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SERVING TODAY: Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Phillip Callahan; Organist/Bell Choir Director: Tom Fricke; Pianist: Darlene Collins; Elders: Don DeMoss, Ken Kuhn; Ushers: Team C: Cpt. Kurt Thornsborough; Lay Reader: Dwain Dixon; Altar Guild: Caralee Homann, Tina Ammermann; Greeters: Charles Vollmer Family, Charlotte Schendel; Acolyte: Deegan Culotti; Counters: Team C.

SPIRITUAL CARE: *Your well-being is important to us and we want to pray for you!* Please call us at 442-5675 when you or a loved one is hospitalized or having a procedure, or in any time of spiritual need, so we can pray or visit with you! We are certainly pleased to pray for your (non-member) family and friends alongside our Immanuel members. Please keep us informed of their needs.



NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: The Old Testament reading is Isaiah 55:6-9 (Seek the Lord); The Epistle reading is Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 (To live is Christ, and to die is gain); The Holy Gospel is Matthew 20:1-16 (The parable of the vineyard laborers).

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Don Page in loving memory of Carol and Lori Page; and by Scott and Eileen Huckstadt in celebration of their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

HOSPITALIZED: We pray for those hospitalized this week: **Dick Huckstadt and Brandi Carl.**

HOMEBOUND/HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for **Helen Dahlenburg, Debbie Dill, Bonnie Lazzell, Marsha Malivuk, Bill Russell, Bill Schuring, Eilyn Smith, and Mary Jane Wilkinson.**

TUNE IN THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (9/20) "**I Stand at the Door**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. New Series: *Households of Faith*. Jesus is the Guest who will become the Host for all who trust in Him. (Luke 24:13-35) Tune in to hear this and other great sermons at: www.lutheranhour.org

INGATHERING: Our September collection is for the Humane Society. At this time, they are in need of paper towels, clumping cat litter, bleach, laundry detergent, and dryer sheets or softener. *Thank you!*

ADULT BIBLE CLASS will begin after church today following our Rally Day service. Please join us as we begin once again with the study of ***Echo: Unbroken Truth. Worth Repeating. Again.*** Christianity is not the ability to memorize or recite from books of Scripture or doctrine. It is not magic. It is not a social club, counseling group, or self-help support group. It does not promise that you will be healthy, wealthy, wise, or even happy. Christianity is a truth—a truth first heard at the beginning of time that has echoed to this present age. A truth so profound that no man can master it, yet even a child can learn it.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This year in Sunday School, children will take a journey through God's awesome world. We will explore the powerful elements of nature that God created... clouds, fire, water, earthquakes, whirlwinds, and more! We will see how God uses these elements to show us who He is and to bring about His plan of salvation for all humankind. We will first study "**God Leading in Cloud and Fire**" from Exodus 13 & 14. Through a pillar of cloud and a pillar of fire, God was with His people and rescued them from their enemies. Through Word and Sacrament, God is with us and rescues us from our enemies: sin, death, and the devil.

WELCOME TO RALLY DAY!



Thank you one and all for joining us today! We are so grateful that you are able to be here today to sing and celebrate God's love with us!

During our special service today, our ILS and Sunday School teachers will be commissioned. Our Preschool 3 teacher is Tabby Hammer and her Teacher's Aide is Marah Showers. Our Prekindergarten teacher is Sue Heidle and her Teacher's Aide is Misti Stout. Our ILS director is Michael Heidle. Please keep them and all who teach the little children in your daily prayers! Bibles and Catechisms will be distributed to children in 2nd and 5th grade. Stay after the service to rally around God's Word as we get back to Sunday School and Bible Class! Before you leave, make sure to grab lunch to go! As a fundraiser, we are offering a \$5.00 chili lunch. YUM!

CAN YOU HELP? A display cabinet, that we will use for our 125th Anniversary celebrations, has been graciously donated to Immanuel. We need a few guys to help move it here. If you can help, please contact Diana Pratt at 497-5619. Thanks!

GIFT (SCRIP) CARDS: The next Scrip order is due to the church office by **9 am on Monday, Sept. 14.** This order will be available for pickup on **Sept. 20** or in the church office after that. Cards for most local fast food and chain restaurants (with varying rates of profit to the church), plus Meijer and Wal-Mart are kept in stock. You can get them at the church office anytime!

CAPITAL FUND / STEAK FRY MEETING: There is a short Capital Fund meeting on **Sept. 14** at 6 pm to discuss the new projects. This will be immediately followed (about 6:30) by a meeting to kick off the Steak Fry. This year, we are doing a drive through (pick up only) to follow COVID safety precautions. Comments and/or suggestions for the fundraising event can be given to Jo Van Hovel (474-2743) or any committee member. The meeting is in the multi-purpose room to allow for social distancing.

MONICAL'S DAY is **Sept. 29!** Go to any local Monical's that day, take a flyer (available soon), and 20% of your order will be donated! Eat pizza and support our Parish Education programs!

CHURCH & SCHOOL RUMMAGE SALE: We are once again collecting donations for our Fall Rummage Sale, coming up on **Oct. 3** from 8 am to 12 pm. It's time for you to clean out your closets, declutter your home, and help Immanuel! You can bring in your donations anytime and put them on the school stage. *Thanks for your support!*

PLEASE NOTE: The Men's Club Annual Fish Fry Dinner, usually scheduled for the 2nd Monday of September, has been cancelled. Please watch the Immanuel Lights and Newsletter for upcoming Men's Club activities!

SAVE THE DATE: The Women's Guild has set the date for their *Drummer Boy Bazaar* – it's Saturday, **Nov. 7** from 9 am – noon. It will look different this year, with only the booths. No meal will be served due to Covid. We are beginning to work on publicity for the event. There are 5 yard signs that were not returned after last year's event. If you have one, please bring it in. We need to update them. Thank you!

A MESSAGE FROM JO VAN HOVELN: *"Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls during my recovery from an emergency appendectomy."*

A MESSAGE FROM EARL LACKEY: *"Thank you for reaching out to me with your kind words of encouragement, prayers, cards, and phone calls during my surgery and recovery. My back surgery was successful. I appreciate your thoughtfulness!"*

WORSHIP WILL CONTINUE AS IS: We will continue with two Sunday services, each limited to 90 in attendance. Please continue to sign up for service either in the Narthex, using the online registration program, or for those without internet access, please call the church office. Thank you for continuing to follow the health and safety guidelines!

COVID-19: We kindly request that you inform the church office if you test positive for COVID and have recently attended church services. We are keeping attendance so we can inform any one at risk of exposure as they will need to monitor themselves for symptoms. Your health and safety is our top priority – with God and good practices, we will get through this!



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Attendance Sunday (9/6)	99
Communion Attendance	91
Attendance Wednesday (9/9)	9

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$9,944.⁰⁰
Needed Weekly	\$9,925.⁰⁰
Checking Account Balance	\$32,847.⁰⁰
Bills Due This Week	\$5,978.⁰⁰

BIRTHDAYS:

Sept. 13 James Davis	16 Patricia Rull
14 Cindy Schenk	18 Courtney Perez
15 Erin Moore	18 Roger Seibert
	19 Sean Stuhr

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sept. 13 Scott & Eileen Huckstadt	45
Sept. 15 Tom & Mary Ellen Fricke	13
Sept. 15 Bob & Kathy Wakeley	64
Sept. 16 Mike & Lori Acree	14
Sept. 18 Robert & Cindy Schenk	44

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (13)	8:30 am	Rally Day Outdoor Worship
	9:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
Tuesday (15)	9:00 am	LWML Fall Rally
	6:30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday (16)	5:00 pm	Worship
	6:15 pm	Handbells
Thursday (17)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
Next Sunday (20)	8:30 am	Worship with Communion
	9:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	5:00 pm	Worship with Communion