



February 22, 2008

Dear Immanuel families:

“My God, My God why hast Thou forsaken me?”

These are words that Jesus spoke when he had been on the cross for several hours and felt that God had indeed abandon him in his hour of need.

It may be the question that we ask when we are faced with the crosses in our own life. It seems at this time of year between Christmas and Easter, these crosses seem heavier and harder to bear than at any other time of the year. We ask the question “My God, why?”

Some people get no further than asking this question and then live under the shadow of the question mark. They make for themselves a veritable question of their life.

Jesus also asked “Why” but before he breathed his last, He turned the tragedy of the crucifixion into a blessing with the words – “Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit” (Luke 23:46). It is in these words that we discover the key to our response to suffering. It is true that Christ’s suffering was on our behalf, but they also came as a result of living in a sinful world.

God has promised to enable us to bear suffering and even to discover meaning and purpose for conflict and affliction. What is the Christian’s answer to suffering? Face it, accept it – and use it. Allow it to make of us vessels fit for the God’s use and ways to be a blessing to others who may be suffering. This comes possible only by the grace of God.

In Christ,

David Ingwersen, Principal

REGISTRATION – Please return your registration packet and deposit by Friday, February 29th to ensure your child’s spot for next year.

PANTHER KIDS

Starts tomorrow -- Saturday, February 23

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Please be sure to wear or bring gym shoes!

MID-TERM REPORTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO VIEW ON FAST DIRECT BEGINNING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26. If you are in need of a print out of the Mid-Term Report, please contact the school office.

NO BUS SERVICE HOME ON MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008

INTERNATIONAL FAIR & OPEN HOUSE – Join us on **Thursday, March 6, 2008 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** for the Immanuel Lutheran School's International Fair. This will be held during National Lutheran Schools' Week!

DINNER NIGHT OUT AT CULVERS – We will have our next dinner night out at Culver's Restaurant, Crystal Lake, on Monday, March 3, 2008 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. We hope you can enjoy a dinner out at Culver's while benefiting our school! No flier is necessary for Immanuel to receive credit for this event.

CHICAGO STORM SOCCER – Saturday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Sears Centre Arena. Join other Immanuel Lutheran School families for an evening out while Immanuel receives \$3.00 back from each ticket purchased using the Immanuel login and password. See the flier going home today for additional information. Please note that the deadline to order tickets is TODAY.

INTERESTED IN FITNESS? DANCE? MOVIES? We had some items left from the recent Trivia Night that we need to get off our hands. If you're interested in purchasing or bidding on any of the following items, please contact Brandy McCoid (bmccoid@imcl.us) by **February 29th**. You can get some great deals...

- 3 month fitness membership to National Fitness and Tan (must be activated by March 1st – HURRY!)
- 3 month fitness AND TANNING membership to National Fitness and Tan (must be activated by March 1st – HURRY!)
- 1 month fitness AND TANNING membership to National Fitness and Tan (must be activated by March 1st – HURRY!)
- 4 movie passes to Regal Entertainment Group (Regal Cinemas, United Artists Theatres, and Edwards Theatres)
- 1 session of Evolution Hip Hop (aged 8 and up) at The Summers Academy of Dance
- 1 dance birthday party (good for up to 10 children) at The Summers Academy of Dance

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH SERVICE TRIP -- Are you in 6th – 8th grade? Are you ready to serve? Want to have an amazing week this summer? Then you're the perfect person to go on a service trip, August 10th – 16th to St. Louis, MO. Bring yourself and a parent to an informational meeting on **Sunday, March 9th from 4 – 5 PM in the T.H.E.A.T.E.R.** You'll learn all of the details and discover an awesome opportunity to help others. Contact Mrs. McCoid if you've got questions.

3rd & 4th GRADE CHOIR will sing at the 8:00 a.m. service on March 2nd. This day kicks off Lutheran Schools' Week. Have your child meet in the church lower level at 7:45 a.m. I hope to see you there! Thanks, Mrs. Helm

LIBRARY CORNER – The love of reading is beautiful to see . . . we have many students who come to mind . . . today I'll mention one. A lovely little girl who discovered the Great Illustrated Classic Collection, she is excitedly reading one after another, checking out 2 every other day. To my joy she sweetly called me at home when she finished The Secret Garden and came in early this morning to check out Heidi and Alice in Wonderland – Clare Urbanski, 2nd grader, is on a roll! She made my day!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO CLAUDIA PASCHE!! Claudia came in 2nd place at the Regional Spelling Bee this week that was held at Hannah Beardsley Middle School. Claudia competed against school winners from Fox River Grove Middle School, Cary Jr. High School, Prairie Hill School, Prairie Grove Elementary School, Prairie Grove Jr. High School, Hannah Beardsley Middle School, Lundahl Middle School, South Elementary School, St. Peter and Paul Catholic School and St. Thomas Catholic School. Claudia will now go on to compete at the McHenry County Final Competition on Wednesday, March 5th at McHenry County College Conference Center. Way to go, Claudia!!

EASTER FEAST FOOD FIGHT – Don't forget to bring in a canned good or imperishable food item for the Kids of the Kingdom food drive. This is being held during Lent. Don't forget that the teacher of the class that brings in the most food will get an Easter Surprise Pie in the Face!

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS – Please be reminded that we need the photographs of your child to put together the graduation DVD. **Please get these to Heather Simek as soon as possible.** You can send them into the office with Heather's name on the envelope and we will gladly pass it along to Heather. If you have any questions, please contact Heather at 847-669-5908.

SIX FLAGS – READ TO SUCCEED! Earn a free Six Flags ticket (good for 1 student ticket June 19, 2008 through August 10, 2008) by reading hours. Reading club forms were sent home last week. Kindergarten through 6th grade students who read **6** hours, complete the form, and turn the form in to their teacher by **February 28, 2008** will receive a free Six Flags ticket. Any questions, contact stieman@imcl.us. Work hard to read and play hard at Six Flags!

MARKET DAY – Market Day is pleased to offer Brunch Bonus Days! Place an order in March and help our school earn more profit with Brunch Bonus Days! Simply place your order online at www.marketday.com until NOON on Wednesday, March 5th. Order forms can be dropped off in the school office by Monday, March 3rd. This is the last Market Day before Easter. Thank you for supporting Market Day at Immanuel. Mary Matthei, 847-669-5513

JAMZ NEWS

February 24th- "Bring a friend to JAMZ Sunday"- All JAMZ students should invite a friend to come along to their class this week. Questions-Contact Cindy Ibbotson or Jane Sotos

VBS-POWER LAB-OOZING WITH FUN! Dates have been set so mark your calendars now! VBS-Power Lab will take place **July 14th-18th**, 9:00-Noon each day. **Water Bottles**-Save your empty water bottles and turn into the school or Church Office. (we will make a cool craft with these) **Lab Coats**- We will be looking for donations of Lab Coats or old white shirts you may have. Drop off in the School or Church office. Questions- Call Jane Sotos, Cindy Ibbotson, or Shelly Davidson

MID-POINTE – Join us Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the gym for Mid-Pointe. Mid-Pointe is large-group Bible study opportunity offered during the Sunday School/JAMZ hour. Pastor Tieman will be speaking this week on the topic “Our Kids and the Christ Centered Church”.

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	Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Entrée	Soup w/Roll	Deli Sandwich

SCHEDULE AND LUNCH

Saturday 2/23	8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Panther Kids
Monday 2/25	Mini Corn Dogs, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Corn, Peaches, Jello, Milk 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Musical Auditions - Mobiles
Tuesday 2/26	Beef & Cheese Nacho's, Mixed Vegetables, Grapes, Goldfish Crackers, Roll, Milk 2:15 – 3:00 p.m. Kids of the Kingdom
Wednesday 2/27	Egg McMuffin w/Cheese, Hashbrown, Peaches, Coffee Cake, Milk 8:00 a.m. Chapel 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Service
Thursday 2/28	Chicken & Noodles, Dinner Roll, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, Brownie, Milk
Friday 2/29	Dinosaur Pasta, Breadstick, Salad w/Dressing, Peaches, Cookie, Milk
Saturday 3/1	8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Panther Kids

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS' WEEK

Sunday 3/2	8:00 a.m. Worship Service – Grades 3 & 4 Sing
Monday 3/3	Footlong Hot Dog, Tater Tots, Green Beans, Applesauce, Milk Pajama Day NO BUS SERVICE HOME 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Musical Rehearsal -- Mobiles 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Dinner Night Out at Culver's Crystal Lake
Tuesday 3/4	Cinnamon French Toast, Syrup, Breakfast Sausage, Hashbrown, Orange, Milk Crazy Hair/Hat Day 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Musical Rehearsal -- Mobiles
Wednesday 3/5	Beef & Cheese Nachos, Corn, Pears, Cookie, Roll, Milk Dress Up Day 8:00 a.m. Chapel
Thursday 3/6	Lasagna Roll Up, Salad w/Dressing, Breadstick, Fruit Mix, Animal Crackers, Milk Class Color Day 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Musical Rehearsal -- Mobiles 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. International Fair & Open House

Friday 3/7

Fishwich on Bun, Tater Tots, Corn, Peaches, Applesauce Cake, Milk
Jamaican Me Crazy Day – Island/Tropical Attire – No Swimsuits

