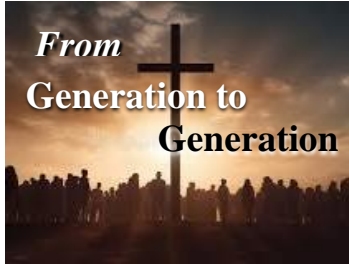




Friday, September 20, 2024

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LEADERSHIP WEEKLY



A weekly publication of our announcements from our church leadership, staff and Early Childhood Development Center of Bridgman

Sunday Worship and Learning Schedule

Sunday September 22, 2024

9:00 am - Divine Worship Service
10:30 am – Praise Worship Service
10:45 am – “The Rock” Sunday School

*Most of our Worship Services are streamed Live on Facebook [Immanuel Lutheran Church Bridgman](https://www.facebook.com/ImmanuelLutheranChurchBridgman), or are on our website: www.immanuelbridgman.org



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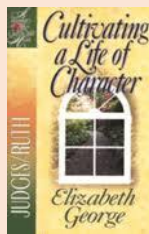
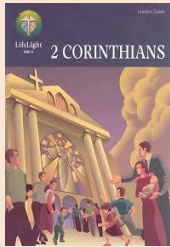
This morning, we will continue with our current sermon series, “From Generation to Generation”. So far we have heard the Lord call us to teach, to heal, and to advocate for the next generation. In today’s Gospel lesson, we find Jesus confronting his egotistical disciples as he took a child in his arms and set the child in the middle of those who supposed to lead the church, saying, “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me....” May the Holy Spirit work through the Means of Grace to bring us to receive the next generation that they too may know the loving arms of our risen Lord.

CHURCH NEWS

The primary movement of worship is from God to us. We do not gather to do something for God. We don’t worship to stroke God’s ego or as slaves obligated to show up for an oppressive overlord. It’s quite the opposite. Our God know the depth of our sin, the deadening reality of our transgressions. He endured this sin on the cross. When we gather in worship around his Word, He serves us with His forgiveness. Worship is the place heaven touches earth and God deliver to us forgiveness that renew and strengthens our faith.

We Welcome Today into God’s Holy Family Luke Henry Neeser and his sister Lakelyn Summers Neeser during the 10:30 am worship service. Luke and Lakelyn are the children of Mark Neeser and Aubrey Moore. Along with their sponsors, Richard and Diane Neeser and James and Tamara Moore they celebrate their children’s Holy Baptism. We pray that God will protect and guide them in their journey through their faith. Please take some time to welcome and introduce yourself to this young family.

Thank you to everyone who gave of their time for our First Annual Congregational Retreat. The results of the retreat are on the table in the narthex for your information. If you were not able to attend the retreat, you still have an opportunity to give your opinion. There are clipboards on the table in the narthex where you can list your opinions and thoughts. We identified our **Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats** during the retreat, to aid us in developing a strategy going forward into the future. Our Executive Board will tabulate our results and look at some options going forward. They are meeting Wednesday, September 25th. We would love to know what you think! Please take some time to write down your opinion! We don’t need you to list your name. Thank you for your thoughts and opinion!



Genealogy Class Thank you to Amie Smith for provided the information needed to find your family history and learn about your ancestors. We want to thank Amie for sharing her expertise with us. Maybe we can convince her to come back again!

Calling All Children today "The Rock" will meet at 10:45 am after the Children's Message during the 10:30 am worship service. Thank you to Ms. Shannon, Ms. Sherry, Ms. Cindy and Ms. Sue for teaching our little ones about the Word of God. We pray our children will accept the gift of knowledge given by sharing the stories of God's goodness and love.

Wednesday Morning Bible Class is ongoing on Wednesdays at 10:00 am. Elsie Hanke leads a Bible Study of different books of the Bible and devotionals. They have just begun a study of the book of Judges and cultivating a life of character. Thank you to all of the members who come to study the Word of God in more depth.

Monday Morning Bible Class is continuing on **Mondays at 10:00 am.** They are enjoying their study of the Life Light Series in 2 Corinthians. They enjoyed a little refresher first and then continue their study. We hope you will take some to time to learn more about the Word of God through these Bible studies.

Do you love the scriptures? We are looking for lay readers for our 9:00 am worship service. Some of our readers have taken a step back from reading the scriptures during worship services and we are looking for some people to serve as readers each Sunday. We accommodate comfort levels of all our readers. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, please contact the church office at 465-6031. Thank you for your willingness to serve!



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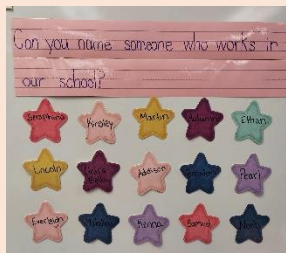
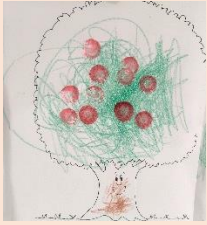
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ECDC News

Back hard at work! Our teachers are now getting down to business now that the children have gotten to know the other students, the teachers and the all-important rules and expectations. Our four-year-olds have been busy singing the alphabet song, learning what those letters sound like. Their Bible work was studying "God Made the World" talking about a clock and how many hours are in a day, week and month. They practiced dot to dot pictures with glue and cutting curved lines. Their movement exercise was imitating the teacher's dance movements. They got to color with pencils too. All great motor skill exercises! Our three-year-olds were busy with apples, they brought home plain paper apples to decorate with their family members to hang it on their Family Tree in the hallway. Very creative families! They did some apple printing on paper mason jars. They created "Benny" the Bear out of the letter "B". They used a dot marker to create apples on the trees they colored. They spent a lot of time outside enjoying the fabulous weather we have been gifted with by God. Our Great Start to Readiness Program students have been busy learning about routine, the things they do every day; like brush their teeth, comb their hair, fix their beds, pick out their clothes, eat their breakfast and get ready to join their friends at school. They reviewed their schedule at school, letting them know what to expect throughout their day. They worked on identifying their name and the names of their classmates and teachers. They worked on the sounds of the alphabet letters and the sounds that coordinate in their own names. They learned about their classroom library and the rules about borrowing a book from their library. Teaching those young students about responsibility. Our Toddler Room is still working on their five senses with taste this week. They walked up to Harding's grocery store and bought lemons and lime and 3 ingredient cookie items to make cookies for their taste week. They prepared a water play with lemons and limes and got to work on their fine motor skills by picking up sprinkles which they could eat once they picked them up. Their teachers also took advantage of the excellent weather to play outside. Thank you, teachers, for all of the creative ideas you teach with! Our infant room enjoyed the theme "Where I Live" they read books about homes and what is around their homes like trees, bushes, grass and sidewalks. They took walks and talked about people who live in the houses they saw and talked about the pets that were outside in the yards. Their little ones are busy developing at an amazing pace with one infant learning how to crawl and one infant learning how to pull herself up to a standing position and taking a few tentative steps with help from our wonderful teachers! Their Bible Story this week was "God Wants Us to Pray" with Marvin the Monkey puppet helping the infants to learn about God. We appreciate all of the work our fabulous teachers put in to help these students learn and discover the love of Jesus Christ!

"THE ROCK" News

God Displays His Power God showed his power before Pharaoh through the plagues. Moses and Aaron delivered God's message to Pharaoh: "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: 'Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness'" (Exodus 5:1). God sent plagues on Pharaoh and his people for refusing to let the Israelites go. Each plague demonstrated God's power over the false gods of Egypt. Pharaoh's magicians were no match for the true God. Memory Verse: Isaiah 41:10 Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.





Homebound and Continuing Care Facilities

Homebound: Dollie Schmaltz, Edith Weed, Edna Holt, Irwin and Margaret Poschke, Terry Graves, Kay Cornwell, Harry Rock, and Elizabeth Rock

Continuing Care Facilities: Pat Ott, Bev Gast, Geraldine Wooley, Don Metzger, Skip & Norma Linn, Barry Vance (out of state), MaryLou Svorec (out of state), Rose Briggs, Betty Dehring, Karen Freehling, Dorothea Crocker, Bill Gast, Duane Vigansky, and Harriet Fester

For information on how to connect with our church family please call the church office at 269-465-6031

Prayers of the Church for Today

Family and Friends of Larry Hoover (Mike Hoover's Father)
Lori Sukupchak (Kidney stone)

Healing Needs for the Month

James Petty Sr., Scott Mulvihill, Char Schram, Karen Freehling, John Stine, Natalya Gaidukevich, Jeffrey Nemitz (Pat Nemitz's son) Liver Cancer, Sarah Hogue, Ray Michener, Tiffany Prosser, Michael Dick, Harriet Fester, Ted Joachim, Tara Deam (Jon Crocker's granddaughter) David J Zilke, Kathy Burkett, Ray Krieger, Jane Tym, Mary Lou Svorec on Hospice, Gavin Hanson, Sara Buist, Harvey Burnett, Charles Boreland, Dave Kramer, Marilyn Gelesko, Beth Vigansky Ciuizio, Tom Ulmer, Brenda Cangelosi, Ralph Palmer (Nancy Gast's Son), Laura Laube, Roger Mojsiejenko, Jeff Delvaux, Terry Graves, Irwin & Margaret Poschke, Dick Gorske, Taylor Joachim

Serving in the Military

Isaac Maze (Army) SFC Casey LeFever,
MAJ Kenneth Stice, Nathan Anderson, MM1 Timothy Ott,
Jacob Lomoro, SGT Devin Hays, Tom Shepard, Dan Woodruff,
SPC David Helfman, Arthur Gatchel, Ryan Skibbe,
MAJ Joe Chappel, FN Sebastian Kirk MMN3

Finance News

Last week's offering and donations:
Offering Envelopes \$8,159.00, Year to date: \$287,468.00
Parking Lot \$175.00

Thank you to the members of Immanuel who continue to give their offerings when absent on Sunday.

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Confirmation Class has started on Thursdays at Trinity Glendora starting at 6:45 pm and ending at 8:15 pm. This class will be taught jointly by Pastor Krengel and Pastor Liebich both working with the students from Immanuel and Trinity. Thank you Pastors for your efforts to teach the word of God to our members.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class may have a new format this year. Please keep looking for the start of the Adult Bible Class for this year. We will publish the format, date and time of the class when it becomes available. We are looking forward to our learning hour on Sunday.



LUTHERAN'S WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE NEWS

LWML Sunday Is October 6th at both worship services. This year we will experience the Blessing of the Quilts. We have had our Sewing for Missions group working diligently to create and craft quilts for Lutheran World Relief and for charity groups. Many of our wonderful quilters have gathered together to work on this important mission and to serve the Lord through their time and talent. They have created some really beautiful quilts to donate, and we will ask for prayer over those quilts for a blessing. We hope you will enjoy looking at the quilts which will be displayed over the back of our pews. We hope you will join us for this very special worship service.



LWML Fall Rally Is Sunday October 6th is the Lutheran Women's Missionary League's annual Fall Rally at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Niles. The rally begins at 2:00 pm with registration and the program begins at 2:30 pm. This year's speaker is Dr. Becky Grossmann, Missionary with Lutheran Bible Translators. She will be talking about her mission assist translators in African nations to share the Word of God. There will be an ingathering of socks to be donated to a local homeless shelter and handmade purses from Liberia offered for sale. We hope you can be there for this inspirational afternoon.

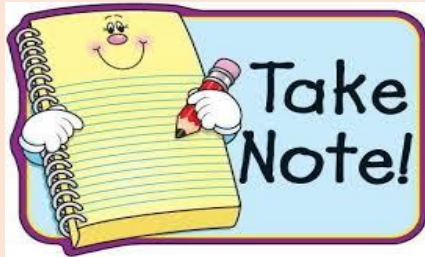


LWML October Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8th with some wonderful things planned and a short business meeting. Please take some time to enjoy a relaxing evening full of fellowship and fun! Some of you ladies might find this fun and relaxing if you have never been to one of our meetings, come and see what we have to offer!

Preparing for the Future We are looking to the future to replace our heating system for the school. Our HVAC units are older, and we will eventually need to replace those units. The HVAC unit that runs the school is a specialized unit that meets strict standards for schools. The replacement cost estimate for that unit is in excess of \$190,000 currently. We have started a fund to raise money for this special unit. If you would like to donate to this special fund, please notate that on your check or electronic donation. Thank you for always supporting this church's mission, to educate children on how to follow Jesus.



Beyond the Walls Choir is getting together again this year for their Christmas Musical "Heaven Has Come". We are looking for more members to join us as we bring some joy to people in our continuing care facilities. They do not have much to look forward to and they enjoy a little sharing of the joy of the season. We will be practicing on **Saturday, October 26th and November 2nd here at 10:00 – 11:15 am.** We hope you can join us!



Special Days

Birthdays: Kylie Ott (09-22), Zaynin Timmons (09-22), Jeannie Dehring (09-23), Jeremy Cowgill (09-23), Al Darwiche (09-24), Barbara Wappler (09-24), Edie Paul (09-23), Elaine Neugebauer (09-24), Karen Pedde (09-24), Mike Kanous (09-24), Michael Barfelz (09-25), Cynthia Payne (09-27), Lucas Oldenburg (09-27), Judy Kubsch (09-28), Kimberly Kamp (09-28), Nichole Fisher (09-28)

Anniversaries: Richard & Debra Ruff (09-24) 41, Dave & Pattie Neal (09-24) 26, Daniel & Cathy Reifschneider (09-27) 44

This Week at Immanuel

Today Sept. 22nd – Divine Worship Service - 9:00 am

Praise Worship Service 10:30 am

“The Rock” Sunday School - 10:45 am

Mon. Sept. 23rd – Bible Class Café - 10:00 am

Bridge Club - 12:30 pm

Hand Bell Choir - 6:00 pm

AA Meeting – 7:00 pm

Tues. Sept. 24th – Business Council – 7:00 pm

Wed. Sept. 25th – Bible Class – 10:00 am

Cookies and Conversation – 5:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

Choir Practice – 7:00 pm

Thur. Sept. 26th – Breakfast with Jesus – 7:00 am

Praise Worship Practice – 7:00 pm

**Sun. Sept. 29th – Divine Worship Service w/Holy Communion
9:00 am**

**Praise Worship Service w/Holy Communion
10:30 am**

“The Rock” Sunday School – 10:45 am

Noteworthy Dates in the Next Few Weeks.

- ♥ **LWML Sunday** October 6th both worship services “Blessing of the Quilts”
- ♥ **LWML Fall Rally** Sunday, October 6th 2:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Niles.

Operation Christmas Child is a very special way to share the love of Christ with children all over the world. We are getting down to the last few months of giving for our Operation Christmas Child boxes. We are almost ready to put together the boxes for Operation Christmas Child. For the month of September (last month of collection) we are collecting small flashlights, batteries, small notebooks and index cards. Please use the labeled box on the table in the narthex to put your items into. Thank you to everyone who gave and are giving to make sure children in other countries can learn about our wonderful, loving God!

We are looking for help in our Sunday School room for this year. If you can help with our Sunday School and are willing to spend about one hour per Sunday, or even once per month on a Sunday to help with the instruction of young students, please let the church office know. Thank you to Sue West and Cindy Payne for offering your time and talents to help our Sunday School and those wonderful, sweet children.



~Volunteers~

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Those Serving in Church This Week

Greeters: Don & Marion Burch, Nancy Seldomridge (9:00), Praise Team (10:30 am)

Ushers: Don Burch, Brad Hildebrandt, Dave Neal, Paul Jaeger, Joe Rydwelski, Larry Smith, Bill Gast and Ken Dickinson

Lay Reader: Nancy Seldomridge (9:00 am)

Immanuel Choir: Directed by Sara Oldenburg. Elsie Hanke, Kurt Hanke, Rich McClintock, Mark Heyn, Chris Hampton, Nancy Kirk, Kathy Hanke, Judy Roush, Jeannie Dehring, Karen Pedde, Ilene Nemitz, and Kim Schmitz, Cheryl Fischer

Soloist: Connie Schmidt

Accompanist: Pastor Thomas Fischer

Praise Team: Team Leader, Deb Jaeger; Rich Kubsch, Mark Heyn, Karen Kerlikowske, Pam Hoover, Lori Sukupchak, Sharon Stine, Melissa Barker, Olga Chorna, Pattie Neal, Amy Krengel and Shannah Smith

Guitarists: John "Mac" McElligott, Kurt Hanke and "Sid"

Keyboardist: Sid

Altar Guild: Sandy Vigansky, Ellen Yeske and Vicki Ott

A/V Techs: Chad Hettig, Lucas Oldenburg, Cyndi Pedde, Pattie Neal, Steve Schmitz, Karl Hanke and Eric Kubsch

Counters: Karen Pedde, Craig Klein, Karen Oldenburg, Carol Berndt and Cheryl Music

Office Assistants: Lorraine Jasper, Melissa Barker, Suellen Klein, Cheryl Fischer

Trustees: Brad Hildebrandt, Paul Jaeger, Joe Rydwelski, Art Brunke

Elders: Gerry Vigansky, Larry Kanous, Paul Jaeger, Allan Barker, Denny Barnes, Steve Schmitz

Organist: Pastor Thomas Fischer

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Douglas Krengel

We would like your opinion, Immanuel's Worship Board is recommending to the Elders a time change for the second service, to return to a start time of 11:00 am. This time change will help our technical team prepare for the second service and help to create a time slot in between services, for a Bible study led by Pastor Krengel, facilitated by Chad Hettig. At this week and next week's second service, we will be passing out voting sheets. Please mark your choice and turn it into an usher or offering plate. Thank you for sharing your opinion with us!

Everyone Needs Prayer We still need some help with our Prayer Partner program. We need people to sign up to Prayer Partner with our teachers in the ECDC. Those very dedicated women work very hard to teach our littlest members of our community to know and love God. In this day and age, our teachers become front line warriors to help them to follow the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to live as a Christian. We are asking the Prayer Partners to drop a note to their partner, share small gifts like a small treat, Bible verse, or a quick text to know they are being thought of. Each Prayer Partner will receive a "Favorites" list of birthdates, things they like and things they are allergic to, in case you are providing a birthday treat. This is not meant to be a financial burden. Write a note, make a bookmark, make some small gift to let your Prayer Partner know that you care. And of course, don't forget to pray! Please sign up today!



**WHO IS THE
MOST AWESOME
PERSON TODAY?**



Thank you to Larry Ott and Elizabeth Emery for sharing the extra produce from their garden and friend's orchard. Larry provided the apples from a local orchard and Elizabeth, cucumbers from her garden. We know how much work it takes to produce these fruits and vegetables, and we are grateful that you are sharing them with us. God bless you!

We need some help. We have had some volunteer positions open up on our Boards and we could use your help. Some of Elders have stepped down and we still need a Treasurer for our church. The Elders Board position is for men only according to our church constitution. *"Elders, working along with the Pastor(s), have authority and responsibility for the spiritual welfare of the congregation, staff, and other members. They serve as special assistant to the Pastor(s), in prayer, service participation, group Bible studies, visitations, assimilation, and in meetings with Greeters, Ushers, Altar Guild, Worship, etc. If any Elder has been so empowered by the Pastor(s), that Elder could serve in his (their) stead. The Elders are to perform an annual review with the Pastor(s)."*

The Treasurer position has been vacant for some time. The duties are as follows: *The Treasurer shall supervise the bookkeeper(s) regarding (a) payment of all bills authorized by the congregation, and (b) accurate record-keeping of all disbursements and receipts. The Treasurer shall take steps to assure that all financial records remain the property of the congregation and that all officers and board chairs have appropriate access to such records. The Treasurer will issue financial reports and charts for all of Immanuel's programs to the Business Council; and will be available to explain Immanuel's fiscal status at each Voters and Business Council meeting. The Treasurer will serve as a member of The Board of Finance and will be its representative at Business Council meetings.* (Italicized portions are from Immanuel Lutheran Church Constitution and Bylaws rev. April 24, 2022)

If you would like to volunteer to help this church in her mission, please let the church office know at 269-465-6031.

Please be aware that these positions are volunteer, not paid positions.

Rev. Dr. Douglas A. Kregel, Sole Pastor

***Please call the church office for any Pastoral needs.
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Today's Hymns – 908, 864, 922

Sunday, September 29, 2024

"From Generation to Generation: to Provide Peace"

Next Week's Scriptures: Old Testament: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Epistle: James 5:13-20 Holy Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

Sunday Attendance: September 15, 2024

9:00 am – 92 ; 10:30 am – 67

Wednesday Bible Class – 10

Monday Bible Class - 4