



Today's Message

"We are Blessed to be a Blessing!"

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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: mwolowiec@immanuelcl.org

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

SERMON NOTES

"God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8

I. WE ARE *TRULY* BLESSED - HERE AND NOW AND FOR ETERNITY!

- A. We are truly blessed because of our i _____.
B. We are truly blessed in the following key areas of our lives:
S _____ health
P _____ health
M _____ health
E _____ health
R _____ health
F _____ health
V _____ health

C. The blessings we each receive are according to God's plan and support the p _____ for which He created us.

II. WE ARE BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING TODAY AND ETERNALLY

- A. Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection serve as the m _____ for the way we are to live our lives.
B. F _____, r _____, and b _____ support each other and help us to grow in these areas and empower us to be a blessing to others.
C. Blessed to be a blessing means being g _____ as we share the time, the talents, and the treasure we've been given.

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

2 Corinthians 9:6

III. WHAT DOES "BEING A BLESSING" LOOK LIKE?

- A. *A* _____ of what we have received from God and also the need of others around us.
C _____ that God has and will continue to take care of our needs.
T _____ I don't have to do everything myself, I can invite others to help when needed.
I _____ – it's too easy for us to drift away from helping others or to be distracted from helping.
O _____ to God's command and the Spirit's prompting.
N _____ – Delayed action is many times inaction.
B. Our being a blessing helps o _____ in need and brings p _____ and g _____ to God our Father.

Jesus: "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16

MY NEXT STEPS...

- *Reflect on and celebrate how richly God has blessed you and your family. Live this week with a renewed spirit of thanksgiving.
- *Increase your awareness of people in your daily life and look for opportunities to serve God and to be a blessing to others.
- *Stay connected to God's will for you as a parent through regular time in God's Word, through worship, and through prayer.
- *Next Week: *Resiliency* — overcoming failure with faith!

Coming Up at >>

>> Sunday, July 23, 2017 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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



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FAMILY LIFE TOGETHER -Summer Worship - Join us every week this summer as Immanuel zeros in its focus on families. Family Life Together is not just a sermon series, but a way of equipping and encouraging families to make faith, family and fun your passion for the summer. Each week's worship will have a new, relevant parenting or relationship topic as well as take-home conversation starters for you to continue the talks at home. Kids, teens, young adults, grandparents, aunts & uncles... everyone who is part of a family is encouraged to be a part of this meaningful worship experience!

Adult Studies

Sundays at 9:30 am

The Gospel of Luke — Music Room

***It's cool, cool, cool at a Lutheran school, school, school!!!
There are still some spots open for the 2017/2018 school year.***

***Call Sheila O'Malley or
Ed Bower at 815.459.1444 for
more info!***



Altar Flowers are in gratefulness for the Storz family for their time and talents given to Immanuel, by Bob & Jean Dorn.



LOVE IMMANUEL! INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CHURCH? We will be offering one last opportunity this summer for our God Connects class. It will be offered on **Saturday, August 12 from 8 am—12 noon**. If you are interested in attending or would like more details, please contact Sharon Tieman at stieman@immanuelcl.org. The next regular session God Connects class will begin on Sunday, August 27 at 9:30 am.



VOTERS' MEETING

There will be a special Voters' Meeting held **TODAY July 30th** following the 11:00 worship service for the purpose of calling a Discipleship Director to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

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 Monica at mwolowiec@immanuelcl.org 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).