

Wise Discernment for Today

Some thoughts from Pastor Scott

In these difficult days marked by deep divisions, deadly diseases, social decay, war and economic uncertainty, we need wise discernment, wisdom and real hope. In social media there's often more heat than light in what we read and hear. The news feeds offer vast oceans of drama and worry but provide little wisdom and hope. A guy named Jeffrey Bilbro wrote, "We don't just need media to cast more piercing light... we need to reevaluate the light we rely on to understand our times and discern how to respond."

To that end, we are beginning a summer Sunday morning message series on the Bible's last word in the Revelation of Jesus Christ. The opening verse of the Book of Revelation makes that claim – that it is Jesus who is offering wisdom and hope in difficult days.

For many Christians, Revelation is a fascinating yet frustrating puzzle. Many popular authors and speakers interpret Revelation in the light of current world events. One recent book discusses "the countdown to the End of the Age." Another says "ten prophetic issues as current as the morning news," explaining to readers "where we are, what it means and where we go from here." Yet, many of these well-meaning "prophecy experts" often miss the mark and seem far removed from Jesus Christ's revelation to John and the seven churches in the opening chapters of the Book of Revelation.

Other Biblical scholars tell us that we need to read the book solely in the context of first-century Christianity and the suffering of the Church under ruthless Roman emperors.

Revelation reveals how Jesus has begun to fulfill the prophetic hopes through his death, resurrection and heavenly reign and how we will soon return to complete God's purposes to judge evil, save His people and restore all things. While many seek to decode this book to understand current events or ancient history, God has given us this book in order to decode our reality, capture our imagination and to guide our way in this world. It is a book written for embattled Christians who need endurance, wisdom and hope.

In the words of Revelation 2:7, "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." Beginning May 15th and through the Sunday mornings of summer, we at Immanuel will get to do just that. I look forward to getting to walk through the Book of Revelation with you.

God is with us... Pastor Scott



May 2022 Immanuel Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY 10:15 am Worship 11:15 am Coffee and Fellowship time	2	3	4 6:30 pm Confirmation class meets at Roper & Sons Funeral Home in Lincoln (4300 O Street) NO WOMEN OF THE WORD TONIGHT	5	6	7
8 NOTE CHANGE IN WORSHIP TIME FOR SUMMER 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Reception for graduates PALM SUNDAY	9	10	11 6:30 pm VBS Planning meeting at Immanuel	12	13	14 8 am Church Council meets at Immanuel
15 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Coffee and Fellowship	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Coffee and Fellowship	23	24	25 6:30 pm VBS Planning meeting at Immanuel	26	27	28
29 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Coffee and Fellowship	30 MEMORIAL DAY	31	PASTOR SCOTT WILL BE IN OKLAHOMA MAY 9-12 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE JUNE 27-30			



Remembering Our Homebound Members

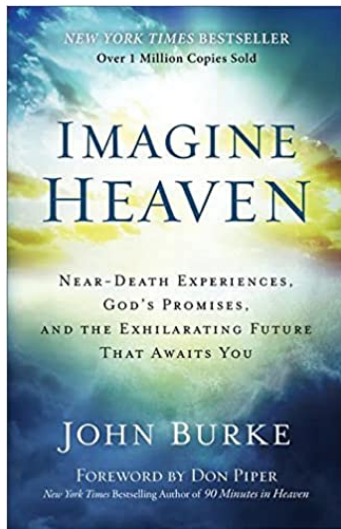
Please remember Immanuel's homebound members in your prayers:

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WOMEN OF THE WORD

Women of the Word Bible Study will not be meeting until Wednesday, September 14

We will resume our study and Bible study of the “Imagine Heaven” book this Fall. All women of Immanuel and friends are welcome to join us.



Hey, youth and your families... this year's Boundary Waters Canoe Trip is coming in August!

Pastor Scott and Jamie Fredrickson will be group leaders for another canoe trip. We'll head up to Minnesota the morning of **Monday, August 1st** and return the night of **Saturday, August 6th**. Be sure to mark your calendar to save the date! We still have room for a few more youth to go.

Youth... watch your mailboxes for information coming your way soon!

May Food Pantry
Canned Veggies



PRAYER LIST

Christie Bevington (health – member)
The Wade family (Mission family we support)
Bill Bohling (cancer/Heart - Crystal's Dad)
Makena Garrison (17 yrs old – neurofibromatosis – Bevington)
Gary & Rhonda Westendorf (Health)
Tommy & Linda Elherton (Health)
Lora Robinson (health – Fran's sister)
JoAnn Koepke (health & Safety – Janis' sister)
Andrea Christensen (health – J Christensen)
Karen Edstrom (cancer)
Heather Lucht (health – Hanson)
Ron Weltruski (bone cancer – Hedges)
Connie Hansen (cancer - Kent & Teresa Hansen)
Ken Rezac (stroke)
Aaron Larson (health - Pastor Larson)
Julie Hart
Charley Soden
Taylor Hageman (liver transplant)
Jerry Jones (Bad Fall)
Lana Johnson (Operation – Bible)
Dawn Buss
Dorothy Abbott
Toni Tomas (Badberg)
Pray for all the Christian Martyrs around the world
Health, Safety & Protection for all

MAY USHER LIST

May 1 Justin & Kristi Badberg
May 8 Fran Freeman
May 15 Ray & Jane Otto
May 22 Christy Bevington
May 29 Jodi Boden

MAY LECTOR LIST

May 1 Kristi Badberg
May 8 Fran Freeman
May 15 Kory Ball
May 22 Donna Hansen
May 29 Jodi Boden