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Dear Immanuel families:

Parent Pages

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Are Your Children Penny Wise? America is the richest nation in the world, yet we have the lowest savings rate of any industrialized nation. American children spend billions of dollars in a given year and the largest increase in bankruptcy rates is found in young adults under age 24. In fact, more college students drop out of school because of finances than academics. There is no reason to believe that Christian families are exempt from these statistics.

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.” **1 Tim. 6:10**

This verse is probably the most familiar on the topic of money. We are warned not to worship money, but we are not encouraged to be uneducated on the subject. Just as the love of money can rule our life, the worry over finances can hinder our trust in God as well.

Trust God . . . always -- With God’s help, we strive to raise our children in faith. Part of this requires us to show our children how to be in the world but not of it. A proper understanding of the place of finances in our lives is an essential aspect of this Christian training.

“ . . . You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.” **Hag. 2:8**

While the verse brings to my mind the speed at which I could spend my allowance on candy as a child, it is more complicated than it first appears. Because of a lack of trust in God, it was necessary for God’s children to spend money on food during a famine. When we do not trust God’s plan for us, when we do not save money, keep budgets, or return our thanks to God in tithe, we are putting our blessings into a purse with holes in it.

The first step in teaching your children about financial matters is to model God-pleasing behaviors. Seek financial counseling for yourself to be sure that you are doing what you can to keep the love of money as well as the worry of money from being central in your life.

Careful with plastic -- Show your children how you stick to a budget and promptly pay off balances on credit cards. Children need to understand that debit and credit cards do not make money appear out of thin air—and the use of them carries responsibility. Part of explaining the concept of a budget is to teach the 10-10-80 plan. In this plan, we show trust and thanks to God for His blessings by giving 10 percent to His work, saving 10 percent, and using the remaining 80 percent to care for the needs of our families.

For school-age children, we can begin teaching about money when they begin to earn an allowance. There are many ways to set up chores and allowance for your family. Do what works for your children, but, be sure to use both Law and Gospel. (To be continued next week)

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Thank you to the Strelcheck family (Uncle and Grandparents of Mark & Alyssa Pedersen) for the donation of five music stands for the band students.

There will be a bus evacuation drill on Friday, October 12. This is mandated drill as a part of the Illinois Safe School initiative.

The Immanuel Lutheran School faculty will host the coffee fellowship after the 6:00 worship service on Saturday, October 13. A special thanks to Sharon Tieman and Gail Tripoli for doing the serving during the fellowship.

CHAPEL SERVICE -- The chapel service on Wednesday, October 10 will be led by the fifth grade students under the leadership of Mrs. Viets. The worship event will start at 8:00 a.m.

In Christ,

David Ingwersen

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, OCTOBER 8TH COLUMBUS DAY

LUNCH BALANCES -- The lunch balances that are sent home on Friday (*per family*) will be **as of Thursdays** each week. This would also include payments received after Thursday morning. If you send in a payment Thursday afternoon or Friday, that payment will be reflected on your balance the following week. If you would like to find out the balance as of Fridays, you can check the Fast Direct internet system over the weekends.

IMPORTANT PARKING REMINDER -- When parking in spots adjacent to any sidewalks, please be sure to leave the walkway cleared. The Crystal Lake Police will be ticketing vehicles that impede the sidewalk.

OFFICER BRIAN SCHAR, son of our former much loved and respected DARE officer, Detective Ken Schar, was recently wounded in Iraq. As a result of his injury, both of his lower legs were amputated. We would like to send cards and letters to the Schar family who relocated to Tennessee when Detective Schar retired. Their address is: **Brian Schar, 1430 Ellis Woodloop, Sevierville, TN 37876.**

COME CHEER ON THE JV GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM ON OCTOBER 19 & 20TH. We are hosting a Jr. Varsity Girls Volleyball Tournament. For this tournament we are in need of volunteers to help with concessions, admissions and at the scorers' table. There is a sign up sheet on the bulleting board by the gym entrance. This counts towards your volunteer hours! **Come show your school spirit!** Any questions, call Laura Meinhardt at 847-516-9481.

FALL FESTIVAL -- The Fall Festival is fast approaching!! Be sure to mark your calendars for the fun event which is being held Sunday, October 28th from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. at school. There will be games for kids of all ages, treats to eat, a live teacher auction and much more!! Bring the whole family for an afternoon of entertainment.

Going home today is a volunteer form for the Fall Festival. There are several opportunities for you to get involved in the Fall Festival. You could provide an item for the treat walk, donate a toy for the Balloon Pop, or choose an event at the festival to be in charge of. Please return the form to the school by Wednesday, October 17th.

Also going home today is the Walk-A-Thon Pledge Sheet. This year the kids will be parading in their Halloween costumes while participating in the **1st annual walk-a-thon.** The funds raised from the walk-a-thon will go toward new technology for the school. The walk-a-thon will be held on Wednesday, October 31st. Parents are more than welcome to participate in the walk. Please return the pledge form to the school by October 19th.

Any questions concerning the Fall Festival or Walk-A-Thon, please contact Cheryl Poirier at 847-854-2677 or cpoidog@aol.com or Karen Audette at 815-788-8109 or texaudette@comcast.net.

CHAPEL OFFERING FOR FIRST QUARTER -- Chapel offerings will be going to two places our first quarter of the school year. **Monetary offerings** will be sent to the **American Cancer Society in honor of Kevin Koenig.** We will also be collecting **items for the Koenig family to take to Rush Hospital.** When asking the family "how we as a school can help," Mrs. Koenig responded with an idea to help all of the children in the pediatric ward. She suggested that we could collect the following items: **new board games, colors and coloring books, puzzles, colored pencils and drawing paper, picture and chapter books, kids' pillowcases, and colorful socks.** Items can be brought in any day of the week. Let's fill the Koenig van with lots of items of love from the Immanuel School children.

7TH AND 8TH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS BLOGSITE -- In an effort to help students remember their assignments, I have created a blogsite online. A blog is a place on the internet to post information. I will be posting assignments from the 7/8th grade language arts classes. If you'd like to receive email updates each time I post an assignment, please send me your email address at bmccoid@imcl.us or you can check the site directly at <http://78languagearts.blogspot.com/> Now parents and students can always know what's due in language arts! Mrs. McCoid

1ST AND 2ND GRADE CHOIR will be singing in church on Sunday, October 14th at the 11:00 a.m. service. Meet Mrs. Helm in the church lower level at 10:40 a.m. It would be great to see all the students at church that morning!!
Thanks, Mrs. Helm

DINNER NIGHT OUT -- Our next dinner night out will be held on Tuesday, October 16th from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Colonial Café in Crystal Lake. Fliers concerning this event are going home today.

MANNA!! We have some inventory available in the school office for “cash and carry”. Check it out – we may have just what you’re looking for!! The Manna dates for the fall are as follows:

Orders Due

Monday, November 5

Monday, December 3

Pick Up

Friday, November 9

Friday, December

If you have any questions, please contact Joni Haldeman (815-459-4275).

MARKET DAY -- We’d like to thank everyone who supported our October Market Day sale and helped our school earn FREE books. Thank you especially to the 7th and 8th grade students and parents who showed up to help organize all those boxes of food!! Remember to purchase a dessert in November and help our school earn more profit! Your order is important to us, so please look for your November order sheet to come home next week or visit www.marketday.com to see the great selection of Market Day foods. Mary Matthei, 847-669-5513.

JAMZ-Jesus and Me Zone

Volunteer Positions available:

TEACHING POSITIONS available in our 5th and 6th grade combined classes working with our new GRAPPLE curriculum. Call Jane Sotos (815-479-1966), Cindy Ibbotson (815-356-6048), or Amy Morgan (815-459-4507) to join the GRAPPLE teaching team.

Skit and Drama team- Actors wanted 1-2 times a month for JAMZ large group gatherings. Call Jane Sotos (815-479-1966) or Cindy Ibbotson (815-356-6048) to sign up.

Wish List Items:

If you have any BIBLE STORY books (pre-school aged or up) or CHRISTIAN MUSIC DVDs (includes songs, lyrics, and motions) you would like to donate bring them to the Church Office or drop off in the back of the Church on Sundays.

HOW CAN WE HELP? If you would like to make a meal for the Koenig family, please contact Sharon Tieman at stieman@imcl.us or call 815-893-0316. We will be sending meals 2-3 times per week to help free Brenda to care for Kevin. Meals can be dropped off at school in the afternoon and sent home with Kristian. There will be a scheduled work day to help with yard work later in the fall. Watch for more information. Keep praying for Kevin to stay healthy in between treatments!

PTL MEETING REMINDER -- Tuesday, October 9 at 2:00 p.m. in the mobiles. Student activities during the meeting include the following: Kids of the Kingdom (concession room next to Little Ark), Extended Care (*fee waived*) (Art/Music Room lower hallway), or study hall (grades 5-8) (Mrs. Schultz’s classroom). If you have any questions concerning PTL, the meeting, or scheduled student activities during the meeting, please call Jen Ferrell at 847-854-4586.

SAY CHEESE!! School pictures will be taken on Monday, October 22 (Tuesday, October 23 for Tuesday/Thursday Little Ark). Order envelopes are going home today. Orders must be pre-paid and ordered at the time of the photograph. Make checks payable to Color Portraits, Inc.

FALL CONCERT -- The Fall Concert will be held on Wednesday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. All students in grades 1 – 8 are participating!! Please have your child meet in the cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. Please wear nice dress clothes, no jeans or t-shirts, please!! Mrs. Helm

THINKING ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL? Consider all your options by coming to an Open House at Fox Valley Lutheran Academy on Tuesday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m. Learn about our emphasis on writing and servant leadership. Meet our caring, dedicated teachers. Call 847-468-8207 with any additional questions.

ILC Youth Activities (Grades 6 – 8)

WILL YOU EAT . . . ? At this week's Junior High Youth Night, we'll be exploring what we put into our bodies. We'll have an eating contest centered around the questions, "Will you eat. . . ?" So bring your appetite and your brave palates on Sunday night to the T.H.E.A.T.R.E. from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are welcome to attend. See you there!!

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER: Plan now to put the fun back in fundraiser! The Youth will be serving an awesome dinner to include spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, beverage & dessert. The really fun part will be the talent show that will accompany the dinner. Talent show is open to anyone but you must sign up with Ginny by 10/14 so she can get in into the program. Tickets are available now in the church office and the school office (Adults \$5, High School \$4, K-8th grade \$3 and under 5 free.) There will also be a bake sale so you can take some of those goodies home with you. Those working the dinner will split the funds.

RICHARDSON'S CORN MAZE - Put the date on your calendar... October 27th we'll be going to Richardson's corn maze (the largest corn maze in the world) in Spring Grove, IL. We'll leave at 6:30 pm and return around 11:00 pm. Call Ginny to sign up or for more info. This event is open to all students in 6th – 12th grades.

God Bless you this week! Ginny Illich & Mrs. McCoid

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!! Immanuel Crystal Lake Panther decals are in the office! They are \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. You can use them on your car window or stick them on just about anything! Show your ***Panther Pride*** all over town!!

THE GREAT POSTCARD RACE –

Mail cards to: Third Grade Class, Immanuel Lutheran School, 178 McHenry Ave, Crystal Lake, IL 60014

The third grade class has been learning so much about USA geography. We have received postcards from around the country. Thanks to each of you who have assisted us! We have SIX more states to go. Can you help us? We still need postcards from Connecticut, Delaware, Mississippi, North Dakota, Rhode Island and Montana. Thanks!!

LIBRARY CORNER – We are so excited about our beautiful fall and we are reading all about it! What makes leaves turn? Did you know that the brightest leaves have the most sugar in them? A special thank you goes to Mrs. Matthei for her stupendous efforts at Market Day so that we could earn the 400 new books from Scholastic . . . What a friend of our library!! All of you who ordered generously are helping our library to grow! God's Blessings! Thank you also to Kyle Moffatt for the books he donated to the library!! Mrs. Lawin

IMMANUEL MINISTRIES C.L. COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE FOR HEARTLAND BLOOD CENTER

When: Thursday, October 18
Time: 3:00-7:00 pm
Place: The Pointe (next to Target in Crystal Lake)
Who: Contact Debra Hay to schedule an appointment at 815-404-6313
What: Every donor receives a free "Heartland" weekend bag.
Why: Donate Blood, You Could Save A Life!

PADS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -- Christian Fellowship on Walkup Rd in Crystal Lake is entering its second year of helping with PADS on Friday night/Saturday morning. I have been blessed while doing the laundry on Saturday mornings. We are in need of many more hands for all shifts. The youth groups, bible study groups, confirmation groups etc. are welcome. They can contact Chris Carr or Manny Negron at cfchurchcl@sbcglobal.net.
Judy Kammer

Immanuel Lutheran Church Worship Services:

Saturday	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
JAMZ, Confirmation & Mid-Pointe	9:30 a.m.

Lunch items offered daily are:

Hot Dog on Bun	Chicken Patty Sandwich
Salad Entrée	Soup w/Roll
Pepperoni Pizza	Cheeseburger

SCHEDULE AND LUNCH:

Monday 10/8	No School – Columbus Day
Tuesday 10/9	Mexican Grandido, Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Fresh Apple, Brownie, Milk 2:00 p.m. PTL Meeting 2:15 – 3:00 p.m. Kids of the Kingdom 4:30 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls Volleyball Game at Home vs. Zion, Marengo 5:30 p.m. Varsity Girls Volleyball Game at Home vs. Zion, Marengo
Wednesday 10/10	Chili Con Carne, Dinner Roll, Garden Salad, Dressing, Applesauce, Milk 8:00 a.m. Chapel 2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Boys Volleyball Practice 3:45 – 5:00 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls Volleyball Practice 5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Varsity Girls Volleyball Practice
Thursday 10/11	Beef Ravioli, Breadstick, Celery & Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Rice Krispy Treat, Milk 4:30 p.m. Boys Volleyball Game at Home vs. St. Matthew, Hawthorne Woods 5:30 p.m. Varsity Girls Volleyball Game at Home vs. St. Matthew, Hawthorne Woods
Friday 10/12	BBQ Chicken on Bun, Tater Tots, Pear, Goldfish Crackers, Milk 4:00 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls Volleyball Game at Home vs. St. John, Algonquin 5:00 p.m. Varsity Girls Volleyball Game at Home vs. St. John, Algonquin
Monday 10/15	Cheese Hot Dog, Tater Tots, Applesauce, Carnival Cookie, Milk 4:00 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls Volleyball Game at Immanuel, Palatine

5:00 p.m. Boys Volleyball Game at Immanuel, Palatine
6:00 p.m. Varsity Girls Volleyball Game at Immanuel, Palatine

Tuesday 10/16 **Chicken & Bean Burrito, Spanish Rice, Pears, Dinner Roll, Pudding, Milk**
2:00 – 8:00 p.m. Dinner Night Out at Colonial Café, Crystal Lake

Wednesday 10/17 **Egg Muffin w/Cheese, Hash Brown Potatoes, Peaches, Coffee Cake, Milk**
9:20 a.m. Chapel
6:00 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls Volleyball Game at St. Thomas
7:00 p.m. Varsity Girls Volleyball Game at St. Thomas

Thursday 10/18 **Dinosaur Pasta, Corn, Pears, Cookie, Dinner Roll, Milk**
3:45 – 5:00 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls Volleyball Practice

Friday 10/19 **Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Corn, Peaches, Cookie, Milk**
Jr. Varsity Girls Volleyball Tournament @ Home