

# INSIDE IMMANUEL



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

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## *The Eighth Day*

As we read through Scripture some numbers just seem to stick out. The significance of eight begins in Genesis chapters 1 and 2. All is created by God in six days and God rests on the seventh day (Genesis 2.3). That seventh day became the Sabbath day for the Old Testament nation of Israel. They were permitted to rest on that day because God had rested from his work of creating. This practice began as the Israelites came out of captivity from Egypt. Even though God was providing manna for the sons of Israel they were to gather twice as much on the sixth day and set aside the seventh day to do no work (Exodus 16.22-26).

This command to keep the Sabbath holy was passed down even after exodus from Egypt through the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20.8-11). The command to keep the Sabbath was repeated continually throughout the Old Testament (Exodus 31.12-17, 35.1-3, Leviticus 23-25, Numbers 15.32-36, Numbers 28.9-10, Deuteronomy 5.12-15, Nehemiah 9.13-15, 10.31, 13.15-22, Psalm 92, Isaiah 56.2, Jeremiah 17.24-27). The consequence of disobeying the Sabbath was quite strict (Numbers 15.32-36) and even Psalm 92 was composed specifically for the Sabbath.

The Day of Atonement was called a day of “solemn rest to you” (Leviticus 16.31); a day when the people would rest and find forgiveness for their sins. The Sabbath, the seventh day, played an important role in the life of the people of Israel. It allowed them to rest and reflect on what God had done for them.

The number eight plays an important role in the Gospel of John. John begins his Gospel with words that remind the reader of the beginning of Genesis (John 1.1-3 and Genesis 1.1-2). John also displays an emphasis on the number seven. He has seven miracles (John 2.1-11, 4.46-54, 5.1-9, 6.5-13, 6.16-21, 9.1-7, 11.1-44) in his Gospel. John subtly reminds the reader that God had created all during those six days and had rested on the seventh day. Yet, because of sin the world is in darkness (John 1.5). The darkness in the Gospel of John is sin; our great problem for which we need light. Darkness cannot illumine itself, but it needs light from without. For John the creation which God so lovingly made was corrupted and destroyed by sin. As darkness could never become light so creation itself could never overcome sin. Something more was needed; light over the darkness or a day beyond the seven days of creation. The seven days of creation (and the first seven miracles in his Gospel) were simply not enough for man's salvation.

It is clear that Jesus is the light who overcomes the darkness of sin and it is Jesus who recreates all creation making it whole again. The death and resurrection of Jesus is the eighth miracle in the Gospel of John. This is THE miracle beyond all completeness (for John the number seven is complete and eight is beyond complete or ultimately complete). This eighth miracle also happens on the eighth day (the day after the Sabbath). As the Old Testament people rested on the Sabbath day so Jesus rested in the tomb on the Sabbath. John emphasizes that Jesus rose on the first day (John 20.1, 20.19). This day is the day of recreation, the day beyond the seven days of creation. Through his death and resurrection Jesus restores the fallen creation. In the first six days all was created, then on the seventh day God rested. Jesus rested in the grave on the seventh day (the Sabbath or Saturday- John 19.31) and rose victorious on the eighth day (Easter Sunday) and restored creation (Romans 6.10, Revelation 21.5).

Our eighth day, the day of our recreation, is our Baptism. On this eighth day we are recreated through the death and resurrection of Jesus (Romans 6.1-14). We are raised up out of our Baptismal waters a new creation for we have been recreated by Jesus. Through Jesus we have been given new life as we have our sins graciously forgiven and are given life and salvation. The day in which Christ burst forth from the tomb becomes the day in which we burst forth from our sin and condemnation (Romans 6.5). Peter touches on this as he writes about the eight people saved by God's grace in the flood (1 Peter 3.20-21). For Peter Baptism corresponds to the saving of eight persons on the ark for we are saved through a cleansing flood on our own eighth day. Our Baptismal waters drowned our

sinful nature and bring us into a new world. Our eighth day is now our first day as Easter was for Jesus (John 20.1, 20.19). We now live in the forgiveness of our sins; we live in the eighth day. We live beyond the creation of our physical bodies and in the reality of the grace of God. The eighth day triumph of Jesus on that first Easter is our continual eighth day triumph over sin, death and hell.

In Jesus Christ crucified,  
Pastor Boyer

## G.L.U.E “God Loves Us Eternally”

April 1<sup>st</sup>. April Fools Day. What a way to start the month, being made out to be a fool. Many of us have probably pulled April Fools jokes on friends, neighbors and co-workers throughout our lives, even our family members, moms, dads, brothers and sisters. We can laugh about it, or sometimes get upset about being made out to be a fool.

However, the real fools in the world are those who don't believe in God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. How can one not believe in Jesus Christ for all that He has done for them? Is it because they cannot see Him, touch Him, talk to Him face to face?

Do non-believers not believe in the history of the Bible? They believe their school history books but refuse to believe that Jesus Christ is the true Savior of the world. They believe in the history “of the world,” but not in the “One” who can save them from eternal damnation. Is the Bible not history? Do non-believers not believe because the Bible has no pictures to “verify” that Jesus existed? Do they believe that Jesus was “just a man” who preached the Word of God and is no better off than the rest of us? Many of them do.

I had a conversation with a co-worker years ago and asked him if he believed in Jesus. He said, “I believe there was a guy who died on a cross, but no, I do not believe he is the savior of the world.” He said he didn't have anything

against people who do, but he did not. The co-worker was also a good friend, so I ended the conversation right there, not wanting to get into it with him. We should not judge, however, but pray that one day the Holy Spirit will also come into their hearts so that they too can believe in the “Lord and Giver of Life.”

We do know the history, don't we? Yes, because we were born into Christian families, or heard about the Word of God, and believe it to be true. We believe because we have faith. Christians believe that the written history of Christ is true, just as non-believers believe that the written history of the world is true. The Bible is living proof that Jesus Christ exists. Historical (biblical) people have seen Him, witnessed His miracles and followed Him to His death and Resurrection. We know in our hearts through the work of the Holy Spirit that God is with us! It is true! Believe it!

*Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

It is God's word to us, that “God Loves Us Eternally!”

In Christ! Jim Bratton

## Official Acts

### BAPTISMS

March 3 **Alexander John Schwartz**, son of Joseph & Jessica (Hempton) Schwartz born December 18, 2023.

## RADIO BROADCAST

There have been a couple times where our 9am radio broadcast had technical problems. If that happens again and we are not on-air at 9am, 103.7 FM will rebroadcast our worship service at 11am that same day.

## Treasurer's Report

### MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024

Receipts	\$ 127,629.43
Less Expenses	<u>- 70,870.49</u>
Operating Income	56,758.94
Deficit Reduction	<u>800.00</u>
Net Income	57,558.94

### CASH IN BANK & ON HAND

Petty Cash	100.00
Independent Checking	112,892.28
Independent Savings	56,654.58
Ind Bank 2 new CDs	150,000.00
Ind Band CD	150,000.00
Restricted Savings	<u>-143,943.35</u>
Total	\$325,703.51

## Council Meeting March 11

**Elders:** Elders are still looking for at least 2 names for the coming ballot. The budget was shared and discussion was had about Easter and Holy Week services.

**Trustees:** A rough draft of the budget is completed. Joel Fiebig and Mark Reithel have agreed to be on the coming ballot. The bell tower project is still waiting on the Mason, and should be happening this spring.

**Stewardship:** Stewardship is asking for a budget increase to \$950. Anne Bell and Kelly Dufty have agreed to be on the coming ballot.

**Evangelism:** David Schnitker will be providing a spring concert, with a tentative date of May 17. Approximately 30 people attended the Crossroads guest speaker on anxiety/depression. A Sugarfest float is in the works! The theme is "Come and See", watch for ways you can be involved. Michele Harbuck and Joyce Jahr have agreed to be on the coming ballot.

**Youth:** The sloppy joe meager meal did well. Supplies were donated so we showed a \$700 profit. Collide youth groups will continue to meet every other week. A rollerskating event is planned for April 11, with plans to invite members from Linkville. Sara Kemp, Nathan Schulz, Hannah Volz and Lindsay Irion have agreed to be on the coming ballot.

**School Board:** A rough draft of the budget is prepared. Two interviews have been completed for the open teacher position at CTK. Discussion was held on putting \$100,000 from the school into a Raymond James fund.

**President's Report:** Review of the tables in the great room led to discussion on replacements, Tim Smith will look into pricing. Information was shared on the Church Extension fund and mortgage opportunity for Hannah Volz. More information is needed before a decision is made.

**Vice-President's Report:** Joel Gremel was approved for the Endowment committee. Information was shared about becoming an association church at VLHS. A lot of information was shared and discussed regarding the annual budget of ILC, details need to be finalized before the next voters meeting on Monday, April 22 at 7:30pm.

**New Business:** Shannon Emery is interested in Stephen Ministry.

\* Next council meeting will be Monday, April 15 at 7:45pm.

## Voters' Meeting

**MONDAY**

**APRIL 22**

**7:30 pm**

**In the Great Room**

## May Newsletter

**Deadline:**

**Wednesday,**

**APRIL 17**



## CTK School News

Christ the King is in the home stretch for the 23-24 school year. Re-enrollment is in full

swing, the Board of Education continues to work on staffing, and there are many fun activities to wrap up the year.

We are truly grateful for our kitchen staff and volunteers in the kitchen. Mrs. Kristi Eimers, our lead cook in Unionville, has been unable to work for awhile so Mrs. Ursula Gangler and Mrs. Mary Jahr have been working extra. We have had many volunteers fill in the gaps. This spring our lunch program also went through a very extensive lunch audit. We are truly grateful for Mrs. Gangler and our office administrator, Mrs. Katie Gremel who have spent many hours updating our lunch policies and procedures.

In His Service,  
Mary Eifert, Principal



## Memorial & Gifts

### IMMANUEL GENERAL FUND

#### IN MEMORY OF ALICE POMMERENKE

Tom & Jan Sting

### IMMANUEL MUSIC

#### IN MEMORY - WILLIS HURDELBRINK

Tim & Sandy Irion

### CTK SCHOOL

#### IN MEMORY OF EDITH EWALD

Kristine Koch

Scrip Order Form, Christ the King Lutheran School

Has Cards  Order Cards

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			<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>Profit</b>	<b>Amt</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total</b>
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			<b>Restaurants</b>	<b>Profit</b>	<b>Amt</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total</b>
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		
Jc Penny	5%	\$25			Cold Stone Creamery	11%	\$10		
Joann Fabrics	6%	\$25			Cracker Barrel	8%	\$10		
Kohls	4%	\$25			Dairy Queen	3%	\$10		
Kohls	4%	\$100			Dardens/Olive Garden	8%	\$25		
Lowe's	4%	\$25			IHop	8%	\$25		
Macy's	10%	\$25			Jimmy Johns	8%	\$25		
Marshall/TJ Maxx	7%	\$25			McDonalds	2%	\$25		
Maurices	7%	\$20			Little Ceaser's	8%	\$20		
Meijer	3%	\$100			Outback Steakhouse	8%	\$25		
Meijer	3%	\$50			Panda Express	8%	\$25		
Meijer	3%	\$25			Panera Bread	8%	\$25		
Menards	3%	\$100			Panera Bread	8%	\$10		
Menards	3%	\$25			Pizza Hut	8%	\$10		
Micheals	4%	\$25			Red Lobster	8%	\$25		
Shutterfly	9%	\$25			Starbucks	4.5%	\$25		
Staples	5%	\$25			Starbucks	4.5%	\$10		
Target	2.5%	\$25			Subway	6%	\$10		
Ulta	7%	\$25			Taco Bell	5%	\$10		
Under Armour	11%	\$25			Texas Roadhouse	8%	\$25		
Wal-mart	2.5%	\$100			Tim Horton's	5%	\$10		
Wal-mart	2.5%	\$50			Uno Chicago Grill	12%	\$25		
Wal-mart	2.5%	\$25			Wendy's	4%	\$10		

Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt: \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_ \$

For a complete list, download the RaiseRight App

Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ or Check # \_\_\_\_\_

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SEBEWAING, MI 48759

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US POSTAGE  
SEBEWAING, MI 48759  
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# April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Flower chairman Carol Truemner	No School 1 5:00 Finance NO 6:30 Worship	2 9:00 Quilters 5:00 Confirmation pics 6:00 Pub Sch Confirm	3 7:00 Men's Study 8:00 Chapel 9:30 ABC	4 Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon	5	6
7 7:15 Elders <b>9:00 WORSHIP/C – 5</b> 9:00 Grade 2 sing at SP 10:15 SS & BC	8 5:00 Finance <b>6:30 WORSHIP/C</b>	9 9:00 Quilters 6:00 Pub Sch Confirm 6:00 Messengers 7:00 YABS	10 8:00 Chapel 9:30 ABC 6:00 Adoration	11 Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon 4:00 MMG	12	13
14 <b>9:00 WORSHIP/C – 6</b> 9:00 Grade 3-5 sing at SP 10:15 SS & BC 7:30 Youth Board	15 5:00 Finance <b>6:30 WORSHIP/C</b> 6:30 Trustees 6:30 Stewardship 7:15 Evangelism 7:45 Church Council	16 9:00 Quilters 6:00 Pub Sch Confirm 6:00 Messengers	17 8:00 Chapel 9:30 ABC Newsletter Deadline 4:00 6:00 Adoration	18 Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon	19	20
21 <b>9:00 WORSHIP/C – 7</b> 10:15 SS & BC	22 5:00 Finance <b>6:30 WORSHIP/C</b> <b>7:30 VOTERS</b>	23 9:00 Quilters 6:00 Pub Sch Confirm 6:00 Messengers 7:00 YABS	24 8:00 Chapel 9:30 ABC 6:00 Adoration	25 Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon 7:00 LWML	CTK 11:30 Release 26	27
28 <b>9:00 WORSHIP/C – 8</b> 9:00 K-1 sing at Imm. 10:15 SS & BC	29 5:00 Finance <b>6:30 WORSHIP/C</b>	30 9:00 Quilters 6:00 Pub Sch Confirm 6:00 Messengers 7:00 Board of Ed				

# April Birthdays

## APRIL 1

Brian Adam  
Michael Alderson  
Brady Armbruster  
Lloyd Haag

## APRIL 2

Jacob Fischer  
Lucas Fischer  
Andrew Irion  
Lori Kemp  
John Schulz  
Daniel Wildner

## APRIL 3

Yvette Brink  
Katelyn Engelhardt  
William Lakie  
David Wiltse

## APRIL 4

Daniel Crumm  
Landen Eremia  
Kevin Gainforth  
James Hofmeister  
Brie Terrian  
Brynn Terrian

## APRIL 5

Craig Yanke

## APRIL 6

Elsie Hornbacher  
Mark Janke

## APRIL 7

Garrison Dyer  
Mary Eifert  
Brian Hofmeister  
Reed Werschky  
Jillian Williamson

## APRIL 8

Oaklynn Bumhoffer  
Nathan Schulz  
Lisa Stecker

## APRIL 9

Owen Bills  
Stacy Pommerenke

## APRIL 10

Matthew Bumhoffer  
Paul Geiger  
Lance Haag  
Katherine Welther  
Jeffrey Williamson

## APRIL 11

Shannon Emery  
June Gunsell  
Dustin McKellar  
Travis McKellar  
Kaleigh Schafer

## APRIL 12

Judy Halstead  
Annette Kata  
Kinsley Miles  
Megan Moquin  
Amber Pillsbury

## APRIL 13

Rick Ewald  
Jordan Fritz  
Dale Volz

## APRIL 14

Duane Eden  
Wayne Goebel  
Teresa Rose

## APRIL 15

Brian Ritchey

## APRIL 16

Logan Kemp  
Evan Reithel

## APRIL 17

Colt Gangler  
Mary Jahr

## APRIL 18

Jonathan Fiebig

## APRIL 19

Vaelynn Harp

## APRIL 20

James Bauer  
Ashley Bills

## APRIL 21

Dennis Engelhardt

## APRIL 22

Tina Adam  
Kurt Kelly  
Carl Steff

## APRIL 23

Ethan Gainforth  
Kyle Kemp

## APRIL 24

Kyle Brink  
Deann Bumhoffer  
Donald Fiebig  
Joyce Jahr  
Ruby Kauffold

## APRIL 25

Zachary Fritz

## APRIL 26

Kimberly Fritz  
Joseph S Schwartz

## APRIL 27

No Birthdays

## APRIL 28

Harold Engelhardt  
Brooklyn Gangler  
Nicolas Lutz  
Kimberly Winchell

## APRIL 29

Augustus Atwell  
Cody Finkbeiner  
Adam Thayer  
Allison Zuzga

## APRIL 30

Morgan Armbruster  
Ethan Engelhardt  
Victoria Fritz