



## CAL Tourney Recap



The Annual Fall CAL Tournament has already come and gone! It seems like fall sports just started, but Immanuel's Soccer and Volleyball teams were hard at work preparing for the Fall CAL Tournament. CAL is the Christian Athletic League which is made up of teams from Christian schools all around Minnesota. This not only allows us to play sports and work on our athletic abilities but also allows us to make friends with other Christians from other schools around Minnesota.

This year Immanuel's soccer team was seeded fourth out of six teams and placed fifth in the tourney. After having a rough start to the tournament ended up winning 4-0 against Wilmar. When asked how the season went Wyatt Lien said, "The beginning of the season was good, in the middle we faced some challenges, but we pulled through in the end."

In the tournament, Immanuel's Volleyball team was seeded fifth and they placed sixth in the tourney. They had a great first game, going to five, and losing by a few points to the Rochester Area Homeschool. However, things went slightly downhill from there when junior Micheala Wheaton injured her ankle and was out for the rest of the tournament. Then in the final game, Immanuel lost to Cambridge Christian in the Consolation game. Volleyball Captain Kate Cashin said, "I thought it went well, and we played well as a team. There was a lot of improvement from the beginning of the year."

As the fall sports season has now ended, Fall awards will be taking place Nov 30, 2023, where athletes who have shown leadership, sportsmanship, and Christian attitudes will be recognized. Way to go, Trojans!

By: Rebecca Heinze- Sub Editor

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WHAT MAKES YOU THANKFUL?

Thanksgiving is right around the corner!



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## Drama Club is Full Steam Ahead

Fall Sports are closed and drama season has begun! The drama club has only a short three weeks to rehearse, design sets, make costumes, and perform the comedy they are doing this year called "The Day the Internet Died." Set design is underway, rehearsals are on everyone's calendars and final preparations are being put in place.

The first read through of the script was held after school on October 26th. While the props, costumes and blocking still need to be tackled, the cast is energized and enthusiastic about bringing this show to life. We are blessed to have a wide variety of ages, grade and experience levels now with students from grades 7-12 participating.

The set design is finalized, the old back drop was taken down this past week, and construction in high gear. Mr. Zachary Lien and Mr. Benjamin Stratton are the construction crew and the brains behind the magic, while Mrs. Katie Dick offered her talents to make everything beautiful by sketching out the dream and making it reality on the backdrop.

The production of the comedy "The Day the Internet Died" is set to be performed November 17-19 of 2023. Come out and enjoy a fun-filled evening that is sure to have you laughing!

*By: Leah Dick*

## Fall Dance

October 20th saw ILHS' first student council event, a Fall Dance. The night was filled with loads of fun activities such as a hayride, a bonfire, and dancing. All the proceeds from ticket sales went to materials needed for putting the event on, and any other funds went to the student council to put on more activities for us.

Unlike other dances this was more casual, girls didn't have to wear a dress, and guys weren't required to wear dress attire. The dress code was themed around flannels and jeans! The dance was full of fun, and everyone enjoyed the hayride and the bonfire. Attendance for this event exceeded expectations, and by the sounds of laughter and the many grins on everyone's faces it seemed everyone had a great time.

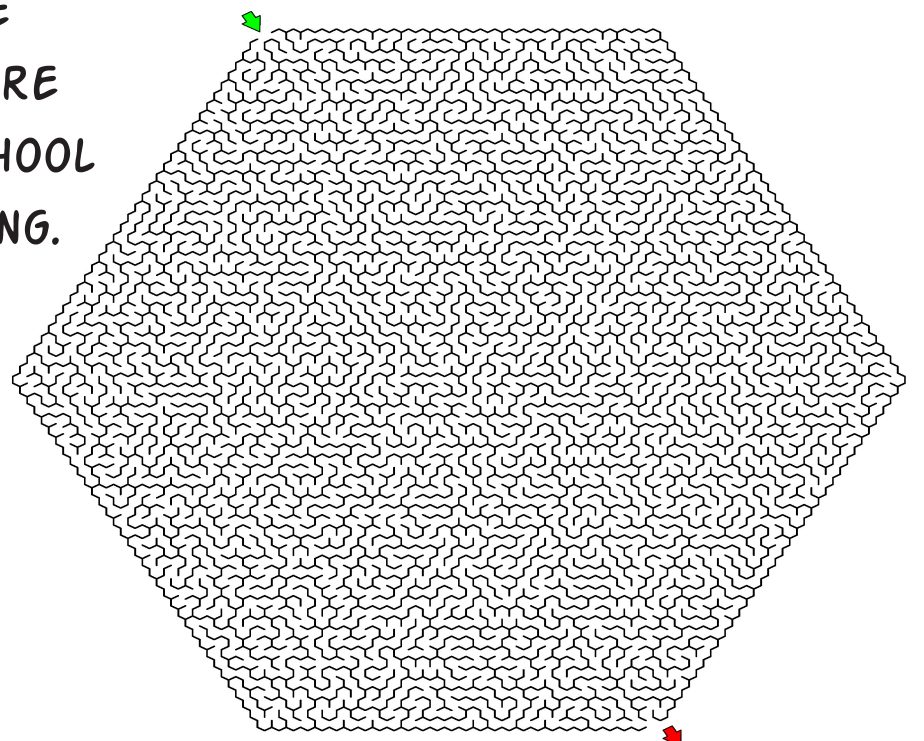
Thank you, student council for putting on this dance! We appreciate all the work and planning that went into making it happen.

*By: Leah Dick*

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## What Makes You Thankful?

Thanksgiving is coming up and we all know what that means. It's time to reflect on the things, people and experiences we are thankful for. We all have so many reasons to be thankful. But how often do we actually think about what makes us thankful? What makes these things good that we are thankful for? And why do we feel thankful about it?

As a high school student, it can seem difficult to feel grateful because it is a time where your body is growing. Things change, look or feel different. Yet, we should take that as a challenge to look for thankfulness, and chase after gratitude.

For one thing we feel thankful for the people around us because they can help, support and encourage us. For example, someone helps us find something we lost, somebody helps us carry something heavy, or someone gives you a gift. These things make us thankful because they remind us of the person or event behind them.

Sometimes there are difficulties that humans can't help with, like if someone you love is sick, or we were faced with a large spiritual burden. As Christians, how blessed are we to have an Almighty God who can handle even these things! Our Father in heaven loves us dearly as His children and gifted us with many blessings in this life- even the blessing of abilities and the things that make us uniquely human. We have the ability to feel thankful because we were created by God to be able to feel and show emotions.

These are just a few examples of things that we can be thankful for at all times and in all seasons. There are so many different reasons to be thankful. Above all, we need to remember where all of it originally came from, even our feeling of thankfulness, which came from God. God created us all in such a perfect way that we can experience these feelings. To Him be the glory!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!  
By: William Lien Chief Editor



## History Tour Recap



History tour has come and gone for the class of 2025. I am one of the juniors who was blessed to have the opportunity to go on the trip to Washington D.C. Going into the trip, I was very nervous and didn't think that I would enjoy it. I thought that I would feel unsafe in a large city like Washington D.C. and that I would be bored at all the places we went to. Looking back, this trip was one of the best I've ever been on and I would definitely recommend it to anyone who has the opportunity to go.

When we arrived in DC the first stop was Ford's Theater to learn about the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. After that, we went to the Museum of the Bible. The next day, we went to Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. On Tuesday, we visited the Holocaust Museum, the outside of the Capitol building, and the outside of the White House. The following day, we visited Mount Vernon -the house of George Washington. On Thursday, we traveled to Gettysburg and took tours around the battlefield. In between these activities, where there was time, we went to various museums and the National Mall.

Some favorites and highlights of the junior class were the Holocaust Museum, the Museum of the Bible, and Mount Vernon. One junior who liked the Holocaust Museum said, "I thought it was interesting to learn more about the Holocaust. It was an eye opening experience." Another junior who enjoyed Mount Vernon said, "I liked Mount Vernon because we got to learn more about George Washington and things you might not normally know about him. Seeing the mansion was also cool." Lastly, some of the juniors simply enjoyed the trip itself. One junior said, "I liked just being able to be on a trip with my friends and have fun with them."

My personal favorite place we went was the Museum of the Bible. It was a very interactive and interesting museum. One of the things we did was similar to a rollercoaster ride that showed us the attractions of Washington D.C. like we were flying over the city. My favorite part was the exhibit of the Old Testament. It was an adventure that narrated the Old Testament while having interactive displays that made me feel like I was truly experiencing the events of the Old Testament.

Overall, the History Tour trip was educational, fun, and an amazing opportunity. The class of 2025 is very thankful that we had the chance to go on this trip and learn about our country!

By: Rebekah Busch

## Israeli Conflict

As most of you have probably heard, the Palestinian terrorist group known as the Hamas attacked Israel early morning on Saturday, October 7. Hamas launched hundreds if not thousands of missiles across the Gaza strip, killing or wounding many. What is the history behind this conflict? What is the news on the ground?

Israel was officially reformed as a country on May 14, 1948 by the United Nations partially as a place for Jews to go after leaving the concentration camps in Germany. Many of the surrounding nation's territories were used to form Israel even *previous* to this, such as after World War 1 after Great Britain won control of the land that used to belong to the Ottoman Empire. Britain was very concerned about the Jewish State being reinstated officially into the region and worked towards making that a reality. The countries whose territory was used in order to make this happen included modern day Iraq, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon. These countries weren't exactly thrilled to have their land taken away from them, and hated Israel for this.

Hamas was officially formed in 1987. According to BBC News, *'Hamas is the largest of several Palestinian militant Islamist groups.'* Hamas is located in what is commonly known as the Gaza Strip, a portion of land on the east coast of the Mediterranean Sea, and keeps their military bases in hospitals and schools across the land. Hamas was elected by the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip in 2006 in their last parliamentary election. According to BBC News, *'Under its charter, Hamas as a collective is committed to the destruction of Israel.'*

After the missile barrage on Israel, Hamas attacked a music festival and took hundreds of hostages and killed many innocent civilians. After that attack, the death toll was 1,400 people, the injuries upwards of 3,400. In Israel's retaliation, with missile strikes to the Gaza Strip, there were over 12,000 casualties in Gaza. Both countries in this war have caused many deaths. Israel hit a hospital killing 500 civilians. Hamas has infiltrated multiple towns and slaughtered people in their homes, including infants.

Hamas sets out to slaughter and destroy Israel as a whole, not even stopping at children. The Bible says children are precious. God wants no harm to these little ones. According to their own charter as mentioned above, Hamas seeks the destruction of the Jewish State, they are not looking to simply reclaim their territory. Israelis look for peace, and retaliate when their countrymen are attacked. From an ideology standpoint, Christians should not support Hamas, but *should* pray for the thousands of Palestinian families who are innocent and caught in the middle.

By: Wyatt Lien



(Above) Wall at the Gaza Strip facing Israel, says Path to Peace in English, Arabic and Hebrew.

(Left) Protesting the wall and Israeli presence.



## Pastor Radichel Accepted the Call

On Sunday, October 8th after worship Pastor Neal Radichel, who has been serving as pastor at Immanuel for five years, announced to the congregation that he had accepted a call to go be a pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Pastor Radichel received the call about a month ago, and after about three weeks of wrestling with his two calls (the one to our church and his other call to Messiah), and praying about what to do he felt led by the Holy Spirit to accept Messiah's call and end his time here in Mankato. Pastor Radichel has done so many wonderful things for our congregation and school, as has his wife. He has helped add more contemporary Christian music into our worship services, he has confirmed and baptized many people in our congregation and encouraged many people to step up to leadership within our church. Mrs. Erin Radichel boosted Immanuel's art program into something really impressive and has faithfully served as the 1-2 grade teacher's aid.

I don't think any of us can admit that we are not sad to see them leave. But like Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose." So we have confidence that God is going to use Pastor Radichel and Mrs. Radichel to help many people, and that his leaving us here at Immanuel is part of God's plan for them and us. Jeremiah 1:29, "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."

So from all of us here at Immanuel, thanks for everything you've done for us! We're praying for God's blessings on your move and then on your ministry in Wisconsin!

By: Rebecca Heinze Sub Editor

## Senior Spotlight

For this year's first edition of the Senior Spotlight, I interviewed senior Jayme Kranz. Jayme has been attending Immanuel since Kindergarten. I asked Jayme with his thirteen years at Immanuel, what experience has been a favorite. He had this to say, "I think it would be the Junior History trip to Washington D.C." I followed up by asking him who his favorite teacher has been, "I would say Mr. Hanel because he's a really fun teacher." Congrats to Mr. Hanel for being fun.

I changed gears a bit and had Jayme ponder what would he change about Immanuel High School if he could change something. He responded "Probably not assigning as much homework on game days."

Everyone knows Jayme for his impressive skills on the basketball court, but basketball isn't something he does 24/7. I asked Jayme what he does in his free time. He said, "Getting big, (which is working out), or watching movies." Jayme is considering joining the military after graduation. I concluded the interview by asking Jayme what his advice was for underclassmen; he said, "Try your best to have fun and enjoy your time at school."

We all will certainly miss Jayme and wish him luck after he leaves.

By: Wyatt Lien