



Thoughts from Pastor Scott... **Sharing God's 'good news' with the world**

My family left everything familiar to us when we left Minnesota in August 1964 to be missionaries in New Guinea – a territory of Australia. My parents packed up our earthly belongings into 55-gallon oil drums for sending to the mission station at Kitip in the Western Highlands District of New Guinea before we took a 21-day journey by ship across the Pacific Ocean.

It was a big change for me and my family. My mom learned to cook on a wood burning stove since we had electricity only four hours a night. There were no telephones or television and only one truck, used by seven families and owned by the mission station, that took my parents to Mt. Hagen (a two hour drive 25 miles away) to get provisions once a month driving across muddy roads and rivers. I was seven years old and in second grade when I left my parents to attend boarding school. I lived at the boarding school ten months out of the year, far from home and lived with my parents two months each year in June and December. But my parents and I chose to make the sacrifice of leaving a comfortable American life to share God's "good news" of Jesus with people on the other side of our world.

Shortly after we settled in our mission home at Kitip, we were invited to a welcoming ceremony to be greeted by people like these guys in the photo, above. As they were chanting and waving their spears at us I asked my dad, "Did we come all the way from Minnesota so these guys could kill us?". He just laughed and reassured me that they were showing how God had changed their lives from being cannibals and filled with revenge to being people who loved Jesus. God had changed their lives from living in death to living in God's way of life.

During November, Immanuel has the privilege to begin supporting global mission outreach through Wycliffe Bible Translators. In Papua New Guinea there are 851 languages spoken today but many of these people don't have the Bible printed in their own language. Our Thanksgiving Sunday offering on Sunday, November 17th will be directed toward supporting a Wycliffe Bible translator who is helping to bring God's word to people who have never read it before. I encourage you to consider giving a financial gift to support this important ministry as God's Spirit invites people in our world to get to know Him in a personal way and change their lives through the work of the Holy Spirit.

God is with us... Pastor Scott



November 2019 Immanuel Calendar



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
3 9 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir practice 10:15 am All Saints's Worship	4	5	6 5:45 pm Supper & Confirmation at Immanuel 7 pm Women of the Word (WOW) Bible study "I Can Only Imagine"	7	8	9
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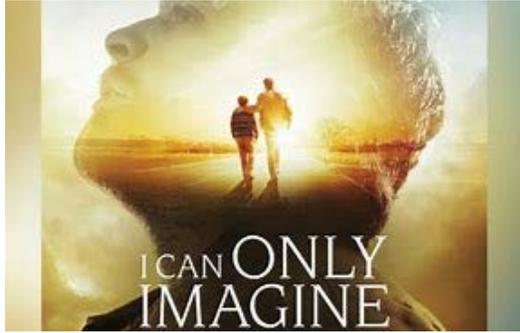
Thank you, Immanuel.

Thank You!



Thank you for the Pastor's Appreciation gift you as a Church Council and church members gave me on Reformation Sunday (October 27th). It is a blessing to be called your pastor and to have all of you as a part of my life. Together, God is doing some great things in Ceresco and our world through us. Thank you for the gift and your continued prayers of support as I lead our congregation as your pastor.

- Pastor Scott



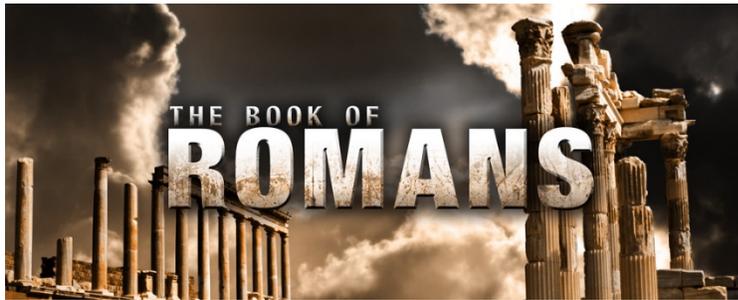
WOW

WOMEN OF THE WORD

Women of the Word Bible Study
Wednesdays, November 6th and 20th
at 7 p.m.

All women of Immanuel and our community are welcome to join us on the **first** and **third** Sundays of each month as share a short 4-session Bible study series called “I Can Only Imagine”. To help us understand and experience the love of God, we’ll be focusing on a short passage of Scripture each session along with a video. As we find ourselves with the good news of Jesus, we find Jesus inviting us into the heart of God as we live in forgiveness and healing.

Adult Sunday School at 9 a.m. **in the church basement**



Anyone in 7th grade and older is welcome to join us for this year’s Adult Sunday School study of the Book of Romans. Romans was written by the Apostle Paul about 2,000 years ago and has some “heavy” theological lessons in it. Led by Pastor Scott, we are following a similar format to what

we did last year with reading through this book of the Bible and talking about what it means for us in our personal and church life together.

“Hustle” Walk/Run and Pancake Feed Fundraiser a Success

The 10th Annual “Hustle” Walk/Run and pancake fundraiser was held on Saturday, October 19th at the Valparaiso Fire Hall. There was great participation in the walk/run event and Immanuel was publicly thanked during the program because of our support of the Backpack program for 10 years.

The Backpack program provides food to families of school-aged children in the Raymond Central School District.

Opportunities to Give to Two Special Offerings in November

“Thanksgiving” Offering for Sunday, November 17th

A special offering will be received for our “Thanksgiving” Sunday (November 17th) to support the work of Wycliffe Bible Translators. Immanuel encourages you to consider giving a generous gift to help people in our world who do not yet have God’s Word from the Bible in print to have it translated and placed in their hands. Our “Thanksgiving” offering will go toward supporting the missionary work of a Wycliffe Bible translator in 2020.

Thanksgiving Eve special offering on Wednesday, November 27th



Our Thanksgiving Eve worship service special offering will help purchase hams and other extra Thanksgiving and Christmas food for the Backpack Program for families in need in our community. Please use the offering envelope from your church offering box, pictured to the left to make your gift toward this need. Thank you.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Left to right: Krystal & Aaron Haake, children: Kory, Bella, Noah and Rosa
Krystal Tilson and fiancé James Ward, children: Karrie & Matthew Weaver
Not pictured: Joe Weaver

THE LCMC NINETEENTH Gathering & CONVENTION

Each morning, we started the day with music by a praise band from Omaha. They were always up lifting and moving! Then prayer and Bible study with Jim Cords. It was so interesting that I took so many notes; I realize now I can not verbalize all that I took in during the three days. It starts with Abraham obeying God's request. Go in obedience and gratitude. Our persistent relationship with God (pre call – call – recall). God kept His covenant with Abraham, and He will keep His promises to us as well. God blessed Abraham as He blesses us. In turn, the world will be blessed through our obedience to God. The church is the hope of the World.

Greg Finke was our first keynote speaker "Listen Up" being his subject. Listening to God – Listening to the people around us. God's mission is simple, He wants His world back which includes everyone! As disciples, we need to get up off the pews and go out into the world with our living God to take back the world. We have the heart for mission, just not the training. Our identity is beloved child of God. In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines our steps. Know that Jesus is in charge of their salvation. We are in charge of loving and helping them. We are not salesmen because that alienates, instead, we should be Jesus's followers. Just show up, love, and encourage them. We want to move from a mission program to a mission lifestyle.

Grace Johnson was the next day's keynote speaker. She states that life is simple love God and love people. God loved you into existence, you are loved by God, and God's love is perfect. People love imperfectly, our calling is to be loved. We need to go out of the church and love and make friends to be mission.

I attended three classes while I was at the convention. Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, creating a welcoming environment for the Holy Spirit, and leading through change. I enjoyed and learn from all of them, only wishing there was more time to discuss these topics.

During breaks and dinner I availed myself to talk with so many other delegates and attendees. Pastor Scott and I had a chance to discuss our day on the way to and from the gathering. We only voted on one minor item. I checked out all the vendors, and bought a LCMC shirt. It was a wonderful experience.

Fran Freeman



Prayer List

Christie Bevington (Health – Member)

Barb Basel (Sprained wrist - Member)

Krystal Tilson (Surgery – Member)

Andrea Christensen (Health – J Christensen)

Richard Benes (Terminal cancer – Fredrickson)

Bob Knuth (Health – Otto)

Heather Lucht (Health – Hanson)

Sandy Mcloughlin's family & friends as they morn her loss

Craig Boden (Work – J. Boden)

Amanda Sykes (Health – Syke)

Kim Pearson (Health – L Pearson)

Kelly Hamilton (Health – Bevington)

Sandi Wendell (Health – Wilson)

Briggs Gushard (Health – Rudeen)

Sydney Kenning (Strength & comfort for Sydney's family)

The Ceresco Methodist & Covenant Churches



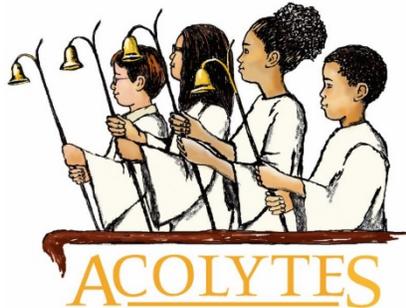
NOVEMBER USHERS

Nov 3 Justin & Kristy Badberg

Nov. 10 Ken Sherwood & Jodi

Nov 17 Ray & Jane Otto

Nov 24 Fran Freeman



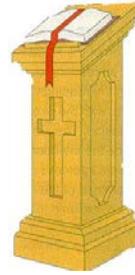
NOVEMBER ACOLYTES

Nov 3 Hunter

Nov 10 Joe

Nov 17 Reid

Nov 24 Ashlyn



LECTOR SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER LECTORS

Nov 3 Kristy Badberg

Nov 10 Jodi Bodeen

Nov 17 Ray Otto

Nov 24 Fran Freeman



November December Food Pantry

Any food item to make Holiday meals
or baking items for Holiday treats &
desserts!