



The Trojan Times



C.A.L. Tournament Recap

Senior Spotlight



This month's Senior Spotlight is Luiz Reyes. Luiz has been a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, and has attended Immanuel since grade school.

Our Trojan Times Journalist was able to ask him a few questions about himself and how his final year is going.

'It's really a surreal experience,' he said when asked about how he feels as a Senior. *'I never thought I would have gotten to this point in my life so fast.'*

He added he is a bit anxious about the higher expectations that come along with graduating and entering adulthood. Luiz isn't sure about his plans after graduation; he said, *'I'll probably go to some college; I'm not entirely sure yet.'*

Luiz recommends to future high schoolers that they should really focus on working hard academically before anything else.

We will really miss Luiz when he is gone, but our prayers will go with him, and we hope he looks back on his time here with happy memories.

By: Leah Dick

The Trojans Fought Hard

Going into their final games of the 2022 season, the Trojans arrived at the C.A.L. Tournament in Willmar MN, on October 28. C.A.L is the abbreviation for the Christian Athletic League, which is the league our Immanuel Trojans belong to. The Trojan soccer and volleyball teams worked hard all season, and going into the tournament, both the volleyball and soccer teams were seeded fifth out of seven teams.

The Immanuel soccer team only got the chance to play two games in the tournament, twenty-four hours apart, while all the other soccer teams played three. Even though this could have been disappointing for them, some players expressed that they were happy that they only played two games because they had a lot of time to rest in between. In their first game on Friday, the soccer team played Cambridge Christian and lost 2-6. In their second game on Saturday, the soccer team played Faith Foreston and won 4-3. These outcomes led the Trojan soccer team to win the Consolation victory! Congratulations!

The Immanuel volleyball team played three games: two on Friday and one on Saturday. They lost their first game to the Rochester Homeschool Defenders in three sets. In their next game, they beat Cambridge Christian in three sets. In the girls' last game, the volleyball team beat Faith Foreston in five sets, winning by two. The volleyball team also won the Consolation award!

At the end of the tournament, special individual awards are given to those who stood out in the tournament (All-tournament award) and in the whole season (All-Conference Award, All Conference Honorable Mention). Congratulations to the following soccer players: Sophomore Liem Makuach for the All-Tournament award, Junior Jacob Olmanson for the All-Conference award, and Senior Austin Lien for the All-Conference (Honorable Mention) award. Congratulations to the following volleyball players: Senior Rik Thokwath for the All-Tournament award, to Senior Nyeleap Dojiok for the All-Conference award, and Sophomore Michalea Wheaton for the All-Conference (Honorable Mention) award.

Volleyball Captain Nyeleap Dojiok ('23) said, *'I feel amazing and excited about the outcome of CAL, I'm happy that I ended my senior season on a good note!'* Soccer Captain Jacob Olmanson ('24) said, *'I am proud of how the team finished.'*

Congratulations to both teams for their hard work in the volleyball and soccer season!

By: Chief Editor Rebekah Busch

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The Drama Club Presents....

'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!' For the first time in recent memory, The High School Drama Club is performing a musical, based on the Peanuts comics we know and love!

The play will be directed by Mrs. Stephanie Roettger and produced by Mr. Michael Wheaton and Mrs. Hilary Lien.

The cast features the club's Seniors in iconic roles such as Lucy, Linus, and Charlie Brown himself.

There are three scheduled performances: a Dinner Theater on November 19th, and two Encore Performances Saturday (November 20th) at 7:30 pm and that Sunday (November 21st) at 2 pm. These Encore Performances are FREE of charge! So come take advantage of a fun night of free entertainment!

Our cast has three weeks left to rehearse, which can seem like a daunting task, but with seasoned Seniors and promising and talented underclassmen, I'm sure they can make it a fun and well-done show! Come support our Drama Club!

If you are looking to purchase tickets for the Dinner Theater please contact the school office at 507-345-3027.

By: Tatum Stratton

History Tour WASHINGTON DC TRIP



Every year at Immanuel Lutheran High School the Junior Class travels to Washington D.C for the annual ILHS History Tour. This year they left on October 15th to start their trip!

While there they visited places like the National Mall, the Gettysburg Museum, Arlington National Cemetery, and the National Archives.

I was able to talk to a few of the Juniors about their trip and ask them how it went.

Addi Miller had this to say, *'My favorite part was going to the Washington Monument'*

Fellow classmate Jayme Kranz added his personal favorite, *'Hanging out at the hotel with friends.'*

A noteworthy experience for the class happens at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Four students, who have military members in their family, are able to participate in a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb.

Ginny Strand and Addi Miller were two of them. Ginny said, *'This was the part of the trip I was looking forward to the most.'*

I was able to ask the Juniors if they had any advice for the classes behind them for their D.C Trips. Addi said, *'Don't stay up late.'* It seems like this tour has a very rigorous and demanding schedule, so if you go, you'll want to take her advice and catch up on a few z's when you can!

Jake Olmanson said, *'Pack all your stuff, and don't forget anything.'*

For any of our readers who want to help continue to make this trip possible for the future classes of Immanuel, you can help by purchasing wreaths and other Christmas ornamentation from the Sophomore class of 2025! The proceeds go to their Washington DC Fund for next year!

We are grateful for our High School and all our unique opportunities and programs, including the Washington D.C Tour!

By: Rebecca Heinze



Photos by: Addi Miller

Soccer Alumni & Family Day Recap

The Trojan's Soccer Team ended their 2022 season in October, and to celebrate a great year they invited Alumni and Family out to play against their varsity team. It was a fun game! Alumni from years past came back to play, and parents and church members joined in as well.

The weather wasn't the greatest, 35 degrees and windy. In the first half the Trojans struggled as they were faced by the ice cold wind. But when the wind went in their favor at the second half they had a better advantage.

In a game where everyone on both teams is friends and/or grew up together, it was a very enjoyable and anticipated event. It ended in a draw 4-4, much to the Alumni's delight.

By: William Lien



Photo by: Nyeleap Dojiok



Calling All Artists! December Art Competition

The ILHS Newspaper Club is pleased to announce that we will be having an Art Competition for next month's issue! Contestants may submit a short comic, sketch, design or photograph that fits the theme. The top pick will be published in our December issue!

Any readers ages 10-15yr can enter. The theme for this competition is **'Looking Towards Advent'**. Deadline to enter is November 20th. We can't wait to see what you come up with!

You can submit entries by mail at:
421 N Second St
Mankato, MN 56001

Or by email at:
church@immanuelmankato.org

Happy creating!

By: Jack Stratton



The Sophomore Class is selling Christmas Wreaths and other Evergreen items to raise money for next year's trip to Washington DC. These items are handmade from fresh balsam fir and pine & cedar evergreen boughs straight from Northern Minnesota.

If you are interested in supporting this class, seek out one of the Sophomores, contact the school office, or reach out to Mr. Ben Hanel directly. All orders should be placed **before November 14th** and items will be available for pickup on the 23rd of November.

School Office # 507-345-3027

Mr. Hanel's # 507-508-2748 email:

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Make all checks payable to "ILS History Tour"

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Opinion Article

What Does it Mean to be Thankful?

Now when proposing such a question one may think, *"That should be an easy answer; it says right there in Psalm 103:2!*

'Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.'"

In this psalm King David goes on to provide a lengthy list what our Heavenly Father does for us. He forgives us our sins, He heals our diseases and illnesses, He shows us mercy and compassion. So, if we know what to be thankful *for*, then why do we need to know *what* thankfulness means?

Well friends, I think we should look at someone who faced many trials and adversities and was still found to be thankful: the Apostle Paul. If there is anyone who could spell out what thankfulness is, it would be him.

Paul started as a Christian murderer to being blinded by the light when confronted face to face with the Lord and finally becoming an instrumental teacher of Jesus Christ. During the hardest time in his life, or one of them at least, he wrote his letter to the Philippians. Paul is at the end of his rope and is imprisoned. However, does he wallow in self pity and blame God for his problem? No, instead he sings praise to the Lord. How could he do that? Because Paul understood and had the answer to our question.

Paul knew true thankfulness is rooted in contentment. Being thankful means no matter what comes your way, no matter the hardship or adversity, still being able to praise God because you are content resting in His grace and in His mercy, and will.

We have the ability to be thankful and to understand true thankfulness- because of the Holy Spirit. He moves in our hearts and lives and gives us understanding and peace. It is the Holy Spirit who enables us to grow in faith and trust in God's will for our lives. We have the ability to be thankful because we know He is always good and always there for us.

Thankfulness bubbles out of us when the Lord softens our hearts and opens our eyes to see His goodness in all times and in all places.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving Season!

By: Luiz Reyes

Hymns to Ponder

As we approach Thanksgiving, it is fitting that we turn our minds, eyes, and ears to works of thankful praise to God.

This month's 'Hymn to Ponder' is a call and an invitation to gather together in the Lord's house and to lift our voices in song of praise and thankfulness to our God.

Take some time this month to find this hymn, sing it, play it or simply read it and digest the message.

Hymn 574 TLH
(The Lutheran Hymnal)
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Come, ye thankful people, come;
Raise the song of Harvest- home.
All be safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of Harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord, our God, shall come
And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away;
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final Harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide.
Come with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious Harvest home.
Amen.



Photos by: Addi Miller

