

INSIDE IMMANUEL



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

Faith as a Mustard Seed

He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you." – Matthew 17.20

At CTK school has begun! Kids are back in class and teachers are teaching already. Every school year we wrap the year around a particular verse from Scripture, our theme verse. This year our verse is Matthew 17.20. This verse sounds simple, have a little faith – faith like a mustard seed and nothing will be impossible. But there is a little more going on here.

Before this Jesus had taken Peter, James, and John on that mountain and Jesus was transfigured before them. The three disciples were shocked as Jesus shone, the Father spoke, the cloud covered, and Moses and Elijah appeared. Was this about making structures for Moses, Elijah, and Jesus? Was this about Jesus being strong enough to drive out the Romans? Matthew gives us a clue as to what God was doing for His disciples. When Moses and Elijah are gone, when the cloud is no more, and the Father's voice is silent the disciples see Jesus only.

While they were on the mountain the other disciples were out working. They were teaching and driving out demons, or trying to drive out demons. A man comes up to Jesus saying that his son is possessed by an evil spirit and the disciples were not able to drive it out. Jesus replies, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you (Matthew 17.17a)?" Who is this faithless generation? The crowd or maybe the father of the boy or perhaps the disciples. Jesus drive out the demon with a word.

But the disciples inquire why they couldn't drive out the demon. And Jesus speaks our theme verse. If only they had faith like a mustard seed. The mustard seed was known to be one of the smallest seeds, which grew into a large plant. Their faith was not strong like a mature plant, it wasn't growing like a sapling, it wasn't even a seed! They had no faith. They couldn't move a demon, let alone a mountain!

But there is more. In the next section Matthew records Jesus telling the disciples, "The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day (Matthew 17.22-23)." The disciples are distressed for they have no faith nor trust in Jesus. But Jesus does have faith. He trusts the Father. Jesus is transfigured to show the disciples that He has faith. He will travel the way the Father has set out for Him and let nothing turn Him away from that course. Jesus is able to drive out demons with a word, heal the sick, forgive sinners, and even move something heavier than mountains.

As Jesus focuses on going to the cross and dying He shoulders a heavy burden, your sin. Heavier than any mountain range is this burden! He suffers the consequence of our sin on the tree. He faithfully takes all the Father's wrath against sin. He is transformed into our sin for us. Jesus bears with us amid our sins and unfaithfulness. He comes to us in our lives and grants us what we need – faith in Him. This is given through our Baptism into Him. He washes sins away and gives faith. As we abide in Him that faith grows. It flourishes as we are in His Word and worship. It grows into a strong and abiding tree, which nothing can shake. That others would see and marvel at the goodness and mercy of God.

This is what we do at CTK, teach the faith. It is the focus of our school. Amid academics and sports, we teach Christ that our students would have a strong faith in their Savior. That our kids would know all that Jesus has done for them. He has died for them and grants them faith to trust in Him during the storms of life. As we begin a new year we remember again our purpose at CTK – to teach Christ. Please keep our school, teachers, and students in your prayers as we begin this school year. How blessed we are to be able to reach so many in Christ!

In Jesus Christ crucified,
Pastor Boyer

G.L.U.E **“God Loves Us** **Eternally”**

1 John 4:1 - Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

We’ve been hearing a lot about false prophets lately in sermons, and at least I have, reading the “Lutheran Hour Ministries” I receive daily in my internet mail.

There are many false prophets out there today, aren’t there? I can name a few and some sound like they are truly speaking from the mouth of God. But are they? Or are they using God for their own purposes to enrich themselves? People like Kenneth Copeland, Joel Osteen, Jimmy Bakker and many, many others. Is there anything wrong with being a televangelist to spread the Word of God? No. But what are the priorities for spreading it? Is it self-enrichment, or is it to help everyone hear the Word?

Joel Osteen is worth between \$40 and \$100 million; he lives in a \$10.5M home, 17,000 square feet. Is he using God’s Word to enrich himself with his extravagant lifestyle while his followers can only dream of such wealth? He was criticized for not welcoming hurricane evacuees into his Lakewood megachurch. He blamed it on flooding which locals said was false. Roads were open. Does this sound like someone you would want to follow to hear God’s Word?

Jimmy Bakker was sentenced to five years in prison for stealing money from his followers. Was he preaching God’s Word to enrich himself?

Kenneth Copeland’s net worth is between \$450 and \$700 million. Claims his 3 jets are needed to spread God’s Word. He asked his followers

to donate to upgrade the runways for his jets.

The bottom line is “What are these guys really doing and what is the purpose for doing it?” They are persuasive talkers and people listen. Why? Because they want to hear the Word of God. But do these televangelists truly have God in their hearts, or is it just a money-making ploy?

Be wary of these types of “false?” prophets! I will not argue with you if you think they truly are prophets of God. I don’t! If they truly are, “Why aren’t they spreading that wealth back to their followers to help them in their struggles rather than living in mansions and amassing such wealth? Think about it; between them, they could give every single person in this country a million dollars and it wouldn’t put a dent in their lifestyles. Or imagine how much they could share with churches to help them spread the Word of God to more people. Better yet, all the followers that contribute to these guys could give those donations to their own churches, rather than contributing to someone’s extravagant lifestyle while hearing the Word of God.

Beware of false prophets. Come to church and support it for the benefit of the congregation, and you. Hear God’s Word in our church and give generously to support its mission. It’s about priorities. It’s about living a life with Jesus and giving what you can. Following Christ, not false prophets, is the only way to Everlasting Life.

Remember, God Loves Us Eternally!

His blessings to all!
Jim Bratton

Official Acts

WEDDINGS

Aug 9 **Isaiah & Paige (Prime)**
Williamson

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your thoughtful donation to our patients and families at C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital! Your generosity allows us to support, comfort, and bring joy to our Little Victors as they stay with us in the hospital and/or visit us for long term treatment. In fact, more than 12,000 of our pediatric patients benefit from donations such as yours each year. As the #1 children’s hospital in the state of Michigan we are incredibly proud to serve our patients and their families. We know it wouldn’t be possible without partners and community supporters like you. Again, thank you for your donation and supporting our Little Victors. We truly appreciate it! Hail! – Luanne Thomas Ewald, Chief Operating Officer

Voters’ Meeting **Monday,** **September 22** **7:30pm**

Treasurer’s Report

MONTH OF JULY 2025

Receipts	\$ 59,630.00
Less Expenses	- 62,788.90
Operating Income	- 3,158.90
Deficit Reduction	810.00
Net Income	-2,348.90

CASH IN BANK & ON HAND

Petty Cash	100.00
Independent Checking	34,115.19
Independent Savings	17,018.93
Ind Bank CD	78,071.15
Ind Bank CD	78,501.35
Ind Bank CD	156,975.00
Restricted Savings	-201,308.57
Total	\$163,473.05

Musical Notes



Anyone is welcome to join our Glory Ringers handbell group. One does not need to be able to read music in order to play. We have small bells available so don't be concerned about lifting a heavy bell. We are a friendly, fun-loving group that only plays in church when it fits the schedule of the entire group. We will begin practicing on Wednesday, Sept. 3, 6 p.m. If you would like to just try out the group for a week or two to see if you like playing, feel free to do that. We would welcome you.

The Adoration Choir resumes rehearsals on Wednesday, Sept. 3, 7 p.m. Please meet me in the sanctuary. I look forward to seeing everyone as we praise God through the sung Word. If anyone would like to join the choir for just a few weeks to see if you like singing with us, you are most welcome to do that.

Barbara Bleck,
Director of Music



PRAYER VIGIL AT IMMANUEL

Immanuel will be hosting a prayer vigil on Saturday, September 20. Church doors will be open to anyone wanting a quiet place to pray from 9am-6pm. Public welcome.

October Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, September 17

EVANGELISM QUOTES OF THE MONTH

"It is the duty of every Christian to be Christ to his neighbor." – Martin Luther

"The cross shows us the seriousness of our sin, but it also shows us the immeasurable love of God." – Billy Graham

"Evangelism is just one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread." – Daniel Niles

"One of the greatest priorities of the church today is to mobilize the laity to do the work of evangelism." – Billy Graham

"Evangelism and the local church are inseparable. It's like the Good Samaritan seeking an inn for the one he rescued." – Reinhard Bonnke

"Evangelism was not a program in the Jerusalem church; it was a way of life. The believers' lives and behaviors created such favor with the population of Jerusalem that people were drawn to the Lord." – David Jeremiah

"Evangelism is not an option for the Christian life." – Luis Palau

"Heaven is not for good people...it's for forgiven people!" – Greg Laurie

Council Meeting August 11

Elders: The annual church picnic is planned for Sunday, September 14. Public school confirmation students will be included in the church attendance policy. Discussion was had on the possibility of moving Voters' meetings to Sunday after church to improve attendance.

Trustees: The old "science room" at the school has been receiving updates. We are hoping to have the new scoreboard installed as soon as it arrives.

Stewardship: Pastor appreciation is planned for October 5, "think tailgate." An Immanuel cookbook is in the works.

Evangelism: Chairperson discussion is still ongoing. A Prayer Vigil is planned for Saturday, September 20, 9a-6p and open to the public. A Christmas concert is planned for Sunday, December 7. The Evangelism Board is looking for one more member.

Youth: August 24 with kick off Collide's Bibles and Bonfires with Jr High 5-7pm and Sr High 7:30-8:30 and meeting the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month thereafter. During the September 14 church picnic – look for our smores station! September 23 will be Octoberfest. October 3 we will be at USA Homecoming with glow sticks and face painting. October 5 is Youth Night and Kohl Farms for grades 6-12. October 19 will be Pumpkin Rolling at Sherwood on the Hill from 2-4pm for grades 6-8.

School Board: We are hoping to have the new scoreboard installed before the first home volleyball game. The discussion on a credit card reader for school was misinformed, it is actually more of a portal for making credit card payments on tuition as well as recurring payments. The new preschool assistant director is Nicole Dyer.

Principal's Report: Nicole and Casey are back in the preschool. Renee Repkie will be a long term sub

this year. In November we can get a call list for next year's staffing needs. Jen Yoder attended a principal conference July 28-29. August 5 and 13 are preschool meet and greet days. School registration August 13. August 18 school will begin for grades K-8. Preschool will begin September 2.

Pastor's Report: Pastor will attend the Circuit Visitor Convention in Ann Arbor September 17-18 and the All Pastor Conference October 6-8. Pastor and a lay person are needed for Circuit Forum volunteers. Bay View Garden Devotions have begun and will take place the first Tuesday of the month at 10:30am.

President's Report: We are still planning for a Commitment Sunday Event to encourage faithful giving and the ways to do so. A committee has been made to head this up.

*Next Council Meeting: Monday,
September 15, 7:45 p.m.*

*Next Voters' Meeting: Monday,
September 22, 7:30 p.m.*

CTK School News

Greetings from CTK!

We are very excited to be back in session! Grades K-8 had a great start to their year on August 18. The preschool teachers are excited to welcome their students on September

2. I have seen a lot of smiles and heard exciting lessons being taught as I walk through the hallways!

Our theme for this school year is from Matthew 17:20, "Faith can move mountains." We are blessed to be able to teach our students to keep their faith, whether they are having trying times or times are good. With God, faith as small as a mustard seed can move the mountains in their lives. With Him, all things are possible, and He will help you through whatever life throws at you.

Our soccer team and A & B volleyball teams have been working hard at their practices. The volleyball teams have started their games, while the soccer team will start games after Labor Day.

We are truly blessed here at CTK to have all the continued prayers and support for the staff and students! We greatly appreciate all that our congregations do for our school! Thank you!

God's Blessings,
Jen Yoder
Principal



Memorial & Gifts

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Dan & Gloria Beringer - scholarship
Jim & Connie Bunke - scholarship
Dave & Angie Hughes and family

IN MEMORY OF BLAIR MCINTOSH

Jim & Connie Bunke - scholarship
Carol Mammel - library

Devotions
at
Bay View Gardens



the 1st Tuesday
each month
10:30am

Scrip Order Form, Christ the King Lutheran School

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

Chain Stores	Profit	Amt	Quantity	Total		Gas	Profit	Amt	Quantity	Total
Ace Hardware	4%	\$25				Marathon	3%	\$100		
Amazon	1.7%	\$100				Marathon	3%	\$25		
Amazon	1.7%	\$50				Shell	1.5%	\$25		
Amazon	1.7%	\$25				Speedway	4%	\$25		
American Eagle	10%	\$25				Sunoco	1.5%	\$50		
Auto Zone	7%	\$25				Miscellaneous	Profit	Amt	Quantity	Total
Barnes & Noble	8%	\$25				Best Western	10%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	8%	\$10				Build a Bear	8%	\$25		
Bath & Body Works	12%	\$25				Delta Airlines	4%	\$250		
Bath & Body Works	12%	\$10				I Tunes	5%	\$15		
Best Buy	4%	\$25				Pet Smart	5%	\$25		
Cabelas	8%	\$100				Visa	1.25%	\$50		
Cabelas	8%	\$25				Visa	1.25%	\$100		
Claire's	9%	\$10				Restaurants	Profit	Amt	Quantity	Total
Dicks Sporting	8%	\$25				Applebees	8%	\$25		
Disney	3%	\$25				Arby's	8%	\$10		
Disney	3%	\$100				Bob Evans	10%	\$25		
Dunham's	8%	\$25				Bob Evans	10%	\$10		
Famous Footwear	8.0%	\$25				Buffalo Wild Wings	8%	\$25		
Five Below	2.5%	\$25				Burger King	4%	\$10		
Gap/Old Navy	14%	\$25				Happy Moments	8%	\$25		
Gordon's Food	4%	\$25				Chili's	11%	\$25		
Home Depot	4%	\$100				Chipotle	9%	\$10		
Home Depot	4%	\$25				Cold Stone Creamery	11%	\$10		
Kohls	7%	\$25				Cracker Barrel	8%	\$10		
Kohls	7%	\$100				Dairy Queen	3%	\$10		
Lowe's	4%	\$25				Dardens/Olive Garden	8%	\$25		
Macy's	10%	\$25				IHop	8%	\$25		
Marshall/TJ Maxx	7%	\$25				Jimmy Johns	8%	\$25		
Maurices	7%	\$20				KFC	6%	\$25		
Meijer	3%	\$100				McDonalds	2%	\$25		
Meijer	3%	\$50				Little Ceaser's	8%	\$20		
Meijer	3%	\$25				Omaha Steaks	11%	\$25		
Menards	3%	\$100				Outback Steakhouse	8%	\$25		
Menards	3%	\$25				Panda Express	8%	\$25		
Micheals	4%	\$25				Panera Bread	8%	\$25		
Sephora	6.5%	\$25				Panera Bread	8%	\$10		
Shutterfly	9%	\$25				Pizza Hut	8%	\$10		
Staples	5%	\$25				Red Lobster	8%	\$25		
Target	2.5%	\$25				Starbucks	4.5%	\$25		
Tractor Supply	4.5%	\$25				Starbucks	4.5%	\$10		
Ulta	7%	\$25				Subway	6%	\$10		
Under Armour	11%	\$25				Taco Bell	5%	\$10		
Wal-mart	2.5%	\$100				Texas Roadhouse	8%	\$25		
Wal-mart	2.5%	\$50				Uno Chicago Grill	12%	\$25		
Wal-mart	2.5%	\$25				Wendy's	4%	\$10		

Other: _____ Amt: _____

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September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Flower chairman Carol Truemner	Labor Day 1 5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C Church Office Closed CTK – No School	2 10:30 Bay View Garden Devotional	3 7:00 Men's Study 8:15 Chapel	4 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	5	6
7 7:15 Elders Meeting 9:00 WORSHIP/C – 2 10:15 SS & BC	8 5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C	9	10 8:15 Chapel	Patriot's Day 11 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 4:00 Mary Martha Guild	12	13
14 9:00 Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic - 3 10:15 SS & BC 7:30 Youth Board	15 5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C 6:30 Trustees 6:30 Stewardship 7:15 Evangelism 7:45 Council	16	17 8:15 Chapel Newsletter Deadline 4:00	18 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	19	20 9a-6p Prayer Vigil
21 9:00 WORSHIP/C – 4 10:15 SS & BC	22 5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C 7:30 Voters' Meeting	23 6:00 Pub. School Conf. 7:00 Board of Ed	24 8:15 Chapel CTK 11:30 release	25 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	26	27
28 9:00 WORSHIP/C – 5 10:15 SS & BC	29 5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C	30 6:00 Pub. School. Conf.				

September Birthdays

SEPTEMBER 1

Kody Fritz
Courtney Wightman

SEPTEMBER 2

Branden Gettel
Sandy Marxhausen
Rhonda Reige
Tucker Truemner

SEPTEMBER 3

Lois Bohn
Tanner Gast
Brooklynn Kuhl

SEPTEMBER 4

Allison Eimers
Darlene Werschky

SEPTEMBER 5

Samuel Fiebig

SEPTEMBER 6

Peter Boyer
Molly Gremel
Amanda Herman
Kristine Koch
Kathy Millerwise
Joan Walz

SEPTEMBER 7

Dakota Gangler
Ellis Kemp

SEPTEMBER 8

Joel Dressler
James Hartman

SEPTEMBER 9

Cole Finkbeiner
Avery Harder
Stephanie Long

SEPTEMBER 10

Austin Duffy
Parker Ritchey
Courtney Zuzga

SEPTEMBER 11

Debra Bloomfield
Dorothy Prichard
Brad Rievert

SEPTEMBER 12

Maggie Feehan
William Lutz
Madison Tietz

SEPTEMBER 13

Jacob Adam

SEPTEMBER 14

David Duffy
Amy Merriam
Mark Reithel

SEPTEMBER 15

Kelly Duffy
Pamela Geiger
Emma Stecker

SEPTEMBER 16

River Gast
Katrina Kauffold
Loren Kunisch
Sara Pitt
Doug Forsberg

SEPTEMBER 17

Sarah Vasani

SEPTEMBER 18

Connie Strieter

SEPTEMBER 19

Karla Bach
Mackenzie Ortner

SEPTEMBER 20

Staci Gaeth
Tracy Geiger
Eric Kelly
Lori A Kemp

SEPTEMBER 21

Gloria Beringer
Ryder Gangler
Eric Janke
Gabriel Payne
Gary Wissner

SEPTEMBER 22

Courtney Kemp
Grant Kunding
Audrey McNabb
Caroline McNabb
Lily McNabb
Katie Rice

SEPTEMBER 23

No Birthdays

SEPTEMBER 24

Fred Gregory
Mark Lutz
Daniel Monville Jr

SEPTEMBER 25

Billie Jo Gaeth

SEPTEMBER 26

No Birthdays

SEPTEMBER 27

Jean Kuhl

SEPTEMBER 28

Journey Armstrong
Lauren O'Berski

SEPTEMBER 29

Madison Gettel

SEPTEMBER 30

Noah Crumm
Skylar Gremel
Tracy Herman
Joshua Lakie
Mark Miller



The 9th Annual Dusty Club Golf Scramble & Blessing of the Clubs Sept 27, 2025

Sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church
With proceeds benefiting upgraded windows & HVAC
for Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebawaing !

- **Where:** **Scenic Golf Course**
8364 W. Filion Rd
Pigeon, MI 48755
- **When:** **Registration @ 9:30am**
Tee Time @ 10:30am

Fun Contests Throughout the Day!
Fun Putt Longest Putt & Drive
Skins & 50/50s Putting Challenge
Hole in 1 Contest 300 Club!!
New! —Grenades & Mulligans!!

- 4 Person Scramble w/ Cart
- Free Driving Range Prior to Tee Off
- Ties Decided by Highest Handicap Hole
- Contest Prizes, Silent Auction & More!
- Brats/Dogs at Turn & Meal Following
- Great Goodie Bags
- Prizes to the Winners



8th Annual Dusty Club Golf Scramble Registration Form

_____ @ \$75.00/ Person (Non-Members of Scenic) ~Deadline Sept 20, 2025~
_____ @ \$65.00/Person (Scenic Members)

If you are interested in helping to sponsor the scramble or would like to sponsor a hole, please let us know!

Team Members:

1. _____ (Captain) Telephone: _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Address: _____

Make Checks Payable to: Immanuel Lutheran Church

Mail Payment & Reg Form To: Becky Fiebig, 3812 Bay Port Rd, Sebawaing, MI 48759
For more info contact Lori Sweetman (989)280-4931 or Becky Fiebig at (989)670-5635
Email: beckyfiebig@countysidemi.com



The 9th Annual Dusty Club Golf Scramble Sponsorship Opportunities



Join Immanuel Lutheran Church as we hold our 9th golf scramble on Sept 27, 2025 to benefit upgraded windows and HVAC systems at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebewaing! We appreciate your support!



Please Return Form by Sept 20, 2025



Dusty Club Golf Scramble Sponsorship Form

- _____ **\$1,000 Event Sponsor** –Signage recognition throughout event, at dinner and social media mentions
- _____ **\$500 Meal Sponsor** -Signage by food and social media mentions
- _____ **\$300 Contest Sponsor** -Signage at contest holes and social media mentions
- _____ **\$150 Hole Sponsorship** - Signage at a hole
- _____ **\$75 Cart Sponsorship** - Signage at on a cart

Business/Name: _____
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Make Checks Payable to: Immanuel Lutheran Church

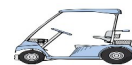
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· Where: Scenic Golf Course
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· When: Sept 27, 2025
Registration @ 9:30am
Tee Time @ 10:30am

Thank you for your support!



Dust off your clubs, gather your friends and join us for a great day!!