

Monthly Newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran School



PRINCIPALS' CORNER

Immanuel School shared its love in many ways this month. Students in Grades 7 and 8 sold paper hearts to raise funds for their Mission Trip to West Virginia in the spring. Students wrote notes to friends, teachers, and others, and they were attached to a carnation and delivered on Valentine's Day.

Student Council opened up their hearts to animals at a local animal hospital. Through their bake sales during the Christmas season, they collected money to pay for \$900 worth of food and supplies for the animals. The supplies were stuffed into Mrs. Sandusky's car to the point that there was barely room for the driver. The children walked to the Animal Hospital and helped unload the items and play with the animals.

The mission offering for the month of February went towards "Phil's Friends," a ministry to cancer patients. Phil was a first year teacher at Trinity Roselle when he found out that he had cancer. After a few years of treatment, Phil was healed of his cancer and he sought a way to help others. His organization supports cancer patients through their journeys by sending 50,000 care packages per month and making hospital visits to cancer patients. The packages include letters, cards with hand-drawn pictures by students, jokes and riddles—all meant to bring a smile and comfort to patients who can know that God is with them in their cancer journey.

Immanuel School staff and children began the Lenten season with the distribution of ashes by the Pastors. The Pastors were also present before and after school to distribute ashes to those who requested them.

Immanuel School was blessed with a new School Office Coordinator, Lina Wert, who has recently joined our staff. Our retired Administrative Assistant, Jan Mayyou, helped to train Lina on all the programs we use, introduce her to the staff, and acquaint her with the people and programs of Immanuel School. Lina's great smile and amazing skills will be a great asset to Immanuel Lutheran School.

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MARCH 2024

K-8 UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1 ~ 11:00am Dismissal - NO AFTERNOON BUS -Limited Parent/ Teacher Conferences March 1 ~ State Basketball Tournament March 11-12 ~ Vision and Hearing Screening March 17 ~ Rite of Confirmation @ 3:00pm March 18 ~ Early Childhood Family Easter Egg Coloring Night @ 6:00pm March 20 ~ Grade 8 Graduation Pictures @8:00am March 23 ~ Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:00am March 24 ~ Palm Sunday March 25-29 ~ NO SCHOOL - Spring Break March 29 ~ Good Friday March 31 ~ Easter April 1 ~ NO SCHOOL - Easter Monday April 5 ~ Midterm Ends **April 5** ~ Parents Night Out Fundraiser April 12 ~ Musical Revue @7:00pm April 15 ~ All-School PTL Meeting @7:00pm **April 18** ~ Fun Whizz Assembly April 18 ~ Community Meal @5:00pm April 21-26 ~ Grades 7-8 West Virginia Mission Trip April 22-26 ~ Grade 6 Walcamp Trip April 25 ~ 5th Grade Mother/Daughter Event April 27 ~ ILSEF Spring Fundraiser @6:15pm

EARLY CHILDHOOD UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1 ~ NO EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSES - Teacher Conferences March 11-12 ~ Vision and Hearing Screening March 18 ~ Early Childhood Family Easter Egg Coloring Night @ 6:00pm March 23 ~ Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:00am March 24 ~ Palm Sunday March 25-29 ~ NO SCHOOL - Spring Break March 29 ~ Good Friday March 31 ~ Easter April 1 ~ NO SCHOOL - Easter Monday **April 4** ~ Vision and Hearing Re-screening April 5 ~ Parents Night Out Fundraiser **April 10-11** ~ EC Grandparent's Day April 18 ~ Community Meal @5:00pm April 26 ~ EC Family Gym Night @6:00pm April 27 ~ ILSEF Spring Fundraiser @6:15pm





HAVE NEWS TO SHARE IN THE NEWSLETTER?

Please email submissions to mwalsh@ilcp.org. Submissions are subject to approval by the administrative team prior to publication.

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LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SCHOOL



Visit ilcpschool.org or call 847-359-1936.

Share the benefits of Christian education. Refer your friends, neighbors--anyone! Interested families should visit our website or give us a call to schedule a tour or shadow day.



Immanuel was blessed again this February when the congregation called a principal to Immanuel. As the principal deliberates on the call, we ask the congregation be in prayer that God's will be done and we trust in Him to find the right person to lead Immanuel School. We know God has plans for the principal candidate and our school, and we trust in His plan.

As we enter the Lenten season help us to bring others to "come and see," just as Philip brought others to come and see Jesus. This Lenten season, let us be like Philip and invite people to come and see Jesus and be amazed at the love Jesus has to give up His life for us.

"Amazing grace, how sweet the song that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I'm free."

Karen Bauder, Interim Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

No School: March 25-29: Spring Break April 1 : Easter Monday No Bus: March 1 (NO PM Bus) **Early Dismissal** March 1 - 11:00am Dismissal - NO PM Bus **Events:** Maundy Thursday: March 28 Good Friday: March 29 Faster: March 31 (Continued on page 2)



TUITION AND PAYMENT REMINDERS

Need a copy of your tuition and fees statement for your tax return? Follow these easy steps to get started.

- Go to www.myprocare.com
- Enter vour email
- You will receive a confirmation email with a confirmation #
- Enter confirmation number on myprocare screen
- Create a password
- Redirect to login
- Login with your email and password
- Both detailed and summarized statements are available If you have any questions, please contact Patti Walsh at pwalsh@ilcp.org.

CHAPEL OFFERING

Weekly chapel offerings for the month of March will support the Grade 7-8 Mission Trip to West Virginia. Students will spend the week completing service projects--such as building, painting, and more--and gaining hands-on experience in serving the community. We ask that you be generous with your offerings this month and also keep our students in your prayers as they prepare for their trip.



TUITION CREDIT WITH RAISERIGHT

Earn tuition credit by purchasing gift cards on the RaiseRight website or app! If you are interested in enrolling, please send an email to Liz Mraz at mrsmraz007@gmail.com and an invitation will be sent to you to set up your family's online RaiseRight account. If you are already enrolled in the program, please plan to submit your orders on the 2nd Monday of every month by 9:00am (except for Mondays when there is no school. Then the order will need to be submitted by Tuesday at 9:00am). Thank you in advance for supporting our school!



Simply the right way to fundraise

WELCOME, MRS. WERT!

You may hear a new voice in the office when calling the school. We are thrilled that Lina Wert has joined the Immanuel team and will serve as the School Office Coordinator. Lina has worked for the Addison school district and St. John's Lutheran School in Lombard. She can be reached at Iwert@ilcp.org and looks forward to working with all of the students and families.

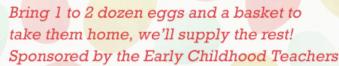
ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN FOR 2024-2025

Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year is now open! An email was sent home on February 2 with details and instructions on how to register. Tuition rates are available in the email and on our school website, but please note that tuition rates have not changed from the 2023-2024 school year.

Parent surveys indicate that the #1 way families hear about our school is through word-of-mouth promotion. We encourage you to share about the blessings of Immanuel's Christian Education! If you know of a family that is seeking a Christ-centered education for their child(ren), new families can schedule a tour on our website or by calling our school office. Additionally, the school office is always available to answer questions about our school and/or enrollment.

EGG COLORING NIGHT Early Childhood Egg Coloring Night

Join our Early Childhood staff for an evening of egg coloring on Monday, March 18! Please bring one or two dozen eggs and a basket to bring them home. Invite your friends and neighbors! The event will be held in the cafeteria. Please enter through Door #10. To reserve your spot, please RSVP to our Early Childhood Director, Marlene Tres, at 847-660-4163



Monday, March 18 6:00-7:00pm

RSVP to reserve your spot today!

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 23 at 10am

For children age 8 and under

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EGG HUNT DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are collecting plastic eggs and candy for our community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23. Please drop off donations in the school or church office. We also need volunteers to assist on the day of the event. Please contact the church office at 847-359-1549 with questions or to volunteer. Thank you for your generosity!



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Information



PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, March 23 @ 5:00 p.m. Sunday, March 24 @ 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP Thursday, March 28 @ 7:00 p.m

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP Friday, March 29 @ 7:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL Saturday, March 30 @ 5:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION Sunday, March 31

Sunrise Celebration @ 6:00 a.m. Traditional Worship @ 8:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

Service times are for in-person worship. Online worship is available on our website, Facebook, and YouTube.



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Vacation Bible School 2024

June 17-June 21 from 9am-2pm

For children entering Pre-K through 5th Grade

Each day will include Bible Study, Games, Crafts, Snacks, and more! Students entering 4th and 5th Grade in the fall will participate in service projects around Immanuel and the surrounding community. Students will dive deeper in their faith through fun and interactive experiences!

\$50 per student includes a t-shirt, Bible Buddies, activities for the week and more!



Registration is now open! Learn more and sign up at the link below:

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volunteers needed!



Students entering 6th grade and up through adults are invited to help make this week a success!

We have a variety of roles to fill including group leaders, station helpers, and more!

Sign up to help on our website or contact Pastor Donald at pastordonald@ilcp.org

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| | **Makenzie Phillips **Anthony Rizzo *George VanderGiessen **Zoe White **Isabelle Wilkins **Elijah Zhang | *Addison Pfeiffer Veronica Poulik *Brynn Theodosakis *Christopher Theodosakis *Ariana VanderGiessen ** Príncipal's Honor Roll (GPA of 4.0 or higher) *High Honor Roll (GPA of 3.5-3.99) Honor Roll (GPA of 3.0-3.49) | Ioanna Matsas Daniel Poulik Landon Ray *Topher Roe **Mikayla Roth *Marshall Tanner *Ashley Thomsen *Timothy Van Gorp *Tmily Weiss Kingston Wolfe |

VISION AND HEARING SCREENING

Vision & Hearing Assessments: The State of Illinois requires that all students undergo periodic testing for Vision and Hearing. On March 11 & 12, Pupils Vision & Hearing will be on-site to test the following students: Early Childhood (3+ years), Grades K, 1, & 3 (Hearing), Grade 2 (Vision & Hearing), and Grade 8 (Vision). There is no cost for this testing and parents will be notified of any concerns. The firm will return on April 4 to test students who were absent or need follow-up testing.

GRADE 8 GRADUATION PHOTOS

Students in Grade 8 will take graduation photos at 8:00am on Wednesday, March 20, in graduation robes provided by color portraits. Students should dress nicely and not wear green, and they should be aware that some shots may show what they are wearing on their legs beneath the robe. More information will be sent home via email this month.

ILS CAR MAGNETS

Share the joy of Immanuel's Christian education wherever you go! Immanuel is selling car magnets for \$2 each (while supplies last) at a variety of school events and after school on select dates. Watch for more information on magnet sales via email and social media.

TECHNOLOGY POLICY

An email was sent out to current families on January 17 regarding an updated policy for smartwatch and cell phone use in school. In short, smartwatches capable of connecting to the internet or a cellular network (i.e. Apple Watches, FitBits, etc.) AND cell phones should not be brought to school. To read the full policy, please refer back to the email using the link to the right.

PRINCE OF PEACE COMMUNITY ART SHOW

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will host their 4th annual multigenerational community art show and juried competition this spring. In this unique visual arts display, they are seeking two-dimensional and three-dimensional submissions from second-grade children through adults who live in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. The theme for the show is "Livin' On a Prayer." Artists are invited to visualize their prayers and to practice their art as an act of meditation and contemplation. Submission deadline is April 17. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 2D and 3D entry in each age category. For more information, visit pop.church/artshow.





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MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISERS

The 7th and 8th Grade classes are raising funds for their mission trip to West Virginia this spring. Please see the flyers below.



ATHLETIC NEWS

God's blessings to our Bobcat basketball teams as they compete in the state tournament the weekend of March 1-3. If the teams qualify for nationals, the tournament will be held March 21-24 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Go Bobcats! Congrats to Noah Roth and Harrison Rathe for winning "First Team All-League" in the travel feeder league the Grades 3-5 boys team played in this season. We are proud of you!

The basketball teams also hosted their annual Alumni Night in February.



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CLASSROOM REMODEL UPDATE - ROOM 203 IS COMPLETE!

We have wrapped up the total remake of our new Kindergarten classroom and the change is dramatic. Room 203 has been made over from floor to ceiling, including new flooring, ceiling and window blinds. Walls have been repaired, technology has been substantially upgraded and new built-in cabinets have been installed. Mobile shelving rounds out the storage needs, making the room easily configurable all while giving the room a more open, less cluttered feel. Our current full-day kindergarten class moved in on January 17, and we will now begin updating our first-grade classroom. Be sure to stop by during one of our school open houses and check it out.

We can always use additional funding for future classroom remodels. If you feel moved to give a gift above and beyond your normal giving, please make your check payable to Immanuel Lutheran, or give through PushPay at <u>immanuelpalatine.org/push-pay/</u>, and mark your gift for "Classroom Remodel."



MOBILE THERAPY CENTERS OF AMERICA

We are pleased to announce our affiliation with Mobile Therapy Centers of America, LLC (MTC), a private therapy service provider that brings therapy services directly to our school. As part of this relationship, MTC's licensed and credentialed therapists are offering free developmental screenings at Immanuel Lutheran Palatine.

If you are interested in having your child screened, please click on or scan the link below and fill out the information. <u>https://eform.pandadoc.com/?eform=16d37ad8-9f8a-46ff-8617-2b3d60043f93</u>



NEW MEMBER CLASSES BEGIN MARCH 3 - NEW DATE AND TIME!

We'd love to welcome you as a part of our family! The spring New Member Classes will begin on March 3 and meet every Sunday morning from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in room 252 through April 21. On Sunday, April 28, we will welcome our new Immanuel members at 10:30 a.m. worship. If you are planning to join the Immanuel family, please mark your calendar for these important dates. This seven-week session is open to those who want to join Immanuel Lutheran Church, those wanting to learn about the Lutheran faith or members wanting a refresher. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 847-359-1549; or you can sign up online at: immanuelpalatine.org/new-member-contact-form.



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY - GUIDED TO THE CROSS

Lent begins 40 days before Easter and it is a time we set aside to reflect on Christ's love for us and the eternal life given to us through his death and resurrection. Immanuel is offering a weekly Lenten Bible Study on Wednesday nights through March 20. All are welcome to attend and no pre-registration is required. Soup and sandwiches will be served from 5:45 to 6:15. Bible Study will run from 6:15-6:45. Additionally, Lenten worship will be held every Wednesday at 7:00pm through March 20.

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS FLOWER AND PLANT SALE

It's that time of year again! It's time to help American Heritage Girls IL0412 bloom, sprout and grow by supporting our annual flower and plant sale. Click on or scan the QR code to access the order form. Order forms and payment must be turned into the school or church office before April 7. Flower orders will be available for pickup on May 9 in the Immanuel courtyard after school.





All are invited to the table for a free community meal. To-go meals are also available!

Thursday Evenings 5:00-6:30pm

- April 18
- May 16
- June 20
- July 18

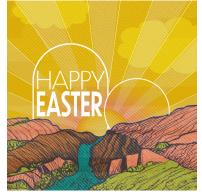
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No pre-registration required! To learn more and to view menus, visit <u>thecommunitymeal.org</u>.

SUNDAY MORNING EXPERIENCE (S.M.E) TEACHERS NEEDED!

Sunday Morning Experience (S.M.E) welcomes children ages 5 through Grade 5 during 10:30am Sunday morning worship to learn about Jesus and the love He has for them. Each week consists of a Bible story, craft project, a memory verse and more. S.M.E. is in search of adults of all ages who enjoy teaching the Word of God to children and would be willing to become part of our teacher rotation. This would not be an "every Sunday" commitment. You can pick the Sundays that would work best for you. We currently have a high-school student teaching on Sundays, and an adult is also required to be there. If you do not want to teach but enjoy working with children, join our team and be the adult in the classroom. Please contact Pastor Donald at pastordonald@ilcp.org or Denise Neilson at dneilson214@gmail.com with any questions.



LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH Visit immanuelpalatine.org or call 847-359-1549. JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Saturdays @ 5:00pm - Blended Worship Sundays @ 8:00am - Traditional Worship Sundays @ 10:30am - Contemporary Worship

*Adult Bible Study offered at 9:30am on Sundays *Sunday Morning Experience (S.M.E.) for children offered during 10:30am worship

PARENT TEACHER LEAGUE (PTL) NEWS MARCH 2024

DINING FOR DOLLARS

On Thursday, March 14, the PTL will have another Dining for Dollars at Culver's in Palatine from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Please join us at 1765 N. Rand Road, Palatine, IL 60074. Please bring the <u>attached flyer</u> to the restaurant or mention Immanuel Lutheran School. Immanuel PTL will earn 20% back!

MC'TEACHER NIGHT

NEW and UPCOMING, mark your calendars for our FIRST McTeacher Night! We are so excited for this opportunity to bring staff and families together. The event will be held on Wednesday, April 17, from 4:00-7:00pm at McDonald's at 1576 N Rand Rd, Palatine, IL 60074. More information will be sent home as the date gets closer.

SAVE THE DATE: ALL-SCHOOL PTL MEETING

Mark your calendars! On Monday, April 15, we will hold the second of our two annual all-school meetings, where all parents and teachers are welcome to attend. Please plan to join us in Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm.

OPEN BOARD POSITION

We have one position open for Vice President on the PTL Board next year. The deadline to get names on the ballot is Friday, April 5. If you know someone you think would be great in this position, make sure to tell them about this opportunity. If you're interested in this position or have any questions, please send an email to Tanya Roth at toxley24@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

YEARBOOK PHOTOS

Did you take photos at a school event? Please share with us for the yearbook! You can email them to yearbook@ilcp.org or upload them directly on TreeRing after logging in.



There's an app for that!





Apple App Store

Google Play Store

QUESTIONS?

If you ever have questions or are looking to help the PTL, please reach out to any of us and we can point you in the right direction.

Sincerely Serving, PTL Board

Tanya Roth, President Liz Mraz, Vice President Crystal Phillips, Treasurer Dawnmarie Shefveland, Secretary toxley24@hotmail.com mrsmraz007@gmail.com cjphillips84@gmail.com dbravo88@gmail.com





DROP-OFF AND PICKUP REMINDERS

DO

• **Be on time (or early!)**. Students should arrive between 7:15-7:30am and be picked up at 2:10pm.

• Pull completely forward to the front of the car line before directing your students to exit the vehicle.

• **STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE** until directed to move forward and are dismissed. Once you are dismissed, you may exit onto Bothwell, turning right, as the street is one way between Wood and Colfax.

• **Pay attention** to school buses in the parking lot. It is unsafe and illegal to drive around a bus when the stop signs are extended.

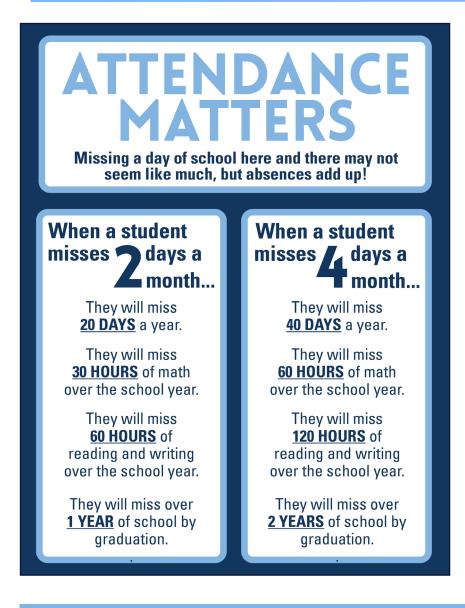
DON'T

• Use this time for a quick conference with a teacher. If you need to talk with a teacher, make an appointment that is convenient for both of you. The teachers need to focus on ensuring that students are arriving and being dismissed safely. A scheduled appointment makes it possible to address parent concerns without distraction.

• Exit your vehicle to talk/socialize with another parent once in the car line. **Drivers should remain in the vehicle** to ensure a smooth drop-off/pickup. We have seen too many children running through moving car lines to reach a parked/ unattended vehicle. If parents need to socialize, please do so in the annex parking lot AFTER car line dismissal.

• Leave the parking lot until your car line has been dismissed.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in protecting everyone here at Immanuel.



K-8 SCHOOL HOURS, DROP-OFF, PICKUP AND BUS

K-8 school hours: 7:40am-2:10pm Student drop-off: 7:15am-7:30am Office hours: 7:30am-3:30pm Office Phone: 847-359-1936

School starts promptly at 7:40am, and students should <u>be in their seats</u> at that time. Middle School and bus riders will enter at the main entrance (Door 1), and K-5 will enter by the gym (Door 12).

HEALTH ISSUES: COVID PROTOCOLS

Due to the recent rise of COVID-19 illnesses in our area, we wanted to remind everyone of the current CDC recommendations.

If your student tests positive for COVID-19, a 5-day quarantine begins. Day 0 of the quarantine is the day that symptoms began.

Other family members should be monitored for symptoms and tested as appropriate.

The student can return to school after the 5-day quarantine period as long as he/she is symptom-free and medicine-free for 24 hours. A mask is optional after the 5-day period.

Homework can be requested via email to the homeroom teacher.