

INSIDE IMMANUEL



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

The Bookkeeper Dies

Jesus tells a parable about forgiving when Peter asks how often should he forgive his brother. Jesus says, "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart (Matthew 18.23-35)."

The king had been a very good bookkeeper. He had kept track of the servant's debt meticulously. Ten thousand talents was a sum so large (maybe around sixty million days wages) that no one could hope to repay it (perhaps in our day we would say 'trillions of dollars'). But every small amount was kept track of by the bookkeeper king.

The law keeps track. It knows every sin we commit. Every time we ignore God's word or worship of Him or when we hate our neighbor. The law condemns every time we lust after what our neighbor has or want the worst for him or her. The books are kept with precision and the debt is more than trillions of dollars could pay.

The servant implores the king for mercy. And the bookkeeper dies. How else could one who kept such a record stop keeping a record. The books are erased and the servant is forgiven and freed. The servant had done nothing to earn this. It seems he had wasted and squandered all the money, he could not do better or try harder. He had nothing to offer back to the king.

When you understand your sins and realize there is nothing you can do or give to God, that there is no hope because of your sinfulness, you realize that the only thing left is to rely on God. Have mercy on me, a sinner! Amazingly, God does. He stops counting your sins and erases the books entirely. But why? Not because of you, but the bookkeeper dies. He dies in your place. He takes your debt and pays the full price. Jesus dies for you.

This should enliven the servant to rejoice in the goodness of the master. He should go out and deal with his servants in the same way the king dealt with him. He should be generous and forgive without measure. Yet, he refuses. He finds a fellow servant who owes him a much smaller sum (one hundred days wages) and demands payment. It seems the death of the bookkeeper meant very little to him. So the king gives him what he wants- the ability to keep track of his debts and all who owe him in jail. There the servant will have time to count every debt.

Your King has forgiven you. You have no more debt of sin. It is all done with on the tree. So how should you live? Like what Jesus did for you matters! Die with Jesus to counting sins. Forgive those who sin against you. How many times? Don't keep track, don't be a bookkeeper counting debt, but as your King who forgives huge sums.

In Jesus Christ crucified,
Pastor Boyer

G.L.U.E

“God Loves Us Eternally”

Psalms

As you read the Book of Psalms, what comes to your mind? The fact that it is all poetry? Who wrote it? Difficult to understand? The origin? All logical questions.

King David is one of the authors of Psalms. As a shepherd boy he learned to play and sing while tending to his father's flock of sheep or goats.* “The Lord made David a warrior-poet and prophet who united the tribes of Israel as a harmonious kingdom. [David's] collection of songs accompanied by the harp is the basis of the Psalter, one of the most beloved books of the Holy Bible.”

Martin Luther said, “Over the years a great many legends of the saints...books of examples, and histories have been circulated...[and] the Psalter has been neglected.

The Book of Psalms contains all sorts of divine and wholesome teachings and commandments, according to Luther. “It promises Christ's death and resurrection so clearly---that it might well be called a little Bible. In it is comprehended most beautifully and briefly everything that is in the entire Bible.”

Luther also said, “I have a notion that the Holy Spirit wanted to take the trouble himself to compile a short Bible and book of examples of all Christendom or all saints, that anyone who could not read the whole Bible would here have anyway almost an entire summary of it, comprised in one little book.”

Psalms reflects the way the Saints spoke to God “in earnestness and most important matters”, Luther says. “The legends and examples, which speak only of the deeds and

miracles of the saints...cannot know how a man's heart is, even though [Luther] sees or hears of the many great deeds he does...”

To summarize, according to Luther, Psalms presents “all sorts of fair and happy thoughts toward God, more pitiful words of sadness and lamentations, you see into the hearts of the Saints, as into death and hell itself.” You see “fear and hope” in their hearts. And, the fact “that they speak these words to God...is the best thing of all,” not man to man.

“In a word, if you would see the holy Christian Church painted in living color and shape, comprehended in one little picture, then take up the Psalter (Psalms).”

Psalms 1:5-6

“Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.”

Read the Book of Psalms; it is God's gift to us through the words and songs of the Saints that shows “God Loves Us Eternally!”

God's blessings to all! Jim Bratton

Footnote: All quotes and references are from the Lutheran Study Bible, pages 839-841.

Treasurer's Report

MONTH OF JULY 2023

Receipts	\$ 57,369.11
Less Expenses	- 58,303.30
Operating Income	-934.19
Deficit Reduction	150.00
Net Income	-784.19

CASH IN BANK & ON HAND

Petty Cash	100.00
Independent Checking	179,251.07
Independent Savings	180,760.06
Restricted Savings	-86,600.33
Total	\$273,510.80

Official Acts

WEDDINGS

09/16 **Emma Kauffold & Nathan Shantz**

November Newsletter Deadline: THURSDAY, October 19

Voters Meeting September 18

Elders: Released by personal request: Jordan Gaeth. Transferred out: Lisa and Mason Gettel to Immanuel, Bay City. New Member by adult confirmation: Ethan Androl. Elders' elections: Brent Vogel – Chairman, Matt Bumhoffer – Vice-Chairman, Ryan Kuhl – Secretary. Thank you to all who helped with and attended the church picnic! Thank you to all for the support during July and August to allow Traci to have time off with their new baby.

Trustees: Due to high interest rates right now, Council recommended to pay off the remainder of the CTK Window/AC projects instead of taking out a loan. During the next Voters' meeting there will be discussion on recommended use of Certificates of Deposit. The house on Auch Street left to the church by Susan Gremel has been appraised at \$78K. An offer has been extended to Matt Deneen, our 8th grade teacher, to purchase the house for \$75K. This will also be discussed at the November meeting.

Evangelism: A Prayer Vigil was held on Saturday, September 23. We continue to send cards and letters to our shut-in members.

Stewardship: A Pastor Appreciation celebration will be held on Sunday, October 8 for

Pastors Boyer and Kuhl after worship, during Bible Class in the Great Room. Now that bulletins are being printed again, we have commenced putting Scripture in each week. We are looking for participates to join the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace class. Using the third book in the Red Letter Challenge, "Forgiveness" – the next at home bible study will begin in Lent.

Youth: Slushy night during the Huron County Fair had 60 participants. The Beach outing this year was cancelled due to weather. Our 8th graders will be picking grapes this month for Mr. Zagata to turn into wine for their first communion during confirmation. Oktoberfest will be October 3 featuring bratwurst and German potato salad. USA Homecoming is October 6, Collide will be there providing free face painting. Pumpkin Rolling at Sherwood on the Hill will be October 22. Collide will have a booth at Trunk-or-Treat on October 27.

School Board: The PE teacher at CTK has left, we have a potential candidate to fill the vacant position. Tutors are needed. The Joint Venture agreement between Immanuel and St Paul needs some updates to change the constitution to reduce the board to 8 members. Student teacher Hannah Volz will need to decide prior to December regarding being hired to fulfill the year; this will be discussed more at the November meeting.

Sunday School: Sunday School began September 17 with three class levels: up to 1st grade, grades 3 & 4, grade 5 and above.

Principal's Report: The CTK Photojournalism class made a slideshow thank you card to thank Immanuel for all the work done to the school during the past couple years. Our Student Council helped scoop seed with 3daySeeds on September 20. Stand up desks have been purchased for the middle school therefore we have 50-60 flip top desks for sale.

OWs: We recently spent time visiting with our shut-in members; the visits were well

appreciated. Seed Scooping was a success on September 20. A visit to the Holocaust Museum will occur this month, cost is \$8. There is a sign up sheet by the elevator in the church.

CTK School News

Earlier in September we were blessed to give 16 families, representing 26 children, scholarship funds to enable them to afford attending Christ the King. Scholarship funds are brought in through memorials and donations throughout the year and truly bless many, many families. We do keep some funds in reserve, in case a family's circumstances change and additional support is needed. Thank you so much for your generosity. We pray we are able to bless families like this every year.

Fall athletics are well underway with soccer, volleyball, and cross country keeping our kids busy. We are blessed to have diligent coaches and great facilities for practice. We are thankful for our Athletic Directors Ashley and Matt Bumhoffer, and Katie Gremel who are keeping our sports program moving and organized. Come cheer on the Knights at Oktoberfest on Tuesday, October 3.

Family groups have been brought back this year. Each family group sits together in chapel, has created a group logo or emblem, and has met to recognize Patriot Day, Constitution Day, and to learn about activities of our Student Council. We look forward to utilizing these groups for many activities throughout the year.

CTK's preschool program now accepts DHHS funds for afternoon preschool latchkey. We currently have four openings in our preschool program which resides at the Unionville campus. If you would like more information about our three and four year old

program, contact Laura Nimtz, the Preschool Director, at preschool@ctkl.org.

In His Service,
Mary Eifert, Principal
(989) 883-3730
Christ the King Lutheran School,
Sebewaing/Unionville



Starting Oct 1st- every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month junior high (6-8 grade) at 4-5pm and senior high (9-12 grade) at 6-7:30pm will meet in the collide room in the Church basement.

Memorial & Gifts

IMMANUEL

IN HONOR OF KATHY MILLERWISE'S 95TH BIRTHDAY

Scott & Jill Millerwise
Beth & Howie Fiebig
Lynn & Jim Spurr

IN MEMORY OF MAE ANN ORTH

Aldine Fiebig

IMMANUEL RADIO MISSION

IN MEMORY OF EILEEN RIEVERT

June Gunsell
Geri Loncar
Janet Loncar
Virginia Nitz

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL

IN MEMORY OF CYNTHIA LOEFFLER

Judy Halstead

IN MEMORY OF MAE ANN ORTH

Joan Walz

Thanks to those who supported Fred Gnagey's India missionary work. Pastor L. Joseph in Chittoor Andhra Pradesh India sent word that they recently rededicated the church named Fred Gnagey Memorial Church that is located near that town. They repainted the exterior, updated flooring and included several church family anniversaries in the Celebration on September 17.

After many years of Fred sending mission support materials to several missionaries there, they built a church and named it after him. He later took a trip to India to meet his long distance missionary friends which was supported by many in the Sebewaing Immanuel Congregation.

Fred's family appreciate this honor of the named church and the many at Immanuel who donated greeting card covers and finances for mailings and travel over the years.

Thank you, Fred Gnagey family.



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%	\$25			Shell	1.5%	\$25		
American Eagle	10%	\$25			Speedway	4%	\$100		
Auto Zone	7%	\$25			Speedway	4%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	8%	\$10			Sunoco	1.5%	\$50		
Barnes & Noble	8%	\$25			Miscellaneous	Profit	Amt	Quantity	Total
Bath & Body Works	12%	\$25			Build a Bear	8%	\$25		
Bath & Body Works	12%	\$10			Dave & Busters	13%	\$25		
Bed, Bath, Beyond	7%	\$25			Delta Airlines	4%	\$250		
Best Buy	4%	\$25			I Tunes	5%	\$15		
Cabelas	8%	\$25			Pet Smart	5%	\$25		
Cabelas	8%	\$100			Thirty-One A. Bell	5%	\$25		
Claire's	9%	\$25			Visa	1.25%	\$50		
Dicks Sporting	8%	\$25			Restaurants	Profit	Amt	Quantity	Total
Disney	3%	\$25			Applebees	8%	\$25		
Disney	3%	\$100			Arby's	8%	\$10		
Dunhams	8%	\$25			Bob Evans	10%	\$25		
Five Below	2.5%	\$25			Bob Evans	10%	\$10		
Gap/Old Navy	14%	\$25			Buffalo Wild Wings	8%	\$25		
Gordon's Food	4%	\$25			Burger King	4%	\$10		
Hallmark Gold	4%	\$25			Happy Moments	8%	\$25		
Home Depot	4%	\$100			Chili's	11%	\$25		
Home Depot	4%	\$25			Chipotle	10%	\$10		
Jc Penny	5%	\$25			Cold Stone Creamery	11%	\$10		
Joann Fabrics	6%	\$25			Cracker Barrel	8%	\$10		
Kohls	4%	\$25			Dairy Queen	3%	\$10		
Kohls	4%	\$100			Dardens/Olive Garden	8%	\$25		
Lowe's	4%	\$25			IHop	8%	\$25		
Macy's	10%	\$25			McDonalds	2%	\$25		
Marshall/TJ Maxx	7%	\$25			Little Ceaser's	8%	\$20		
Maurices	7%	\$20			Outback Steakhouse	8%	\$25		
Meijer	3%	\$100			Panda Express	8%	\$25		
Meijer	3%	\$50			Panera Bread	9%	\$25		
Meijer	3%	\$25			Panera Bread	9%	\$10		
Menards	3%	\$100			Pizza Hut	8%	\$10		
Menards	3%	\$25			Qdoba	7%	\$25		
Micheals	4%	\$25			Red Lobster	8%	\$25		
Shutterfly	9%	\$25			Starbucks	7%	\$25		
Staples	5%	\$25			Starbucks	7%	\$10		
Target	2.5%	\$25			Subway	6%	\$10		
Ulta	4%	\$25			Taco Bell	5%	\$10		
Under Armour	11%	\$25			Texas Roadhouse	8%	\$25		
Wal-mart	2.5%	\$100			Tim Horton's	5%	\$10		
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 # _____

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SEBEWAING, MI 48759

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

BULK RATE
US POSTAGE
SEBEWAING, MI 48759
PERMIT #32

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 WORSHIP/C - 4 10:15 BC & SS	2 5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C	3 6:00 Pub Sch Confirm 6:00 Messengers 7:00 Y.A.B.S	4 7:00 Men's Study 8:05 CTK chapel 9:30 ABC 6:00 Glory Ringers 7:00 Adoration Choir	5 Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon	6	7
8 7:15 Elders 9:00 WORSHIP/C - 5 10:15 BC & SS 7:45 Youth Board	9 5:00 Finance & Evan 6:30 WORSHIP/C 6:30 Trustees 7:00 Stewardship	10 6:00 Pub Sch Confirm 6:00 Messengers 7:00 Y.A.B.S	11 8:05 CTK chapel 9:30 ABC 6:00 Glory Ringers 7:00 Adoration Choir	12 Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon 7:00 MMG	13	14
15 9:00 WORSHIP/C - 6 10:15 BC & SS	16 5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C 7:45 Church Council	17 6:00 Pub Sch Confirm 6:00 Messengers 7:00 Y.A.B.S	18 8:05 CTK chapel 9:30 ABC 6:00 Glory Ringers 7:00 Adoration Choir	19 Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon Newsletter Deadline 4:00	20 No School – CTK	
22 9:00 WORSHIP/C - 7 10:15 BC & SS	23 No School – CTK	24 6:00 Pub Sch Confirm 6:00 Messengers 7:00 Y.A.B.S 7:00 B.O.E.	25 8:05 CTK chapel 9:30 ABC 6:00 Glory Ringers 7:00 Adoration Choir	26 11:30 Ladies Aid Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon	27 Trunk-or-Treat 4:30-6:30	28
Reformation 29 9:00 WORSHIP/C - 8 10:15 BC & SS	30 5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C 7:00 LWML	31 6:00 Pub Sch Confirm 6:00 Messengers 7:00 Y.A.B.S				Flower Chairman Linda Engelhardt

October Birthdays

OCTOBER 1

Gene Fuerst
Darlene Haist
Virgil Nordlund Jr

OCTOBER 2

Brooklyn Bills

OCTOBER 3

Larry Kuhl
Grant Vermeersch

OCTOBER 4

Kenzie Armbruster
Gabiella 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
Tayler Ewald
Kendall Lutz
Timothy Neuman
Melissa Smith
Timothy J Smith

OCTOBER 12

Jerry Harbuck
Matthew Turner
Larry Weisenbach

OCTOBER 13

Timothy Beringer
Madelynn Irion
Matthew Kauffold
Ernest Sbresny III
Rodney Tietz
Isaiah Williamson
Tom Williamson

OCTOBER 14

Maren Heins

OCTOBER 15

Ashley Bumhoffer
Aldine Fiebig
Avery Stecker

OCTOBER 16

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
Adam Fiebig
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
Marissa Engelhardt
Dean Kuhl

OCTOBER 30

Betty Guenther
Cindy Sherman

OCTOBER 31

Bradley Bohn
Pastor Kuhl