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**NOTES  
& NEWS**

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**KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENTS ARE BEING RECEIVED FOR 2017-2018**

Enrollments are being accepted for our 2017-2018 Kindergarten and Preschool classes. Parents of prospective members of these classes are urged to stop in our school office to begin the registration process.

**NEW PROGRAM**

Immanuel is beginning a new program this fall. We will be offering a Young 5's program for children that will turn 5 between September 1 and December 1. Share the news with your family and friends.

**PLEASE JOIN US IN CHAPEL**

- Our children of Grades 3-Day Preschool through 8 will meet again in church on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 8:10 a.m. for a school family worship service. As will be the case at each chapel service, our students will have the opportunity to offer gifts of love to the Lord in the form of chapel offerings. The offerings throughout the school year will be directed to a variety of causes. Our 4th quarter chapel offerings will support the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

The Board of Social Ministry will be sponsoring a blood drive in cooperation with Michigan Blood on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, from 2:00 until 6:00 in our Multi-Purpose Room. Please consider saving lives in our community by donating. To schedule an appointment, please call Nancy Greene at 989-893-3172. Thank you.

**Grounds Beautification at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School**

Please join us! We have scheduled two dates, Saturday, April 29 and Saturday, May 13, to clean and weed the grounds around the church and school before planting day on May 20th. We hope you can join us on one or both of these dates.

We plan to start at 8 am and finish by Noon. Please come and help anytime during the 4 hour period we have scheduled. If you can only join us for an hour that would be wonderful! We have a lot of grounds to weed and prune at the Church and School and the more help we have the more we can accomplish in a short time. Please bring your own gardening supplies, such as rakes, shovels, pruners, and hand gardening tools. Tree trimming tools are also needed.

We plan on planting the Saturday before Confirmation on May 20th

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*In response to the redeeming love of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in obedience to His Commission to make disciples of all nations, Immanuel Lutheran School teams with parents and the church in purposefully shaping the spiritual, intellectual, social, physical, and moral growth of children, within the context of a distinctively God-centered and high quality Christian educational program.*

## Celebrating APRIL Birthdays!!!!

We send happy birthday wishes to all of our school family members who celebrate birthdays throughout the month of April. Happy Birthday!!!!!!

Mrs. Ball (April 1), Stephen Erdody (April 6),  
Mr. Samsell (April 9), Emma Haynes (April 13),  
Sidonie Mulholland (April 19), Shelby Henninger (April 20),  
Grace Weidner (April 21), Averiana Cruff (April 23),  
and Chasen Marshall (April 30).



### BOX TOPS\*\*\*\*

Please continue to save them and send them into the school office. You may send them to the office in a Ziploc type bag or an envelope. They must be trimmed and as always, **you must check the expiration date**. Make sure to include your child's name. Once again we will be recording total amounts sent in per student.

### CORRECT CONTACT INFORMATION??

Is your contact information up to date on Fast Direct and with the school office? This is one very important item that unfortunately sometimes in our busy lives gets overlooked. In the event of having to contact parents in a timely manner, we need to have the most updated information on file. We know that you understand the need for us to have accurate information, and we appreciate you taking the time to make sure this information is accurate.

### SCHOOL FEES

Parents, we are asking that you take a moment and review your financial account. You are able to do that by logging into Fast Direct. It is located at the bottom of your home page. Money that is due is indicated with a - minus in front of the amount. If you click on the amount that is shown it will bring you to a detailed record of your payment history. If you have any questions, please call the school office. Thank you.

Our policy states that families with unpaid tuition/hot lunch/ or extended care balances, your children will not be allowed to participate in year end activities and/or field trips.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The school library is looking for a volunteer chairperson to lead the Scholastic book fair efforts for the fall of 2017. Our annual Scholastic Book Fair is the primary way that we stock new books for the school library along with providing families access to many book choices. The book fair is already scheduled for the week of November 6, 2017 (this is also parent-teacher conference week) and can run into the early part of the following week if needed. If you have fresh ideas on getting more people to check out the book fair, or if you simply want to get more involved at Immanuel, this may be the perfect fit for you. All "learnings" and tips from last fall's fair will be shared with you as well as help to get you started so that you and your team can have even greater success in 2017. Please contact the school office if you are interested. Thank you



**KINGDOM KIDS CLOSING AWARDS CEREMONY**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 7 / 8:45-9:30 am**  
**Sponsored by: Immanuel Kingdom Kids Teaching Staff**  
**(For All Sunday School Children and Parents)**  
**~Cupcakes, Juice and Coffee to be served~**

With great joy, we celebrate the passage of yet another school year for our Kingdom Kids students and the faith-filled walk they have taken with their Savior Jesus. It has been an incredible year filled with exciting crafts, meaningful lessons from Scripture, praise and worship songs, and special performances during worship services.

Your children have grown and become even more rooted in their faith; a gift you have given them by caring enough to send them to Kingdom Kids Sunday School and Children's Church. We now find ourselves once again coming to that time of the year in which we need to say "Good-bye" for the summer and await the words of "Welcome Back" in the fall.

**Closing ceremonies and award distribution will take place  
on Sunday, May 7 beginning at 8:45am.**

As a staff we want to remind you of a summer opportunity for your children to grow in His Word at Vacation Bible School – this year's theme is: **MAKER FUN FACTORY** – "Created by God, Built for a Purpose" slated for Monday through Thursday evenings, June 19-22 from 5-8 pm.

God's blessing to you family as we part for a short while over the joy-filled and carefree months of summer. Please remember to encourage your children to continue in their understating and devotion to their Heavenly Father through worship opportunities on Saturday evening and Sunday mornings at Immanuel Church. We look forward to seeing your children in the fall when Kingdom Kids resume on Sunday, September 10.

*As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you ...*

*John 15:9*





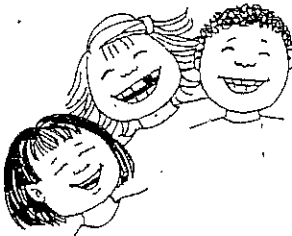
Attention Parents:

Listed below are the lyrics your son or daughter will need to memorize for Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>'s Special Praise and Worship service led by: Immanuel School Students, Kingdom Kids Sunday School Students and Rock Solid Youth Members:

Grades Preschool through Grade 8

**YOU ARE GOD ALONE**

Unchangeable  
Unshakeable  
Unstoppable  
That's what You are.  
Unchangeable  
Unshakeable  
Unstoppable  
That's what You are.

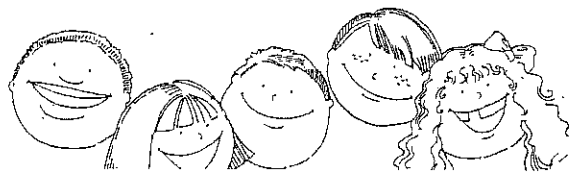


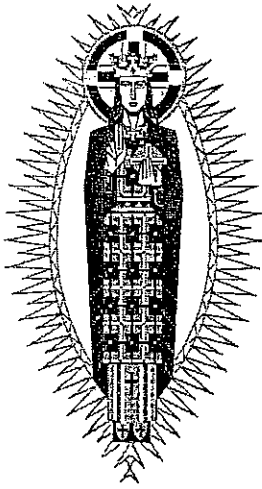
You are God alone, from before time began,  
You were on Your throne,  
You are God alone.  
Right now, in the good time and bad,  
You are on Your throne, You are God alone  
Unchangeable  
Unshakeable  
Unstoppable  
That's what You are.

Practice will take place on that morning, Sunday, <sup>April</sup> ~~May~~ 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:20 am sharp with the blended choir and the adult musicians. After the students have sung, they will return to sit with you for the remainder of the service. After worship, there will be a special fellowship reception for All Families and Students with fresh fruits and pastries; plan to stay for all the goodies!

Thank you for allowing your children to be part of this special services that offers praise and honor to our Heavenly Father, through the lips of children praises ring out gloriously!

Blessings to each of your families,  
Miss Betsy and Mrs. Geikas





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Attention 7<sup>th</sup> grade 2018 Confirmation Students and Parents

RE: Hosting Confirmation Fellowship / Sunday, May 21 8:45 – 9:45 am  
Witness to the Faith Event / Saturday, May 13 at 5:00 pm

With an exciting time is about to unfold at Immanuel School and Church, Confirmation Day and we are pleased that our 7<sup>th</sup> grade “future” confirmation students will play a key role on this joyous day.

For quite some years, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students were asked to host a fellowship social during the Sunday morning Confirmation Celebration. This year, we once again are asking all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students (who will be confirmed as 2018 8<sup>th</sup> grade students), along with The Board of Youth Ministry to sponsor and host a Fellowship social to be held on Confirmation Sunday, May 21 from 8:45 am –9:45 am.

Each 2018 confirmation student is asked to donate baked items i.e., coffee cakes, donuts, pastries or the like for the Fellowship Social for all 2017 confirmands, families and sponsors during this special morning brunch on May 21.

Please report to the multi-purpose room at 8:00 am at which time you will need to drop off your baked items and help welcome our arriving guests. You will also be introduced during this brunch as next year’s confirmation class.

*The 2018 class is also asked to be at the 5:00 pm Witness to the Faith Service on Saturday, May 13. This offers the students an opportunity to prepare for this wonderful sharing of faith / public examination event that they will be part of in 2018.*

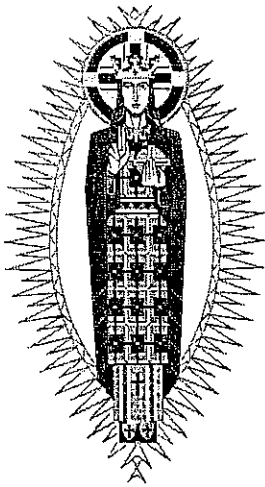
What a joyous part of your Christian life that you are entering into; a time where your roots grow deeper as you share with fellow believers the blessed assurance that you are a redeemed and forgiven child of God; truly His new creation!

In His leading,

*Betsy Bourassa*

Betsy Bourassa  
Parish Assistant in Christian Education/  
Youth Ministries

*Let your light shine before people that they will see the good things you do and praise our Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16*



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## CONFIRMATION REMINDERS FOR THE CLASS OF 2017

### SATURDAY, MAY 13:

- 4:00-4:40 pm (Witness of Faith questions/practice and run through) You need to be in church at 3:55 pm sharp. ( We will begin practice promptly at 4:00 pm).
- 5:00 pm Worship Service – Witness of Faith during Worship Service.
- 6:00pm – Pizza Supper
- 6:30pm – Confirmation Day run through (Gowns distributed)

### SUNDAY, MAY 21:

- 8:20 AM SHARP- Meet in church for individual pictures and group portrait. (Wear your gowns)
- 8:30 am – Professional group and individual portraits will be taken in church (Bradford Studios)
- 9:00am – Confirmation brunch and recognition
- 10:00 am – Confirmation Service with First Communion

***\*\*Please place this agenda on your family calendars at home as a reminder of dates and times for your upcoming Confirmation practices and events.***

***May God continue to guide you in His ministry, fill you with His joy abounding, and bless you as your faith deepens internally and blossoms for all to see- giving God all the glory in and through your life.***

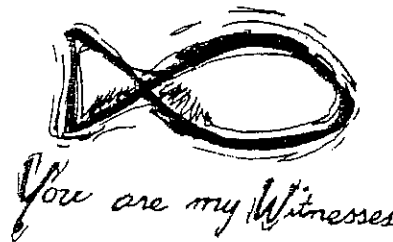
May Acolyte and Usher Schedule (confirmation students)

May 7: Austin Roemer U  
Christian Mouch A

May 14: Maison Kalinowski U  
Jackie Brinkman A

May 21: Parker Botwright U  
Saige Christian A

May 28: Ashton Storey - U  
Nolen Kern - A



VBS CREW LEADER - YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!  
"Volunteer Sign-Up"

Your Help is Needed! Outreach Ministry for Children

Dates: June 19-22 (Monday through Thursday evenings)

Time: 5:00 - 8:00 pm ( crews report at 4:40 pm each day and leave at 8:10)

Responsibility: Leading children to various stations & assisting teachers

Who: Crew leaders can be in grades 6-12



I am once again hoping that you will once again be a leader during this wonderful outreach summer ministry for children. Sharing God's love and His awesome Word is a gift that we can give others. During this 4-night VBS week we can truly live out His command: Go into all the world and spread My Word!

Please consider how important you are in the success of this program & sign up today to be part of a wonderful fun filled 4-day event at:

MAKERS FUN FACTORY

I am in need of 16 crew leaders and 9 preschool leaders. Thank you so much for choosing to be part of a ministry that reaches out to children!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes: I want to be a crew leader: \_\_\_\_\_



# MAKER FUN FACTORY

“Created by God – Built for a Purpose”

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Immanuel Lutheran School & Church



300 North Sheridan Street, Bay City

Call: 893-4088 to Register Today!

June 19-22 - 5:00 - 8:00 pm

No Cost! - Supper Included!

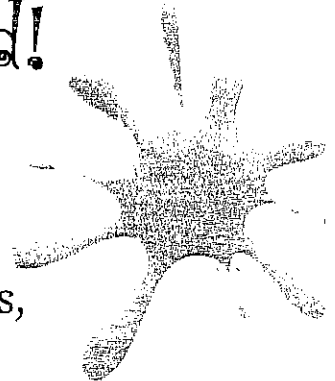
Preschool through Grade 6

Featuring: Crafts, Games, Songs, Science Projects,

Bible Stories that come to life,

Videos, Celebration Gatherings,

**All children are Welcome!!!**





MAKERS FUN FACTORY - VBS  
June 19-22 - Monday - Thursday Evenings  
5:00 - 8:00 pm (893-4088)  
Preschool - Grade 6 in the Fall  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Last School Grade Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd person for emergency: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew Number (for church use): \_\_\_\_\_



(Preschool Director - Jill Erlenbeck - Immanuel's Kindergarten Teacher)

**Note: PRESCHOOL PARENTS:** If you would like, you may help in Preschool during VBS week, (not required - always appreciated). Please remember when registering your child(ren) for "Preschool" to fill out the information needed below:

Parent or Adult Name that will be working in Preschool: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to work on the days listed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please talk to Miss Jill on the first day of Preschool to find out days needed)