

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:

Weds. May 8 - Chapel 8:30 AM; Lunch - Tacos; **ILSA Meeting 6 PM** Thurs. May 9 – Lunch – Tomato Soup/Grilled Cheese Fri. May 10 – Lunch – Fish Sticks Mon. May 13 – Lunch – Chicken Patty Sandwich **Tues. May 14** – Gr. 6-8 NLHS Track Meet 8:30-1 PM; Lunch - Subs Weds. May 15 - Chapel 8:30 AM; Lunch - Nachos; Early Release 1:40 PM With Bussing Thurs. May 16 – Lunch – Hamburgers; CULVERS NIGHT 4-8 PM Fri. May 17 – Lunch – Pancakes Sun. May 19 – Confirmation Sunday 10:30 AM Mon. May 20 – Lunch – Chicken Nuggets Tues. May 21 – Lunch – Pizza Weds. May 22 – Chapel 8:30 AM; Lunch – Brats **Thurs. May 23** – AR Field Trip Marshfield Roller Skate & Zoo 8:30 AM; Pre-K 3&4 and Kindergarten Celebration 5 PM; NO HOT LUNCH Fri. May 24 - Last Day School / School Picnic; Chapel 8:30 AM; Dismissal 1:40 PM Sun. May 26 - 8th GRADE GRADUATION 10:30AM

> <u>ILSA MEETING</u> Wednesday, May 8th @ 6 PM Conference Room

HOT LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Each family should have by now received the letter that the last day for payments online is May 17th, and to have their accounts paid in full by May 23, 2024 or fees may be implemented by Vanco Foods. Thank You.

TUITION STATEMENTS

Full payment of tuition balances will be due May 17, 2024.

<u>There will be a Daily Charge of \$5 added to your</u> <u>balance each day it is late.</u> Please make payments on time. Thank you for your help in this matter.

IMMANUEL WARRIORS May 8, 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.

May Chapel Services

Parents, family members, whoever, please feel free to JOIN us for Chapel services every Wednesday at 8:30 AM. <u>May 15</u>– "Read The Label" <u>May 22</u>– Mr. V May 26– "Wind & Fire"

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!





CULVERS NIGHT Come on out to Culvers Thursday May 16th 4-8 PM and help support our students going to the Youth Rally.



SEROOGY CHOCOLATES There are candy bars for sale at the front counter by Ms. Paula's Desk \$2.00 Each



[The angels] said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11

Human beings have a tendency to stargaze. It is much easier to dwell upon the past rather than to work for the future. For some, it is resting on their laurels. Perhaps someone was a football star in high school. He may have even run the winning touchdown at a state championship game. He may want to remain in that moment for the rest of his life. But life goes on and the fifteen seconds of fame must be set aside or the realities of life consume him. For some, it is some ancient fear that cripples them. Let us go back to our example, only this time the player fumbles the ball. He is forever frozen in fear of failure. Life goes on, but if he holds onto the past, he cannot. We cannot simply stare into the sky hoping to be frozen in a moment we would like to keep or like to avoid.

This was why the angels were sent to the apostles. The aftermath of the Ascension was not a moment to be frozen in time. For some of the apostles, the thought may have mirrored the thoughts of the Apostle Peter at the Transfiguration. *It is good to be here, Lord, to witness your Ascension. Let us wait for your return right here.* For others, the thought may have been one of foreboding. *What are we to do now? Our Teacher has left us. How are we to go on?* We are not privileged to know the thoughts of the apostles on that day. We only know that they were not to just stay there gazing up into the sky. They needed to be shaken back into the reality that lay before them.

There was work for them to do. The apostles were under the command of Christ. This was not the time for stargazing. This was the time to return to Jerusalem and await the Holy Spirit. The Spirit would come in power, descend on them in fire, equip them with foreign languages, and embolden them to share the gospel. This would be their new reality. Fearful at times? Yes. Bringing new glory to God at other times? Yes. But whatever the future may bring, it was time to take the first steps into a new reality.

Immanuel, as a congregation, has gone through some radical changes in the past six months. As members of Immanuel, we have a choice. We can stargaze, hoping that a past which is now gone would just suddenly reappear. Or we can step into a new reality, working and planning and serving to create a new Immanuel. We should heed the message of the angels. Our mission is not to stargaze. Our mission is to work, to share Christ with others, to be equipped by the teaching of our pastors, and to be emboldened by the indwelling Spirit as He comes to us through the word. This is the future of the Church. Faith only comes to our family, friends, and community if we, each and every one of us, share the good news. Blessings as we do.

Frank Van Brockin Principal/Teacher

Coming up in the near future for Immanuel Lutheran School:

- Our last ILSA meeting of the year is on Wednesday, May 8, at 6:00 PM in the school conference room.
- Mrs. Routhieaux's class will be participating in the NLHS Track Meet on Tuesday, May 14.
- ♦ Our next School Board meeting will be 6 PM on Tuesday, May 14.
- There will be an early release day with bus service on Tuesday, May 15. The monthly faculty meeting will follow early release.
- There is a Culver's Share Night, May 16, 4-8 PM, Proceeds will go to funding for the WELS International Youth Rally.

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 May 12, The Ascension. Our theme for this study is *Christ Prepares His Disciples for His Ascension.*

Acts 1: 1-11: Christ instructs His disciples in the truth prior to His ascension.

- Why did Christ appear to His apostles for a period of 40 days after His resurrection?
 - Forty is a number associated with testing which leads to spiritual growth.
 - \circ Christ was testing their witness by providing ample proof of His resurrection.
- What did Christ promise would come to them as they waited in Jerusalem?
 A special outpouring of the Holy Spirit would come on Pentecost.
- Then what would they be emboldened to do?
 - Preach the gospel in Jerusalem, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
- Why would they begin in Jerusalem and Samaria?
 - \circ There they would find people who were familiar with the Old Testament scriptures.
 - \circ Many would see Old Testament prophecies pointed to Jesus. Many more would not.
- Why were two angels sent to the apostles after Christ's ascension?
 - To prompt them to return to Jerusalem rather than just staring up in the sky waiting for Christ to return. There would be work for them to do.

Ephesians 4:7-16: Christ, who descended and ascended, prepared ministers for His disciples.

- Why did Christ descend and ascend for us?
 - He descended so that He could secure our salvation through His dying and rising.
 - He ascended so that He could intercede for us and prepare a place for us.
- What blessing did God promise us for our instruction?
 - \circ He would provide the church with apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers.
- What is and is not the work of these ministers of the gospel?
 - \circ They are to equip God's people to share the gospel with others.
 - They are not to do all of the work for a congregation so that its members do not have to share the gospel with others.
 - \circ They are given not be the only ones who serve but to equip all members to serve.
- What happens to a church if its members take no part in sharing the gospel with others?
 - $\circ\,$ It, as a body, falls apart, atrophies, and dies.

Luke 24:44-53: Christ opens the scriptures for His disciples before His resurrection.

- What was the central focus of Christ's teachings during the three years of His earthly ministry?
 - His central teaching was that all of the prophecies of the Old Testament must be fulfilled.
- What was Christ's final teaching to His disciples prior to His ascension?
 - That his suffering, death, and rising had all been a fulfillment of Scripture.
 - \circ That they must now go out into all the world to preach the gospel.
- Why would this be the work of the disciples to do?
 - \circ They had personally witnessed His life, death, and resurrection first hand.
- What, at this time, was the only thing holding them back from their mission?
 - Christ had told them to wait for the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
- What gifts would the Holy Spirit impart to them at Pentecost?
 - The ability to speak in foreign languages to all who gathered for Pentecost.
 - \circ The boldness to preach the gospel to all.
- How do we continue the work of the First Century disciples?
 - $\,\circ$ We continue to bear witness to the salvation our resurrected Lord has won for us.

NORTHLAND LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL CORNER

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

May 8, 2024

Spring Awards Night is this Wednesday, May 8, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Scholarships will be awarded to seniors; participation in student organizations like Student Council, National Honor Society, yearbook, Northwinds, children's theater, etc., will be recognized.

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!

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 nlhsoffice@nlhs.org.

WHAT? WILDCAT OPEN? You bet! Pencil it on your calendars now, and watch for registration information coming soon.



Upcoming Events

May 9-Baseball @ Gresham, 4:30 pm May 10-Track @ Tri-County, 3:45 pm May 13-Golf @ Glacier Woods, 2 pm / Baseball & Softball @ Tigerton, 4:30 pm May 14-Grade School Track Meet / Golf @ TBA, 10 am / Track @ Rosholt 4 pm

Don't forget to *"like" and follow 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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