

## IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# SEPTEMBER



# The Lantern

*...I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of the life." John 8:12*

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### *Greetings from the Pastor . . . . .*

## Growth is Ongoing!

Each September we begin a new school year, in many ways the school year calendar dominates our lives. It represents the largest portion of the calendar year, it represents the work year as separate from what is thought of as vacation time. Of course there is never a vacation time from learning, just perhaps different things to learn, in summer we may learn to swim or fish or any number of things. During the school year we concentrate on more traditional subjects, reading, writing and arithmetic. In church we continue the process of learning to live as Christ in the world.

For young people it means Sunday school and confirmation training. Luther once said, "I can't make you a Christian, but I can teach you what it means to be one." It reminds me of my children's piano lessons, all my children learned to play the piano, but only two of the three learned to love playing the piano. We always hope and pray people will grow to love the things they have learned, but learning to love is beyond our control.

Growing into Christ is an ongoing process, no vacations, it either happens every day or not. It happens in our inner most being aided by the Holy Spirit. We give it all that we can, like piano lessons, but love grows unseen in our hearts. Regular attendance in the fellowship of believers helps it to grow. That is why Sunday school and regular attendance at worship are important. Learning the catechism means you know how to play the piano, living your life in the community is where we continue to learn to love and cherish the faith that that God has planted in us.

Rev. James McKinley



### ATTENTION!!! URGENT!!!

If your phone number has changed please contact the church office at 732-363-1599  
Or email me at: [secretary@ilutheran.net](mailto:secretary@ilutheran.net)



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## SEPTEMBER SERVING SCHEDULE

DATE	LAY ASSISTANTS	ACOLYTES	LECTOR	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
<b>2ND</b>	Todd Engle	TBD	Sharon Rollier	Lana Hyer & Eva LaBrozzi	Donna Palzer
<b>9TH</b>	Roberta McGilvery	TBD	Steven Lance	Carol Hepp & Sharon Rollier	Donna Palzer
<b>16TH</b>	Terry Stahlhut	TBD	Millie Martin	Millie Martin & Roberta McGilvery	Donna Palzer
<b>23RD</b>	Kris Calabro	TBD	Kris Calabro	Scott & Kim Brown	Donna Palzer
<b>30TH</b>	Roberta McGilvery	TBD	Roberta McGilvery	TBD	Donna Palzer

### BIRTHDAYS

5th: Magnus McCaleb  
 5th: Walter Rieger  
 9th: Brian Camp  
 9th: Kelly Camp  
 9th: Kari Novatin  
 12th: David Coppola  
 16th: Doris Estelle  
 17th: Carrie Horn  
 21st: Charles Turansky  
 24th: Suzanne O'Donnell  
 25th: Margaret Coppola



### ANNIVERSARIES

11th: Walter & Dianne Rieger  
 12th: Dominic & Jill Manion  
 18th: Rick & Cherylann Gerhard  
 22nd: Philip & Carole Hepp



### September 9th ~ Rally Day

**In the beginning of the service we will have a blessing for all teachers, students and their backpacks for the new school year.**

## OCTOBER SERVING SCHEDULE

DATE	LAY ASSISTANTS	ACOLYTES	LECTOR	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
7TH	Todd Engle	TBD	Sharon Rollier	Lana Hyer & Eva LaBrozzi	Donna Palzer
14TH	Roberta McGilvery	TBD	Steven Lance	Carole Hepp & Sharon Rollier	Donna Palzer
21ST	Kris Calabro	TBD	Kris Calabro	Roberta McGilvery & Millie Martin	Donna Palzer
28TH	Terry Stahlhut	TBD	Roberta McGilvery	Scott & Kim Brown	Donna Palzer

## BIRTHDAYS

4th: Philip Curtis  
 4th: Robert Fossum  
 11th: Kerrin Strano (Grogan)  
 14th: Jane Grogan  
 26th: Kris Calabro  
 26th: Susannah Curtis  
 28th: William Browne  
 29th: Lana Hyer



## ANNIVERSARIES

16th: Jonathan & Jennifer McCaleb

**Up coming events:**

**Oct. 6th ~ Blessing of the Animals at the Saturday night service at 5:30 PM  
(or curbside blessing prior to the service at 5 PM)**

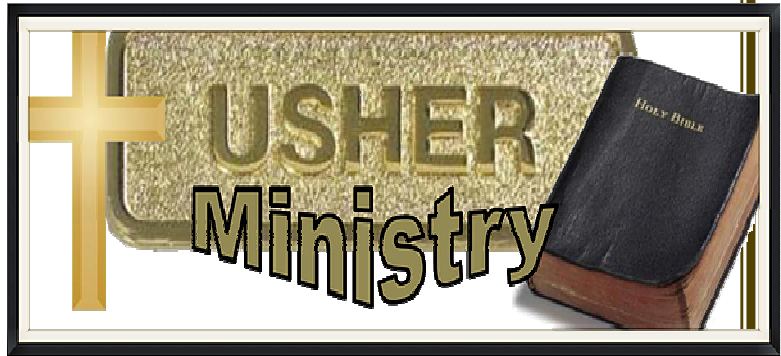
**Oct. 28th ~ Reformation Sunday & Confirmation**

**Nov. 4th ~ All Saints**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - - - - -**

Roberta is looking for one or two ushers that would be able to usher in the months that have a 5th Sunday. It only occurs 4 times a year. If you would like to serve on those Sundays please let the office know or let Roberta know on any given Sunday.

*Thanking you in advance.*



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTICE RE: CONFIRMATION!**

A previous article stated that confirmation will take place on Pentecost Sunday 2019 with all possible students being informed. The program requires 2 years of consistent attendance. Therefore there will be four students who will be confirmed on **Reformation Sunday October 28, 2018.** Those students will be Joseph Kling, Logan McClain, Alexandria Zumpano, and Raeann Patterson. The students will be meeting with pastor each Sunday after church for one half hour after the service in September to fulfill their last requirement.



## **PASTORAL CARE VISITORS NEEDED**

Recently we have lost a few Homebound Communion or Eucharistic Ministers due to relocation or illness. We would like to recruit and train a team of pastoral visitors by maintaining contact and visitation with our increasing homebound and institutionalize members. If you desire to serve in this ministry, please contact

Pastor McKinley either after the church service or  
call him at: 201-281-6989



To All My Dear Family  
at Emmanuel

Thank you so much for  
my going away party, my  
gifts, and the fond wishes

Pastor Mc Kinley, thank you  
for your very kind words

Jeff, thank you for your  
straightforwardness in playing  
my favorite hymns

I love you all and  
will miss you and  
Emmanuel dearly.



Somehow, just saying "thank you"

doesn't seem like enough.

But I hope you know

how much your kindness

has meant to me.



With love,  
Bob Bless!  
Pam



## Body and Soul ~ by Jim Mechtel

There are numerous articles and thoughts on the body and soul connection. What most miss is the connection to God. You were created with an imperfect body and soul. They are joined until the body dies and then rejoin when the body is resurrected to be forever connected. The resurrected body will be perfect in a very special way. It will have no longer the needs it did while alive on Earth but will be able to eat, walk, talk if you want it. Jesus' body was unbelievable to our minds. He appeared to the disciples. Not an image, but real. Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." John 20:27

He appeared many times that they did not immediately recognize Him. He walked along with them and ate with them until —

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24:30-32

"Now I urge you to take some food. You need it to survive. Not one of you will lose a single hair from his head." After he said this, he took some bread and gave thanks to God in front of them all. Then he broke it and began to eat. They were all encouraged and ate some food themselves." Acts 27:34-36

After the resurrection at the end of the world and the final judgment, if you are a sheep, you will have a glorious united living body and soul forever.

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." Matthew 25:31

God created you with a plan. He wants you to be fruitful on Earth and to abide with Him forever. That abide means you are joined together as one. Not to be a God, but to be one with Him. Even Jesus did not know when the world will end — only the Father knows.

The body is a fantastic creation. It has five senses to help the brain do its automatic functions of the heartbeat, breathing, need for food and water, need for sleep or rest, and to repair itself. It has a want for comfort and a want pleasure. It has an automatic process in the brain to evaluate your contacts with the world — such as likes or dislikes, size, and mass, attract or avoid, etc. It makes a judgment of attraction or avoidance on everything it senses.

The soul is even a more fantastic creation. It was made the highest of all of God's creations — higher than the angels and higher than the devil. It has free will and the power to love and to forgive. Together you were created in the image of God. Jesus proved that.

The mind and the brain are the connection between body and soul. The body has wants and needs. The soul wants to live forever but the body can't. The soul can control the body through the mind and brain. They will struggle with each other until the body dies. I have witnessed many times

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## Poetry Corner . . .

There is a special kind of garden  
in a place where angels dwell.  
A loving caring garden  
enhanced with a heavenly spell.  
A place where all our loved ones  
rest so peacefully.  
A place God tends and nurtures  
just for you and me.  
So though we may be parted from  
those we love so much,  
They are always right there with Him  
caressed with His every touch.  
We are all flowers in this garden  
arrayed so tenderly  
With a loving caring Father  
throughout eternity.

In loving memory of my husband  
who entered eternal life 40 years ago,  
*Roberta McGilvery*

Cont. from Body & Soul

where the dying person is at peace with God and willing to go home, but the body won't quit until there is nothing left. This struggle for Earthly life goes all through God's creation. In plants and animals, the drive to stay alive and to reproduce is incredible. A dandelion seed on a rocky mountain-side will seek enough dirt and water to produce a few leaves and a flower. A tomato plant in bad soil and very little water will bear a fruit or two.

Your soul has a need and has some wants. The need is to be fed spiritually. The wants are security, companionship and/or togetherness, love, self-esteem, and to live forever. Your soul should decide who you want to be – your interests, your personality, how you judge others, what you want to accomplish, etc. If your soul doesn't make these decisions, the brain will.

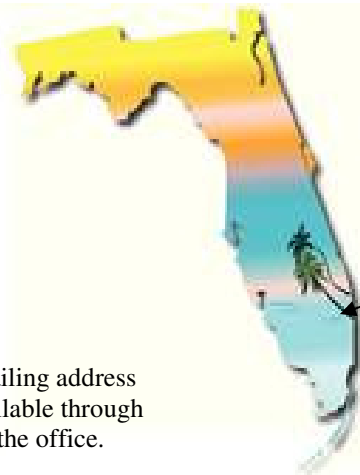
So in your mind, you need to know who you are and where you are going.

Are you a child of God who wants to be with Him forever? That final judgment has to be the most important thing in your whole life! Take a few moments and judge yourself. There is only one answer – a sheep or not. Now you can change your life to be on the way home to God. If so, you know the way.

May the Holy Spirit give you the wisdom and power to lead you on the path to where your body and spirit will be one with God. So be it! Amen.



Time for a New Chapter!  
 Karin Holldorf is leaving us at Immanuel after being a member here for 45 years, 43 which she served on church council in different capacities. We are sad to see you leave, but are excited for you to start this new adventure in your life!  
 God speed Karin!  
 Love,  
 Your Immanuel Church Family



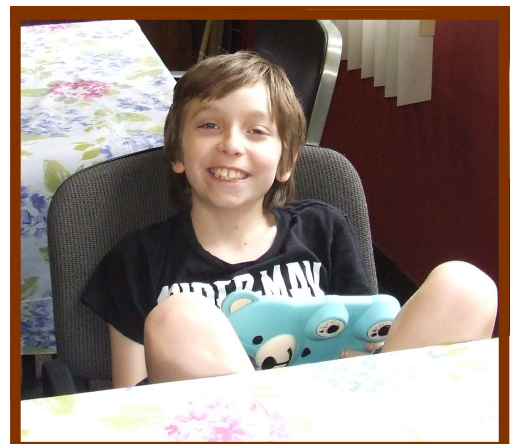
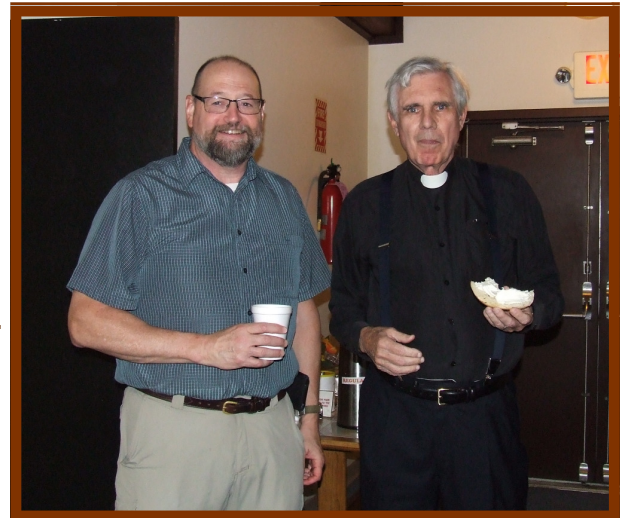
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# Join Us for **COFFEE HOUR**





# Food Pantry

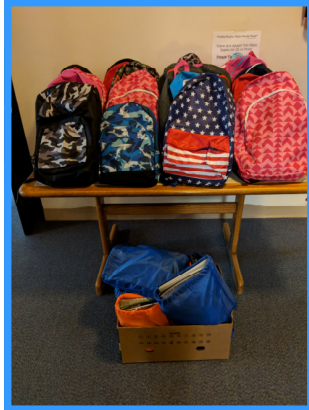
## UPDATE:

### PROJECT HOMEWORK:

We had 25 summer baskets we handed out during the month of July and in August gave out the backpacks filled with school supplies to all the children 12 and under. There were a total of 50+ bags made up.

A candy bar fund raiser for the food pantry yielded a little over \$200. Another one is planned for December. Thank you for you continued support to the food pantry.

*Scott Brown*



Juliana and Addison Brown are the nieces of Scott & Kim Brown. Thank you girls for your help!!!!



**Pantry Hours & Dates**  
**Sept. 13th & 27th**  
**10:00 AM to 12 noon**

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**Oct. 11th & 25th**  
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