



## Investing in Faith- Why Youth Group Matters

By Brittany Peralta | Children, Youth, & Family Director

Life is busy. Between school, sports, homework, family commitments, and everything in between, our calendars are full—and our kids feel it too. In the whirlwind of activity, it's more important than ever to carve out intentional time for growing our faith community. That's why we're launching a new Sunday night youth group from 6–8 p.m. for middle and high school students, and we hope your family will be part of it.

This ministry isn't just another item on the "to-do" list. It's a space for our young people to slow down, to breathe, and to grow. It's a place where they can ask questions about God, wrestle with real-life challenges, and discover what it means to follow Jesus in their everyday lives. In a world that's often uncertain and fast-paced, we want our youth to know there is safety, love, and purpose within these church walls.

Youth ministry doesn't stand alone. It thrives when a life of faith is modeled by the adults in the lives of our children. You don't have to have all the answers or be perfect (none of us are!)—you just need to be present. When your children see worship, prayer, and community a priority, it shows them what really matters. Your faith fuels theirs and their faith fuels ours, too.

Our vision for this youth group is big: a place where youth belong, where friendships form, where laughter is heard, and where hearts are transformed. We believe every young person deserves a faith community that knows them, loves them, and points them to Jesus.

So we invite you—parents, grandparents, guardians—to make Sunday nights a sacred rhythm. Come alongside us as we work together to build a foundation for our youth that lasts far beyond the teenage years. When we invest in the faith of our young people, we shape the future of the Church—and plant seeds that will bear fruit for generations to come.

Stay tuned as we finalize the start date of our new Youth Program. We plan on starting during the Summer in June, once a month, and then having a huge kick-off when school starts in August. After school starts, we plan on having it consistently twice a month. Please keep our families and staff in your prayers as we navigate through this new season of ministry. It sure is an exciting one!

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*Altar Guild  
Meeting*

MAY 14TH | 10 AM-12 PM

STUART FELLOWSHIP HALL



# PRESCHOOL UPDATE

Dear Immanuel Friends & Families,

Happy May, wow, this year flew by. We had a great time celebrating Jesus and finding Easter eggs. Now, we move on to the end of the year and VPK graduation. The twos and threes are finishing up their curriculum and reviewing everything they have learned. VPK is preparing for graduation and getting ready for kindergarten! We are looking forward to an amazing month of celebrations and making memories. Summer will be here soon, and we will enjoy the fun activities we have planned for our summer camp. We are currently hiring a teacher for an additional classroom. If you know anyone, please send them our way. Have a great month, Immanuel, and always thank you for your continued support!

Love,

Ms. Natalie & Preschool Staff



## YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

BY BRITTANY PERALTA

Hey Immanuel Youth and Families,

What a joyful Easter season we've shared together! Easter worship was absolutely amazing—from the beautiful lilies carried in by families to the children lifting high the He is Risen! sign, it was a powerful and moving morning. And of course, the Easter egg hunt brought so many smiles and giggles—it was a blast watching our littlest ones celebrate new life with such excitement!

Over the past month, our youth staff and families have been meeting to dream and plan for the future of our ministry. We've gathered three times for focused discussions about what's working, what could grow, and how we can build something truly meaningful together. I'm so thankful for everyone who has shared their voice. Our plan is in the works—and you can check out more about that in the article on page one!

Looking ahead, we're gearing up for our May Confirmation Retreat, and I couldn't be more excited. It's such a special time for our confirmands as they deepen their understanding of faith and prepare to affirm the promises made in their baptism. Please keep them in your prayers as they take this important step in their journey.

Wishing you a wonderful May filled with sunshine, growth, and the joy of community.





# HOLY WEEK



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## Monthly Giving Report

A report of our combined Palm City & Stuart giving compared to the approved budget the congregation agreed to at the annual meeting.

	March, 2025	YTD 2025
Given	\$45,370.65	\$123,266.43
Budgeted	\$43,345.83	\$130,037.50
Difference	\$2,024.82	(\$6,771.07)

## Operating Fund Income and Expenses

Our year-to-date operating income and expenses using the latest report of the treasurer.

ILC & IELC	YTD 2025
Income	\$344,065.55
Expenses	\$259,090.55
Difference	\$84,975.00





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# Thank you

To everyone who helped make Holy Week a success. From egg donations to volunteering, serving, setting up, etc. We appreciate you all so much. Immanuel is truly a family, and we are so blessed to have you all in our lives.

Love,  
Immanuel Staff

## THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY | MAY 4TH

Sunday Evenings | 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

**Palm City Campus: Room 202**

Led by Pastor Dave Dangerfield

Returning  
May 7th

*Bible Study*

# BREAD OF LIFE

*Stuart Campus  
Wednesday's @ 5:30 PM*

## thrivent MEMBERS

If you have not used your Action Team, please consider applying for an Action Team card because we need your help with the Snack Bag program. We seem to be giving out more "Snack Bags" every week. Please do not leave the "money" unused. For those of you, who have already used your Thrivent Benefit, Thank you! For those of you who donate items for the "Snack Bags", another Thank you! We cannot continue this program without your support. The people who receive these "Bags" are very appreciative and thank us every week.

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