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Welcome!

We are excited to share the Good News with you! Guests, please sign our guestbook in the entry. Please join us again.

Serving Us This Week

PASTOR Joe Naumann ♦ DEACON Paul Bade

ORGANIST Vickie Schreyer ♦ SOUND Evan Matzke ♦ VIDEO Vern Frank

SCREEN Cliff Kuehne ♦ FLOWERS Viv Hanel

HEAD USHER Fred Friedrichs ♦ ASSISTANT John Heinze

USHERS Niko Becker; Joshua Clobes; David Clobes; Hunter Hanel; Jay Hanel;
Ty Hanel; Dennis Heinze; Brett Kruse; Andy Olmanson; Luke Olmanson;
Mick Rykhus; Russ Schmitt; Alex Schmitt; Ron Wolle; Steve Wolle

Serving Us Next Week

PASTOR Joe Naumann ♦ DEACON Jason Dick

ORGANIST Grace Schreyer ♦ SOUND Gabe Strand ♦ VIDEO Mike Schweim

SCREEN Russ Schmitt ♦ FLOWERS Grace Schreyer

HEAD USHER Joe Friedrichs ♦ ASSISTANT Michael Wheaton

USHERS Ben Busse; Jacob Busse; Sherman Carstensen; Jason Dick;
Mark Geiger; Sam Geschwind; Sam Hagen; Kevin Moeri; Karl Mueller;
Bernt Olmanson; Wayne Timm

Trinity Sunday

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the
wisdom and knowledge of God!

Romans 11:33

Pre-Service Meditation

Psalm 33 (Red Hymnal pg 131)

*Prayer: O blessed Trinity, reveal to us the great grace You have won
for us! None of us can truly understand the great love you had*

CHANTING ORDER OF SERVICE

Hymn

239 *Red Hymnal*

Come, Thou Almighty King

PRAYER

INVOCATION

We invoke ("call upon") the name of our Triune God.

Pastor (P): In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): ♪ Amen.

All: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray that You would of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. To all who believe on His name He

gives the privilege of being children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: ♪ Amen.

♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Glory be to God on high
And on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,
We glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King,
God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
You who takes away the sin of the world,
Receive our prayer.
You who sits at the right hand of God the Father,
Have mercy upon us.
For You only are holy;
You only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
Are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 6:1-6

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. **2** Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. **3** And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" **4** And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. **5** So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts." **6** Then one of the seraphim flew to me,

having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar.

♪ **Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,
The Lord of all in spirit did behold
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,
With robes that filled the temple courts with light.
Above the throne were flaming seraphim;
Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.
With two they veiled their faces as was right,
With two they humbly hid their feet from sight,
And with the other two aloft they soared;
One to the other called and praised the Lord:
HOLY IS GOD, THE LORD OF HEAV'NLY HOSTS!
HOLY IS GOD, THE LORD OF HEAV'NLY HOSTS!
HOLY IS GOD, THE LORD OF HEAV'NLY HOSTS!
HIS GLORY FILLS THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH!
The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,
And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.**

Christian Worship #267

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 3:1-15

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." 3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? 11 "Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. 12 "If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 "No

one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. 14 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

THE ATHANASIAN CREED

The Church's Confession of the Holy Trinity

P: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the universal Christian faith.

C: **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

P: And the universal Christian faith is this,

C: **That we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

P: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

C: **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

P: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

C: **The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

P: The Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

C: **The Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

P: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

C: **Just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

P: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

C: **And yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.**

P: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

C: **And yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

P: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

C: **And yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

P: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,

C: **So also are we prohibited by the universal Christian religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.**

- P: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- C: **The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.**
- P: The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- C: **Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.**
- P: And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;
- C: **But the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.**
- P: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- C: **But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- P: Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.
- C: **He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages;**
- P: And He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- C: **Perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**
- P: equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- C: **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**
- P: One, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- C: **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**
- P: For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- C: **Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**
- P: Ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

C: **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**

P: And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

C: **This is the universal faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved. Amen.**

Hymn

250 *Red Hymnal*

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

SERMON MEDITATION

ROMANS 11:32-36

Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it. Luke 11: 28

For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all. 33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! 34 "For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?" 35 "Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?" 36 For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

Use God's Heavenly Search Bar

1. **The God Who Knows All Makes Himself Known to You**
2. **The God Who Owns All Gives to All**

*Preaching today Pastor Joe Naumann
sermon note sheets available in the narthex
sermons and services online at www.ImmanuelMankato.org*

OFFERTORY

RED HYMNAL

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

Hymn

248 *Red Hymnal*

Father of Glory, to Thy Name

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

*So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or
of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

MATTHEW 6: 9-13

**Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hymn

246 *Red Hymnal*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

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The Athenasian Creed

Early in the fourth century, a new teaching appeared which claimed that Jesus was not true God. Arius, the north African priest who first proposed this theory, was extremely persuasive, and soon the controversy was so widespread that a church council was called to settle the matter. Out of that meeting in A.D. 325 came the Nicene Creed, which clearly confesses Jesus to be true God. That creed, which was expanded in A.D. 381 in order to defend the divinity of the Holy Spirit, is still widely used today as a confession of the triune faith.

Despite the clarity of the Nicene Creed, the controversy continued for some time. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that marveled at the mystery of the Trinity in a way that no creed had ever done. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth-century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed clearly came at a later stage in the debate.

The Athanasian Creed proclaims that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are the universal faith. In other words, this is what the true church of all times and all places has confessed. More than 15 centuries later, the church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given himself for our salvation.

Last Week

Gatherings

June 8-9

Saturday Worship: 50

Sunday Worship: 229

Weekend Total: 279

Bible Studies

Adult Instruction: 4

Jail: 11

Marriage Seminar: 22

Men's Breakfast: 18

Old Main: 11

Primrose: 7

Walnut Tower: 11

Fruits of Faith

Immanuel

Current Expenses **\$10,446.59**

Weekly Need \$14,195.58

ILS Foundation **\$35**

ILS Interactive Display **\$30**

ILS Student Aid **\$20**

ILS Tuition Aid **\$40**

Land Purchase **\$95**

New Equipment Fund **\$50**

CLC

ILC Building **\$20**

Missions (Coop Budget) **\$470**

Weekly Need \$1,419.35

Mission Development Fund (MDF) **\$257**

This Week

Sat Jun 15 6:00p **WORSHIP**

7:00p Third Sunday Communion *in the sanctuary*

Sun Jun 16 8:15a Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM

10:00a **WORSHIP**

11:00a Third Sunday Communion *in the sanctuary*

Mon Jun 17 *Have a blessed week!*

Tues – Thurs **Both pastors are out of town at Pastoral Conference; they are available via cell phone which are listed on page 1 of the bulletin**

Tues Jun 18 3p-5p **NO Pastors Office Hours**

Wed Jun 19 12:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Communications #7

Thu Jun 20 5:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Communications #7

6:00p Marriage Seminar: Built to Last *in the high school language room*

Fri Jun 21 6:30a Men's Breakfast and Bible Study *in the church basement*

8a-10a Pastors' Office Hours

10:15a **WORSHIP**, Pathstone, 708 Mound Avenue, Mankato

11:00a **WORSHIP**, Autumn Grace, 118 Raven Court, Mankato

4:30p Worship Music Practice *in the church sanctuary*

Sat Jun 22 10:00a Bible Study, Primrose, 2nd floor community room, 1360 Adams Street

6:00p **WORSHIP**

Sun Jun 23 8:15a Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM

10:00a **WORSHIP**

Immanuel Announcements

Dear brothers and sisters of Immanuel Lutheran,

This past week I received the call to be principal and teacher at St. John's, Okabena. There is always work to do in the kingdom of the Lord, so in the coming weeks I will consider where God can best use me. Thankfully, God sends us His Holy Spirit to help us in our lives and He will surely help guide this decision.

Please keep me in your prayers in the coming days, and I welcome any thoughts you wish to share.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and He will make your paths straight.

Matthew Kranz

Dear Members of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church,

I've been blessed to have the opportunity to serve at Immanuel for the last 12 years. After much prayerful consideration the Lord has led me to resign my call effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. This decision is a result of prayerful assessment of my gifts, energy, and family needs and is not the result of any specific challenge or situation.

Thank you for all the support you have given to me and my family over these last twelve years. We look forward to continuing to support Immanuel as church members and parents of students attending the school.

In Christ, Kyle Ochsner

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY PLANS There will be no weekend Bible Class or Sunday School this summer beginning this weekend. Weekend Bible Class and Sunday School will resume this fall.

Please join us at these summer study opportunities:

- **Weekly Bible Study:** on **Wednesdays** at **5:30 pm** beginning on **June 26** followed by an optional (bring your own) picnic at Sibley Park Shelter #2 (south of the Red Barn).
- **Marriage Built to Last:** a 6-week study on **Thursdays** starting **June 6**, from 6-7:30 pm in the Language Classroom. Childcare will be available.*
- **Perceptive Parenting with Jesus:** a 5-week study on **Saturdays** starting **July 6** at 10 am in the Church Basement. Childcare will be available.*

* Members who are interested in helping with childcare, please contact one of the pastors.

PASTOR VISIT Pastor Neal would like to have a visit with you this summer, Lord willing! Please take a few seconds to schedule a time to visit at home or here at church by going to this link: https://www.picktime.com/Immanuel_Mankato_Pastor_visit

LADIES AUXILIARY SPRING LUNCHEON Ladies and Gentlemen of Immanuel Congregation are invited to join the Ladies Auxiliary for lunch and fellowship Wednesday, **June 26**, at Pizza Ranch in Mankato at 11:00 am. The Bunkhouse has been reserved. Contact Donna Klammer at 507-625-3532 for more information. Good food, Great company, See you there!

NEEDED: Parade Volunteers The Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to walk in local parades on **July 4** and **July 13**. Volunteers are asked to wear Immanuel swag. A special order for Immanuel clothing will be placed on June 16. Come help us further the work of our Lord by promoting our church and school. Please inform Daniel Pfeiffer as soon as possible if you are able to help (507-304-3473). Thank you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Our VBS theme this summer is "Making Tracks in God's Word." Dates are **July 15-19** from 8:30 am - 11:30 am (supervision available from 8 am – 12 pm). Activities will include crafts, music, recess, and Bible lessons. Volunteers are needed, so please sign-up in the narthex. Online VBS registration has begun. For more information or to register, visit www.immanuelmankato.org.

GOD'S PROMISES KEPT - VOLUME II Volume II by Pastor Dale Redlin is available for \$15. This volume is 450 pages beginning with "Israel Deserts God for a Golden Calf" and ends with "Joseph-Mary-the Christ Child." Watch for this book to be available before/after services in the church entries.

WASHINGTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD REQUEST A local artist, Mindy Pitzner, is working on creating a mural for Washington Park. She is searching for anyone who has personal stories, photos or other memories of Washington Park and the surrounding neighborhood for inspiration in her mural. There are posters hanging in the entries with the artist's contact information or you can connect with Hilary Lien in the church office.*

NEEDED: Altar Flower Volunteers The altar flower sign-up for May through October is now posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the narthex and listed below. Please consider **volunteering or donating** to help with this effort. Any questions or if interested in donating, please email StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org or call Kristen Friedrichs at 507-382-5257.

June 7/8 Viv Hanel
June 15/16 Viv Hanel
June 22/23 Grace Schreyer
June 29/30 _____

August 3/4 _____
August 10/11 Karla Olmanson
August 17/18 Viv Hanel
August 24/25 Allen Hansen

July 6/7 _____
July 13/14 Daryl Pischner
July 20/21 Viv Hanel
July 27/28 Allen Hansen

Aug 31/Sept 1 Audrey Lueck
Sept 7/8 Daryl Pischner
Sept 14/15 _____
Sept 21/22 _____
Sept 28/29 _____

CLC Announcements

CLC CALL NEWS Teacher Graduate, June Schmid, has returned the call to St. John's Lutheran School, Okabena, MN <> Teacher Matthew Kranz of Immanuel Lutheran School, Mankato, has received the call to St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN. <> Pastor David Reim of St Paul, Vernon, British Columbia, Canada has been called to Redeemer of Bowdle and Zion of Ipswich, SD. <> Principal Kyle Ochsner announced his intent to resign as principal and teacher of Immanuel Lutheran School, Mankato, at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. <> Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran, Saginaw, MI, has returned the call to Bethel Lutheran, Morris, MN. <> Teacher Paul Tiefel III of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, has been called to Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC. Paul also has been called to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI

LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN The Lutheran Spokesman is up for resubscription! If you would like to continue (or start!) getting a copy of the Spokesman, please sign up on the sign-up sheets located in the church entry, or talk to the church secretary. Yearly Subscriptions are **\$14** and payment is due by **June 23** Please write out any checks to *Immanuel Lutheran Church* with the memo line 'Lutheran Spokesman'.

RETIREMENT SERVICE Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland, Colorado will have a retirement service for Pastor John Klatt on June 30, being held at the church, 620 E. 50th St., in Loveland. The service will begin at 4:00 pm, with a fellowship dinner to follow. All are invited and most welcome to attend. For those who wish to send letters of congratulations, please address them c/o Kirk Kesterson, 2138 S. Custer Ave., Loveland, CO, 80537.

CANDIDATES FOR ILC PROFESSOR CALL The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI, invites "all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession" (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created by the retirement of Professor Paul Sullivan at the end of the 2019-20 academic year. The position would require the ability to teach in a variety of areas, which may include high school and college courses in religion, social sciences, and church history. To fill a current need on campus, this individual would need to be able to provide spiritual counsel and encouragement to students in the Word of God, understanding and addressing the challenges that students often face today, and someone who is seminary trained. The position would, God-willing, commence with the 2020-21 academic year. Those submitting nominations are strongly encouraged to verify that the individual would be willing to be nominated and would need to include information regarding their nominee's educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in supervising extracurricular activities or serving in administrative positions. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight July 15, 2019 (letters postmarked July 1, 2019) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

CLC Financial Report Below is an excerpt from the CLC Financial Report for May. Please consider this need for the **CLC Missions (Coop Budget)** when you review your giving.

General Fund – Offerings this month were \$76,435 versus disbursements of \$98,832, a negative monthly cash flow of -\$22,397. For the 11 months to date, the General Fund has a shortfall of \$40,000 for budgeted needs, while the budget is overspent by \$48,290, resulting in a General Fund deficit of - **\$88,290**. With just June left in this fiscal year (June 30), CLC offerings of \$220,000 are needed to cover anticipated expenses of \$130,000. The budgets of the Trustees, Regents, Missions, & Ed & Publications count on major funding from your CLC General Fund offerings!

The full report was sent out via email to the Immanuel bulletin distribution list on Saturday. If you are not on that list and would like a copy, please email Bulletin@ImmanuelMankato.org or contact the church secretary at 507-345-3027 x 223.

UPCOMING CLC SPONSORED CAMPS:

BLACK HILLS FAMILY BIBLE CAMP Camping in the beauty of the Black Hills, studies in the beauty of God's Word. There will also be many outdoor activities available such as hiking, swimming, fishing, kayaking, bonfires, s'mores etc... The dates are Friday evening **July 19** through Tuesday morning **July 23**. To sign up or for more information, you can call Pastor Aaron Ude at (605) 393-1311 or email him at aaronude@gmail.com.

LOWER MICHIGAN BIBLE CAMP CLC young people, ages 6th - 12th grade, are welcome to attend the Lower Michigan Bible Camp. This is tent camping at Pigeon Creek Park near Lake Michigan in Ottawa County, Michigan. The cost is only \$50.00/camper. The dates are **July 29 - August 1**. Call Pastor David Schaller for more information: 269-424-3035.

PACIFIC NW CAMP is **July 29 – August 2**, on beautiful Whidbey Island in Washington state. The camp will be at a group site at Fort Ebey State Park. Registration is for individual youth (grade 6 thru college) or families. This year's theme is "We Know and Believe" based on portions of 1 John. **Costs are (covers camp fee, food for the whole week, activities, and a Bible journal for devotions):**

- Individual Youth Camper Rate (Grade 6 thru college): \$100
- Family Rate: \$200 (covers up to 2 adults and 2 kids – 1st thru 5th grade). Additional family members are \$25. Children age 5 and younger are free.

Registration is due July 14 and available online at www.RedemptionCLC.com. For more information, contact Pastor Mark Tiefel at pastor.redemption@gmail.com or watch the promo video at <https://youtu.be/qhzD0If4Pk>

CHRIST'S EXPLORERS CAMP Only have 3 weeks left to get 3rd-8th grade students registered for this camp in Gaston, SC, on **August 23-25**. Registration is due July 1. It is going to be a wonderful weekend full of faith based activities and fun! Late registrations will not be a problem, BUT we will not be able to guarantee a t-shirt for anyone who registers late. For more information and/or to register, contact Sara Kloke RunsForFun@aol.com or Karen Howell kdhowell32@gmail.com. This camp is sponsored by our sister congregation Holy Trinity is West Columbia, SC.

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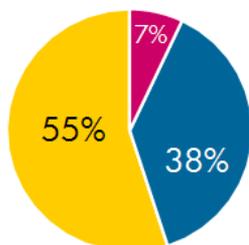
COMMUNICATING CLEARLY?

Brief recap from our "Marriage Built to Last" class this past week

You are not alone!

EVERY relationship has challenges in communicating clearly. How we speak and interact with our parents or children, with our family or neighbors, or with our husband or wife comes across in our tone of voice and in our body language, not just our words.

In fact, researchers have found the words we use are a small part of clear communication:



Elements of Personal Communication

- 7% spoken words
- 38% voice, tone
- 55% body language

Most people struggle with the most basic concepts of speaking and listening, especially when you throw in these other factors of the tone of voice and body language we use.

Where do I start?

Christ has forgiven us our sins! Paul makes that clear. But how does that affect the way we speak to others? The Word of God from **Ephesians 4:25-32** gives **5 ways to communicate**, not just more clearly, but with the love of Christ!

1. Be Honest – speak the truth in love (Eph. 4:15,25)

It is easy to speak the truth, and to speak in a loving way. But try speaking BOTH truthfully and lovingly at the same time! Pray for help (check out Psalm 40:10-13).

2. Be Angry – but deal with anger (Eph. 4:26-27)

God says, "Be angry, but do not sin." There are times we become angry at sin in this world. But God says this does NOT give us an excuse to sin ourselves by hurting others with our words or actions (see James 1:19-20).

- 3. Be Diligent – work hard on your relationship** (Eph. 4:28)
Trying to get something for nothing makes others do all the hard work. God says to prioritize your life around making the relationship work. Give maximum effort, not the minimum. Make sacrifices (read 1 Peter 4:11).
- 4. Be Honest – don't wound with your words** (Eph. 4:29-31)
Words that are "unwholesome" or that are rotten and worthless will literally 'rot' out a relationship. We tend to fall into bad habits of verbal digs and name calling with those we love the most. Rather, strive to build up rather than tear down (follow Proverbs 17:27-28)!
- 5. Be Forgiving – be the first to say "I'm sorry"** (Eph. 4:32)
Sincere apologies are uncommonly heard, so they are just as challenging to give! Do you enjoy people who hold grudges or bitterness against you? How would you feel if your Heavenly Father did this to you? Stop worrying about who's right and who's wrong and make peace (read carefully both Mt 5:9; James 3:17-18)!

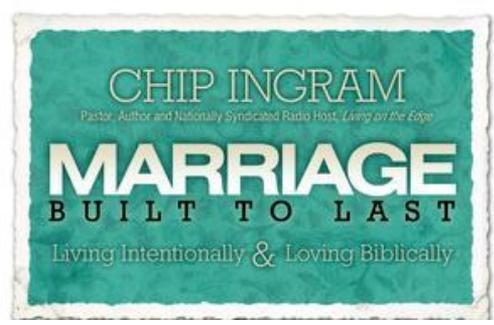
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Video, Study & Discussion
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Join us even if you missed other sessions.

Childcare is available in gym.

The pastors are available for private counseling as well.



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