



December 9, 2016

“PREPARING KIDS FOR TOMORROW”

STANDING FIRM IN CHRIST...I CAN'T BE SHAKEN!

This past week's chapel service was led by our 1st through 4th grade students. They presented an Advent service entitled, *“Shepherds, Sheep and a Savior.”* Our next chapel service on Dec. 14 will also be a student led Advent service by our Little Ark and Kindergarten classes and will also be that same evening's Advent worship service for the congregation. Wednesday's chapel service will be at 9:15 am instead of the regular 8:00 am time.



CHAPEL OFFERINGS

This 2nd trimester's chapel offerings are being used to help support Phil's Friends. Phil's Friends is a Christian nonprofit organization founded by two-time cancer survivor Phil Zielke. Phil was a Lutheran School teacher when he was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. After being treated and diagnosed as cured, cancer returned and Phil went through the treatments again. It was while he was recovering that Phil came up with a plan to offer comfort and prayers to cancer patients. Now Phil's Friends is committed to bringing support and hope to those affected by cancer in the United States. They reach out through care packages, weekly cards, and prayer.



CHILI'S GIVE BACK PROGRAM

While out doing your Christmas shopping, stop by Chili's and enjoy a meal out. Your business will benefit Operation Christmas Child as 15% of your bill will be donated. This program runs through December 31. Fliers are available in the office and the back of the Church.

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

Merry Christmas! We meet this Wednesday and are excited to visit and sing with our friends at the nursing home this coming week. We are making cards and a Christmas mouse for the residents there. The kids would like to "thank you" Mr. Jim Boge, father of Wendy Hargraves, for the beautiful handmade "Cross in My Pocket" gifts and verse. We will be passing them out along with the love of Jesus!



GREAT NEWS!

Our church's Bible study library is now digital and gigantic! Join for free. You should soon receive an invitation e-mail to register for RightNow Media. Click the "Get Started" button in the email, create your profile, then explore what is available. If you don't receive your invite soon, contact Monica Wolowiec at mwolowiec@immanuelcl.org.

CLASSES DISMISS FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK

DECEMBER 16 AT 11:30 AM

No Bus Service Home

WANT A FUNDRAISER THAT EVERYONE LOVES?

Purchase gift cards through Manna! A designated percentage of every card sold will go to your family account and can be used at any time, and another percentage goes to the school, so you get the cards you want for shopping, dining, movies, golfing, gas, hotels, Visa cards, the list goes on and on, to use for yourself or to give as gifts. Not a school family? You can designate the profit to a school family, or just to the school. Please stop by the Manna table in the foyer and check it out!



CHRISTMAS BAND CONCERTS

All concerts are held at Marion Central High School in Woodstock. The Beginning Band concert is Friday, December 9 at 7:00 pm. The Intermediate and Advanced Bands concert will be on Monday, December 12 at 7:00 pm.



5TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

On Wednesday, January 11, ILS will host a meeting in the Library entitled "Welcome to Middle School." From 7:00 pm—8:00 pm, students and parents will hear about the changes, expectations, and opportunities that the students moving into the middle school next year will face. The middle school teachers will be present to share and answer questions. This is a great opportunity to meet the middle school staff and learn about what to expect.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

December 9	Beginning Band Concert
December 12	Inter. & Adv. Band Concert
December 16	School Dismissed at 11:30; Christmas Break begins
December 18	Congregational Meeting
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship 2 pm, 4 pm in the Commons; 8pm, 10 pm at the Historic Church
December 25	Christmas Worship 10 am in the Commons
January 3	Classes Resume
January 6—8	Route 31 Basketball Tournament

CONGREGATIONAL Q & A MEETING

On Sunday, December 18, Immanuel Lutheran Church will hold a congregational meeting to discuss the 2017 Church Budget. The meeting will take place following the 11:00 worship service that day.

VOTERS MEETING

On Sunday, January 15, following the 11:00 worship service, Immanuel will hold their annual Voters Meeting with the primary purpose being the approval of the 2017 Budget.



PETER PAN, JR. AUDITIONS—

Grades 5—8! Auditions will be held in the music room after school (2:30—5:00pm) on Wednesday, Dec. 14. Sign-up sheet is on the

bulletin board outside the music room door. For questions, please contact Mrs. Robinson at drobinson@immanuelcl.org.

BASKETBALL



Last weekend the Varsity Boys Basketball team participated in the Yorkville Invitational Basketball Tournament where they finished with a 1-2 record, loosing in the consolation championship game. This past week, the Varsity Boys played their first home game against St. John, Elgin where our Panthers proved that St. John was not a match.

AMAZONSMILE

AmazonSmile is a simple way to support Immanuel while doing your online Christmas shopping! Simply go to smile.amazon.com to shop—you'll find the exact same low prices as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price back to Immanuel. The first time you use AmazonSmile just put Immanuel Lutheran Church Crystal Lake in as your charity. Millions of products are eligible for donations—you will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS AND VENDORS!!

Our annual Spring Spotlight Craft & Vendor Fair is Friday, March 3rd from 6—9 pm. If you would like to display your crafts or business, please contact Marlene at marlene_mcginnis2000@yahoo.com. Registration forms are also available in the office.



1ST TRIMESTER HONOR ROLLS

High Honors

Grade 8
Michael Asherton

Grade 7

Sam Kwon
Elani Nanos
Brecken Noennig

Grade 6

Nikki Sisson

Grade 5

Hannah Denny
Ashley Foszcz
Isabella Gray
Samantha Poray
Ashton Proctor
Ysa Schweizer

Honors

Grade 8

Sarah Crow
Josh Kearley

Grade 7

Will Davies
Nick Frankel
Korhyn Geary

Kole Henke

Ryan Marts
Justin McGinnis
Ryan McWilliams

Ben Neider
Tommy Olson
Anna Paquette
Jaclyn Poirier
Teagan Rett
Sophie Robinson

Grade 6

Audrey Burke
Charli Clark
Aubrie Held

Savannah Horton
Jake McWilliams

Corinne Sieff
Kate Wilson

Grade 5

Caden Becker
Evan Gilleland
Grant Johnson
Avery McAllister
Luke Neider
Casen Noennig
Aidan Olmstead
Addison Risner
Olivia Rutzen
Aiden Shulfer
Alison Storz
Kane Swisher

BLOOD DRIVE

Heartland has a very special promotion going on for our next drive. They are bringing their "jingle mobile" to The Pointe on Saturday, Dec 10 from 10 am—2 pm. **Please note the change in the day!** More information coming soon. Any questions? Contact Beth Schneider at 815-477-7332 or Janet Schab at 224-567-9912.



HONORS BAND DATE ANNOUNCED

Mark the date for this year's Honors Band Festival --Saturday April 29th, 2017! Honors Band is a yearly event hosted by Music Education Services, bringing advanced students together to play challenging music. Students participate in a full day event with various conductors, sectionals, and a final concert. The band instrumentation and part placements will be suitable for advanced pieces, comparable to an Illinois Music Education Association district/all-state band. Students that participate in the Junior Honors Band and Senior Honors Band are chosen through a selection process. This process has been implemented to help the band have the very best sound and to better prepare our students for their high school band experience. Students chosen to participate in Honors Band will be notified by their director in February.



LIBRARY CORNER



Looking for a way to bless your student's classroom teacher? I have lists of books that kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade teachers can use for "read-alouds" in their classrooms! They are all part of the new Superkids Reading program and unfortunately our library does not have most of them. For example, *Squirrels on Skies* by J.Hamilton Ray is on the list for Kindergarten, *Ukulele Haley* by Judy Cox is on the list for 1st grade and the ever popular, *The Sheep Go On Strike* by Jean-Francois Dumont for 2nd grade. Please see me if you would like a copy of the lists. Thanks so much! A gift of a book blesses many!

GRADES 5—8 TO VISIT NURSING HOME

The students in grades 5– 8 will be going to visit the residents of Crystal Pines Nursing Home this coming Thursday to share and bring some Christmas joy to them. The Glory Singers, Bell Choirs, and Band will all be participating. Students have also made cards to share with the residents who are bed-ridden.

MOTHER/SON DATE NIGHT

February 18 at The Point. The school is in need of an organized person to coordinate this event for us. Please contact Ed Bowler to sign up to be the point person on this special event for mothers and sons. Dads, don't worry... You'll get your daddy/daughter date night too.

JEANS DAY FUNDRAISER

Immanuel Lutheran School will be hosting a Jeans Day fundraiser starting Jan. 3rd – Jan. 31st You are able to pre-pay \$1.00 a day for your child to be able to wear jeans the whole month of January. This will be for Monday - Thursday and students **MUST** still wear a uniform shirt. Fridays will remain normal spirit wear day. There are a total of 16 days available for Jeans Day. We are pleased to announce that this year; all proceeds will go to Family Accounts. Simply complete the form and return it to school with your payment beginning January 3, 2017.



8TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

On Wednesday, January 18, ILS will host a meeting with counselors from area high schools who will discuss, "Transitioning Into High School." Discussions will center on making that smooth transition from a middle school environment to a larger and more complex high school setting. This meeting will take place in the Library beginning at 7:00 pm.