Join us at Immanuel Lutheran Church for the
22nd Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017, 12 noon
(free will donation to missions)

Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wednesday, November 22, 6:30pm

Thanksgiving Day Worship
Thursday, November 23, 11:15am

Special Days coming up in November at Immanuel

† Sunday November 5th (9:15am) All Saints Day - Remember all the Saints in our lives those who are still with us, and those who have passed away.

† Sunday November 12th (9:15am) Mission Sunday - Hear what the Mission of Immanuel is, and how you are a part of it together.

† Sunday November 19th (9:15am) Christ the King - Close out the Liturgical Church year and hear again how Jesus has been, is, and will always be King of all.

† Wednesday November 22nd (6:30pm) Thanksgiving Worship

† Thursday November 23rd (11:15am) Thanksgiving Worship - Give thanks to the Lord for all that God has done, and will continue to do, in our lives.

† Sunday November 26th (9:15am) Advent Begins - The start of a new Liturgical year, and a time to prepare the way of the Lord and prepare for the coming of Jesus into the world.

New Member Class

A two-part Exploration of Membership will be held on Sunday, Nov. 5 and Nov. 12, 10:45am, in the Shalom Room. We invite any of you who would like to explore membership into this faith community, or has transferred to Immanuel this past year to attend.

New members will be received at 9:15 Sunday worship on Nov. 12 (yes, the same day as the second class).

If this is something you would like to explore or already know your desire, please call the church office (585-3152).

Belonging “officially” to the church as a member is not required to participate in the life of this congregation, however belonging in both a spiritual and official relationship enhances your ability to know and to care for one another, and to grow together in faithful discipleship.

‘2nd Sunday’ Potluck Brunch Nov. 12

All are welcome to join in on a ‘Mission Sunday’ with 9:15 worship followed by a potluck brunch at 10:15. It is pretty guaranteed with all us Lutherans preparing potluck food, that it will be tasty and the fellowing will be superb, join in!

Your dish to share may be dropped off in the kitchen prior to worship and it will be taken care of for you. Breakfast or lunch, whatever you like! Trustees, seventh graders and parents will be helping serve that morning.

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As I sit this morning with my first cup of coffee, there is a sense of wonderment and anticipation that continues to build. It started back in April when I was glancing at some back issues of the Messenger and came across an announcement by the Western Iowa Synod that there would be a group traveling to Chile during November of 2017. In 2012, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile and the Western Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America entered a covenant. The vision of the covenant is to build and support a continued relationship through prayer, study, communications and exchange of persons and resources.

Every Sunday, we pray for our companion church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallenes, and I must admit, I have often wondered just exactly where it was located. I downloaded the link to the website, and started to read a bit about different mission trips that the Western Iowa Synod had participated in. The country of Chile is 2,650 miles from north to south with over 3,600 miles of coastline and is only 265 miles at its widest point. The Pacific Ocean is on the west, and the Andes Mountains form its eastern border. The northern part of the country consists of dry-desert like conditions and has vast supplies of copper. The central valley is the heartland of Chile and is where most of its population is located. Punta Arenas, Chile is in the archipelago and is 6,763 miles from Forest City, it is where our companion church is located; there is a two-hour time zone difference and we will be arriving as their summer begins. Chile is not a poor country, but it has suffered from a brutal dictatorship, led by a military coup in 1973 and lasting until 1988. This event continues to leave its mark on the Chilean culture and society today.

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Jesus was teaching about his “Thanksgiving Meal,” saying, “Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” John 6:54-60. As a result of this difficult teaching some followers ceased following.

Jesus’ teachings remain challenging and difficult for us: “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,” Luke 6:27. “Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few,” Matthew 7:13-14. And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.” Luke 9:23-24.

As we prepare for the Thanksgiving meal of our day, I say this to all of you who have hung in there with Immanuel Lutheran: “Thank you for sticking with the church through thick and thin. It is easy to move down the road to the new church in town every couple of years. To you church members who stay, serve, give, and support through the valleys, I say, ‘Thank you.’ The tough times make us stronger. You are teammates. With love for Jesus and a smile, you lean over the plate and take the hit for our church. It is an honor to be on your team.”

As Paul said to the church in Philippi so I say to you, “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”

I am grateful this Thanksgiving for Christ’s church and for the opportunities I have to partner with you all in Christ’s mission. Someone once told me that the church is a deep dark chasm of need that will suck you dry if you let it. As true as that may be from time to time, the church is also a people who give freely of themselves; who sacrifice for the good of all; who live the abundant life, now. Thank you! Thank you, for being the church and for sticking with her through thick and thin.

A Blessed Thanksgiving, Pastor Rod

IMMANUEL KIDS

Happy Thanksgiving

In teaching the people of the church in the town of Thessalonica how to live together as followers of Jesus, the Apostle Paul writes, “And we urge you, brothers and sisters, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:14-18

Within these verses there are some very important words that help us thank people in our lives who do them. The word admonish means, “to speak the truth in love.” When a parent, grandparent, teacher, or friend speaks the truth to us in love it helps keep us on the road God wants us on. Say “Thank you” to those in your life who are willing to speak the truth in love.

Other verbs in this text are: encourage, help, be patient. Thank those people in your life who encourage you, who help you, and help you to be patient. “Never repay evil with evil; seek to do good to one another and to everyone; rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances.” Take a minute this Thanksgiving to say “Thank you,” to those who forgive you, who do good to you, and who pray for you. This is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Crossed in Christ, Pastor Rod
“It’s the most wonderful time of the year. With the kids jingle belling… and hearts will be glowing when love ones are near. It’s the most wonderful time, yes the most wonderful time, oh the most wonderful time of the year.”

I’m sure you know that Christmas song, but I’m not here to talk about Christmas this month, that’s next month. November sees something else. November includes Thanksgiving, a time to give thanks for all God has done for us and will continue, but November also includes one of the best seasons of the Church year, Advent.

What does Advent mean? In the dictionary advent means, “the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event.” For us that means Christ is arriving soon, the birth of Jesus is arriving soon, the world is about to change in ways we could never expect soon. Advent! And it is the anticipation of this event, this person, this thing that can make you as excited as a child jingle belling in anticipation of Christmas.

You don’t have to ask many people if I love the Christmas season, those that know me know I already have Christmas music playing, am gearing up to decorate and light up the night with lights. I am full of anticipation and excitement. For me, sometimes it is the journey that is exciting instead of the destination. And that is true of Advent too, I love the journey, the anticipation, and even the reflection. Reflecting on what it must have been like thousands of years ago when people did not know Jesus was coming so soon, and did not know what it was he was bringing to the world, to us all. What was it like waiting to be free, waiting for the Messiah, waiting, waiting, waiting. Wondering if this event, this person, was ever going to arrive. What was it like when hearts were not glowing in anticipation of, the loved one, Jesus? We ask these questions because we have the hindsight, we know what Jesus has done and continues to do now. And yet, these are still good questions to ask ourselves now as we wait and wonder if Jesus ever going to come back? With all that is going on around us, maybe even in our own lives, we may beg him to come back soon. And we are now like those waiting for that first Christmas, that first Advent, that first arrival of the notable person and event.

It is the most wonderful time of the year, and the anticipation of the loved one, Jesus, having our hearts glow as the day of his birth comes closer and closer, as the adrenaline fills me up the closer I get to Christmas. But we need to also slow it down too, and remember what it is we are Adventing, getting ready for. It’s not Santa, it’s not the gifts or carols, it’s not the lights and decorations, not the busy malls and stores, it’s not the joy or dread of family. It’s so much more than that. It is the Advent, the coming, the arrival of the noble person, Jesus the Son of God. It is the Advent, the arrival of the event, the coming of the Savior of the World, the Savior or all of us at Christmas, the day Jesus was born.

So prepare the way of the Lord, it is the most wonderful time of the year, and the most wonderful time to get ready for the Advent of Jesus and the journey ahead for him to Easter and the promises he gives us. But that’s another story for Spring.

See you in worship! Pastor Zech Anderson

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**Meet and Greet Open House**

You are invited to an informal Meet and Greet open house in honor of Jenny and Sven-Axel Conrad in the Sha-lom Room on Tuesday, November 7, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. They were married on September 30, 2017 in Mariager, Denmark. Jenny is the daughter of Barbara Johnson and the late Harvey G. Johnson. She recently retired from teaching at North Heights Christian Academy in Roseville, MN. Sven-Axel has served as pastor in Aalborg, Denmark, missionary in Tanzania, safari leader, and interpreter. Light refreshments will be served. No gifts please.

**Wednesday October Menu**

**Nov. 1** ..................... John Wayne casserole, bars  
**Nov. 8** ..................... BBQ ribs, baked potatoes, baked beans, bars  
**Nov. 15** .................... Chili dog casserole, corn, bars  
**Nov. 22** ............ NO meal ~ Happy Thanksgiving  
**Nov. 29** .............................. Soup night

**News from the cook…**

All I can say for this past month is WOW! We served close to 800 people in September. Praise the Lord! Hope you continue to keep coming to enjoy the meals and fellowship with others at Immanuel.

Cookin’ for the Lord, Deb Fardal
Meet a Peer Minister

Hello Immanuel! My name is Erisha (Lea) Menon from Malaysia, which is a country in Southeast Asia. I am a senior at Waldorf University majoring in communications. I am a Warrior Women in Leadership scholar. I am also involved in Lutheran Campus Ministry, World Student's Association and a Resident Assistant for the Breen dorm on campus.

I am the Marketing Coordinator for Like Fire Lutheran Campus Ministry. I designed the new logo that we have right now and create the posters and emails that we used to reach out to people. I also handle social media and try my best to spread the message of everything we do as a Like Fire crew.

One of my main passions is music. I always say that “music saved me”. I know it might sound cliche but it really did. It was sort of my way of expressing my emotions when I couldn’t put my feelings to words. My personal way to escape. I also love doing everything I am doing right now in my major which includes TV and radio production, designing and photojournalism.

Another passion I have is for serving. God has given all of us a calling and I feel like if we pursue it zealously, wonderful things will happen. My main goal in life is to use the gifts that God has blessed me with and spread his love in our world and hopefully make the world a better place. Realistically speaking, I know even if I give my all, it would not change the world on a big scale but like Mother Teresa said, “I alone cannot change the world but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.” And that’s what I plan to do in my life.

Lea is also a member of our Like Fire worship band that will be traveling to area churches all November to lead worship. She will be at Immanuel on November 12th with the rest of our band so make sure to meet her in person! Look forward to meeting the rest of our peer ministers in the coming months. We will also share recaps and highlights of some of our most memorable moments in ministry as the semester unfolds. Thank you for you continual support and prayers. Catch you next month. For information about upcoming campus ministry events or possible needs that our Volunteer Task Force may be able to assist with don’t hesitate to contact me!

Peace,
Antoine Cummins
Campus Ministry Coordinator
Like Fire LCM advisor
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Chile Mission Trip continued from page 2

Our group of nine leaves the United States on November 17 and arrives in Santiago, Chile on November 18. The itinerary includes, in addition to worship at various churches, participating in an eye-clinic, listening to speakers regarding the dictatorship, Mothers of the Disappeared, and the lasting impact of the coup today. We will then travel from Santiago to Valparaiso and learn about the impact of immigration and participate in the National Day Against Violence and Rape of Women. In Concepcion, we will visit disaster relief camps, artisan Fishing, and participate in womens’ sewing project. On Thursday, November 30, we will arrive in Punta Arenas taking part in school and community activities. On Dec. 2 travel continues to Isla Magdalena to see penguins. On Sunday, Dec. 3, we will worship with Rev. Raquel Rodriguez, WIS Bishop Prois will be preaching that day. Upon completion of the service, we will say our goodbyes and most of the group will be returning to Santiago that day, continuing home to the United States and arriving on December 4.

Treasurer’s Report | Immanuel Lutheran Church
FY September 2017

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What is God’s destination for you??

In our high school youth ministry, we’ve talked about the question that seems to pop up throughout our life, “Where and what am I meant to do”? This can create a lot of anxiety for us, especially as they are starting to plan where to go to college, what to major in, and try to plan life’s next steps. It is a LOT of pressure to make sure you do the “correct” thing that God’s called you to do. While talking about this, we’ve studied and talked about Jonah.

I think that this story is so refreshing for me, our young people & hopefully you too. God called Jonah and told him to go east, but Jonah decides to go west instead the complete opposite direction from where he is supposed to go. The awesome and amazing thing about this story? Jonah with a small detour (inside the stomach of a large fish!) still ends up in Nineveh where God calls him to go in the first place! This is great news for us, because this story shows that God doesn’t have just one path for us and that He is powerful enough to get us where we are supposed to be even if we don’t know the way to go!

HS YOUTH MINISTRY DATES & NOTES: NOVEMBER:
† 1st, 8th & 29th High School Youth Ministry
† 12th HS Tripp Meeting
† HS will host the coffee hour on November 26th

MS YOUTH MINISTRY DATES & NOTES: NOVEMBER:
† Meeting 5th & 19th November 5th-6th grade class & parents will be hosting coffee hour
† November 12th-7th grade class & Parents will be hosting coffee hour
† November 19th-8th grade class & parents will be hosting coffee hour

Thanks for partnering with us in this ministry!
In Christ, Matt Polsdofer

Promiseland

October 29 marks my last day as the Children’s Education Director at Immanuel. I want to thank all the congregation for their support over the last few years. Having a position that relied on volunteers can be very stressful. I have been blessed to work with numerous volunteers who are dedicated to the children of Immanuel. Thank you to all the Promiseland/VBS teachers, volunteers and Board of Education members for your help in making my role successful. I was so fortunate to get to know each of you and partner in teaching Immanuel’s children.

I also want to thank the staff of Immanuel. Working alongside each of you has been wonderful. When I started working at Immanuel, I was amazed at all the work that goes unseen that you each do. Our church is blessed to have each of you working for the good of Immanuel and God. I was lucky to have you as co-workers and will always remain friends.

Again, thank you Immanuel for being so supportive of me. This position allowed me the flexibility to be home with my children and I will always be grateful for that time. With Rylee being in 3rd grade and Nevaeh in kindergarten, I am excited to use my business degree again working for Principal Financial Group. Luckily, our family will still see you all as members of Immanuel. So no ‘good-bye’ need just ‘see you soon!’

PROMISELAND IMPORTANT DATES
Sunday, November 12 – Sunday Promiseland kids playing bells in Worship
Wednesday, November 22 & Sunday, November 26 – No Promiseland
Sunday, December 10 – Promiseland Christmas Program at 4:00 pm

Tori Eastvold

Matt Polsdofer
Thank you for the financial gifts that come in from worship offerings, automatics, or through the mail. Try this convenient way to give your offerings to Immanuel – could be a one-time gift, or a recurring electronic gift. Just scan this QR code with your mobile device and follow the simple steps.

We have new books! If you have not yet visited your beautiful church library, please take the time to stop by soon. The library is located in the fellowship hall. Read, meditate, and check out quality books, videos, DVDs, and music to enlighten your minds and deepen your faith. Share the library with your family and friends, the library is for everyone.

A Witness: The Haiti Earthquake, a Song, Death, and Resurrection
Written by Renee Splichal Larson
Reviewed by Carolyne Korth

A few months ago I read the book, A Witness, by Renee Splichal Larson, an ELCA pastor born and raised in North Dakota and a graduate of Concordia College and Wartburg Theological Seminary. The 2010 earthquake in Haiti buried Renee in rubble, killed her husband Ben, and left her a widow at age 27. It is a moving story of love, grief, survival, and new life in an abiding faith in the living God.

An excerpt from the book, “Widow” was printed in the Jan/Feb Gather magazine. The foreword to A Witness was written by the Rev. Norma Cook Everist, Professor at Wartburg Seminary and the mother of Joel Everist, Waldorf Choir Director. One of her writings “You Are Not Alone” was printed in the May issue of Gather. I highly recommend this moving book available in the Immanuel Library thanks to a gift.

The Priest
Written by Francine Rivers

The Priest is the first book in a new companion series to A Lineage of Grace by Francine Rivers. This novella peeks into the life of one biblical man who stood behind the great heroes of faith. The Priest is about Moses’ brother, Aaron. An inspiring look into a seemingly secondary Biblical character and how he supported his brother and how his belief in Moses has impacted faith for eternity.

Caved Dove
Written by Andrea Rodgers
Reviewed by Bev Retland

Bullied as a child and now a newspaper reporter in Des Moines, IA, Aniston has been asked to go back to her hometown to report on a high school suicide triggered from years of bullying. As Aniston deals with her past demons, it becomes apparent that God has placed her in this town, at this time for a reason.

A great story that also deals with a problem faced by many of our children today. This book can be found on Immanuel’s library shelves where there is something for everyone to read.

Promiseland

Winners from Sunday’s Promiseland/Library Jeopardy game.

Library Notes

Please let us know if there are any works we need to be adding to the current Library’s collection. We also are looking for more reviews of books or DVDs. Please let anyone on the library committee know if you would like to submit a review or have a suggestion.

‘Like’ Immanuel Lutheran Church on facebook for all the latest news and updates!
Parish Council
*Kathy McEnelly*

The ILC council met on Oct 23, 2017 with the following members present: Kathy McEnelly, Chad Benson, Joan Beebe, Heather Johnson, Melanie Slater, Alice Lewellen, Stacy Miller, Steve Olmstead, Brody Hopp, Kathy Leuwerke and Pastor Hopp and Pastor Anderson.

The Council discussed potential options with the Worship & Music position and decided to work towards filling the position with a part-time person, 25-30 hours per week. The Council heard a recommendation from a task team committee that interviewed candidates to fill the Children’s Education Director position on an interim basis through mid-June. The recommendation was to offer that position as a shared position to Natasha Banta and Krista Hopp. The Council approved the recommendation and salary.

Council discussed the upcoming sale of the former Law Enforcement Center on the property just to the north of Immanuel. It was decided to proceed with gathering information about the property and building and discussing possible purchase with the congregation. We would set a meeting for an anticipated congregational vote on purchasing the property and building on November 19 (the sale is November 20).

The Council approved designation of the Thanksgiving offerings and free-will donations from the Thanksgiving dinner to be divided between the Forest City Food Bank, our Wednesday evening meal program and our Missionaries.

Board of Education
*Emily Beenken*

The Board of Education met Tuesday, October 10. The meeting was opened with a devotion and prayer based on 1 John 3:1-6. The 2018 budget was reviewed and discussed. Plans for the Christmas program and meal were started. The board reviewed and discussed the Children’s Education Director position.

Board of Parish Life
*Melanie Westerberg*

The BPL met on Oct. 2. We had a discussion about the different sub-committees under our board. We will need to keep in contact with these different groups to make sure they are being encouraged, supported, and any help that is needed is offered. We are looking for a staff member to replace Travis’ position on the committee.

We discussed future meetings and the possibility of meeting on an “as needed basis”. Our busiest time of year is in the fall and at other times we don’t have much for an agenda. It might enable us to get a few more people involved with the BPL if there were specific times we were meeting.

Mission and Outreach
*Sharen Rieffer*

Mission & Outreach Board met on Wednesday, Oct. 11. Present: Jaci Thorson, Larry Rieffer, Steven Olmstead, Brody Hopp and Sharen Rieffer.

The Board looked over the possible projected budget with revenues and expenses for next year.

An update on the latest fundraiser for our missionary fund which was the potluck brunch free will offering taken October 8 was given by Jaci. We received a total of $343.00. This brings us to $3,801.50 of the $5,000 goal for our Global Missionaries. Our last quarter’s fundraising mission was for our two Bible Camps-Riverside Lutheran and Ingham/Okoboji Lutheran. Total raised for Camp was $960.84 giving each of the two camps $480.42. We discussed this quarter’s emphasis of the Hanson Family Life Center and what we were doing for them. A collection box in by the office door for the art supplies that the Center has suggested they needed. A “Noisy Offering” for HFLC will be on November 15 and 19.

We discussed our recommendation to the council on how the Thanksgiving Offering and free will gifts might be divided. Our recommendation was to divide it into thirds as follows: Forest City Neighborhood Food Bank, Wednesday Night Meals, and Global Missionaries.

Fair Trade items were discussed, and other opportunities such as Lutheran World Relief coffee.

Board of Trustees
*Kathy McEnelly*

The Board of Trustees met on Oct 23. The September financials noted a negative bottom line for the month of -$3,580.89. Year-to-date, after nine months of 2017, we are at a loss of ($11,280.98) however $10,000 was borrowed so the year-to-date loss is actually -$21,280.98. We were unable to pay benefits for staff in September so that $7,435 had to be paid in October. Monthly giving for the past 3 years was reviewed and discussed. The Board requested that any discretionary spending be discussed before those expenditures happen. Visible strips were put on the steps leading to the front doors. We have quotes for sidewalk repair but will hold on those until spring. Our medical insurance premiums for staff will increase by 5% in January and the Board approved accepting that increase and staying with the same benefit level. The Board approved the sale of the bass chelo that we have but no longer use.

We are actively looking for new members.

Thursday Morning Women’s Bible Study

This group meets every Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the lounge to study the scriptures for the next Sunday. We invite anyone that would like to join us! The more we have the better the discussion. The group often tries to decide what the message will be and are often surprised on Sunday. If we have questions we tap which ever pastor is in if possible.

The size of the group varies as the seasons change, so snowbirds leave and return in the spring!

We share what we read and learn from each other; no need to be a Bible expert. Come join us and try it out!
DUST AND CLEAN...

Marge Solberg

I was in 3rd grade when I was asked to help dust and clean our house. Dad was in the Navy and helping mom was interpreted as “contributing to the war effort.” Everyone in our town was involved in ways to help with the effort. Cleaning and dusting seemed a fun job; I was a patriotic kid; I could write this to dad and he would be proud of me; so I did dusting. I was to dust tables, chairs, window sills, piano, which meant anything downstairs made of wood. I did not realize that two floor-to-ceiling bookcases were included with dusting. I did not do a good job (no one would look at each book or the backs of shelves). Dining chair legs were carved and looked like knees where dust hid. I was tired of dusting. I asked to iron instead; but I was too young. I kept offering to change jobs (garden work, shoveling snow). My mother decided I would help with parts of all the work! Consequently, I still don’t like to dust or clean.

I began to realize how boring it is to dust and clean around the same items year after year. Are these things still as important to me? Except for photos of, or gifts from, loved ones and friends, I am not interested in some of these items anymore. Some things have actually become clutter that I have to dust. Some TV programs I watch, books I read, or what seemed entertaining, have become boring and keep me from finding more satisfying ways to spend time. I need to clean up and dust this wasted time. I should try something new and challenging. I know the plight of refugees, weather disasters, famine, wars, and disease. My attention is caught awhile but I was overwhelmed and didn’t pursue the problems. I need to dust and clean.

A congregation can become like I do about things around me. Do we wish for a time when Ladies’ Aid had 14 circles and the business meetings were planning money-making or church remodeling? The high point was lunch. Do we wish for hymns of the 1940s, ’50s, and ’60s? We had Evangelism teams, lists of calling committees. They were good days; I enjoyed all of it. But most of us began working away from home; kids went to babysitters; we bought more ready, prepared food. We have lots of time-and work-saving gadgets (the wonderful dishwasher)! I would not want to go back to the hard, uninteresting, housework of previous years. I enjoy the chance to challenge my abilities, and be free to grow. But have I stopped at places in the past that have kept me from growing and exploring? Am I opposed to change? Do I ignore the restlessness of the next generation that leads to change, before they can even show their ideas and abilities? As a Sunday School teacher, youth volunteer, confirmation mentor, did I send them to others who listened and saw that they need to reach God in their way, to walk with Jesus in their style of shoes, to serve others as they hear the Holy Spirit? They won’t have to come to us; we will go to them, where they are. What newness of Evangelism.

Martin Luther, after 500 years, is still our greatest example of a leader of change. In founding the Lutheran Church he kept few of the past traditions and mostly changed from the old church to include freedom, challenges, and newness to become the great church we see around the world that reaches out to others, and takes the Good News to all the world. He knew that Church needed to often dust and clean to grow.

I know that I will look at Immanuel with new vision for the future. Will you join me to reach out to people in our seats and people in our streets. Together we can begin to DUST AND CLEAN!

Immanuel Women of the ELCA Treasurer’s Report

(July-Sept. 2017)

Income
Circle Worship Offerings ............................................ $ 190.41
Circle Project Offerings .............................................. 205.96
Funerals Served ......................................................... 150.00
Coffee Hours Served ................................................... 474.01
Total Income ............................................................. $ 1,020.38

Expense
Bill’s Family Foods ...................................................... $ 92.82
Regular Synodical Offering ......................................... 75.00
Lutheran World Relief .................................................. 60.00
Total Expense ............................................................ $ 227.82

Karolyn Overlie, Treasurer

Dates to Remember
Thursday, Nov. 9, 10am ............. Circle Bible Study Leaders w/Barb Johnson, Lounge
Monday, Nov. 20, 2–4pm .................. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Shalom Lounge
Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1pm ........... LWR Quilting Do Day, Fellowship Hall
November Laundry ............................................................ Anna Harringa
November Sunday Coffee ........................................ Immanuel Youth
Nov. 5 .............................................................. 6th grade youth & parents
Nov. 12 (Potluck Brunch) and Trustees ........... 7th grade youth & parents
Nov. 19 ......................................................... 8th grade youth & parents
Nov. 26 .............................................................. High School Youth

NOVEMBER CIRCLES

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Volunteer November 2017

Altar Guild
Nov. 5 .....................................................................................Dorothy Olson
Nov. 12 ....................................................................................Mary Lund
Nov. 19 ..................................................................................Sonja Johnson
Nov. 26 .........................................................................................Judy Utech

Assisting Ministers
Nov. 5 .....................................................................................Cynthia Ryder
Nov. 12 .....................................................................................Carolyn Price
Nov. 19 ...................................................................................Cynthia Ryder
Nov. 26 ..........................................................................................Jim Cherry

Scripture Readers
Nov. 5 ...................................................................................John Chisholm
Nov. 12 .......................................................................................Bill Krahling
Nov. 19 ..........................................................................................Pam Keller
Nov. 26 ...............................................................................Connie Johnson

Communion Servers
Nov. 5 ...............................................................................Jim & Barb Braun
Nov. 12 .......................................................................................Melanie Westerberg, Judy Utech
Nov. 19 ...................................................................................Joan Hansen, Cynthia Ryder
Nov. 26 .........................................................................................Ellen Olson

Communion Set Up
Nov. 5 .........................................................................................Kathy Leuwerke
Nov. 12 ..............................................................................Shirley Rollefson

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms
Oct. 11 .............................................. Cooper Roderick Benson, son of Chad & Quincey Benson
Oct. 11 .................................................... Cade Michael Gerdes, son of Chad & Kim Gerdes
Oct. 22 .................................................. Rownan Wallace Daniels, son of Matt & Brynn (Phillips) Daniels

Prayers
Bink & Karen Keller, Jennifer & Mark Jenkins and family, in the loss of Karen’s mother/ Jennifer’s grandmother, Norma Frischmann of Bloomington, IL
Pat & Steve Lovik, Nicole & Jason Blaser and family, Mallory & Derek Zeismer, in the loss of Pat’s father/ Nicole’s and Mallory’s grandfather, Raymond Cooper of Clear Lake
Clara Eisenmann and family in the loss of great-granddaughter, Natasha Bryan of Chenoa, IL
Family and friends in the loss of former Immanuel member, Mardelle Bauer of Chenoa, IL
Julie and Arvin Steckers and family, in the loss of Julie’s brother, Jimmy Junkans, of Clear Lake

Flowers and Broadcasts

Altar flowers available these Sundays ($44):
† Jan. 7, 14, 21
Radio broadcasts available these Sundays ($100)
† Jan. 7, 14, 21

Song Leaders
Nov. 5 ................................................. Amanda Take, Audrey Olmstead
Nov. 12 ................................................... Mark & Joy Newcom
Nov. 19 .................................................. Audrey Olmstead, Cindi Lehmann
Nov. 26 ................................................... Jaci Thorson, Elizabeth May

Offering Counters ................. Joyce Goranson, Dorothy Olson,
Mary Schaefer, Betty Nelson, Marj Anderson

Ushers ............. Wayne Johns, Jim Lund, Jim Bowman, Paul Jensen

Sound Tech ........................................ Karl Wooldridge

Choir Schedule ........................................ Nov. 5, 19

2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering-Houston, TX

Our group would like to thank our congregation for their generous support of our group in both financially & with their prayers! Thanks for your support with our t-shirt sales, Spirit Cup sales and for continuing to bring in Bill’s receipts! Our group met recently and it was a great opportunity for our youth and families. The youth had the opportunity to lead their parents in a devotion, helping to strengthen the communication at home about faith and their trip experiences.

If you know anyone who is interested in going on the trip, it is not too late yet! The sooner we know that they are interested the better.

Thanks! Immanuel youth & trip leaders
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### Operation Christmas Child Boxes

We invite you to pick up a OCC box to take home, fill up, and return to church with $9 shipping costs if possible. Shop for a boy or girl that will receive your special gift somewhere around the world. What an awesome way to show your love to a child that might be receiving their only gift this Christmas season.

Instructions on how to pack your box are included. Even tracking of where your box goes if you donate your $9 online.

National Collection Week is Nov. 13-20 so please return your boxes before the 13th.

### Vital Agers

**Mary Rodberg**

The Vital Agers’ Christmas Dinner is December 5th at 11:30am in the fellowship hall. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the office. A meal of Iowa chops, mashed potatoes, corn and tossed salad will be prepared and served by Bill’s deli. The cost is $8.00 per person. You can pay in the office or at the door the day of the event.

Please put this on your calendar as a great way to start the Christmas season.
MISSION STATEMENT
Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Sundays - 9:15am
Wednesdays - 6:30pm

OFFICE HOURS
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