

# THE MESSENGER

The monthly newsletter for members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Forest City, Iowa - November 2024

## '2nd Sunday' Potluck Brunch & 'Can/Bottle' Trailer

All welcome to our monthly potluck brunch after 9:15 worship on Nov. 10. Just leave your food in the kitchen before worship and members of the Trustees Board will take care of it. And if you aren't able to bring anything to share, or forget, you are still welcome.



And look for the can/bottle trailer parked out front by the alley for your donations of redeemable bottles and cans. Thanks!

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOV. 3

God has made into saints all who have been baptized into Christ, and we recognize and honor those who have died in the faith since last year's All Saints Day. And we celebrate those baptized in the past year giving thanks to God for the life of each of these children of God.

We will read these names and welcome anyone to light a candle remembering and celebrating the life of their loved ones on this day.

### Immanuel's members & friends remembered this year:

Alice Elaine Jones  
Anna Marie Mitchell  
Betty Jane Coxson  
Marion Ruby Eastvold  
Constance Elaine Nyhus  
Larry Nerem  
Wilma Alva Sauer  
Carolyn R. Thompson  
Rhonda Sue (Brock) King

Charlene (Kaiser) Markel  
Darlyne Joyce Espeland  
Jeanette M. Neuman  
Jeffrey Scott Oulman  
Kent William Thompson  
Doris Ann Borchardt  
Rose Mary Nelson Meinecke  
Maria Elena Thorsheim  
Seth David Zrostlik

### Celebrating the newly baptized this year:

Aria Sophia Keller  
Beckam Neil Dakken  
Daxton Andrew Ziesmer

Lyra Jon Phillips  
Callahan Bruce Bohl

## November Mission Emphasis GOOD SAMARITAN ACCOUNT

Mission & Outreach has designated Immanuel's Good Samaritan Account as the November Mission. This account is funded through your financial gifts that help the people who walk through the door or call asking for help. This year we have been able to help around 30 people.

The account allows us to help with a variety of needs: gas, rent, utilities, clothing, groceries, prescriptions, hotels, medical bills, household items, in town and out of town transit tickets, frozen prepared meals, a big variety of needs.

Thank you for gifts that may be given anytime during the month; just designate to 'Good Samaritan'. Noisy offerings in worship will be Nov. 20 & 27.

## Immanuel Lutheran Church's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Thanksgiving Day Buffet

Thursday, Nov. 28, 2024

Come between the hours of 11am~12:30pm  
free will donation ~ proceeds to missions

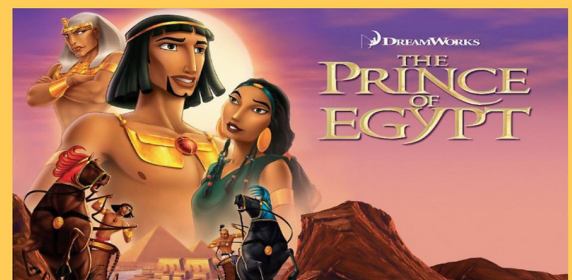
Online sign up thru [immanuelfamily.com](http://immanuelfamily.com)  
or call the church office at 585-3152  
for reservations, carry outs, or  
homebound deliveries  
by Thursday, Nov. 21

Thanksgiving Worship Service:  
10:30am, Nov. 28

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**FREE ADMITTANCE TO ALL ATTENDEES**

# Letter from Pastor

## Love is the Rebel Song

A great blessings that I receive in planning worship is the discovery of new songs. A few months ago I stumbled on the song, *Love is the Rebel Song*. It has become for me, a deeply spiritual and meaningful song.

Verse one proclaims, *The fight is where we're born; To a hope that feels malformed; In a world at war, love is the rebel song. Blue skies of my dreams. Remind me where to sing*

*In a world at war, love is the rebel song*

I have grown fatigued by the relentless, daily reports of war, killing, violence, and bombings in Gaza, and now Lebanon, in Sudan, and in so many places throughout the world. I'm weary and sickened by reports of children's bodies blown apart, and by the celebrations of people, enemies now dead. Jonathan Mark Foreman who wrote this song is on to something when he writes, "The fight is where we're born." It reminds me of our Baptism liturgy that proclaims, "we are born children of a fallen humanity. Even though the fight is where we're born, we were not created for the fight, but for love and acts of kindness.

Foreman further writes, *If today knows no justice, I'm better off staying maladjusted. Sing to me a melody for the ones who will never win. Songs of dreamers, in-betweeners. The ones who will never fit in; where the wars go on and on, love is the rebel song.*

The world and the church need more rebels who understand what Foreman and Jesus are talking about, and who embrace the radical nature of love that leads to radical welcome and inclusion, to forgiveness and reconciliation. Are we, Immanuel family, prepared and ready, in the name of Jesus to let love be the rebel song that we sing and live into?

Foreman knows the secret, *the lie of war. His lyrics state, Every day becomes a crisis, left to our own devices, we traded in our dreams to fight this war that can't be won.*

War is a loose – loose proposition with no winner, and with no positive outcome. It can't be won. This is true in wars between nations, and wars within families and marriages, and in sibling groups, neighborhoods and even congregations.

*Even if hate is our loudest song, yeah, I still refuse to sing along, yeah, sing to me a melody for the ones who will never win. Songs of dreamers, in-betweeners; the ones who will never fit in; where the wars go on and on, love is the rebel song.*

Jesus says in Matthew 5:54-45a, *You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven."*

Peace, Joy, and Love,

Pastor Rod



# Immanuel Kids

## Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

It's November! Can you think of some fun things that happen in the month of November?

Leaves change colors and fall; Daylight Savings Time ends and we "fall back an hour; At the end of the month, we have a special holiday! I think everyone loves Thanksgiving because of our big focus on good food. Ooh, yes!

Is food the most important thing about Thanksgiving? No, the most important thing is sort of in the name...it's about being thankful, especially thankful to God! Not just thankful for turkeys and pastries, and pies, but for lots of things – for everything.

The Bible talks a lot about why it is important to be thankful. God wants us to live with joy, and to be content with the things we have in our lives. This also keeps us from wanting things that we don't have or that we don't need. And we want to appreciate the blessings God has given us. So, what are some things you are thankful for?

To have a heart full of gratitude helps us look at our lives and appreciate what God has done. A good practice would be to find a calendar and write down a note of thankfulness every day! It doesn't have to stop at the end of this month. This calendar could be used as a prayer journal in the days ahead.

Psalm 136:1 reads, "Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever."

Crossed In Christ  
Pastor Rod



Dear Immanuel Family,

*Thank you for hosting my ordination, to all who participated and attended, to the kitchen crew for a fabulous dinner, for the beautiful stole (I can hardly wait for Lent), and most of all for the year & nine months of love, support, and guidance as I served along side you in Forest City. I would not be the pastor I am today without you all!*

*Yours in Christ, Pastor Elizabeth*

*Thanks to many, the kitchen is clean!*

The church kitchen has been deep cleaned and decluttered for another year. Thank you to our custodian Antonio for his help and to our volunteer workers: Linda Holland, Carolyn Korth, Mary Paulsen, Mary Rodberg, Joan Beebe, Barb Braun, Marla Betz, Kathy McEnelly, Tina Berg, and Linda Hinkley.

That means cleaning the ovens and grates, polishing the stainless steel appliances, wiping out cabinets, etc. Several items were offered to our church members that were not used anymore. After two weeks, the leftover items were given to local thrift stores.

Many hands made the job easier and more enjoyable!

# Packing Day Results



Packing Day results from Oct. 11: 88 quilts, 170 backpack school kits, 85 personal care kits, and 2 blankets.

Thanks to everyone who had any part in making this happen! Lutheran World Relief recently reported that the Quilt & Kit Ministry is expanding to reach neighbors in the U.S., and abroad as they always have.

And the process at Immanuel continues as we prepare for the next Packing Day in May.

Pictured in front: Joan Hansen, Marlene Faircloth, Barb Braun, Mary Rodberg. Standing: Paul & Kay Sorensen, Karen Gustafson, Jim Braun, John Faircloth, Ken Hansen, Harlan Rodberg.

## Consider Serving on Council

Immanuel's Church Council is seeking nominations for the 2025 Church Council open positions. If you feel called to serve in this way, talk with council president Kathy McEnelly, or if you have someone you think would serve well, check with them, and nominate them by talking to Kathy or let Jaci know in the office. Nominations will close on Sunday, Nov. 17.

# Promiseland



Elizabeth Bohl

Promiseland is off to a wonderful start this year! We have close to 100 excited, energetic, ready-to-learn students! We have already started practicing for our Christmas Program, which will be held on Sunday, December 15th during the 9:15 service.

A HUGE thank you to all of our volunteers! They take time out of their week to prep, plan, and teach these sweet kids and help them grow in their faith. Raising kids takes a village, and we are all so lucky to have these volunteers as a part of our kids' villages.

If you would like to volunteer to substitute, please let Elizabeth Bohl know!



Second graders and a few older students received their new Kids Bibles during worship on Sept. 25.

*This Bible is yours. Read it often. Study it well. Learn of God's love.*

## I Want to Be Thankful



It's November, so that means it's Thanksgiving time. And while the big box stores seem to be full of Christmas items, and clearance Halloween items, they do make room for a small isle of Thanksgiving. But that one isle doesn't really do the day, or the idea justice, and only one day a year is definitely not enough to be thankful. So, what is going through your mind as you approach this new month?

To be honest, as I sit here writing this there is a song that comes to mind, and it's a song that we sang last year on Wednesday nights in November, it's called "Thankful". Take a moment to read these words to this song, and you'll see why it's so catchy,

"I like to think about the goodness of the Lord, He gives me everything I need and so much more. So, I just want to lift my hands, and say that I love him, I just want to lift my heart and pray. And I want to be thankful, I want to be faithful, I want to remember everything that the Lord has done. I want to be thankful I want to be grateful I want to be, I want to be, I want to be."

And the song ends with the words I want to be, repeated until you decide to stop. What does it mean to say I want to be thankful and grateful? It reminds us that we sometimes are better at coming to God when we need him, like when we're sick or want something, and we sometimes forget to be thankful and grateful for what the Lord has done. And in a world that sometimes feels like it's on the verge of falling apart, it can be hard to be grateful. A verse that comes to mind when feeling this way comes from Psalm 106, "Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." His love endures forever, through all things. The feelings of joy, sorrow, worry, thoughts of the world falling apart, and signs of hope, His love endures forever! We want to remember everything the Lord has done, how He is so good, and how God's love indeed endures forever. How Jesus was sent into the mess of the world, was there for all people in all walks of life, how he suffered, died and was buried and on the third day rose again, so that sin, death and the Devil no longer have the final world. So maybe as I remember all this, instead of singing I want to be grateful, I will sing, I will be grateful, in the midst of everything for what God has indeed done and is continuing to do every day. This is definitely more than a one isle worth of thanks. THANK YOU, JESUS! And blessings to you this season.

I look forward to seeing you soon, Interlinked in Christ.

Pastor Zech Anderson

# Board notes

## Mission & Outreach

Keith Walker

The Mission & Outreach Board met via Zoom on Wednesday, October 9th, at 4:45 p.m. We had 6 members present on Zoom. Devotional by Ken.

October Mission Emphasis is Missionary Karen. Thanks to everyone's efforts, we met our \$5,000 covenant goal for 2024!

October 20th- Coffee Fellowship and Bake Sale proceeds goes towards Missionary Karen, Ellen got a Thrivent card to go towards ingredients for the bake sale. We had a very successful bake sale.

October Noisy offerings will be the 13th and the 23rd with proceeds going toward Missionary Karen.

November Emphasis will be Good Sam Fund.

Ellen will get a Thrivent Card for gifts for shut-ins for December.

Thanksgiving dinner emphasis will be decided at our November meeting.

December Emphasis will be Student Lunch Fund.

Other information discussed:

We received thank you notes from all of the Bible Camps for our donations raised for them.

We also discussed changing our meeting day and time moving forward.

Next Month's Devotion – Ruth

## Trustees

Bink Keller

The Board of Trustees met October 07, 2024 at the church.

September Income was \$45,125.57 and expenses were \$43,746.39 with a positive \$1,379.18 for the month of September. YTD is a negative (\$41,796.52) compared to a negative (\$27,709.27) for 2023.

**Endowment:** There is \$6,867.97 unallocated this year and there are no peer ministry at Waldorf this fall.

**Property Committee:** Tim Severson installed 9 Jumbo TP Dispensers in the bathrooms, Shampooed the Shalom room carpet, and ran conduit to Four Oaks to add Wi-Fi. He also installed an LED light in the west entrance.

**Personnel Committee:** Proposals to change Policy no. 1080 Annual Performance Evaluation and Policy no. 1110A Corrective Action for Unacceptable Job Performance were approved to be presented to the council.

**New Business:** Elizabeth Bohl and Emily Walker proposed the Promiseland painting project. The rooms have not been painted in 25 years. This would kick off pledging payments starting December 15. Gold Plus medical insurance was approved for both Pastors and Jaci with less than a 1% increase.

**Old Business:** The Waldorf and Immanuel shared position to cover primarily middle school and high school youth is coming close to picking a candidate.

## Parish Council

Danielle Niess

Council met on October 15. Members present: Lisa Chisholm, Linda Ferjak, Jen Jenkins, Kathy McEnelly, Danielle Niess, Keith Walker, Laura Winter, Matt Welp, Steve Westerberg, Carter Benson, Pastor Zech Anderson, Pastor Rod Hopp. Absent: Ben Arentson.

**Mt Olive Church:** The council met with pastor/staff of church

**New Pastor Call:** The council unanimously approved extending a call to Jennifer N. Tillman with congregational meetings October 23 and 27.

**Financial Contribution to Waldorf:** Immanuel would pay 1/3 of the salary for a shared position with Waldorf.

**Confirmation:** Levi Heckes and Sophia Strommen were approved for confirmation.

**Manifesto of Love and Hospitality:** The council committed to reflecting on the church's manifesto over the next month.

**Meeting Minutes:** The previous month's minutes were approved.

**Pastor Reports:** Pastor Zech and Pastor Rod shared updates on their respective areas.

**Education Committee:** The committee is working on a potluck.

**Small Groups:** All small groups will meet together in January.

**Thank You Cards:** Kathy will collect names and addresses for thank you cards for young people who help in the kitchen.

**Consent Agenda:** The consent agenda was approved.

## Parish Life

Karen Keller

The Board of Parish Life met on October 1. Members present were Lisa Chisholm, Mary Kingland, Sandy Lillquist, Tina Berg, Kathy Leuwerke, Karen Keller, and Pastor Zech.

The meeting focused on putting cards together for the Waldorf Homecoming. The cards included a note from Pastor Zech and a coupon for an ice cream cone from A&W for \$1.00. The cards were handed out to Waldorf Alumni and Waldorf Choir members and students after worship on Sunday, Oct. 6.

We discussed the Welcome Gifts. We will be changing from the flower pots to the cups with the hot chocolate packets. Mary will get the packets of hot chocolate and Lisa will get small flashlights.

## Education

Elizabeth Bohl

1. Meeting dates and times revisited from August, we discussed meeting dates, as of now we will leave our meetings the 2nd Tuesday of the month.
2. Christmas Program Date December 15 during 9:15, Snow Makeup Date December 18 (Wednesday 6:30) Program details-Elizabeth and Emily are working on a program. Reception following- mini cinnamon rolls and coffee cake, mandarin oranges
3. Potluck Dates for This Year October 13 and April 13 (Zech will look into the April date)
4. Christmas Teacher Gifts, discussed.

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## Thankful for Promiseland

The Promiseland Reading Contest is off to a great start with the students stopping at the library to check out books and movies. We are thankful for all the readers in our church family.

### Adult Books

#### While We're Far Apart

World War I Homefront Novel Set in New York

By Lynn Austin



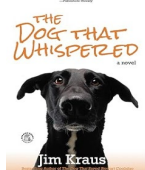
In an unassuming apartment building in Brooklyn, New York, three lives intersect as the reality of war invades each aspect of their lives. Young Esther is heartbroken when her father decides to enlist in the army shortly after the death of her mother. Penny Goodrich has been in love with Eddie

Shaffer for as long as she can remember; now that Eddie's wife is dead, Penny feels she has been given a second chance and offers to care for his children in the hope that he will finally notice her and marry her after the war. And elderly Mr. Mendel, the landlord, waits for the war to end to hear what has happened to his son trapped in war-torn Hungary.

But during the long, endless wait for victory overseas, life on the home front will go from bad to worse. Yet these characters will find themselves growing and changing in ways they never expected--and ultimately discovering truths about God's love...even when He is silent.

#### The Dog That Whispered

By Jim Kraus



Wilson Steele is a single professor and Vietnam veteran who likes living alone, insisting it is too late for him to have a family. His mother disagrees. When she impulsively adopts a rescued black lab mix, she insists Thurman is special, and has whispered of the coming of grandchildren. Wilson brushes the notion off as fantasy.

When his mother learns of her retirement community's 'no pets' policy, she forces Wilson to take the lovable dog. Wilson notices Thurman's growls do sound like words, but he knows he is just projecting his own thoughts on the animal. If Wilson is talking to neighbors on their walks, and spending time with Emily, a widow with three children, it is not because Thurman encouraged him. After all, everyone knows dogs cannot talk. . can they?



#### A Wolf Called Wander

By Rosanne Parry



This gripping novel about survival and family is based on the real story of one wolf's incredible journey to find a safe place to call home.

Swift, a young wolf cub, lives with his pack in the mountains learning to hunt, competing with his brothers and sisters for hierarchy, and watching over a new litter of cubs. Then a rival pack attacks, and Swift and his family scatter.

Alone and scared, Swift must flee and find a new home. His journey takes him a remarkable one thousand miles across the Pacific Northwest. The trip is full of peril, and Swift encounters forest fires, hunters, highways, and hunger before he finds his new home.

Inspired by the extraordinary true story of a wolf named OR-7 (or Journey), this irresistible tale of survival invites readers to experience and imagine what it would be like to be one of the most misunderstood animals on earth. This is a gripping and appealing novel about family, courage, loyalty, and the natural world. Includes black-and-white illustrations throughout and a map as well as information about the real wolf who inspired the novel. Located in the Junior Section.

#### Wildfire

By Rodman Philbrick



Flames race toward Sam Castine's summer camp as evacuation buses are loading, but Sam runs back to get his phone. Suddenly, a flash of heat blasts him as pine trees explode. Now a wall of fire separates Sam from his bus, and there is only one thing to do: Run for his life. Run or die. Lungs burning, Sam's only

goal is to keep moving. Drought has made the forest a tinderbox, and Sam struggles to remember survival tricks he learned from his late father. Then, when he least expects it, he encounters Delphy, an older girl who is also lost. Their unlikely friendship grows as they join forces to find civilization. The pace never slows, and eventually flames surround Sam and Delphy on all sides. A powerful bond is forged that can only grow out of true hardship -- as two true friends beat all odds and outwit one of the deadliest fires ever. At the end of the novel, information about wildfires and useful safety tips add to the reader's understanding of one of the US's most dangerous natural disasters. Located in the Youth Section.

(All descriptions are taken from Amazon.com)

## Treasury's Report | Immanuel Lutheran Church FY September 2024

	September Actual 2024	Monthly Budget	Year-to-date Actual	Annual Budget	Percent of YTD Budget 75.00%	September Actual 2023	YTD Actual 2023
<b>Income</b>							
Regular Offerings & Envelopes	36,242.43	41,169.33	310,399.30	494,032.00	62.83%	32,847.81	313,870.67
Other Income	8,883.14	12,227.33	97,894.11	146,728.00	66.72%	16,639.54	83,874.49
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>45,125.57</b>	<b>53,396.67</b>	<b>408,293.41</b>	<b>640,760.00</b>	<b>63.72%</b>	<b>49,487.35</b>	<b>397,745.16</b>

	September Actual 2024	Monthly Budget	Year-to-date Actual	Annual Budget	Percent of YTD Budget 75.00%	September Actual 2023	YTD Actual 2023
<b>Expense</b>							
Staff Support	29,329.94	31,983.83	279,714.34	383,806.00	72.88%	30,824.61	285,802.65
Administration	6,096.46	12,887.83	98,255.98	154,654.00	63.53%	12,099.47	96,840.27
Ministry Areas	8,319.99	8,525.00	72,119.61	102,300.00	70.50%	4,352.04	52,811.51
Loan re-payment/contingency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	(10,000.00)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>43,746.39</b>	<b>53,396.67</b>	<b>450,089.93</b>	<b>640,760.00</b>	<b>70.24%</b>	<b>47,276.12</b>	<b>425,454.43</b>

**Income Less Expense**    \$1,379.18            \$0.00            (\$41,796.52)            0.00            \$2,211.23            (\$27,709.27)

# Volunteer

## November 2024

### Assisting Ministers

Nov. 3.....Cindi Lehmann  
 Nov. 10.....Patti Strukel  
 Nov. 17.....Olivia Banta  
 Nov. 24.....David Readinger

### Scripture Readers

Nov. 3.....Steve Olmstead  
 Nov. 10.....TBD  
 Nov. 17.....Leah Boyd  
 Nov. 24.....Patti Strukel

### Altar Care

Nov. 3.....Kathy Leuwerke  
 Nov. 10.....Joan Beebe  
 Nov. 17.....Marla Betz  
 Nov. 24.....Kathy Leuwerke

### Ushers

Nov. 3 Ben & Nikki Arentson family, Michael & Elizabeth Bohl family  
 Nov. 10 Chad & Marcie Hanson family  
 Nov. 17 Elijah & Amanda Unga family, Ryan & Katie Strom family  
 Nov. 24 Roland Drew & Colleen Schmidt, Bryon & Denise Holst

### Communion Servers

Nov. 3.....Mary Kingland, Katherine Squier  
 Nov. 10.....Joan Beebe, Melanie Westerberg  
 Nov. 17.....Emily Walker, Joy Newcom  
 Nov. 24.....Elizabeth Bohl, Renae Hopp

### Song Leaders

Oct. 6.....Mark & Joy Newcom  
 Oct. 13.....Renae Hopp, Olivia Banta, Cindi Lehmann  
 Oct. 20.....Scott Bertelsen, Jaci Thorson  
 Oct. 27.....Steve Olmstead, Zech Anderson, Sarah Leichsenring

### Offering Counters

Joyce Goranson, Sandy Lillquist, Melanie Westerberg, Ellen Olson, Jan Buffington

### Laundry

Sandy Lillquist

### Sound/Video Techs

TBD

## THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL DONATION LIST:

GIVE	FOOD	NEED
_____	\$ donations for Turkeys (23 @ \$25 each)	
_____	Potatoes	100 lbs.
_____	Cr of Mushroom	36 – 10.5 can
_____	Fried French Onion	18 – 6 oz container
_____	Butter	14 – 1 lb. boxes
_____	Green Beans	72 – 14.5 oz can
_____	Powdered Sugar	2#
_____	Salt	12# NEED BY NOV. 8 FOR BRINING
_____	Sugar	15# NEED BY NOV. 8 FOR BRINING
_____	Brown Sugar	7#
_____	Cranberries	18#
_____	Onions	18#
_____	Celery	4#
_____	Rhodes Dinner Rolls	8 pkg (of 36 frozen dough)
_____	Turkey Stuffing	36 boxes
_____	Fresh Garlic	18 bulbs
_____	Cream	10 quarts
_____	Whole Milk	2 gallons
_____	2% Milk	3 gallons
_____	Coffee	1# (decaf)
_____	Coffee	2# (regular)
_____	Pies	25 (assorted)
_____	<b>**BRING PIES BY 9AM, NOV. 28</b>	
_____	\$ donation (checks payable to 'Immanuel Thanksgiving Dinner')	

**Bring 'shelf stable' items to church anytime now and by Nov. 21. Refrigerated items due by Nov 21.**

Name & telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### VOLUNTEERS FOR KITCHEN PREP

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, Nov. 24, 5-8pm (5-8 volunteers)

Name & telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday, Nov. 26, 5-8pm (5-8 volunteers)

Name & telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### VOLUNTEERS FOR THANKSGIVING DAY WORKERS

\_\_\_\_\_ 10am-12:30pm

Name & telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### VOLUNTEERS FOR THANKSGIVING DAY CLEAN UP & TEAR DOWN

\_\_\_\_\_ 12pm until work completed

Name & telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### VOLUNTEERS FOR DELIVERING

\_\_\_\_\_ 10:30am Thanksgiving Day (depending on sign ups, 3 vehicles)

Name & telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU** for helping Immanuel host the **29th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner~Buffet Style~**Thursday, Nov. 28. The meal will be served buffet style between 11am-12:30pm. We could use your time, food and/or money to serve around 225 people. Please fill out this form and put it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office or online SugUpGenius link found at [immanuelfamily.com](http://immanuelfamily.com) under the 'events' tab. Contacts Chef Chris Wellendorf (815-501-9623), Deanna Ennen (585-3650) or Jaci Thorson (585-3152-church office) for any questions.

NOVEMBER 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 12-4pm- Bridal Shower, FH SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK
3 9:15am- ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY Worship 10:15am- Coffee, FH 10:15am- Promiseland	4 2:30pm- Forest Plaza Communion Service w/pastor 4:30pm- Parish Life, Lounge 6:30pm- Mission & Outreach, zoom	5 ELECTION DAY 7am-8pm- Polling location, Fellowship Hall 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group, zoom	6 4-6pm- Meal, FH 2 & 7pm- The Prince of Egypt movie, Forest Theatre 7:15pm- Choir, Fireside room	7 9am -Women's Bible Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom (Nov. & Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Thursdays)	8	9
10 9:15am- Worship 10:15am- Potluck Brunch, FH 10:15am- Promiseland	11 5pm- Trustees, Shalom 6:30pm- Council, Shalom	12 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group, zoom 4:30pm- Ed Board, Kitchenette	13 4-6pm- Meal, FH 5:25pm – Promiseland /MS Ministry 6:30pm- Worship 7:15pm- Choir 7:30pm- HS Youth Group	14 9am -Women's Bible Study, Lounge	15	16
17 9:15am- Worship 10:15am- Coffee, FH 10:15am- Promiseland	18 2-4pm- Prayer Shawl Ministry, Shalom	19 1-3pm- LWR Quilting Do Day, FH 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group, zoom 6:30pm- Scout Pack meeting, FH	20 4-6pm- Meal, FH 5:25pm – Promiseland /MS Ministry 6:30pm- Worship, Noisy offering 7:15pm- Choir 7:30pm- HS Youth Group DEC/JAN MESSENGER DEADLINE	21 9am -Women's Bible Study, lounge 10am – Martha Circle, Shalom 10:30am- Good Sam Comm service 1:30pm- Rachel/Sarah, Lounge 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom	22	23
24 9:15am- Worship, Noisy offering 10:15am- Coffee, FH 10:15am- Promiseland 5-8pm- Thanksgiving Prep, Kitchen	25	26 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group, zoom 5-8pm- Thanksgiving Prep, Kitchen	27	28 10:30am- Thanksgiving Day Worship 11-12:30pm- Thanksgiving Day Buffet, FH	29 CHURCH CLOSED 11am-5pm – Baby shower	30



Great seeing so many dinner guests coming to our meals! And great having many faithful volunteers and Thrivent gifts to use towards food purchases. Have you enjoyed a meal with us yet? We serve every Wednesday from 4-6pm in the dining room, or pick up a takeout to take home or deliver to a neighbor or friend. Note this month we do not have a meal on Thanksgiving week. Sign up and come on

Thanksgiving Day to enjoy the buffet served 11-12:30.

Kathy McEnelly, Cook

### November Menu:

- Nov. 6 Taco casserole or hamburger/potato/cheese casserole, cottage cheese, peaches, white cake or strawberry cake
- Nov. 13 THRIVENT MEAL SPONSORED BY MINDY & ZECH ANDERSON  
Pork chops, cheesy hashbrowns, pears, banana cream dessert
- Nov. 20 THRIVENT MEAL SPONSORED BY RENAE HOPP  
Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, broccoli cheese bake, blueberry/lemon cake & brownies
- Nov. 27 NO WEDNESDAY MEAL  
Sign up for the Thanksgiving Day Buffet served 11-12:30pm on Nov 28.

## Worship on the Radio

Sunday morning worship is an important ministry to many. Check out the dates available and reserve a Sunday to finish out the year.

Cost is \$100. Broadcast is aired over K1OW 107.3FM at 11:00am each Sunday—from your radio or world-wide web.

Call or email the church office to reserve a date (585-3152, jaci@immanuelfamily.com).

#### Available dates:

Dec. 24                      Jan. 5, 19                      Feb. 9, 16

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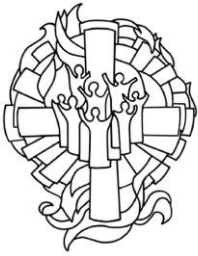
## Blessings & Prayers

### Baptism

- Oct. 19                      Ryder James Scott Herka, son of Molly & Michael Henderson and Jared Herka  
Aidan Robert Henderson, son of Michael & Molly Henderson
- Oct. 27                      Levi Lennon Heckes, son of Lynn & Tasha Heckes

### Prayers

- Cindy & Ken Korth and family in the loss of brother-in-law, Rev. Tom Kolden of Park Rapids, MN
- Family & friends in the loss of Darlene Tobey of Waukee (formerly of FC)



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Join in the fun of decorating the Sanctuary  
for the season of Advent & Christmas on  
Sunday, December 1st following worship!



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Building community in the  
Name and likeness of  
Jesus Christ.

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays – 9:15am  
In Person & Livestream  
Wednesdays – 6:30pm

### Office Hours

M-F : 8am – 5pm

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