

INSIDE IMMANUEL



Faithful to God's Word – we receive, celebrate and share Jesus Christ.

Come, Lord Jesus!

Jesus said, “And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.” (Matthew 24.6)

For the apostles of Jesus it felt like the end was very near. There were wars and rumors of wars all over the Roman Empire. Their city, Jerusalem, was destroyed by Rome in 70 AD, just a few decades after Jesus died and rose again. There was also a ‘great persecution’ against the church (Acts 8.1) during the time of the apostles. Surely, Jesus must be coming soon.

They waited for Jesus. They proclaimed His Word and received His gifts through the Divine Service. They waited. Jesus did not disappoint them. He did not come back a second time in their lifetimes, but He did not disappoint. He had mercy on the church, that little group of believers, and gathered more around His means of grace. He forgave sins and granted life eternal.

Things didn’t change much for the church over the millennia. Still there were and are rumors of wars around the globe. Still there was persecution of Christians. Still Christ gathered the faithful around His means of grace. With John, Christians continued to pray, “Come, Lord Jesus (Revelation 22.20).” It was expected, in every age, that Christ would come back soon.

But He is in control. Jesus comes back when He wants- in His time. Nothing holds Him back, He is God. Things are bad enough, have been bad enough, that He could come back and end this world at any time. He will come back, like a thief in the night (Matthew 24.43) and every eye will see Him (Revelation 1.7).

So what should we do? Are there not wars and rumors of war in our time? How about disasters? Are things (in about every respect) getting worse? Jesus reminds us to “stay awake (Matthew 24.42).” So we do. We remain awake in Him who died for us. This means that we continue to hear His Word and receive Him in the Supper. We continue to live in the grace given us through our Baptism into Him. He has drawn our sins and granted us life eternal.

Jesus is in control. Did He not order the rise and fall of nations throughout the Old Testament for His purposes? Of course! He was in control. He raised up rulers and nations for His reasons. He remains in control today. Nothing happens that He does not permit. The church might still look small and insignificant to the world. It might still look like a faintly burning wick about to be snuffed out. But Jesus walks with us. He is in control although it might be difficult to see from inside this tribulation.

We join our voices to the eternal Te Deum each time we meet for Divine Service. Heaven breaks in on earth, as it did for John in Revelation. The church is still ready and awake. We know that Jesus is in control. He has forgiven our sins. He loves us. He will not forsake us. “Fear not,” Jesus says, “I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and hades (Revelation 1.17-18).” He could come back at any time, the earth is bad enough. It’s always been bad enough. But Jesus is good, better than we deserve. He loves you and shall bring you out of this tribulation.

In the Name of Jesus,
Pastor Boyer

G.L.U.E

“God Loves Us Eternally”

Harvest

As I looked across the road from the picture window on my front porch I saw sugar beets, corn stalks turning brown, and a harvested bean field. I also saw leaves on the trees changing colors from green to yellow, red, and orange. I thank God for that wonderful view in October. I thank Him for our farmers who worked all Spring and Summer planting and nurturing the crops for a good harvest season.

Then it hit me---God, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, has harvested us, also, from sin and evil. We are harvested (saved) by the death of Jesus Christ on the Cross. Just as the farmers have nurtured their crops, Jesus has nurtured us, His believers, to be the best crop we can be by following Him and God’s Word through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We are nurtured through daily prayer, hearing the Word of God each Sunday, and spending time with fellow Christians at church, day school, Sunday School, and Bible Class; serving on boards and committees.

We can all be thankful for nature’s beauty bestowed upon us by God. We are thankful for the farmers’ harvest that nurtures us, just as God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit do.

And it’s up to us, as Christians, to nurture others and bring God’s Word to them so that they, too, can be harvested from the sin and evil in the world.

2 Corinthians 9:10

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.*

**harvest*---“God, who enables farmers to sow and reap, will enable His children to do good works and will prosper their efforts.” (Lutheran Study Bible, p.1992)

The harvesting by the farmers nurtures us, so that we can harvest others through God’s Word and Jesus’ sacrifice on the Cross. The harvest is God’s gift to us that shows “God Loves Us Eternally!”

God’s blessings to all!
Jim Bratton

Treasurer’s Report

MONTH OF SEPT 2023

Receipts	\$154,059.93
Less Expenses	- 69,775.81
Operating Income	84,284.12
Deficit Reduction	750.00
Net Income	85,034.12

CASH IN BANK & ON HAND

Petty Cash	100.00
Independent Checking	201,262.01
Independent Savings	180,953.20
Restricted Savings	-27,204.55
Total	\$355,110.66

Official Acts

WEDDINGS

10/21 **Brennan Edler & Alison Klein**

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Ethan Androl

TRANSFER OUT

**Bob Lutz
Fran Davis**

Council Meeting October 16

Elders: Our current inactive list is at about 150 names, we are planning to send one more letter of encouragement over the holidays. Inactive is going 3 months without communion, you are self excluded from the church after 2 years of no communion. There were two transfers out of Immanuel: Bob Lutz to Good Shepherd in Caseville and Fran Davis to Faith Lutheran in Port Huron. All evening holiday services will be at 6:30pm, all morning services at 9am. There will be no Monday evening service on Christmas Day and New Years Day.

Trustees: Discussion was held on plans for the money raised during the Dusty Club Golf Outing and from the sale of the Susan Gremel house on Auch Street.

Evangelism: The Justified Quartet concert that was planned for December has been canceled due to changes within the group. Discussion was held on getting Immanuel presence back at Bay View Gardens.

Stewardship: The Pastor Appreciation reception went well! The Dave Ramsey Financial Peace course is slated to begin January 7, 2024. The next Red Letter Challenge – Forgiving – will begin February 14. Watch for the sign up during Advent.

Youth: During USA Homecoming, Collide students handed out glow sticks and did face painting. Pumpkin rolling at Sherwood on the Hill was October 22. Collide will be selling soup and running a photo booth during the Christmas open house in Sebewaing on November 18. December will bring back the Roast beef dinner. January 6 a semi-formal dance is planned at the VFW.

School Board: CTK hired a new PE/Art teacher – Renee Reipke. Miss Kasey left the latch

key program. Whitney Zinger, Brian Schwartz and Sierra Clayton have been hired for latchkey. Preschool currently has 17 students and latchkey has 15 attending.

Pastor's Report: Thank you to all who participated or helped put on the Pastor Appreciation day!

Old Business: A motion was made and passed to appoint Jim Bratton as Vice President. A CEF Grant was secured for a teacher and pastor event to be held in November. A CEF Grant is being sought by Lorene to cover fees of the Vanco giving platform.

New Business: Added to the November agenda – discussion of a proposal to move some money into CDs.

*Next Council Meeting is November 13 at 7:45pm.



OWLS

On Sunday, November 12, from 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. in the great room, a game afternoon is scheduled. Bring family, friends, or neighbors. Bring your cards and board games.

What If Jesus Went to Walmart?

(The following article was reprinted from the Facebook site "Love, The Only Thing")

Today I had to go to the dreaded Super Walmart; a place I usually avoid like the plague; and one of the reasons I think online grocery order and curbside pickup are the greatest ideas ever.

As I entered the madness, I did what I usually do; avoided as much eye contact as possible with everyone. But as I hurried to get the things I needed, I noticed just about everyone else was doing the same thing to me! In fact, it was like they didn't even know I was there; like they were looking straight through me. For some reason, in that moment, I thought about Jesus.

What if Jesus went to Walmart?

We know He wouldn't be avoiding people. He had crowds of people who followed Him. Probably the ones we most try to avoid would be the ones He would hang out with and help.

So, I decided to actually look at the people I passed by. These people all have a life and a story and have hard things they are facing – just like me.

If we slow down and notice the people around us we might see the widowed, older gentleman who seems lost on an aisle trying to find what his wife used to buy. We might see the mom going through a divorce with three kids by her side – hanging on by a thread. We might see the guy smiling on the outside, but dealing with depression on the inside. We might just begin to feel compassion when we finally "see" people.

A simple smile might be what they need. Offering to help might lighten their struggle. Something small to make a difference in their day.

I'm not going to lie – it's a struggle for me to want to talk to people. I would rather mind my own business and go on my way. But Jesus said we should go and make disciples out of all nations. Jesus gave us the example of being around people and having love and compassion for them.

So when it goes against our very nature, all we can do is pray for God to help us. Maybe just start with praying for more patience. Maybe just pray for God to help us

"see" people. Most of all, we pray for the power (The Holy Spirit) that is inside us – the power that rose Jesus from the dead, for that power to help us in our weakness.

We can't love people if we don't take the time to "see" them. Jesus gave us the example – He gave us instructions to love one another. But thank God, He didn't leave it up to us to do it alone. He put His Holy Spirit inside us to be able to accomplish all He asks us to do – even at the dreaded Super Walmart!

Submitted by Jim Bunke

P.S. Remember: "Walmart IS the mission field!"

Dec/Jan Newsletter Deadline: FRIDAY, November 17

Time to Order Your Christmas Poinsettias



Christmas poinsettias can be ordered now until Monday, December 4 by calling Carol Truemner at 883-2391.

Price is \$12.75. Please make checks payable to Carol.

The plants can be picked up after the 9:00am service on Monday, December 25. The committee will take care of them if they are not picked up by Thursday, December 28.

**VOTERS MEETING:
MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 20
7:30PM
IN THE GREAT ROOM**

**Your Immanuel DVD
Library Corner**

This month Immanuel's DVD library (located in the Great Room) is highlighting the following Christian movies that are available to be checked out and viewed at home:

- "Flywheel"
- "Facing the Giants"
- "Fireproof"
- "Courageous"
- "War Room"
- "Overcomer"
- "The Encounter"
- "The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry"
- "What If...?"
- "Martin Luther" (Classic black and white version)
- "Luther" (2003 color version)
- "A Man Named Martin" (Part I – The Man)
- "The Martin Luther Story" (Animated for youth 8-12)

Check out and take home one of these Christian movies this month!



Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

CTK School News

First quarter is completed, fall sports are just about done, and another successful Trunk or Treat is behind us. But each new season brings new excitement and activities to CTK. The B Basketball season has begun, Christmas services are being worked on, and field trips and service projects are taking place. We are truly blessed with all the opportunities we have before us.

We are delighted to have Miss Hannah Volz, a product of Immanuel and CTK, as a student teacher in grade five this fall. Miss Volz is doing a masterful job as the primary teacher of our 15, 5th graders with Mrs. Jen Yoder as her mentor. Ms. Renee Repkie is now our art and physical education teacher. Ms. Repkie relates well with the students and is truly enjoying her time with us.

Our Little Knights Preschool continues to grow and evolve as our new director, Mrs. Laura Nimtz, renews our Great Start to Quality star rating and learns and maneuvers the ever-changing preschool guidelines. If you know of anyone interested in our three and four year old preschool program, please have them reach out to Mrs. Nimtz at preschool@ctkl.org.

Lastly, we still continue to explore options for spending of the generous Auction funds from last year. CTK has also been blessed with EANS funding which we are trying to use up first since these funds are directed towards specific categories of spending. We have already used Auction funds for Interactive Whiteboards, a keyless entry system for both campuses (not installed yet as all the parts are not available), and new Language Arts curriculum. We will continue to update you here.

In His Service,
Mary Eifert, Principal



Cookie Walk

Mary Martha Guild would appreciate any member willing to donate cookies for the Cookie Walk on November 18. Cookies can be dropped off in the Great Room on November 17 from 8 – 4, or at the Township Hall on November 18 from 9:00 – 10:00. The Cookie Walk will be November 18 from 10 – 3 at the Sebawaing Township Hall.

Memorial & Gifts

IMMANUEL

IN MEMORY OF AUDREY VOLLMER

Don & Pat Holland

IN HONOR OF PASTOR BOYER

Virginia Nitz

IN HONOR OF PASTOR KUHLE

Virginia Nitz

IMMANUEL RADIO MISSION

IN MEMORY OF EARL LIMBERGER

Butch Gunsell

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL

IN MEMORY OF MAE ANN ORTH

Jim & Connie Bunke

IN MEMORY OF WALTER RIEMAN JR

Vic & Kathy Engelhardt

Elizabeth Riess

IN MEMORY OF CYNTHIA LOEFFLER

Pamela Monson

IN MEMORY OF BEV SCHUMACHER

Carol Truemmer – 8th grade

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you to all our wonderful sponsors and golfers that helped to make our 7th Dusty Club Scramble a success!! With your help, we raised over \$15,600 this year to help with the school's new windows and heating!

Event Sponsors:

Sting Family Organics	Countryside Sales & Service
Lutz Family Farms	Stacks Market
Reggie Ignash – Farm Bureau	Michigan Kenworth
Thumb Insurance – Pat Stecker	

Meal Sponsors:

Demand Electric

Meal Sponsors:

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Oak River Farms

Contest Sponsors:

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Thumb Bank & Trust
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CTK Board of Education

Hole Sponsors:

Sweetman Family
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Moore Shoreline

Cart Sponsors:

In Memory Of Jimmy Mammel

Scrip Order Form, Christ the King Lutheran School

Has Cards Order Cards

Name: _____ Account to Apply to: _____ Phone: _____

Chain Stores	Profit	Amt	Quantity	Total	Gas	Profit	Amt	Quantity	Total
Ace Hardware	4%	\$25			Marathon	3%	\$100		
Amazon	1.7%	\$100			Marathon	3%	\$25		
Amazon	1.7%	\$25			Shell	1.5%	\$25		
American Eagle	10%	\$25			Speedway	4%	\$100		
Auto Zone	7%	\$25			Speedway	4%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	8%	\$10			Sunoco	1.5%	\$50		
Barnes & Noble	8%	\$25			Miscellaneous	Profit	Amt	Quantity	Total
Bath & Body Works	12%	\$25			Build a Bear	8%	\$25		
Bath & Body Works	12%	\$10			Dave & Busters	13%	\$25		
Bed, Bath, Beyond	7%	\$25			Delta Airlines	4%	\$250		
Best Buy	4%	\$25			I Tunes	5%	\$15		
Cabelas	8%	\$25			Pet Smart	5%	\$25		
Cabelas	8%	\$100			Thirty-One A. Bell	5%	\$25		
Claire's	9%	\$25			Visa	1.25%	\$50		
Dicks Sporting	8%	\$25			Restaurants	Profit	Amt	Quantity	Total
Disney	3%	\$25			Applebees	8%	\$25		
Disney	3%	\$100			Arby's	8%	\$10		
Dunhams	8%	\$25			Bob Evans	10%	\$25		
Five Below	2.5%	\$25			Bob Evans	10%	\$10		
Gap/Old Navy	14%	\$25			Buffalo Wild Wings	8%	\$25		
Gordon's Food	4%	\$25			Burger King	4%	\$10		
Hallmark Gold	4%	\$25			Happy Moments	8%	\$25		
Home Depot	4%	\$100			Chili's	11%	\$25		
Home Depot	4%	\$25			Chipotle	10%	\$10		
Jc Penny	5%	\$25			Cold Stone Creamery	11%	\$10		
Joann Fabrics	6%	\$25			Cracker Barrel	8%	\$10		
Kohls	4%	\$25			Dairy Queen	3%	\$10		
Kohls	4%	\$100			Dardens/Olive Garden	8%	\$25		
Lowe's	4%	\$25			IHop	8%	\$25		
Macy's	10%	\$25			McDonalds	2%	\$25		
Marshall/TJ Maxx	7%	\$25			Little Ceaser's	8%	\$20		
Maurices	7%	\$20			Outback Steakhouse	8%	\$25		
Meijer	3%	\$100			Panda Express	8%	\$25		
Meijer	3%	\$50			Panera Bread	9%	\$25		
Meijer	3%	\$25			Panera Bread	9%	\$10		
Menards	3%	\$100			Pizza Hut	8%	\$10		
Menards	3%	\$25			Qdoba	7%	\$25		
Micheals	4%	\$25			Red Lobster	8%	\$25		
Shutterfly	9%	\$25			Starbucks	7%	\$25		
Staples	5%	\$25			Starbucks	7%	\$10		
Target	2.5%	\$25			Subway	6%	\$10		
Ulta	4%	\$25			Taco Bell	5%	\$10		
Under Armour	11%	\$25			Texas Roadhouse	8%	\$25		
Wal-mart	2.5%	\$100			Tim Horton's	5%	\$10		
Wal-mart	2.5%	\$50			Uno Chicago Grill	12%	\$25		
Wal-mart	2.5%	\$25			Wendy's	4%	\$10		

Other: _____ Amt: _____

Total: _____ \$

For a complete list, download the RaiseRight App

Cash: _____ or Check # _____

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US POSTAGE
SEBEWAING, MI 48759
PERMIT #32

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Holiday Worship Times

November 22	6:30pm	Thanksgiving Eve
November 23	9:00am	Thanksgiving Day
December 6	6:30pm	Advent
December 13	6:30pm	Advent
December 17		CTK Grades PK-1 Christmas Program at St. Paul
December 20		CTK Grades 2-8 Christmas Program at Immanuel
December 21		CTK Grades PK-1 Christmas Program at St. Paul
December 24	1:30 & 6:30pm	Christmas Eve Services – No 9am service
December 25	9:00am	Christmas Day Service – No 6:30pm service
December 31	9:00am & 4:00pm	New Year's Eve Services
January 1		No 6:30pm service

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			CTK 11:30 release 1	2	3	4
Flower Chairman Virginia Nitz			7:00 Men's Study 9:30 ABC 6:00 Glory Ringers 7:00 Adoration Choir	8:05 CTK chapel Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
7:15 Elders 9:00 WORSHIP/C - 9 10:15 BC & SS 4:00 JR High Collide 6:00 SR High Collide	5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C	6:00 Pub Sch Confirm 6:00 Messengers 7:00 Y.A.B.S	8:05 CTK chapel 9:30 ABC 6:00 Glory Ringers 7:00 Adoration Choir	Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon 7:00 MMG		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00 WORSHIP/C - 1 10:15 BC & SS 2-4 OWLs game day 7:30 Youth Board	5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C 6:30 Trustees 6:30 Stewardship 7:15 Evangelism 7:45 Church Council	6:00 Pub Sch Confirm 6:00 Messengers 7:00 Y.A.B.S	8:05 CTK chapel 9:30 ABC 6:00 Glory Ringers 7:00 Adoration Choir	Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon Newsletter Deadline 4:00		
19	CTK No school 20	CTK No school 21	CTK No school 22	THANKSGIVING Church Office Closed CTK No school 23	Church Office Closed CTK No school 24	25
9:00 WORSHIP/C - 2 10:15 BC & SS 4:00 JR High Collide 6:00 SR High Collide	5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C 7:30 Voters Meeting	6:00 Pub Sch Confirm 6:00 Messengers 7:00 Y.A.B.S	9:30 ABC Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon 6:30 WORSHIP/C - 3	9:00 WORSHIP/C - 4		
26	27	28	29	30		
9:00 WORSHIP/C - 5 10:15 BC & SS	5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C	6:00 Pub Sch Confirm 6:00 Messengers 7:00 Y.A.B.S	8:05 CTK chapel 9:30 ABC 6:00 Glory Ringers 7:00 Adoration Choir	11:30 Ladies Aid Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon		

November Birthdays

NOVEMBER 1

Connor Eurich
Kenneth Fuerst
Katie Gremel
Angela Hughes
Raymond Kurzer

NOVEMBER 2

George Eurich
Victoria Kindler
Otto Schulz

NOVEMBER 3

Ann Finkbeiner
Jamie Gettel
Giada Koepf
Seraphina Koepf
James Nitz
Janet Rink

NOVEMBER 4

Jaden Kieliszewski
Terry L Winter

NOVEMBER 5

Beth Fiebig

NOVEMBER 6

Rodney Bach
Emersynn Kuhl

NOVEMBER 7

Verneda Kuhl
Anne Meek
Vicky Neuman

NOVEMBER 8

Kevin Janke
Debra Kubacki

NOVEMBER 9

Jonathon Ramirez
Emersyn Reige

NOVEMBER 10

Gretchen Haist
Jean Heck
Riley Werschky

NOVEMBER 11

Derek Bach
Denise Rievert
Sally Rievert
Heidi Schulz

NOVEMBER 12

Vicente Brabo
Crystal Gaeth
Harold Gremel Jr
JoAnn Lakie
Dylan Lutz
Hannah Polega
Trey Sparkes
Bobbie Zagata

NOVEMBER 13

Kathy Engelhardt
Heather Kuhl

NOVEMBER 14

Trevor Brink
Wayne Nitz

NOVEMBER 15

Morgan Bell
Lori Sweetman
Barbara Weisenbach
Elizabeth Zdrojewski

NOVEMBER 16

No Birthdays

NOVEMBER 17

Brenden Brink
Quinn Gangler

NOVEMBER 18

Nathan Engelhardt

NOVEMBER 19

Judy Bollstetter
Rodney Truemner

NOVEMBER 20

Harper Bloomer
Amanda Burmeister
Joshua Eurich
John Kemp
Troy Maust

NOVEMBER 21

Bonnie Haag

NOVEMBER 22

Carol Maust
Jamie Rievert

NOVEMBER 23

Rebecca Engelhardt
Melissa Eurich
Zachary Hahn
Danielle Vogel

NOVEMBER 24

Joel Gremel

NOVEMBER 25

Bryan Dast

NOVEMBER 26

Samuel Hofmeister
Troy Strieter

NOVEMBER 27

Duane Dressler
Jacob Kieliszewski
Tammy Lutz
Hunter Oliver
Lorraine Ricker

NOVEMBER 28

Joe Heins

NOVEMBER 29

Donna Klaus
Janet Sharpsteen
Robert Wiltse
Brody Vermeersch

NOVEMBER 30

Joshua Kieliszewski
Katelyn Oliver