

Rejection

from WELS Teen Devotions

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

(John 1:9-13)

Rejection is a natural part of our lives. You are rejected when you don’t make the team or get a call back for a second audition. You get rejected while dating and in so many other situations in life. Everyone experiences rejection in their life.

There is someone who knows what rejection feels like—Jesus. From the very start of his life and ministry, he faced rejection and ridicule. People saw the miracles he performed and expected him to be their earthly king. When Jesus made it clear that he wasn’t an earthly king, they left him. Even his own family rejected him. Some of his brothers didn’t believe he was the Son of God.

Jesus was rejected throughout his entire life. Out of love for you and me, he chose to take our place and to take our sin on himself in order to suffer the death we deserved to give us the life he earned. That’s why Jesus came. He came to be rejected by men, so that we would be accepted by God. He came to be condemned by God for our sins, so that we would be forgiven. He even came to be rejected by God, so that we would be accepted by God. Because of Jesus and his rejection, God receives us as children of God. We will not be turned away or rejected by him.

Dear friend, receive the Word of God: Jesus loves you! He has come to give you new life and to bring you into the family of God. Rejoice! You are an accepted child of God!

Prayer: *Father, we confess that we often have rejected and rebelled against your Word. Forgive us. Thank you for restoring us daily as your children. We rejoice that in Christ our Savior, you accept us as children of God! Amen.*

Farewell Reception for the Burks

June 2 will be Pastor Burk's last service with us at Immanuel. After the service we will have a potluck luncheon. If you plan on coming, no need to sign up, just bring a side dish or dessert with you that day. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided. There is currently a gift bag out in the hallway to collect contributions for a gift from our congregation, cards, or other gifts. Any amount collected over the cost of the present will be used to purchase gift cards to help the Burks get settled in their new home.

Vacancy Pastor

Our Vacancy Pastor will be Pastor David Dolan. Pastor Dolan and his wife, Mary Lou, live just two miles up the road in the Hunter's Glen area of Johnson Creek. Pastor Dolan served 50 years in full time ministry before retiring in 2015. Since then he has served three congregations as vacancy pastor. Starting in June you can contact Pastor Dolan for shut-in and hospital visits with advance notice; and emergencies any time, day or night. Cell phone 414-559-2322 or email dbdolan@tds.net.

Friendship Books

Friendship Registers are replacing the communion cards and guest book. You will find these registers on the middle-aisle side of each pew. Inside are sheets where you can fill in your name(s), who communed (if offered that day), update your information, or note if you are a guest. Please fill it out during the offering, pass it down to anyone else in your pew, and return it. Please make note of who's sitting with you and offer a friendly greeting. Thank you!

Pastor Clark Schultz Call

After prayerful consideration and the counsel of my brothers and sisters by blood and ministry the Lord has lead me to accept the call to go back to the parish. Coming here 14 years ago with nothing and leaving with blessings of family friends and classrooms of young hearts encouraged in the gospel is something cherished. If anyone is

looking for a 2+ acre country home that the deer and turkeys own and you rent from them. Please let me know. ~ Clark

June Ladies' Aid Meeting

The June Ladies' Aid meeting will be at Heritage Homes in Watertown on **June 5** at 1 pm.

Website & Social Media Manager

We are seeking a tech-savvy member of our congregation who would be willing to volunteer some time performing regular maintenance of Immanuel's website and social media. Members and visitors alike rely on our website for accurate and up to date information on all aspects of our ministry. For many visitors, their first impression of our church will be from visiting our site or viewing a Facebook post. What powerful outreach tools! If you are interested or would like more details please speak to Carla.

Mowing Schedule

There are still months open for volunteers to sign up to help with mowing the church and parsonage lawns this summer. Please see the sign up in the hallway for more information. Thanks for considering!



Organization of WELS Seniors

There is no OWLS meeting in the month of June. The next gathering of OWLS will be the annual Summer Picnic at Aero Park in Watertown on **July 15**. Those who attend are invited to bring a dish to pass and their own beverage and tableware. The Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors (including ELS) is for those who may be retired and/or 50 years and older. We gather for fun, fellowship, service and spiritual growth. Come and bring a friend!

WELS Night at Miller Park

Join fellow WELS members for the Milwaukee Brewers' game against the San Francisco Giants on **July 12** at 7 pm. The Brewers are again offering WELS members up to 50 percent off the price of tickets. Seating will be along the third base line this year and in a block for WELS members. The pricing is Field Outfield Box sections 128–131 for \$21/ticket, Loge Outfield Box sections 229–232 for \$17/ticket, or

Terrace Reserved sections 436–437 for \$9/ticket. The ticket service fee will be waived for groups of 20-plus if you contact Greg Souza at 414-902-4492 or greg.souza@brewers.com. Tickets can be purchased at brewers.com/wels. T-shirts can be ordered at welsnight2019.orderpromos.com.

Grace-Hmong Outreach in Vietnam

Our synod has an amazing opportunity! We have been asked by a large Christian group in Vietnam to teach and train pastors. We have been invited by the government to build a theological training facility in the city of Hanoi. Our goal is to raise \$2 million by the end of June to build the facility and cover operating expenses for the first two years. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this enormous outreach opportunity! There is a designated giving envelope in the informational booklet about the Grace-Hmong Outreach which is available in the main hallway. Thank you!

Cookie Committee

Are you good at making cookies? Are you able to deliver cookies? Could you do both? A new exciting way to serve is developing. Please see the signup sheet in the entryway.

Worship Service DVDs

Do you know someone who'd be interested in regularly receiving DVDs of our worship services? Please let Pastor know. We'll mail them out to them. Extra DVDs are next to past bulletins in the entryway and available for anyone now.

Wish List Update

Thanks to the generosity of our members, the Sunday School now has a working television. God is good! A new item on our wish list is an office chair for the A/V desk in the balcony. Money donations or the gift of a new chair (sturdy and no arm rests) would be greatly appreciated.

Electronic Giving

Did you know you can give your offerings electronically? Whether you're able to make it to church or not, you can always make sure your offering arrives. It's a safe, convenient way to give your firstfruits every week. Contact the office for more information.

Large Print Editions

Could you benefit from a large print edition of our weekly worship folder, the *Meditations* devotional booklet, or the *Forward in Christ* magazine? We'll gladly make these available if you'd like. Please let Carla know. Thanks.

Building Improvements

Would you like to help with building improvements? Please use the envelope in your box of envelopes, one of the envelopes kept at church, or simply indicate on your check that your gift is to go towards "building improvements." Check out our fundraising progress on the poster on the north wall of the hallway. Thank you!

Servicemen/women

Do you know a serviceman or woman serving on our behalf? Go to www.wels.net/refer to register them for free resources.

My Bible Bags

These are activity bags for children to use during the worship service. They have a Children's Bulletin for the kids to work on as well as other fun items for them to use. When the service is done, please return the items to the bag and hang it back on the rack on your way out. We hope these bags will be a blessing to you and your children!

Offerings vs. Budget as of 4/30/2019

Offerings: \$114,538.36 Budget: \$110,634.67 Difference: \$3,903.69

Sunday Usher Teams

June 2	Joseph Family
June 9	PC Schultz/D. Sellnow/M&D Snyder
June 16	Naatz Family
June 23	Morris-Robinson Family
June 30	Jerry Schultz Family





Bryce Maron, 6/1

Susan Stoltenburg, 6/1

Jim Braunschweig, 6/2

Abby Buxa, 6/2

Diane Kleinstieber, 6/2

Tammy Gunderson, 6/3

Laura Meyer, 6/3

Lizabeth Zimmerman, 6/5

Brendan Brown, 6/6

Thomas Buglass, 6/6

Monte Olszewski, 6/6

Matt Davis, 6/7

Paul Streich, 6/7

Ashley Frey, 6/9

Tyler Naatz, 6/10

Kendall Lemke, 6/12

Darryl Hartwig, 6/14

Victoria Gaulke, 6/17

James Will, 6/17

Keegan Lamp, 6/18

Cameron Kuehl, 6/19

Janice Kuehl, 6/19

Matt Schumacher, 6/19

Alice Gaugert, 6/20

Jeffrey Junker, 6/20

Emiley Stade, 6/20

Pam Staude, 6/21

Georgia Stade, 6/24

Annah Dobson, 6/26

Barbara Nahmens, 6/27

Laura Trudell, 6/28

Daytona Thelke, 6/30



Couple	Years	Anniversary
Elmer and Betty Stout	60	Jun 20, 1959
Ronald and Ellen Milbrath	57	Jun 2, 1962
Darryl and Donna Hartwig	54	Jun 20, 1965
David and Mary Lou Dolan	50	Jun 22, 1969
Dale and Jackie Naatz	47	Jun 24, 1972
John and Vicki Morris	46	Jun 9, 1973
Jim and Lorraine Buege	43	Jun 12, 1976
Richard and Gail Woolley	41	Jun 10, 1978
Jerry and Kay Schultz	35	Jun 16, 1984
Duane and Becky Draeger	34	Jun 29, 1985
Troy and Dawn Maier	26	Jun 12, 1993
Jeffrey and Amy Junker	25	Jun 18, 1994
Monte and Amy Olszewski	21	Jun 27, 1998
Dane and Tammy Hartwig	17	Jun 8, 2002
Brandon and Erin Guenterberg	13	Jun 10, 2006
Jonathan and Abby Gaulke	12	Jun 2, 2007
Nate and Angela Baum	11	Jun 28, 2008
Dustin and Stephanie Roe	8	Jun 11, 2011
Joe and Jessica Dach	8	Jun 25, 2011
Ray and Lyssa Lauersdorf	4	Jun 27, 2015



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