

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. Jan. 25</u> – Student Credit Union 9AM; Lunch – Italian Sandwich Dippers; 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School and Pep Assembly 1:00 PM; A&B Team BB Practice 3:30-5:30 PM

<u>Fri. Jan. 26</u> – Lunch – Fish Sticks; A&B Team AWAY Zion Rhinelander 5:30PM

<u>Sun. Jan. 28</u> – PreK & Kindergarten sing 10:30 AM Service.

Mon. Jan. 29 – Lunch – Breakfast Pizza (switched w/ Weds.); A Team BB Practice 3:30-5:30 PM

<u>Tues. Jan. 30</u> – Lunch – Tacos; B Team BB Practice 3:30-5:30 PM

<u>Weds. Jan. 31</u> – CHAPEL 8:30 AM; Lunch – Chicken Nuggets (switched w/ Mon.)

<u>Thurs. Feb. 1</u> – Student Credit Union 9 AM; Lunch – Pizza; A&B Teams AWAY St Peter's Schofield 5PM

<u>Fri. Feb. 2</u> – Lunch – Chicken Noodle Soup <u>Sun. Feb. 4</u> – K-8 Sing 10:30 AM Service

Pre-K & Kindergarten will be singing,
"The B-I-B-L-E" in the 10:30 Service
this Sunday, Jan. 28<sup>th.</sup>

Grades K-8<sup>th</sup> will be singing,
"Lord I Lift Your Name On High"
in the 10:30 Service on Sunday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>.

# **IMMANUEL WARRIORS**

**January 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.

#### **January Chapel Services**

Parents, family members, whoever, please feel free to JOIN us for Chapel services every Wednesday at 8:30 AM.

January 31 – "Take Away The Veil"

February 7 – "Kids Connection"

February 14 – "The Wonderfully Unfair Riddle"

February 21- "You Can't Pull This Apart"

Order Forms were sent home for the YEARBOOK

Orders are due by March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Online or turn in to your child's Teacher.



Back by <u>Request!</u> PIZZA PIZZA!!

ILSA Little Caesars Pizza

Fund Raiser

Orders need to be turned in by <u>Feb. 1st</u>

ID# 436391



ILSA
Grandpa Choo Choo's
Popcorn Sale
NOW Through Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
Order Forms were sent
home to each family and
also available in school
office or back of church.
ORDERS DUE FEB. 2ND

# We are his house, if we hold on firmly to our confidence and the hope about which we boast until the end. Hebrews 3:6

What are the marks of a House of the Lord? Certainly, there are things which provide outward evidence that a building is set aside in service to the Lord. Choirs provide anthems which bring dignity to the service. Organists lead the congregation in hymns and responses. The church may have a school or early childhood ministry to assist parents in providing education in God's word to children. Social groups and service groups may abound helping to draw members closer to one another.

All of these can be evidence that a House of the Lord exists, but they are not the marks of the House of the Lord. The marks of the House of the Lord are the word and the sacraments, or maybe more correctly the gospel in word and sacrament. Where the gospel does not exist, the House of the Lord cannot exist. Without the gospel, the house is built on human reason and human trivialities. A house built on human hopes brings no confidence for those who dwell in it.

But where the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered, we have a truth to cling to and upon which to build our faith. It is not a human half truth of *Do the best you can and be better than others, and you will be alright with God.* It is a confidence built upon the promises of God. God reconciled the whole world to Himself in Christ no longer holding their sins against them. (2 Corinthians 5:19) Christ is the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:2) All have been justified by God's grace through the redemption that came through Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:24) These gospel truths, and so many others, are the bedrock, cornerstone and foundation of the House of the Lord.

As we move forward in the planning for Immanuel Lutheran ministries in the near future and beyond, we must always remember that we do bear the marks of the House of the Lord. The preaching of God's Word is and always will be the cornerstone of our work. The sacraments, baptism and the Lord's Supper, continue to be administered. And God will continue to build hope and confidence in our hearts which will overflow in praise to Him as we share His gospel truths with others.

The structure of our ministries may take a dramatic turn in the near future. Age old ministries may need to be reformed or even eliminated. Newer ministries may need to be evaluated and changed. But through it all, our desire should be that our core purpose remains the same. We exist as a congregation to bring the gospel to our members, our community, and our world. This can only be accomplished through preaching and teaching the gospel.

Blessings as we work together to accomplish the building of the House of the Lord.

Frank Van Brocklin Principal Teacher

Coming up in the near future at Immanuel Lutheran School:

- ♦ Our celebration of the 100th day of school will take place on Thursday, January 25, at 1:00 PM... assuming we have no snow days this week.
- ❖ The winter principal's conference will be this Saturday, January 27.
- In accordance with the Medford Public School schedule, there will be an early release on February 5 with bus service provided.
- ❖ The next steering committee meeting for accreditation will be on February 6.
- Looking forward a few weeks, there will be an early release following worship on February 14. Teachers will then travel to Oconomowoc for the District Teachers' Conference on February 15 and 16.

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 January 28. Our theme for this study is *Epiphany - God Reveals Jesus' Superiority*.

# Deuteronomy 15:18-20: Jesus is the Great Prophet God would raise up from among his brothers.

- Why did God send prophets to His people Israel?
  - After hearing God's voice thunder from the mountain, His people were afraid to hear Him again. He sent human prophets to lead His people to allay their fears.
- Far from being angry with His people for this request, God provided prophets. What did they do?
  - The prophets spoke God's word to the people, declaring only what they had been called to declare, not mixing it with their own thoughts and words.
- What warnings does God give His people?
  - o He will call to account anyone who does not listen to His prophets.
  - o He will demand the life of any prophet who speaks falsely or proclaims other gods.
- What makes Jesus the Great Prophet of God?
  - o He came to preach repentance and forgiveness.
  - o He assured our forgiveness by following the will of His Father to the cross.

#### Hebrews 3:1-6 Jesus is revealed as superior to Moses.

- In the opening chapters of Hebrews, the writer sets up the superiority of Jesus. In chapter 3, the writer shows how Jesus is superior to Moses. Why did the writer choose Moses for comparison?
  - o Moses was revered by the Jews as the greatest of all Old Testament prophets.
- How are Jesus and Moses compared in Hebrews Chapter 3?
  - They were both faithful to the calling that God had given them.
- Yet, how was Jesus superior to Moses?
  - o Moses took care of God's house, ministering to the people.
  - o Jesus was the Creator of God's House, setting up HIs kingdom by ruling in the hearts of God's people.
  - o Moses served by telling people of the Messiah that would come.
  - o Jesus was the promised Messiah, the Savior of the world.
  - What evidences the House of God?
    - o The confidence that comes from preaching the gospel.

#### Mark 1:21-28: Jesus reveals His power over the demons.

- What amazed people about Jesus' teaching in the synagogue of Capernaum?
  - o He taught with an authority far above that of the teachers of the law.
- How else did Jesus show His superiority at the synagogue of Capernaum?
  - o He drove an unclean spirit out of a man.
- Why did Jesus tell the unclean spirit to be quiet?
  - o He needs neither recognition nor validation from the unclean spirit.
  - o Jesus is superior and in charge of the situation.
- What effect did the exorcism have on the people of the synagogue?
  - o They were amazed.
  - o They saw that Jesus' words were backed up with spiritual power.
- How did this affect His overall ministry?
  - o News quickly spread of His power throughout Galilee.

# NORTHLAND LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL CORNER

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

Greetings from Northland! January flew by! Looking forward to February and another Lenten season.

**Information Sharing for Potential No-School Days** If Northland doesn't have school due to inclement weather or some other reason, messages are sent via PowerSchool according to the preferences you selected. We also share the information with Channel 7 and Channel 9.

**Local Deals** – The 2024 Local Deals coupon books are here! Coupons are good through December 31, 2024. Please call the office at 715-359-3400 to reserve your books. They cost \$20 each, and are packed with discounts and deals at local restaurants, stores, and services. Thank you for supporting our class treasuries, Student Council, and National Honor Society by participating.

Marriage Enrichment - Trinity Lutheran Church of the Town of Berlin (located near Merrill, WI) will be having a marriage enrichment event entitled "Mysterious Marriage." The day will be led by longtime WELS pastor and marriage enrichment event presenter, Randy Hunter. It will take place at Trinity on Saturday, February 3, from 9 AM to 4 PM. Snacks, refreshments, and a catered lunch will be provided. The cost is \$80 a couple. To register, go to Eventbrite.com and search for "mysterious marriage." If you have any questions or need help registering, call, text, or email Pastor Andy DeGier (pastorandydegier@gmail.com, 920-471-1770). The last day to register is January 25th.

**Save the Date!** Our annual adult coed volleyball tournament is set for Saturday, February 3, 2024. Start thinking about your teams! Stop in the school office to pick up rules and registration sheets; registration fee is \$90/team. Registration and payment must be in by this Friday.

**WELS YOUTH NIGHT!** The next WELS Youth Night will be Sunday, February 4, at the Marathon City Sports Center. Teens grade 8-12 are welcome to come from 5-8 pm for free food, fun prizes, and free bowling! WELS membership not required; invite your friends! Follow this <u>link</u> to sign up!

**Open Forum** - Our Northland Delegates will meet at 7 pm on Tuesday, February 20. Prior to that meeting we will hold an Open Forum at 6 pm for anyone interested. Discussions will include the potential for a few professional development late start days next year, what is new for Northland in 2024-2025, and other potential future plans.

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

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