

Will it take six strong men to bring you back into the church?

Our church welcomes you no matter what conditions exist in your life. We will gladly provide for you and
encourage you to join us in the love, worship and fellowship of Jesus Christ this Sunday.



continued from front...

Here is a dramatic way to think about your current relationship with God and the church.

A newspaper ad designed by Church Ad Project shows a black and white photograph of people carrying a coffin. The caption reads: **“Will it take six strong men to bring you back into the church?”** My first reaction was shock but the ad made me pause and think. What about you? Let’s face it. You do need the church and the church needs you. If you’ve not been to church in a while... come back. We’ve missed you. If you are already active with a church, share this story with a friend and invite him/her to join you. It sure beats the alternative offered by this ad.

The EXPRESSION–October 2023

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Website: immanuelgaylord.org

E-Mail: immluth55334@aol.com

Phone: 507.237.2804

“Will It Take Six Strong Men to Bring You Back?”

- *“I’m too busy to go to church.”*
- *“The sermons are dull and the music is sleepy. Why should I come just to be bored?”*
- *“Church people are such hypocrites. They don’t practice what they preach!”*
- *“I’d rather watch on YouTube and stay home.”*
- *“The only thing my church wants is my money or my willingness to serve on a committee.”*
- *“I’m young or I’m divorced or I’m poor. They don’t want me.”*

For years, my favorite comment was, *“I work five days a week in a suit and tie. I just want to sleep-in, relax and read the paper. Why should I dress up again on my day off?”*

Zig Ziglar a well-known motivational speaker and author, literally sold me on the benefits of becoming a Christian and attending church now instead of putting it off until later. Zig described the church as the body of Christ showing me a piece of Heaven for today, not just tomorrow. What is that piece of heaven?

- ✝ **Longer life:** Insurance studies show regular church attendance adds 5.7 years to your life.
- ✝ **Wealth:** The Bible is full of methods for effectively managing your money.
- ✝ **Peace:** There is a special peace of mind knowing God will always be there, no matter what.
- ✝ **Courage:** God will give you courage and strength to make ethical and moral stands.
- ✝ **Love:** Learning to love others the way God loves you is a source of happiness and comfort.
- ✝ **Forgiveness:** Learning to forgive yourself and others can literally heal your body and your soul.

Why do we need to go to church? *“Because the church is still the best way to strengthen your relationship with God and with others and receive His gifts through Word and Sacrament.”*

The Bible says it best:

Without wavering, let us hold tightly to the hope we say we have, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Think of ways to encourage one another to outbursts of love and good deeds. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near. (Hebrews 10:23-25)

continued on back...



If you have ever had a student in a classroom that I was teaching in, you may have heard, “Mrs. King really doesn’t enjoy history.” While that is true, due to a tough teacher in high school and my disinterest, I do enjoy history when looking at family trees and music. Sounds kind of funny to think of music in that way, but do you ever wonder why a hymn was written? I have multiple books on this that I enjoy picking up and reading every so often, but today let’s look at a favorite of our students here at Immanuel Lutheran School.



“Do Lord!” is one of the most requested songs I get when students get to pick songs to sing. In looking up the history of the song I found

- The song was an old time spiritual. This makes sense as the music of it I think is what the kids like so much.

- Credit is given to Julia Ward Howe as the author, and she is also the author of “The Battle Hymn of the Republic”. This is the kind of history that fascinates me and helps me to appreciate and enjoy music so much more.
- This song is linked to scripture in Luke 23: 40-43 with the thief on the cross-asking Jesus to remember him when he comes into his kingdom, and Jesus responds that he will be with him in paradise!
- The verses of the song in our book are also connected to Psalm 27 – The Lord is My Light and My Salvation.

Truthfully, when we are singing songs with the students it is a highlight of my day. To hear their voices praising God and with so much Joy, all the other problems of the day are gone. We know and teach that God will never leave us or forsake us and so we can confidently know that we don’t have to ask if the Lord will remember us, because we know he will. I hope that if you don’t know this song you will search it or find an ILS student to sing it to you. But be warned, it will get stuck in your head, and you will find yourself singing it throughout your day.... what a great problem to have.

Thank you to all who ordered mums this year. We had a great response to the fundraiser. I will let you know how much we profited when we receive the check 😊 Thank you again to Misty Utendorfer for managing the sale and Jen Muchow and the 7th and 8th grade class for help on delivery day.

-Mrs. King

Upcoming Excitement at Immanuel....

- 3rd – VB @ home with Frist Lutheran Glencoe
- 5th – VB @ home with Immanuel Hutchinson
- 6th – Grandparent’s / VIP Day
- 7th – VB Tourney at Trinity in Janesville
- 8th – Ring and Sing Sunday
- 9th – VB @ home with Immanuel Courtland
- 14th - VB Tourney at MVL in New Ulm
- 17th – VB Awards night and parent game
- 19th and 20th – No School MEA Break
- 25th – Joyful Noise from Mayer High School coming to ILS



Immanuel Lutheran Sunday School

Hello October!

The kids did a Phenomenal job singing last week! There is truly nothing better than those voices raised in praise!!! We are very proud of you!

In devotion we talked about how our actions affecting others...like lies, how they can start as a little thing, but can escalate into large things. The example was...you tell your teacher the dog ate your homework...the teacher says, “oh what kind of dog do you have”? You don’t even have a dog & now she’s going to call your mom & see how the dog is feeling! What a mess!!! We also discussed the effect of negative comments or actions...how they hurt others. Tyler took some toothpaste and squirted it on a plate then asked one of the kids to come up and put the toothpaste back in the tube, of course you can’t! It’s the same with our words and actions. We should always strive to be kind, truthful, & forgiving.

A very heartfelt thank you to the individuals & church groups who donated money to cover the cost of our Bibles and Catechisms. Your support was overwhelming and our hearts are overflowing! We had such a great outreach not only was that order covered but we are now able to make another order, which will completely replace all the aged items! God is good! Thank you! Thank you!

Blessings,

Tyler & Julie

The Lutheran Hour

October 2023

October 1

"The Way Through the Maze"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy

When life becomes a bewildering maze, Jesus is our way through and our way out. (Psalm 25:4-5)

October 8

"Whatever and Wherever, Thank You, Lord!"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Keith Haberstock

"The Lord is my Shepherd..." That's how the 23rd Psalm begins. It goes on to describe the ways in which our Good Shepherd leads, comforts, and protects the sheep of His flock. Every line gives us a reason to be thankful. (Psalm 23)

October 15

"Help the World Rejoice"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A musical about a choir of nuns led by a lounge singer provides the setting for Dr. Michael Zeigler's message, based on Psalm 80. (Psalm 80)

October 22

"Matching Pace"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Hear about the Savior Who walks beside us, at our pace, and teaches us to walk with others. (Psalm 96:13)

October 29

"TBD"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Youth Group

We’ve been enjoying getting back into the swing of things with youth group! We did some planning for the upcoming months and the youth have some great ideas for ways to serve and have fun! On October 8th we’ll host our Donut Fellowship and the youth have decided to use the freewill offering to help Sunday School with the purchase of some new Bibles and catechisms.

Later in the month, on October 29th we’ll be having a Fall fun event at the Wibstad’s - food, games, and pumpkin carving. All youth grades 7-12 are invited and should watch their email for more details. We encourage youth grades 9-12 to join us Sundays after church for Bible Study!

In Christ,
Jeana and Michelle