NIV)



Today's Message

"A Timeless Return on Investment"

Rev. Dr. Larry Tieman
Immanuel Lutheran Church

February 11, 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

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. WE LIVE IN A T_____ WORLD

A. The best things in life are t_____.

1. There are ways to live that never go out of s_____.
2. I_____ in those things that will stand the test of time.

B. R_____ O_____ I_____.

1. Apple _____%
2. Webvan _____%

C. The financial world promises great returns, but with a disclaimer:

D. "P_____ performance is not an indicator of f_____ results."

E. Today you will receive the greatest financial advice ever!

II. FINANCIAL ADVICE FROM G_____

" Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty.

"But you ask, 'How are we to return?'"

"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me."

"But you ask, 'How do we rob you?'"

"In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse - your whole nation -because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.." (Malachi 3:7-10)

A. The c_____ : D_____!

B. The i_____ : T_____!

1. This is the only time in the B___ where God does this!

2. Theory: "If I made m_____, I would give m_____."

3. Reality

\$25,000 or less	_____%
\$25,000 to \$50,000	_____%
\$50,000 to \$75,000	_____%
\$75,000 to \$100,000	_____%
\$100,000 to \$200,000	_____%

4. Most give of their leftovers or of their excess. Only _____% tithe!

C. God isn't s_____ with your leftovers!

D. You b_____ a tithe because the tithe belongs to God!

1. 90% of your income with God's blessings is g_____ than....

2. 100% of your income without it.

E. The best financial advice ever: Invest in God's k_____!

"Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal." (Matthew 6:20)

MY NEXT STEPS . . .

- ✦ Reflect on the meaning of Matthew 6:20 and the timeless truth it professes.
- ✦ Plan to attend the ministry fair to explore how you can give more of your essence to God through service or leadership.
- ✦ Return next Sunday to hear more about how you can begin investing in God's kingdom.

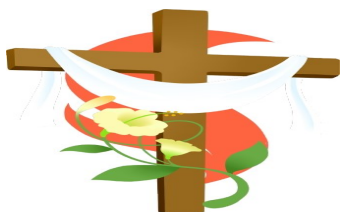
Coming Up at >>



Immanuel

>> Sunday, February 11, 2018 - The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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



COUNT UP TO EASTER — Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14.

As we prepare our hearts for the season, Immanuel has some engaging and meaningful daily activities to help you and your family keep your focus on Jesus. Grab a “Count up to Easter” sticker sheet and card at the Sunday School registration desk on Sunday mornings, one per family, please. You can also follow the same ideas on Immanuel’s Facebook page!

FAMILY SERVICE DAY

Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018

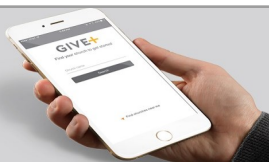
Let's Give Back!

Are you feeling like your kids are a little too wrapped up in themselves? Would you like to model and experience some time to give back to others? Join us on Sunday, February 25 after the 11 am church service (12:30—2 pm) for an afternoon of “giving back” activities for parents and children to do together. We’ll be making fleece-tied blankets, assembling “Night Night Bags”, and coloring quilt squares all to be donated to children who are in need. Care to make a donation? We are accepting new 50” X 60” or smaller blankets, new 20” or smaller stuffed animals and new books for baby to preteen. Please bring your donation labeled to the main office by February 18. Contact Laura at lgilleland@immanuelcl.org for more info and to RSVP.



Interested in dedicating Altar Flowers? Please check out the Altar Flower chart in the foyer, or call Sheila in the office at 815.459.1441.

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February 18—March 25, 2018

Sunday at 9:30 am

Tot Time (1 & 2 Year Olds w/Parents)	Gym
Sunday School (Age 3—5th Grade)	Classroom (Sign in by computer Lab)
Verge (6th Grade)	Room 203
Confirmation (7th - 9th Grades)	Multi-Purpose Room
High School (10-12 Grades)	Youth Room
First Communion (Marty & Norma Viets)	Library
God Connects	Art Room
Intentional Parenting (Missy Berg)	Room 201
Passover, the Lord's Supper & The Jewish Seder (Dave Eskoff & Don Kearley)	Music Room

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* 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).