

Immanuel Lutheran School 2019-2020 Thursday Notes

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Rejoice always,
pray without ceasing,
give thanks
in all circumstances;

For this is the will of God in
Christ Jesus
for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

From the Principal's Pen

It is with great joy I share that Immanuel's 3rd grade teacher, Allyson Hoger has been named Lutheran Education Association's 2020 Outstanding New Lutheran Elementary Teacher. Ms. Hoger earned a B.A. in elementary education with a minor in theology and endorsements in special education and middle school language arts from Concordia University Chicago.

Ms. Hoger says, "My mission as a Lutheran educator is to inspire and support students by providing them with a safe and loving learning environment in order to educate them socially, emotionally, spiritually, and cognitively so that they can learn how to be Christ followers in today's society. Students in my classroom have the purpose of learning, cooperating as a body of Christ and deepening their faith. It is my belief that the teaching ministry involves not only teaching young minds but also encouraging children to be disciples so that they can spread the Gospel message to others."

We celebrate with Ms. Hoger as she receives this national honor. Jonathan Laabs, Executive Director of Lutheran Education Association (LEA), will travel to Immanuel this spring to award her with this honor.





Dear families,

As you may know by now, we have an exciting program with our Inspire classroom. This class is a unique, personalized, competency based, multi-level classroom where students are empowered to design and personally pace their learning. This classroom is offered in addition to our traditional classrooms for grades 3 through 6 for the 2020-21 school year.

The application and the ability to pay the \$100 holding fee will be **through MySchoolbucks on Thursday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m.** If your child does not make it into the Inspire class, the \$100 will be refunded, and your child will be put on a wait list.

There is an additional cost for the Inspire classroom of \$450 and the purchase of a Chromebook. Selection of students will be based on a “first come, first served” basis. Once the application is completed and the \$100 is paid, your application will be date and time stamped. (Please note that we do not plan to have just one male or just one female in a grade level.)

Once applications have been accepted, families will be contacted to schedule an appointment with the teachers.

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to the continued opportunity to serve our children and families as a nationally recognized Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

In Christ,

Diana Meers

News of Note

Grandparents' Day

The Grandparents' day committee is collecting small items to be used as Bingo prizes for grandparent/ special persons' day. Items include \$5 gift cards, candy, dollar tree items (puzzles, picture frames, coloring books, note pads). Please bring items to the labeled collection box in the school office by, Monday, March 9th.



Mother Son Night

Reminder Mother Son Nerf Night is coming up March 6th. Please RSVP by February 28th. Be sure to hand in **BOTH** forms Registration and the Flipside Waiver. See attached. Additional forms can also be found in the school office.



Immanuel Annual Trivia Night

Get a table together and join the fun at the annual Immanuel Lutheran Trivia Night! The date is Saturday, April 4; doors open at 6p.m. with trivia beginning at 6:30p.m. The theme for the evening is "Famous TV Shows" so dress up and decorate your table for prizes. Trivia is \$20 per person/\$160 for tables of 8. Sponsorships can also be purchased for \$100. Registration forms can be picked up from the church office. Proceeds will go to support the high school mission team as they travel to Virginia in June 2020.



OASIS Food Challenge Month

Week One of the OASIS food drive brought in 725 items from our church and school family. What a praise! Can we bring in more this week? IF we hit the goal of 3500 items, the pastors and vicar will receive a PIE IN THE FACE at noon on Sunday, March 8. Can you help us reach that goal? Check the list of items each week and help us fill our carts for OASIS.

Drop off locations in the Atrium, Gym Lobby and Fellowship Hall.

Week 3 (ending February 23) - pancake mix, syrup, soap (3 bar pack), pasta sauce

Week 4 (ending March 1) - instant potatoes, canned tuna, laundry detergent, shampoo

St. Charles West Cheer Tryouts

Any 8th grader planning to attend St. Charles West High School for the 20-21 school year and interested in Cheerleading. Tryout clinics begin in March. Informational packets located in our school office.

ILS Spirit Wear

Get your Eagle spirit on! We have now made it easy as possible to order ILS Spirit wear. Open up your Camera, place it on the QR code in the upper right hand corner, and it brings you directly to the website to order. It's located in the school hallway next to the new concession stand. Stock up now folks! 🕒



Key Dates

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| Feb. 21-23 | State Basketball—Jeff City |
| Feb. 24 | Dodgeball for Heart 3:30-5:00pm |
| Feb. 25 | EC P4 Dad's Night 6pm-7:30pm |
| Feb. 26 | 6th Grade Sings 3:45pm |
| Feb. 27 | Inspire Online registration opens 7:00pm |

Prayers for our Immanuel families

Nixon	Nowak
O'Brien	Odegaard
Odland	Oetting
Ofem	Oglesby
O'Neill	Opfer
Otto	Padgett

Growing Character Together: Insights for Parents

Week 24 | Courage- Jesus is Tempted

BIG QUESTION: How can you triumph over temptation?

VIRTUE: COURAGE: God's power for you to overcome fear.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Luke 4:1-13

At the time of Christ's temptation, Jesus was a full-grown man. This temptation marks the beginning of Christ's public ministry. He had recently been baptized, anointed by the Holy Spirit, and affirmed as God's Son. Now, the Holy Spirit was leading Jesus into the desert where He would fast for 40-days while encountering Satan and Satan's temptations. Satan did not drag Jesus into the wilderness in order to tempt Him. It was God who led Jesus into the wilderness and allowed Satan to tempt Him.

The world often portrays Satan as a cartoonish character with a pitchfork, but Satan is nothing like that. Satan makes his first appearance in the very beginning of the Bible in Genesis 3. He comes as a serpent, and he whispers these wonderful promises into Eve's ear. He tells her that if she eats the forbidden fruit, she will be like God knowing good and evil (Ge. 3: 5). Adam and Eve did experience good and evil after that moment, but it did not make their lives better; in fact, it made their lives much worse, which is why God did not want them to eat from that tree. Satan is deceptive and sneaky when he tempts mankind.

When Satan tempts Jesus, he does similar things as he did in the garden. He uses God's own words to tempt Christ. He doesn't lie, but he directly questions Jesus' identity as God's Son. The timing of this is important because Jesus had just been affirmed as the Son of God when He was baptized. After Jesus is declared to be God's Son, Satan begins to challenge and question whether or not Jesus really is the Son of God.

Scripture: <https://live.bible.is/bible/ENGESV/LUK/4>

Experience It.

Imagine being Jesus, and going 40 days without food. What do you think his physical state was like?

Hint: He was hungry, tired, and weak...

Internalize It.

What is the purpose of trial and temptation in our lives? *Hint: It teaches us patience perseverance and empathy. "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything" (James 1:2-4).*

Activate It.

1 Corinthians 10:13 says, “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.” Give some practical ways you can flee from temptation. Hint: Walk away. Pray. Memorize Scripture. Surround yourself with accountability. Avoid situations where you are tempted’

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus was fully God; and yet, He was also fully man. Like you and me, He experienced earthly limitations. As the Son of God, He existed before the foundation of the earth, and He knew all. Because He came to earth as man, He had to grow from a tiny baby to an adult. The Book of Luke highlights the physical and spiritual development of Jesus. This can be one of the more difficult things to understand: How could He be fully God, but still learn things like obedience, “Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.” (Hebrews 5:8, ESV)

Even though it’s a bit of a mystery, we learn that Jesus experienced every human emotion, struggle, and temptation just as we do; which means He completely understands what we are going through, “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin” (Hebrews 4:15). This temptation in the desert is significant because it reminds us of the very first temptation of man. Adam and Eve gave in and sin entered the world: Jesus faced a very similar temptation by the same cunning serpent, but He did not sin. This makes all the difference in the world because it proves that Jesus has the power to defeat sin. When we are tempted, we can be confident that we have complete power through Jesus Christ to help us overcome that temptation!

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE: “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.” (Hebrews 4:15).

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, Thank You for leading Christ into the desert to be tempted. In His weakest physical state, He did not sin. I don’t fully understand what that means, but I know it means that I can overcome sin, too. Please teach me this week how I can overcome my own sin and temptations through Christ’s example. In Jesus’ name, Amen.



IMMANUEL JUNIOR YOUTH MINISTRY

All 6-8th graders are welcome and encouraged to join in the fun with Youth Ministry at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Throughout the year, there will be opportunities for retreats, The Distance, service, worship and fellowship. Check the Thursday Notes, Immanuel Lutheran Church Connections, Momentum Facebook page or the church office for updated information on Immanuel Lutheran Church youth ministry.

COMING UP –

THE DISTANCE – will not meet in March to allow families to worship together at the Lenten services. The next gathering of “The Distance” will be on Wednesday, April 8 from 3:30-5p.m. in the gym.

SPRING RETREAT – The annual Spring Retreat for grades 6-8 is April 24-26, 2020 at Lake Williamson. The theme is “2020 Vision” focusing on Deuteronomy 31:8: “The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” Registration forms can be picked up from the church office.

RAINFOREST EXPLORERS- JESUS LEADS THE WAY – VBS is coming June 15-19, 2020! We need staff! Sign ups are out for anyone (currently in grade 6 on up through adults) who would like to be a part of the ministry team for VBS week. Visit the Immanuel Lutheran Church-St. Charles Missouri Facebook page for the link or contact the church office.



You are invited to help us save a life!

SIGN-UP NOW FOR

THE 9th ANNUAL IMMANUEL DODGEBALL BENEFIT FOR HEART TOURNAMENT

GRADES 6-8

Monday, February 24, 2020 In Immanuel's Gymnasium 3:30-5:00 PM

ENTRY FEE: \$8 minimum per person. NO PAY, NO PLAY. (Extra donation is fine.)

***Return your note and donation to Mr. Schoedel by 1 pm on Monday, February 24, 2020.**

The donations go to the American Heart Association and will help fund lifesaving research and education of heart disease and stroke, our nation's number 1 Killer. Almost all of the donations stay in our area and our school receives free PE equipment!

SIGN-UP: Grades 6-8 sign-up in hallway on third floor – 6 players per team with one optional extra allowed for injury. A team can play with less than 5, but one must be female.

COED DIVISION ONLY!

IMMANUEL DODGEBALL RULES ARE ADOPTED FROM THE OFFICIAL RULES OF N.A.D.A.

THE TEAM: 6 players per team start on the court. YOU MUST HAVE AT LEAST 2 FEMALES IN STARTING LINE-UP.

THE FIELD: 50 feet by 30 feet with a centerline and 2 restraining lines and sidelines.

THE EQUIPMENT: Five 8.25" soft touch balls (Thin Plastic rubber coated foam balls.)

THE GAME: Eliminate all players on the other team within a 3 minute time limit or have more players left when time expires. If tied, there will be a 3 person overtime shoot-out. A catch equals sudden winner or the team with most remaining after a round wins. Flip a coin to see who is on offense first.

OPENING RUSH: 5 balls are set on centerline. Teams are lined up behind restraining line. On referee's signal, teams can get the balls to their right only. The center ball is up for grabs. Teams can attack immediately.

TIME-OUTS: One 30 second time-out allowed per game.

ELIMINATION: You're out if you get hit by a ball, someone catches your throw, you step out-of-bounds, or you step over the centerline. If a ball hits a player and a teammate, you are both out. If a ball hits you, but a teammate catches the ball before it hits the ground, you have been saved. No new person in.

BLOCKING: You may block a thrown ball with a held ball. However, if you drop the blocking ball during the act of blocking, or if you fail to make a clean block (as in the thrown ball still ends up hitting or grazing your body afterwards), you are out.

STILL IN: If a ball hits the floor or the wall first, the ball is dead. If the ball hits you in the head, you are still in.

NEW LIFE: Every time your team catches a ball, ONE of your players who is out, gets to come back in.

SHOWDOWN: If the game comes down to 1 player per side, they have 10 seconds to hit each other out; if not, "Showdown" comes into effect. The game is paused, each player gets two balls, one ball is placed in center, and the centerline is dissolved. The first player to get the other player out wins.

DELAY OF GAME: No delay of game allowed. Keep it moving. If one team has more balls than the other team, they have 5 seconds to attack or they forfeit all their balls to the other team.

SACRIFICE FOR THE TEAM: A player can jump over the centerline to get someone out.

LAST MAN STANDING: If last person lasts 20 seconds, ONE of your players who is out, gets to come back in.

GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT: There will be a referee, but players are expected to follow the honor system. If you get hit, you are out. Have fun, play fair, get fit!

(Cut and return with money or check in an envelope.)

I hereby give my consent for _____ to participate in IMMANUEL'S DODGEBALL FOR
(STUDENT'S NAME)

HEART BENEFIT TOURNAMENT on Monday, February 24, 2020. I agree to donate a minimum of \$8 which will go to Heart Disease Research. (Pay cash or make checks payable to the American Heart Association.)

(Parent or guardian signature) Date _____ My child is participating in honor of _____
(Friend or family member with heart disease)

The Parent Teacher League Presents

MOTHER-SON



Friday, March 6th , 2020

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Flipside Gymnastics

460 St. Peters Howell Road

For Boys Preschool 4 – 8th Grade

Light snack, beverages & Nerf bullets will be provided

Kindly RSVP by Feb. 28th

Bring Completed Release Waiver

YES, we will attend!

\$10 per person, \$5 for 3rd or more boys

Nerf Gun rental additional cash fee



Number attending: _____

Student names: _____

Student grade level: _____

Please make checks payable to ILS PTL.

FLIP SIDE

GYMNASTICS

A Place to Train Or Just Have Fun!

Special Activity Release Form: _____
Date: _____
Participant's Name: _____
Parent's Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/ZIP: _____
Phone: _____ DOB: _____
E-MAIL: _____

FLIPSIDE GYMNASTICS RELEASE FORM

FlipSide Gymnastics provides a safe environment for you/your child. This does not, however, assure that you/your child will never be injured. I understand that gymnastics is a potentially dangerous sport in which serious injury, permanent disability or even death may occur. I fully understand and accept the risks involved for myself/child by participating in this type of sport. I understand dance and cheerleading can run the same risk as well.

I hereby consent to have myself and/or my child/ward participate in any program offered by FlipSide Gymnastics. I agree that I, my child (adopted or otherwise) and my executors waive and release all rights and claims for damages that I may have at any time against FlipSide Gymnastics, its employees or program or special activity related, but not limited to gymnastics, dance, aerobics, Silks, and tumbling offered by FlipSide Gymnastics.

By my signature I confirm that the above named person is in good health and authorize simple first aid to be given if necessary. I also consent to any medical treatment (x-ray, exam and medical/surgical diagnosis) which may be deemed necessary if I cannot be reached first.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____



**FREE & OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC!**

Wind Symphony
of Concordia University Chicago
Spring Tour Concert

Dr. Richard R. Fischer, Conductor
The Fred and Jane Wittlinger Chair in Music Performance



Saturday, March 14 | 7 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

115 S. 6th St. | St. Charles, MO

[Learn more at immanuelstcharles.org](http://immanuelstcharles.org)

A freewill offering in support of
the music department will be received.



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Grandparent/Special Persons' Day
Friday, March 13, 2020

8:30

Welcome with muffins and coffee joyfully made by teachers

9:00

Grandparents are connected with grandchildren and
choose their place for worship...Fellowship Hall or Sanctuary

9:15

Worship in Fellowship Hall or Sanctuary

10:00-11:30

(activities and classrooms available after Chapel)

Visit the classrooms

Book fair in the school library

Interstate Studio pictures in Fellowship Hall

Minute to Win It games in the gym

Bingo with prizes in the Dining Hall



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ALL YOUTH, AGES 5-18

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020

10AM-12PM

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

115 S. 6TH STREET, ST. CHARLES, MO 63301

To find out more information, or to register,
email Jessica Sandfort at
jsandfort@immanuelstcharles.net,
visit <http://bit.ly/immanuelexpo>, or
check us out on Facebook

***Register by Feb. 22, 2020**





Immanuel's Athletic Association 2nd Annual Cornhole Tourney

Saturday , March 21st Fellowship Hall

6pm check in

6:30pm games start

Signups now available at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/immanuels-2nd-annual-cornhole-tourney-tickets-95125058611>

Don't have a team? That's OK, come anyway and support the Athletic Association!! Proceeds will help purchase new equipment for our athletes.

***Door prizes, 50/50, Brews & Chews, and a Mystery Box valued at \$300.00*

-BYOB and snacks

-Popcorn & soda provided