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Serving in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. James Yonkers

Music Director / Organist: Tom Fricke

Elders: Don D., Dean H., Butch B.

Ushers: Team C: Capt. Kurt Thornsborough

Lay Reader: Butch and Julie Buesing

Gospel Reader: Butch Buesing

Children's Message: Diana Pratt

Videographer: Kim Davis

Screens/Audio: RJ Davis

Acolyte: Carley Wright

Altar Guild: Sharron Runyan and Kathy Christensen

Counters: Mary Powell, Holly Clem, Judy Creek, Jean Lackey.

SPIRITUAL CARE: Your well-being is important to us, and we want to pray for you! Please contact the church office during regular business hours (Monday – Friday from 7 am – 3:30 pm). In case of emergencies after hours, contact Pastor Yonkers on his cell: 260-413-8375.

TODAY'S THEME: In adversity and blessing, we belong to the Lord. Joeseeph became an emissary of God's mercy despite his brother's evil intent. As we navigate and process quarrels, judgements, and opinions, human adversity distorts our life with Christ. We belong to Him as we prepare to die. Christ resolves adversity from His heart, resolving disputes with wisdom, love, and forgiveness. This, too, is our blessing to receive and share.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Bob and Kathy Wakeley in celebration of their 70th Wedding Anniversary.

HOSPITALIZED: We pray for those who were hospitalized this past week: none known.

HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for **Lori Acree, Ruth Burress, Dawn Campbell, Nancy Clark, Heather Christensen, Darlene Collins, Sandra Courson.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (09/20) "**High Bar to Clay Jar**" by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. In Jesus, we don't need to compare ourselves to anyone else. Instead, we are free to appreciate them better. (Matthew 20:16) Tune in to hear this and other great sermons: www.lutheranhour.org.

WELCOME VISITORS! If you're new to Immanuel, we pray you feel the love of Christ and are blessed by our time of worship together. Please fill out the visitor information form located in the red folder at the end of your pew; we'd love to get to know you better! If you have any questions or need assistance, our friendly ushers (you'll find them just outside the sanctuary) are happy to help. *We're glad you're here!*

WOMEN'S GUILD LUNCHEON: All ladies of the are invited to join us for our first monthly luncheon meeting on Tuesday, **Sept. 15**, at 11:30 a.m.! Bring a dish to share, and we'll provide the rest. We'd love to have you join us!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday morning Women's Bible Class will resume on **Sept. 15** at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room. Whether you've been part of the class for years or have never attended before, you are warmly invited to join us. Bring your Bible and come as you are!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY: Join us **Sept. 27** as we celebrate Christian Education Sunday! We will have a special service giving thanks for the gift of God's Word and the opportunity to grow in faith and knowledge of Christ. As part of our celebration, we will present Bibles to second graders and Small Catechisms to fifth graders. Parents, if you have a child in either of these grades, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the hallway so we can be sure to

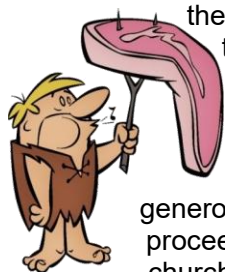


have a copy prepared especially for your child. Following the service, join us in the gym for a brunch and fun activities! The menu includes a delicious meal of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and hashbrowns. Volunteers are needed! If you can help cook or serve, please see Diana Pratt. Bakers (or bakery shoppers), we are also looking for donations of coffee cakes. Thanks!

FALL RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE: It is just around the corner – **Oct. 2 & 3**. Please hold onto your donations for now! We will begin accepting donations on **Sept. 23**. Sept. 27, we ask that you be able to carry them in and place them on the stage. If you can wait until **Sept. 28**, you can bring your donations to the gym door, and our volunteers will be available to take them. Thank you for helping make the donation process easier, and for supporting our sale!

CEMETERY: Please remove any spring or summer decorations from the cemetery by **Oct. 1**. Then, save the date for a fall cleanup at our Lutheran Cemetery. We invite you to come on **Oct. 24** and help us with weed eating, raking, and cleaning up from 7 – 10 am.

STEAK FRY: The Capital Fund Committee will host its annual Steak Fry on **Oct. 10** from 4:30 - 6:00 pm. ***Tickets go on sale today and must be purchased in advance.*** The cost is \$25 per meal, with an extra steak available for \$10. Volunteer and dessert sign-up sheets will also be available in the chapel hallway. Please consider helping, many hands will be needed to make this event a success! We have kept



the ticket price at \$25 despite rising costs so that more people can enjoy the food and fellowship. However, the cost of ribeye steaks has increased significantly. If you would like to make a monetary donation toward the cost of the steaks, your generosity would be greatly appreciated. The proceeds will go towards replacement of the church flat roof.

CELEBRATE LWML SUNDAY with us on **Oct. 11!** Lutheran Women in Mission are all about supporting missions and sharing the love of Christ with others. This year's theme, "Supporting Missions," reminds us that while we cannot go everywhere the Gospel is needed, we can support those who do go in our name and in the name of Christ. Through our prayers, gifts, and service, we can help make it possible for the Gospel to be proclaimed and Christ's love to be shared around the world. We are especially excited to welcome missionary Ashley Lehr, who serves the Lord through the LCMS in Puerto Rico. Ashley connects and equips volunteers for service, outreach and mercy ministry while helping share the Good News of Jesus throughout the island. Our Women's Guild has supported Ashley's work in Puerto Rico, and she last visited Immanuel three years ago. Come hear about all that God has been doing through her ministry over the past three years and how the Lord continues to open doors for the Gospel! Join us as we celebrate LWML Sunday and give thanks for the privilege of supporting missions.

WALK FOR LIFE: The Women's Care Clinic will host its annual Walk for Life on **Oct. 17**. The clinic provides free life-affirming pregnancy services including pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, parenting support, and practical assistance to women and families facing an unexpected pregnancy. This year, all Walk for Life donations will support the clinic's building campaign as they work toward a new location on Logan, across the street from Affirmative Care Solutions, where abortion services are provided. One particularly meaningful part of the project will be a flower-lined walkway leading up to the entrance of the new clinic. If we can raise just \$300, the WCC will engrave a brick on the walkway with our name. What a wonderful testimony it would be to have "Immanuel Lutheran Church" welcoming women and families as they walk toward a place of hope, help, and support. Donations may be made out to Immanuel Lutheran Church and turned in at the church office by **Oct. 12**. Let's show our community that Immanuel stands for life and is ready to support women and families who need help!

INGATHERING: Our ingathering is for The Dwelling Place. This faith based ministry is dedicated to those experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Items requested are needed for both men and women: hygiene items, gloves, hats, socks, underwear, toilet paper, and aspirin or pain reliever, There is a tote in the coat room for donations.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Last Sunday (09/06)	98
Communion Attendance	91
Attendance Wednesday (09/09)	27

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$6,512.00
Needed Weekly	\$7,708.00
Checking Account Balance	\$2,637.00
Bills Due This Week	\$11,757.00

BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 15 Dean Hull	18 Courtney Perez
16 Cooper Crawley	18 Roger Seibert
16 Patricia Rull	19 Sean Stuhr

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sept. 15 Tom and Mary Ellen Fricke	19
Sept. 15 Bob and Kathy Wakeley	70
Sept. 16 Mike and Lori Acree	20
Sept. 19 Joshua and Rachel Schmidgall	6

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Sunday (13)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
Monday (14)	1:00 pm	Bazaar Meeting
Tuesday (15)	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	11:30 am	Guild Luncheon Meeting
	6:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday (16)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	11:30 am	ILS Lunch on the Lawn
	5:00 pm	Evening Worship
	6:00 pm	Choir
	6:45 pm	Handbells
Thursday (17)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
Next Sunday (20)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	9:30 am	Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Women's Bible Study Begins, Sept. 15
- Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting, Sept. 15
- Christian Education Sunday, Sept. 27
- Fall Rummage and Bake Sale, Oct. 2 & 3
- Capital Fund Steak Fry, Oct. 10
- LWML Missionary Ashley Lehr Visit, Oct. 11
- Cemetery Cleanup Day, Oct. 24
- Reformation Sunday, Oct. 25
- Trunk-or-Treat, Oct. 31