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May 12, 2019

Welcome, Visitors!

Thank you for choosing to attend Immanuel this morning. We hope that you will find a warm welcome and that you will experience the presence of our Lord here. Our congregation comes from all kinds of backgrounds, so wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here.

Do you have young children with you this morning?

At Immanuel we believe God deeply loves and values children and mysteriously begins His work in them long before they may be able to articulate it. We joyfully welcome children of all ages into our worship service to join the larger body of Christ in worship, confession, giving, and fellowship. We offer a nursery for children under the age of three, a worship program designed for children in preschool through second grade, and Sunday School for ages preschool through fifth grade during the school year. Please stop by the **Children’s Ministry Station** (in the Gathering Place) before the service to sign your children in and get more information on our ministries.

Let us contact you.

At the end of each row, there is a friendship folder with welcome cards and a place for you to let us know you were here. If you simply sign your name and address, we’ll send you a letter with more information about Immanuel. If you include your phone number and email, we’ll be glad to contact you that way too. Thank you for coming!

Note: If you need **hearing assistance**, please speak to one of our ushers or sound crew.



Throw on your camera strap and buckle your seatbelt for a wild adventure through the forest, where we’ll also find snapshots of real-life encounters with Jesus. We hope your child can join us as we learn about how the Bible was written so that we could know Jesus as our Savior, and by believing, have life in his name!

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AGES: Children entering 1st through 6th grade

REGISTER: www.immanuelpresbyterian.net/vbs

IPC PARENTS:

Please register your child online. SAVE TIME: On the website you’ll find a link to the medical release form. Print the form, fill it out at home, and bring it along with your payment on the first morning of VBS to help speed up the Monday registration lines! (Annika will also have printed release forms available at the Children’s Ministry Station on Sundays during May and June.)

Children entering 1st grade through 6th grade are welcome to attend VBS! *Please register your child under the grade they will be in NEXT fall.*

Registration cost for the week is \$10 per child, \$30 max per family. Scholarships are available; please speak with Annika Durbin if this would help your family.

Encourage your children to invite their friends! We have flyers available in the Gathering Place if you want to take a few to share.

IPC Preschoolers are welcome. Please speak to Annika if you have children who are younger than 1st who would like to attend VBS.

VOLUNTEERS: As always, it takes an army of volunteers to make VBS happen! Below is a list of all the areas we still need help this summer. Please look over the list and see where you may be able and willing to serve. Please contact Annika Durbin or Katherine Anderson if you would like to join us!

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| Crew Leaders (still need 7-8 adults) | Nurse on site |
| Craft Station Leader (1) | Set-up Crew (Sunday before VBS) |
| Adult Games Leader (1) | Clean-Up Crew (Friday after VBS) |
| Teen Assistants (7 th -12 th grade) | Decorations/Set Design |
| Nursery Care (for children of volunteers only) | Volunteer Refreshments |

Who We Seek to Be

Called and gathered by the grace of Jesus Christ, we exist as a community of love and truth to celebrate the infinite glory of God through:

Joyful worship centered in the wonder and wisdom of the living Word

Resolute fellowship in Christ made alive by the unifying love of the Spirit among us

Transformative learning for all ages toward full maturity in Christ

Loving service to one another, the community and the world, reflecting the servant heart of Jesus

Spirited mission to the lost near and far, proclaiming the gospel in word and deed

WE GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *O Come, Let Us Worship*

IMMANUEL CHOIR

* CALL TO WORSHIP

- Pastor:

Come, let us worship God, for his love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.
- All:

Thanks be to God.
- Pastor:

Let us praise God, for anyone in Christ is a new creature; the old things have passed away; behold the new has come.
- All:

We know that he died for us, that we who live should no longer live for ourselves, but for him who died and rose again on our behalf.
- Pastor:

Thanks be to God. Let us worship him together.

* INVOCATION

Saturday, May 25, 10 a.m.- noon: **Prime Timers: This Is My Story.** For more information contact Alva Steffler (630-802-0207 or alvasteffler@yahoo.com).

Sunday School Picnic: We'll have an all-church picnic, brought to you by the Social Team, to celebrate the end of the education year for the church on Sunday, May 26 (Memorial Day weekend). Please bring chairs and/or blankets for your family. After that date, there will be no education classes until after Labor Day, though there will be occasional events with missionaries, etc.

June 24-28, **VBS** (more information on page 11)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION *(from Colossians 3:5-10)*

JACK SWANSON

Leader: Brothers and sisters, put to death whatever is earthly within you:

People: Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, dirty-mindedness, uncontrolled passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry.

Leader: Because of these very things, the holy anger of God falls upon those who refuse to obey him.

People: But now, put all these things behind you. No more evil temper or furious rage;

Leader: No more malicious thoughts or words about others; no more thoughts or words belittling God's worth;

People: No more filthy language. Stop telling lies, for you have finished with the old life and its ways.

Leader: Let us confess before God our disobedience this past week, and our yearning to live according to our new nature in Christ.

SONG OF CONFESSION

Change my heart, O God;_ make it ev-er true.

Change my heart, O God;_ may I be like you.

Fine You are the Pot - ter; I am the clay.

D. C. al Fine Mold me and make_ me; this is what I pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ADULT EDUCATION
SESSION 5 (Apr. 7—May 19)

The Gospel of Mark: Study, Meditation and Prayer

Jim Wilhoit, Andy LePeau
Ministry House

We will look at several key episodes in Mark through inductive Bible Study (working at tables to mark the text and discuss what we've found). Then as a class we'll meditate on the story we just studied, and finally we'll pray through the passage. The class is an experiment in providing an opportunity for us to wrestle with the text and interact with it in a very personal way as well.

Andy Le Peau is a founding elder of Immanuel and was for many years the editorial director at InterVarsity Press. He still writes and edits, most recently publishing Mark Through Old Testament Eyes. But he feels he is best known as Phyllis Le Peau's trophy husband.

Jim Wilhoit began attending Immanuel on Pastor George's first Sunday. Jim feels he is best known for being married to the chair of the Social Team. In May he will retire from Wheaton College where he has taught for thirty-eight years.

Agreeing to Disagree: Christianity and Other Religions in Dialogue

Kent Richter
Sanctuary

Studying the ideas and practices of other religions, we can look at how they share elements with Christian belief and practice while also clarifying differences that make for important disagreements. We can study Hinduism, different kinds of Buddhism, Islam and Sikhism, as well as other religions that interest you. Hopefully, we can take the ideas and implications of other religions seriously for their philosophical and moral implications, while we understand the uniqueness and necessity of Christian faith.

Kent Richter is Professor of Philosophy and World Religions at the College of DuPage for 26 years, regular attendee at IPC for just as long. Been busy in choir and committees here and there, but mostly these days with the Food Pantry, being married to Renee, pantry coordinator.

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

- * CLOSING HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision* HYMN 642
- * BENEDICTION
- * POSTLUDE

TODAY

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, **Lew Luttrell** is available at the front following the service.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, John Zimmerman, Kent Richter, Immanuel choir

11:10 a.m. Adult Ed and Sunday school

Food Pantry closed today

No Youth Group tonight

THIS WEEK

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| Tuesday | 11:00 a. m. - 1:00 p.m. | Food pantry open |
| | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. | Men’s Book Study (<i>Pastor’s office</i>) |
| Thursday | 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. | Food Pantry open |

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

From the Finance Committee – The giving goal for April was \$51,000. The actual giving in April was \$51,091 or just over 100% of the giving goal. Giving for the first four months of 2018 for the operating budget was \$251,859 or just under 100% of the giving goal of \$253,000.

Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m. to noon: **Church work day**. Willing hands are needed. Come to help with grounds/ clean-up and enjoy fellowship with other church members.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The promise of God is greater than our sinfulness: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Brothers and sisters, rest in this good news—in Jesus Christ we stand forgiven. Amen.

* ACCLAMATION

All: To him whose sovereignty is never-ending and whose kingdom endures through all generations, to the Most High, the Ever-Living One, be blessing and honor and glory. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

(Please share God’s peace with those around you.)

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

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| OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: <i>A Canon of Praise</i> | Mozart |
| | IMMANUEL CHOIR |
| * DOXOLOGY | Howard Whitaker |

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here be-
low. Praise Him above, ye Heav'nly host; praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

BAROCHA

MICHAEL CARD

The Lord bless you and keep you. The
The Lord be gra - cious to you. The
3 We wel - come you to Im - man - u - el. We
Lord make His face shine up - on you, and give you peace,
Lord turn His face to - ward you, and give you peace,
6 pledge to raise you; may you know well God's per - fect peace,
and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.
and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.
God's per - fect peace, God's per - fect peace for - ev - er.

(Children 3 years through 2nd grade are dismissed to go downstairs.)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

ANNETTE LAPLACA

* HYMN: *Children of the Heavenly Father*

HYMN 131

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

(Please remain standing for the reading of God's Word.)

READERS: WISDOM FAMILY

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Ecclesiastes 12:1-8*

¹ Remember your Creator
in the days of your youth,
before the days of trouble come
and the years approach when you will say,
“I find no pleasure in them”—
² before the sun and the light
and the moon and the stars grow dark,

and the clouds return after the rain;
³ when the keepers of the house tremble,
and the strong men stoop,
when the grinders cease because they are few,
and those looking through the windows grow dim;
⁴ when the doors to the street are closed
and the sound of grinding fades;
when people rise up at the sound of birds,
but all their songs grow faint;
⁵ when people are afraid of heights
and of dangers in the streets;
when the almond tree blossoms
and the grasshopper drags itself along
and desire no longer is stirred.
Then people go to their eternal home
and mourners go about the streets.
⁶ Remember him—before the silver cord is severed,
and the golden bowl is broken;
before the pitcher is shattered at the spring,
and the wheel broken at the well,
⁷ and the dust returns to the ground it came from,
and the spirit returns to God who gave it.
⁸ “Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher.
“Everything is meaningless!” NIV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Acts 17:30-31*

³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people
everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with
justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising
him from the dead.” NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Remembering to Truly Live*