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Immanuel Mission Statement:

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered family, engaged in mission, sharing the Good News of the love of God in Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament.

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WELCOME

Mr. Cletus Pfeiffer recently accepted the position of interim administrator for Immanuel Lutheran School and the Christian Child Development Center. Mr. Pfeiffer serves on the national commission of the accrediting body that Immanuel is accredited through, National Lutheran Schools Accreditation. He is a native of southeast Missouri and graduated from Concordia Teachers College, Seward, NE. He earned both a Masters Degree and a Specialist Degree in Administration from Mankato State University in Mankato, MN. His first teaching assignment was at Trinity Lutheran School in Faribault, MN where he was first a classroom teacher and later principal. He also served in Columbus, NE as principal at Immanuel Lutheran School and at Rochester, MN as principal at Rochester Central Lutheran School. He retired in 2007 but came out of retirement to serve as interim administrator.

If you see Mr. Pfeiffer around the campus, take a moment to introduce yourself.



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SOUND SYSTEM HELP NEEDED: We need help to operate the sound and video equipment. It is not difficult and it can be fun. You can do this as a family. You can do this to serve the Lord. Please sign up at the welcome center in the narthex or call Curt Hollister at 815-541-2976. Thank You, It is a joy to serve

WORSHIP VIDEOS: If you know someone looking for a church home, or if you miss a service, got to www.ourgodwithus.com and click on Church Sermons. There are videos of complete worship services. These are updated every Sunday morning.

Town Hall Meetings Scheduled to let the congregation engage and ask questions about the proposed by-law changes.

November 11th (7:00 P.M.)

Fellowship Hall

November 18th (6:30 P.M.)

Fellowship Hall

November 11 at 7- Focus on the budget- Q&A regarding the By-law changes will be handed out.

A copy of the policy manual will be handed out that night

November 18 at 7- Focus on our Mission- any additional questions on the ByLaws, Policy Manual, Org chart or budget will be answered.

YOUTH WORKING FOR OUR COMMUNITY: The Freeport Salvation Army is in desperate need of blankets for their Christmas baskets. Each year they give over 200 Freeport families a hot meal and a basket of small gifts. Blankets donated by people and churches are integral to these baskets. The Immanuel Youth Group is partnering with the Salvation Army to get these blankets made. During youth nights in October and November youth will have the opportunity to work on fleece tie blankets. We have a goal to donate 40 blankets to the Salvation Army by the end of November.

YOUNG ADULT MISSION TRIP:

On November 10 at 5:30 all young adults (ages 18-30) interested in attending the 2014 Young Adult Mission Trip to Atlantic City, NJ should attend an informational meeting. At this meeting we will discuss dates, types of service, costs, fundraising and more. If you are unable to attend this meeting, but would like to go on the Mission Trip, please speak with Amanda.

8TH GRADE SELLING PIES: In an effort to make your holidays a little less stressful our 8th graders are once again selling a delicious assortment of pies. Pie orders and money is due by Nov. 15 and pick up will be Nov. 19th after school in the school cafeteria. See any 8th grader for help in ordering.

ICE HOGS SAVE THE DATE: Immanuel goes to the Rockford Icehogs game Saturday, Nov. 30 vs. Chicago Wolves. \$20 per ticket lower level, \$5.00 return back to the school.

CONCORDIA SOCIETY: Concordia Society (Ladies Afternoon Group) will meet Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Hostesses: Millie Bowman and Betty Miller. Devotions: Misplaced (Luke 18:9-14). Shut in flowers delivered after the meeting, reports for Christmas and Luncheon Committee.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Meeting Wednesday mornings at 9 will gather at Marcella Popp's home 813 Quail Ridge Drive in Freeport. The study will use "Unglued" by Lysa TerKeurst. Contact Lois Luedtke at 815-291-7257 if you have questions or would like to join in.

FIDELES: The Fideles Circle will meet on November 5 at 6:30 PM. Hostesses are Bobbie Edler and Marcella Jacobsen. Devotions: Trust Misplaced. The historical society will be here with a presentation about the Underground Railroad.

YOUNG AT HEART: The Young at Heart will meet on Thursday, November 21 at 11:30 in the Fellowship hall for our Thanksgiving Dinner. Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and Stuffing will be provided. Bring a dish to pass. The 5th grade class will be our guests.

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YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS:

Nov. 8—Food Packing Event, Various Shifts

Nov. 17—Sr. Youth Make Wreaths

Nov. 17—Confirmation Class

Nov. 17—ALL Youth—Finish Blankets

Nov. 18— Wreath Delivery

Dec. 8—Confirmation Class

Dec. 8—Jr. Youth Christmas Party

Dec. 15— Sr. High Youth Christmas Party

REGISTRATION FOR “IMMANUEL CHRIST-

MAS BAZAAR”: To be held on December 7th from 10 am – 3 pm: This event is a way for creative members of Immanuel to enjoy some fellowship with others while supporting the general fund of Immanuel. If you are a crafter and would like a fun way to sell your items, start preparing for this event now.

Registration will begin Sunday, October 6 thru October 27 for crafters only. There is a limit of 24 vendors for this event. Cost is just \$10 plus an additional donation amount at vendor's discretion. Booths at this year's event are limited to Immanuel church members or school parents only.

After October 28, any booths still available will be offered to Immanuel church members or school parents that are Consultants such as “Thirty-One, Premier Design, Mary Kay, Avon,” etc. There will be a limit of 1 table of each company type.

Thoughts from Pastor Schultz, our Senior Pastor

Why is faith different than brushing your teeth?

Not brushing your teeth leads to bad breath. Not practicing your faith leads to a bad life.

Not brushing your teeth leads to loss of teeth and cavities. Not practicing your faith leads to loss of eternal life and holes in your life that cannot be filled with the world's pleasures and answers.

Basically, brushing your teeth is a lot like practicing your faith.

So why then is it expected of parents to teach their children how to brush their teeth, but it is up to the child to decide if they will practice their faith.

As a parent, don't you nag, discipline, and ultimately teach your children how to brush their teeth. Why do we find it so offensive to do the same when it comes to faith. Is it because our parents were so religiously oppressive to us and



we do not want to be that way to our children. But for some reason, whether your parents taught you or not, you will probably brush your teeth at least once today.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The Lord is pretty clear about what parents are to be doing for their children.

Yeah but how?

Well, how do you brush your teeth? How does fluoride work? What is the purpose of tooth paste?

You do not have to be an expert to teach your children the faith. Simply practicing it is enough. This includes family devotions, meal time prayer, and yes going to worship. More importantly, it means being an example...the most difficult of task of them all. However, when you fail, be the example that seeks forgiveness and that will teach them more than you could ever teach in anything else.

Former Vicar Addresses

Between 1996 and 2011 we had 13 individuals serve as “vicar” (student intern) in our congregation. They ministered to us in various ways and many try to keep in touch with them. Here’s a list of current addresses and E-mails.

(1996-1997)

(Serving at Faith Lutheran Church, Kirksville, MO)

The Rev. David (and Robin) Lukefahr

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Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

November is a month of service for our youth group. We have two major events this month that we are very excited for! First is the food packing event. On Friday, November 8th we will pack 19,000 meals in Immanuel's gym. We need all of the help we can get! If you are available to help for about an hour and a half at 1:00, 4:00, or 6:30, please come and help be part of this giant effort!

Also during November our youth are making fleece tie blankets to donate to the Salvation Army. Each year the Salvation Army gives baskets of food and blankets to families in need around Freeport. They usually give more than 200 of these baskets away. They are in desperate need of blanket donations

this year. Our Immanuel youth have committed to making 40 fleece blankets to help the Salvation Army meet the needs of our community.

November is also the time of year when our youth and young adults begin signing up for mission trips. Next summer we have three mission trips scheduled. The middle school youth will go to Wisconsin, the high school youth to Florida, and the young adults to New Jersey. In the coming months each of these groups will be fundraising and promoting their trips. Thank you for your support of the youth at Immanuel.

**In His service,
Amanda Jahnke**

Children's Christmas Plans.

The Children will have an opportunities to work with Mrs. Dietmeier on Mondays after school, she will send a schedule home so you will know on which Mondays different age groups will practice. All age groups will perform in the 10:30 service on December 8th. There will be no Sunday "Classes" on December 1st or December 8th, all children that plan to participate will need to be in the sanctuary from 9:15-10:15 on those Sundays for a full group practice.

Goodie Bags—As is our tradition we will be presenting "Goodie Bags" to our children on December 8th. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of the items to fill the bags there are donation envelopes on the Welcome Center and you can drop your donation in the slot on the side of the welcome center.

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NEWS WORTH NOTING

IMMANUEL COLLECTS: General Mills “Box Tops for Education” (we need that particular part.) Each class is collecting Box Tops for Education with an award to be given to the Top-Collecting class each month. Send your box tops with your children and have them place them in the containers located in their classroom.

ILS ALSO COLLECTS: **Campbell Soup product labels** to help with education opportunities for our students as well as **Ink Cartridges** These are redeemable for money. The Campbell Soup Labels are redeemed for products such as playground balls, etc. **Please send in the WHOLE Campbell Soup Label.** We will cut the UPC label required by the company. Place all items in the container by the pop machine or in the collection box in the church. Thank you for your continued support of these programs.

SCRIP: is another name for “**substitute money.**” They are gift certificates from national and local retailers. **Scrip** is exciting because not only does the school win, but your family can earn **1/2 of the profit** to be applied to your child’s tuition. Orders are due the 1st & 3rd Tuesday, with delivery the 2nd & 4th Tuesday. You can now order online @ www.shopwithscrip.com The enrollment code for Immanuel is **3FC1A1E411864**. You can place your order and then bring in your confirmation letter with your money to the school. You can also use the forms that are available by the mailboxes. Place your completed form with your check in either the upstairs or downstairs payment boxes.

DISCOUNT CARDS: This year’s discount cards are still available! 28 community businesses are offering specials and discounts through the \$15 cards. We have raised \$19,300, so far. Final awards have already been distributed. However, cards are available in the school office for \$15. Let’s reach our goal of \$25,000.

ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE: The eighth grade class is raising money for their class trip. Keep collecting those cans. Additional collection drop off dates to be announced.

LANCER YARD SIGNS: Now available in the school office. Show your support for our school by displaying one of these colorful signs in your yard. The cost is \$20 for the sign and the metal stand.

LANCER WEAR: Are you interested in purchasing Lancer t-shirts, polos or sweatshirts? At anytime, Lancer styles and items may be ordered online at:

identitystores.com/Stores/StoreFront.aspx?StoreId=2396

A limited number of items can be purchased directly from the school office.

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TEXAS ROADHOUSE ROLLS: The 8th graders are taking orders for Texas Roadhouse rolls, to be delivered to the school on Wednesday, November 27th. They can be picked up after school or before church that evening. A dozen rolls are \$5. There is also cinnamon butter in 8 oz. packages for \$2, and \$25 gift cards. The rolls are fresh and can be baked over the holiday weekend for best results. Contact an 8th grader or call the school at 815-232-3511 to place an order.

MARKET DAY HOLIDAY PIES: Remember that Market Day has holiday pies. Along with their regular selection of restaurant quality frozen food items, a large selection of Bonus Days Desserts and Holiday Meals specialties are part of a special promotion. Market Days supports the school and is also **sharing dessert sale profits with the 8th graders.** Orders will be taken through November 15, with delivery after school on Tuesday, November 19. Order using forms in the school or church entry, or online at www.marketday.com; account 7316 Immanuel Lutheran.

THANK YOU: The 8th graders have a big THANK YOU for all of you who supported the Pizza Hut Night on October 21. It was a huge success because of the generous support of the Immanuel community.

CHILI DAY THANKS: Thanks to the Immanuel community for supporting the annual Chili Day. This tradition goes back several generations and was organized this year by the Parent-Teacher League and the 7th and 8th grade families. **PTL**



SKATE NIGHT: The Parent-Teacher League invites the community to a roller skating party at Skate Station, located on Highway 20, Tuesday, November 12. The event starts at 6:00 PM and ends at 8 PM. **To ensure safety, all children must be accompanied by an adult.**

School News

NEWS WORTH NOTING

EARLY DISMISSAL & DAY OFF: School will be **dismissing at 11:45 a.m.** on Thursday, November 7th and there will be **no school** on Thursday, November 8th. Parent teacher conferences will be held on these days. There will be take home bus service. After school care will be available, but you **must sign up** for it by calling Stephanie Yartzak at 815-232-3511. Those using this service should bring a sack lunch.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS: The school and CCDC will be closed on November, 28th & 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES: Conferences to discuss your child's first quarter report card will be held Nov 7th from 2:00pm to 7:30pm and on Friday Nov. 8th from 10:00am -2:00pm. Conferences for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students will be with your child's homeroom teacher. A sign up sheet was sent home with your student.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: The school has been blessed with a new volunteer this year. Her name is Diane Sandell and she is our Volunteer Coordinator. Please make her feel welcome when she calls for your help with school events & projects.

WORLDBOOK ONLINE: The school has a subscription to the World Book Online for students and families to use. The address to reach it is: <http://www.worldbookonline.com/?subacct=J2140> . The access id is "immanuelfreeport". The password is "lancers". There is a link to it on the school website under Education Links. As in the past, the subscription allows access to World Book Kids and World Book Student. (As part of the package, there is also access to a Spanish version of World Book.

ROCKFORD ICE HOGS EVENT: November 30th is the date for the 4th "annual" Immanuel Lutheran Ice Hogs event.. Join the ILS family as they watch the Rockford IceHogs vs. Chicago Wolves at 7:00pm, gates open at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$20 for lower level section seating. Look for order forms in your mailbox. Orders & money must be turned into the office by November 19th. Call or email Tricia Halter with questions at; rthalter@comcast.net 815-904-1470.

VETERANS' DAY CHAPEL: The fifth grade will be leading a special chapel in honor of Veteran's Day at 8:50 on November 13th. All veterans are invited to attend along with parents & families.

OUR CENTRAL PURPOSE

"Immanuel Lutheran School, a ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church, exists to call students into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, to move them into active discipleship in a Christian congregation, and equip them to be effective witnesses in the community. Immanuel Lutheran School strives to direct the educational experiences of its students, while developing their talents to their greatest potentials, so that they may fulfill God's plan for service in our world."

BOARD MEETINGS: The Board of Christian Child Development Center will meet on Wednesday, November, 10th at 6:00 p.m. Christy Garnhart is the CCDC board director. The Board of Christian Day School Education will hold their meeting Monday, November 18th at 5 PM. John Wichmann is the director of the board. Both groups

MARKET DAY: is a food co-op that offers restaurant quality food with a percentage going to the school. Order forms are in a drawer across from the mailboxes in the school. Ordering can also take place on their web site, at www.marketday.com The next Market Day due date is November 15th, with pickup on Tuesday, November 19th between 3:30-5:00 PM.

Keep Our Children Safe

Carbon Monoxide Prevention For Everyone

Carbon monoxide is sometimes called the "silent killer", it is a gas that you cannot see, taste or smell. Children process carbon monoxide differently than adults, and may be more severely affected by it.

In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

Install a carbon monoxide alarm on every level of your home, especially near sleeping areas.

A carbon monoxide detector is not a substitute for a smoke alarm, but combination units are an option.

Don't use a grill, generator or camping stove inside your home, garage or near an open window.

Don't leave a car, SUV or motorcycle engine running inside a garage.

Kindergarten-

The kindergarteners have had fun learning about evaporation, the clouds, and predicting the weather. In math the class is doing a unit on patterns. The children have been surprised to find so many patterns in God's world all around us. They have also been learning about syllables, and have been studying the Bible story about Joshua and how God took the walls of Jericho down. The class is looking forward to meeting in their religion pod again and will enjoy a visit from "Martin Luther". He will explain about the Reformation to them, and answer their questions. The children would like to thank Pastor Schwichtenberg for his help. The kindergartners will also be studying about the first Thanksgiving and the pilgrim's voyage on the Mayflower. They will be thinking about all they are thankful for. The class would like to wish everyone God's richest blessings this Thanksgiving!



1st Grade -

First graders are working hard and having fun. During this fall season they have been busy making scarecrows and learning about the life cycle of a pumpkin. They also learned about predictions as they tried to solve the case of "The Candy Corn Bandit". The Candy Corn Bandit came to our room and stole our candy corn while we were at the library. The first graders then tried to predict how the bandit looked, how he got into the school, why he took the candy, and where it ended up. They then followed clues and predicted where they had to go next. It was an exciting time and the best was they actually found the candy and were able to eat some. They are also beginning a study of bats this week. They will be reading and learning about all different types of bats, some fiction and non-fiction. The first graders will be making their own bats and writing about what they have learned from the study. Stop in and see all that is going on.



2nd Grade -

The second-graders have been learning a lot from leaders from the past and leaders of today. Thank you to *Christopher Columbus* for teaching us to be brave and to never give up on our dreams. Thank you to *Moses* for teaching us that God has a plan for each and every one of us and for reminding us that we can always turn to God for help and He is **always** there to help. Thank



you to *Martin Luther* for helping us to understand God's Word and showing us to stand firm in our beliefs. (Thanks to *Pastor Switz* for helping with this lesson!) Thank you to the *Freeport Firefighters* for reminding us of fire safety and for being brave community helpers. Finally, thank you to the *Freeport School District* for leading us in bus safety. Learning from past and present leaders will help the students to be future leaders.

3rd Grade -

The class has finished up the first science unit on the nervous system and sight. Their favorite experiment was watching a friend's pupil get larger or smaller because of the amount of light in the room. The third and fourth graders are working together to prepare a "Prayer Walk" with stations at different areas of the school and church building. Students from both grades paired up and wrote a prayer for their assigned station. Then two groups will walk through and the prayers will be read aloud at the coordinating station. This activity is the culmination of the Unit the classes did on prayer and the Lord's Prayer. What a blessing to be able to speak to God about our daily lives and concerns!



4th Grade -

The fourth grade class has begun a unit on Confession and Absolution in religion. They are learning about the different people who make up our country in their new reading theme, American Stories. This ties in with our social studies chapter on The American People and also with our family heritage projects that are due November 1. In science, the class is studying insects. Multiplication and division facts are the topic in math. Students should be practicing their facts daily. The students are learning about verbs and how to use them in English.



5th Grade -

The fifth graders were blessed to be able to be part of Health Jam. This is a two day field trip organized by the 4-H extension office. The first day the fifth graders were at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Camp in Oregon. They participated in many lessons covering the topics of health and fitness, dentistry, the heart, hand washing, nursing, diabetes, and the immune system. The second day they were able to tour the KSB hospital in Dixon. They got to see the lab, imaging, physical therapy, dietary, and emergency medical services. The goal was to teach them about healthy living and health careers. It was a wonderful field



trip. In religion class the fifth graders continue to study to 10 commandments. There have been great discussions about how we can apply these to our lives. Multiplication is the topic for math class. They are learning about different types of verbs in English class. In science they are learning about the classification of animals. Each student is also doing a project about an endangered animal. Exploration is the topic for social studies. The students participated in a simulation to experience what is like to be an explorer during the time of Columbus. The students have also started making cards for Veterans Day.

6th Grade -

October has flown by for sixth grade. The sixth graders have been busy working with fractions and decimals in math, verbs in English, and earthquakes in science. They have become experts on their 19 linking verbs. They are able to diagram the subject, verb, and compliments of a sentence now. In math, they have begun reviewing comparing, adding, subtracting, and multiplying fractions. In reading, they have been studying fiction and nonfiction stories that explain the questions of What Really Happened? They have been developing their inferring skills based off of evidence from the stories. In science, the sixth graders have learned about tectonic plates and the natural processes that come about because of the movement of tectonic plates like earthquakes. In P.E., the sixth graders are playing volleyball. The class has been split into teams of two and are competing in a round robin tournament. In history, the students did incredibly well on their unit on Sumeria. They learned a lot, and are moving on to Egypt. Students will be writing booklets on mummies and pyramids in November.



7th Grade -

Seventh graders are busy learning all about animals. They have been looking at common characteristics of all animals. In Math, the 7th graders are learning about rational numbers. They are comparing and ordering the fractions. They are also able to convert from fraction to decimal and decimal to fraction. The flipped classroom is working well. The students are working hard. Both 7th and 8th grade math students are also spending time on Khan Academy. This website helps build upon their knowledge of the math concepts they are working on in class. In history, Students enjoyed making explorer videos and showing them to the class. They were a fun learning experience. The next unit is about Spanish and French colonization.



In English, the 7th graders continue working on their research papers. They are also starting a review of capitalization. In lit, their next unit of study will focus on stories dealing with nature.

8th Grade-

In history, the videos we made about European explorers in America helped us learn the material in an enjoyable way. We look forward to learning about how these European countries colonized what they called, "The New World." The 8th graders in Mrs. Brobst's class just finished graphing ordered pairs and lines. They are currently working on exponents. Both 7th and 8th grade math students are also spending time on Khan Academy. This website helps build upon their knowledge of the math concepts they are working on in class. In 8th grade science, they are learning about chemical bonds. They currently finished creating their own periodic table of their choice. In English, the 8th graders continue to work on their research papers. They are also reviewing capitalization. In lit, they are finishing up their unit on folk tales. Next they will read stories dealing with America, written by American authors.



Other News . . .

MAGAZINE SALES

will begin on Wednesday, November 20th so start talking to your family, friends and neighbors. The sale will continue over the Thanksgiving holiday with the final turn-in date on Wednesday, December 4th. The school receives 40% of the sale on every magazine ordered. It is a great way to raise money for the school.



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Problem Solving Preschoolers

One of my preschoolers came to me a few weeks back with a book that had a page ripped. “Look what someone did to our book,” she told me. “That is bad. Now we have to throw it away!” Seeing a teachable moment I asked, “Maybe we can find a way to fix this book. What do you think we could do to fix it?” Immediately,

the children began to offer ways and possibilities for saving the book. They asked for tape, they hunted down glue sticks and soon the book was repaired and back on the shelf.

Children are natural problem solvers. From shortly after birth, babies are having an impact on their environment. Infants bat at things to make them move. A toddler navigates along the furniture to get from one side of the room to another. A preschooler will try all kinds of ways to reach the pedals on the tricycle to move it by himself. Children create ideas for stuff you could never imagine. Children explore the world with a curiosity that generates thinking and understanding, one issue at a time. Problem solving skills encompass all areas of development; emotional, social, cognitive, physical and creative.

Problem solving skills are important for a variety of reasons. Everyday adults and children must solve problems. When children develop an “I can” attitude early in life, they discover they can figure things out and they develop confidence in their own abilities. Additionally, problem solving skills are important for future learning in science, math, social studies and multitudes of other areas. When you support children solving their own problems at a young age, you are promoting the development of problem-solving skills.

How can parents support development of problem solving skills

Step back and watch—It may indeed be easier to jump in and help or show your child the right way to do something, but stepping in too early can stifle thinking. Instead of intervening right away, give your child some time to let ideas percolate. Let your child manipulate the puzzle pieces until he gets in where it belongs.

Acknowledge the efforts—Try to be patient while you encourage your child to try new ways and look at problems from new perspectives. Offer verbal support. “You are really working hard to get that piece in the puzzle. I see you are trying many different ways to make it fit.” Sometimes nonverbal support, a smile, a pat on the back, or a thumb’s up signal

will encourage a child to continue and not give up.

Create environments where children feel free to express their ideas without fear of being wrong or of not being taken seriously—In preschool, we make lots of lists about things. When children offer ideas, all are supported, none are refused. You accept every idea and let further exploration determine if it will be successful or not. Use open-ended questions to get children thinking. “What would happen if children went to school at night instead of in the day?”

Give children opportunities for open ended play activities—Create opportunities for children to initiate and solve their own problems and plenty of time to test out possible ideas and solutions. Child directed activities allow children to create their own problems and solutions. I often hear children trying to figure out who will be the mom, the cat, the baby, the neighbor, the dad. When multiple children want to be the mom, they make it work and have two moms, or they decide to have two families. However they agree about it, they solve the problem for themselves.

Encourage children to use materials differently—Blankets can be caves, capes, the lake or something you wrap a baby in. Children seem to be able to fashion Legos into anything they need at the time, especially a weapon. Help children see multiple uses for whatever is available in the home. Do not stop and say, “You cannot use that hairbrush for a microphone.”

Do not let a mistake be the end of it—Help your child figure out why a solution did not work. If the kite would not fly because the tail was too long, or too heavy, help your child reach that conclusion, don’t just decide never to fly kites again.



CCDC News

The Three Year Old Class

The boys and girls in the Pre K 3 class are having lots of fun everyday. The children discovered that mixing red paint and yellow paint makes a great color for pumpkins. The boys and girls went out to the garden and chose a pumpkin to take home. They were all excited and some had a hard time choosing just the right pumpkin. The children all took turns scooping some of the inside out of a pumpkin in our room. It was gooey and sticky.

The boys and girls learned about families this month. The children brought in pictures from when they were babies. They have all grown so much. The boys and girls learned about Joseph and his brothers and how they did not always get along. They also learned about how Moses was protected from harm by his mother and sister. We all decided that being part of a family is a wonderful thing. Having lots of people that love you is part of God's plan for each of us.

When the children were learning about Moses and how he was found floating in a basket, they investigated what things in our classroom would float and what would sink. They had fun playing in the water.

The boys and girls learned a little about bats. They learned that they are good for us because they eat mosquitoes. They also learned a silly poem about bats.

The Four Year Old Class

The four year old preschool class spent a week investigating balls. The boys and girls learned that balls are many different sizes and made of many different materials. Some balls are filled with something like rubberbands, or something else that makes them bounce but even balls that look empty have air in them. The children conducted experiments with balls like having them race down the slide to see which would be the fastest. They threw the balls to see which would go the farthest. When we were done learning about balls everyone played a game of T-ball. The children have been watching outdoors and seeing leaves change color and fall from the trees. The children know the weather is changing because now they all wear coats and pants to school instead of flip flops and shorts.

The boys and girls have been learning about making guesses about things or predictions as scientists say. They made predictions about which objects would weigh more. They compared 10 kernels of corn to a variety of very light

things. Most of the time the 10 kernels of corn weighed more.

The children learned about nocturnal animals and they had fun doing some things with their eyes closed. One of the children stood away from the group and called the name of a child who had on a blindfold. That child had to follow the sound to get to the other child. All of the children were excellent listeners. The boys and girls enjoyed hearing the story, Stellaluna, about a baby bat that gets separated from it's mother and ends up being raised by a mother bird.

After going through the fire house when the fire men brought it here to Immanuel, the boys and girls walked to the Fire Station on Park Boulevard and learned even more about fire safety. The children saw where the firefighters sleep and eat. They also heard the alarm that wakes the firefighters up when they are sleeping. The firemen told us that the biggest cause of fires in homes is children playing with matches.

SAY room News

Mrs. Rubin has a tree in the classroom and is implementing a system of rewarding the group when **everyone** has a great day. Hopefully the children will encourage each other to work together and follow the rules. Ask your child what the rules are. See how many of them he or she can tell you about. Each day all of the leaves stay on the tree, the group is one step closer to a special reward.

Next week, Thursday, November 7 is a half day of school. If you will need care for your child, please sign up in the SAY room or e-mail Mrs. Rubin at tru-bin@ourgodwithus.com. Your child will need a lunch from home on that day. Teacher's will be in conferences. That is the reason for the partial day. There is also no school on Friday, November 8. Again, if your child will be here, please let Mrs. Rubin know one way or another. You will also need to provide a lunch for your child on that day. It is very important we have an accurate accounting of what children will be here, so please plan for that day. The boys and girls made some pictures for the bulletin board in the entry way of the CCDC. This changes each month and the theme for the year is *Staying in Control*. The particular topic this month was "being willing to discuss the problem." Be sure to take a moment to look at how the children

November Church Member Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Alyson Bilgri</i>	2 <i>Jerry Rubin</i>
3 <i>Clara Bartels</i> <i>David Meyers</i>	4 <i>Audra Shaw</i>	5 <i>Brenden Wall</i>	6 <i>Ann Reedy</i> <i>Mike Welton</i>	7 <i>Lisa Coppernoll</i> <i>Lynne Mesnard</i>	8 <i>Deb Schroeder</i>	9 <i>Joshua Snyder</i>
10 <i>Jamie Dadez</i> <i>Phillip Schooff</i> <i>Eric Welser</i>	11	12 <i>Ellen Gordon</i> <i>Ali Lyvers</i> <i>Chelsea McKee</i>	13 <i>Jared Hartman</i> <i>Rachel Stevens</i>	14	15 <i>Eileen Bennehoff</i> <i>Becky Roethe</i> <i>Sophia Thompson</i>	16 <i>Andrea Moring</i>
17 <i>Laurie Lashinski</i> <i>Ben Luedtke</i> <i>Brooke Welser</i>	18 <i>Pamela Crase</i>	19 <i>Jason Albright</i> <i>Sandy Schweder</i> <i>Kathy Shiffer</i>	20 <i>Jennifer Picha</i>	21 <i>Jane Julius</i> <i>Pastor Switz</i> <i>Alice Schwichtenberg</i>	22 <i>Bill Coppernoll</i> <i>Lindsey Hoops</i> <i>Jesse Meier</i>	23 <i>Bob Marcum</i>
24 <i>Hailee Hagemann</i> <i>Henry Quintero</i>	25 <i>Tom Popp</i>	26	27 <i>Walter Kroeger</i>	28	29	30 <i>Larry Donnemeyer</i> <i>Kelsey Hoefer</i> <i>Bonnie Larson</i>



Congratulations to Allison Kundert, Immanuel's first ever Cross Country All American!



Our Fifth grade class recently got to participate in Health Jam and learn about healthy lifestyles and health careers.



Different classes have different responsibilities at chapel. Here our Kindergartners are helping by serving as greeters.



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Church Calendar, US Holidays Nov 2013 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
<p>Pastor Schultz Military</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Ends</p> <p>8 am - Worship Service All</p> <p>9:15am - Adult Bible Class /</p> <p>10:30am - Worship Service</p> <p>4:30pm - Confirmation</p>	<p>8 am - Administrative Staff</p> <p>5:30pm - Handbells @</p> <p>6:30pm - Bethesda # 2</p> <p>6:30pm - Choir @ Church</p> <p>7 pm - Town Hall Meeting @</p>	<p>Election Day</p> <p>10 am - Stephenson</p> <p>6:30pm - Fideles Circle @</p>	<p>12pm - Concordia Society</p> <p>6:30pm - Bible Study/Bd of</p>	<p>6:30pm - Praise Band</p> <p>6:30pm - Worship Service</p> <p>7:30pm - Cable TV/17</p>	<p>Pastor Schultz Military</p>	<p>7 am - Men's Basketball @</p> <p>7 am - Men's Bible Class @</p>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>8 am - Worship Service</p> <p>9:15am - Adult Bible Class /</p> <p>10:30am - Worship Service</p> <p>5:30pm - Young Adult</p>	<p>Veterans Day</p> <p>8 am - Church Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm - Handbells @</p> <p>6:30pm - Bethesda # 2</p> <p>6:30pm - Choir @ Church</p> <p>7 pm - Town Hall Meeting @</p>	<p>9 am - Pastor's Conference</p>	<p>5 pm - Meeting Night @</p>	<p>10 am - ASKERS Bible Study</p> <p>5:30pm - Praise Band</p> <p>6:30pm - Communion</p> <p>7:30pm - Cable TV/17</p>	<p>Market Day Turn-In</p>	<p>7 am - Men's Basketball @</p> <p>7 am - Men's Bible Class @</p> <p>2 pm - Scheme/Clay</p>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>8 am - Worship Service</p> <p>9:15am - Adult Bible Class /</p> <p>10:30am - Worship Service</p> <p>4:30pm - Confirmation</p>	<p>8 am - Church Staff Meeting</p> <p>5 pm - Bd of Education @</p> <p>5:30pm - Handbells @</p> <p>6 pm - Meeting Night</p> <p>6:30pm - Bethesda # 2</p> <p>6:30pm - Choir @ Church</p> <p>6:30pm - Town Hall</p> <p>7:30pm - Church Council</p>	<p>3 pm - Market Day Pickup @</p>	<p>11 am - Shalom Service</p> <p>2:30pm - FRH Service @</p> <p>7 pm - MOB</p>	<p>Day of Prayer</p> <p>11:30am - Young at Heart</p> <p>2:30pm - Provena Nursing</p> <p>5:30pm - Praise Band</p> <p>6:30pm - Worship Service</p> <p>7:30pm - Cable TV/17</p>		<p>7 am - Men's Basketball @</p> <p>7 am - Men's Bible Class @</p>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>8 am - Worship Service</p> <p>9:15am - Adult Bible Class /</p> <p>10:30am - Worship Service</p> <p>4:30pm - Confirmation</p>	<p>8 am - Church Staff Meeting</p> <p>5 pm - Bd of Education @</p> <p>5:30pm - Handbells @</p> <p>6 pm - Meeting Night</p> <p>6:30pm - Bethesda # 2</p> <p>6:30pm - Choir @ Church</p> <p>6:30pm - Town Hall</p> <p>7:30pm - Church Council</p>	<p>3 pm - Market Day Pickup @</p>	<p>11 am - Shalom Service</p> <p>2:30pm - FRH Service @</p> <p>7 pm - MOB</p>	<p>Day of Prayer</p> <p>11:30am - Young at Heart</p> <p>2:30pm - Provena Nursing</p> <p>5:30pm - Praise Band</p> <p>6:30pm - Worship Service</p> <p>7:30pm - Cable TV/17</p>		<p>7 am - Men's Basketball @</p> <p>7 am - Men's Bible Class @</p>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>8 am - Worship Service /</p> <p>9:15am - Adult Bible Class /</p> <p>10:30am - Worship Service</p>	<p>8 am - Church Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:30pm - Handbells</p> <p>6:30pm - Bethesda # 2</p> <p>7 pm - Voters Meeting</p>	<p>3 pm - Market Day Pickup @</p>	<p>7 pm - Thanksgiving Eve</p>	<p>All Offices Closed</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p> <p>7:30pm - Cable TV/17</p>	<p>Newsletter Articles and</p>	<p>7 am - Men's Basketball @</p> <p>7 am - Men's Bible Class @</p>

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Athletics, Immanuel Lutheran Freeport School Calendar

Nov 2013 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
G Var VB State Tournament State Volleyball					G Var VB State Tournament @ Springfield, IL State Volleyball	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
G Var VB State Tournament State Volleyball	8 am - Administrative Staff	Scrip Orders Turn In	8 am - Teacher Meeting @ 8:50 am - Chapel @	Early Dismissal (11:45) 6:30 pm - Worship Service	CCDC Open Food Packing event No School Parent Teacher	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Scrip Orders Delivery 6:30 pm - PTL Event 6:30 pm - PTL Event	8:50 am - Chapel-Veteran's	6:30 pm - Communion	Market Day Turn-In	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	5 p m - Bd of Education @ 5 p m - Bd of Education @	Scrip Orders Turn In 3 pm - Market Day Pickup @ 5:30 pm - G, B BB JV vs	Magazine Sales Start 8:50 am - Chapel @ 5:30 pm - G, B BB Var @	Day of Prayer 6:30 pm - Worship Service	B BB Var - Belvidere Tournament @ Belvidere, IL Midterm Ends	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	7 p m - Voters Meeting	Scrip Orders Delivery 5:30 pm - B JV/Var BB Home 5:30 pm - G JV/Var BB @	8th Grade Visit and No Bus School In Session Report Cards Go Home 8:50 am - Chapel @	No School - No CCDC		6 p m - IceHogs Game @

Lectionary Readings for

Season	<u>DATE</u>	<u>FESTIVAL</u>	<u>1ST</u>	<u>PSALM</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
	Nov. 3*	All Saints' Day (Nov. 1)	Rev. 7:(2-8) 9-17	Psalm 149	1 John 3:1-3	Matt. 5:1-12
	Nov. 10 (Prop. 27)	Twenty-fifth S. a. Pente- cost	Ex. 3:1-15	Psalm 148	2 Thess. 2:1-8, 13- 17	Luke 20:27-40
	Nov. 17 (Prop. 28)	Twenty-six S. a. Pente- cost	Mal. 4:1-6	Psalm 98	2 Thess. 3:(1-5) 6- 13	Luke 21:5-28 (29-36)
	Nov. 24 (Prop. 29)	Last S. of the Church Year	Mal. 3:13-18	Psalm 46	Col. 1:13-20	Luke 23:27-43
	Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Day	Deut. 8:1-10	Psalm 67	Phil 4:6-20 <i>or</i> 1Tim. 2:1-4	Luke 17:11-19

Prayers from the Hymnal

In times of temptation

Almighty and everlasting God, through Your Son You have promised us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. Govern our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that in our daily need, and especially in all time of temptation, we may seek Your help and, by a true and lively faith in Your Word, obtain all that You have promised; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

For control of the tongue

We pray You, O Lord, to keep our tongues from evil and our lips from speaking deceit, that as Your holy angels continuously sing praises to You in heaven, so may we at all times glorify You on earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.