

School Theme - Colossians 2:6-7 Therefore, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, by being rooted and built up in him, and strengthened in the faith just as you were taught, while you overflow in faith with thanksgiving.

This Week:

<u>**Thurs. April 25**</u> – Last Student Credit Union 9 AM; Lunch – Italian Sandwich Dippers

<u>Fri. April 26</u> – Grades 3 & 4 Northland Children's Theatre 11:30 AM – 3 & 4 PACK YOUR OWN

SACK LUNCH; Lunch – Fish Sticks

<u>Mon. April 29</u> – Lunch – Changed to TACOS; Dan Miller MAES Principal Open Forum and Questions 6 PM.

Tues. April 30 – Lunch – Breakfast Pizza

<u>Weds. May 1</u> – Chapel 8:30 AM; Lunch – Hot Dogs; Gr. 6-8 Discover America Trip 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM May 3rd

<u>Thurs. May 2</u> – Lunch – Mac & Cheese; Discover America Trip Continues

Fri. May 3 – Discover America Trip Home 4PM; K-4 Habermeyer's Farm 8:30-12:30 PACK YOUR OWN SACK LUNCH; Student Credit Union Party at Sports Page after school.

DISCOVER AMERICA TRIP

Just a reminder Grades 6-8 will be going on their Discover America Trip May 1st – May 3rd. Please remember to have your child to school on May 1st no later than 8:15 as we will be leaving the school at 8:30 AM Sharp!!

EARLY REGISTRATION Pre-K 3 & 4 For 2024-2025 School Year

You may go online to our webpage <u>http://www.diedforme.education</u>

Click on the top link REGISTRATION FORMS And then click REGISTRATION

Early Registration is highly encouraged as it helps with planning the next school year.

IMMANUEL WARRIORS April 24, 2024



Our Missions for the Second Quarter will be going to the Cornerstone High School in Chippewa Falls. Missions are collected every Wednesday at Chapel.

April / May Chapel Services

Parents, family members, whoever, please feel free to JOIN us for Chapel services every Wednesday at 8:30 AM. <u>April 24</u> – "Let It Shine" <u>May 1</u> – "Lavished With Love" <u>May 8-</u> "Kids Connection" <u>May 15</u> – "Read The Label"

PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING

Open Forum Meeting About Medord Area Elementary School

On Monday, April 29th @ 6PM in the church sanctuary, Principal Dan Miller from the Medford Elementary School will be here for an open forum meeting for those families who will be having their students transferring there for next school year. He will be here to give information about the school and answer questions or concerns you may have concerning your child attending the elementary school. We want to make the transition to a new school as easy and stress free as possible for you the parents, as well as your students.



DELIVERY ** DELIVERY ** DELIVERY ILS Floral Basket and Planters Sale Flowers will be delivered on <u>Weds. May 8th</u> You may pick up anytime during the day in the gym!

<u> Field Trip – Habermeyer's Farm</u>

Grades K-4 will be going to Habermeyer's Farm on Friday May 3rd at 8:30 AM. Students will need to pack a COLD lunch that day. (NO heating food) Students should also wear old boots or shoes for at the farm and keep their good shoes for back at school that day.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he is going to cut off. And he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will bear more fruit. John 15:1-2

The conditions were always harsh. In the three years that I worked in the vineyards at Cal Poly State University pruning vines, I never remember the days being anything but cold and dreary. Constant rain dripped over the rain slickers we wore. The slickers held in heat, so though our hands were freezing, our bodies were sweating as we went methodically from row to row and acre to acre. Our knuckles would often split and bleed from being constantly banged together as we pruned.

But as hard as our work was on us, we were much harder on the dormant vines. Quickly and efficiently, we had to make decisions. Some vines or canes would bear abundantly in the next season. These we left behind and pruned them to the proper length for the vine. Others would be unproductive or get in the way of our caring for the vines in the next season. These would

be cut off at the vine and would be piled out for destruction. The work of a vine tender is to make hard judgments that benefit the vine.

The Father is the Gardener. He makes tough decisions about the branches on the Vine in His vineyard. Christ is the true Vine. We are the branches. The Father looks upon us and makes HIs decision. If we are not connected to Christ, we have become worthless. He prunes us out of His eternal kingdom and casts us aside into the fires of Hell. He cannot be more clear about this in this section of the Gospel of John.

But if we remain connected to Jesus, we remain productive. We continue to grow as we hear His word. Our faith is strengthened. We serve the Vine by mirroring His loving provision for the branches in our lives. We serve the Vine by sharing the wondrous news of life, death, and resurrection. As we do, we help to join more branches to the Vine. And as those branches are joined, more and more fruit is produced for the Kingdom.

The work is not always easy. But the work is always rewarding. Remain connected to the vine by remaining in the word of God. Share His life-giving news, and you will be productive. Blessings on your connection with the true Vine.

Frank Van Brockin Principal/Teacher

Coming up in the near future for Immanuel Lutheran School:

- On Monday, April 29, starting at 6:00 PM, there will be an open house for all parents considering sending their children to MAES or to Stetsonville for education next year. Public school principal Dan Miller will provide a brief background of the schools and answer any questions parents may have. We will meet in the church sanctuary.
- Fourth Quarter Midterm is on Friday, April 26. Midterm reports will go out April 30.
- The third and fourth grade classes will be going to the NLHS Childrens' Theater on Friday, April 26.
- Mrs. Routhieaux's class will be going on their Discover America trip May 1-3.
- On Friday, May 3, the Pre-K through 4th grade classes will spend the morning at the Habermeyer farm.
- If anyone is interested in possibly volunteering to help drive Immanuel students to Wausau for class at St. Peter or Our Savior in the 2024-2025 school year, please contact me (Mr. V) or Kelsey Sova. We are looking for volunteers that would be able to drive for the whole school year.

Welcome back to A Step Beyond, our brief Bible study based upon the readings used for service at Immanuel Lutheran Church for this week's worship service on April 28, Fifth Sunday in Easter. Our theme for this study is *Love as Our Savior Loved Us.*

Acts 4:32-37: The First Century Church demonstrates their love for one another.

- Note that not all things described in Scripture are a prescription for our lives. The early believers held everything in common, but God has not commanded us to do the same. He has not commanded us to sell all we have to give to our church for distribution. He has; however, commanded us to help provide for others out of the abundance He has given us.
- What is right and loving in the attitude of those early believers?
 - \circ They understood that nothing we possess is truly ours.
 - Our possessions have been given as a stewardship from God to be used to serve Him and to serve others.
- What had moved those believers to give so generously to their fellow believers in need?
 - The continual hearing of the resurrection comfort they had in Christ.
- How can we love selflessly?
 - \circ We love others because Christ first loved us by paying our sin debt.
- Note that as you continue to read in Acts that the loving practice of selling one's land to provide for others would break down as some used it as a way to bring glory to themselves.

1 John 3:18-24: The Apostle John calls on us to love with a genuine love.

- What does it mean to only love with word or with our tongue?
 - \circ We profess that we are going to do something to help someone in their time of need, but we do not follow through in our actions.
- How then should we love?
 - We should carry through on what we promise to do to help others.
- What compels us to love in this way?
 - \circ Christ loved us through His actions: His suffering and death and His resurrection.
 - \circ These actions secured for us the forgiveness of our sins and eternal life.
 - Now, knowing we are not condemned by God, we are free to love others as Christ did.

John 15: Jesus is the vine. To be productive, we must remain in Him.

- In this passage, who is Jesus referring to when He speaks of the branches that are not connected?
 - \circ Jesus is speaking of the people of this world who do not have faith in Him.
 - This could include people who profess to be Christians but do not continue to trust and grow in Him and in His word or show their faith through loving actions.
- What is the fate of these branches?
 - \circ They will be pruned out and burnt in the fields.
 - \circ This indicates that those who do not remain connected to Jesus will be tossed into Hell.
- Who are those branches that remain connected to the Vine?
 - They are those who continue to place their faith in Christ and to grow in their faith.
- What is the fate of those branches?
 - \circ They will still face trials in this life sent by God to strengthen them.
 - \circ But they will become more and more productive because of these trials.
 - As they share their witness with others, they will become productive in helping God to build His kingdom.
- How do we remain connected to the Vine, to Christ?
 - \circ We continue to grow and strengthen our faith by studying His word.

NORTHLAND LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL CORNER

Immanuel Lutheran School & Church is an associated member with NLHS.

April 24, 2024

Greetings from Northland! The end of the school year is in sight; we are amazed at the blessings God has showered on us these past months!

"Cinderella and the Substitute Fairy Godmother" will be presented on April 24-27. Cinderella's hopes to attend the ball and meet the prince rest on the rusty wand of the only Fairy Godmother available. Will she make it there on time? Join us to find out. We will have productions open to the public on Friday, April 26, at 12:30 PM and Saturday, April 27, at 1 PM and 3 PM. To sign up, follow this link.

Debt-reduction drive: Northland's total debt has now gone from \$3,500,000 to \$1,079,519. Can your Christcompelled heart get us to the June 30 goal: only \$79,519 to get below \$1M! This is such an important step in moving from surviving to thriving in this ministry.

Special Needs Scholarship Program– We are in the Wisconsin Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP), which gives the family of a student with an IEP or qualifying service plan a scholarship for tuition to Northland Lutheran High School regardless of income. Call and ask for more information if we can assist your family!

WELS Youth Night - The next youth night is hosted by WELS UNITED at NLHS on Sunday, April 28, 5:45-8:30 pm. This event is free of charge, and we are inviting all area teens (WELS and their guests) from 8th to 12th grade to join us. There will be pizza, devotion, and a Nerf war in the gym set up for you to enjoy–like paintball but with nerf guns. Eye protection is encouraged. Both guns and ammo will be provided. Please sign-up in advance on the website mysaintpeter.org (use the TEEN EVENT link). Thank you, and we'll see you there!

BLOOD DRIVE! Because our Blood Drive was canceled due to a snow day, we will be holding it on Thursday, May 2. Would you like to give the gift of life? Email Miss Stelter at <u>astelter@nlhs.org</u> to participate.

Housing for Commuting & Foreign Students, 24-25 - Would you consider hosting a commuting or a foreign student next school year? We are looking for several families who would open their hearts and homes to students who live a little too far away to travel each day or a student far from home. The bonus is that we are able to share Jesus with these students. You would receive a stipend for the student's room and board, as well as new experiences, warm memories, and often lifetime friendships. Call or email if you are interested in this unique opportunity, 715-359-3400 or <u>nlhsoffice@nlhs.org</u>.

Upcoming Events -

Apr 25-Baseball & Softball @ White Lake, 4:30pm Apr 26-Children's Theater, 12:30 pm / Baseball & Softball vs. Port Edwards, 4:30 pm Apr 27-Grade School Band Practice, 10 am / Children's Theater, 1 & 3 pm Apr 28-Jr. Wildcats Volleyball, 2 pm / WELS Youth Night, 5:45 pm Apr 29-Golf @ Glacier Woods / Baseball & Softball vs. Bowler/Gresham, 4:30 pm

Don't forget to "like" us on <u>Facebook</u>! If you have any questions about anything contact us at <u>nlhsoffice@nlhs.org</u> or call the school at (715) 359-3400.

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