

The Immanuel Informer



Immanuel Lutheran Church's Monthly Newsletter

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The mission of Immanuel Lutheran Church is to preach Christ crucified and risen from the dead for the salvation of the world. We also reflect God's love by spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ through a caring ministry of reaching, teaching, and serving our congregation and the community.

October 2023

Pastor's Monthly Minute...

Our hope comes as a gift of God's grace. As our God put His Mark on us in Baptism and sealed us as His own, He also planted a living hope in our hearts - The hope of eternal life. Eternal life is ours now. Now! As we live eternal life now, our lives reflect Christ and His grace and mercy. Lives of Christian love!

Sursum Corda,

Pastor Swyres

Church Office Hours...

The church office is now fully staffed and will be open Monday through Friday 9am - 1pm. Please welcome our new secretary, Kelle Swyres.



Immanuel Lutheran Church is the sole supporter of The Lutheran Hour on KTTR every Sunday morning 9:30am to 10:00am. You can also listen on many streaming services. The sermon topics for this month are:

October 1 "The Way Through the Maze"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy

When life becomes a bewildering maze, Jesus is our way through and our way out. (Psalm 25:4-5)

October 8 "Whatever and Wherever, Thank You, Lord!"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Keith Haberstoch

"The Lord is my Shepherd..." That's how the 23rd Psalm begins. It goes on to describe the ways in which our Good Shepherd leads, comforts, and protects the sheep of His flock. Every line gives us a reason to be thankful. (Psalm 23)

October 15 "Help the World Rejoice"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A musical about a choir of nuns led by a lounge singer provides the setting for Dr. Michael Zeigler's message, based on Psalm 80. (Psalm 80)

October 22 "Matching Pace"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Hear about the Savior Who walks beside us, at our pace, and teaches us to walk with others. (Psalm 96:13)

October 29 "TBD"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler



Rolla Zone Fall Rally
Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
Saint Robert, MO
October 14th - 9am-3pm



Guest Speaker:
Angela Kargbo from
Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch



Delicious lunch, devotion, fellowship, and quick business meeting.

RSVP to the church office by October 7th
573-336-4464 or office@felclcms.org

Mite boxes will be collected
along with an ingathering of: Cash/Walmart gift cards
for the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch



Sunday School...

All children ages 3 through 9th grade are invited and encouraged to join us. We meet at 10:15 in the lower level of the Lutheran Student Center.

Lesson 6 Oct 1 Promising Prophet-God calls Isaiah

In an amazing vision of the Lord in glory upon His throne, God asks Isaiah, "Whom shall I send?" Isaiah responds, "Here I am! Send me." Isaiah's prophecies extend beyond the destruction & captivity of Judah to the extensive details concerning the coming of the Messiah & His sacrifice for the salvation of His people.

Lesson 7 Oct 8 Enduring Exile-Israel Goes into Exile

Despite constant warnings, the Israelites continue in their idolatry. Because of this, God allows the king of Assyria to capture the Israelites & carry them into exile. The king resettles Samaria with other peoples, who bring with them their own false gods. When wild lions begin killing these immigrants, the king send for an Israelite priest, hoping to appease God. But the people continued to sacrifice to idols-confusing the worship of the Lord with worshiping false gods. This is the beginning of the Samaritans.

Lesson 8 Oct 15 The Praying King-Hezekiah

When Hezekiah becomes king over Judah, he removes the altars & idols. Having conquered Israel, the King of Assyria attacks Judah, mocking Hezekiah & God. Reassured by the prophet Isaiah, Hezekiah appeals to God to uphold & protect His people. Isaiah responds by prophesying the defeat of Sennacherib's army. That night, the angel of the Lord strikes down 185,000 of the Assyrians.

Lesson 9 Oct 22 The Restoring King-King Josiah

Josiah becomes king of Judah at only eight years old. During the eighteenth year of his reign, Josiah begins the restoration of the temple. When they clean the temple, they discover the Book of the Law. Hearing the word of the Law, Josiah tears his clothes in repentance & inquires of the Lord concerning the people. The Lord responds, telling Josiah that because of his penitent heart He will hold back the disaster from Josiah's kingdom.



Lesson 10 Oct 29 A Fiery Marvel-Three Men in the Fiery Furnace.

Despite King Nebuchadnezzar's order to bow before his golden statue, three faithful Israelites ignore the order. In a burning rage, the king orders Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego to be tossed into a flaming furnace heated seven times hotter than usual. To the king's astonishment, four men appear in the furnace, & Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego emerge unharmed-not even smelling of fire. Realizing the power of God, King Nebuchadnezzar promotes these faithful men & praises the true God.

Updates Around Church...

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

On Sundays, everyone is welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:15am for Bible study. We are currently studying the book of Genesis.

A weekly Bible study is held every Thursday in the Fellowship Hall at noon.

Lutheran Student Fellowship Bible Study

All college students are invited to attend an evening of Bible study and fellowship every Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Lutheran Student Center.

In memory

The new kneeling cushions at the communion rails were donated in memory of Lola Mesko by her family.



Lutherans For Life

The fall edition of "LIFEDATE", equipping Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices for Life!, are available to everyone at the information center in the narthex. Feel free to take one for your fall reading.

Rolla Area Lutherans For Life Chapter is sponsoring an information booth at the Rolla Arts and Crafts Fair October 7. Life centered pamphlets, individual servings of snacks, treats, water, hot chocolate and coffee will be available to fair attendees. Anyone from Immanuel wishing to assist in manning the booth or donating any of the 'give-aways', please contact Mary Wittmaier.

LWML/DORCAS

Mite collection will be held Sunday, October 1. The collection box will be located on the table next to the pillar in the narthex. Mite collection for September came to \$58.38. This amount is forwarded to the national and district mite mission projects. For a complete list of national mission projects log on to www.lwml.org/mission-grants. For a complete list of district mission projects log on to www.missourilwml.org.

LWML SUNDAY will be observed on Sunday, October 1 with a display of some of the quilts competed during the course of the year.

In September 45 marked Bibles were donated to the Missouri State Department of Corrections to be used by Missouri prison chaplains. The Bibles were purchased via a Thrivent Action Team Grant. Ten Bags for Babies (tote bags of diapers, formula and wipes) were assembled and donated to Rolla Pregnancy Resource Center and 60 backpacks were donated to Rolla School District Backpack Program. Thank you to everyone who participated in these projects.

Backpacks will be assembled once again in October. Please contact Sue Kamprath should you care to submit a Thrivent Action Team grant to support this project.

A “make-up” Servant Workshop will be held Tuesday, October 3, 1-3 p.m. in the church basement and a regular scheduled Servant Workshop will be held Tuesday, October 17, 1-3 p.m. in the church basement. We are short 20 quilts to meet our 100 quilt goal for this year. A number of quilts are prepared for tying and materials for pillowcase dresses are available for sewing. Please feel free to provide an Action Team Grant to assemble Bags for Babies (tote bags of diapers, wipes and formula) at any time. Tote bags are available to use toward this project.

There will be no evening session of Servant Workshop on Tuesday, October 17.

LWML ROLLAZONE FALL RALLY, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Saint Robert MO, OCTOBER 14, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be Angela Kargbo from Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Activities will include a delicious lunch, devotion, fellowship and a quick business meeting. Please RSVP the Faith church office by October 7, 573-336-4464 or office@felclcms.org. Contact Mary Wittmaier from Immanuel to carpool. Mite boxes will be collected along with an ingathering of Walmart gift cards for the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.

Leisure Lutherans

Card and Game Day is held every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. (following Bible Study) in the church Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Monday, October 2, 10 a.m. Church kitchen cleaning. We will prepare new dishes for use and reorganize and refresh the credenza. Please consider helping with this project. Contact Mary Wittmaier with any questions.

Lunch, October 18 at Noon, in the church Fellowship Hall will highlight German food. Brats will be provided and participants are asked to bring a German dish to share. A sign-up sheet will be located on the information bulletin board in the narthex.

The RADA/Card cabinet located downstairs contains Christian cards sold by the box or individually. Several RADA kitchen tools are also available for immediate purchase. A RADA catalog and order forms are also available in the rack next to the cabinet to order additional RADA items.

Thrivent

Thrivent members, it is not too late to utilize the two \$250 Action Team Grants offered to each Thrivent member. Action Team Grants can be designated to any non-profit organization via funding fundraising or hands-on activity. Please contact Sue Kamprath to submit an Action Team Grant for the Backpack Program or Carla Roedemeier and Mary Wittmaier for a grant to purchase supplies for Pregnancy Resource Center, dresses for Orphan Grain Train or quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Reservations

Did you know that members can reserve space within the church or Lutheran Student Center for church functions/meetings, as well as for private gatherings? Spaces available include: the Fellowship Hall, the LWML Room, the Lutheran Student Center Cafeteria, and the Lutheran Student Center Gym. Contact the church office at (573) 364-4525 or ilc@ilcrolla.org to reserve a room. All gatherings and meetings should be scheduled in this way to ensure nothing is double-booked.

Volunteering Opportunities

There are many ways you can volunteer at church. Please check out the various sign-up sheets bulletin board in the narthex or email the church office at ilc@ilcrolla.org with questions.

October is Church Worker Appreciation Month...



"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now," writes St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (PHIL. 1:3).

THANKS
be to
God
for those
who work in our
congregations
and schools!

With this same gratitude, we thank the more than 11,000 church workers who serve our Synod with the Word and mercy of Christ. Throughout this month, congregations and schools are encouraged to show their appreciation for all church workers.



For teachers especially we give thanks, who teach God's Word to our children, dedicate countless hours to the classroom, who love the children of God they teach and who live a life of service to Christ and His church.



For all church workers, from pastors to deaconesses to directors of Christian education, parish music, family life and outreach, who teach God's Word and point us to Christ. Tell them "Thank you!" this month for all they do!

Set Apart to Serve seeks to create an intentional culture of church worker formation and recruitment in every LCMS congregation, school and entity. Visit resources.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve to learn more.



Action Items from September Church Council Meeting

A motion was made to approve the August Church Council Minutes with the amended numbers by Aaron Wassilak and seconded by Robert Berkelman; motion passed.

A motion to approve the Elders' selection of Kelle Swyres as secretary of the church office was made by Christy Rush and seconded by Aaron Wassilak; motion passed.

A motion to make a purchase of a new grill for events, such as Beta Sig Sunday, with funds from the Lutheran Student Center Special Fund was made by Robert Berkelman and seconded by Christy Rush; motion passed.

A motion was made to agree with the Elders' suggestion to pass the offering plate during church services by Aaron Wassilak and seconded by Christy Rush; motion passed.

Those Who Serve in October...

Elders

Oct 1st: Jim Perry
Oct 8th: Tom Mesko
Oct 15th: Ethan Swyres
Oct 22nd: Bob Gorrell
Oct 29th: Matt Banholzer

Communion Attendants

Oct 1st:
Oct 8th:
Oct 15th: David Roedemeier
Oct 22nd: J.D. Cox
Oct 29th: Tim Rush

Ushers

Oct 1st: Team 4: JD Cox, Bob Gorrell, Jim Perry, and David Roedemeier
Oct 8th: Team 1: Andy Anderson, Matt Banholzer, Alan Elsing, Ed Hoertel, Bob Lemen, and Ethan Swyres
Oct 15th: Team 2: Ben McWilliams, Aaron Wassilak, Dan Wassilak, Jim Wassilak, John Wassilak, and Tom Wassilak
Oct 22nd: Team 3: Tom Evers, Charlie Johnson, Tracy Krauss, Tim Rush, and Bill Wuenscher
Oct 29th: Team 4: JD Cox, Bob Gorrell, Jim Perry, and David Roedemeier

Organists

Oct 1st: Berniece Strandberg
 Oct 8th: Phil Thiem
 Oct 15th: Kurt Hilsabeck (guest organist)
 Oct 22nd: Phil Thiem
 Oct 29th: Berniece Strandberg

Altar Flowers

Oct 1st: Don & Connie Swetnam
 Oct 8th: Sophie Stagner
 Oct 15th:
 Oct 22nd: Betty Dean
 Oct 29th:

Greeters

Oct 1st: Erma Jean Haas and Bill Wuenscher
 Oct 8th: Sue Perry and Jim Perry
 Oct 15th: Carla Roedemeier and Jana Wassilak
 Oct 22nd: Nancy Anderson and Andy Anderson
 Oct 29th: Bill Wuenscher

Money Counters

Oct 1st: David Roedemeier & Aaron Wassilak
 Oct 8th: John Wassilak & Helen Mumma
 Oct 15th: Sue Perry & Jean Kramme
 Oct 22nd: Don Langhoff & Terry Theiss
 Oct 29th: David Roedemeier & Aaron Wassilak

Altar Guild

Carla Roedemeier & Sara McClelland

**Sunday Bible Class Snacks**

Oct 1st: Janis Wassilak
 Oct 8th: Eileen Theiss
 Oct 15th: Jean McWilliams & Carolyn Tilford
 Oct 22nd: Sara McClelland & Carla Roedemeier
 Oct 29th: Jana Wassilak & Christy Rush

College Bible Class Snacks

Oct 3rd: Christy Rush
 Oct 10th:
 Oct 17th:
 Oct 24th: Arlene Marr
 Oct 31st: Emily Guffey

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am - Church Service 9am - Mite Collection 10:15am - Bible Class 10:15am - Sunday School	2	3 1pm - Quilting Session 7pm - LSC Bible Study	4 4:30pm - Confirmation	5 12pm - Adult Bible Class 1pm - Leisure Lutheran	6	7
8 9am - Church Service 10:15am - Bible Class 10:15am - Sunday School	9	10 7pm - LSC Bible Study	11 4:30pm - Confirmation	12 12pm - Adult Bible Class 1pm - Leisure Lutheran	13	14
15 9am - Church Service 10:15am - Bible Class 10:15am - Sunday School	16 2pm - Book Club	17 7pm - LSC Bible Study 7pm - LWML Servant	18 10am - Leisure Lutherans 4:30pm - Confirmation	19 12pm - Adult Bible Class 1pm - Leisure Lutheran	20	21
22 9am - Church Service 10:15am - Bible Class 10:15am - Sunday School	23	24 6pm - God & Grapes 7pm - LSC Bible Study	25 4:30pm - Confirmation	26 12pm - Adult Bible Class 1pm - Leisure Lutheran	27	28
29 9am - Church Service 10:15am - Bible Class 10:15am - Sunday School	30	31 7pm - LSC Bible Study	1 	2 	3 	4