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Serving in Worship Today

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Ushers: Team C: Capt. Kurt Thornsborough

Communion: Josh Christensen, Don DeMoss

Reader: Josh Christensen

Children's Church: Jan Mann

Videographer: Kim Davis

Screens/Audio: RJ Davis

Acolyte: Kinley Pratt

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: Christ's compassion and pardon embrace, console, and encourage believers. Sinners will abandon wickedness, confess transgressions, and receive the Lord's forgiveness. Prisoners of the faith will remain steadfast in conflict, endure hardship, and yet be confident in the Gospel of Christ. God's kingdom is revealed to us by a continuum of generous, undeserved grace for all those who seek Christ, call upon His name, and believe in Him.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Van Hoveln in loving memory of Matthew Alan Van Hoveln; and by Mary Powell in loving memory of her father on the anniversary of his death.

HOSPITALIZED: We pray for those who were hospitalized this past week: Kathy Wakeley.

HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for Beverly Ellgass, Rosalie Finet, Sharon Glossinger, Myra Greazer, Linda Grinestaff, Mike Heidle, Bonnie Holmes.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Today's lesson focus is "We Belong to God's Family" based on Galatians 3:26.

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!*

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (09/27) "Teachable" by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. To be a disciple is to be a learner. Jesus loves you enough to make you teachable. (Matthew 21:31) Tune in to hear this and other great sermons at any time: www.lutheranhour.org.

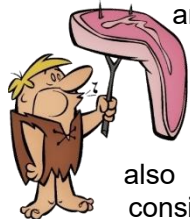
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY: Join us **Sept. 27** as we celebrate Christian Education Sunday! We will have a special service giving thanks for the gift of God's Word and the opportunity to grow in faith and knowledge of Christ. As part of our celebration, we will present Bibles to second graders and Small 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**. Through 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! We also welcome donations of baked goods for our Bake Sale – homemade treats are always a favorite! Don't forget to invite your friends and come to shop for treasures and treats!



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.



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. We are especially excited to welcome missionary Ashley Lehr, who serves the Lord through the LCMS in Puerto Rico. 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! ***We are looking for someone to host Ashley for the night of Oct. 10 after the Steak Fry until church on Sunday morning. Please see Diana Pratt if you would be willing to open your home for a night.***

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. 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.

SAVE THE DATE! The Women's Guild Annual Leaf and Holly Holiday Bazaar is **Nov. 10**. Ladies, many of you have received five save the date cards in your church mailbox. Please share your cards with friends, family, coworkers, neighbors, or anyone you think would enjoy a day of holiday shopping, homemade treats, fellowship, and a delicious pulled pork luncheon. Thank you for helping us make this year's bazaar a success!

SHARE YOUR GERMAN HERITAGE: The Danville Public Library is hosting a program for children that explores different cultures and heritages, and they recently reached out to us after hearing about our German Dinner. They are looking for someone who would be willing to come and speak briefly about Germany and share a little about German culture and heritage. Nothing formal or complicated is needed—the library will help put the program together with German music, food samples, and other activities. The program will be held **Oct. 14**, at 5:00 pm. If you would be willing to share your knowledge and love of German heritage with the children, please see Kim in the church office. What a wonderful opportunity to share a little of our heritage with the community!



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Last Sunday (09/13)	101
Attendance Wednesday (09/16)	12

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$4,571.00
Needed Weekly	\$7,708.00
Checking Account Balance	\$2,210.00
Bills Due This Week	\$8,393.00

BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 20	Blake Wadsworth	22	Andrew Van Hoveln
21	Stephanie Crawley	24	Linda Grinestaff
21	Roger Fitting	26	Chelsea Pratt

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sept. 20	Holly and Kelly Clem	23
Sept. 23	Doug and Sam Van Hoveln	26

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Sunday (20)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
Monday (21)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (22)	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday (23)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	5:00 pm	Evening Worship
	6:00 pm	Choir
Thursday (24)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	9:00 am	Newsletter Assembly
Next Sunday (27)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	9:30 am	Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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
- Voter's Meeting, Oct. 18
- Cemetery Cleanup Day, Oct. 24
- Reformation Sunday, Oct. 25
- Trunk-or-Treat, Oct. 31
- Leaf and Holly Holiday Bazaar, Nov. 10