



Today's Message

"People Who Care, Are Defined By Their Prayer"

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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

"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?"

— Corrie ten Boom

I. PRAYING EFFECTIVE PRAYERS

- A. Prayer is a vital key that c_____ us with our heavenly Father.
- B. Prayer is both a p_____ and an awesome r_____.
- C. Biblical prayer is crying to God out of our c_____ ; it is the pouring out of our s_____ before God.
- D. True prayer happens when our w_____ is aligned with the w_____ of God, and we pray accordingly.

"The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." (James 5:16)

II. WE TEND TO RESIST PRAYING FOR WHAT WE PERCEIVE TO BE IMPOSSIBLE.

- A. The problem is that we rest the power of prayer too much upon o_____.
- B. We are to see ourselves as i_____ in the Lord's hands for accomplishing his purposes through prayer.

"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God." (Romans 8)

C. Prayer is an act of o_____ and p_____ for the believer.

D. We are c_____ to pray. But we are also i_____ to bring our needs before the Lord.

E. We are to anchor ourselves in his f_____ and promises.

III. 5 KEY COMPONENTS OF EFFECTIVE PRAYER

- A. Pray r_____ - pray for things that are on God's heart.
- B. Pray with c_____ – pray knowing that God will listen and answer prayer according to His good will.
- C. Pray continuously - be p_____ in prayer.
- D. God a_____ in His time - God assures us that he will answer our prayers in his perfect timing.
- E. God answers for His g_____ - God gets all of it, no matter our prayers or how He answers them.

"We tend to use prayer as a last resort, but God wants it to be our first line of defense. We pray when there's nothing else we can do, but God wants us to pray before we do anything at all. Most of us would prefer, however, to spend our time doing something that will get immediate results. We don't want to wait for God to resolve matters in His good time because His idea of 'good time' is seldom in sync with ours." — Oswald Chambers

MY NEXT STEPS...

- ✚ Reflect on the prayers in 1 Samuel 1 and John 17.
- ✚ Consider the gift you've been given and how best to utilize it.
- ✚ Identify someone in your life that needs the power of prayer and pray for them.
- ✚ Prepare for opportunities to care and share through prayer!

Coming Up at >>



Immanuel

>> Sunday, May 14, 2017 - Fifth Sunday of Easter — Mother's Day

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

Sunday School - Children & Youth Ministries

Sundays at 9:30 am

Tot Time for Parents and Toddlers in the gym

Sunday School (3 yr old through 5th grade)

*Registration table located in front
of computer lab*

The Verge (6th Grade) in Room 211

The Path (7th Grade) in Room 210

The Path (8th & 9th Graders) in MP Room

Cup of Joe w/John (Grades 10-12) in Youth Room

Adult Studies

Sundays at 9:30 am

Lifetree Café—Library

The Gospel of Luke — Room 201

*Gospels of Matthew & Mark (Men's Study)
— Room 202*

God Connects — Room 204

Portraits of Jesus — Music Room



Mark your calendars for our next Immanuel Town Hall meeting on **Sunday, May 21**, in the Commons immediately following the 11 am worship service.



Altar Flowers: In celebration this Mother's Day of Joanne Gumprecht's loving life, by her family.



Summer Worship - Family Life Together: 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 and uncles....everyone who is part of a family is encouraged to be a part of this powerful and meaningful worship experience!



Adopt-A-Bed Gardens

DO YOU LOVE TO GARDEN? If so, we have a wonderful opportunity for you to... ADOPT-A-BED on our campus. Flowerbeds at our facilities are given love and special care from volunteers who are willing to adopt a site for a growing season. There are only a few openings left for this fun and wholesome activity to have all spaces cared for. The time commitment is about an hour or less a week or whatever you are able to do. Please contact Lynette at 815-459-1441.

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).