

The Trojan Times



End of the Year & Graduation

Senior Spotlight(s)



As the year closes, the ILHS Newspaper Club wanted to be sure to shine a spotlight on the Seniors that we hadn't covered yet! I was tasked with interviewing them this month. Here's how those interviews went!

Rik Thokwath has been at Immanuel since the fourth grade. Before she came to Immanuel, she went to Arnold Elementary in Nebraska. Rik's plan after high school is to go to South Central College to obtain an engineering degree. She is looking forward to being done with high school, and she is excited to choose her path in life. She has enjoyed her personal finance class and over the years has enjoyed the teachers, fun memories, and her free time in study hall. She has liked how fast the years have gone by, and she is proud of her 3.6 GPA. Some advice she wanted to give to the younger kids is to stop trying to be
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The Year Closes In...

It's the end of the year! While this is exciting for most, it can also be surreal for the seniors who are at the end of their high school experience. It can be sad, exciting or even a mix of many different emotions. The seniors near graduation hope to pursue various paths, so we pray for the best in each one of their lives.

As students, we look forward to the end of school for many reasons. You can finally spend time outside without losing time and energy to school days. You can sleep in without having to worry about being late, and you can spend the days with your friends. However, it is vital to reflect on all that we learned during the year. When a school year feels like it's gone fast, reflection and contemplation on the spiritual and moral lessons, social lessons, and the solid educational lessons you were given is important for many things in your life. Hold onto what your teachers have taught you!

We pray for fantastic summers for everyone who is graduating or coming back next year. We pray for the future of the senior class and the best in their coming careers. We have all been incredibly blessed to go to a Christian school. We thank every parent that sent their children here and helped out during the school year.

By: William Lien

Spring Sports

Even though Immanuel is big on fall and winter sports, in the past we didn't offer much for spring sports. Within the last few years changes have been made in terms of COOP options! Last month we spoke about track, which has been available for a few years now. This month we want to touch on the other sports we offer!

The newest addition to Trojan sports is trap shooting. Trap shooting was a new sport in 2023, introduced and coached by Mr. Jeff Strand and Mr. Brad Baumgartner. The Immanuel trap team is made up of five students from Immanuel and one homeschool student who is an Immanuel church member. Although I've only heard very little about this sport, after more research I found out that high school trap shooting is very popular in the United States, especially Minnesota. I asked Ginny Strand, a junior who participated in trap shooting some questions about the sport. Ginny said that she joined trap shooting because, "I like to shoot and it gives me a way to stay busy. My dad is also the coach which also kind of pushed it." Ginny said that her favorite part about trap shooting is, "Shooting. Being out there and in a place I'm familiar

Now Enrolling

For 2023-2024

Immanuel Lutheran School is now enrolling for grades K-12 for the 2023-2024 school year! If you are interested in taking a tour of our school or getting more information please contact our school office at 507-345-3027 or brandan.heinze@immanuelmankato.org.

We would love to hear from you!

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cool and just be yourself, because there is more in life than just trying to fit in. God bless you in your future, Rik, you will be missed!



Hunter Bakburg has been at Immanuel since seventh grade. Before he came to Immanuel, he attended Kennedy Elementary and Prairie Winds Middle School. After he graduates, he is planning on going to MSU to complete his generals, and from there he wants to go to Baylor University to study Aerospace Engineering. He is greatly looking forward to the college experience he will get after graduating. Hunter has appreciated the teachers methods in teaching and the students of all ages around him. I asked him what he could leave as advice to younger students and he said, *'It is important to keep up with your grades and it is important to not be last minute when it comes to your assignments.'* God bless you, Hunter, we wish you the best in your future!



Elijah Enter is the final Senior we will cover in this year's Senior Spotlight! Elijah has been with us at Immanuel since his freshman year. Before coming here, he went to St Paul's Lutheran School in New Ulm, MN. Elijah has a few plans after he graduates, but the top plan is staying at home and helping his dad at the farm. Elijah loves driving the equipment and loves helping out people who are in need. He wants to stay in Minnesota because he loves all the seasons, and he loves being on the farm because he is able to do different things throughout the year, depending on the time of year. Elijah is looking forward to no more homework. He has loved Immanuel because of the people he is surrounded with. He says that, *'The staff and students at ILHS are all friendly, helpful, and supportive.'* Finally, I asked Elijah for some final words of wisdom to pass on to those who will come after him. He said, *'Enjoy it while it lasts because life will change when you graduate.'*

We loved having you at Immanuel, Elijah, and we wish you the best as you continue your journey in life with God!

By: Elizabeth Patenude

Q&A SESSION

Dear Reader,

Dear Reader:

This month's question is something that everyone asks themselves at some point in their lives. *"I have a crush on a someone, what do I do about it?"*

Having a crush is exciting! Especially your first crush. You get all giggly and warm inside, and you sneak peeks at them in class or in the halls, hoping to see them sneaking peeks back at you. You tell your best friend, and probably your mom, about this special person.

But what do you do about it? It can be frustrating, especially if you're expecting something else.

My advice to you, dear Reader, is to be completely honest. Find a time when you're alone with this person, whether it's by chance or by asking them to meet you after school.

Tell them how you feel. Honesty is the best way to go about it, and if a crush develops into something further, then your whole relationship has begun on honesty and trust, and those are very important for any relationship.

Till next time,
Anony

Remembering Mr. Schreyer

Mr. Gene Schreyer was known and loved by many people in the congregation and school and has always been known as a helpful person and a solid Christian man. Mr. Schreyer served as principal here at Immanuel Lutheran School Mankato. He helped introduce many new things to the school during his time, such as an unsupervised study hall and banquet. Mr. Schreyer helped out with many school activities and events and never stopped supporting and encouraging the student body and staff. The Newspaper are talking today about his life because he has recently passed and we would like to reflect on all the good he did for our school.

Mr. Schreyer was born on January 6th, 1948 and attended Immanuel Elementary School. In 1952, he was confirmed in God's word at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato. He graduated high school in 1956 and graduated Junior college in 1958.

He was married in 1987 to Ms. Grace Meyer. Together they had 3 children: Juliana, Brent, and Christiana who all attended Immanuel from K-12th grade. He retired from teaching in 2000. Until recently he was battling cancer, when the Lord decided to take him home. His funeral was attended by the student body, and the school children were able to add to the service with song. We pray for the family of Gene Schreyer and the comfort that he is in heaven, and that they will see him again soon. Blessed be his memory.

By: *William Lien*



Precious
in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his
saints.

Psalm 116:15, ESV

Immanuel's Mock Election

This year for the American government class at Immanuel an Immanuel teacher, named Mr. Hanel is heading up a mock election between three candidates: Tatum Stratton, Hunter Bakeburg, and Jaxon Libby. A mock election is an election for an educational demonstration. Mr. Hanel and his class is testing out an election system similar to the U.S. electoral college.

There will be a popular vote and an electoral vote. The popular vote is basically a regular vote, with each person voting for who they want to be president, while the electoral vote will be based on the population of each class in 9-12th grades. The bigger the class the more electoral votes that class will get.

The student adviser for each class will cast the electoral votes for whatever candidate gets the most votes in that class.

The goals of this trial run of this system are to make the presidents have to work for their position and make it less of a popularity contest. It can also teach kids more about the electoral college. All the candidates have already given speeches in front of the student body and voting will be taking place soon.

It will be exciting to see how this turns out and how we can use this going forward!

By: *Rebecca Heinze*

Banquet Planning Continues

Banquet is coming up fast, and the Juniors are hard at work getting ready for the big night.

I asked Ginny Strand and Addi Miller (two Junior girls) how the planning and preparations were coming along. They said it was going well and it was all on track.

Addi commented, '*It can be a little difficult when there are five other people with five different ideas that they want to do.*'

We are all looking forward to Banquet and we can be sure that the Juniors are working their hardest to make the night one to remember, and a great send off for our Seniors class!

By: *Leah Dick*

The Importance of Christian Mothers

Mother's Day is a holiday that celebrates mothers all over the world. It's meant to show appreciation for all that they do for us. Their importance is even pointed out in the Bible. Timothy, who was close to the Apostle Paul, was raised by his mother and grandmother. They impacted his faith as Paul says in 2 Timothy:

"When I call to remembrance the a genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also."

Then Paul goes on to encourage Timothy to stay in the faith that his mother and grandmother had taught him:

"But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

This wouldn't have been possible if his mother and grandmother didn't take the time to give Timothy a Christian education and teach him about our Savior Jesus.

Mothers don't just take care of our spiritual well-being but also our physical. They work hard whether at a job or at home to provide for our basic needs. They do their best to take care of us and make sure we have what we need. Let's take time this Mother's Day to thank our awesome moms for all they do, and thank our God who has given us these wonderful women who care about us.

By: Rebecca Heinze



Hymn to Ponder

Throughout the school year we have been covering different hymns in each of our issues. This is the last one for the school year so selecting this hymn was a big task. It should be a hymn you can carry with you all summer in your heart and mind, one that you can keep coming back to for more comfort, more encouragement, more wisdom. The hymn that was chosen to finish off this year is found in the red hymnal (TLH) hymn 366 One Thing's Needful; Lord, This Treasure. We selected verses 1, 3 and 7.

One Thing's Needful; Lord, This Treasure

V1 One thing's needful; Lord, this treasure teach me highly to regard;

All else, though it first give pleasure, is a yoke that presses hard.

Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving, no true, lasting happiness ever deriving.

The gain of this one thing all loss can requite and teach me in all things to find true delight.

V3 How were Mary's throts devoted her eternal joy to find

As intent each word she noted, At her Savior's feet reclined!

How kindled her heart, how devout was its feeling, while hearing the lessons that Christ was revealing!

Lord Jesus, both spirit and life is Thy Word; And is there a joy which Thou dost not afford?

V7 Therefore Thou alone, my Savior shalt be all in all to me;

Search my heart and my behavior, root out all hypocrisy.

Restrain me from wandr'ing on pathways unholy and through all life's pilgrimage keep my heart lowly.

This one thing is needful, all others are vain; I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain.



Spring Sports Continued

with and a coach that I'm familiar with. Coach Brad is actually my 4H coach so he already knows how I shoot and gets to learn how the other kids shoot. He also gets to help them because the other kids haven't had real trap shooting coaches."

There are some students who want to do sports other than trap shooting, so Immanuel is able to co-op with other teams from other schools. For example, Immanuel has one junior who co-ops with Mankato East High School for golf. Lydia Schmid is a junior who does golf with Mankato East High School. Lydia's favorite part about golf is, *"The team atmosphere. It's fun to play with other people and talk about our experiences with golf."* When I asked Lydia why she joined the golf team, she said, *"I wanted the chance to play with people my own age and have fun, because I like to play."*

Another sport that Immanuel co-ops for is baseball. Immanuel co-ops with Loyola Catholic School.

There are 4 high schoolers and 2 grade schoolers from Immanuel who play baseball. I had the chance to ask Mason Hanel, a freshman, questions about baseball. He said, *"I joined because Coach Carlson (the baseball coach) was very inspirational. I wasn't going to play baseball, but then he talked to me and made it really personal, and it was really nice."* Mason also said, *"My favorite part is the team aspect. They (the team) are very inviting and very fun. Being with them is very interesting. It's really nice to have the co-op with them."*

Overall, the Immanuel students who are in spring sports, regardless if they have a small team or have to co-op with other schools, report a positive experience and a fun time doing their sports. As always, go Trojans(Cyclones/Cougars/Crusaders)!

By: Rebekah Busch