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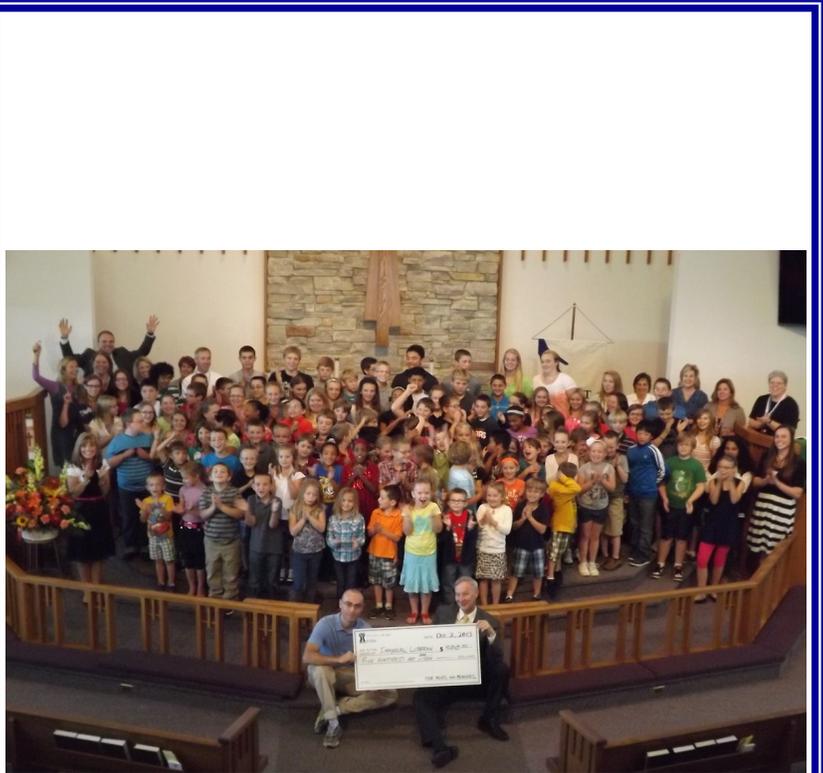
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Immanuel Mission Statement:

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered family, engaged in mission, sharing the Good News of the love of God in Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament.

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Dr. Michael Perry presenting the Miles and Minutes award to Athletic Director Jared Sheppard and our students and staff.

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN



INSTALLATION: Our sister Circuit 13W church, St. Andrew Lutheran, 511 West Rockton Road, Rockton, IL, will install its new pastor, the Rev. Scott Edward Herbert, in a special service Sunday, October 13 at 3:00 p.m. Pastor Herbert is a 1995 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and is coming from Tree of Life Lutheran Church in Garland, Texas. He and his wife, Janis, have six adult children and nine grandchildren. He served briefly in the U.S. Navy and had a 13 year career in the steel industry as a heavy metal fabricator. He is working on his PhD at St. Louis. Pastors from Circuits 13, 14 and 15 as well as pastors from the South Wisconsin District will be participating in the ceremony. You are invited and encouraged to attend and to keep our sister church in your prayers.

CONFERENCE: Pastor Schultz and Pastor Schwichtenberg will be attending the Northern Illinois District West Region Pastor's Conference being held October 15-16 at Lake Lawn Lodge in Delavan, Wisconsin. The theme of the conference will be "The Hebraic Roots of Our Christian Faith" and will feature Dr. Reed Lessing, former professor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and now senior pastor at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Dr. Lessing spoke at our church on the "Left Behind" series about 8 years ago in 2005. These required conferences are one of the strengths of our LCMS as pastors gather for Bible and topic study, fellowship, worship and prayer.

PROVERBS: Our Saturday morning Men's Bible study continues its study of the book of Proverbs, led by Pastor Switz. We meet from 7:00-8:00 a.m. each Saturday morning in the "Upper Room" at the Landmark Family Restaurant (One East Main). New participants are always welcome. The breakfast is "Dutch Treat" but if you are a first time participant, your breakfast is free.

REVELATION: Our bi-monthly Bible study of the book of Revelation meets on the second and fourth Thursdays from 10:00-11:00 in the Fellowship Hall at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The video based study includes readings from Revelation and questions and discussion led by Pastor Schwichtenberg. Why not consider joining us for this important study?

SHALOM: Our Shalom Communion service with Communion served in the pews meets one day later than usual in October—Thursday, October 17 at 11:00 a.m. If you are challenged in coming to the altar for Communion or just wish another opportunity for the Lord's Supper, please plan to attend this service.

REGISTRATION FOR "IMMANUEL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR": To be held on December 7th from 10 am – 3 pm: This event is a way for creative members of Immanuel to enjoy some fellowship with others while supporting the general fund of Immanuel. If you are a crafter and would like a fun way to sell your items, start preparing for this event now.

Registration will begin Sunday, October 6 thru October 27 for crafters only. There is a limit of 24 vendors for this event. Cost is just \$10 plus an additional donation amount at vendor's discretion. Booths at this year's event are limited to Immanuel church members or school parents only.

After October 28, any booths still available will be offered to Immanuel church members or school parents that are Consultants such as "Thirty-One, Premier Design, Mary Kay, Avon," etc. There will be a limit of 1 table of each company type.

CONCORDIA: Concordia Society (Ladies Afternoon Group) will meet Wednesday, October 2 at 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Hostesses: Kathy Brokhausen and Faith Worrall. Devotions: Trust take away (Luke 11:23). Plans for shut in flower delivery and plans for the chili supper and bake sale on October 26th.

LWML: The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) will be collecting mite boxes in the month of October. Please place your filled box in the "slot" in the welcome center. Extra mite boxes and the LWML quarterly magazine are available in the welcome center.

MAINTENANCE PERSON: On Sept 23, 2013 Immanuel Congregation approved the hiring of a temporary maintenance person until Dec 31, 2013 at 10 hrs per week at \$18.00 per hour. If interested, please fill out an application for the position with Glenna at the School Office. For additional information about the position you may contact Gary Popp at 815-275-0698 or Jerry Abramowski at 815-541-7152 in the evenings. An annual maintenance schedule has been developed, if you would like a copy.

YOUNG AT HEART: The Young at Heart will be meeting **one week earlier on October 10**, at 11:30 for a pot luck meal. Entertainment will be Bobbie and John on their accordions, bring a dish to pass and enjoy the music.

SOUND SYSTEM HELP NEEDED: We need help to operate the sound and video equipment. It is not difficult and it can be fun. You can do this as a family. You can do this to serve the Lord. Please sign up at the welcome center in the narthex or call Curt Hollister at 815-541-2976. Thank You, It is a joy to serve

WORSHIP VIDEOS: If you know someone looking for a church home, or if you miss a service, got to www.ourgodwithus.com and click on Church Sermons. There are videos of complete worship services. These are updated every Sunday morning

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MUSIC NEWS:

Handbells Practice Mondays @ 5:30

Choir Practices Mondays @ 6:30

Praise Team Practice Thursday @ 5:30

Sunday October 6—Handbells Play

Sunday October 13—Praise Team Plays

Sunday October 20—Choir Sings

Thursday October 24—6th,7th & 8th
Grade Musical Selections

Sunday October 27—Children Sing

Thursday October 31—Reformation Ser-
vice—Choir and Handbells



Thoughts from Associate
Pastor, Willis Schwichtenberg
(Pastor Switz)

As you have heard, our
theme for this program/church
year is "Trust." Two of the
verses in Hymn 797 say it
well:



Trust not in rulers; they are
but mortal;

Earthborn they are and soon decay.

Vain are their counsels at life's last portal,

When the dark grave engulfs its prey.

Since mortals can no help afford,

Place all your trust in Christ our Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed, oh, blessed are they forever

Whose help is from the Lord Most High,

Whom from salvation can nothing sever,

And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.

To all who trust in Him, our Lord

Will aid and counsel now afford.

Alleluia, alleluia!

(LSB # 797, verses 2,3)

As we look at the changing realities of life and living
we know that, ultimately, the only one in whom we
can always trust is our Lord and our God. Yes, we
place trust in national and civil leaders and in leaders
in our churches and schools but, as the hymn says in
line 6 of verse 2, Place all your trust in Christ our
Lord!

May the Lord bless our work together and may we
always trust in the Lord!

In Christ,

Pastor Switz (*Isaiah 41:10*)

Donations doubled to help end malaria deaths in Africa

ST. LOUIS, September 6, 2013—Thanks to its generous donors, the [Lutheran Malaria Initiative](#) (LMI) has met a \$125,000 challenge grant offered by Angel Tear Ministries, a program of Cabot, Pa.-based [Concordia Lutheran Ministries](#) (CLM).

The matching grant applied to gifts raised for LMI beginning May 9. The funds will be used for LMI's work in Africa, where nearly 700,000 people die annually from malaria — most of them women and children.

“This challenge match has provided LMI and our LCMS churches and schools with an opportunity to help us finish strong in the fundraising we're doing for LMI by doubling the amount of money raised, dollar for dollar,” said Dionne Lovstad-Jones, manager of LMI development outreach for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). “Angel Tear Ministries challenged us to raise \$125,000 and matched each dollar raised, to an

amount of \$125,000 — that's \$250,000 in total for programs in Africa that will help families learn how to avoid contracting malaria and get medical treatment when the disease strikes!”

Since early May, LCMS congregations and schools already have raised almost double the challenge amount, or \$249,268.10.

LMI is a partnership of [Lutheran World Relief](#) and the LCMS to mobilize U.S. Lutherans in the global fight to eliminate malaria deaths in Africa. Originally made possible by support from the United Nations Foundation, LMI seeks to raise \$10 million for malaria prevention, education and treatment. The campaign has raised \$7.6 million to date.

“Praise God for the faithful gifts of our members and school children from all over the United States who want to save lives from malaria in Africa,” Lovstad-Jones said.

Established in 2007 by Concordia Lutheran Ministries (CLM), Angel Tear Ministries is a fund dedicated to supporting people in need around the globe.

“Concordia Lutheran Ministries has been abundantly blessed and leadership felt compelled to remember our heritage and afford an opportunity to help orphans and those less fortunate,” said Keith Frndak, president and CEO of Concordia Lutheran Ministries. “The Lutheran Malaria Initiative was a perfect match to our criteria. It captures the ‘sweet spot’ of our mission.”

CLM has previously partnered with the LCMS in world relief efforts, including helping to provide for children in home-based or rescue care centers who have been orphaned as a result of the AIDS epidemic and to fund medical mobile clinics, seminary preparation and disaster response training — all in Asia, Africa or Latin America. Learn more about Concordia Lutheran Ministries at <http://www.concordialm.org/about-us>.

For more information about the Lutheran Malaria Initiative, visit www.lutheranmalaria.org or www.lcms.org/lmi.

Greeting brothers and sisters in Christ,

September saw a lot of changes in our Christian Education. We began a [Sunday Morning](#) program called LIGHT. At LIGHT families came and engaged in the Word together. It was wonderful to see families gathered around Bibles, reading about our great God, and talking about what it all means. Starting this month we being SALT, which is a small group ministry. Kids under the age of 18 are in age separated classes and there are topical classes for adults. There is a wide variety of classes to choose from including a study of the liturgy, a study on prayer, man cave, a study on form healthy boundaries, and a parenting study. I encourage you to check these studies out over the next 6-8 weeks.

We have also changed our confirmation program. We have structured it so that it focuses more on experiential learning and servant leadership. confirmation students are now expected to write 3 sermons blogs a year. These blogs (or Internet based journals) summarize the main

points and life applications of the sermons. Anyone interested in reading these blogs can find them anonymously posted on the church website - ourgodwithus.com- under church -> sermon blogs. The confirmation students are also expected to do at least five servant/service events, attend class and a retreat, and go on at least one mission trip during their time in the program. We are very excited to see spiritual growth and maturity in these students.

Finally I'd just like to remind you about food packing! We are still raising money for the food packing event in November. We have currently raised \$1625 and hope to raise much more (our goal is \$8000). If you can donate in anyway (only \$.27 feeds a child for a day) please chat with me anytime.

In His Service,

*Amanda Jahnke
Romans 10:14-15*



School News

NEWS WORTH NOTING

IMMANUEL COLLECTS: General Mills “Box Tops for Education” (we need that particular part.) Each class is collecting Box Tops for Education with an award to be given to the Top-Collecting class each month. Send your box tops with your children and have them place them in the containers located in their classroom.



ILS ALSO COLLECTS: **Campbell Soup product labels** to help with education opportunities for our students as well as **Ink Cartridges**. These are redeemable for money. The Campbell Soup Labels are redeemed for products such as playground balls, etc. **Please send in the WHOLE Campbell Soup Label.** We will cut the UPC label required by the company. Place all items in the container by the pop machine or in the collection box in the church. Thank you for your continued support of these programs.



SCRIP: is another name for “**substitute money.**” They are gift certificates from national and local retailers. **Scrip** is exciting because not only does the school win, but your family can earn **1/2 of the profit** to be applied to your child’s tuition. Orders are due the 1st & 3rd Tuesday, with delivery the 2nd & 4th Tuesday. You can now order online @ www.shopwithscrip.com. The enrollment code for Immanuel is **3FC1A1E411864**. You can place your order and then bring in your confirmation letter with your money to the school. You can also use the forms that are available by the mailboxes. Place your completed form with your check in either the upstairs or downstairs payment boxes.

DISCOUNT CARDS: This year’s discount cards are still available! 28 community businesses are offering specials and discounts through the \$15 cards. We have raised \$19,300, so far. Final awards were distributed on Wednesday, October 2. However, students will continue to sell cards. They are also available in the school office. Let’s reach our goal of \$25,000.

CROSS COUNTRY THANKS: Thank you to all who helped at or participated in the Lancer Invitational on Saturday, September 14th. The weather was glorious and the mood was exceptional. Many children enjoyed the sport of long distance running. There were hundreds of people here on Saturday morning representing 11 schools. Volunteerism was outstanding, Special thanks to coordinators and coaches: Dave and Radina Brobst.



PTL HAYRIDE & BONFIRE: All Immanuel families are members of the Parent-Teacher League, or PTL. The PTL is holding a bonfire with hayrides around the campus on Friday, October 11 at 6 p.m.—8 p.m. Dress for cool weather and bring a lawn chair.. Come out, enjoy a s’more and meet other Immanuel families. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.**



ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE: The eighth grade class is raising money for their class trip. Bring any cans you have to the BonFire and to Chili Day. Additional collection dates to be announced.

IMMANUEL DAY AT PIZZA HUT: Save the date: Monday, October 21st. Immanuel 8th graders will be serving and hosting at the Willard Street (near Culver’s) Pizza Hut during the evening hours of the 21st. The students are hoping for tips as they raise funds for their class trip. Let’s fill up Pizza Hut and then fill up ourselves as we support this delicious cause!



LANCER WEAR: Are you interested in purchasing Lancer t-shirts, polos or sweatshirts? At anytime, Lancer styles and items may be ordered online at:

identitystores.com/Stores/StoreFront.aspx?StoreId=2396

A limited number of items can be purchased directly from the school office. Yard signs will be available soon.!

6th—8th GRADE SPECIAL MUSIC: Come listen to our older students sing at Chapel at 8:50 AM on Wednesday, October 23 or at 6:30 PM on Thursday, October 24.

School News

EARLY DISMISSAL: School will be dismissing at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, October 10th. This is a teacher in-service day. There will be take home bus service. After school care will be available, but you **must sign up** for it by calling Stephanie Yartzak at 815-232-3511. Those using this service should bring a sack lunch.

COLUMBUS DAY-NO SCHOOL: The school and offices will be closed Monday, October 14th for Columbus Day. The CCDC will be open, but you **must sign up** for it by calling Stephanie Yartzak at 815-232-3511. Those using this service should bring a sack lunch.

PICTURE RETAKES: Lifetouch photography will be here to retake school pictures Thursday, October 31st for those interested in retakes. If you are a volunteer or staff member who has not had their picture taken, we encourage you to have your picture taken, so you can have an appropriate ID badge.



CHILI DAY: Saturday, October 26 will be the date of Immanuel's Annual Chili Day – to be held from 11 AM until 6 PM. Delicious “all you can eat” chili, made from the secret recipe, will be served. Also, veggies, crackers, dessert and beverage will be included in the ticket price of \$6.50 for adults (13 and older) or \$3.50 (ages 4-12). Baked potatoes will be available for an additional \$1. Hot dogs will be available as an alternative to chili or as an extra, also \$1. Immanuel students will have Chili Day tickets, or call 815-232-3511.



FLU IMMUNIZATION: FHN will be offering flu shots at Immanuel Chili Day, October 26th, in the library from 11 am to 2 pm. No insurance plan claims will be processed, other than Medicare.

WORLDBOOK ONLINE:

The school has a subscription to the World Book Online for students and families to use. The address to reach it is: <http://www.worldbookonline.com/?subacct=J2140>. The access id is “immanuelfreeport”. The password is “lancers”. There is a link to it on the school website under Education Links. As in the past, the subscription allows access to World Book Kids and World Book Student. (As part of the package, there is also access to a Spanish version of World Book.)

OUR CENTRAL PURPOSE

"Immanuel Lutheran School, a ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church, exists to call students into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, to move them into active discipleship in a Christian congregation, and equip them to be effective witnesses in the community. Immanuel Lutheran School strives to direct the educational experiences of its students, while developing their talents to their greatest potentials, so that they may fulfill God's plan for service in our world."

BOARD MEETINGS: The Board of Christian Child Development Center will meet on Wednesday, October 9th at 6:00 p.m. Christy Garnhart is the CCDC board director. The Board of Christian Day School Education will hold their meeting Monday, October 21st at 5 PM. John Wichmann is the director of the board. Both groups meet in the library.

MARKET DAY: is a food co-op that offers restaurant quality food with a percentage going to the school. Order forms are in a drawer across from the mailboxes in the school. Ordering can also take place on their web site, at www.marketday.com The next Market Day due date is October 18th, with pickup on Tuesday, October 22nd between 3:30-5:00 PM.

Keep Our Children Safe

“Reminder of the Month”

Staying Healthy in School— Kid Friendly Tips

- **Frequent hand-washing is one of the simplest-and most effective ways to stay healthy in school.**
- **Remind your child to wash his or her hands before eating, after using the toilet, blowing their nose or playing outside.**
- **Also, remind them to keep their hands away from their eyes and out of their mouth.**
- **Don't share water bottles, food or other personal items. A simple rule for kids is—if you put the item in your mouth, keep it to yourself.**

Kindergarten-

The kindergarteners have begun their study of how God's world changes in the fall. They will be doing many activities and focusing on leaves, apples, owls, scarecrows, and pumpkins. The children will also start learning about magnets, patterns, and the weather. The class has been learning how to read several words and they are really developing their handwriting skills. The children were so excited to join the first and second graders in their religion pod to learn about Joseph. The class did a play to show how God cared for him and helped him feed his people. The children have already brought in several winter clothing items so they can help others just as Joseph did!



1st Grade -

First grade is a very busy place. Not only have they finished their first unit in math, they are also working on their short vowel sounds. Of course they are also reading, reading, reading. It is very hard work to learn all the new words, so they were very excited when they were able to join the Young At Heart for a luncheon. They learned all about the spinning wheel and had a fantastic time eating lunch with everyone. In social studies we are studying our community, especially our school family. They are learning all about the people that make our school run. In religion, the first graders have learned about many people of the Old Testament. They are currently studying Joseph, and are joining the kindergarten and second grade classes to even learn more. To go along with Joseph, the classes will be collecting coats for the Salvation Army. Of course their favorite part of the day is still coming home to you.



2nd Grade -

The Kindergarteners, first-graders and second-graders will be meeting together on September 26th to celebrate their monthly religion theme of *First Families in the Bible*. The students will participate in joint activities to review and celebrate what was learned. The students will sing, pray and play together. A service project will be integrated into this time also. It is a responsibility and a JOY to be a Christian! The second-graders have enjoyed their first reading theme. The theme was titled Silly Stories and second-graders certainly enjoy silly stories! Enjoy some silly stories with your students.....we all can use a good giggle!



3rd Grade -

God has blessed the beginning of the school year with lots of ways to learn! The third grade is participating in the Keepers of the Land day at Oakdale. The class gets to use God's creation as a classroom to see examples of taking care of the plants and animals He has given to them. In art the class has covered different mediums that can be used in pieces, and in math the children are rounding to the nearest tens and hundreds. The wonder of the spinal cord and nerves are being studied in science class and the parts of a map are the subject of posters being made in groups.



4th Grade -

The fourth grade class is continuing their study of the Lord's Prayer in religion. They have learned about four very different journeys in reading, and are exploring nouns in English. They are moving quickly through addition and subtraction in math so that they can get to multiplication and division. Geography of the United States continues to be the topic of social studies. The class has learned about climate and resources in the U. S. The class took a leaf walk to kick off their leaf collection projects. On the walk they looked at different types of trees and discussed what features to use when identifying a tree. The leaf projects are due on October 11 and should be on display at Chili Day on October 26..



5th Grade -

The fifth graders are learning about the commandments in religion class. They have studied the first three which are about our relationship with God. They are now focused on the second part which starts with the 4th commandment and teaches how we are to treat other people. There have been great discussions and an understanding how we are supposed to apply these commandment to our lives. In math, the 5th graders are almost finished with the second chapter on adding and subtracting which includes estimating and lots of problem solving. Vertebrates are the topic in science class. They have covered birds and fish and are now learning about snakes! In social studies the students are learning about early cultures. They have studied each region of the United States and learned how the resources available affected the culture of each group. Nouns is the topic for English. For reading class the students are reading the book Wonder by R. J. Palacio. This is a wonderful book about family relationships, acceptance, friendship, and overcoming challenges. Make sure to ask a fifth grader what they think of the book. I am sure they will have a lot to tell you! It



has been a wonderful school year so far. The fifth graders are looking forward to the rest of the year, especially next week when they attend Health Jam..

6th Grade -

Now that they have half a quarter behind them, the sixth graders have found their groove. In religion, the sixth graders have continued their study on the Ten Commandments. It has been great to learn not just the law of the commandments, but the love God has for us in each of them. In math, the sixth graders have mastered one step equations and have moved on to reviewing decimals. Soon they will be solving equations with decimals. In reading, the sixth graders continue their study of texts about courage. In science, they have learned about rocks and how they are made. In English, the sixth graders just finished their unit on nouns and have begun reviewing pronouns. For P.E., the sixth graders grouped up and invented games that their classmate got to try. In History, the Sumerians and other early civilizations of Mesopotamia will be the topic in class. The "cradle of civilization" is described in the Bible's Book of Genesis, and those same civilizations from what we also call the "fertile crescent" will be studied.



7th Grade -

In English, the 7th graders are reviewing punctuation. They continue with their study of fiction in literature. These stories focus on the elements of a story. In History, students made "Native American Dwellings" will be on display in early October in the entryway of the school. The next unit of studies is early American explorers, including Columbus. Students will act out the parts of several famous explorers. In the 7th grade Math, we have flipped the classroom. This means the students are watching instructional videos as their homework. The 7th graders do all of their practice work in the classroom so the teacher is available to help. They are also using Khan Academy. Currently they are learning all about integers. In Science, the 7th graders are learning all about plants.



8th Grade -

In English, the 8th graders are reviewing punctuation. They are finishing up their unit on Challenges. Their next unit of study will be folk tales including fairy tales, fables, and tall tales. In history, students have created very impressive displays including



"Native American Dwellings" that will be on display in the front hallway of the school. Also impressive will be renditions of early American explorers, presented by the students. In Mrs. Brobst's 8th grade math, they are solving two-step equations. They are also using Khan Academy. In Science, the 8th graders are currently working on their atomic project. They are learning about atoms and beginning to understand the periodic table.

OTHER NEWS...



Top Discount Card Sellers!

From the CCDC Stephanie Yartzak

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The Value of Play

How does the nursery rhyme go, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy"? Whether a child's early learning seems like work or play is really up to the parent. Your child's excitement for learning, investigating, and exploring will come from your example. As a role model, your attitude toward learning and being playful sends a clear message to your child. If you see a full moon with wonder, your child will learn to gaze to the heavens with awe. If you see finding an empty bird's nest as an opportunity to experience something remarkable, your child will begin to grasp the intricate balance of the universe also. A great gift parents can give their children is the ability to see the extraordinary in ordinary, everyday things.

When a child is born, he has more than a billion brain cells. Through play, synapses develop connecting these brain cells in the brain. Each time your child plays a game, listens to music or stories from books, new synapses develop and intellect is enhanced. Although play sounds simple, it must be taken seriously. Play is the work of children.

Physically a child develops well balanced gross and fine motor skills during play. Toys are not just for fun. In all cultures, toys are part of early childhood. Games with equipment teach children how to manipulate and as the old adage says, "Practice makes perfect."

Rhymes, musical games and dancing is about play involving rhythm and rhyme that encourages balance, coordination and grace.

Emotionally play is therapeutic. Play is a natural medium for self-expression. It provides preschoolers with a safe space to experience, express and celebrate feelings. During play, children can "play out" feelings of anger, aggression, frustration fear and any other feeling. Through play, children develop a sense of humor and an ability to show empathy to others. Play is vital to mental health and stability. Playing in groups allows children to practice social skills: sharing, taking turns and cooperating.

Creativity needs to be nurtured, not stifled. In fantasy play, children are given a stage on which they can spotlight their creative nature. Children imagine entire scenarios where they can learn through creative make-believe. They can rehearse different roles and experience being whatever they choose.

The ability to be spontaneous and to play is a basic need and an important characteristic of healthy folks. Learning to play is something we must learn to do as children. It is not easy to learn to do this as an adult. It is our job, as parents or teachers of preschoolers, to teach your child how to use her brain, body, emotions and imaginations as vehicles for learning. When you teach your child to play,



CCDC News

Pre-K3—The boys and girls in the Pre K 3 class are having lots of fun everyday. They have learned about all the wonderful things God made including people. The children learned that God blew breath into Adam. We all blew gently on things around our classroom, especially feathers, paper, and balloons. While that was all exciting, it was not as exciting as God giving Adam life. The children planted some grass seed along the sidewalk, but it has not come up, yet. It may have been too old, so we will need to do that again soon. The boys and girls had fun jumping up and down on bubble wrap. It was pretty loud as all those bubble popped. On *Talk Like A Pirate Day* the children found a treasure map and discovered buried treasure on the playground. The children celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday by making prints with apples. They discovered that apples have a star inside of them and come in many colors. The children had fun playing the chanting game, *Who Took the Apples From the Apple Tree?* We had a new student join our class and all of the children are being very kind to Sophia and especially the girls enjoy playing with her. All of the children have been helping Sophia learn where things are at. The children learned what to do when there is a fire drill at school. Get out. All the children did just exactly what we practiced. When another one happens, the Pre K 3 class will be ready.



Pre-K 4—The boys and girls in this class love to play outside. They have had very busy days. They visited Mrs. Bahr in the library and learned how to care for books. The children were excited to check some books out to keep in our class. Some of the children had a hard time choosing what book to select. September 25, the Pre K 4 class greeted everyone com-

ing to chapel that morning. The children did a great job of extending their hands so their friends and others could greet them on their way into chapel. They are looking forward to doing it again in October. The children heard the story, *Three in One*, a story explaining how an apple is similar to God because it has three parts. The children all made apple pies. They worked in small groups to blend the pie crust, then each child rolled out the crust and finally they took turns using a machine to take the peel off. The children were very excited to take their pies home to share with their families.

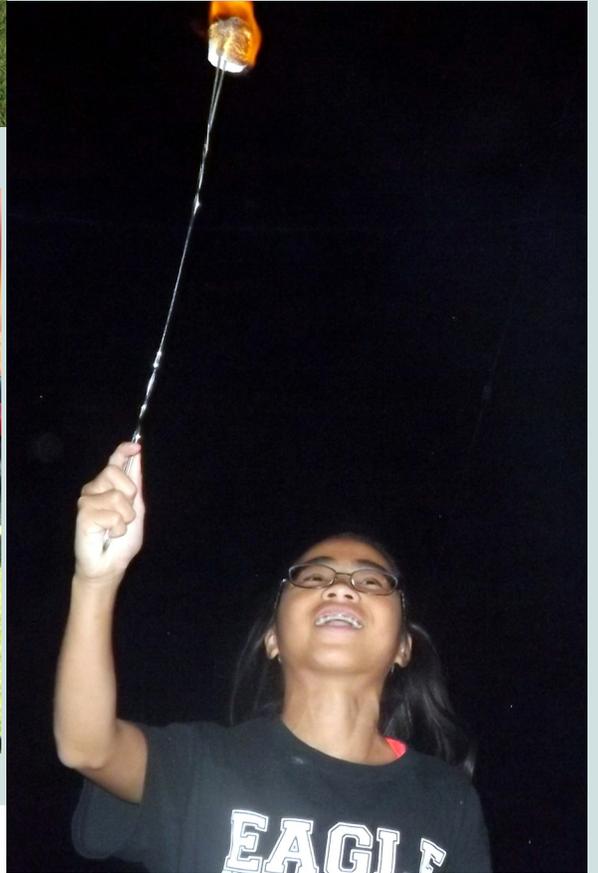
All of the children earned their flag note because they can recite the Pledge of Allegiance. They learned all about it the first week of preschool and they have been practicing it together.

SAY Room-Mrs. Schmidt stepped down from her role as the coordinator for the School Age Youth Room. Mrs. Schmidt is still the aide in the Pre K 3, but a move out of Freeport precipitated the need for her to step aside from afternoon duties. Tina Rubin has begun opening the center in the morning and she is now serving in the role as Say Age Youth Coordinator. Andrea Stewart just began working after school in the SAY room. She is a recent FHS grad and a current Highland student. Emily Shaw is coming in on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons to help out. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Andrea so she can learn what children belong to which parents.

In October, there are days when school is not in session. If you will need childcare for your school age child, please sign up on the list down in the room, or e-mail Tina Rubin at trubin@ourgodwithus.com. Thursday, October 10 is an early dismissal day. Monday, October 14 is Columbus Day and there is no school. You will need to provide a sack lunch for your child on both of these days. PLEASE SIGN UP so we know how many children to plan for.

Month Church Member Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> <i>Emily Burt</i> <i>Taylor Funk</i> <i>Curtis Schroeder</i>	<i>2</i> <i>Laura Manson</i> <i>Laurel Rudolph</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> <i>Jim Datt</i> <i>Dennis Richter</i> <i>Catherine Stevens</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> <i>Jeff Forsythe</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Jim Clay</i> <i>Mark Lei</i>	<i>9</i> <i>Summer Pehl</i>	<i>10</i> <i>Rick Andrews</i> <i>Bob Wiederholtz</i>	<i>11</i> <i>Kristen Andrews</i> <i>Katherina Clay</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i> <i>Christopher Metz</i>	<i>14</i> <i>Eileen Wiggins</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Quinton Barkley</i> <i>Gloria Popp</i> <i>Erma Rubin</i> <i>Christine Schooff</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Matt Clay</i> <i>Matthew Pehl</i> <i>Amanda Rasmus</i> <i>Melinda Rhea</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Madison Hanford</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> <i>Danielle Halter</i> <i>Alberta Hess</i>
<i>20</i> <i>Brad King</i>	<i>21</i> <i>Rachel Halbin</i>	<i>22</i> <i>Paula Beichel</i> <i>Joyce Sasse</i> <i>Andrew Schopf</i>	<i>23</i> <i>John Hartman</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> <i>Amanda Burski</i> <i>Keri Wall</i>
<i>27</i> <i>Brenda Glandorf</i> <i>James Gordon</i>	<i>28</i> <i>James Jacobs</i>	<i>29</i> <i>Sharon Burt</i> <i>Amy Kroeger</i>	<i>30</i> <i>Michelle Richter</i> <i>Robert Seele</i> <i>Morgan Wagner</i> <i>John Wichmann</i>	<i>31</i> <i>Nolan Ruthe</i> <i>Diane Wichmann</i>		



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Church Calendar, US Holidays Oct 2013 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 8 am - Worship Service 9:15 am - Adult Bible Class / 10:30 am - Worship Service 4:30 pm - Confirmation	30 8 am - Church Staff Meeting 5:30 pm - Handbells @ 6:30 pm - Bethesda # 2 6:30 pm - Choir @ Church	1 10 am - Stephenson 6:30 pm - Fideles Circle @ 7 pm - New Member	2 12 pm - Concordia Society 6:30 pm - Bible Study/Bd of	3 5:30 pm - Praise Band 6:30 pm - Worship Service 7:30 pm - Cable TV/17	4	5 7 am - Men's Basketball @ 7 am - Men's Bible Class @ 5 pm - Private Baptism @
6 8 am - Worship Service 9:15 am - Adult Bible Class / 10:30 am - Worship Service 4:30 pm - Confirmation	7 8 am - Church Staff Meeting 5:30 pm - Handbells @ 6:30 pm - Bethesda # 2 6:30 pm - Choir @ Church	8 Pastor's Conference @ Delevan 7 pm - New Member	9 5 pm - Meeting Night @	10 10 am - ASKERS Bible Study 11:30 am - Young at Heart 5:30 pm - Praise Band 6:30 pm - Communion 7:30 pm - Cable TV/17	11 6 pm - PTL Event	12 7 am - Men's Basketball @ 7 am - Men's Bible Class @
13 8 am - Worship Service 9:15 am - Adult Bible Class / 10:30 am - Worship Service	14 Columbus Day 8 am - Church Staff Meeting 6:30 pm - Bethesda # 2	15 7 pm - New Member	16 8:50 am - Chapel @ 11 am - Shalom Service 2:30 pm - FRH Service @	17 2:30 pm - Provena Nursing 5:30 pm - Praise Band 6:30 pm - Worship Service 7:30 pm - Cable TV/17	18 Market Day Turn-In	19 Pastor Schultz Military 7 am - Men's Basketball @ 7 am - Men's Bible Class @
20 Pastor Schultz Military 8 am - Worship Service 9:15 am - Adult Bible Class / 10:30 am - Worship Service 3:30 pm - Middle School 4:30 pm - Confirmation	21 8 am - Church Staff Meeting 5 pm - Bd of Education @ 5:30 pm - Handbells @ 6 pm - Meeting Night 6:30 pm - Bethesda # 2 6:30 pm - Choir @ Church 7:30 pm - Church Council	22 3 pm - Market Day Pickup @ 7 pm - New Member	23 8:50 am - Chapel with 6th	24 10 am - ASKERS Bible Study 5:30 pm - Praise Band 6:30 pm - Worship with 6th- 7:30 pm - Cable TV/17	25 Newsletter Articles and	26 Chill Day 7 am - Men's Bible Class @ 8 am - Christmas in October
27 Reformation Sunday 8 am - Worship Service / 9:15 am - Adult Bible Class / 10:30 am - Worship Service 5:30 pm - High School	28 8 am - Church Staff Meeting 5:30 pm - Handbells @ 6:30 pm - Bethesda # 2 6:30 pm - Choir @ Church	29 7 pm - New Member	30 7 pm - MOB @ Eiler's Board	31 Halloween Reformation Day 5:30 pm - Praise Band 6:30 pm - Joint Reformation 7:30 pm - Cable TV/17	1	2

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Athletics, Immanuel Lutheran Freeport School Calendar

Oct 2013 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
		Scrip Orders Turn In	8 am - Teacher Meeting @ 8:50 am - Chapel - Pastor 5:30 pm - G VB JV/Var vs	8:30 am - Health Jam - 5th Grade @ Lutheran Camp/KSB 6:30 pm - Worship Service	Fire Prevention Day 4:15 pm - Cross Country - 6:30 pm - G JV VB @ Alpine	3:30 pm - Cross Country
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	4:30 pm - G JV VB vs	Scrip Orders Delivery 4:15 pm - Cross Country - 5:30 pm - G JV/Var VB vs	8:50 am - Chapel @ 5:30 pm - G Var VB vs	Half Day-Teacher Inservice 6:30 pm - Communion	G JV VB Tournament @ Rockford St. Paul @ Rockford, IL G Var VB - Christ Lutheran Peoria Tournament @ Peoria, IL Cross Country - Hayride 6 pm - PTL Event 6 pm - PTL Event / Bonfire	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
G Var VB - Christ Lutheran	No School - CCDC Open School Office Closed	Scrip Orders Turn In 5:30 pm - G JV/Var VB @	5:30 pm - G JV VB vs Alpine 7 pm - G Var VB @ Aquin @	6:30 pm - Worship Service	G Var VB Rockford St. Paul Tournament @ Rockford, IL Market Day Turn-In Quarter ends	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	5 pm - Bd of Education @	Scrip Orders Delivery 3 pm - Market Day Pickup @ 3:30 pm - AR Dodge Ball	8:50 am - Chapel with 6th 5:30 pm - G JV/Var VB @	Report Cards Go Home 6:30 pm - Worship with 6th-	10:10 am - PK4 Field Trip to	Chili Day Cross Country - Nationals
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
			8:50 am - Chapel @	Picture Retakes @ 6:30 pm - Joint Reformation		

Lectionary Readings for

Season	<u>DATE</u>	<u>FESTIVAL</u>	<u>1ST</u>	<u>PSALM</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
	Oct. 6 (Prop. 22)	Twentieth S. a. Pentecost	Hab. 1:1-4; 2:1-4	Psalm 62	2 Tim. 1:1-14	Luke 17:1-10
	Oct. 13 (Prop. 23)	Twenty-first S. a. Pentecost	Ruth 1:1-19a	Psalm 111	2 Tim. 2:1-13	Luke 17:11-19
	Oct. 20 (Prop. 24)	Twenty-second S. a. Pentecost	Gen. 32:22-30	Psalm 121	2 Tim. 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
	Oct. 27*	Reformation Day (Oct. 31)	Rev. 14:6-7	Psalm 46	Rom. 3:19-28	John 8:31-36 or Matt. 11:12-19

Prayers from the Hymnal

For the sick

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need, look with favor upon Your servant(s) *name(s)*. Assure *him/her/them* of Your mercy, deliver *him/her/them* from the temptations of the evil one, and give *him/her/them* patience and comfort in *him/her/them* illness. If it please You, restore *him/her/them* to health, or give *him/her/them* grace to accept this tribulation with courage and hope; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

For those undergoing surgery

Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayers on behalf of Your servant(s) *name(s)* as *he/she/they* undergoes (undergo) surgery. Bless *him/her/them* with faith in Your loving kindness and protection. Endow the surgeon(s) and the medical team(s) with ability and skill so that, according to Your will, this surgery may bring Your servant(s) to a full restoration of health and strength; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.