

announcements~10.26.25~Immanuel Lutheran Church



September-October mission emphasis is the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response. We share in LDR's in sharing God's hope, healing and renewal with people's lives disrupted by disasters in the US and around the world. Thank you for your gifts! *Noisy offering for LDR will be Sunday, Nov. 2.*

Wednesday Community Meals: Serving each week 4-6:00pm in the fellowship hall—eat in or takeout. Menu this week: lasagna, garlic bread, corn, salad, Halloween cookies. Thanks to Pastor Zech & Mindy Anderson for this Thrivent-sponsored meal! Come enjoy the fellowship with others at this free community meal. Talk to Kathy in the kitchen if you would like to help anytime or sponsor with a Thrivent Grant.

Prayer Chain Contacts: Jaci Thorson in church office (585-3152) or email jaci@immanuelfamily. **The prayer intercessors** are praying together on Zoom from their homes. Please notify office with any additions or corrections. **Pastoral Hospital Visits:** If you or your family members are hospitalized, please let us know.

Consider automatic giving: We invite you to consider supporting the mission and ministry of Immanuel through automatic giving by following the link on the website or calling the church office for assistance.



OR USE IMMANUEL'S QR CODE TO GIVE ELECTRONICALLY. Thank you for your consideration. Mailing in your gifts is another way to support our mission and ministry.

PLEASE NOTE: Vanco (the online giving portal) does charge transaction fees. If you decide to give directly through your local bank (MBT or NSB), fees can be avoided. Do not use the QR code

BIRTHDAY PARTY INVITE: Anna Harringa will be celebrating her 95th birthday and everyone is invited to a party at Forest Plaza Assisted Living on Friday, Nov. 7, 3-5pm.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: Sunday, Nov. 9, 10:30am in the Shalom Room, then NEW MEMBERS will be received during worship on Sunday, Nov. 16, 9:15am. Whether this is a step you want to explore or are ready to take, please join us. Any questions or concerns or want to let us know you are attending, let Jaci know in the church office or visit with any of the pastors. Options for Wednesday class and received at worship, Nov. 5 & 12.

Can you help us with a bag of Halloween candy? Immanuel will be set up out front greeting trick-or-treaters on Halloween during trick or treating hours. If you can help with candy needs, please deliver to the church office by Oct. 30, or sign up in the office or in the narthex. Questions? Contact Emily Walker 515-230-1513.

IMMANUEL COUNCIL 2026: We are looking for Immanuel members to join the 2026 Council. When you are on council, we ask you to: Participate, share ideas, be curious, join a board, attend a monthly meeting, lead Immanuel into the future, and love God and the church! Talk to a pastor or a council member if you are interested or have any questions.

Immanuel's 30th Annual Community Thanksgiving Day Buffet is being planned for Thursday, Nov. 27, 11-12:30pm and like in the past, lots of food/financial/and hands on help is need, along with guests enjoying the meal. Check out the insert to see where you might be interested in helping out. Thanks!

Around the community

Annual Fall Harvest Soup/Salad Luncheon, Sunday, Nov. 2, 10:30-1pm, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Manly. All homemade soups, scrumptious salads, and mouthwatering pies. Free will offering. Two \$50 door prizes, bake sale, quilt raffle.

Happy "Holly" Days Annual Church Bazaar at the FC United Methodist Church, Saturday, Nov. 8, 8:30-1pm. (Coffee time: 8:30-10:30, lunch 11-1). Eat in or take out. Chicken & biscuits, beef burgers, baked beans, homemade pies.

Toys for Tots: the Salvation Army will be taking applications for those needing assistance with Toys for Tots and Christmas food. Starting Nov. 3, you can apply online at SAAngelTree.org. Enter NO for Invitation Code. This application will sign you up for Toys for Tots and/or food. For children 17 and under the “angel” portion of the application will sign them up for the Toys for Tots program. Distribution will be on Dec. 17 & 18 appointments to go through the toy shop will be scheduled online. Applications taken at Salvation Army office Nov. 18-19, 10am-2pm if you are unable to apply online. Bring ID for all household members and proof of address.

GRIDSHOCK: A FILM ABOUT SEX TRAFFICKING IN IOWA: A free public showing that educates on the dangers of human trafficking in Iowa, Sunday, Nov. 9, 6pm, Duncan Community Hall. Presenting: Stacy Besch, Team Iowa. Doors will open at 5pm (plans are for a light meal to be served as a fundraiser).

This Week at Immanuel

TODAY:	9:15am	CONFIRMATION-REFORMATION Worship
	10:15am	Coffee, Fellowship Hall
	10:15am	Sunday School
TUESDAY:	1pm	LWR Quilting Do Day, FH
	3:30pm	Intercessor Prayer Group, Zoom
WEDNESDAY:	4-6pm	Wednesday Meal, Fellowship Hall
	5:25pm	Promiseland ~ costume party
	5:25pm	Middle School Ministry, Shalom
	6:30pm	Worship
	7:15pm	Choir, Fireside Room
	7:30pm	High School Youth Group, Youth Room
THURSDAY:	9am	Women’s Bible Study, Lounge
FRIDAY:	5-7pm	Treats on the Streets, out front of church
NEXT SUNDAY:	9:15am	ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY Worship, noisy offering for Lutheran Disaster Response
	10:15am	Coffee, FH
	10:15am	Sunday School



Immanuel Family Reading Challenge!

It's here! It's On! And it's for you!

The challenge is between Promiseland Children and everyone else. 2 charts are posted at the library to track each group's progress. The goal? 508 books and or /DVDs. 8 years ago, the goal for Martin Luther's 500 anniversary was 500 books/DVDs to be checked out at the Immanuel Library. It was reached And IN RECORD TIME! So, Let's do it again, Immanuel Family! 508!

Come on down to the library and “check out” what's waiting for you. There are biographies, mysteries, lots of other fiction, Amish series, devotionals and other non-fiction to help us in our faith journey. Simply put: there's something for EVERYONE!

Someone will be in the library on Wednesday nights to help you and on Sunday mornings also. But the library is open when our church is open, and you are welcome any time.

A monthly update will appear in the newsletter and Sunday bulletin. All Promiseland Children will be treated to an ice cream party in April hosted by the library committee. Top readers will be recognized. The challenge is on NOW until April 22nd.