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"The Lantern"

October 2019

Greetings from your Pastor . . .

From St. Francis to Luther

We begin October with the Blessing of the Animals which this year will be celebrated in church at the 5:30 Saturday night service. If your pet is difficult to handle you are invited to come before the service at 5 when animals will be blessed while staying in your vehicle.

The new faith exploration group met for the first time in September. We were few in numbers, but had a great time, getting to know each other better and sharing some of our journey of faith stories. We agreed to meet again but only once a month, the next meeting will be on the 21st of October at 10 am coffee and cake will be provided. If you have any questions about it, or perhaps joining us, either speak with Pastor or just show up.

The last Sunday in October we will celebrate the Lutheran reformation. In the past we have some times had an October fest following the service. If you like the idea I will need help to plan even a small get together like bratwurst and beer. Please let me know in what area you can help, I will even have a signup sheet in the Narthex.

Looking forward to the brisk Fall days ahead.

Pastor McKinley

OCTOBER 5TH
5:30PM Saturday
Evening Service



SUNDAY ~ NOV. 3rd





Celebrations October

Birthdays:

4th ~ Philip Curtis

4th ~ Robert Fossum

11th ~ Kerri (Grogan) Strano

14th ~ Jane Grogan

26th ~ Kris Calabro

26th ~ Susannah Curtis

28th ~ William Browne

29th ~ Lana Hyer

Anniversaries:

None

Servers for October

Lay Asst.:

6th: Todd Engle ~ 13th: Roberta McGilvery ~ 20th: Kris Calabro ~

25th: Terry Stahlhut

Lector:

6th Sharon Rollier ~ 13th: Steven Lance ~ 20th: Kris Calabro ~

25th Roberta McGilvery ~

Ushers:

6th: Lana Hyer & Eva LaBrozzi ~ 13th: Carole Hepp & Sharon Rollier ~

20th: Millie Martin & Roberta McGilvery ~ 25th: Scott & Kim Brown ~

Reformation Sunday ~ October 27th

Up coming events for November:

3rd: "All Saints Sunday" Forms are on the table in the Narthex, all forms are due back to the church office by Oct. 21st.

24th: "Christ the King" Sunday

28th: Happy Thanksgiving

30th: "Hanging of the Greens ~ Saturday afternoon at 3:30 PM before the 5:30 PM Service

Up coming events for December:

1st: 1st Sunday in Advent

8th: 2nd Sunday in Advent

15th: 3rd Sunday in Advent

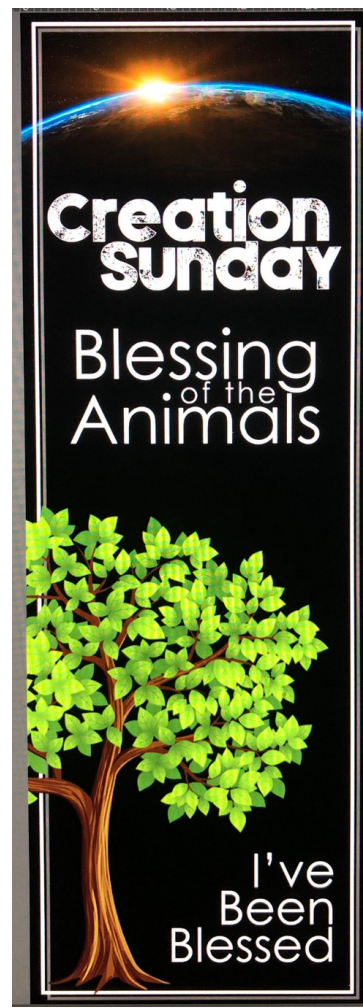
22nd: 4th Sunday in Advent

24th: Christmas Eve Services at 4:30 PM & 9:00 PM

25th: Christmas Day ~ Merry Christmas Everyone!

Thank You Corner!

Thank you Jeff, for the great banner you purchased for "The Blessing of the Animals". We appreciate all you do for the church.



Oktoberfest - October 27th

(after the service)

We will supply the "Brats" and the paper products. It will be a B.Y.O.B. (beer) since everyone has their own preference.

We are looking for side dishes and desserts.

There will be suggestions on a signup sheet located on the table in the Narthex.



Rally Day ~ Blessing of the backpacks & Church picnic!



All Saints Sunday is November 3rd, 2019

This is for the people who would have passed away between the following dates:

10/21/18 to 10/20/19.

If you would like to have your loved one added to our list, please fill out the form provided in the narthex and return it in the offering plate by **10/20/19**. You may also call the church office or email the name or names to the secretary.

Please include the year of birth and death.

Thank you.



Writer's Corner



No Time to Go to Church?

Too busy, too tired to go to church? Why bother. Your life is filled with family, work, commitments... lots to do. So why bother getting up on a Sunday morning?

Think of church as an investment. When you are working, an amount is taken out of your paycheck and put into a pension fund or social security. That's how the Church works. Church is the one hour a week that you put into your permanent retirement fund.

That one hour is when you can connect with God and the rest of your church family. That is why God created you, to love, and for us to love Him and each other. (Can you imagine how lonely God must have been when he created the Earth and there were only dinosaurs to love?)

So, if for no other reason than having an investment in your future, you can come to church and through your baptism you can trust in Jesus' promise for eternal life.

If the service is too confusing, there are booklets in the Narthex that explain how the Liturgy (the structure of the service for centuries) follows the life of Jesus Christ.

Jane McKinley

Reminder ~ Prayer Concern List

Back in March I started putting a date next to the names on the prayer list in order to keep better track of how long each individual has been placed there. After a 3 month period I will be deleting that name, however, if you still want this person to remain on the list, please fill out another request and I will be more than happy to place them back on.

Thank you, Roxanne

Immanuel's Website Update!

Jeff has been busy at work updating our website, not an easy task! But thanks to his eye for detail and ability to navigate around the website editing page, he has created a very nice website for you!

If you have any suggestions or ideas they are more than welcome.

Just drop Jeff an email at:

organmaster214@aol.com

Don't forget to check it out!!!! Thank you!

*Website: **www.ilutheran.net***

Building a New Life in Christ

We had our first meeting on Monday, September 16th and had a very nice turn out. All are welcome to join us. The next meeting is scheduled for **October 21st at 10:00 AM**

We are do this in Memory of Jim Mechtel, we'll begin by sharing our journeys of faith. Digging deep into our memories, when do we first remember hearing about Jesus, and how did it make you feel? What are our early memories of God?

It's a place to start. There will be refreshments, and we can make plans. The important part is that we'll be there for each other, giving support, and calling on the direction and strength of the Holy Spirit to guide us. Hope to see you all there.

Pastor McKinley

Faith

Increase our faith so we may see
What you're doing in our lives
And all that we'll accomplish in you
So our faith begins to rise

We need to be reminded, Lord,
Of the small mustard seed
And how the same amount of faith
Moves mountains if we believe

As we walk in pure obedience
With confidence in you,
Our faith begins to grow and flourish,
Bearing more abundant fruit

We must go beyond the limits
Of our comfort zones,
Our faith is activated at those times
When we walk into the unknown

For it's when the safety net is gone,
We realize we need our Lord,
When there's nothing left to fall back on,
We must lean on God much more

And faith is released in our hearts
As we bend our knee to pray;
We shall be strengthened as we walk
And commit to Him each day.

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Order Form for Poinsettias

6" pot @ \$8.00

Name: _____

Your phone # _____ # of Plants _____ Amount: _____

(please indicate by circling one) I **will** / **will not** be taking home

In Memory of: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Honor of: _____

(more than one name can fit on each line)

*Please make checks payable to "**Immanuel Lutheran Church.**" Give orders to Church
office no later than **December 1, 2019***

Place your order early to assure your loved ones name/s are in the bulletin. THANK YOU!



Food Pantry

UPDATE:

The food pantry continues to remain busy. For August we helped 76 families which totaled 334 people. Starting in August the food pantry will be open the last Saturday of the month from 10 AM to 12 PM, in addition to the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. We are currently in need of tuna, cereal, oatmeal, and paper shopping bags.

Thank you for all of your continued support.

Scott Brown



Pantry Hours & Dates

**October 10th, 24th &
26th**

10:00 AM to 12 noon

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