



The Witness of Faith in Tough Times

Thoughts from Pastor Scott



Jace Badberg as Daniel in the lions' den during our drive-by Vacation Bible School on July 23rd.

Like many of you, I don't enjoy watching the news these days. These are troubling times. But, as I spent time in prayer recently, God really convicted me in a way that only He could do. As I started my list of thanking God for the blessings He'd given me, praying for my family and for my own personal needs, God stopped me short. I felt convicted that this was no way to spend my time in prayer. I needed to start by offering myself to God and be willing to be used by Him.

It was as if God was telling me that my priorities were wrong. I shouldn't be praying for myself but asking Him how I can be used for His purpose. Part of that purpose is to share encouraging words in tough times.

Just hours later, I was visiting with one of the staff members at Eastmont who was going through some tough times. She shared how a family member of hers had lost his job, there were health issues that her family was facing and her future was uncertain. When she finished visiting with me, she looked at me with a smile and said, "It's been tough but I'm not afraid. God has a plan for me and I'm at peace with that".

Our meeting wasn't a mistake. God was saying something to me through her. All I could do was thank her for telling me before she headed out of my office. Scripture reminds us that we sometimes "meet angels unawares".

I couldn't help but be encouraged. Those who encounter that woman's trust in God can see the power of faith. While many are worried and anxious these days, she is living with true peace. That kind of faith changes a person and provides a witness to God's love in Christ – even in tough times.

This past month, Immanuel had the opportunity to share that same message of faith, hope and courage in troubled times as we hosted the drive-by Vacation Bible School. That's the kind of faith God calls us to. Complete and utter trust in Him. You know, it's easy be a believer in God when everything is going well. But, the real test of faith is when things fall apart. With God's help, those tough times can make us stronger as we encourage and support each other. Thank you for being the people of God and sharing His message of faith today.

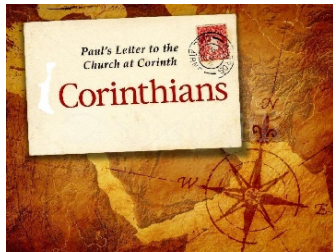
God is with us... Pastor Scott



In this time of COVID-19, things can change daily.

Beginning August 2nd, Immanuel will return to only online worship for at least the next couple of weeks. Check our church's website to see when the church building will be re-opened again.

We continue to offer worship online by Zoom at 9:30 a.m. like we've been doing for the past four months. If you join us for worship online, remember that **all** of our church worship gatherings are on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., plus any church meetings can be accessed by clicking on this online link <https://zoom.us/j/8780165113>



During August, join us in Sunday morning worship at 9:30 as Pastor Scott walks us through First Corinthians, Chapters 10 through 13. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us online as we learn more about what it means to live like Christians in this present time.



Please remember Immanuel's homebound members in your prayers:

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August 2020 Immanuel Calendar

All Immanuel worship and meetings are online at Zoom.com unless noted otherwise.
The online link is <https://zoom.us/j/8780165113>

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<p>2</p> <p>9:30 am Worship is Online with Communion.</p> <p>Online visiting time follows</p>	3	4	5	6	7	8
<p>9</p> <p>9:30 am Worship is Online with Communion.</p> <p>Online visiting time follows</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00pm Church Council meeting (ONLINE ON ZOOM)</p>	11	12	13	14	15
<p>16</p> <p>9:30 am Worship is Online with Communion.</p> <p>Online visiting time follows</p>	17	18	19	20	21	22
<p>23</p> <p>9:30 am Worship is Online with Communion.</p> <p>Online visiting time follows</p>	24	25	26	27	28	29
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August Ushers & Lectors



AUGUST USHERS

August 2 - Ray & Jane Otto
 August 9 - Justin & Kristy Badberg
 August 16 - Jon & Janis Bible
 August 23 - Doug & Shawn Rudeen
 August 30 - Fran Freeman



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 August 16 - Janis Bible
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Prayer List



Fran Freeman (member surgery recovery)
Christie Bevington (Health – member)
Karrie Weaver (diagnosed with type I diabetes – member)
Andrea Christensen (Health – J Christensen)
Rob Bonow (Health – throat cancer)
Heather Lucht (Health – Hanson)
Ron Weltruski (Bone cancer -Hedges)
Mike Pethound (EMT - K. Sherwood)
Kim Pearson (Health – L Pearson)
Kelly Hamilton (Health – Bevington)
Rachel Hedges parent's home lost in a fire – support & comfort for them
David Sinn (cancer – Larson)
Shelly Hanneman (Health – Rudeen)
Mary Tvrdy (Health – Otto)
Eastmont residents (health & protection from covid – 19)
Sydney Kenning (Strength & comfort for Sydney's family)



August Food Pantry

Boxed Potatoes
Yams