

AUGUST 16 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT - THIS TUESDAY!!

Back to School Night at Immanuel School is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18 from 6-7 PM. Kids can bring their school supplies and leave them at school. A great time to meet your teacher and see your room!! Don't forget your masks!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!!!!

Immanuel's Sunday School needs teachers for the Preschool and First and Second Grades. Please call Jon Mumm @317-7575 if you are interested in teaching our little ones for the 2020-2021 school year.

SERMON SERIES – Our summer sermon theme will be “Matthew’s Messiah.” The Sermon on the Mount in Matthew’s Gospel marked the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. As Matthew records the work of Jesus during his ministry, his goal is to demonstrate how Jesus is the fulfillment of God’s Old Testament promises. He shows us how Jesus is the Messiah. As we travel through Matthew’s gospel this summer, may Matthew show us his Messiah and ours. NEXT WEEK: Jesus walks on the water.

OUR AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE program needs supervisors. ASCC meets after school from 3:15-5:30 pm. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Mumm @ 317-7575

PUBLIC SCHOOL CONFIRMATION – Instruction will start for public school 7th and 8th graders on September 16. If you have not received information about confirmation and you have a public school student, please contact Pastor Leistekow.

MASKS IN CHURCH – At our Church Council meeting on Tuesday, we passed the following resolution: In view of Governor Evers’ mandate, we are strongly encouraging everyone to wear a mask when they attend worship services out of consideration for the health of our brothers and sisters.

In our discussion of the mandate, we considered whether it required us to act contrary to God’s Word and concluded that it does not. It is merely a safety requirement like regulations for fire safety that limit the number of people in our building or requiring all the doors to be unlocked.

We also considered that the purpose of the mandate is to reduce the spread of the virus. Christian love for our neighbors – in this case our fellow worshipers – should encourage us to follow the mandate out of concern for one another and obedience to God’s representatives in the government. As Paul tells us in **Romans 13:1,4,5,8**:

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ... For he (the government) is God's servant to do you good. ... Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. ... Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.

So our encouragement is for everyone to please wear a mask to church in love for God and for our fellow worshipers.