

~ News and Notes ~

January 6, 2012

“Firmly Planted, Deeply Rooted, Growing Strong”

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” Colossians 2:6-7

Happy New Year! Did you set some goals or resolutions for 2012? Mr. Hopfensperger led chapel this week and spoke about personal, spiritual, and academic goals. Then he shared how long, on average, it took for these goals to be forgotten – only three weeks! Even though we may fail at keeping these goals, we can continually celebrate New Years throughout 2012! We don't have to be burdened with the fact that we didn't keep our resolutions and wait until next year to make additional goals and keep them again. We can recommit to them often – each day is a new beginning! So it is with our lives as baptized children of God. No matter how often we fail to keep God's commandments, when we confess our sins, God forgives us and we have a fresh start each day!

On **behalf of the staff and faculty** at ILS, I wish to thank everyone for all the generosity shown during the Christmas season. Your support of the staff and the ministry at Immanuel is truly appreciated!

We also want to say **thank you to the PTL** and the parents that assisted with or donated to the Staff Appreciation Luncheon in December. Not only were the various soups delicious, it was a great break from the regular routine and a wonderful time for the staff and teachers to fellowship with each other. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness!

The **State of the Church and School Address** is scheduled for Sunday, January 8th (during the Bible Study hour at 9:30 am), Monday, January 9th at 6:30 pm and again on Wednesday, January 11th at 6:30 pm. ***As in the past, all families of the school are required to attend one of these presentations – families that do not attend one of these meetings will be charged a \$25.00 fee.*** The presentations will be given by Pastor Mark and Mr. Hopfensperger as they give an overview of the past year and what can be expected during the coming year. It will also be an opportunity for families to get updates on the budget, upcoming tuition rates, and plans for a vision retreat for the church and school. **Babysitting will be provided at both of the evening meetings.**

Re-enrollment forms for students entering 1st through 8th grade for the 2012/2013 school year will be sent home on Monday, January 9th. Families that return the enrollment form by Friday, January 20th, and pay the registration fee by April 27th, will be able to take advantage of an early registration fee of \$125 per student. After January 20th the registration fee will go back to the regular charge of \$150 per student. No exceptions.

Families with **children entering Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten, or Kindergarten** next year will receive a separate mailing with registration details. Contact the school office if you have any questions.

We will be hosting an **Open House on Thursday, January 19th, from 4:00 – 7:00 pm**. If you know of a family with young children, please share this date with them! It is our goal to reach as many families in our congregation and our community as possible. For more details, contact the school office.

Join us Friday mornings for **“Partners in Prayer”**. The doors of the church will be open every **Friday morning between 7:00 – 8:30 am** for families to pray with their children. If you are not able to join us Friday morning, we hope that you will pray with us throughout the coming week for the following school families and staff members:

Staff Member: Jill Ince (Resource Teacher)

Special School Students and their Families: Lock (Daniel – 8th; Lydia – 6th; Emma – 2nd)
 Krull (Sara – 4th; Julie – 2nd) Lang (Kolby – 8th) Loesing (Abby – 2nd)

Labels for Education will offer a special collection sheet for **100 bonus points** in the St. Louis Post Dispatch on January 8th, 2012. Please be on the lookout and turn in to the school by March 15th!

ILS families can now be notified via text message when school is canceled due to inclement weather! There are a few steps you need to complete to make this happen.

1. Log in to your Fast Direct account. Call the school office if you need assistance with this.
2. Click on the tab that says “Display Parent Data”.
3. In pink you will see "New" Text messages to be sent to your cell phone number.
4. At the drop down box, select your carrier. You may see a pop-up box appear – click OK.
5. Click the yellow box that says “Change Data As Shown Above”.
6. It will now say “I authorize ILS to send text messages to.....”
7. You can click test it if you wish.

To disable this function, simply uncheck the box and click “Change Data As Shown Above”. Please note – **this text messaging system will ONLY be used to advise of school cancellations** and not for school news. Contact the school office if you have any questions about this program.

Sunday January 8 th	Monday January 9 th	Tuesday January 10 th	Wednesday January 11 th	Thursday January 12 th	Friday January 13 th	Saturday January 14 th
8:00 am Family Worship	1:30 pm 5 th Grade DARE Graduation (gym)	6:30 pm 6 th Girls and 6 th Boys BB Game vs. R-II (H)	8:00 am Chapel	6:00 pm 5 th Girls and Boys BB Game at I.C. (A)		6:00 pm Family Worship
9:30 am Sunday School and Bible Class	6:30 pm State of the School & Church		6:30 pm State of the School & Church	6:30 pm 7 th / 8 th Girls and Boys BB Game vs. Spring Bluff (H)		
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10:45 am Family Worship						

Future dates to note: January 16th No School – Martin Luther King Day
 January 19th Community Open House (4:00 – 7:00 pm)

Please note: The date for the upcoming **7th grade play has been changed!** This theatrical presentation will be held on Sunday, January 29th beginning at 6:00 pm. We hope that many families are able to join us for this evening of comedy!

Items available through the school office for those interested:

Join us for a “**Nite At The Races**” on **Saturday, January 28th**. This night is presented by Buddies Not Bullies and raises money for local bullying prevention programs. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Lisa Bell at 239-8923.

Washington Parks & Recreation will host their annual **Daddy-Daughter Sweetheart Dance** on **Friday, February 3rd**. This event is open to girls ages 3 to 10. Registration is due by January 26th or until the program is filled, whichever comes first. For more information, call 390-1080.

Thank you to the volunteers who assisted at ILS this week: **Basketball Coaches:** Mark Hoemann, Ray Weaver, Jeff Blocker, Mike Yelton, Larry Beck, Sam Eckman, Robbi Eckman, Raehard Wesselschmidt; **Computer Lab Assistant:** Stacy Landers; **Lunchroom Helpers:** Susan Mauldin, Martha Pohlmann, Mark & Lisa Tobben; **Recess Supervisors:** Sally Brock, Jessica Page; **Teacher Aides:** Linda Landers, Jean Dawson, Cynthia Bingamann; **Oasis Volunteers:** Judy Juengling, Debbie Hinrichs, Barb Hill, Betty Curran; **Cheer Coach:** Susan Mittler; **Scrip Organizers & Helpers:** Angi Grellner, Chris Blocker.
