

# INSIDE IMMANUEL



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

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## Out Giving God

*“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.” - Luke 16.10*

There was no way he wasn't getting fired. He had been dishonest in managing the master's accounts. Everyone knew it too. They all knew the crimes and sins he had committed. What was worse, the master knew it. He was about to be fired.

But there was that short moment before the master actually fired him. He had a matter of perhaps minutes, so what could he do? Calling those who owed his master debts he had them reduce their debts. Those who had their debts reduced thought little of it. The master was a generous man and this was keeping with his character. He had reduced their debts before and no doubt would in the future. The master was the most generous man they knew! The dishonest manager knew the character of the master also. He was merciful and loving. He would allow the debts to be reduced.

They all knew the way this man operated. He gave and gave and gave. This was no way to run a business! But it was the way this master was. He was generous to a fault. The master commends the dishonest steward. He knew what he could get away with because of the compassion of the master! Jesus tells this parable not to recommend us to be dishonest, but to show us who we rely on.

Our master is compassionate and merciful to a fault. Out of love He sends His Son to this earth. Jesus takes on flesh to stand in our place under the law. He is betrayed and handed over to death. He is hung on the tree for us sinners. He drinks down the cup of wrath that should have been ours. He pays the full price for our sins on that tree. Is not our master compassionate and loving to a fault!

Beyond the second article blessings we have are all the first article blessings. Does not the master give you clothing and shoes, house, home, land, animals and all that you have? Does He not give you reason and senses to work for a living and benefit others? Does He not bless you with material abundance? Look around and see what how richly the master has blessed you.

All this He does only out of Fatherly divine goodness and mercy. There is no merit or worthiness in us. We are sinners and do not deserve the master's compassion. We deserve His wrath.

Jesus tells the parable of the dishonest manager to remind you how to react to your master. You know where to place your trust- in Jesus. You know what He has done for you. You see it as your sins are forgiven and you are redeemed before Him. So now what? How much more should you use all that you have to further His kingdom. How much more should you trust Him and give.

Is that what Jesus is saying? Is He talking about money! Yes, Jesus says, “You cannot serve both God and money (Luke 16.13b).” Where your treasure is there your heart will be also. Jesus reminds you that where you put your money is where your heart is. Of course you can react like the Pharisees and ridicule Jesus (Luke 16.14). What a fool Jesus is to demand your willing obedience. What a joke that He would ask you to trust Him to give back to Him. You need your money, every penny. And the man who built bigger barns, what was demanded of him (Luke 12.16-21)? So it is with everyone who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.

Jesus invites you to be rich toward God. How can you out give God? Giving is a sign of faith and trust in your Lord and master. It is a trust that your master is compassionate and living. And a sign of healthy faith. Giving back to God our tithes is our reaction to having been saved. In this little moment of our lives how shall we react to the mercy of God? Does it mean anything to us that Jesus as died to save us from our sins? If it does we should, like Abel, joyfully give back to God.

But does Jesus even care what we give? He commended Abel and did not accept the offering of Cain. He does care. The dishonest manager knew the compassion of his master. How much more we who know all that God has

done for us! How much more should we rely on His mercy and step out and step up in faith by giving. God does not need your treasure, but you need to give that you would learn to rely and trust in Him above all things. That you would return and give thanks for all the blessings that He has given you. All that He has is yours. How can we not give back.

In the Name of Jesus,  
Pastor Boyer

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

[Ephesians 2:4-5](#) *But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—*

“...because of the great love with which he loved us...” How sweet is it to hear these words? How wonderful it is to be loved by Jesus! Doesn’t get any better than that. Does it? The love that Jesus has poured out to us is insurmountable, isn’t it? Can we match the love that Jesus has shown us? By all accounts, it’s impossible for us to love anyone as much as Jesus loves us, even though he commands us to do so.

But, no matter what, Jesus loves us! Jesus loves everyone no matter who they are, or what they have done. It is so hard for us to understand, especially when someone hurts us or a member of our family. It is not human nature to love someone that hurts us. But Jesus loves everyone, even those that hurt us.

We don’t have to do anything for Jesus’ love. We don’t have to be like the pharisees or scribes that think they are better than everyone else. They think Jesus is wrong for mingling with sinners, but it is they who are self-righteous and wrong.

Don’t be self-righteous, be like Jesus. Share the love that Jesus shares with you, with your brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as, “those who trespass against you!” Remember, God Loves Us Eternally!

His blessings to all!  
Jim Bratton

## **PASTOR** **APPRECIATION**

October is a great time to honor, give thanks and show support to our Pastors! The congregation is invited to stay after worship on Sunday, October 5 to attend a reception and share fellowship. If you are unable to attend that day and would like to show your appreciation with a card for our Pastors, there are collection boxes for each of them in the church office.

## **Treasurer’s Report**

### **MONTH OF AUGUST 2025**

Receipts	\$ 58,677.31
Less Expenses	- 66,495.82
Operating Income	- 7,818.51
Deficit Reduction	1,750.00
Net Income	-6,068.51

### **CASH IN BANK & ON HAND**

Petty Cash	100.00
Independent Checking	22,637.50
Independent Savings	17,023.99
Ind Bank CD	78,071.15
Ind Bank CD	78,501.35
Ind Bank CD	156,975.00
Restricted Savings	-201,820.78
Total	\$151,488.21

## **Official Acts**

### **BAPTISMS**

Aug 29 **Finley Grey Cannarile**,  
daughter of Miranda Fuerst, born  
June 8, 2025.

Sept 7 **Everett Michael Feehan**,  
son of Scott & Amanda (Harbuck)  
Feehan, born May 28, 2025.

### **DEATHS**

Sept 15 **Rodney Bach**

## **Immanuel Cemetery**

The Cemetery Fund recently received a gift from the Hofmeister-Schweigert families. We thank them for their generosity. This gift will be used to purchase grass seed, for maintenance on shrubs, headstones and lawn mowing. If you would like to help out, make your check to Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery Fund. Thank you – Cindy Smith, Treasurer

## **Council Meeting** **September 15**

**Elders:** The church picnic was a success with 200+ served. We have 10 kids in the public confirmation class this year. The Elders approved David Fuerst’s affirmation of faith. More discussion was had on moving voters’ meetings to Sunday after service to improve attendance, and the number of meetings per year.

**Trustees:** Discussion was had on removing another pew to add to the current handicap seating available. Discussion on the timing of the heating project at the church; JoAnn made a motion to approved the heating project moving forward as planned, supported by Tom, motion carried. When the certificate of deposit #6335 is up in December it will not be renewed.

**Stewardship:** Our cookbook fundraiser is in desperate need of more recipes (100 more would be great!). The deadline to send in entries has been moved to October 20.

**Evangelism:** Prayer Vigil is planned for Saturday, September 20 from 9am-6pm. Kim Fritz is the new chairman for Evangelism. The Christmas Concert will be Sunday, December 7.

**Youth:** Collide’s Bibles and bonfires will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month: Jr High 4-

5:30 and Sr High 6:30-7:30. Coming events: October 3, USA Homecoming with glowsticks and face painting; October 5, Youth night at Kohl Farms from 4-7pm for grades 6-12, cost \$5 includes snacks; October 17, Trunk or Treat at CTK; October 19, pumpkin rolling at Sherwood on the Hill from 2-4pm for grades 6-8, cost \$5 includes snacks.

**School Board:** A new scoreboard will be in place soon! The school board is working on a 5 year plan: Where do we see CTK in 5 years and how do we get there? September 27<sup>th</sup> is the annual golf outing – hope to see you there!

**Sunday School:** Sunday School will resume Sunday, October 5!

**Principal's Report:** School is off to a great start! Jen will be traveling to Harbor Beach for the regional principals meeting. Mr. Markiewicz is our TEC21 representative. All computers need to be upgraded to Windows 11, we are looking into the best way to do this.

**Pastor's Report:** Circuit visitor convention for Pastor is in Ann Arbor September 17-18. The All Pastor Conference is October 6-8. Pastor and a layperson are needed for the Circuit Forum; Pastor Boyer and Peter Boyer will be going.

**President's Report:** A Commitment Sunday Event to encourage faithful giving and the ways to do so is still being planned, a committee has been made for this.

*Next Council Meeting: Monday,  
October 13, 7:45 p.m.*

*Next Voters' Meeting: Monday,  
November 17, 7:30 p.m.*

**November  
Newsletter  
Deadline:  
Friday,  
October 17**

## CTK School News

Greetings from CTK!

We have had a busy and exciting start to the beginning of the school year.

Our 3rd & 4th graders attended Project RED at the Huron Community Fairgrounds. Some of the things they learned about were drones, dairy, tractor safety, and how to read a compass.

Our 7th graders helped Orphan Grain Train load a trailer full of supplies that is bound for Latvia to help those in need.

Our K-1 students honored 9/11 by gathering around the flag pole for a prayer and saying the pledge of allegiance. Our 2-8 students gathered in the gym for an assembly. Teachers shared stories from that day. The students worked in Chapel families to color links to a paper chain to hang in the hallway. It was a good reminder of how the country was united during that time. It also reminds us of those who lost their lives that day.

We recognized Constitution Day with special activities at the Sebawaing Campus. We said the Pledge of Allegiance, prayed, made a Bill of Rights cootie catcher, watched the Preamble Schoolhouse Rock video, and there was even a special appearance by George Washington & Ben Franklin!

Our Soccer and Volleyball teams are closing out their seasons soon. The TCLL tournaments will be held October 9-11. Good Luck to our Knights!

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

## COOK BOOK DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Stewardship Board has not received the response we need to publish a cookbook. As a result, we have decided to extend the deadline for recipe submissions to October 20. Please either use the form included or your own paper and turn in to the church office or Stewardship mailbox. Or if you wish, email them to the church office at [church@ilcml.org](mailto:church@ilcml.org). Thanks for supporting this effort!

## Memorial & Gifts

### IMMANUEL GENERAL FUND

#### MUSIC

#### IN MEMORY OF MEL & ELIZABETH RIESS

Sharon VanPatten

#### IN MEMORY OF MAREL STAISIL

Christian & Michele DeTomeur

#### IN MEMORY OF RODNEY BACH

Don & Pat Holland

Don & Kathy Fiebig

Dan & Lori Sweetman

Rod & Carol Truemner – cemetery

Roger & Linda Engelhardt

Virginia Nitz

Warren & Connie Reithel – collide

Kristine Koch – cemetery

#### RADIO MISSION

#### IN MEMORY OF PATRICIA BOIK

June Gunsell and Butch Gunsell

#### IN HONOR OF ROGER & DEB

#### BLOOMFIELD'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Larry & Lois Dressler

#### CHRIST THE KING

#### IN MEMORY OF JACK BOLGER

Dave & Janet Sharpsteen

#### IN MEMORY OF RODNEY BACH

Jim & Connie Bunke

Rod & Lois Bohn

David & Karen Volz



## 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				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				<b>Restaurants</b>	<b>Profit</b>	<b>Amt</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total</b>
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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

For a complete list, download the RaiseRight App

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



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
800 E BAY ST  
SEBEWAING, MI 48759

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

BULK RATE  
US POSTAGE  
SEBEWAING, MI 48759  
PERMIT #32

Christ the King Lutheran School  
invites you to our



**FALL  
BAKE SALE**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025  
4:00-6:00p.m.**

If you would like to donate an item, please  
contact Candice Reithel at 989-553-0833.

Proceeds to benefit the 7th/8th grade  
students for their upcoming class trip!

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN SCHOOL  
INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL

# TRUNK OR TREAT

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025**

**4:00-6:00 P.M.**

Fall Bake Sale, Games, Concessions  
and Hay Ride!

**FREE Community Event!**



\*\*\*Please keep trunk themes and costumes  
family friendly\*\*

**CTK Parking Lot  
612 E. Bay St.  
Sebewaing, MI**

To volunteer or register  
contact:  
Megan Sattelberg  
989.239.5639



# October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Flower Chairman Linda Engelhardt			1 7:00 Men's Study 8:15 Chapel 4:30 Evangelism 6:00 Glory Ringers 7:00 Adoration Choir	2 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	3	4
LWML Sunday 5 7:15 Elders Meeting <b>9:00 WORSHIP/C – 6</b> 9:00 CTK 2-5 at St. Paul 10:15 Pastor reception 7:30 Youth Board Youth Night-Kohl Farm	6 5:00 Finance <b>6:30 WORSHIP/C</b>	7 10:30 Bay View Garden Devotional 5:30 Christ Messengers 6:00 Pub. School Conf.	8 8:15 Chapel 6:00 Glory Ringers 7:00 Adoration Choir	9 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 4:00 Mary Martha Guild	10	11
12 <b>9:00 WORSHIP/C – 7</b> 9:00 CTK K-1 at St. Paul 10:15 SS & BC	Columbus Day 13 5:00 Finance <b>6:30 WORSHIP/C</b> 6:30 Trustees 6:30 Stewardship 7:45 Council	14 5:30 Christ Messengers 6:00 Pub. School Conf.	15 8:15 Chapel 6:00 Glory Ringers 7:00 Adoration Choir	16 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	17 Newsletter Deadline 4:00  CTK-No School	18
19 <b>9:00 WORSHIP/C – 8</b> 10:15 SS & BC Pumpkin Rolling at Sherwood 2-4pm	20 5:00 Finance <b>6:30 WORSHIP/C</b>	21 5:30 Christ Messengers 6:00 Pub. School Conf.	22 8:15 Chapel 6:00 Glory Ringers 7:00 Adoration Choir	23 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	24	25
26 <b>9:00 WORSHIP/C – 9</b> 9:00 CTK 7/8 handbells at St. Paul 10:15 SS & BC	27 5:00 Finance <b>6:30 WORSHIP/C</b>	28 1:00 LWML 5:30 Christ Messengers 6:00 Pub. School Conf. 7:00 Board of Ed	29 8:15 Chapel 6:00 Glory Ringers 7:00 Adoration Choir	30 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	Reformation Day 31	

# 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

Nancy Eberlein

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

Trudy Packard

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