

INSIDE IMMANUEL



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

Baptism

Recently, we've had a number of baptisms at Immanuel. They are all special. What a blessing for a child to come and receive the grace and mercy of their Lord Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins. What a joy for us, as a congregation, to welcome these little ones to the faith and share with them the gifts of Jesus. What a blessed Sacrament to give! This, then, is an excellent opportunity to think again about the doctrine of Baptism.

What is Baptism? Is Baptism law or Gospel? The law is about what we have to do or should do. When we think of law we think of the Ten Commandments. They direct and curb our actions. The Ten Commandments are what we should do; they are law. The Gospel is what God does for us. Consider Jesus dying on the cross. God did that for you, you had no part of it (it was not your action nor did you merit the death that Jesus died).

If Baptism is law, something that we must do, it would symbolize our commitment to God. And sometimes our commitment wavers and we would need to be Baptized again and again and again. If Baptism was of the law, what we need to do, there would be no end to it for we could never do it perfectly. If, however, Baptism is of the Gospel (what God does) we would need to be Baptized only one time. God would do it perfectly. Then Baptism would cleanse our sins and grant us salvation.

So which is it? What does Scripture say? "Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him (1 Peter 3.21-22)." We can't save ourselves. Salvation belongs to the realm of God, to the Gospel. For Peter, Baptism is Gospel- what God does for us!

On Pentecost Peter stood up and said, "And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2.38)." Can we forgive our own sins? No, God must. Peter does not say that Baptism is our commitment to God, rather it is God's act upon us.

Paul writes to Titus, "But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life (Titus 3.4-7)." God saved us, not by our works, but through His mercy! And how is this saving, by God, done? Through Baptism so that we would be justified (made right with God) by His grace.

Scripture is clear, Baptism is Gospel. It is what God does for us. It does not symbolize our commitment to God. Rather, God uses that simple water combined with His Word to wash our sins away. Though the mighty act of God we are joined to the death that Jesus died and we are forgiven. In this forgiveness we stand in the good times of life and in the tough times of life. We look back to our Baptism for confidence and assurance of our salvation. God forgave me there and then, through Jesus, and God brings that forgiveness flowing from the font to us daily.

Baptism isn't just something that happened then, but it is an ongoing reality in which we live. We live as forgiven children of God. We live in the death that Jesus died and in the victory He won on that cross. Yes, we daily die to sin, confessing our sins before our Father in heaven. Yes, we still need His grace and mercy. Yes, we are still plagued by difficulty and suffering. But we stand in the grace given through Baptism.

Paul writes, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life (Romans 6.3-4)." You have died with Jesus. You have been raised up with Him to life a new life. Thanks be to God that Baptism is Gospel, what God does for us. God has washed you clean and grants you forgiveness. All this is a gift give to you through your Baptism.

In Jesus,
Pastor Boyer

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

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

How much has anyone thought about death and dying? Yes, we witness death of others, but do we think about our deaths? When you think about death, what do you think? Do you think that death is the end of life on earth? Probably. Do you think of death and beyond? What lies ahead, anything?

As Christians we know, don't we. We know that death on earth is not the end of life, is it? We know that when we die here on earth we will immediately go to live with our Savior, Jesus Christ.

How do we know this? We know this because Jesus has told us so. He promised in John 14:2-3; He states that He is going to prepare a place for us so that we may be with Him. Jesus says, “I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am.”

There is nothing to fear about our deaths here on earth because we know that we are going to live eternally with Jesus Christ. If we keep our minds set on Jesus, believe in Him and believe what He has told us, we will have no fear of death, because we know that death to sin will occur; but, then we also know that once death occurs Jesus will take us to live again, with Him, forever! There is no greater joy than this!

We know that God Loves Us Eternally, because He has told us so!

God's blessings to all!

Jim Bratton

November **Newsletter** **Deadline:** **Wednesday,** **October 21, 2026**

Treasurer's Report

MONTH OF AUGUST 2026

Cash, Deposits & Invest.	\$ 421,778.92
Designated Funds	- 212,237.59
Operating Cash & Deposits	\$ 209,541.33

MONTHLY – AUGUST 2026

General Fund Receipts	\$63,600.68
General Fund Expenses	- 65,207.32
Deficit reduction collection	1,350.00
Net Income	\$ - 256.64

YEARLY TO DATE – AUGUST 2026

General Fund Receipts	\$ 115,677.70
General Fund Expenses	- 127,269.28
Operating Income	- 11,591.58
Deficit reduction collection	2,850.00
CTK giveback 2024-2025	0
Net Income	\$ - 8,741.58

Official Acts

BAPTISMS

Sept 6 **Cameron Jabob Harper**, son of Austin & Madison (Adam) Harper, born March 25, 2026.

PASTOR APPRECIATION

October is Pastor Appreciation month! We give thanks for our pastors – past and present.

The congregation is invited to stay after worship on Sunday, October 25 to attend a reception and

share fellowship with our pastors. Appetizers and deserts will be served.

A card box will be outside of the church office if anyone would like to drop off a card before hand.

FROM CONCORDIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The school year at Concordia Chicago is going well. As of writing I have just finished the fourth week of school and all is well. We are truly blessed to have this college as a part of the LCMS. All the teachers and students are very friendly and supportive. My classes for this semester are as follows: Vocation and College Success taught by Professor Andrew Winkelman, English Composition by Professor Mark Arendt, Latin 1 by Doctor Charles Schulz, Intro to Philosophy of Religion by Professor Andrew Ashenden, and Martin Luther Small and Large Catechism by Doctor Kirk Clayton. I am also a part of the Wind Symphony directed by Johanna Anderson and University Handbells directed by Amy Moeller. I am also a part of the Creative Writing Club led by Professor Anton Jones. On Monday Sept. 21 I will be attending a Mental Health Symposium at St. Louis Seminary, which CUC is sponsoring and Dr. Schulz will be taking us. Besides that everything here in Chicago is going better than expected, Praise be to God! Thank you all for all of your prayers and donations to help me go to this wonderful College.

God's Blessings,
Peter Boyer

Council Meeting **August 10**

Elders: Pastor Hahn will be here on February 21, someone from the District will be here in October and special music is being planned for celebration services in honor of the 175th anniversary of Immanuel next

year. We may have one replacement for the Board of Elders, we are still looking for one more. Elders hosted the church breakfast picnic in September, about 80 members were in attendance. Transfers out: Ken & Sue Rice to Immanuel, Bay City; Trudy Packard to Linkville. Releases: Garret & Katie Adam and family; Landen Eremia; Ken Walz.

Trustees: Dyer has begun the heating project. They made some changes to the plan that should result in a cost savings. A possible Trustee replacement has been found. The sound system project is ongoing. The bathroom partition project is on hold for the moment. Hugo's are waiting on a few parts to begin work on the church doors.

Stewardship: Pastor Appreciation Day will be Sunday, October 25. A craft workshop with Theresa Kain is being planned and for the beginning of the year.

Evangelism: We were at Kohl Farms for their "Jesus Freaks" event on August 15. December 6 at 2pm we will be hosting a Christmas Concert.

School Board: We are still working on logistics of the infant and toddler rooms, including venturing out to see what others have as far as set ups and lay outs. Cheri Bohn will be filling in for Lynette Walz while she is out. The music stipend will be split between Christy and Emily. The school board is considering who will be our LEAP representative, the next meeting is October 29. A few board members spent time at the Unionville campus cleaning up brush and weeds. Thank you! CTK give-back to Immanuel this year will be \$16,826.73. There was a donation made to get new basketball hoops in the gym. Discussion was had on the best way to use the donation and possibly add to it to get a better quality hoop that will last.

Youth: Friday is USA homecoming. Collie is offering face painting and glow sticks. The pumpkin roll at Sherwood is tentatively October 4. Octoberfest

will be on a Sunday this year, October 18. The roast beef dinner is planned for Sunday, December 6. Sunday School begins this Sunday!

Principal's Report: School is off to a good start. We have 73 students in grades K-8, 17 pre-schoolers, and 14 latchkey kids. Soccer and Volleyball is in session. The pick-a-date fundraiser is happening. Grades K-1 sang at Kilmanagh yesterday.

Pastor's Report: The Circuit Visitor Conference was September 8-10 in Ann Arbor. There is a missional event grant for those that have ideas. There are 32 calls; 5 for St Pastor, 18 for Sole Pastors, 7 for Associate Pastors. The North and East Conference is October 4-6. Pastor is heading to Charlevoix for a wedding on Friday. Thumb pastors are planning an event for high schoolers this spring.

Vice-President: We will have further Board Eligibility discussions (around board members needing to be not only church members in good standing but also voting members) at the next Voters Meeting in January.

**Next Council Meeting: Monday, October 12 at 7:45pm.*

**Next Voters' Meeting: Sunday, January 17, 2027 after worship.*

CTK School News

Greetings from CTK!

We are officially over a month into the school year, and what a busy month it was. We remembered and recognized Patriot Day on September 11 and Constitution Day on the 17th. Our 3rd and 4th graders attended Project Red at the fairgrounds in Bad Axe. The 8th graders picked grapes at Zagata's farm and the 7th & 8th graders did their Fall into Reading afternoon for the Preschool-1st graders.

The fall sports season is winding down. Our volleyball team has an impressive season with a current record of: 7-0 in TCLL and 9-1 including their tournament games to date. Our little, but fierce soccer team currently has a record of: 2-3. The 8th graders were recognized on the court with our annual Parent Night. The TCLL tournaments will take place on October 8-11. Good luck to the soccer and volleyball teams.

There are a few class fundraisers taking place in October, with proceeds going towards their Washington, D.C. trip. The 6th grade class will have their Crumbl cookies and apple cider slushies for sale at the Countryside Auto Value store in Sebawaing on October 1 from 4p-8p (or until sold out). The 6th & 7th graders will be making 8x8 pans of apple crisps for \$10 each on October 28. Pre-sale orders are to be placed by October 21.

We are looking forward to hosting the annual Trunk or Treat event on October 23. What a wonderful way to share the love of Jesus with the community. If you'd like to enter a trunk, please contact Megan Sattelberg.

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

CHURCH DECORATING

IN MEMORY OF JAN BAKER

Carol Mammel

CHRIST THE KING

IN MEMORY OF AL RUNDELL

Rod & Lois Bohn

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Amazon	1.5%	\$50				Shell	1.5%	\$25		
Amazon	1.5%	\$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				Delta Airlines	4%	\$250		
Bath & Body Works	12%	\$25				I Tunes	5%	\$15		
Bath & Body Works	12%	\$10				Pet Smart	6%	\$25		
Best Buy	4%	\$25				Restaurants	Profit	Amt	Quantity	Total
Cabelas	9%	\$100				Applebees	8%	\$25		
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Dicks Sporting	8%	\$25				Biggby Coffee	7%	\$25		
Disney	3%	\$100				Bob Evans	10%	\$25		
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Dunhams	8%	\$25				Buffalo Wild Wings	8%	\$25		
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Gap/Old Navy	14%	\$25				Burger King	7%	\$10		
Gordon's Food	4%	\$25				Happy Moments	8%	\$25		
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Home Depot	4%	\$25				Chipotle	9%	\$10		
Kohls	7%	\$100				Cracker Barrel	8%	\$10		
Kohls	7%	\$25				Crumbl	7%	\$25		
Lowe's	4%	\$25				Crumbl	7%	\$10		
Macy's	10%	\$25				Dairy Queen	6.5%	\$10		
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Meijer	3%	\$50				KFC	6%	\$25		
Meijer	3%	\$25				McDonalds	3%	\$25		
Menards	3%	\$100				McDonalds	3%	\$10		
Menards	3%	\$25				Little Ceaser's	8%	\$20		
Micheals	7.5%	\$25				Omaha Steaks	11%	\$25		
Sephora	6.5%	\$25				Outback Steakhouse	10%	\$25		
Staples	5%	\$25				Panda Express	8%	\$25		
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Tractor Supply	4.5%	\$25				Panera Bread	8%	\$10		
Tractor Supply	4.5%	\$100				Pizza Hut	8%	\$10		
Ulta	7%	\$25				Red Lobster	8%	\$25		
Under Armour	11%	\$25				Starbucks	4.5%	\$25		
Wal-mart	2.5%	\$100				Starbucks	4.5%	\$10		
Wal-mart	2.5%	\$50				Subway	6%	\$10		
Wal-mart	2.5%	\$25				Taco Bell	5%	\$10		
Visa	1.25%	\$100				Texas Roadhouse	8%	\$25		
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Our Family
DIRECT YOUR LABELS

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By collecting and submitting Our Family® product labels, CTK can raise funds to support our mission.

For every 500 Our Family labels turned in, CTK will receive a \$25 donation. It's a simple, ongoing way to generate support.

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or **CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT:**
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PRE-SALE ORDERS DUE BY:
Wednesday, October 21st

CTK's 6th Grade Presents...

Crumbl Style Cookies & Apple Cider Slushes!

October 1, 2026

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4p-8p (or until sold out)

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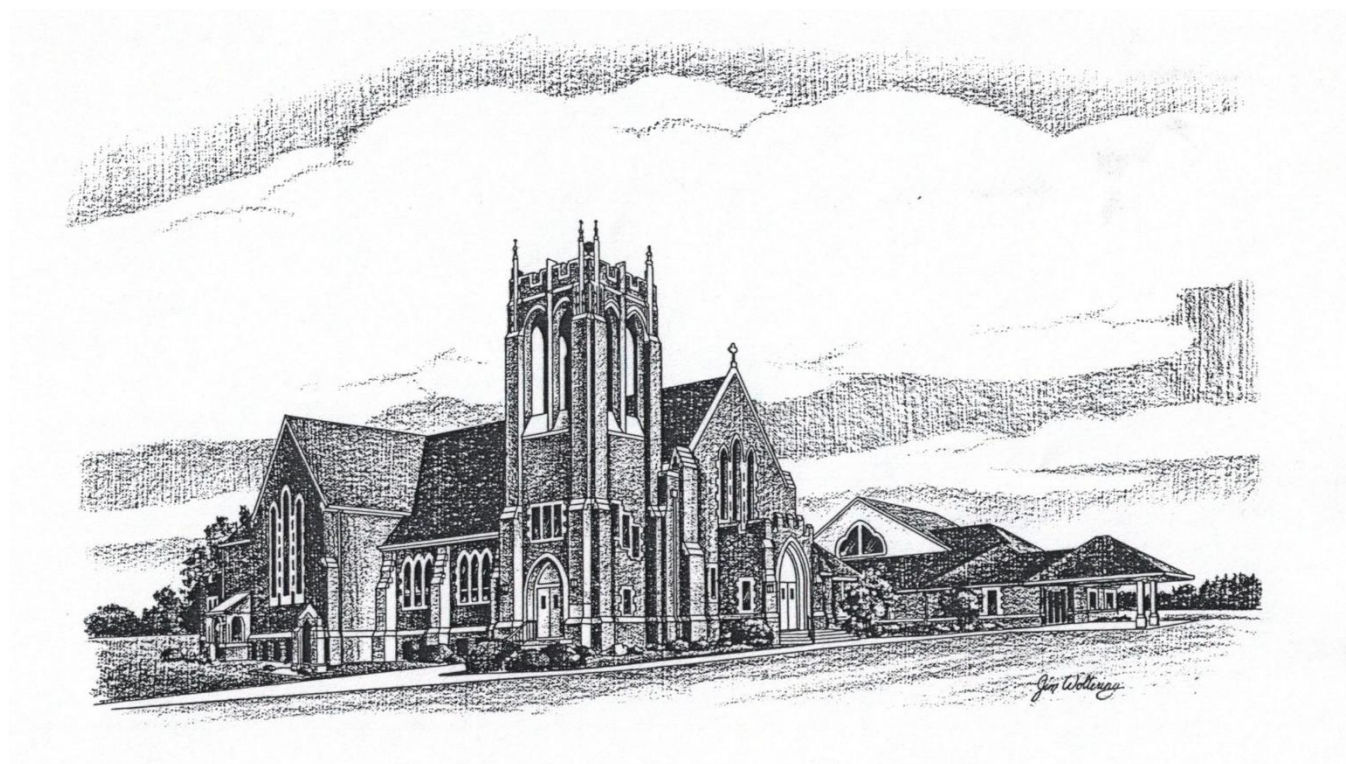
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Class Trip to Washington DC!



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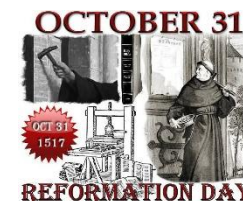
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October 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Flower Chairman: Linda Engelhardt				1 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	2	3
4 7:15 Elders 9:00 Worship/C – 7 9:00 7/8 Bells-St Paul 10:15 Bible Class & SS	5 5:00 Finance 6:30 Worship/C	6 10:30 Devotions at Bay View Gardens 5:00 Christ's Messeng. 6:00 Pub. Sch. Conf.	7 7:00 Men Bible Study 8:15 Chapel 9:30 Adult Bible Class 4:30 Evangelism 5:00 Adoration Choir 6:00 Glory Ringers	8 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 4:00 MMG	9	10
11 9:00 Worship/C – 8 9:00 K-1 sing-St Paul 10:15 Bible Class & SS 7:30 Youth	12 5:00 Finance 6:30 Worship/C 6:30 Trustees 6:30 Stewardship 7:45 Council	13 5:00 Christ's Messeng 6:00 Pub. Sch. Conf.	14 8:15 Chapel 9:30 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Adoration Choir 6:00 Glory Ringers	15 12:00 Bulletin Deadline CTK-No School	16 CTK-No School	17
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October Birthdays

OCTOBER 1

Gene Fuerst

OCTOBER 2

Brooklyn Bills

OCTOBER 3

Larry Kuhl

Grant Vermeersch

OCTOBER 4

Kenzie Armbruster

Gabriella Crumm

Sheila Fiebig

Norah Matthews

OCTOBER 5

Brian Dyer

James Gremel

OCTOBER 6

No Birthdays

OCTOBER 7

Sarah Bills

Dean Koch

Donald Koch

Anthony Merriam

OCTOBER 8

No Birthdays

OCTOBER 9

Larry Dressler

Tammy Schwartz

OCTOBER 10

Pamela Monson

Kim Vermeersch

OCTOBER 11

Mary Beers

Brennen Driscoll

Taylor Ewald

Kendall Lutz

Timothy Neuman

Timothy J Smith

OCTOBER 12

Jerry Harbuck

Larry Weisenbach

OCTOBER 13

Timothy Beringer

Madelynn Irion

Matthew Kauffold

Ernest Sbresny III

Rodney Tietz

Isaiah Williamson

Tom Williamson

OCTOBER 14

No Birthdays

OCTOBER 15

Ashley Bumhoffer

Aldine Fiebig

Avery Stecker

OCTOBER 16

Peyton Harper

Kion'dre Landenberger

Dale Sonntag

OCTOBER 17

Zane Alderson

OCTOBER 18

No Birthdays

OCTOBER 19

Linda Engelhardt

McKenna Kemp

OCTOBER 20

Bruce Bach

Adam Link

Elijah Meek

Brooke Nimtz

Cole Vermeersch

OCTOBER 21

Bentley Alderson

OCTOBER 22

Daniel Beringer

Shay Gremel

Liam Sonntag

OCTOBER 23

Sophia Thompson

OCTOBER 24

Sherry Dutcher

Ryan Thede

OCTOBER 25

Judy Gregory

Jodi Williamson

OCTOBER 26

James Bunke

Mary Engelhardt

James Hoppe

OCTOBER 27

Timothy Irion

OCTOBER 28

Joel Fiebig

Penny Lutz

Karen Winchell

OCTOBER 29

Jersey Bumhoffer

Dean Kuhl

OCTOBER 30

Betty Guenther

Cindy Sherman

OCTOBER 31

Bradley Bohn

Pastor Kuhl