

INSIDE IMMANUEL



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

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Adam and Eve were led to temptation by the serpent in the lush garden. How could they resist twisting and changing God's own word? They knew better than God! And so sin entered the world through one man, through Adam. Adam was the head of the family and through his disobedience all creation was plunged into sin. And so Adam died.

Death spreads to all for all sin. Sin spreads as it is inherited from parent to child. Sin spread for sinners cannot help but sin. Sin spreads as sinners sin against others and cause their neighbors to sin. Thus the devil's kingdom seems to rule unchecked in this world.

The sons of Israel were led into temptation time and time again. As they wandered in the desert they grumbled against God and against Moses. They loathed the food that God provided each day for them. They despised those whom God chose to lead them. And they hated God. For forty years they wandered, and they all died. None would see the promised land except Joshua and Caleb. Not even Moses, not even Aaron would see that land flowing with milk and honey. Death spread to all for all sinned.

From the cool waters of the Jordan Jesus is led out by the Spirit of God to the wilderness to fast, worship, and be tempted. Now we shall see if this one is the most beloved Son of the Father. Where there is no food, He does not grumble. Where the Father leads, He does not despise. He fears, loves, and trust His Father above all.

But the temptations hit him in the stomach, at His piety, and at His kingship. *If you are* the Son of God, but there is no if about it. He is the Son of God for He resists the wicked schemes of the devil. He is the Son of God because He alone has origins that are of old, from everlasting.

He is the one whom Eve thought she had. But she gave birth to the first murderer. It was Mary who gave birth to the Christ. He inherited no sin. Nothing that touched Him made Him unclean. The devil's tempts could do nothing to Him. The blind and deaf were touched and they were healed. The dead were touched and raised up. Water was brought forth and it was made into wine. Wind and waves raged and at a word all was eerily calm.

This one was led into the desert by the Spirit because Moses raised up the bronze serpent in the wilderness, because the sons of Israel died in the desert, because every plain and valley must be made level unto the tree. For as Adam was overcome by the beauty of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil so would Adam's sin be overcome at that barren tree. Upon that tree hangs the fruit of God. Oh, taste and see how good God is!

Death spreads to all because all sin. Death spreads to you because you sin. You do not resist temptation to the point of death. Your flesh is weak and frail. When the devil tempts you with trifles you give in. When your own flesh tempts you and entices you to sin and grieve the Lord, you give in. How often have you desired the things of this earth more than the things of God? Man does not live by bread alone. How often have you put the Lord to the test by demanding? How often have you wanted the kingdoms of the earth or at least the kingdom of your neighbor?

Your sin serves only you. Where is your love of God amid the sin of your heart? Where is the love of your neighbor amid the sins of hatred? Where is the trust of God as you hoard for yourself? You are a child of Adam. You have inherited sin from him, but you cannot blame him; your sin is your own. For you there should be pain, not just in childbearing, but eternally in hell. The ground should rise up and curse you. You should work and sweat and produce nothing.

And so death spreads to you also. Death spreads to all because all sin. Death spreads to Him also. He who knew no sin became sin. He who was the angel of death became death. But how can this be? What Father would give His Son to temptation and death? You would not, but this Father would. He would for you.

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The Son fasts for you. While you gorge yourself with sin, He resists. The Son worships in your place. He follows the will of the Father saying, "Thy will be done." For you who despise the will of God, the Son bows His head and travels on to the tree. Death spreads to Him, your death spreads to God.

He is swallowed up in the pain and suffering that should have been yours. He is destroyed to the point of death, the death that should have been yours. Why? The wages of sin is death. Your sins were placed on Him. With His strips you are healed.

You have come from the wilderness of this world amid your sin to pass with Christ through the waters of your baptism. Those waters are filled with forgiveness, life and salvation for they are filled with Spirit and Word. Your watery death joined you to the death that Jesus died on the tree. In Him you overcome the assaults of the devil. In Him your sin is put away, far as east is from west. In Him you are victor over death and grave.

Yes, you are as weak as Adam. You are tossed about by sin as the sons of Israel. But you have the Christ. He strengthens you in life and in death. You still live with your sins, they are close to you and within you. You must live with them and you must live with the assaults and tempts of the wicked one. But when you are weak Jesus is strong. He is the strong man who casts the devil out and sweeps the house clean.

You are a child of God. There is no *if* about it. So behave like a child of God. Resist the evil one. Despise your sinful nature. Hear the voice of the crucified. Live in your baptism. Receive the body and blood of your Lord. Love your Lord and love your neighbor as yourself. And when temptation comes cling to the suffering and death of the Christ. Only by His death do you overcome.

In Christ crucified, Pastor Boyer

G.L.U.E "God Loves Us Eternally"

**Revelation 3:19 - Those
whom I love, I reprove and
discipline, so be zealous
and repent.**

March continues our Lenten season which began in February this year. Lent is the time for repentance, as we know. Repentance for a sin against God includes the admission of guilt. It is an attempt to make restitution for our sins, to ask for forgiveness. It is a firm determination to turn away from sin, which is impossible for us to do, by ourselves, because we live in a sinful world. But, it is not impossible with the help of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who died on the Cross forgiving us all our sins. With Him all things are possible. Thanks be to God!

To repent means to be thoroughly aware of our sins...which we are. We mostly know when we have sinned against God, and for the times we don't know, Jesus gave His life for those sins, too. Believe in Christ, repent of your sins and all is forgiven through Jesus' death on the Cross.

Can you think about that for a moment? I mean really think about the price Christ paid for our sins, His suffering and death? It is humbling. Can you imagine doing yourself, what Jesus did for us? Would we do that for someone else? Jesus did it because of His love for "us." He did it because He wants to see each, and every one of us, join Him in the world to come. Is it too much to ask for His forgiveness through repentance? I think not.

We should be honest about our needs for repentance. Acknowledge our sins, confess fully and find the assurance that is

in God's promises.(1) We should repent freely. Pray for repentance.

Praying for repentance is part of the "G.L.U.E." that helps us understand that "God Loves Us Eternally!"

God's blessings to all during this Lenten season!

Jim Bratton

Treasurer's Report

MONTH OF JANUARY 2023

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Receipts | \$ 69,113.04 |
| Expenses | -59,438.20 |
| Deficit Reduct | <u>1,050.00</u> |
| Net Income | 10,724.84 |

CASH IN BANK & ON HAND

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Petty Cash | \$100.00 |
| Checking-IND | 301,030.29 |
| Savings-IND | 221,247.50 |
| Earmarked Savings | <u>-255,975.18</u> |

TOTAL Check/Savings \$266,402.61

Easter Flowers



It's time to order your Easter plants.

Lillies - \$12

Daffodils (Yellow jonquil) - \$12

Hyacinths, Mums & Tulips - \$12

Azaleas & Hydrangeas - \$23

They can be ordered until Sunday, March 19 by calling Carol Truemner at 883-2391. Please make checks payable to Carol.

The plants can be picked up after the 9:00am service on Easter Sunday until Tuesday, April 11. Look for your name on the back of the plant.

Don't Forget To Direct Your Choice Dollars

Have you directed all of your 2022 designated Thrivent Choice Dollars?

Eligible benefit members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans have until Friday, March 31, 2023, to direct any remaining 2022 Choice Dollars. After that date, the Choice Dollars expire.

Through this Thrivent Financial charitable grant program, members can recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes part of its charitable grant funds each year.

Choice Dollars can be directed among thousands of Lutheran organizations, including our church and school. Act soon, before 2022 Choice Dollars expire. Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 1-800-847-4836.

25th Anniversary of Christ The King Lutheran School

written by Jim Bunke

The year was 1998 when the members of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebewaing, and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Unionville, realized the advantages of a consolidated school between the two congregations. With the approval of the voters of both churches in June 1998, Immanuel Lutheran School, Sebewaing and St. Paul Lutheran School, Unionville, formed Christ The King Lutheran School. CTK began that first year with Preschool through Second Grade at the Unionville Campus (formerly St. Paul Lutheran School) and Grades Three through Eight at the Sebewaing Campus (formerly Immanuel Lutheran School). The two prior teaching faculties, under the leadership of Principal Gary

Marxhausen, formed one new CTK faculty. CTK's mission statement was "To make disciples for Jesus Christ and to make educated Christian citizens for the 21st Century."

The merger of Christ The King also provided the opportunity for the development of a position of Director of Youth and Family Ministry. Randy Bickel was called to this full-time position to serve the young people (both elementary and high school) of both St. Paul and Immanuel. By the start of the 1998-1999 school year, 172 students (K-8) were enrolled at Christ The King Lutheran School with 48 children in Preschool—PreKindergarten. The following was the CTK Faculty during its first school year 1998-1999:

Grade 8: Gary Marxhausen/
Sharon Werschky; Grade 7: Dan Beringer; Grade 6: Rebecca Reed; Grade 5: Jim Bunke; Grade 4: Bonnie Schamber; Grade 3: Richard Wrobleski; Grade 2: Cindy Engelhard; Grade 1: Gloria Beringer; Kindergarten: Sharon Werschky; Preschool-Prek: Rachel Gwizdala.

That first year proved to be busy, exciting, challenging, and exhilarating for students, parents, and teachers. Everything that happened was new for everyone. New and lasting friendships were formed. Students, parents, and teachers all worked together to make that first year a success. The Words of God to Jeremiah says, "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you ...and give you hope and a future." We praise God for His goodness and faithfulness these past 25 years!

Council Meeting Report: February 13

Elders: Work on the budget and pastoral assistance deliberations continue. A revision of the funeral luncheon pamphlet has been completed. AED maintenance and updates have

been looked into and taken care of to make sure that it is still operational if we would ever need to use it. A request for transfer out for Adam, Christy and Mason Thayer to Faith Lutheran Bay City. Elders are working on 3 board members for the upcoming ballot.

Trustees: Nothing was reported during the council meeting.

Evangelism: Plans are in the works to have the Justified Quartet back again in December 2023. Brainstorming is underway about materials to share with the inmates when they are at the church/school working. Evangelism has one opening we are looking to fill.

Stewardship: "Being" an at-home bible study begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Ryan and Heather Kuhl will be teaching a Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Class beginning Sunday, March 5 at 1pm. Two baskets are being prepared for the CTK auction (one Dave Ramsey and one Dave Ramsey Jr.). A taco meager meal is planned for March 8. There are 3 committee members leaving Stewardship, we are looking for replacements.

Youth: A sloppy joe meager meal is being planned for March 1. Youth has 4 seats that need to be filled.

Principal's report: Plans continue for the 25th Birthday Celebration, auction items are being sought. Lutheran Schools Week was moved to March 4-12. Staffing and budget are both a work in progress. Basketball season has ended, Track sign-ups have begun! Summer Camp and Pre-school enrollments are open. The Joint Venture was reviewed and will be presented at the next Voters Meeting.

President: Susan Gremel's rental home has been left to the church.

**APRIL Newsletter
Deadline:
FRIDAY, MARCH 17**

CTK NEWS

25th Anniversary Auction is just around the corner. Tickets are still available at \$40 each for this fun event at Sherwood on the Hill in Gagetown, March 18. Come support the ministry of CTK.

Unionville Campus Open House - Wednesday, March 8 from 5:30-6:30. Come join us for dinner (no cost), tour the campus, and meet the teachers of our Preschool, Kindergarten, and First Grades. All are welcome.

Preschool Enrollment Now Open - We are now enrolling for 3-5 year olds at our Unionville Campus. The first ten students enrolled will receive one month tuition free thanks to a grant received. Contact Nicole Dyer at dyern@ctkl.org for more information.

Summer Camp Registration Open - CTK will be offering summer camp for children ages 3-12. Summer Camp will be from June 12-August 10, 8am-4pm Monday-Thursday. Contact Nicole Dyer at dyern@ctkl.org for more information.

Specials Spectacular! March 23 from 6:30-8:00 at the Sebewaing Campus. This evening will include:

- Three one act plays from our theater specials class,
- Demonstrations of robots and balloon cars from the STEM specials class,
- A filming of "Knightly News" from the Journalism specials class,
- Musical performance from our music students,
- DC projects from the 8th graders

Please join us. All are welcome!

Spelling Bee Results - Congratulations!!!!

Grades 2, 3, and 4

First Place - Hazel Scharf,
4th grade

Second Place - Gunnar Deeg,
3rd grade

Third Place - Seth Foley,
4th grade

Grades 5-8

First Place - Winston Reinbold,
8th grade

Second Place - Colton Nitz,
6th grade

Third Place - Evan Foley,
8th grade

Representing CTK at the area wide Lutheran School Spelling Bee on Thursday, February 23 were Winston, Colton, Evan, Grady Bolzman -7th grade, and Emily Sattelberg, 5th grade.

Honor Roll Quarter

Two 2022-2023

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL. * INDICATES ALL A'S

GRADE FIVE: Benjamin Bowman, **Trevor Brink***, Addison Kelly, Ryker Kuhl, Charlotte Linzner, Madison Reithel, Oscar Schulz, **Emily Sattelberg***, Mya Sweetman, and Ella Sattelberg.

GRADE SIX: **Zane Alderson***, Rachel Becker, Lydia Irion, Isaac Martens, Colton Nitz, Tripp Payne, Peyton Roemer, **Charlotte Schulz***, Levi Anderson, Jacob Boyer, Jersey Bumhoffer, Heidi Scharf and Ella Vermeersch.

GRADE SEVEN: Morgan Armbruster, Grady Bolzman, Paige Fiebig, Isaac Foley, **Madison Kemp***, Dustin Kuhl, Taylor Kuhl, Ally Sweetman,

GRADE EIGHT: LeEtta Bohn, **Sarah Boyer***, Tucker Truemner, **Hannah VanTol***, Josie Kovach, Amelia Reinbold

HONOR ROLL WITH GRADE POINT OF 3.17 – 3.66

GRADE FIVE: Bentley Saenz

GRADE SEVEN: Luke Vermeersch, Lily Toft, Easton

Neumann, Luke Sattelberg, Molly Gremel, Kayden Driscoll, Hailey Lutz, Bentley Bumhoffer

GRADE EIGHT: Treston Kuhl, Cooper Smith, Evan Foley, Peityn Nitzh, Avery Stecker



Memorial & Gifts

IMMANUEL GENERAL FUND

IN MEMORY OF RON ENGELHARDT
Theresa Nitz

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Tom & Kristy Williamson
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IN HONOR OF DON & KATHY FIEBIG'S

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Carol Mammel

CHRIST THE KING

IN MEMORY OF RON ENGELHARDT

Kristine Koch – capital improv.

IN MEMORY OF DEBORAH SMITH

Shirley Sherman – scholarship

IN MEMORY OF JOHN GALL

Roger & Dorothy Gremel

Scrip Order Form, Christ the King Lutheran School

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Name: _____ Account to Apply to: _____ Phone: _____

| Chain Stores | | | | | Gas | | | | |
|-------------------|--------|-------|----------|-------|----------------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 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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Dates to Remember

| | | |
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| March 1 | 6:30pm | Lent Worship – Meager Meal |
| March 5 | 1:00pm | Dave Ramsey Class begins (continues every Sunday at 1:00) |
| March 5-12 | | Lutheran Schools Week |
| March 8 | 6:30pm | Lent Worship – Meager Meal |
| March 15 | 6:30pm | Lent Worship – Meager Meal |
| March 18 | 5:00pm | CTK 25 th Birthday Party Dinner & Auction at Sherwood |
| March 22 | 6:30pm | Lent Worship – Meager Meal |
| March 27-31 | | CTK Spring Break |
| March 29 | 6:30pm | Lent Worship – Meager Meal |
| April 6 | 6:30pm | Maundy Thursday Worship |
| April 7 | 1:30 & 6:30pm | Good Friday Services – No School, Church Office Closed |
| April 9 | 6, 8 & 10:30am | Easter Sunday Services |
| April 10 | | No School, No Monday Evening Worship |
| April 17 | 7:30pm | Voters Meeting |