

THE MESSENGER

The monthly newsletter for members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Forest City, Iowa November 2021

AMAZING PEOPLE OF IMMANUEL (FC),

Words cannot describe the appreciation I have for all the love and support you have provided me for over the last decade! Jenni and I started going to Immanuel in 2010 after we graduated college. It has been an amazing place that has nurtured our faith and a place where we've developed amazing friendships!

Thank you for all your support, The Polsdofers ~ Matt, Jenni, Ben, Ruby, Molly and Jacob



Congratulations and blessings to Pastor Matt on his October 16 Celebration of Ordination!

We are proud of him and wish him the best at his new Immanuel Lutheran (Rock Rapids) congregation!!

-from your Immanuel family



Henri Nouwen Book Study Series

The first Nouwen book, *Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World*, will begin on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, at 7:00 pm @ Bethany Lutheran in Thompson. This is a hybrid study – in person/ZOOM/recorded by Pastor Rod and Sonja Johnson (Thompson).

Join in the discussion of this book, and any Nouwen book's throughout the year. (Ask in the office for the complete list or see recent announcements.)

Immanuel Lutheran Church's 26th Annual Community Thanksgiving Day Buffet

Thursday, Nov. 25, 2021

serving 11am ~ 1pm

free will donation proceeds to:
food bank & Missionary Karen

Online sign up thru immanuelfamily.com
or call the church office at 585-3152
for reservations, carry outs, or homebound deliveries
by Thursday, Nov. 18

Thanksgiving Worship Service: 10:30am, Nov. 25

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All Saints Sunday



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOV. 7

God has made into saints all who have been baptized into Christ, and we recognize and honor those who have died in the faith, since last year's All Saints Day, by referring to them as saints of God. We join in celebrating these

saints and those baptized in the past year, giving thanks to God for the life of each of these dear children of God.

Sunday, Nov. 7, we will read these names and welcome anyone to light a candle remembering and celebrating the life of their loved ones.

Immanuel's members & friends remembered this year:

Susan Jane Dontje
LeDonna Ree Durant
Phillip Anthony Torgerson
Jacqueline Ann Coyne
Joan Eileen Langerud
Norma J. Strommen
Arlys Elaine Swingen
Julie Ann Branstad Lacy
Verdell Loren Lunning
Irene Helen Keeper
Nayeli Olaosebikan-Sanchez

Gregory Allen Keough
Angela Kaye Flowers
Brock Andrew Walden
Olive Ardelle Osnes
Vicki L. Hanson
Carl W. Matherly
Michael Skjeie
Judy Lorraine Gambell
Michael Douglas Damm

Celebrating the newly baptized this year:

Shelby Ann Schulz
Rhea Lou Phillips
Jovie Amanda Wooldridge
Adalynn Rose Strommen

Kinsley Sue Wooldridge
Caslyn Lovik Ziesmer
Maren Lucille Daniels

Letter from Pastor

Leadership in the Church

All organizations seem to be struggling to find enough volunteers and workers these days. The church is not immune to that struggle. You may be part of the solution.

If your first reaction to that statement is, “who me?” You’re in good company. Moses protested when God called him to step up and lead. Moses basically said, “I am slow to speech and I cannot talk well. Send someone else. I can’t do it.” When God called Isaiah to be a prophet, Isaiah said, I am a man of unclean lips.” God cleansed his lips with a burning coal. Jeremiah combined the arguments of Moses and Isaiah saying, “I do not know how to speak, I am only a boy.”

There are only two requirements for becoming a leader in the church: 1) to love God, 2) to love the church. Beyond that, there are some other qualities that make for good and faithful leadership. Some of these include, having a generous heart, or the desire to grow in generosity; having a servant heart and a willingness to speak your mind and heart in love; and an desire to discern God’s will through God’s word, and stay true to God’s mission. Regular worship attendance helps with each of these.

In Matthew 20:25-28, Jesus called to his disciples and said, “...whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave — just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Being a leader in the church is demanding, but it is one way to store up for yourself treasures in heaven. Jesus loves the church and blesses those who serve her with heavenly blessings. There will be some open church council positions in 2022, so if you or someone you know has the gifts and the ability to lead please talk to Daryl Krieger or another council member, or Pastor Rod to express your willingness, or talk to the person you feel has the gifts and ask them if you can nominate them and then do it. Together we can accomplish all that God asks us to do and we can do it all to God’s glory.

Peace and Blessings as you follow Jesus into leadership!

Pastor Rod and Daryl Krieger (Council President)

Immanuel Kids

Give Thanks without Worry

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. It is a time that our nation gives thanks for our blessings and abundance. As Christians we recognize these gifts as gifts from God and with them we recognize our responsibility to share all that God bestows upon us.



In Philippians 4:6, the Apostle Paul writes, Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. This is quite an invitation, because it invites us to relax and trust God for all we need. It is also an invitation that, when accepted, allows us to become generous people. When we trust God to provide for us, we can respond to those in need with help.

As you give God thanks for God’s generosity, I pray that you will grow in your generosity to others. God’s generosity to us calms our anxious souls and our generosity to others brings glory to God. Happy Thanksgiving!

Crossed in Christ,

Pastor Rod

The Land

I enjoy watching the harvest come out of the fields each year. I am always curious to talk with farmers to ask about yields and production. It is amazing to me that yields are as good as they are this year with as little rain as we had all summer. It is a true miracle of modern science combined with the gift of God is granting “just enough” rain.

The land will not produce anything on its own. Without rain from the heavens coupled with the work of human hands the fertility of the soil is tapped and the land feeds the world with its production. It’s a team effort and each entity must do its part.

As this thought came to mind, I realized that it is the same with the church. The church does not produce anything of itself. But, coupled with the blessing of God and the work of human hands, fruit flows forth. It leads me to wonder, “how is our yield this year?”

The fruits of the spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. While we can’t put the harvest of the church into a measuring device such as a bushel basket, in order to say, “we harvested 100 bushels per person of love and joy this year, and 55 bushels per person of patience and self-control,” we can use these fruits in an evaluative way as we look at each ministry we undertake.

Have we produced the fruits of the spirit in our leadership meetings, and in our budget planning? Have we produced the fruits of the spirit in our worship and in our visitation of members who are sick and suffering? Have we produced the fruits of the spirit through our Good Samaritan account and in our relationship with Missionary Karen in Santiago, Chile. We can ask the question in the evaluation of our personal lives and relationships as well.

I enjoy watching the harvest of love, joy, piece, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control flow from your hearts, the hearts of Immanuel members. As I do, I realize that you and I produce nothing on our own. We need the word of God sown on and in our hearts like the rains from heaven coupled with the work of the Spirit. When those things come together, it’s a beautiful harvest. Thanks be to God.

A blessed Harvest and Thanksgiving.

Pastor Rod

THANK YOU for helping Immanuel host the **26th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner-Buffer Style**-Thursday, Nov. 25. The meal will be served buffet style between 11am-1pm. We could use your time, food and/or money to serve up to 250 people. Please fill out this form and put it in the offering basket or bring it to the church office. Contact Deb Guarin (585-2507) or Jaci Thorson (585-3152-church office) for any questions.

****ONLINE OPTION:** Food and financial commitments can also be made online at SignUpGenius thru the link button on the church website home page: Immanuelfamily.com.

GIVE	FOOD	NEED
_____	\$ donations for pre-ordered Turkeys	
	(26 @ \$25 each)	
_____	Potatoes	100 lbs.
_____	Cr of Mushroom	20 – large cans
_____	Fried French Onion	10 large cans
_____	Butter	10 – 1 lb. boxes
_____	Corn	8 (gal-size) cans
_____	Green Beans	10 (gal-size) cans
_____	Milk	3 gallons (2%)
_____	Coffee	1 can (decaf)
_____	Coffee	2 cans (regular)
_____	Pies (assorted)	38
_____	Cool Whip	10 – 8 oz. containers
_____	200 small Styrofoam plates for pie	
_____	\$ donation (checks payable to 'Immanuel Thanksgiving Dinner')	

Bring canned goods, potatoes, and other items by Sunday, Nov. 21.
Bring pies by 9:00 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 25.
Please label items with your name and "Thanksgiving Dinner".

VOLUNTEERS FOR THANKSGIVING DAY WORKERS

VOLUNTEERS FOR DELIVERING

Name & telephone: _____



Promiseland

Promiseland Families,



Tasha Banta

We are continuing our spotlight on Children's Education service leaders. This month, our spotlight is shining on Shelby Korth. Shelby is a young mother of 4 awesome girls. Speaking with any of these girls easily shows the values Shelby and her husband teach in their home.

Their kindness, humbleness and joyful hearts are a reflection of Shelby's faith and the presence of God in her life. We are blessed by the service she gives in her volunteering in Children's Education here at Immanuel!

Hi! My name is Shelby Korth. I have volunteered my time as a Promiseland teacher at Immanuel Lutheran for the past 4 + years and have thoroughly enjoyed working with the various kids from preschool age- currently the fourth graders. Promiseland has been impactful in my life because it has allowed me to utilize my educational background in faith and bring it to the kids in the classroom. Promiseland, and our church community serve as a fun and safe place for our children to have faith-based mentors and learn about our Savior, Jesus Christ. It has provided them a place to voice their creativity and passion for learning about Him and how he shows up in their life on a day-to-day basis. Through this, children are then able to develop relationships with other trusted faith followers, including Christ and share the good word themselves. I love how the children come to class readily excited and have the fun and anticipated questions about God's word, and the Bible stories we read together. Equally fun is watching them connect with their peers and share how God shows up for them. I look forward to seeing their Christmas Program every year!

-Blessings,
 Shelby Korth

An update on high school youth

Ann Hunhoff, Youth Missionary & Ministry Coordinator

The high school youth have had a wonderful beginning to the program year. Our Colorado trip helped foster our connections with students at Bethany, and thanks to an awesome parent volunteer, we've been able to have some of our friends at Bethany join us each Wednesday for youth group! So far this year, we've done a crash-course on the Bible as well as a discussion about the intersectionality of faith and science.

I've had the pleasure of attending plenty of students' activities, from volleyball, cross country, to Friday night football and marching band performances. Keep your eyes out for Immanuel students; they are talented, diligent, and great teammates!

Recently, I was joined by my students' leaders (you'll be hearing more from them in the future; Keevan Jones, Carson Strukel, Kyra Gibbs) to support our friend Gavin Grunhovd (of Bethany Lutheran) at his baptism! (Also pictured is his sister, Samara). It has been awesome to see our students become a community.

Lastly, we are in the process of signing up for the National Youth Gathering! We will be having our kick-off fundraiser in November and hope to see you there!



Board notes

Mission & Outreach

Sharon Rieffer

The members of the board met via ZOOM, Oct 13th. Those present were: Jaci Thorson, Becky Stumme, Ken Korth, Chad Kozitza, Larry and Sharen Rieffer. Devotions were given by Becky reading from Paul Schrieber on paring down our lives.

We discussed last quarter's emphasis which was our Bible Camps: Riverside and Ingham/Okoboji Camps. We had a fundraiser at coffee hour on September 19 with a "noisy" offering that day, also. We have received a total of \$977.05 for this mission; half will be sent on to each Camp.

Our funds for our missionary, Karen Anderson, are currently at \$4,233.38 leaving \$766.62 yet to raise to cover this year's commitment to her. We still have 2 ½ months to reach our goal.

October's Outreach was "Lutheran Disaster Relief". With the current disasters of the earthquake in Haiti and hurricane Ida in the United States there is an urgency to offer them support. Thus far we had received \$359 plus a memorial amount towards this effort. A noisy offering is planned for October 27 & 31. The board also realizes that many individuals have the opportunity to give to this cause directly.

The board chose to recommend to the Church Council that the free-will offering for the Thanksgiving meal go to the Forest City Neighborhood Food Bank and to our Missionary Karen (50/50).

We discussed the International Students and other students who are in need at Waldorf University. Director, Megan Gabriell has made a "closet" where students can get donated items. Becky has checked with her and they have enough coats and winter wear, but still need fans and kitchen items such as pans and pizza/cookie sheets and some utensils, twin-size blankets or throws. A more in-depth list will be available in a separate newsletter article. We are extremely grateful to Becky for working with Megan to continue this outreach. Megan has expressed deep gratitude to our Immanuel members for leaving their students in a much better place.

Trustees' Notes

Bink Keller

The Board of Trustees met on October 11 at the church. September income was \$43,803.09 and expenses were \$47,674.76 with a negative (3,871.67) for the month. YTD Actual is a Negative - (\$39,598.40) compared to 2020 YTD of - (\$66,417.29). Portico staff health insurance which increased 1% was approved for next year. Carl Matherly's memorials will be deposited into the VanAuken Fund for the music program support.

Endowment: Endowment Fund distributions were reviewed.

Property Committee: new business.

Personnel Committee: Employee handbook Policy No. 1130 Holiday Pay, Policy No. 1270 Milage Reimbursement, and Policy No. 1060 Benefits were updated and revised and presented to council for approval.

New Business: No new business presented.

Old Business: a.) Bethany Lutheran Staff sharing and Quarterly vitality group update: Everything is going fine.

b.) Compensation for Music is being worked on by Pastor Rod, Linda Ferjak, and Dave Melby.

Parish Council

Linda Ferjak

Council met on October 11 with an In Person/Zoom Hybrid format. Pastor Zech was in attendance. Meeting was called to order by President Daryl Krieger and September minutes were approved.

Pastor Zech reported that Wednesday Night Worship attendance has been steady. The Message portion of service is being presented in a nontraditional manner. There is a theme for each month that is being explored by the pastors. The streaming is improving, but still has a few glitches to work out. Sunday morning worship attendance is also steady. Middle School Youth Group is going well. Pastor Rod, Pastor Zech and

Ann are each taking a month here also. This month Pastor Rod is talking about the Bible and sent them on an Escape Room Scavenger Hunt.

Pastor Zech attended the Fall Convocation which focused on the changing church and what it can look like moving forward. He will be attending the Conference Gathering and is working with the Synod Nomination committee.

Zech presented the list of Confirmation Students to be confirmed on October 31. Council moved to approve the list.

Pastor Rod and his family are spending time with family in South Carolina. He communicated his report in a letter to members of the Council. He expressed appreciation for the partnership with Pastor Zech and Ann in sharing the confirmation for 6-8th graders. He reported on the recent Endowment gift and is excited for the opportunity to continue to impact the community and the world with the gospel of Jesus love.

Financials were presented by Kathy Leuwerke. We need to be prudent with our spending. Pastor Rod will send out a letter to ask people to remember the church in their giving.

Current COVID Environment was reviewed. We will continue present protocols.

The removal of the transept church pews was discussed. At this point they are being stored on a trailer in Pastor Rod's storage building. It was brought to Council's attention that they are not solid wood and some of them are in need of repair, including one of them in the Fireside Room. Three usable pews are already being stored in the church and can be put back in the transept if we, at some point, no longer use the space for children. Those being removed, including the ones in need of repair, are available for members of Immanuel if they would want them. If they are not claimed, they will be offered to anyone that would like to have one.

Council will be looking for six new members for next year. We are asking for people's names to be submitted for nomination.

A Weekly Devotion and Weekly Bible Verse on Facebook will be added to our Hybrid Ministry as well as online participation during the Sunday service.

Board reports were presented. Meeting was adjourned.

Parish Life

Karen Keller

The Board of Parish Life met on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

Matt Poldsiefer's Ordination will be held on Saturday, October 16 at 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to serve cake and ice cream, lemonade, coffee, and water. The reception will be around 2:00 after the Ordination.

The need for Communion Servers was discussed. Communion will be served on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Melanie had a list of the previous servers. It was decided that we would divide up the list and call the previous servers to see who would like to continue to serve. After that, we will need to determine if we need to find additional servers. If not, we will make a up a schedule and send it out to everyone who volunteered. If they are not able to serve, they can change with someone else.

A question was raised regarding the budget. The question was whether or not we are paying people who are part of the worship service. Kathy will review the budget and ask at Council for the status of the worship coordinator.

Board of Ed

Tasha Banta

The Board of Education met on Tuesday, October 12th at 4:30pm via Zoom. The meeting opened with a devotion and prayer by Emily.

Topics of discussion included this year's Christmas program, current curriculum, and Bible distribution.

The Christmas program date and time was determined to be Dec 12 @ 2:30pm with pie and ice cream to follow.

Current curriculum is going well, we will continue using Whirl Wednesdays and Spark Classroom on Sundays.

Bible distribution for 2nd and 3rd graders was discussed and confirmed.

The coming years, 2nd graders only will be given the Adventure Bible.

Board will meet again November 9th at 4:30pm.

It's A Grateful Pumpkin

Charlie Brown



Fall is an amazing time of year. There are large leaf piles to jump into, the windows can be open to let in fresh air, the A/C can be turned off, the heat doesn't need to be turned on yet, it's easier to fall asleep as the nights come earlier, and of course there are lots of round orange objects ready to pick, buy, or display. That's right pumpkins. A lot of times we think of Pumpkins as only

a Halloween decoration, something to carve up. But this year, I invite you to try something different with your pumpkin instead of throwing it out on November 1st. I invite you to try creating a thankful pumpkin.

This is an activity I found online and I think it's a wonderful new tradition to try during this Thanksgiving month. You take a pumpkin and each day of the month you write on it something you are thankful for, something you are grateful for. If you're trying this in a group or family that means each of you writes something daily. This could be an opportunity for you to try out a hybrid experience. Maybe your family doesn't live nearby, or you want to include a friend in this, give them a phone call, video chat with them, text them, anyway you communicate with those not in your home and write down on the pumpkin what they are grateful for. Maybe you will be able to cover the whole pumpkin with things we are all grateful for or thankful for this year. And on Thanksgiving read all of these things aloud, perhaps in the meal prayer, and place the pumpkin at the center of the table for all to see and read.

I hope you give this a try this year. And remember to thank God for always being with you. It's hard to see things to be thankful for in the world sometimes, but through it all the good time and not so good remember this, "God is Good All the Time, All the Time God is Good!" I pray you have a blessed Thanksgiving season, and I am thankful for all of you not only at this time of year but daily!

See you in worship in one way or another, interlinked with Christ!



Pastor Zech Anderson

Enjoy singing with a choir?

You re invited to SING WITH THE WALDORF UNIVERSITY CHOIR at the Christmas with Waldorf 2021 concerts. This year's theme: "Out of Darkness". All experience levels invited to join! Ability to attend all rehearsals and performance dates is required for participation. Join them on stage at the Boman to perform two special works: "I Saw Three Ships" by John Hudson, and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" by Dan Forrest.

Rehearsals: Monday, Nov. 15, 7-8pm, Waldorf Music Center
 Monday, Nov. 22, 7-8pm, Waldorf Music Center
 Technical Rehearsal: Tuesday, Nov. 30, 4-5pm, Boman
 Dress Rehearsal: Thursday, Dec. 2, 5:30-7:30pm, Boman

Performance Dates: Saturday, Dec. 4, 7-9pm, Boman
 Sunday, Dec. 5, 2-4pm, Boman

For more information, contact Dr. Emilie Bertram, 585-8492, emilie.bertram@waldorf.edu.

Waldorf 'Closet' Needs

Waldorf University has a student closet for international students and those living far from home with a supply of bedding, cooking, winter coats that they might need. Megan Gabriell is the director of International students and extends her appreciation to Immanuel Church members for helping these students feel welcome to our community by helping out with some of these needs.

Mission & Outreach Board has been working with her for a few years now and appreciate your donations to pass on to these students that have much appreciated these gifts. (Items may be left at the church office.)

Some current needs for students now, according to Megan:

- Small fans for dorm rooms,
 - Twin-size blankets or throws,
 - Saucepans (for soup & noodles), strainers & pan lids (for draining pasta), pizza/sheet pans (for cooking/baking frozen food & pizzas),
 - Silverware, handheld can openers, scissors,
 - Regular-size plates, deeper bowls,
 - Microwaveable coffee mugs, drinking glasses,
 - Sponges, dish soap,
 - In town gift card for food items for students when the cafeteria closes for winter & summer break.
- (NO winter coats needed)

Treasury's Report | Immanuel Lutheran Church FY September 2021

	September Actual 2021	Monthly Budget	Year-to-date Actual	Annual Budget	Percent of YTD Budget 75.00%	September Actual 2020	YTD Actual 2020
Income							
Regular Offerings & Envelopes	35,587.61	40,990.75	321,304.54	491,889.00	65.32%	24,887.89	301,967.06
Other Income	8,215.48	9,014.00	78,705.71	108,168.00	72.76%	3,282.94	41,363.19
Total Income	43,803.09	50,004.75	400,010.25	600,057.00	66.66%	28,170.83	343,330.25
Expense							
Staff Support	31,352.97	32,830.33	292,210.41	393,964.00	74.17%	33,415.35	276,775.76
Administration	7,503.80	10,016.92	74,977.42	120,203.00	62.38%	8,009.49	80,084.13
Ministry Areas	8,817.99	7,157.50	72,420.82	85,890.00	84.32%	5,982.20	52,887.65
Loan re-payment/contingency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	47,674.76	50,004.75	439,608.65	600,057.00	73.26%	47,407.04	409,747.54
Income Less Expense	(\$3,871.67)	\$0.00	(\$39,598.40)	0.00		(\$19,236.21)	(\$66,417.29)

Volunteer November 2021

Assisting Ministers

- Nov. 7.....Ken Korth
- Nov. 14.....Ann Hunhoff
- Nov. 21.....Cindi Lehmann
- Nov. 28.....Olivia Banta

Scripture Readers

- Nov. 7.....Deb Guarin
- Nov. 14.....Mark Johnson
- Nov. 21.....Julie Damm
- Nov. 28.....Mary Kingland

Altar Care

- Nov. 7.....Jeanette Neuman
- Nov. 14.....Joan Beebe
- Nov. 21.....Julie Damm
- Nov. 28.....Kathy Leuwerke

Communion Servers

- Nov. 7 Sue Moglestad, Joan Beebe
- Nov. 21 Kay Sorensen, Leah Boyd

Sound/Video Techs

- Sunday Karl Wooldridge/Carson Strukel
- Wednesday Daryl Krieger/Tammy Krieger

Offering Counters

- Joyce Goranson, Sandy Lillquist, Jan Buffington, Marj Anderson, Ellen Olson

Laundry

- Anna Harringa

Ushers

- Brandon & Jacob Beenken

Sunday Coffee Fellowship

- MS/HS Youth

wow! Record-breaking LWR packing day

Many came together to box up, label, weigh, pack vehicles, and then deliver to a distribution site on October 8th:

- QUILTS: 131 (14 boxes) *record
- BLANKETS: 9 (1 box)
- BACKPACK SCHOOL KITS: 170 (20 boxes) *record
- SOAP: 68 bars (1 box)

Much of this work begins in the homes of many and are ongoing projects year-round. Thank you to all our faithful people that make this happen. Anyone is welcome to participate or donate towards these projects at anytime.



Lutheran World Relief reports that their warehouses have had a limited inventory since the hit of the pandemic, so they are hoping to partner with many more this year.

Women of the ELCA

DO DAY QUILTING

Previously, we have talked about WELCA serving at funerals and coffee hour. This time we would like to tell you about Do Day quilting.

If you sew and are willing to make quilt tops, (60"X 80") we would like to encourage you to do so. Even if you don't sew, come from 1-3:00 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month to put the quilts together. We have 4 stations where we add batting and a backing to the quilt top, tie them together with crochet thread and then surge them around the edges. To help us tie quilts, all you have to do is thread a needle and tie the thread into a knot.

Would you be able to help us? Our goal is 200 quilts a year for Lutheran World Relief. The need is so great all around the world. We are blessed as many ladies sew quilt tops at home, but as these are sewed into quilts, we continue to need more. As we

work at our tables, conversations flow and we have a good time being together. We even have some people making complete quilts at home and rumor has it we have a man sewing and tying quilts. It feels so good to help those in need!! "God's Work, Our Hands!"



Kay Sorenson, Mary Rodberg, Karen Gustafson, Barb Braun

Blessings & Prayers

Prayers

Doris Johnson & family in the loss of companion, Carl Matherly of Forest City

Miriam Rogness and family in the loss of husband, Martin of Garner

Mavis Hess and family in the loss of son Troy Hess of Wewahitchka, FL.

Dorothy Olson and family in the loss of brother-in-law, Bennie Olson of Santa Barbara, CA

November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 2:30pm – Forest Plaza Communion w/pastor 7:00pm – Henri Nouwen Book Study @ Bethany	2 7am-8pm – Election Day location for City & School, FH 2:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group 5:30pm- Bell Choir, FS 6:30pm- Parish Life	3 4-6pm- Meal 5:30pm- MS Youth Group/ Whirl Wed. 6:30pm- Worship, communion 7:30pm- HS Youth / Choir	4 9am—Women’s Bible Study, Lounge	5	6
7 9:15am- ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY, Worship, Communion 10:15am- Promiseland / Coffee , FH	8 5pm- Trustees 6:30pm- Council	9 2:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group 4:30pm- Children’s Ed 5:30pm- Bell Choir, FS	10 4-6pm- Meal 4:45pm- M&O Board 5:30pm- MS Youth Group / Whirl Wed. 6:30pm- Worship 7:30pm- HS Youth Group / Choir	11 9am—Women’s Bible Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom	12	13
14 9:15am- Worship 10:15am- Promiseland / Coffee , FH	15 2-4pm- Prayer Shawl Ministry, Shalom	16 2:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group 6-8pm—Cub Scouts, FH 5:30pm- Bell Choir	17 4-6pm- Meal 5:30pm- MS Youth Group / Whirl Wed. 6:30pm- Worship, communion 7:30pm- HS Youth Group / Choir	18 9am -Women’s Bible Study, Lounge 10am – Martha Circle, Shalom 10:30am- Good Sam communion 1:30pm- Rachel Circle, Shalom 1:30pm- Sarah Circle, Lounge	19 DECEMBER MESSENGER DEADLINE	20
21 9:15am- Worship, communion 10:15am- Promiseland / Coffee , FH	22	23 2:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group 5:30pm- Bell Choir	24 6:30pm- Thanksgiving Eve Worship @ Bethany	25 10:30am-Thanksgiving Day Worship 11-1pm- Thanksgiving Day Meal Buffet, FH (sign up online or call)	26 Church Closed	27
28 9:15am- 1st Sunday of ADVENT worship 10:15am- Coffee , FH	29	30 1pm- LWR Quilting Do Day, FH 5:30pm- Bell Choir				

THANK YOU

kitchen gets cleanup

Linda Hinkley

THANK YOU to Jan Buffington, Sandy Lillquist, Mary Rodberg, Tina Berg, Dawn Craig, Mary Kingland, and Barb Braun for coming together to do the yearly church kitchen cleaning. Our kitchen is used often so we appreciate it very much when you clean up any messes and do the general cleaning after using it. But there are lots of deep cleaning activities like the ovens, decluttering the cabinets, shining up the stainless-steel equipment, etc.

A table is set up in the hall by the kitchen with items left in the kitchen over the year. Please pick them up if they belong to you. An ice maker is for sale.

Thank you to the Kitchen Service and Coffee Service groups that provide coffee and cookies after worship every Sunday at least six months of the year. The coffee hour is a good time to get people together for snacks and fellowship with their church family. This coffee time freewill also gives us funds to use for missions and needs of our church kitchen. Keep that in mind when you give your coffee donation!

Worship on the Radio

Immanuel’s worship is played over K10W 107.3FM air waves and on the web each Sunday morning at 11:00am.

Thank you for our faithful listeners and broadcast sponsors! Some sponsorships are given year after year during special dates for remembering someone, some sponsorships are a one timer. Cost is \$100.) If you are interested in getting signed up for a Sunday broadcast, check out these open dates:

Nov. 7, 28

Dec. 12, 26

Feb. 6, 13

Call or email the office to reserve a date (585-3152, jaci@immanuelfamily.com).

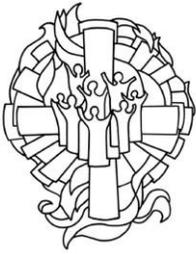
NEW EXTENDED MEAL TIME: 4-6pm

Anyone is welcome to these free community meals served each week in the fellowship hall. Eat in with others or stop by for takeout. In need of delivery? Sign up available by calling the office (585-3152) or thru sign-up link at immanuelfamily.com. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! Thank you for coming to Wednesday night meals. Happy Fall! Dawn Craig, Hospitality Specialist

November Menu:

Nov. 3	Beef macaroni & cheese hotdish, corn, lemon dessert
Nov. 10	Pulled BBQ pork sandwich, chips, cole slaw, ice cream
Nov. 17	Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, peaches
Nov. 24	NO Meal (sign up for Thanksgiving Day Buffet)





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Sundays – 9:15am
In Person & Livestream
Wednesdays 6:30pm

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M-F 8am – 5pm

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