



Immanuel Lutheran Church

# MESSENGER

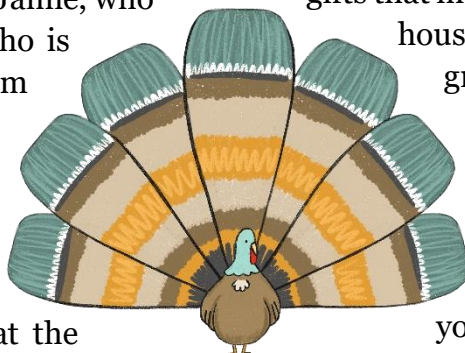
GOD WITH US

The sky is falling, at least the stock market, culture, and society. It is November, but it might seem hard to be thankful this year. So much has happened. It is easy to lose focus and forget about the many blessings God our Heavenly Father has given to all his children, to all of us.

Here is what I am thankful for this year. I am thankful for my parents, for my father called home by God in 2021, and for my mother called home in February. I am thankful for my siblings, that we can come together and celebrate the love they showed us. I am thankful for my own family, my wife, Katie, of 18 years who can always find my glasses whether they are already on my face or if they somehow fly under my desk. I am thankful for my son, Jamie, who is just starting high school at 14 who is growing into a Godly young man. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve Immanuel here in Danville, and to know all of you. I am thankful for the opportunity to help raise up new disciples and new workers in God's kingdom. I am thankful that the Lord of all would think of me and send

His son Jesus to be my savior. I am thankful I have been washed in the blood of Christ. I am thankful that God has rescued me from sin death and the power of the devil. I am thankful I am baptized and so a child of God.

So as we sit around our dining room tables or on the sofa watching the football games, let us remember all the things we have to be thankful for. We can and will think of the quiche things people always say, but they are gifts from God. They are good to thank Him for. Let us also remember also the heavenly gifts from God that are so easily forgotten. Let us remember both the gifts He gives us that lead to full stomachs for a time, but also His Heavenly Gifts which bring us eternal life in Christ. The gifts that make us belong here in our Father's house. I pray great memories and great fun this Thanksgiving. Most of all I pray you all may have a heart of joy, thanksgiving and praise to God for all the gifts of earth and heaven that he has given to each and every one of you. Amen.



GIVE THANKS

***Pastor Yonkers***

## SPECIAL DATES IN NOVEMBER:

- All Saints' Day, **Nov. 1**
- LWML Sunday & Mite Collection, **Nov. 5**
- Daylight Savings Ends, **Nov. 5**
- ILS Veterans' Day Program, **Nov. 8**
- Veterans' Day, **Nov. 11**
- Thanksgiving Food Offering, **Nov. 12**
- Leaf and Holly Holiday Bazaar, **Nov. 14**
- Thanksgiving Potluck, **Nov. 19**
- ILS Fall Fest, **Nov. 20**
- Thanksgiving Eve Worship, **Nov. 22**
- Thanksgiving Day, **Nov. 23**
- Christ the King Sunday, **Nov. 26**



# Stewardship SPOT

**Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!** Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed. Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy. We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them. Thus we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us. As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

***“Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for.”***

—Epicurus

**HELP US CARE FOR YOU:** *Your well-being is important to us and we want to pray for you!* Unfortunately, we are no longer notified by the hospital; please call the church office during regular business hours (Monday through Friday from 7 am - 3:30 pm) when you have any medical procedure or in any time of spiritual need at 217-442-5675. In case of emergencies after hours, please feel free to contact Pastor Yonkers on his cell at 260-413-8375. **Prayer requests:** we are certainly pleased to pray for your (non-member) family and friends alongside our Immanuel members. Please keep us informed of their needs.

**LUTHERAN LEGACY:** The church has two endowment funds (one for the general fund and one for building and grounds). To donate directly to Lutheran Legacy, go online to [lutheranlegacyfoundation.org](http://lutheranlegacyfoundation.org) and click on the “funds” link on the top of the page, then on “churches” for Immanuel or “parochial schools” for ILS. The funds are listed in alphabetical order, scroll down until you find Immanuel in Danville and click on the “donate” button to the right. You can choose to donate by credit card or check. If you do not have a computer, simply pick up a donation form from information table in the hall and mail a check.

**THRIVENT MEMBERS:** Thrivent Action Teams make it easy to live generously. It starts with a simple question: “Who can I help and how?” You can help Immanuel! There are many events and activities right here in our church and school that could benefit from an Action Team. Thrivent will donate up to \$250 to jumpstart a fundraiser, service project, or event of your choice. Use one to help the Anniversary Committee or help the food pantry stock their shelves. You get two per year – don’t let them go to waste! Dean Hull or Sue Heidle can help you get started with an Action Team today!



## CANOPY ENTRANCE: Our new canopy is done!



Funding for the renovation of our canopy entrance was generously provided by the Seibert family in loving memory of Dianne Seibert as a reminder of her faithfulness to follow and serve the Lord. In the near future, we'll gather together to dedicate our new entrance to the Glory of God.

May all who enter through it one day join Dianne and all saints departed in the Church Triumphant, and know the unspeakable joy and peace prepared for those love God! In addition, we would like to thank Butch and Julie Buesing and their Schomburg crew for doing an amazing job on our new covered entrance, and Scott Huckstadt for all of his time and effort in both of these (and many other) projects!



## COLLEGE FINALS CARE PACKAGES:

As the first semester comes closer to an end, our youth team would like to offer finals care packages to our college students. If you have a family member attending college, please call the church office with their name and mailing address. As the name implies, these packages send more than just some extra snacks and studying supplies. We want them to know that we care about them and support them during what can be a very stressful time.

## CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS!

As a reminder we will **Fall Back** one hour when Daylight Savings Time ends on **Nov. 5**. Set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night – you'll get an extra hour of sleep and still make it to church on time!



## LEAF AND HOLLY HOLIDAY BAZAAR

November 14, 2023



**Bazaar:**  
10 am – 2 pm

**Luncheon:**  
10:30 am – 1:30 pm



**TICKETS ARE ONE SALE NOW!** The menu includes a pulled pork sandwich, potato casserole, coleslaw, choice of cranberry relish or cinnamon apples, homemade dessert and a drink, all for just \$12.00. Tickets are available before and after church, in the church office during the week, and will be available at the door.

**HELP NEEDED!** Please consider volunteering your time and your talents to this annual event. Signup sheets are posted in the hallway. Help is needed to set up the event on Nov. 10 at 5:30 pm. Kitchen help is needed on Monday, Nov. 13 from 2 – 5 pm and Tuesday, Nov. 14 from 8:15 am – 3:00 pm. Our Pie Room ladies will begin their day at 8:15 am preparing carry-out orders.

**PLEASE COME!** Invite your friends, relatives, and co-workers! Lunch will be served from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm and carryout is available. We will deliver lunches to businesses and factories with orders of 6 or more. Delivery orders need to be prepaid or a company person can pick up the orders with payment. Forms are available on the table in the hallway. Please return them to Donna Toms or Kim Davis in the church office by the end of the day on Nov. 12.

**DONATIONS WELCOME:** If you are unable to work on Bazaar day and would like to make a cash donation to help defray the costs of ingredients for the luncheon, please put your donation in an envelope with your name on it and leave it in Donna Tom's mailbox. The **Attic Treasures** booth is eager to accept your prized donations. **Silent Auction** donations are greatly appreciated! The **Country Store** is ready to sell your favorite baked treats and specialty candies. **Arts & Crafts** are looking to showcase your created items. The newest addition is the **Christmas Shoppe**. They will sell your new and gently used items, decorations, wreaths, or anything holiday related. Feel free to price your donations or leave the pricing to the booth chairman.

**QUESTIONS?** Please see one of our co-chairs Donna Toms or Janet Terry.

**YEAR END GIVING:** Per IRS regulations, all donations have to be received in the church office no later than December 31 to be considered a 2023 donation. If they are received after that time, they will be put on the 2024 giving statements.

*"We cannot give God anything; for everything is already His and all we have comes from Him. We can only give Him praise, thanks, and honor."*

*-Martin Luther*

## WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS:

- Our November luncheon meeting is one week early, **Nov. 7** at 11:30 am. As always, all ladies of Immanuel are invited. Bring a dish to share and everything else is provided.
- The ingathering for the Women's Care Clinic is ending soon, please bring any donations by **Nov. 5**. Our November / December ingathering is for the Rescue Mission Men's shelter. They are asking for donations of travel size toiletries, bar soap, and disposable razors. The collection tote for these items is located in the coat room.
- Watch for details on a ladies painting night! We are making plans with the Danville Art League and we don't quite have all the details just yet. We'll soon announce the date and time, but it will likely be an early evening event the last week of November. We hope you can join us!

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### *Give thanks with a grateful heart*

Plan to join us on Wednesday, **November 22** at **6:30 pm** for our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service with Holy Communion. We have so much to be thankful for, and it's good to come together with one another to praise our Lord and thank Him for all His blessings. Take a break from those Thanksgiving dinner preparations to come to church to say "Now Thank We All Our God."

### *Gobble, Gobble, Gobble!*

Thanksgiving is a time to spend with family... with our church family, too. That's why we're once again having our Immanuel Thanksgiving Potluck on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. On **Nov. 19** at 5:30 pm, show up at the gym with a side dish and/or dessert and be ready to gobble, gobble, gobble! But please come even if you're not able to bring anything to the dinner, all are welcome! The turkey, ham and mashed potatoes will be provided. Speaking of turkey, we're looking for some. Please consider donating a turkey or money to buy one (we'll only need three turkeys). Volunteers to set up would be welcome after church that Sunday. For details or to offer up volunteer time or a turkey, please contact:

#### **Tom Fricke:**

phone: 217-474-2457

email: tomfricke@hotmail.com

#### **Mary Ellen Fricke:**

phone: 217-497-7196

email: maryellenfricke@gmail.com



**SCRIP ORDERS:** The next Scrip order is due to the church office by 9 am on **Monday, Nov. 13**. Updated order blanks are on the table in the chapel hallway; please use these for your orders and throw away your old blanks. Orders are not limited to the vendors listed on the order blank; you can look for additional vendors, check the availability online at [raiseright.com/resources/organization](http://raiseright.com/resources/organization) or see the list posted in the hallway bulletin board. If your vendor is available write the name of the vendor, denomination of the gift card, number of cards wanted, and total amount on a blank line of the order form. *The following have been added to the vendor list: McDonald's (2% profit), Casey's Gas (3% profit), Saltgrass Steakhouse (9% profit), Jimmy John's Subs (8% profit), and Sonic (when it opens) with an 8% profit to the church.* Pickup your orders on **Sunday, Nov. 19**.

**SCRIP CARD EXPLANATION:** The cards come in various amounts and can be used just like a credit/debit card at the designated vendor. For example, you order and get a \$100 Meijer card. The church gets \$3 (3%) of income from this card, and you buy \$100 worth of groceries, prescriptions, gas, etc. with it. There are varying rates on these cards from 1.5% to 13% so the amount the church receives depends on the rate on the individual vendor card. There is a printed list of the vendors and the percentages they give on the bulletin board and on their website at [www.raiseright.com/resources/organization](http://www.raiseright.com/resources/organization). These cards are *good anywhere in the USA and make great birthday, Christmas, new baby, or wedding gifts.*

**CAPITAL FUND DRIVE:** The current bank balance is \$38,565. Our current projects are the resealing of the north part of the parking lot and a couple of other areas for \$17,435, and new church gutters and downspouts for \$4,900. This leaves us with a little over \$16,000 for other projects. We will be putting up a special year-end donation Christmas tree as we have in the past. The congregation established the Capital Fund Drive in 2012, and thanks to our generous congregation, we have accomplished many needed upgrades/renovations. Prior generations sacrificed to build our school and church building, and it is up to us to preserve and improve our church home just as we would our own household's. There is a list of projects completed and the costs on the Capital Fund bulletin board (between the mailboxes and the coat room); please stop by and check it out. There are special envelopes at the same bulletin board located between the coat room and the member mailboxes for ongoing donations throughout the year. *"...because of my devotion to the house of my God I give my treasure for the house of my God. 1 Chronicles 29:3b.*

**NEXT EVENT:** The Men's Club and Capital Fund will co-host the German Dinner in February 2024. Watch for more details in future newsletters and Immanuel Lights.

**THANK YOU:** The Capital Fund Committee would like to thank everyone for supporting our Steak Fry. Whether you volunteered to help at the event, made a dessert, came to eat a yummy meal, and/or donated to help raise money for our projects, everyone's efforts are appreciated. The proceeds of the fundraiser were \$3,463.



**It's time to start thinking about Christmas!** As the calendar flips to November, it's time to start thinking about holiday celebrations.



**POINSETTIAS:** First, we will once again order our altar poinsettias through ILS. Be on the lookout for the order forms in your bulletins on Sundays.

**DECORATING:** Decorating the church and sanctuary for Christmas will take place on Saturday, **Dec. 2**, starting at 9:00 am. There will be coffee, cocoa and goodies available (and feel free to bring something of your own if you like). Many hands make easy work as we prepare for our Lord's birth this Advent and Christmas season. Please join us!

**ADVENT:** Midweek Advent Services will be at 7:00 pm on the three Wednesdays in December before Christmas (6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>). Join us before for a light supper, then come to church and prepare for Christmas.

**WORSHIP WITH US!** Mark your calendars for our Christmas celebrations. Christmas Eve is on Sunday, **Dec. 24**. We'll have two services that day: our 9:30 am morning service, and a Candlelight Communion service at 9:00 pm Christmas Eve.

Tom Fricke, Worship Chairman

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**WHAT IS NEXT FOR IMMANUEL?** *Where will Immanuel be in 5, 10, 20 years? Where will you be?* These questions are often on our mind and concern and worry us. We look to the future and wonder, what lays in store for us, what challenges will we face and what opportunities will God lay at our feet? We talk about the plans of old, and we wonder what happened to those ideas, and why haven't they been brought to fruition? Some of them have been fulfilled and we do not realize it. Others perhaps were mere pipedreams, and some just fell away and were forgotten. We know it will not look like the present, but the unknown makes us fear. This is why we are forming a planning committee. It will not be tasked to run the current events, but rather to look to the future. Immanuel needs focus and direction so that we can carry out not just the ministry of Christ, but the mission as well. Please *prayerfully* consider joining this committee. Speak with Josh Christensen with any questions.

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**The company you keep...** At a concert, a Christian musician talked about growing up in the South, saying his accent was a giveaway. Then he described his relationship with Jesus, noting that he spends lots of time in God's Word. By "hanging out with Jesus," he said, he has "picked up Jesus' accent." Just as people know he's from the South because of how his voice sounds, they know he follows Christ through his actions and words.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUMMARY:

- **New Business:** The Board of Directors will once again sponsor the first Advent supper on Dec. 6. The menu will include various soups and sandwiches with the proceeds to benefit the Zora Drews Scholarship.
  - **Old Business:** A motion passed to grant permission to Andreas Coleman to use our gym facilities for his Hustle Hoops program.
  - **Christian Education:** Enrollment is currently at 95, with 7 in aftercare only for a total of 102. Rachel S. completed the Angel Tear grant application and we are waiting to hear back. DCFS site visit for license renewal is complete. The Christian Education board is working to update the employee handbook. It was decided to invest an additional \$55,000 of savings.
  - **Finance:** Financial reports were reviewed. It was necessary to transfer \$11,000 from savings to cover general fund expenses. CDs maturity date coming up in December. We need to decide what we want to do after.
  - **Properties:** The new canopy is done and we will plan a dedication service and coordinate with the Seibert family. The Chapel entrance concrete has been replaced. The cost to cover the butcher block table with stainless steel is about \$600.
  - **Stewardship:** The Rummage Sale brought in \$3521.18 for ILS. The Spring Rummage will go to Capital Fund.
  - **Worship:** No report.
  - **Parish Education:** The Children's Christmas Service will be on Dec. 17.
  - **Youth:** We had to cancel the camping trip. The youth had a great night of pumpkin painting and a bonfire at Rachel M.'s home.
  - **Missions:** Reviewed Reports. Will host a Thanksgiving Food Offering on Nov. 12.
  - **Elders:** Report reviewed. A motion was passed to release Michael Heidle's membership per his request. We will continue with another deaconess intern.
  - **Deaconess Intern:** Rachel gave a brief report on her activities with the school and the youth. The young adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings is picking up with regular attendees.
  - **Vice President:** Discussed ideas regarding the Hustle Hoops program.
  - **President:** No report.
  - **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 6:00 pm
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**A MESSAGE FROM ASHLEY LEHR:** *"Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, thank you for allowing me to visit, participate in worship, and tell you about how we are sharing the Gospel in Puerto Rico. I am thankful to have you all as partners in Christ and I look forward to building our relationship. Thank you for your prayers, support, and encouragement."*

**THANKS!** An impressive \$850.00 was collected for the door offering to support Ashley's missionary work. Thank you for your generosity!

# Women's Bible Study

## **Apocalypse now?!**

Do you ever get the feeling that you are watching the events of Revelation play out before your very eyes? It seems like every new tragedy has to be a harbinger of Christ's second coming. Things just seem to get worse and worse. It has to be soon, right?

I am here to tell you that indeed the apocalypse has and still is taking place- but not in the way you might think.

**This is what we are studying right now in the Ladies Bible study Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.- the apocalypse of St. John.**

Now, let's take a step back and look at what the word "apocalypse" means. We tend to use the word to refer to a major catastrophe or even the end of the world. But the Greek word for apocalypse simply means, "the unveiling." This is key to understanding the book of Revelation.

## **But what exactly is being unveiled?**

God gave St. John the Apostle a vision to write down and send to the churches of his time. These churches were experiencing or were about to experience intense persecution for their faith. Those who refused to worship Caesar and proclaim, "Caesar is Lord!" (a phrase that means Caesar is both a god and sovereign king), were likely to lose their status, their wealth, and perhaps even their lives. At times, these Christians must have felt defeated by the world, alone, and abandoned by God. They may have even felt hopeless.

But that is precisely when God sent John the vision described in Revelation. God called John into the very throne room of heaven and pulled back the curtain of reality for John to see things from God's perspective- to see things as they really are. The unveiling that happens in Revelation is God showing us that Jesus is Lord. He is King. He has conquered sin, Satan, and death and he watches over his people. And He is coming again to execute justice and to bring us everlasting life- to make everything right again. In the meantime, Jesus calls us to be steadfast in the faith. "Be faithful unto death," he says, "and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10b).

## **Apocalypse past, apocalypse present, apocalypse future.**

In a sense, the apocalypse happened when God gave John a peek into things from His perspective. In another sense, an apocalypse (read: unveiling) happens every Sunday. When we hear Pastor proclaim God's word, we get a glimpse of things the way God sees them. We see things as they really are; you are forgiven, Jesus is Lord, we are the body of Christ, He is coming soon, this bread and wine is Jesus's body and blood, ect. In this way, an unveiling of the mysteries of God happens every week.

And yet, in still another sense, the apocalypse is yet to come. God has made us his saints, and yet we still sin. Christ has defeated Satan but he still causes trouble. We have been made alive



with Christ but we are still subject to death. We often do not recognize the hand of God in history and cannot know the answer to every despairing cry of "Why, God, why?!"

As Paul says, "For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known" (1 Cor. 13:12).

One day Christ will return. He will fully unveil the fruits of his plan from before the foundation of the world- your salvation.

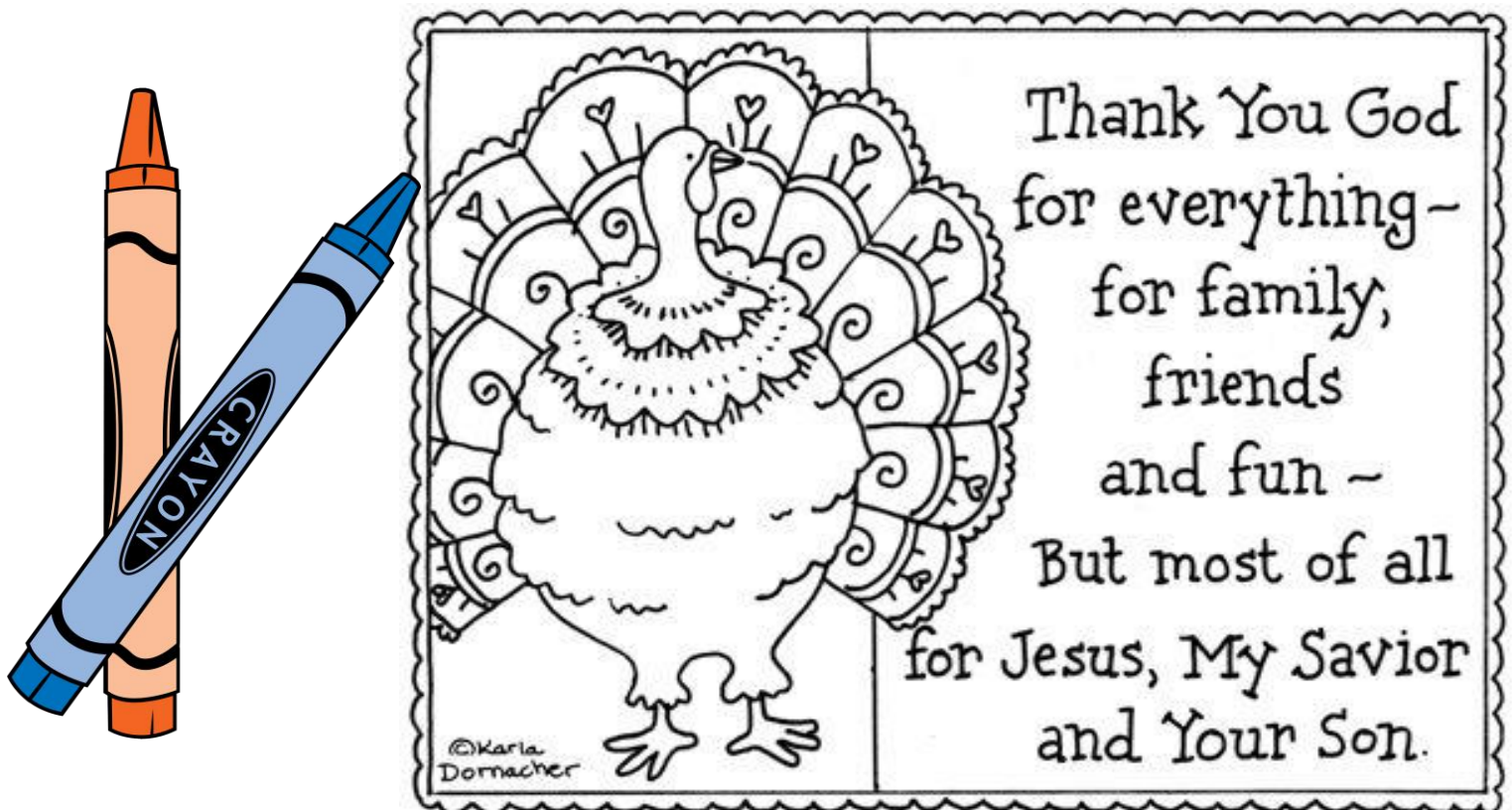
"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new" (Rev. 21:3-5a).

### **The Advent of our King.**

We are about to enter the season of Advent. It is a time that the Church eagerly anticipates the Christmas celebration of God coming to us in Jesus. But Advent points towards something else, too. It orients us towards Jesus in hopeful expectation of his imminent return, his second coming.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God" (Heb 12:1-2).

Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen.



**ALL SAINTS' DAY:** In the western church, All Saints' Day is celebrated on Nov. 1. This is why it was on All Hollow's Eve, or Halloween, that Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses. He knew that many people would be coming to celebrate this high feast of the church year.

"Saints" are all true believers on earth and in heaven, both living and dead. However, in the Lutheran Confessions, the departed ones do not hold a higher "position" in the Church. We do not pray to the departed Saints, as God commanded we are only to worship and pray to the one true God, the Triune God. Some are revered for the role they served in Christ's Church, but just as all true believers today, each is just another sinner washed in the blood of Christ.

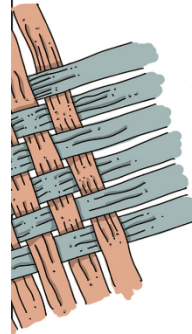
On the modern church calendar, All Saints' Day is the last day of the church year. It is a day set aside to remember not just the martyrs of the church, but all those who, having finished their course in faith, now rest with the Lord. This is a reality we recognize each time we celebrate communion and are joined by the courts of heaven and the invisible church. This is why our altar rail is in somewhat of a half circle. We, the visible church, come to the one side, and invisibly the rail continues around the invisible church completing the circle.

*Who is in the invisible church?* The invisible church is composed of exactly who we mention in the proper preface (Hebrews 12:1). Along with the great heavenly hosts, there are also those who have come out of the great tribulation. All those who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb (Rev. 12:11). A full united circle is made as the visible and invisible church come together to worship the Lord and to receive His gifts.

All Saints' Day is a time to remember this divine truth as we remember those who have won the crown (Heb. 4:7). In our service, we take time to remember each member who has died this past year. Each member who has entered into glory and are now in the presence of our Savior, seeing Him face to face, a member of the Church Triumphant. ***We hope you will join us for this special service on Sunday, Nov. 6.*** In our celebration, we'll remember those who have died in Christ with the hope of salvation and redemption by His grace. We also remember the Christian faithful from all generations. All Saints' Day is a day to glorify Jesus Christ, who by His holy life and death redeemed the lost and made them saints through Holy Baptism and faith in Him.



Handicrafts can spark appreciation for simple items.  
Weave this basket as a gift.



#### What you need:

- Paper plate
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Yarn (different colors)

#### What you do:

1. In the center of the plate, trace something round. Draw 9 lines (evenly spaced) from the circle to the plate's edge.
2. Cut along each line, stopping at the center circle. Trim more of the plate off so the cuts make a gradual V shape.
3. Fold the plate's sides upward to form basket sides. Keep these upright as you weave a bowl-shaped basket.
4. Begin weaving a length of yarn at the circle's base. Hold the end of the yarn in place as you spread the length over and under each side of the plate.
5. Switch colors to make a pattern. Keep the yarn tight as you weave up the sides.
6. To finish, bend down any remaining paper. Leave a tail of yarn and tuck it under a woven portion. Share your craft with a friend!





# fall NEWSLETTER



YOUTH NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

**YOU BELONG HERE**

## THANK YOU

Dear Immanuel Congregation

On behalf of the growing youth group, thank you for your support and encouragement as we reach out to the youth of the congregation. It has been an amazing start as we went rock climbing, enjoyed a picnic at Kickapoo, painted pumpkins, and roasted marshmallows. Together we are learning about Jesus and how He is with us as we grow to be members of not only our communities in which we live, but in the community of Christ and sharing that with our families and friends.

## NEXT MEETING:

November 2, 2023  
6:30 pm

Youth Room at  
Immanuel Lutheran  
Church



## CARE PACKAGES

We are encouraging our young adults in places of higher learning and will be sending out care packages for finals. Packages will go out during the week of Thanksgiving. Please call the church office at 442-5675 with your student's name and address. Thanks!



# Worship Anew in November

Year 2023 | Series A



## Our True Hope

November 5, 2023 – All Saints' Day Observed

Rev. Jeremy Swem

In the midst of hardships, struggles, and persecution it is easy to lose hope and falsely believe that God has abandoned us. He has not. John in his Revelation provides us the sure and certain hope that our Savior brings us through all these things finally giving to us His victory.

*Sermon Text: Matthew 5:1-12*

*Readings: Psalm 149; Revelation 7:9-17; Matthew 5:1-12*



## Last Day Hope

November 12, 2023 – Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

We learn from the Apostle Paul about Last Day realities, which mean for us present-day hope. These truths about that Day move us to encourage one another now as brothers and sisters in Christ.

*Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

*Readings: Psalm 17; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13*



## Good and Faithful Servants

November 19, 2023 – Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Thomas Eggold

In Christ, God's wrath has been satisfied, and we have been liberated from sin and freed to serve; freed to use the talents God has given us; freed to be the people Christ died to create. And in Christ, the Master call us "good and faithful servants" as we carry out His work in the world.

*Sermon Text: Matthew 25:14-30*

*Readings: Psalm 146; Zephaniah 1:7-16; Matthew 25:14-30*



## Sheep and Goats

November 26, 2023 – Twenty-sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Shayne Jonker

The sheep go to the right, the goats to the left, but take note of the terms of separation. They are sorted on the basis of what they are, not what they do. And this is precisely what the apostle Paul means when he says that we are justified by God's grace through faith in Christ apart from works of the law. Final Judgment is made not on the basis of what you did, but on the basis of what you are.

*Sermon Text: Matthew 25:32*

*Readings: Psalm 95:1-7a; Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Matthew 25:31-46*



# November

## Official Acts

Released from Membership  
Michael Heidle

### Elders

Nov. Don DeMoss, Dean Hull, Kurt Thornsborough

### Communion Assistants

Nov. 5 Josh Christensen, Dean Hull  
19 Don DeMoss, Allen Julian  
22 Josh Christensen, Dean Hull

### Ushers

Nov. **Team "E"**  
Capt. Denny Hilton, David Creek, Glen Natschke, and Mike Ferris

### Special Service:

Thanksgiving Eve Nov. 22 (6:30 pm) Team "A"

### Lay Readers

Nov. 5 Sue DeMoss  
12 Carrie Farrell  
19 Gail & Barb Garner  
6:30 22 David & Tina A.  
26 Allen Julian

### Gospel Reader

Butch Buesing  
Josh Christensen  
Gail Garner  
David Ammermann  
Allen Julian

**Wednesdays:** Sarah Stuhr

### Greeters

Nov. 5 John & Marcy Heeren, Kitty Lee  
12 Charles Vollmer Family  
19 Bill & Joyce Martin, Walter Harbison  
26 Volunteer needed

### Altar Guild

Nov. Mary Powell and Tina Ammermann

### Money Counters

Nov. Team "B" Nancy Purviance, Martha Elliott

### Check Signers

Nov. Sue Heidle and Mike Ferris

### Acolytes

Nov. 5 Kendall Wright  
12 Jamie Yonkers  
19 Kyla Culotti  
6:30 22 Eli Mann  
29 Eli Mann

### Videographer / Soundboard

Nov. Dwain Dixon and Butch Buesing

### Immanuel Cares

Nov. Pam Hull, Pam Van Camp

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## ?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

### Fill in the blank:

"Rejoice always, pray continually,  
give \_\_\_\_\_ in all circumstances;  
for this is God's will for you  
in Christ Jesus."

- A. alms
- B. praise
- C. thanks
- D. offerings



Answer: C (See 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV)



"Please bless these chops, these peas and these potatoes, both actual and couch."



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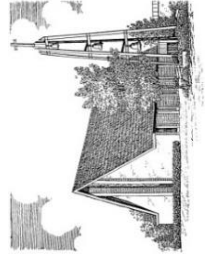
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**Worship Schedule**  
**Sundays**  
Nov. 5, 12, 19 & 26  
at 9:30 am  
**Wednesdays**  
Nov. 1, 8, 15 & 29  
at 5:00 pm  
Nov. 22 at 6:30 pm

**WORSHIP**  
*with us*

**Communion Schedule**  
**Sundays**  
Nov. 5 & 19  
at 9:30 am  
**Wednesday**  
Nov. 22 at 6:30 pm  
Nov. 29 at 5:00 pm

