



Today's Message

"Blind Ambition!"

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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 ALL WANT TO BE NUMBER O _____

A. It's the A _____.

1. We all want our children to a _____.
2. There is a little bit of Wanda H _____ in all of us.

B. James and John are more t _____ of you and me.

1. They had d _____.
2. They were also a little p _____.

"We want you to do for us whatever we ask." (v.35)

"Let one of us sit at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." (v. 37)

3. "You don't know what you are asking!" (v. 38)

II. WE LIVE IN A C _____ WORLD

- A. W _____ is important to us.
- B. And that's not all bad!
- C. Ambition can drive you to a productive life.
- D. Ambition can also drive you to a destructive life.

Memory Verse

"You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you." (Mark 10:42-43)

"Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice." James 3:16

1. God would not strip us of our ambition.
2. Ambition under God's c _____ can be used in a powerful way.

III. THE BEST KIND OF NUMBER 1 IS NUMBER 1

S _____

"Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (vv. 43-45)

A. The Society of the S _____ Mile (Max Lucado—Matthew 5:41)

1. We have achievers like that at Immanuel.
2. The achievements they seek grow out of their d _____ to serve.
3. They serve because C _____ first served them. (v. 45)

B. Jesus wants you to be number 1!

MY NEXT STEPS . . .

- ✦ Resolve to attend the next 2 weeks to hear all the messages in the "Leading Generously" series.
- ✦ Examine your ambitions to see if they are godly or worldly and then adjust them accordingly.
- ✦ Resolve to become a member of the "second mile club" and learn to serve God and others before yourself.

Coming Up at >>



Immanuel

>> Sunday, January 21, 2018 - Third Sunday after Epiphany

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



FEBRUARY 16, 2018

Trivia Night proceeds go to the Tijuana Mission Trip and this year to the ILS 7th and 8th graders Washington trip! Watch for sign up tables in January between services. New this year, an option to order pizza and beverages for sale. Any questions, contact Amy Moeller amoellerc3f3@gmail.com or Lora Anderson landerson.5@comcast.net.

DINNER NIGHT OUT AT CULVERS, CRYSTAL LAKE! Monday, January 22!

Plan to dine in, take out or just get a tasty treat to help support Immanuel Lutheran School.



Altar Flowers are in memory of Gertrude Sonntag by the Schaefer family.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018 — SAVE THE DATE!! Are you already marking up your calendars for 2018? Then why not add in VBS? This summer's theme is "Shipwrecked" and will be held June 18—22, 2018 with a worship service and celebration on Sunday, June 24. Registration and volunteer forms will be available in mid-February. For more information, contact Laura Gilleland at lgilleland@immanuelcl.org.

January 7—February 4, 2018

Sunday at 9:30 am

Tot Time (1 & 2 Year Olds w/Parents)	Gym
Sunday School (Age 3—5th Grade)	Classrooms (Sign in by computer Lab)
Verge (6th Grade)	Room 203
Confirmation (7th - 9th Grades)	Multi-Purpose Room
High School (10-12 Grades)	Youth Room
Adult Opportunities:	
God Connects	Art Room
Parenting: The Early Years (Carole Fiesman & Kelly Nanos)	Room 201
Leading Generously (Chris & Amy Morgan)	Music Room
Prodigal God (Pastor Bob)	Library
Nursery is available	

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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).