



# THE TROJAN TIMES

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## Immanuel is Not Hosting the C.A.L 2024

The CAL tournament has been a yearly tradition at Immanuel since 1998. CAL stands for Christian Athletic League and is the league that Immanuel competes in for sports such as soccer, volleyball, and basketball. The league is a collection of Christian teams from southern and central Minnesota. At the end of each sport season, we have what is called a CAL tournament. For example, at the end of October, there is a soccer and volleyball tournament hosted by one of the CAL teams.

In the beginning of March, there is a basketball tournament that has been traditionally held at Immanuel. The CAL tournament in March is the biggest fundraiser that our school has. The funds go to the athletic program to support things such as getting buses for away games and getting officials for games. However, this year there is no CAL tournament.

If you don't already know, you may be curious why there wouldn't be a tournament when the tournament has been an important tradition at Immanuel for 26 years. Here is the answer you might not have expected.

Over the past basketball season and last year's season, Immanuel has also been a member of the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) for basketball. However, our school broke one of the bylaws of the MSHSL. The MSHSL rule is that the members of the MSHSL can only play against other registered MSHSL teams. This is the rule that Immanuel broke because we were playing both MSHSL teams and played some non-MSHSL teams. Namely, the other Christian Athletic League teams.

One of the biggest setbacks of this situation is that since the Trojans were playing both MSHSL and non-MSHSL teams, after receiving notice from the MSHSL for violating MSHSL bylaws, Immanuel had to cancel all games with non-MSHSL teams. Despite this, the teams still have some games to finish off the season and the possibility of having a different tournament at the beginning of March that they were invited to.

Many players, fans, parents, and coaches are bummed about the tournament being canceled. However, through all of this, it is helpful to remember, *"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future"* Jeremiah 29:11. Romans 8:28 is also helpful to remember: *"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."*

Even through this disappointing time, everyone can be reminded that this is part of God's plan and to trust in Him.

By: Rebekah Busch



**MARCH 6TH**  
END OF THE 3RD QUARTER

**MARCH 7-11TH**  
NO SCHOOL

**MARCH 16TH**  
ALUMNI DAY

**MARCH 17TH**  
HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR SINGS

**MARCH 27TH**  
SPRING AWARDS NIGHT

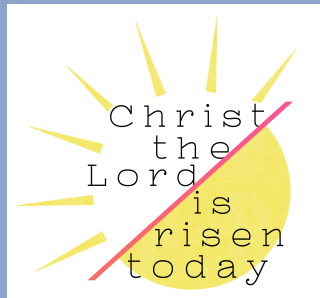
**MARCH 28-APRIL 1ST**  
EASTER BREAK



**ST PATRICK'S DAY & SNAKES?**  
WHAT DOES ST PATRICK HAVE TO DO WITH SNAKES?



**ALUMNI DAY**  
COME ONE COME ALL ILHS ALUM AND ILHS & ILS FAMILIES!



**HAPPY EASTER!**  
EASTER DEVOTIONAL. FAITH IS HOPE IN WHAT WE CANNOT SEE OR UNDERSTAND

**Readings: Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, and John 20**

Jesus' death and resurrection is something we celebrate every year. We wear pastel-colored clothes to church and celebrate what Jesus did for each of us on the cross, but what does the resurrection of Jesus mean for us? Well, if Jesus hadn't been God, He wouldn't have been able to rise from the dead. He wouldn't have been perfect and couldn't have paid all of our debts on the cross, because He would have only been human. But by rising from the dead that Easter morning all those years ago, He not only proved He was the true God but also proved He had defeated sin, death, and the devil and gives salvation through faith in Him. One of the sections of scripture that got me thinking was when the disciples were afraid and wondered where Jesus was. They forgot what He told them before His death, and how He would be buried for three days and then raise Himself from the dead.

**Easter Devotional**

John 2:19 'Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." They followed Jesus for three years and they forgot what He told them He had to do. Jesus says throughout the New Testament that while His disciples didn't understand, or forgot what Jesus was doing or why He was doing it, they would understand later. John 13:7, 'Jesus answered him, 'What I am doing you do not understand now, but

afterward you will understand". The same is true for what God is doing in our lives today. We may not understand why something happened. We may not understand why we have to do something, but we'll understand later. We need to trust God and realize that what He's having take place is ultimately for our good. Romans 8:28 And we know that for those who love God, all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

So this Easter, let's rejoice in what we do understand now that Jesus died on the cross and washed us in His blood: We are made new creations through Him! Happy Easter!

By: Rebecca Heinze

**Alumni Day**

As this year's basketball season comes to a very unexpected and vaguely disappointing end with the cancellation of the C.A.L. Tournament we have one more day of basketball everyone always looks forward to, Alumni Day! Alumni Day is where we invite all the graduates of



Immanuel Lutheran High School to come back to their old stomping grounds and play some basketball and volleyball with our current teams. Ages of guest players could range from 19 all the way to 100! Everyone is invited to play, if they feel comfortable, or just to spectate. The Alumni Games will take place on March 16, 2024.

The games include 5-6th girls against parents, 5-6th boys against parents, and the same for 7&8 girls and boys. JV boys will play against Alumni, GV will play against Alumni, and BV will play Alumni. Then after these games the Alumni will face each other. We are all looking forward to seeing kids destroy their parents on the court, parents breaking their kids hearts, and a very intense game between our high school and adults. We can also look forward to being together with our church family and playing some basketball! Concessions will be running, and it will be a fun day had by all!

Join us if you can!

By: Wyatt Lien

**Is Feminism Compatible with Christianity?**

Feminism has been a prevalent topic of discussion in today's society. So it brings into question if Christian men and women should adopt this mindset and promote feminism as something liberating and good for young women. I aim to have a scriptural outlook throughout my article referring back to the Bible and what it says and not what my personal beliefs are on the topic, so I can truthfully and scripturally present the topic at hand. First let's reference to a very familiar passage from Ephesians to see what it says about women and their place in society before we explore the modern feminist idea. "Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, His body, of which He is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything" Ephesians 5:22-25. Most young women, including myself, look at this verse and think "Wow, submitting like that seems kinda harsh". It seems like we're forced to submit and men get to lead. In a sense yes, we are supposed to be under our husband's and father's authority, but taking a deeper look at its meaning, this command actually is not mean or harsh; it simply states that as women, this is our place in relationships. It's not supposed to demean us in any way. Submitting to our husbands doesn't make us doormats or lesser than men on the value scale. We submit to the male leaders in our lives out of love and respect, just like we would in a complex dance; they lead, we follow. Does anyone think the woman is a less skilled dancer, or looks belittled and overshadowed when they are dancing? Of course not! The man directs the steps for the woman in order for her to look the most elegant, the most lovely and to support her through hard turns and lifts. This is how a marriage is to operate. Men also have roles which they are supposed to try their best to live by according to scripture.

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## Senior Spotlight- Munya Kuvaoga

Being featured for this month's senior spotlight is Munya Kuvaoga. Munya has been here since his freshman year of high school. I was able to talk to Munya about his experiences, and how high school has treated him so far. This is what he shared with me about his academic career thus far. Munya is currently playing basketball for the BJV and the BV. He's had a really great experience here and some really good times, and he's thankful for all of it. His favorite class so far has been World History and when I asked who his favorite teacher was he said, *"All the teachers are amazing, and I love them all, and I'll miss them very much."* Great answer, Munya.

Pre-calculus has been the most difficult thing for Munya as a senior. He said, *"I had to ask questions because I was just used to being able to figure it out and I had to ask for help. Moral of the story: don't be afraid to ask for help."* His advice for incoming high schoolers are as follows, *"Number one, don't take things too seriously. Number two, be kind to everyone and nice, and number three, keep God first."*

We'll miss you so much Munya, we hope the Lord blesses you in your future.

By: Leah Dick

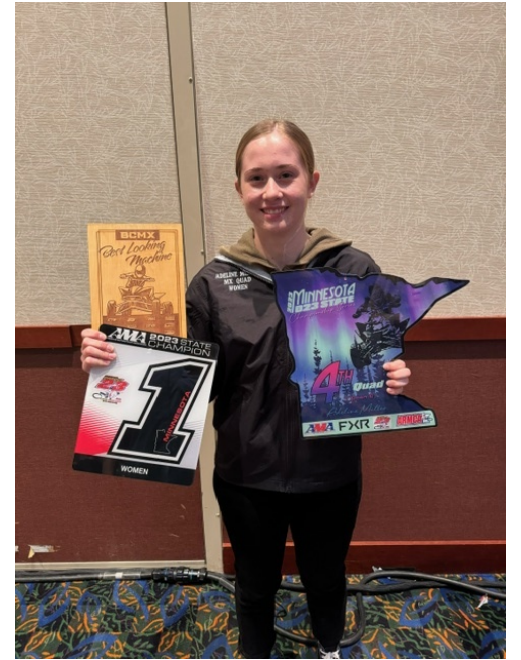
## St Patrick & Snakes?

Every year when St. Patrick's Day rolls around, I think of leprechauns, four leaf clovers, and green. However, I have learned that St. Patrick's Day is about a lot more than just pinching people if they're not wearing green. For those who need it, here is a reminder about who St. Patrick was. St. Patrick was born in Great Britain and at the age of 16 was taken prisoner to Ireland. He was a prisoner for six years and eventually escaped back to Great Britain. During this time, he converted to Christianity. He eventually went back to Ireland to work as a Christian missionary. He died on March 17, 461. St. Patrick was forgotten after his death until mythology and legend became more popular. After his death he was regarded as the Patron Saint of Ireland.

One of the many legends of St. Patrick includes the legend of St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland. However, the truth is that Ireland has never actually had any snakes. The water that surrounds Ireland is too cold for snakes to survive there and is too much of an obstacle for snakes to overcome. With all this being said, how did the legend of St. Patrick driving them out start? In the legend, the snakes are most likely a metaphor for paganism. Snakes and serpents often represent evil in many religions of the world, so it is not hard to believe that snakes represented paganism in this legend. Therefore, the story of St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland is more likely a depiction of St. Patrick driving paganism out of the land by bringing them the light of Christ. When St. Patrick Day comes this year, I hope you remember this legend and who St. Patrick was. Also, don't forget to pinch your friends if they're not wearing green!

By: Rebekah Busch

## Senior Spotlight- Addi Miller



Addi Miller is one of our two senior spotlights for this month's issue. Addi has attended Immanuel since kindergarten. I had the chance to sit down and ask Addi some questions about her experiences at Immanuel. This is what she had to say, *"[It's been] Very good. I like that it's a small school and that it's a Christian school, and I like how laid back and helpful the teachers are."* Addi added playing on the varsity basketball team was one of her fondest memories here at Immanuel. Her favorite class has been photography because she said it was something she was already interested in and liked, and her favorite teacher has been Mr. Benjamin Hanel. When I asked her about her plans after graduation she said she's still deciding, but she thinks she might start by working for her dad as a bail bondsman. When I asked her if there have been any difficult parts of senior year, she shared that there has actually been nothing particularly stressful for her this year because she was able to finish her harder classes early. The only minor hiccup has been deciding what she will do after high school. Some advice she has for incoming freshmen and young students for high school is to *"Get your hard classes done first and enjoy your time. High school doesn't make your whole future."* Some great advice from Addi. We pray the Lord blesses her in her future and we are grateful that we could be part of her life here at Immanuel.

By: Leah Dick

## Is Feminism Compatible Continued...

With that being said we can transition and look more into modern feminism and its beliefs. The mere idea of feminism is not bad or scripturally incorrect. Believing women have valued opinions, can do things independently, and make something of their lives are all God-pleasing ideas, but feminism has evolved over the years. It's been turned into something that is now hurting women and damaging society. Feminist ideologies nowadays are teaching that women are superior to men, sometimes going as far as to imply that society doesn't need them as a whole. In the 1970's famous feminist and social activist Irina Dunn coined the phrase, *'A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle.'* So many girls promote ideas such as, *'The future is female.'* Modern feminism goes on to imply that women can do anything a man can do. I don't need to get into a biology lesson, but that is simply not true from a strictly scientific perspective. Women can do plenty of hard things but making the broad statement that a woman could go into a mostly male dominated work force like mining, or construction and outperform them is just not true. We simply don't have the same upper body strength, or stamina to compete in the same arena as men. Not only is it poisoning the minds of young women to think that men are good for nothing, it's also telling them to prioritize their work over ever settling down, that having your dream job comes first. Many modern women hold the opinion *"My job comes first and then I'll worry about having a family."* Does this mindset make women happier? No. There have been numerous studies that show this is not the case at all. The most notable comes from from the American Economic Journal in 2009 titled, *'The Paradox of Declining Female Happiness.'* Women today are finding out when they go out and try to meet someone or have kids that it's difficult because they waited too long to prioritize meaningful relationships or have children. Modern feminism and its ideologies are clouding women's minds and it's going to continue unless we start showing better examples of how godly women should act and what we should value. *"Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God."* Titus 2:3-5 [Continued on page #4](#)



## What is Happening at the Texas Border?

Some of you might've heard what's been happening at the border between Texas and Mexico recently. It is appearing that Texas governor Greg Abbott has taken the border crisis into his own hands. He has sent the National Guard to the border to put up some form of security barrier to stop people from crossing into Texas. For some context, in 1986 the amount of illegal Mexican immigrants that had crossed into America was a whopping 5 million people. The U.S. border patrol apprehended around 1.7 million of them, but there were still 3.3 million of them wandering around. By 2020 the number **caught** was 186,884. As of February 21, 2024 the number of illegal immigrants is a whopping 7 million. When former U.S. President Donald Trump began construction on the wall at the border, there was a great deal of controversy involved. Many American citizens and government officials didn't want to build a wall. Instead, they wanted to let anyone and everyone in. According to BBC, *"I think building a concrete structure sea to shining sea is the most expensive and least effective way to do border security,"* said Will Hurd, a Republican congressman in 2019. *"We don't want a wall in southern Arizona. A third of our economy comes from Mexico. We want to build bridges not walls,"* Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick said when she swore into office back in 2019. Now, you may be thinking, *"What's so bad about letting those poor people escape from the abuse or an oppressive government?"* Well, with that many illegal immigrants coming to the U.S., we face problems with housing, an enormous drain of public funding, a raise in taxes to support the immigrants, and a loss of jobs for legal U.S. citizens. If 5 million people are coming in a year, they need work. But so does everyone else! Texas is right on the border and experiences these issues arguably more than any other state in our union. On Feb 20, 2024 an article was published about the Texas National Guard building a "military base" on the border. They set up around 2,300 military beds. Not necessarily an active base, but it shows that Texas is done with the illegal immigrants. Many citizens in Texas have been using storage containers to build a makeshift wall, but President Biden shut them down almost instantly. However, they are now resuming that strategy along with barbed wire. It's clear Texas will keep defending themselves as long as possible, with disregard to what the federal government says. The question now is, how long will this continue, and will it escalate to something bigger in our country. The best thing to do in any situation is to pray about it and pray our leaders make the right and wise decisions. Keep your prayers up and trust God will take care of our freedom.

By: Wyatt Lien

## Starting the College Process

College, work, reality: the scary things that come after high school. How do you prepare yourself for college or after high school? What do you do first? Where do you even start the college process?

There is so much information about college, how to start on your path to higher education, which way is the best, etc, etc, etc. Just researching more about college and how to start the process for this article was daunting enough. This was on top of all of my personal research for the path I am interested in pursuing. The world is confusing; college and the future can seem overwhelming, so before you start the college process, get someone who knows a lot about all this stuff to help you, whether it be a parent, teacher, career counselor, pastor, or an older kid. Get help because you're going to need it. The next thing you should do is figure out if you actually should go to college or not. Our world is changing. Our generation needs to be prepared for a new world, and the way we think needs to change. What worked for the last generation, or our parents, may not work for us anymore. Statistics from a Washington Post article from 2023 says that, *"The latest unemployment rate for recent graduates, at 4.4 percent, is higher than the overall joblessness rate and nearly double the rate for all workers with a college degree, according to an analysis by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York."* This is because people have seen and been told that they can get a degree and expect to get paid six figures right away out of college. But this isn't our reality. The world has changed, so we need to change too. Jobs that are in demand right now, or will be, are trades, or labor jobs. Jobs like plumbers, electricians, and HVACR (heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration). These jobs may not seem fancy, or important, but these people help our society to keep functioning. These jobs don't take years of training, so you can start working relatively quickly after you get training and a degree for the job you want. People without a college degree have been doing well in the job market today, so if you're interested in these types of things, pursue it. Figure out if it's what you want to do. If you like it and are good at it, you can make good money off of these types of jobs. If you do decide to go to college, get a degree in a field that needs a specific degree such as teaching or nursing, because that will help you get a job in the field you want to get a job in. Another thing I recommend is getting experience. Get experience in something related to the job you think you want whether it be a camp, an internship, volunteering, or a part-time job. Experience on your resume will not only help people want to hire you but will also help you decide if you want to do that job or not.

One thing that you can do while still in high school is to look into PSEO classes which can help you get college credits while you are still in high school. This step will shorten the time it takes for you to get a degree and help narrow down if you truly want to pursue higher education for a certain job. This process comes down to what you want to do, and whether or not that can be a reality for you. Figuring out what you truly want to do and if it's possible, is probably the best place to start. Then you can look into all the scholarships, classes, colleges, and applications, make a plan with a mentor, and do all of that essential stuff. But figure out what you want to do, so you don't waste your money and time.

By: Rebecca Heinze

## Is Feminism Compatible with Christianity Continued...

Feminist ideas aren't only affecting women, they're also affecting men. Men are being pushed out of spaces, being told they're not important, and are now struggling to find solid relationships. None of this bodes well for the continuing of our society.

With all this in mind, what we can take away from this is that Christian women don't need to be proclaiming their worth or trying to force their way into leadership roles. Their worth, dignity and strength should be seen from how they act and how they present themselves. They don't need to claim womanhood, it will come naturally for God fearing women. I think a great example of this is Deborah from the Bible. She didn't force herself into the role of a judge of Israel, God appointed Deborah because she had the skills and what it took to deliver Israel. That is true feminism. *"Nevertheless, in the Lord, woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. But everything comes from God."* 1 Corinthians 11:11-12.

By: Leah Dick