

# INSIDE IMMANUEL



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

## Learn from the Master

*Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. – Mark 7.1-2*

Jesus gives the Pharisees and Scribes a lesson in the law. The Pharisees thought that the law was only about what they were to avoid doing. They knew all the “don’ts” of the commandments. They even made laws around the law of God to avoid breaking God’s law. They knew that they had to be careful, after all, God had destroyed Judah in the past for disobeying His law.

This careful attitude led the Pharisees to be very zealous for the law. So when they saw the disciples of Jesus eating with ceremonial unclean hands, they took offense. The disciples’ hands were clean enough to eat, but now washed in the ceremonial way. God had directed that the priests who served in the Temple were to ceremonial wash their hands before service. The Pharisees took this regulation and brought it home to everyone. Everyone should wash their hands in a ceremonial way before eating (not just priests who were serving in the Temple).

This was the sort of thing the Pharisees enjoyed. After all, it was easy to wash hands before a meal. They could make a show of it, pouring water on their hands, so all around would see how clean they were. And, of course, anyone who did not do as they did, was subjected to their scorn.

But this is not how the law is meant to be used. The law is not just a curb to direct our behavior. It is not just a bunch of “don’ts.” But the law’s primary use is a mirror- to reflect our sins back to us. The law should show us how sinful we are. But the Pharisees did not want to see that! They did not want to talk about their sins, only how good they were. It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.

The mirror of the law should show us how sick we are with sin. There is nothing we can do about it either! We can’t wash sin off, like washing our hands. Nor can we just wish it away. We can’t hide behind what we might call good deeds either. For God knows all things and demands that we be holy as He is holy. The way to eternal life is perfection; narrow, indeed!

This is Jesus’ point with the Pharisees. Not about whether His disciples follow the rules of elders, but the Pharisees view of the law. They don’t understand what they are so zealous about. They do not use the law to reflect their sins back to themselves, but rather use the law as an excuse for sin.

The Pharisees are happy to ignore the commandments of God when they conflict with their own laws. They are happy not to help their neighbor should it conflict with their idea of cleanliness (think the parable of the good Samaritan). And they are happy to ignore any sins they commit. They don’t know their deep need for a Savior for they do not know how sinful they are.

So you know. Realize how sinful you are. Don’t brush your sins away but use the law as Jesus directs. Reflect all your sins back to you. All the sinful through, words, desires, actions. And what can you give to God for them? What could you offer that would take care of all your sins? What does God need from a sinner?

There is only one thing God wants from sinners. Sin. God desires to take all your sins from you and pay the price for them on the tree. This is what Jesus offers the Pharisees. He shows them their sins that they would realize who they are and their need for a Savior. Jesus travels on to the tree for sinners. He suffers and gives His life for those who sin against God and man. For the worst offender Jesus dies; even for you.

The only answer to the severe demands of the law is what Jesus has done for us. He does all the work, and we do nothing. So come to where Jesus is found for you. He is found in the Divine Service; serving you with Himself. He speaks you clean in the absolution. He washes you through Baptism, bringing that grace to you again and again. He feeds you with His body and blood. These gifts are for sinners who know their need. So come, sinner, and receive Jesus.

In the Name of Jesus, Pastor Boyer

## G.L.U.E “God Loves Us Eternally”

Ephesians 6:18

<sup>18</sup> *praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,*

Another way of saying, “with all prayer and supplication,” is to say, “with all humble and earnest prayer.” When Christians pray we pray humbly and earnestly. We are to be humble when seeking the Lord, aren’t we? We pray for many things; peace, prosperity, consolation, help, others and so on. And if we expect God to answer our prayers we should seek Him with all humility and sincerity.

This is what I do every Sunday that I am in church, before, during and after. These are my prayers:

Before church: Lord, open thou my heart to hear and through Thy word to me draw near, let me Thy word pure e’er retain, let me Thy child and heir remain. Amen.

After the Lord’s Supper: My heart has now become Thy dwelling oh blessed Holy Trinity, with angels I thy praises telling shall live in joy eternally. Amen.

After church: Abide oh faithful Savior, among us with Thy love, grant steadfastness and help us to reach Thy home above. Amen.

My prayers are simple, humble and earnest and I know that God is listening. He is listening to yours, also!

When we seek the Lord in humble and earnest prayer, His listening shows us that “God Loves Us Eternally!”

In Christ!  
Jim Bratton

## OWLs



For the past twelve months, the committee has planned monthly visits with our members in assisted living and retirement homes. It was decided, for various reasons, that private home visits would be done by requests only. Contact any committee member for an in-home visit.

Committee: Sally Rievert, Barbara Neuman, Nancy Brown, Pat Seabrook, or Doug Forsberg (Still have an opening for another member).

## Treasurer’s Report

### MONTH OF JULY 2024

Receipts	\$ 55,183.29
Less Expenses	- 68,023.56
Operating Income	- 12,840.27
Deficit Reduction	1,000.00
Net Income	- 11,840.27

### CASH IN BANK & ON HAND

Petty Cash	100.00
Independent Checking	45,964.48
Independent Savings	56,853.79
Ind Bank 2 new CDs	150,000.00
Ind Bank CD	150,000.00
Restricted Savings	-205,790.68
Total	\$197,127.59

## Voters’ Meeting Monday, September 16

## Council Meeting August 12

**Elders:** The contract updates for Ms. Bleck include playing music during chapel, the Christmas Program and individual lessons.

**Trustees:** Recent updates done to the school include: computer room floor resurfacing and painting of the storage room...the science room is next!

**Stewardship:** A Red Letter Advent Challenge is scheduled to begin December 1. Sign up and order your copy for \$20 in the church office by September 15. Planning has begun for Pastor Appreciation on October 20, with a reception after Sunday worship.

**Evangelism:** Pictures of new members have been posted on the bulletin board by the elevator. A Justified Quartet concert has been scheduled for December 1 at 6pm. A Prayer Vigil is being planned for September/October.

**Youth:** no report

**School Board:** A back to school open house was held at both campuses. School resumes Monday, August 19 as do volleyball, soccer and cross country. Knights for a Brighter Tomorrow auction money was received and split between both schools (\$20,000 each) with spending approved through the school board. Discussion was held on the school website – it needs to be updated, we need to find someone to be “in charge” of this. The lunch audit was resubmitted two weeks ago and we are still waiting to hear back.

**Principal’s Report:** Mrs. Brink has begun a recycling program. She has used grant money but is still in need of donations to help cover costs. Mrs. Yoder’s paperwork to write grants is in progress.

**Pastor's Report:** Sunday, September 8 will be the outdoor service and picnic. Sunday, September 22, a Ft Wayne Seminary member will be coming to share with us during Bible Study. October 5 is the Circuit Convocation - Hymn Fest. Immanuel will be hosting this.

**Vice President Report:** Much discussion was had on moving Nitzke-Faupel transactions to CTK and Immanuel. A motion was made and passed to update Immanuel's secretary job description to include inputting data and writing checks (to be signed by the treasurer to allow for checks and balances).

\* Next council meeting will be Monday, September 9 at 7:45pm.

## October Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, September 18

## School News

Blessings to you!

We are off to a great start this school year and are excited to be here! The students have spent the first few days learning the routines and expectations from their teachers.

We welcomed back students to the new theme of Matthew 4:19..."Come Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.."

A big thank you goes out to all those who helped get the

buildings ready for the school year.

We also thank those who helped maintain and clean up the school grounds. They look great! We are truly grateful and blessed to have such great people who help us out with these tasks!

Mrs. Brink has started a recycling program for the school. She is still in need of donations to help make the project successful. If you would like to donate to the project, please reach out to her at [brinky@ctkl.org](mailto:brinky@ctkl.org) or leave a message in the school or church office for her.

We have more used Chromebooks that we are selling. They are \$40 each. Contact Mr. Deneen if you would like to purchase one at [deneenm@ctkl.org](mailto:deneenm@ctkl.org).

Jen Yoder  
CTK Interim Principal



## Musical Notes

For sometime our organ has not had pre-set buttons that were reliable. You may have seen the organist manually setting up the stops on the organ. Our church now has a contract with the organ repair company to replace the mechanism on each stop that will make it functional when the pre-set is used.

Our organ will be "down" and out-of-service for three or four

weeks while this work is being done. This will take place between Christmas and Lent (January-February). We are blessed to have a beautiful Clavinova which can lead our congregational singing while the organ is being repaired.

Please don't forget we have a new, wonderful season of music ahead of us. Rehearsals will resume as follows: Glory Ringers (Wed. Sept. 11, 6 pm), Adoration Choir (Wed. Sept. 4, 7 pm), Christ's Messengers (as usual, Tues. 6 pm), Servants of God (week-to-week per members' schedules).

## Memorial & Gifts

### IMMANUEL GENERAL FUND

#### IN MEMORY OF BILL WEIDNER

Kristine Koch

#### IN MEMORY OF CURTIS BOLZMAN

Kristine Koch  
Mark Bauer  
Jim & Renee Bauer  
Larry & Lois Dressler  
Virginia Nitz  
Don & Kathy Fiebig

#### IN MEMORY OF WANDA BILLS

Larry & Lois Dressler

#### IN MEMORY OF HILDA GREMEL

Larry & Lois Dressler

#### RADIO MISSION

Donation from the families of Roman & Emhie Lenz

#### MUSIC

#### IN MEMORY OF MEL & ELIZABETH RIESS

Sharron Van Patten

#### COLLIDE

#### IN MEMORY OF KEITH JUBAR

Rod & Lois Bohn

#### CHRIST THE KING

#### IN MEMORY OF HILDA GREMEL

Glenn Vogel



## The 8th Annual Dusty Club Golf Scramble Sponsorship Opportunities



Join Immanuel Lutheran Church as we hold our 8th golf scramble on Sept 28, 2024 to benefit upgraded windows and HVAC systems at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebawaing! We appreciate your support!



Please Return Form by Sept 20, 2024



### 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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(to be printed on signage)

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Make Checks Payable to: Immanuel Lutheran Church

**Mail Payment & 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  
loririddler@yahoo.com or beckyfiebig@countrysidemi.com

· Where: Scenic Golf Course  
8364 W. Fillion Rd  
Pigeon, MI 48755

· When: Sept 28, 2024  
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!!**



# The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Dusty Club Golf Scramble & Blessing of the Clubs

## Sept 28, 2024

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

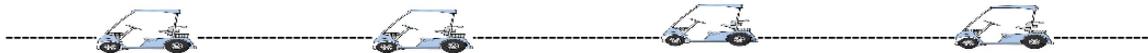
· **Where:** **Scenic Golf Course**  
8364 W. Filion Rd  
Pigeon, MI 48755

· **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 21, 2024~

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$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, Sebewaing, MI 48759

For more info contact Lori Sweetman (989)280-4931 or Becky Fiebig at (989)670-5635

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## Officers of Immanuel

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Elders Chairman: Matt Bumhoffer

Board of Ed Contact: Ashley Bumhoffer

Youth Chairman:

Finance Chairman: Tracy Kemp

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Vice President: Jim Bratton

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Trustees Chairman: Joel Fiebig

Stewardship Co-Chairs: Ursula Gangler & Alicia Truemner

Evangelism Chairman: Nancy Brown

OWLs Chairman: Doug Forsberg

Scholarship Committee: Darlene Werschky

Endowment & Capital Fund Chairman: Jeff Williamson

# September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 WORSHIP/C – 9 10:15 Bible Class	Labor Day 2 NO School Church Office Closed  5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C	3 6:00 Christ's Messengers	4 7:00 Men's Study 8:00 Chapel 6:00 Glory Ringers 7:00 Adoration Choir	5 Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon	6	7
Outdoor Worship & Picnic 8 9:00 WORSHIP/C – 1 7:30 Youth Board	9 5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C 6:30 Trustees 6:30 Stewardship 7:15 Evangelism 7:45 Church Council	10 6:00 Christ's Messengers	Patriot Day 11 8:00 Chapel 6:00 Glory Ringers 7:00 Adoration Choir	12 Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon 4:00 MMG	13	14
15 9:00 WORSHIP/C – 2 10:15 SS & Bible Class	16 5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C 7:30 VOTERS	17 6:00 Pub Sch Conf Class 6:00 Christ's Messengers	18 8:00 Chapel 9:30 ABC Newsletter Deadline 4:00 6:00 Glory Ringers 7:00 Adoration Choir	19 Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon 3 Day Seeds Scooping 3:00	20	21
Seminary Day 22 9:00 WORSHIP/C – 3 10:15 SS & Bible Class	23 5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C	24 6:00 Pub Sch Conf Class 6:00 Christ's Messengers 7:00 Board of Ed	CTK 11:30 release 25 8:00 Chapel 9:30 ABC 6:00 Glory Ringers 7:00 Adoration Choir	26 11:30 Ladies Aid Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon	27	28 Dusty Club Golf Outing 9:30 registration 10:30 tee time
29 9:00 WORSHIP/C – 4 10:15 SS & Bible Class	30 5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C					Flower chairman Carol Truemner

# 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 Dufty  
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 Dufty  
Amy Merriam  
Mark Reithel

## SEPTEMBER 15

Kelly Dufty  
Pamela Geiger  
Emma Stecker

## SEPTEMBER 16

River Gast  
Katrina Kauffold  
Loren Kunisch  
Sara Pitt  
Shirley Simmet  
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 Kundinger  
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

## SEPTEMBER 29

Madison Gettel

## SEPTEMBER 30

Noah Crumm  
Skylar Gremel  
Tracy Herman  
Joshua Lakie  
Mark Miller