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New Year's Resolutions

Senior Spotlight



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January's Senior Spotlight is Tatum Stratton, who is the current student body president. I took an opportunity during finals week to ask Tatum a few questions about herself. I asked her what her favorite extracurricular activities or trips were. *"Banquet and Drama Club"* were her favorites. This may not be surprising to those who personally know Tatum as she is quite a talented actor and singer. This year alone she has participated in choir and played a major role in this year's ILS drama production *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown the Musical*. Tatum also mentioned that some of her favorite and fondest memories took place on trips and camps like Whitewater, which is a camp held in January, and the D.C. trip that the Juniors at ILHS take. Tatum said it was at those moments she felt the most *"connected"* with her classmates. When I asked Tatum additional questions about our school and what she liked about it, she said, *"The atmosphere, and the closer relationship the students have with the teachers."* As our school is pretty small, students are afforded more one-on-one time with teachers. She also said that one of the most important lessons she's learned here at Immanuel is that, *"I will always will have a support group here."* and that *"I can come back later, and I know that somebody will always be willing to help."* We will all miss Tatum and the rest of the Class of 2023 when they graduate at the end of this school year, and we pray that the Lord will guide them and keep them safe as they continue their lives!

By: Rebecca Heinze



From the Christian Perspective

With the arrival of each New Year, people all around the globe make resolutions for their year ahead. Examples of these are exercising, getting better at a skill, fixing a personal problem or starting better habits. These are all good and respectable things to do.

Have you ever considered making a resolution from a specifically Christian perspective? Perhaps to read the Bible more in the New Year, or to think more about what Jesus would do in each situation you are found in? Have you considered making your resolution praying more frequently and exercising your ability to talk to your Heavenly Father more often? Or placing more faith in God and trusting He will be with you going into the future- being purposely mindful of what His will would be for your life.

Improving our physical lives here on earth is important and something to be mindful of, yet it is vital we remember that our spiritual lives and health is what is truly everlasting. Let's resolve together to place more focus on our eternal life this New Year.

Happy 2023!

"I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace and well-being and not disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

-Jeremiah 29:11

"It is the Lord who goes before you; he will be with you. He will not fail nor abandon you. Do not fear or be dismayed." -Deuteronomy 31:8

The Trojans at the Target Center



Photo by: Mr. Jay Hanel

The Immanuel Lutheran boys basketball team had a once in a lifetime experience up in Minneapolis, where they played the Wilmar Community Christian Eagles at Target Center.

It was a thrilling experience to play on that court with their family and friends in the stands.

Wyatt Lien, sibling to two players on the team, had this to say about attending the event, *"It was a very entertaining game. It was wonderful to see all the Immanuel families there enjoying themselves! Our fans cheered hard, it was all in all a great experience."*

The game started out in favor of the Eagles, but as the game progressed the Trojans eventually made their way back up. Junior Jaxon Libby swished a three pointer buzzer beater to tie the game 27 to 27! Good job boys!

Praising the Lord for this opportunity, and for all the doors He opens for our Trojans each and every season.

By: Jack Stratton

Bible Reading Plan 2023

At our most recent Newspaper Club meeting I was given the task to write about the ‘Read the Bible in a Year’ challenge that Immanuel’s congregation attempted in 2022. I started off by inquiring of our student body- who participated and how it went. To my chagrin I received one of two responses. It was either **A** “*Yeah I started but I fell off the wagon*” or **B** “*I didn't do it all*”.

Now to be fair I didn’t take a poll of the ENTIRE student body, let alone the whole congregation, so I know that there are some who did read the Bible last year. However, my findings distressed me a little bit. Is reading the Bible in a year an impossible task? Is it important and worthwhile? Should encouragement be offered this year to try again and do a better job?

After giving these questions a bit of thought, I’d like to give tips on how someone can start out the New Year and complete the Bible in 2023. Not only what they could do to stay on track but also why we should do it.

Consistency and routine.

This should echo in your head when trying to accomplish any goal but especially with long term goals such as reading the Bible in a year. You could write down a time and place you plan on doing the reading. Put this note somewhere you’d see it every day, like a desk or a computer screen. Don't just leave it to memory; write it down because seeing the note is a visual reminder. Work on reading at the same time of day with your morning coffee or once you get ready for bed. If you make a habit and routine out of reading, it will help you stay on track.

Consistency is key. Even if you fail once or twice, you should make sure that you keep doing it. It doesn’t matter how much you miss, you need to keep on picking it back up. Surround yourself with people who will hold you accountable. Perhaps a group of you could have the same goal to read the Bible this year. Find a team.

So is the effort it takes to read the Bible in a year worth the trouble? Why should we do this? What is in it for us? Well when I was initially out on the grounds of campus asking students about their experience trying it last year, one response stuck out to me. *‘Yes, I did the readings. Why is it that we don’t read more of the stories in the Old Testament? There are a lot of interesting ones in there I have never heard about!’* The more we read, the more we study God’s Word, the more we find, the more we discover about His people, His character and His plan for salvation. Is reading His Word worth the trouble and time? Absolutely. It brings you closer to Christ; it brings you back to the cross. That is worth everything.

I hope that this article brings you success in your attempts to Read the Bible in a Year in 2023. I hope this year you are able to complete the task!

By: Luiz Reyes

Comic Contest- Valentines Day

The ILHS Newspaper Club had such a fun time going through the entries from our last art competition that we would love to see what you can come up with for this one! We are announcing a Valentine's Day Comic Art Competition.

We are looking for fun Valentine Comics! It could be multiple frames or just one frame. Whatever you'd like!

This competition is open for readers in grades **7-12**. The winner will be published in our February Issue. If you would like to participate please turn your entry into our church secretary office by January 31st! You can mail it to the school at 421 N 2nd St Mankato MN 56001- or email it to church@immanuelmankato.org. We look forward to seeing what you come up with!

Happy creating!

By: Elizabeth Patenude



Hymns to Ponder

With the passing of the old year and the introduction of the new, let us not forget to sing to the Lord in all seasons, in all times and in all circumstances.

At Immanuel Lutheran Church our pastors have a wonderful podcast called Twin Steeples. Each episode contains a hymn of their choice that Pastor Naumann provides a brief history on and then reads a verse or two from. Our January Hymn to Ponder comes from their selection on January 3, 2023. It is TLH #125.

We sincerely wish you a blessed 2023!

The Old Year Now hath Passed Away

V1 The old year now hath passed away; We thank Thee, O our God, today. That Thou hast kept us through the year, When danger and distress were near.

V2 We pray Thee, O eternal Son, Who with the Father reign'st as One, To guard and rule Thy Christendom Through all the ages yet to come.

V3 Take not Thy saving Word away, Our souls' true comfort, staff, and stay. Abide with us and keep us free from errors, following only Thee.

V4 Oh, help us to forsake all sin, A new and holier course begin! Mark not what once was done amiss; A happier, better year be this.

V5 Wherein as Christians we may live or die in peace that Thou canst give, To rise again when Thou shalt come And enter Thine eternal home.

V6 There shall we thank Thee and adore with all the angels evermore. Lord Jesus Christ, increase our faith To praise Thy name through life and death. Amen.



Outdoor Adventure Day- Tubing Event
January 22nd

No School
January 27th

Whitewater Camp
January 27-29

Tojans Game Schedule

January 16th

BJV @ RAHS 5pm
GV @ RAHS 6pm
BV @ RAHS 7:30pm

January 17th

GV vs Shattuck @ Home 5pm
BV vs Shattuck @ Home 6:30pm

January 19th

BJV vs Butterfield @ Home 5pm

January 20th

GV vs USC @ Home 6pm

January 21st

BJV @ Valley 11am
BV @ Valley 12:30pm

January 23rd

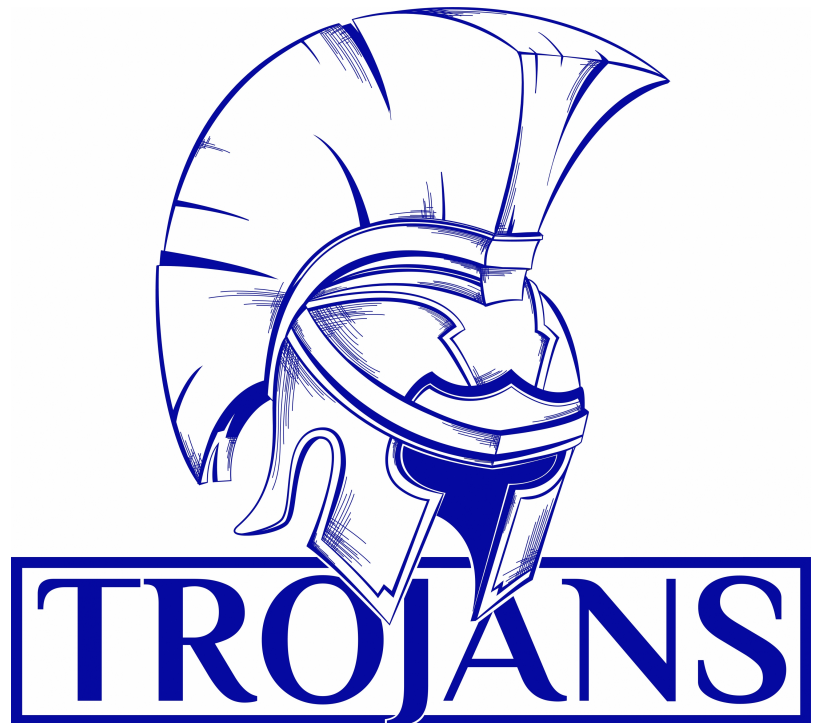
BJV @ North Metro 5pm
GV vs JWP @ Home 6pm
BV @ North Metro 6:30pm

January 24th

GV vs Prior Lake Christian @ Home 5pm
BV vs Prior Lake Christian @ Home 6:30pm

January 26th

GV @ Shattuck 5pm
BV @ Shattuck 6:30p



Come out and cheer on our Trojans! We would love to fill the stands for our home games and want to see YOU out there!

Our concession stand is filled to the brim with delicious items to satisfy your needs.

Come on our and cheer on our teams!



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INFORMATION?**

Immanuel Lutheran is a K-12 school in Mankato, MN. Our curriculum, programs, extracurricular and day to day activities are directed by a Christian perspective.

If you'd like more information regarding our school please don't hesitate to contact us!

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