

INSIDE IMMANUEL



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

On Being a Theologian

Reformation Day is celebrated by Lutherans on the last Sunday in October. We pause to remember what Martin Luther did to bring the Gospel back to the church. Martin Luther was not the first to call for reformation of the church, there were others, but his work began what we call today the Lutheran Reformation.

As a young monk and preacher, Luther began to realize that the church was doing some things that were not in the Bible nor in the best interest of the Christians. He heard of indulgence sellers who would make a business of selling the forgiveness of sins. He knew of relics where, just by viewing, could give time off purgatory. He even traveled to Rome and felt let down by the lack of holiness found in the city. Luther began pushing for reform.

Luther wanted to talk Scripture with bishops, cardinals and even the pope. He did not want to hear about what the church father or church councils had said. He wanted the Bible to be the source and norm of church doctrine and practice. But Rome wouldn't budge. Luther was excommunicated and threatened with death.

Amid that threat Luther found great comfort and peace in the Gospel, that which the church had forgotten for so long. The indulgences, penance, relics, pilgrimages, masses for the dead all obscured what Jesus had done for the sinner. Rome was focusing on what sinners could or should do to earn or help with their salvation. Luther realized that it must be God who does all the work. If sinners are sinners there is nothing that we can do to earn our way into heaven. Our wills are bent to sin. God must step in, like the good Samaritan, pick us up amid our death and do all the work.

Luther advocated that every Christian should know the Bible and be a theologian. He even gave instructions on how to do this! He began by telling us to despair of all reason that is to simply trust in God. Never assume that we know more than God, but to put ourselves under God in humble faith. Luther then set out to show how one becomes a theologian.

First, one had to read Scripture. This is not a one-time reading, but a continual reading. As David so often asked in Psalm 119, so we should implore God to enlighten, guide and give us understanding about His Word. The more we read the more we understand about God. The more we understand the more we should want to know even more. We should not assume that we have mastered Scripture and no longer need it. We may know the basic accounts, but still there is more to learn. God speaks and so we listen.

Second, Luther said that one needed to meditate on the Words of God. So we don't just read them and forget, but we allow those words to stick with us. They inform our lives and our existence. We speak them back to God in prayer as we pray for ourselves and those around us. We remember the goodness that God has toward us and His mercy outpoured throughout generations. Knowing our sinful nature and our sins, we pray back to God for forgiveness.

This might seem obvious for us. After all, we place an emphasis on Scripture. We focus on God's Word in worship, Bible Study and at home. We memorize and take to heart His Word. We confess our sins and draw upon the grace of God, which we know that we need. This is the way that we live as Lutherans.

Third, Luther reminds us that the devil will not approve of us living our lives as Christians. He will not want you to be in the Word of God nor pray. Thus, the devil will bring all manner of suffering into your life. So Luther said that if you wish to be a theologian you must be in the Word, meditate on that word and suffer. Through suffering we experience how sweet the mercy of God is. Consider those who have suffered before us. People like Jeremiah, Job or Paul. As they suffered they clung to the Word of God and prayer. They did not waver for they had been in

that Word, trusting the mercy of God. But you know people who have lived this way. Family, friends, neighbors who have been faithful to the very end amid suffering.

So you be a theologian. Be in the Word of God. Pray. Suffer. Not only for your own sake, but that others would see your faithful example and do the same. Amid our sin we always are in need of reform. We can do better loving God and loving our neighbor. As we celebrate Reformation Day, we remember those who have gone before, reforming the church. But we also look ahead to the next generation that they would see the faith we have and be encouraged. That they too would be in the Word of God and amid suffering, stand fast.

In Jesus Christ crucified,
Pastor Boyer

G.L.U.E **“God Loves Us Eternally”**

Psalm 28:7

*The LORD is my strength and my shield;
In him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
My heart exults,
And with my song I give thanks to him.*

November. Fall. Harvest. Hunting. Thanksgiving Day---the day the English colonists gave thanks for the harvest, celebrating with the native Wampanoag people in the year 1621. The English settlers arrived at Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1620, and this was their first harvest according to Encyclopedia Britannica. They gave thanks for the fowl they hunted, maybe turkeys, but more likely easier game like geese and ducks. Today we celebrate with turkeys, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce and of course, pumpkin pie, my favorite.

And who do we give thanks to for our great feast? God, of course! We give Him thanks for our feast and for His Son, Jesus Christ, who gave His life for us by dying on the Cross to forgive our sins so that we can be with Him in heaven eternally. As we celebrate we give thanks for those with whom we gather for this wonderful meal.

While November is the month for giving thanks, we give thanks daily throughout the year for our

Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, without whom we would perish and have nothing for which to be thankful.

“Thank you God, for sending us your Holy Son! In His name, Amen.”

When Jesus comes again the final harvest will show us that “God Loves Us Eternally!”

Happy Thanksgiving and God’s blessings to all!
Jim Bratton

Treasurer’s Report

MONTH OF September 2024

Receipts	\$ 54,523.17
Less Expenses	- 73,208.95
Operating Income	-18,685.78
Deficit Reduction	<u>1,250.00</u>
Net Income	-17,435.78

CASH IN BANK & ON HAND

Petty Cash	100.00
Independent Checking	33,766.52
Independent Savings	56,896.32
Ind Bank 2 new CDs	151,734.69
Ind Bank CD	150,000.00
Restricted Savings	<u>-209,955.66</u>
Total	\$182,541.87

**December/January
Newsletter
Deadline:
Wednesday,
November 20**

Official Acts

BAPTISMS

September 29

Madelyn Mae Fritz, daughter of Patrick & Erin (Heililg) Fritz. Born February 14, 2024.

October 20

Knox Matthew Millerwise, son of Ryan & Jennifer (Winchell) Millerwise. Born August 20, 2024.

Golf Fun Success!

The 2024 Dusty Club Golf Scramble was another huge success! We had over 120 golfers and over 20 helpers join us at Scenic Golf Course for a beautiful day! We were blessed to raise over \$14,000 for our church heating fund. Thanks so much for everyone's support!!

~ The Dusty Club Committee

Voters’ Meeting October 14

Elders: Pastor Kuhl has 8 public school confirmand students in his class this year. Some money from the Elders Breakfast will be used for Christmas gifts for church workers.

Trustees: An estimate for the sound system is coming. Bleachers for the gym have been ordered and will likely be put in over Christmas break.

Stewardship: On October 20 a dessert reception for pastor appreciation will be held in the

great room. The Red Letter Advent books have been ordered, a few are still available. We are planning a multi-topic event, more information will be available soon.

Evangelism: A Justified Quartet concert is being planned for Sunday, December 1 at 6pm. The Prayer Vigil on September 28 went ok.

Youth: Chuck will run an upcoming chapel while Pastor is away at conference. Collide will meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month; watch the facebook page for details. October 25 will be Trunk-or Treat at CTK. Starting Sunday, October 27 – Bibles and Breakfast for junior and senior high students at 8am in the Collide Room. Sunday, October 27 will be Pumpkin Rolling at Sherwood on the Hill. Sunday, November 3 there will be Tailgating in the Collide Room for the Lions vs. Packers game. Collide will have a float in the Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 23. Sunday, December 8 will be the annual roast beef dinner. An information meeting for the July youth gathering in New Orleans will be September 29 at 5:30pm.

School Board: The lunch audit is done and we passed! The current school credit card has been cancelled, it was approved that the council president and current school principal will be signers for the new card. School board member, Trudy Packard resigned.

Principal's Report: 7th and 8th grade handbells will play at St Paul on Sunday, October 6. K-2 sang at Immanuel on Sunday, October 13. We are waiting to find out if the volleyball team can go to States.

President's Report: The AARP Safe Driving class is approved, watch for more information.

Vice-President's Report: We are working to clarify some things in the school budget. A school

board meeting will be held on October 29 to work out the discrepancies with Carly from Nitzke-Faupel. All stipends have been paid out from last year. Discussion was held on clarifying the school financial spreadsheet. Tom will discuss with Jeremy VanTol and Brent Vogel to gain understanding.

* Next council meeting will be Monday, November 11 at 7:45pm.

* Next Voters' Meeting will be Monday, November 18 at 7:30pm.

School News

Greetings from CTK!

We have one quarter of the school year in the books already!

Our 6th & 7th graders had a great time at Camp Howell from October 21-23! They learned a great deal about survival in the outdoors, as well as working as a team. A lot of fun memories were made too!

Trunk or Treat was October 25 and we had a great turn out once again! Thank you to all who help make this event a success each year!

Our B boys and girls have started their basketball season with practices this week! Go Knights!

We still have about 20 used Chromebooks that we are selling. They are \$40 each. Contact Mr. Deneen if you would like to purchase one at deneenm@ctkl.org.

The school recycling program has been going well. Mrs. Brink is still in need of about \$980 to cover the costs to make it successful. If you would like to donate to the project, please reach out to her at brinky@ctkl.org or leave a message in the school or church office for her.

Blessings,
Jen Yoder - Interim Principal

Greetings from CTK Preschool/Latchkey Director

Well the beginning of the year is flying by and Christmas will be here before we know it. Busy is an understatement in our preschool rooms and our latchkey program is at capacity everyday with the exception of Fridays.....which is absolutely amazing. We are blessed by amazing staff whose flexibility is amazing as we currently look to add to our team.

We also just kicked off our classroom virtual Adopt-A-Cow Program through Discover Dairy. Our adopted cow is named Marly Moo and we of course celebrated the start of our Marly Moo with some cow goodies for the children and some fun cow props that will make their appearance once a month as we get our monthly updates on Marly Moo's growth etc.

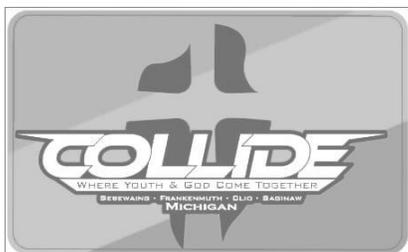
We have had some amazing people come to us for staycation field trips. We have been blessed by Thistle Gate Farms as they taught us about bees, Battel's Sugar Bush Maple Syrup as they taught us all about the process of getting maple syrup, our amazing Sergeant Drew Gokey from Sebewaing Township Police Department, and the Sebewaing and Columbia Township Fire Departments. We can't wait for the children to see who else we have lined up to visit this year.

We are also starting to practice some very fun songs for the Christmas Program which preschool will be participating in on December 15th at 2pm, there will be a small reception in the CTK Unionville school gym following the program and we hope to see you all there.

As always, we thank you all for your continued support of our

preschool and latchkey programs and for the many children and families that we have the privilege to be a part of. We are truly blessed beyond measure.

Sincerely,
Laura Nimitz



Collide News

Collide Youth Calendar
2024 – 2025

Follow the Collide Facebook page for updates!

November 3rd

☕ Breakfast - All 6-12th grade, 8-8:45am Collide Cafe

🏈 Lions vs. Packers Tailgate & Game Food, Fun, Games, Prizes & Jesus, 6th-12th grade 3:30 - end of the game

November 10th

☕ Breakfast - All 6-12th grade, 8-8:45am Collide Cafe

November 17th

☕ Breakfast - All 6-12th grade, 8-8:45am Collide Cafe

✚ Collide, JH 6-8th 3-4pm, HS 9-12th 6-7pm Spirit of Christmas Parade Float Decorating

November 23rd

✚ Lighted Parade Float - Spirit Of Christmas Festival Join us for the parade.

November 24th

☕ Breakfast - All 6-12th grade, 8-8:45am Collide Cafe

December 8th

🍖 Roast Beef Dinner - The Congregation is Invited! Tickets now available in the Church office

January 11th

🍖 Winter Formal - Jimmy Jam \$10 6th to 8th Grade - 5-7pm - Sebewaing VFW

January 12th

🍖 Family Dance 2-3:30pm - Free will offering. K-5th with parents or guardians - Sebewaing VFW

July 18-24th

🚗 National Youth Gathering - current 8th-12th
www.LCMSGathering.com
Registration now open - attend a meeting to register

Memorial & Gifts

IMMANUEL GENERAL FUND

IN MEMORY OF HILDA GREMEL

Barb Gunsell

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Rod & Lois Bohn

ENDOWMENT/CAPITAL FUND

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Ken & Janet Rink
Paul & Diane Strieter

RADIO MISSION

IN MEMORY OF JIM NITZ

Charles Dutcher

IMMANUEL MUSIC FUND

CHRIST THE KING

IN MEMORY OF DONNA KLAUS

Barb Gunsell – scholarship

IN MEMORY OF HILDA GREMEL

Dave & Pam Wiltse

IN MEMORY OF ELAINE BUNKE

Larry & Lois Dressler

CTK HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

IN MEMORY OF RENEE BILLS

Dave & Pam Wiltse
Barb Gunsell

IN MEMORY OF JEREMY LUPP

Barb Gunsell



THANKSGIVING EVE
WORSHIP 6:30PM

THANKSGIVING DAY
WORSHIP 9:00AM



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you to all our wonderful sponsors that help make our scramble a success!!

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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			Build a Bear	8%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	8%	\$10			Dave & Busters	13%	\$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			Thirty-One A. Bell	5%	\$25		
Cabelas	8%	\$25			Visa	1.25%	\$50		
Claire's	9%	\$10			Visa	1.25%	\$100		
Dicks Sporting	8%	\$25			Restaurants	Profit	Amt	Quantity	Total
Disney	3%	\$25			Applebees	8%	\$25		
Disney	3%	\$100			Arby's	8%	\$10		
Dunhams	8%	\$25			Bob Evans	10%	\$25		
Famous Footwear	8.0%	\$25			Bob Evans	10%	\$10		
Five Below	2.5%	\$25			Buffalo Wild Wings	8%	\$25		
Gap/Old Navy	14%	\$25			Burger King	4%	\$10		
Gordon's Food	4%	\$25			Happy Moments	8%	\$25		
Home Depot	4%	\$100			Chili's	11%	\$25		
Home Depot	4%	\$25			Chipotle	9%	\$10		
Joann Fabrics	6%	\$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			McDonalds	2%	\$25		
Meijer	3%	\$100			Little Ceaser's	8%	\$20		
Meijer	3%	\$50			Omaha Steaks	11%	\$25		
Meijer	3%	\$25			Outback Steakhouse	8%	\$25		
Menards	3%	\$100			Panda Express	8%	\$25		
Menards	3%	\$25			Panera Bread	8%	\$25		
Micheals	4%	\$25			Panera Bread	8%	\$10		
Sephora	6.5%	\$25			Pizza Hut	8%	\$10		
Shutterfly	9%	\$25			Red Lobster	8%	\$25		
Staples	5%	\$25			Starbucks	4.5%	\$25		
Target	2.5%	\$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		

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November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Flower Chairman Virginia Nitz					1 No School	2
3 7:15 Elders 9:00 WORSHIP/C – 9 10:15 SS & Bible Class	4 10:00 OWLS 5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C	5 9:00 Quilters 6:00 Pub Sch Conf Class 6:00 Christ's Messengers	6 7:00 Men's Study 8:00 Chapel 9:30 ABC 6:00 Glory Ringers 7:00 Adoration Choir	7 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	8	9
10 9:00 WORSHIP/C – 1 9:00 7/8 at Immanuel 10:15 SS & Bible Class 7:30 Youth Board	11 5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C 6:30 Trustees 6:30 Stewardship 7:15 Evangelism 7:45 Church Council	12 9:00 Quilters 6:00 Pub Sch Conf Class 6:00 Christ's Messengers	13 8:00 Chapel 9:30 ABC 6:00 Glory Ringers 7:00 Adoration Choir	14 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 4:00 MMG	15 CTK 11:30 Release	16
17 9:00 WORSHIP/C – 2 10:15 SS & Bible Class	18 5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C 7:30 VOTERS' Meeting	19 9:00 Quilters 6:00 Pub Sch Conf Class 6:00 Christ's Messengers	20 8:00 Chapel 9:30 ABC 4:00 Newsletter Deadline 6:00 Glory Ringers 7:00 Adoration Choir	21 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 12:30 Ladies Aid	22	23
24 9:00 WORSHIP/C – 3 10:15 SS & Bible Class	25 5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C No School	26 9:00 Quilters 6:00 Pub Sch Conf Class 6:00 Christ's Messengers 7:00 Adoration Choir No School	27 9:30 ABC 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 WORSHIP/C – 4 No School	Thanksgiving 28 9:00 WORSHIP/C – 5 Church Office Closed No School	29 4:00 Church Decorating Church Office Closed No School	30

November Birthdays

NOVEMBER 1

Connor Eurich
Kenneth Fuerst
Katie Gremel
Angela Hughes
Raymond Kurzer

NOVEMBER 2

George Eurich
Victoria Kindler
Otto Schulz

NOVEMBER 3

Ann Finkbeiner
Jamie Gettel
Janet Rink

NOVEMBER 4

Jaden Kieliszewski
Terry L Winter

NOVEMBER 5

Beth Fiebig

NOVEMBER 6

Rodney Bach
Emersynn Kuhl

NOVEMBER 7

Verneda Kuhl
Anne Meek
Vicky Neuman

NOVEMBER 8

Kevin Janke
Debra Kubacki

NOVEMBER 9

Jonathon Ramirez
Emersyn Reige

NOVEMBER 10

Jean Heck
Riley Werschky

NOVEMBER 11

Derek Bach
Denise Rievert
Sally Rievert
Heidi Schulz

NOVEMBER 12

Crystal Gaeth
Harold Gremel Jr
JoAnn Lakie
Dylan Lutz
Hannah Polega
Trey Sparkes
Bobbie Zagata

NOVEMBER 13

Kathy Engelhardt
Heather Kuhl

NOVEMBER 14

Trevor Brink
Wayne Nitz

NOVEMBER 15

Morgan Bell
Lori Sweetman
Barbara Weisenbach
Elizabeth Zdrojewski

NOVEMBER 16

No Birthdays

NOVEMBER 17

Brenden Brink
Quinn Gangler

NOVEMBER 18

Nathan Engelhardt

NOVEMBER 19

Judy Bollstetter
Rodney Truemner

NOVEMBER 20

Harper Bloomer
Joshua Eurich
John Kemp
Troy Maust

NOVEMBER 21

Bonnie Haag

NOVEMBER 22

Carol Maust
Jamie Rievert

NOVEMBER 23

Rebecca Engelhardt
Melissa Eurich
Zachary Hahn
Danielle Vogel

NOVEMBER 24

Joel Gremel

NOVEMBER 25

No Birthdays

NOVEMBER 26

Samuel Hofmeister
Troy Strieter
Kash Tanner

NOVEMBER 27

Duane Dressler
Jacob Kieliszewski
Tammy Lutz
Lorraine Ricker

NOVEMBER 28

Ashlyn Pitt

NOVEMBER 29

Janet Sharpsteen
Robert Wiltse
Brody Vermeersch

NOVEMBER 30

Joshua Kieliszewski



Time to Order **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

Christmas Poinsettias can be ordered now until Monday, December 2 by calling Carol Truemner at 883-23941.

Price is \$13.00

Please make checks payable to Carol.

Plants can be picked up after the 9:00am service on Wednesday, December 25. The committee will take care of them if they are not picked up by Saturday, December 28.

