

OVERVIEW

Immanuel is committed to providing a variety of opportunities for teen/adult spiritual growth. The single most important thing that we can do to mature in our faith is to be into the Word of God. Our goal is that *every communicant member* who is physically able will enroll in at least one class per semester here at Immanuel. For those children who are not yet of Sunday School age, *we have a staffed nursery during the Sunday morning Bible Study hour.* Our teen and adult Christian education opportunities fall into the following categories...

SUNDAY MORNING (9:15-10:15AM)

Class A (Meets in Fellowship Hall):

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| 1. Running With the Giants | Sept. 7 – Oct. 12 |
| 2. Deep Stuff | Oct. 26 – Nov. 16 |
| 3. 5 th Pew From the Front (Video Study) | Nov. 30 – Dec 21 |
| 4. Church and State | Jan. 11 – Feb. 22 |
| 5. Year of Jubilee Stewardship Study | Mar. 8 – Apr.5 |
| 6. I Still Do! | Apr. 19 – May 17 |

Class B (Meets in Church):

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| 1. Apostles' Creed | Sept. 7 – Oct. 12 |
| 2. Spiritual Rebirth: Baptism | Oct. 26 – Nov. 16 |
| 3. Galatians: Justified by Faith | Jan. 11 – Feb. 22 |
| 4. My Family Altar | Apr. 19 – May 17 |

Class C (Meets in 7th Grade Classroom) – Teen Class:

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| 1. “Why Start Planning My Life Now?” | Sept. 14 – Oct. 5 |
| 2. “Building Good Relationships” | Oct. 26 – Nov. 16 |
| 3. “Seven Teen Essentials” | Jan. 18 – Feb. 22 |

MONDAY EVENING (6:30-7:30 PM)

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| 1. Faith Builder (BIC – basement) | Sept 8 - Dec 15 |
| 2. Heirs Together (Fellowship Hall) | Sept. 8 – Nov. 10 |
| 3. Creation vs. Evolution
(Fellowship Hall) | Nov. 17 – Dec. 15
April 20 – May 18 |
| 4. Christian Leadership (Fell. Hall) | Jan. 5 – Feb. 23 |
| 5. Growing in Hope (BIC – basement) | May 11 – Aug. 24 |

WEDNESDAY EVENING (5:30-7:00 PM)

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| 1. “Peace” of Pizza – Round 1 | Oct. 1 – Oct. 22 |
| 2. “Peace” of Pizza – Round 2 | Feb. 4 – Feb. 18 |
| 3. Public School Confirmation
(5:00 – 6:15 pm!!) | Sept. 3 – Apr. 29 |

THURSDAY MORNING (10:30-11:30 AM)

(Church Basement) – Repeat of Class B from Sunday.

SATURDAY MORNING (9:00-11:00 AM)

1. Growing in Hope (Fellowship Hall) Jan. 10 – Feb. 29
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BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS (BIC)

So when was the last time that you reviewed the basic teachings of the Bible and how those teachings apply to your life? Do you have questions about Communion, Baptism, prayer, marriage, money, parenting, or death?

These classes cover each of those topics, plus a whole lot more to bring us closer to God. We consider these classes to be of such great value that we've made it a priority...we encourage all of our communicant members who haven't taken one of these courses yet to get enrolled! These are also our "membership" classes – that is, those who would like to join Immanuel, but come from another denomination or are un-churched, are asked to complete one of these courses before joining.

FIRST SEMESTER: "FAITH BUILDERS"

INSTRUCTORS: Pastor Heckendorf and Pastor Scharf

WHEN: Monday at 6:30 – 7:30 pm

WHERE: Church basement

DATES: 9/8-12/15 (NEW BIC CLASS!)

SECOND SEMESTER: "GROWING IN HOPE"

INSTRUCTOR: Pastor Scharf

WHEN: Saturday at 9:00 – 11:00 am

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

DATES: 1/10-2/29

SUMMER: "GOD'S ANSWERS TO LIFE'S BIG QUESTIONS"

INSTRUCTORS: Pastor Heckendorf and Pastor Scharf

WHEN: Monday at 6:30 – 7:30 pm

WHERE: Church Basement

DATES: 5/11 - 8/24 (NEW BIC CLASS!)

TEEN CLASSES

"WHY START PLANNING MY LIFE NOW?"

DESCRIPTION: Why should you start planning my life now? Because in a year or two, you'll be an adult and will have a lot of choices to make. Come hear what God has to say about making decisions, your talents and how to use them, your life of service and how to face the future with confidence!

INSTRUCTOR: Jeff Verbeke

WHEN: Sunday at 9:15 -10:15 am

WHERE: 7th Grade classroom

DATES: 9/14 – 10/5 (4 weeks)

“BUILDING GOOD RELATIONSHIPS”

DESCRIPTION: Throughout a person’s life, they will be involved in relationships, whether with friends, parents, members of the opposite sex, enemies or God. Come gather the wisdom and insights the Bible has to offer when it comes to relationships.

INSTRUCTOR: Tom Guenterberg, Guidance Counselor and Teacher
Fox Valley Lutheran High School

WHEN: Sunday at 9:15 -10:15 am

WHERE: 7th Grade classroom

DATES: 10/26 – 11/16 (4 weeks)

“SEVEN TEEN ESSENTIALS”

DESCRIPTION: This powerpoint Bible study will explore what God has to say about topics that every teenager needs to wrestle with like self-image, stress, peer pressure, love and sex, music, alcohol and finances.

INSTRUCTOR: Jeff Verbeke

WHEN: Sunday at 9:15 -10:15 am

WHERE: 7th Grade classroom

DATES: 1/18 – 2/22 (6 weeks)

SUNDAY ONLY CLASSES

***Parents – Please enroll your children in Sunday school and join us for Sunday morning classes so that the whole family can grow in God’s Word at the same time!**

RUNNING WITH THE GIANTS

DESCRIPTION: If Moses could offer you some advice, what would he say? How about Noah? Joseph? This course looks to some Old Testament heroes of faith to see what we can learn about life and leadership. Each Sunday will be a self-contained lesson. For supplemental reading, check out John Maxwell’s book *Running with the Giants*.

INSTRUCTOR: Pastor Heckendorf

WHEN: Sunday at 9:15 -10:15 am

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

DATES: 9/7 - 10/12 (6 weeks)

DEEP STUFF

DESCRIPTION: Don’t let the title fool you – this class is intended for everyone. The course will take a “light” look at a few controversial or misunderstood topics like Hermeneutics, the Mystic Union, the Antichrist and the Unforgivable sin.

INSTRUCTOR: Pastor Scharf

WHEN: Sunday at 9:15 -10:15 am

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

DATES: 10/26 - 11/16 (4 weeks)

FIFTH PEW FROM THE FRONT: “THE DAZE BEFORE CHRISTMAS”

DESCRIPTION: T’was the daze before Christmas of this there was no doubt, in the Taylor home “yule-tide-it is” was found all about! This four week video Bible study will have us following the Taylor family and digging into Scripture to see how we should approach the crisis and chaos that can surround the Christmas season.

INSTRUCTOR: Pastor Heckendorf and Pastor Scharf

WHEN: Sunday at 9:15 -10:15 am

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

DATES: 11/30 - 12/21 (4 weeks)

CHURCH AND STATE

DESCRIPTION: As Christians, we live in two kingdoms: The kingdom of God (church) and the kingdom of the world (state or civil government). Christ rules both kingdoms, but in different ways. As Christians, we have a dual citizenship. What is the relationship between the two kingdoms? What about prayer in public schools? What about government aid to church schools? What about my life as a Christian citizen? To answer those questions, we must search the Scriptures. There God himself will give us not a manual that answers every question but principles to guide and motivate our attitudes and actions.

INSTRUCTOR: Pastor Scharf

WHEN: Sunday at 9:15 – 10:15 am

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

DATES: 1/11-2/22 (7 weeks)

COST: \$10 for the “Civil Government” People’s Bible (optional). The book is not required to participate in the course. It is meant to supplement the truths being learned in the class.

YEAR OF



JUBILEE

DESCRIPTION: In Old Testament times, the year of Jubilee was once every 50 years when all debts would be cancelled to show that all things belong to God and that he would provide. This year our Synod is endeavoring with the Lord’s help to “cancel” the debt we carry so that more ministry can be done. This study will help focus our hearts and minds on how God wants us to use all the gifts he gives.

INSTRUCTOR: Pastor Heckendorf and Pastor Scharf

WHEN: Sunday at 9:15 - 10:15 am

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

DATES: 3/8 - 4/5 (5 weeks)

“I STILL DO!”

DESCRIPTION: Marriage is constantly under attack in our country. Is it any surprise that it comes under attack in our congregation? God’s Word does not leave us helpless. Come and strengthen your Christian marriage as we explore God’s Word and apply it to such things as communication, finances, building a strong spiritual home, etc.

*Geared for those who are married or about to be married. Yet, beneficial for all as we look at this blessing that God established.

INSTRUCTOR: Pastor Heckendorf
WHEN: Sunday at 9:15 – 10:15 am
WHERE: Fellowship Hall
DATES: 4/19-5/17 (5 weeks)

SUNDAY/THURSDAY CLASSES

A STUDY OF THE APOSTLES’ CREED

DESCRIPTION: The title pretty much says it all! We will take a walk through the creed that we’ve spoken so many times and see the Biblical reason we confess what we do Sunday after Sunday. Come and mine the rich comfort embedded in this familiar confession!

INSTRUCTOR: Pastor Scharf
WHEN: Sunday at 9:15 am and Thursday at 10:30 am
WHERE: Sunday in the church; Thursday in the church basement
DATES: 9/4 – 10/12 (6 weeks)

SPIRITUAL REBIRTH: HOW TO ENJOY & LIVE THE BLESSINGS OF BAPTISM

DESCRIPTION: We celebrate birthdays with parties, presents and people. What about our baptisms? While we may not remember the exact date, the blessings of baptism continue with us throughout our lives. Come to this study and celebrate your baptism by reviewing what baptism is, what it means for us and for our children, and how we can help ourselves and our children enjoy baptism’s blessings forever.

INSTRUCTOR: Pastor Heckendorf
WHEN: Sunday at 9:15 am and Thursday at 10:30 am
WHERE: Sunday in the church; Thursday in the church basement
DATES: 10/23 – 11/16 (4 weeks)

GALATIANS: YOU'RE FREE

DESCRIPTION: By nature, we are held hostage by the law which demands, "Do this or do that!" This short, six-chapter book clearly lays out how by faith in Jesus, we're free. Come and celebrate your freedom!

INSTRUCTOR: Pastor Heckendorf
WHEN: Sunday at 9:15 am and Thursday at 10:30 am
WHERE: Sunday in the church; Thursday in the church basement
DATES: 1/8 – 2/22 (7 weeks)

MY FAMILY ALTAR

DESCRIPTION: This course will focus on the Lord's Prayer with special application for a Christian's spiritual growth plan and family altar. Of course, all are welcome, but *every student about to be confirmed and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend!*

INSTRUCTOR: Pastor Scharf
WHEN: Sunday at 9:15 am and Thursday at 10:30 am
WHERE: Sunday in the church; Thursday in the church basement
DATES: 4/19 – 5/17 (4-5 weeks)

MONDAY EVENING CLASSES

HEIRS TOGETHER OF GOD'S GRACIOUS GIFT OF LIFE:

MEN AND WOMEN SERVING TOGETHER IN GOD'S WORLD

DESCRIPTION: "Why can't women vote in your church?" Someone asks you. How do you respond? Have you ever studied what God has to say about it? As redeemed children of God, our unique callings as women and men are a blessing to us. Let's reclaim that truth! This study, written by Kathie Wendland and Professor Richard Gurgel seeks to lead us deeply into the Bible to see that we are heirs together of God's gift of life! This course is being offered again because there was a call for this to be repeated. Come join us!

INSTRUCTOR: Pastor Scharf
WHEN: Monday at 6:30 – 7:30 pm
WHERE: Fellowship Hall
DATES: 9/8 – 11/10 (10 weeks)
COST: \$10 for course book

CREATION VS. EVOLUTION

DESCRIPTION: Come learn why the theory of evolution is inadequate in explaining the origins of life and why science strongly supports God as our Creator. In this four-part series, we will take a look at the evidence from a cosmological, archaeological, and biological perspective. We believe creation because the Bible teaches it. In this course you will be given scientific arguments supporting Biblical six-day creation instead of millions & billions of years. An excellent series for students, or anyone else being inundated with evolutionary thinking. Come learn what science really tells us.

INSTRUCTOR: Brian Lange, Immanuel member

WHEN: Monday at 6:30 – 7:30 pm

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

DATES: 4/20 – 5/18 (5 weeks)

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

DESCRIPTION: Whether it's at home or at work, a recent buzz word has been "leadership." This biblical teaching about leadership will be studied using Paul's Letter to Titus and 3 case studies of biblical leaders: Stephen, Peter and Paul.

INSTRUCTOR: Pastor Heckendorf

WHEN: Monday at 6:30 – 7:30 pm

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

DATES: 1/5 – 2/23 (8 weeks)

* This course is part of a "congregational assistant program" training offered throughout our synod. For credit, there will be an optional assignment at the end of the course. For more information on the WELS Congregational Assistant Program, go to www.welscap.org. There are additional CAP courses taught at FVL throughout the year. Contact the pastors if interested.

WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASSES



"PEACE" OF PIZZA

WEATHER OR NOT: PART ONE

DESCRIPTION: What do we do when the storms of life hit? What do we do for peace? **Bring the whole family** and join us for this video Bible study and enjoy a "peace" of pizza while studying God's Word. If you don't like pizza, you can still come and enjoy the fellowship! ☺

INSTRUCTOR: Pastor Heckendorf

WHEN: Wednesday at 5:30 – 7:00 pm

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

DATES: 10/1 – 10/22 (4 weeks)

WEATHER OR NOT: PART TWO

DESCRIPTION: This is a continuation of the video Bible study. See above.

INSTRUCTOR: Pastor Scharf

WHEN: Wednesday at 5:30 – 7:00 pm

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

DATES: 2/4 - 2/18 (3 weeks)

PUBLIC SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CLASS

DESCRIPTION: Do you have a child in 6th – 8th grade attending a public school? This is the confirmation course they need to be in to be confirmed. And of course, parents are welcome to attend as well! While you are signing up, please also sign up for the Sunday morning “My Family Altar” class listed above – every confirmand and parent is strongly encouraged to attend as part of the confirmation study.

INSTRUCTOR: Pastor Heckendorf and Pastor Scharf

WHEN: Wednesday at 5:00 – 6:15 pm

WHERE: 8th Grade Classroom

DATES: 9/3 – 4/29

SUMMER CLASSES

DESCRIPTION: Summer can be a busy time with vacation schedules and family commitments elsewhere. It can be difficult to commit to a summer course of Bible Study. This is the reason we are going to study various one lesson topics during the summer months. If you need to miss a week of the class, simply jump back into the class without feeling that you will be lost because you missed the week before.

INSTRUCTOR: Pastor Heckendorf and Pastor Scharf

WHEN: Sunday at 9:15 – 9:45 am

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

DATES: 6/14-8/30