

Growing Deeper Spiritually

Thoughts from Pastor Scott

Do everything without complaining or arguing so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life."

Philippians 2:14-15

What does it mean to "grow deeper spiritually?" When did you most grow spiritually? When we are faced with life's challenges, I like to think about the "ABCs of Life". "A" stands for the word "Antecedent." These are the things that happen to us; our circumstances or our situation. - "B" stands for our "Beliefs" about what is happening to us. And, "C" stands for the word "Consequences." Consequences are how I feel about something. This is the way that I respond.

2,000 years ago the Apostle Paul had some difficult situations in life but he used them to grow spiritually. First Paul's "A" in life... his "antecedent" was that he was sometimes in prison, tortured and mocked, or poor and hungry. But, rather than let that get him down, his "B" in life... his "belief" was in Jesus as His Lord. In those difficult times, his "C" in life... his "consequence" was that he would rejoice – he would use his life as a conduit where God's love, grace and power could be poured into whatever circumstances he found himself in.

When difficult things happen in your life what is your first response? I have to be honest with you, I sometimes catch myself being upset with God and asking Him "why this is happening to me?" But, then I realized that God is teaching me a lesson in life. So, when difficult things happen to you, what's your usual first response?

- A. I must have done something wrong.
- B. We live in a sinful world, 'stuff' just happens.
- C. What is God trying to show me in this?

As God's people, it's "C" that He wants us to think of first. God is showing us lessons in life and we have an opportunity to grow because of them. Not just for us, individually, but also for us as a church called "Immanuel". This month, let's let our church's prayer be, "God, how could I partner together with YOU in these circumstances right now where I am (or we are)? Thank You that You are "Christ in me, the hope of glory!"

God is with us...
Pastor Scott



Our church building is open again and everyone is welcome to return.

We continue to offer worship online by Zoom at 10:15 a.m. like we've been doing for the past months. Our permanent online Zoom link is <https://zoom.us/j/8780165113>

Please be patient as you log on to worship at 10:15 a.m. or Adult Sunday School at 9 a.m. since Zoom now requires the "host" to let everyone in from an online "waiting room".



Sunday School for all ages (children and adults) resumes Sunday, October 11th at 9 a.m. Children will gather in the Fellowship Hall and adults will gather in the sanctuary.

Suzy Fredrickson will lead the children and Pastor School will be leading a video series with the adults. Everyone's welcome to join in the fun and learning.



Please remember Immanuel's homebound members in your prayers:

Barb Basel (Barb is living with her daughter and son-in-law now)

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John Christiansen

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Marie Johnson

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Rose Nelson

Saunders Medical Center Long Term Care, Room 114
1760 County Road J – Wahoo NE 68066

Dale Rexilius

c/o Tabitha GracePointe
4620 Randolph St, #203 – Lincoln NE 68510 402.484.9318

October 2020 Immanuel Calendar

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
4 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY 9:30 am Outdoor worship at Immanuel and online with Communion.	5	6	7 6 pm – Confirmation class at Immanuel	8	9	10
11 9 am Sunday School for all ages 10:15 am Worship on the church lawn 11:15 am Thanksgiving meal on the church lawn	12 7:00pm Church Council meeting (OUR MEETING DATE AND TIME MAY CHANGE)	13	14 NO CONFIRMATION CLASS TONIGHT	15	16	17
18 9 am Sunday School for all ages 10:15 am Worship Baptism of Braydon Eisenmann	19	20	21 6 pm – Confirmation class at Immanuel	22	23	24
25 9 am Sunday School for all ages 10:15 am Reformation Sunday Worship WEAR RED TODAY	26	27	28 6 pm – Confirmation at Immanuel with Pastor Scott	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN



OCTOBER Food Pantry

Brown Sugar
Powdered Sugar
Granulated Sugar
Sugar, Sugar
Flour

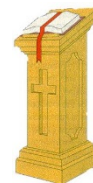
Prayer List

Christie Bevington (Health Member)
Mike Hnizda (Health – Fran’s brother)
Andrea Christensen (Health – J Christensen)
Laveren Hagmane (Health – now at South Haven)
Ralph Black (continual healing – Scott’s Dad)
Glen Otto (Health – R Otto)
JoAnn Peterson (Health – Sykes)
Rob Bonow (Health – throat cancer)
Heather Lucht (Health – Hanson)
Ron Weltruski (Bone cancer -Hedges)
Julie & Bruce (Jon & Janis’ daughter & husband)
Kim Pearson (Health – L Pearson)
Kelly Hamilton (Health – Bevington)
David Sinn (cancer – Larson)
Shelly Hanneman (Health – Rudeen)
Mary Tvrdy (Health – Otto)
Jo Ann Koepke (Health & Safety – Bible)
Sharon Breitreutz (Caitlin Eisenmann’s Grandma)
Sydney Kenning (Strength & comfort)
Gorgia Dunn (Health – Fredrickson)
Earl Kunz (Health – Fredrickson)
Jodi Eastin’s family & friends as they morn her loss
Health & protection for everyone



OCTOBER USHERS

October 4- Justin & Kristy Badberg
October 11 - Fran Freeman
October 18 - Ray & Jane Otto
October 25 - Jon & Janis Bible



OCTOBER LECTORS

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