



## Our God is...Holy

One of the enduring memories of Chicago Cub fans is the late announcer Harry Cary. "Holy cow!" used to be one of his favorite sayings.

We usually say, "Holy cow!" to express our surprise—not to point to a cow that is particularly well behaved. Cows can be big. Some people even may think they are pretty. But holy?

God expects people to be holy. He demands, "Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy" (Leviticus 19:2).

Holy means sinless/perfect. Think about playing Little League baseball. Imagine your coach telling you that you have to get a hit every time you go up to bat, or you will be punished and never play again. That's impossible. Not even Christian Yelich can do that!

How can a loving God demand that we be holy? How can he say that if we sin just one time we deserve to go to hell? Isn't that cruel? Why does God demand the impossible?

We can't be sinless, but there is someone who was. That's Jesus. The Bible says, "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth" (1 Peter 2:22).

God gives us even better news! "God made him [Jesus] who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21). Righteous means holy. God tells us that Jesus became sinful for us.

How do we become righteous/holy? "No one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the

law we become conscious of sin. But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe." (Romans 3:20-22).

God credits holiness to all who believe in Jesus as the one who saved them from their sins.

What God demands; he provides! Everyone who believes in Jesus is considered perfect by God! Holy cow!

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### **New Sunday Bible Study**

Have you ever tried to talk to someone about religion and not had the right words? Are you unsure if someone you love is going to heaven when they die?

Starting this Sunday, February 21, we are going to begin a new Bible Class titled "*Evangelism Fundamentals*." We will work on 14 different exercises to help you understand the unchurched and enable you to share your faith more confidently. Lord willing, currently unchurched friends and family members will join you in heaven when you put into practice what you will learn in this class. See you there!

### **Bible Study Opportunities**

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class are Sunday mornings at 9:15 am. Adults meet in the sanctuary, children meet in the east side of the lower level. If you happen to worship on Thursday, come just for the fellowship and growth on Sunday.



### **New Sign Informational Meeting**

On **March 6** at 10 am representatives from three different sign companies will come to Immanuel to present their designs and answer any questions the congregation might have about the designs, construction, and cost. We encourage all members interested in this project to attend. To help us prepare for this meeting, pictures and proposals from the three companies have been posted in the elevator hallway.

## News from the IELC Education Board

*"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."* (Mat. 19:14) In March, all members with elementary school aged children will receive an informational packet about enrolling in a Lutheran Elementary School. The congregation of Immanuel continues to provide tuition assistance to support our families who choose a Christian education for their children. Also, many of our area schools are part of the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. If you qualify, you will receive a voucher from the state to cover tuition costs. We strongly encourage you to consider a Christian education for your children. For more information or to be part of the education board contact Larry Morris-Robinson at 262-370-7984 or Dennis Brown at 262-622-2028.



## Don't Forget!

Friendship Registers serve as the place to register for communion and as our guest book where our visitors can share their information. We usually fill these out during the offering, but with COVID, we no longer pass the plate. So please, find a new time to fill it out, noting which service you attended, and make it part of your new routine!

## Church Keys

It is a blessing that so many members have volunteered their time in service to God at Immanuel. Many volunteers have received keys to the church building and once their period of service is done, the key gets forgotten in a drawer. If you have a church key that you don't use anymore, please turn it in to Dale or the church office. New, active volunteers are in need of keys. Thank you!

## Snow Removal Help

When there is a large snowfall, we need some willing and able volunteers to clear the sidewalks, stairs, and ramp at church. If you would like to be part of this crew, please contact Mark Snyder at 920-253-9364 or Dale Naatz at 920-297-0329. A text will be sent out to the group when snow removal is needed. Thank you!



## Cancellation Text Alerts

Immanuel's church database system now allows us to send group text messages. This is a great benefit for times when events are cancelled on short notice due to severe weather, pandemic, etc. If you have not already signed up, email Carla at [immanuelinfarmington@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelinfarmington@gmail.com) and she will send you an invitation. You must opt-in if you want to be part of this group.

## Masks in Church

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility consider one another better than yourselves. **Let each of you look carefully not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.*** (Phil. 2:3-4) The official mask mandate issued by our governor has been extended and this pandemic is far from over. For this reason, we ask that, out of Christian love and concern, everyone continues to wear masks while in the church building. Thank you for helping work together to protect each other in Christ's love!



## Worship Service Videos

During this pandemic, anyone who is considered high risk, who is feeling sick, or who is just not comfortable with gatherings yet is encouraged to continue to worship at home. Videos of our worship services are being posted to our website regularly and DVDs are being delivered, upon request, to those without internet.

## Get the WELS App

Why should you put the WELS App on your smartphone? Daily devotions, daily Bible readings, *Forward in Christ* articles, verse of the day, worship helps, the list goes on! Go to <https://wels.app>. Tap on the pop-up "add to home screen" or tap on your browser menu and select "install app" or "add to home screen."

## Mother's Day Out

New Beginnings is excited to announce that we are hosting our first ever Mother's Day Out on Saturday, May 8 and you are invited! Established in 1993, New Beginnings - A Home for Mothers is a WELS-based home for single mothers and their children located in Milwaukee. New Beginnings is the daughter agency of Christian Life Resources. The Mother's Day Out event includes a meal option, cash

bar, and mimosas. We will also have live entertainment and a guest speaker! You can either attend from 10am - 11:30 am or 12:15 pm - 1:45 pm at Davian's Catering & Events, N56W16300 Silver Spring Dr., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051. If you would like to donate items or send a monetary donation for this event, we will list you as a sponsor in our program along with a message you would like to give to the mothers at New Beginnings, who will also be in attendance with their sweet babies! Registration for the event will be available in March.

### **Lakeside Call Update**

The Holy Spirit led the delegates of Lakeside's General Board to issue two calls. Calls were extended to: Mr. John Dorn (currently serving at Illinois Lutheran High School) for Science; and Mr. James Livingston (currently serving at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School) for Science and introductory-level Mathematics. Both candidates have been notified. Please remember these men in your prayers.

### **Lakeside News - Grand Event X: Denim & Diamonds:**

On Saturday, **April 10** from 2-6 p.m. Lakeside will be holding an open-house style Grand Event. Normally lots of businesses are able to provide donations for the Grand Event auction, but not this year. Most are barely hanging on due to challenges from COVID. To help with that, the auction committee is asking all Federation churches and schools to donate an item or basket for the auction. Linda Buxa is spearheading the basket for Immanuel and calling it the "*Homegrown Basket.*" We are looking for donations of home-canned goods, honey, a coupon for eggs or other perishables, knitted washcloths, or any homemade item. Anything that our members have made, canned, processed or grown would be a great fit. If we get enough donations, we can make two baskets. This is all flexible. Lakeside needs the items by March 5, so please have them to Immanuel by **March 1**. There is a box for donations in the main hallway.



### **Twice is Nice Retail Store News, March 2021**

March is when we change seasons! In preparation for this, 50% off clothes storewide runs March 11-20. Come find those winter super-bargains for next year! Summer clothes begin to hit the sales floor

March 22. We're easy-to-find and open Mondays-Saturdays from 10-4 PM: just a minute east on the Hwy 18 exit off the 26 bypass at 907 W. Racine St., next to the Jefferson Piggly Wiggly.

Our doors are open to your donations especially during these cold days when donations are down. Bring clean and saleable donations to the door behind the store from 10-3:30 any day we are open.

**Offerings vs. Budget as of 1/31/2021**

Offerings: \$42,565.92 Budget: \$28,049.33 Difference: \$14,516.59

**March 2021 Usher Teams**

3/3	Wed	6:30 pm	Mark & Rita Bartsch
3/4	Thurs	6:30 pm	Jerry & Kay Schultz
3/7	Sun	8:00 am	Gordon & Rhonda Butzine
3/7	Sun	10:00 am	Buxa Family
3/10	Wed	6:30 pm	Jim & Gail Will
3/11	Thurs	6:30 pm	Lee & Toni Braatz
3/14	Sun	8:00 am	Baum Family
3/14	Sun	10:00 am	Altreuter Family
3/17	Wed	6:30 pm	Braunschweig Family
3/18	Thurs	6:30 pm	Emrath Family
3/21	Sun	8:00 am	John & Vicki Morris
3/21	Sun	10:00 am	Terry & Deb Frey
3/24	Wed	6:30 pm	Dale & Jackie Naatz
3/25	Thurs	6:30 pm	Heald Family
3/28	Sun	8:00 am	DeMoe Family
3/28	Sun	10:00 am	Klausch Family





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## Birthdays

Tyler Stade, 3/1	Debbie Fink, 3/18
Troy Maier, 3/2	Paul Fink, 3/18
Daniel Christian, 3/3	Luke Lauersdorf, 3/18
Derek Olszewski, 3/4	Jackie Naatz, 3/19
Evelyn Fischer, 3/5	Kevin Emrath, 3/20
Vicki Sukow, 3/5	James Maron, 3/21
Brad Pitzner, 3/6	Chris Radloff, 3/21
Amanda Zimmerman, 3/6	Hunter Killips, 3/22
Elyse Lauersdorf, 3/7	Brittney Kruesel, 3/22
Emberlynn Zimmerman, 3/7	Kay Schultz, 3/22
Hadley Kjer, 3/9	Lorraine Buege, 3/24
Tyler Frey, 3/11	Terry DeBlare, 3/24
Amy Olszewski, 3/11	Anna Killips, 3/25
James Reichert, 3/11	Sierra Cole, 3/26
Karen Marti, 3/12	Shari Sukow, 3/26
John Genz, 3/13	Shaun Brunk-Sellnow, 3/27
Virginia Vogel, 3/13	Gail Woolley, 3/28
Seth Davis, 3/14	Cohen Schmidt, 3/29
Theresa Klug, 3/15	Nikki Wright, 3/30
Micaela Kjer, 3/17	Kurt Altreuter, 3/31
Kelsey Stade, 3/17	Kirsten Bankert, 3/31
Michelle Bainbridge, 3/18	



# March

ANNIVERSARIES

Couple	Years	Date
James & Barbara Buglass	42	3/3
Thomas & Stephanie Schulze	36	3/9
Mark & Dona Snyder	34	3/7
Kevin & Rhonda Emrath	33	3/5
Gordon & Rhonda Butzine	32	3/4
John Jr & Amy Hartwig	25	3/30
Greg & Laura Knaack	7	3/8



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