



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.

November, 2022



The Flower Chart

For 2023 is now up on the wall.
Please sign up for what Month and Day that
you would like to have. Thank You

Please let us know if you are ordering the flowers or are having someone else order them for you, or if you want us to order them. Also please let me know what you would like to have on the card. This is very important - when ordering please make sure that they have on the card who the flowers are from. Thank you. 4.Jethro, his father-in-law

New Sign-Up Sheets for 2022 and 2023 are on the wall

Communion Attendants, October to December 2:Yes
Sunday Morning Bible Class Snacks, October to December
Altar Guild Schedule for 2023 (January to December)
College Refreshment Snacks, September to December

College Refreshment Tuesday,

College Refreshment Sign up for 2022 is now up
on the Wall for Tuesday's 7:00pm. September to December,
please sign up for what Month and Day that you would
like to do. Thank You. 7:Ahab

Sunday School: Every Sunday at 10:15 am in the Lutheran
Student Center.



Bible Study: Every Sunday at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying Book of Job

Come join us every **Thursday at Noon for Bible Study:** will meet in Fellowship Hall. We are studying The Book of James.

Leisure Lutheran Cards and Games every Thursday at 1:00 pm after Bible Class. Everyone is welcome to participate. 3: Huldah

Lutheran Student Fellowship Bible Study: Every Tuesday evening at 7:00/pm, Bible Study for the LSF students at the Lutheran Student Center. We are currently studying – HAS AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY FAILED?

Confirmation Classes: Are every Wednesday, in the Lutheran Student Center from 4:00 to 5:00 pm 6: Shimel

COPIES OF "LIFE DATE", a quarterly journal of news and commentary from Lutherans for Life, are available for the taking on the table next to the church office door. This publication is filled with life issue articles. Feel free to take one and add it to your reading list this fall 9: Achan

November's Newsletter: There are copies on the table in the Narthex for you to take.

Parking Lot Special Fund: The new parking lot project is underway. In addition to the parking lot itself, we will need to fund (at the minimum) the following as part of the parking lot project: landscaping, parking lot lighting, and a new shed (to replace the one that is currently located where the parking lot will be). If you would like to make a donation toward this project--above and beyond your normal offering, please list "Parking Lot Fund" on your donation and place it in the offering plate. Any questions can be directed to Christy Rush (treasurer) or any Council member. 5: Martha

The bi-annual regularly scheduled Voter's Meeting will be held immediately after Bible Class on Sunday, November 13th at 11am. in the Fellowship Hall. We will hold elections for open offices and approve the 2023 budget, in addition to any other issues that may need to be discussed. The proposed budget will be available for review in the November Informer and on the table in the Narthex on November 6th & 13th. All members of the congregation who are at least 18 years old are automatically voting members. Please plan to attend. 10:Jailer

Leisure Lutheran now have available boxed Christmas Cards for sale on the bookcase next to the bathroom.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
BUDGET OVERVIEW 2023 (Draft)

Revenue	Budget 2022	Budget 2023	Change in Budget	Board	Notes
Tithes & Offerings	\$300,000.00	\$324,000.00	\$24,000.00		
Total Revenue	\$300,000.00	\$324,000.00			
Expenditures					
Sunday School & VBS for children	\$1,440.00	\$1,440.00	\$0.00	Board of Christian Education	
3% FICA (for Pastor)	\$2,754.52	\$2,905.86	\$151.34	Board of Elders	Increase based on Pastor's salary
Auto Allowance	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	Board of Elders	
Beta Sig Dinners	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	Board of Elders	Placeholder in budget for when Special Fund runs out
Conference & Convention	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	Board of Elders	
Confirmation & Adult Bible Class Supplies	\$480.00	\$750.00	\$270.00	Board of Elders	Increase based on current spending
Contract Services (Preacher)	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	Board of Elders	
Contract Services (Secretary)	\$27,040.00	\$24,668.80	-\$2,371.20	Board of Elders	Correction of budget, based on current spending
District & Synod - Convention Assessment	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	Board of Elders	Set by Synod, 2020 was \$345 for year
Elders Worship Service Upgrade & Technology	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	Board of Elders	
Pastor Group Term Life Insurance		\$850.00	\$850.00	Board of Elders	Paid yearly, but not in the budget
Pastor Salary	\$91,617.00	\$96,862.00	\$5,045.00	Board of Elders	Increase based on Synod recommendations
Payroll & Employee Expenses - CPS Employee Benefits	\$37,751.04	\$41,000.00	\$3,248.96	Board of Elders	Increase to cover inflation from 2022 & expected for 2023
Payroll & Employee Expenses - Employer Payroll Taxes	\$3,157.32	\$3,500.00	\$342.68	Board of Elders	
Payroll & Employee Expenses - Salaries & Wages (organists)	\$4,225.00	\$5,135.00	\$910.00	Board of Elders	\$65/hour (service) - Budget based on number of services expected in 2023 (including midweek services)
Payroll & Employee Expenses - Salaries & Wages (videographer)	\$4,225.00	\$4,290.00	\$65.00	Board of Elders	\$65/hour (service) - Budget based on number of services expected in 2023 (including midweek services)
Worship Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	Board of Elders	
Comfort Meals	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$200.00	Board of Missions	Increase based on food prices; currently used for meat for funeral dinners, so will be dependent on meals served
District & Synod Support	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	Board of Missions	
Evangelism	\$500.04	\$400.00	-\$100.04	Board of Missions	
Fellowship Activities	\$1,200.00	\$1,500.00	\$300.00	Board of Missions	Increase based on food prices
GRACE	\$600.00	\$1,200.00	\$600.00	Board of Missions	Double monthly donation
Lutheran Student Fellowship (LSF) Activities	\$900.00	\$600.00	-\$300.00	Board of Missions	Decreased, based on usage
Portals of Prayer	\$750.00	\$1,100.00	\$350.00	Board of Missions	Based on current charges; have decreased PoP, because of current usage, which should change our costs next year
Publicity/Outreach (Lutheran Hour & Print Ads)	\$3,600.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,400.00	Board of Missions	Increase to \$5000, based on current charges
Rofia Circuit Scholarship Fund	\$499.98	\$500.00	\$0.02	Board of Missions	
Youth Activities	\$2,000.04	\$1,200.00	-\$800.04	Board of Missions	Decreased, based on usage
Payroll & Employee Expenses - Salaries & Wages (custodian)	\$12,000.00	\$12,999.96	\$999.96	Board of Trustees	Increased to match actual expenses
Contract Services (Janitorial) (does not include our custodian, this is for services above & beyond)	\$2,640.00	\$2,640.00	\$0.00	Board of Trustees	includes carpet cleaning & windows once a year
Insurance (property, umbrella & workers comp)	\$15,600.00	\$15,600.00	\$0.00	Board of Trustees	
Contract Services (lawn & snow) (mowing, fertilizing, snow removal)	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	Board of Trustees	
Janitorial Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	-\$2,000.00	Board of Trustees	Decreased, based on expenses
Repair & Maintenance	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	Board of Trustees	Leaves a buffer if major repairs needed
Utilities	\$36,000.00	\$30,000.00	-\$6,000.00	Board of Trustees	Decreased, based on expenses
Equipment Lease/Rental (copier)	\$5,855.04	\$6,000.00	\$144.96	Church Council	lease - unable to change; changing to cover random color copies
Financial services - Accountant	\$2,400.00	\$2,700.00	\$300.00	Church Council	Increase to cover any increase in rates
LCEF Loan Repayment & Interest	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$0.00	Church Council	
Office Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	-\$1,000.00	Church Council	Decreased, based on expenses
Postage	\$1,200.00	\$500.00	-\$700.00	Church Council	Decreased, based on usage
Scholarship Fund for Graduating HS Students		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	Church Council	Added, as Special Fund has been depleted, but Council wishes to continue \$500/HS senior member (average expense)
Total Expenditures	\$345,684.98	\$348,491.62	\$3,406.64		

NOW FOR A LITTLE BIT OF FUN:
Look for the Hidden Answers and Mistakes:
THE ULTIMATE BIBLE FACTS and QUIZ TRIVIA:

- 1 What was the name of Jacob's only daughter?
- 2 Did the apostle Peter have a wife?
- 3 What was the name of Shallum's wife, consulted by Hilkiah, following the discovery of the book of the law in the temple?
- 4 In Exodus, which of his relations advised Moses to delegate some of his decision to other's?
- 5 Which of Lazarus' two sisters was busy preparing a meal while the other listened to Jesus?
- 6 According to 2 Samuel which relative of King Saul cursed David, accusing him of being a man of blood?
- 7 Ahaziah, Jehoram and Athaliah were children of which evil King of Israel?
- 8 Dinah was Jacob's daughter by which wife?
- 9 Which grandsons of Zabdi sinned by taking some of the devoted spoil at Jericho?
- 10 What was the occupation of the man whose family Paul baptized at Philippi after an earthquake?

November 2022 LWML Mission Grant



Building Relationships While Spreading the Gospel in Belize

Mercy House Belize Lutheran Campus Seine Bight, Belize — \$100,000

Seine Bight, a coastal village in southern Belize with a population of over 1,200 people, struggles with poverty, a high unemployment rate, young single motherhood, and a literacy rate of only 79 percent. The country of Belize, along with this village, hosts a variety of religious influences, many of which are misunderstood and combined by the people. Christ Lutheran Church, located in Seine Bight, is the first Lutheran church in Belize, and was founded in 2019 by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) and Belize Mission Society.

Belize Mission Society (BMS), a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS, began in 2003 with seven volunteers on a short-term mission trip providing Vacation Bible School (VBS) to 180 children. The mission has expanded over the years, with construction projects, dental and medical clinics, adult and youth Bible studies, sports programs, an education tutor program, scholarship programs, and an elementary school lunch program.

In 2009, it was noted that many of the students at the village's school did not have food for lunch. BMS worked with a local resident to begin feeding 30 students in her home, resulting in a program called "Food for Thought". Teachers noticed an improvement in students' test scores and increased attention in class. As BMS contributions increased, an empty classroom was turned into a kitchen and lunchroom for 60–65 students, 20 percent of the school's enrollment. A larger space is needed to provide food to more children.

Currently, the BMS dental clinic is in the multi-purpose building in the village. The multi-purpose building also holds mission team supplies, such as VBS supplies, dental and physical therapy equipment, and construction equipment. The contract with the village to use the multi-purpose building expires in 2024 and the village does not wish to renew it.

This mission grant will allow the building of a Mercy House on property located next to Christ Lutheran Church and the village school. It will be run by BMS in cooperation with Christ Lutheran Church. The Belize Lutheran Campus will be a focal point for tutoring children, VBS activities, adult Bible studies, medical and dental services, serving meals to students, sharing the Gospel of Jesus, and supporting short-term mission team activities.

And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him – a threefold cord is not quickly broken (Ecclesiastes 4:12). By building Mercy House next to the church, relationship building of the BMS with local residents will provide a tangible connection to Christ Lutheran Church. By caring for the physical needs of the people of Seine Bight, missionaries will be able to share the saving relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Learn more about this mission grant at lwml.org/mission-grants



LWML/Dorcas



Servant Workshop will be held Tuesday, November 15th. in the church basement. Continued projects include marking Bibles for prison ministry, sewing dresses and tying quilts for Orphan Grain Train.

DORCAS/LWML activities for November include mite collection on Sunday, November 6, and Servant Workshop, Tuesday, November 15. Donations will be collected in the mite box on the table next to the pillar in the narthex. All donations are forwarded to fulfil the grant requests for national and Missouri district LWML.

Servant Workshop will be held in the church basement from 1-3 pm and 7-9 pm on Tuesday, November 15. Quilts are continually being made in preparation for tying, Bibles are available for marking, and fabric is prepared for sewing pillow case dresses, and all supplies are provided. Please consider contributing your time and talents for these mission projects.

Save the date--December 11, LWML Christmas Tea.

Recently, 37 quilts have been delivered to the Orphan Grain Train drop off point and 44 quilts have been delivered to the Lutheran World Relief In-gathering. In total 108 quilts have been contributed to relief efforts this year.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time, talents and Thrivent Action Team grants to make all these donations possible--backpacks, dresses, quilts, formula, diapers and wipes, and Bibles. To God be the Glory.

The Back Pack Committee continues to assemble weekend food items for children in the Rolla School District. Should anyone wish to participate or apply for a Thrivent Action Team grant to support this activity, please contact Sue Kamprath.

In this season of Thanksgiving, I felt the need to express my thanks for all of our members who have helped with the Backpack Program. In a normal year, we provide 60 bags a month, September through December. This school year we have already met that amount, and we have three more grants met and a possible two more grants being applied for. Our dollar a month donation has been over \$300.00, the funds used to supplement the grants. The directors of the Backpack Program are constantly thanking us for our support and are amazed at how much we have been able to increase our support. So again, Thank You for your help for this worthwhile program.8:Leah

Thrivent Action Team Grants are also being utilized to purchase and package bags of diapers, wipes and formula for Pregnancy Resource Center. Carla Roedemeier or Mary Wittmaier would be happy to answer any questions to make this project happen. To God be the glory.

Adult Choir

The Adult Choir will start practices Nov 9th. at 7:00pm in the Church balcony. As we start choir again, we hope to have new members join us.

We will try to sing a couple times each month. Also, we will plan to practice twice a month.

If you have not sung with us before and would like to join us, please call Berniece Strandberg, 573-364-2634, before November 7th, allowing plans to be made for music and seating.

Did you know?

PROJECT CONNECT:

Good news that makes a difference!

Bring welcomed hope to your community through Project Connect—an indispensable, on site, booklet ministry resource that uses display fixtures of pocket-sized, topical booklets to promote outreach. Project Connect Booklets can help people with relevant, Christ – centered messages connecting with them wherever they are. These free booklets cover a variety of topics and can be found on the rack in the Fellowship Hall 1: Dinah

November 06,

The Bible Tells Me So (6BE179)

This kids’ booklet provides several Bible verses that speak to God love. His mercy, His forgiveness, and His words of guidance. It reminds children to look to the Bible to learn how to live their lives for God.

November 13,

Do You Know Who Jesus Is? (6BE162)

The smartly written, four-line stanzas and charming artwork of the booklet will click with kids immediately as they discover their Savior and the love He has for them.

November 20,

Sharing Your Faith (6BE155)

This Children’s book is full of fun thymes for youngsters (and parents). It reminds readers that both words and actions are part of telling others about Jesus.

November 27,

Let’s Be Disciples (6BE168)

Jesus’ first disciples were ordinary people like you and me. He called and they followed. He taught and they listened and learned. We can all be His disciples and spread the Good News of Jesus.

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS:

First Week: Erma Jean Haas and Arlene Marr

2nd Week: Sue Perry and Jim Perry

3rd Week: Carla Roedemeier and Jana Wassilak

4th Week: Nancy Anderson and Andy Anderson

5th Week and Subs: Bill Wuenscher,

**IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO BE A GREETER, PLEASE LET
BILL WUENSCHER or the CHURCH SECRETARY KNOW**

Elders: for November:

November 06th, Jim Perry

November 13th, Bob Gorrell

November 20th, Bob Lemen

November 27th, Matt Banholzer

Ushers/Teams for November:

November 06th. Team 1

November 13th. Team 2

November 20th. Team 3

November 27th. Team 4

Organ Schedule for November:

November 06th. Phil Thiem

November 13th Berniece Strandberg

November 20th Phil Thiem

November 23rd Berniece Strandberg (Thanksgiving Eve – 6:00pm)

November 27th. Berniece Strandberg

November 30th. Berniece Strandberg (Advent – 12:00pm & 6:00pm)

Altar Guild for the Month of November:

Carla Roedemeier and Sara McClelland

Flowers for the Month of November:

November 06th Nancy & Andy Anderson

November 13th Kathy Nickason

November 20th Martha Cox

November 27th

College Refreshment for November (Tuesday's)

November 01st Emily Guffey

November 08th Gigi Gamst

November 15th Martha Cox

November 22nd No Bible Class

November 29th Eileen Theiss

Sunday Morning Bible Class Snacks for November:

November 06th. Helen Mumma

November 13th. Kelle Swyres

November 20th. Carla Roedemeier & Sara McClelland

November 27th. Jean McWilliams

SUNDAY SCHOOL, November, 2022:



Sunday School: At 10:15 in the lower level of the Lutheran Student Center. We will have **Preschool** 3-year-old to kindergarten, **Elementary** 1st grade to 4th grade & **Jr Youth** 5th grade to 8th grade. Come join us as we start “In the beginning”. We’ll learn about creation; man’s fall into sin & that God promised to send a Savior

Sunday School Lesson Summaries

UNIT 4

God Calls A Nation

November 6,
Lesson 9:

As we gather today, we will study. “A Family Reunites,” as God helps Joseph forgive, Joseph’s siblings’ journey to Egypt hoping to find food for their family. Failing to recognize Joseph, the brothers head home with sustenance and supplies. Heeding Joseph’s early warning, the brothers bring Benjamin when returning to Egypt for food. After testing and trying his brothers, Joseph finally reveals himself to his astonished siblings. Joseph relocates all of Jacob’s family to Egypt, promising to care for them.

November 13,
Lesson 10:

“A Basket of Hope” is today’s lesson in which participants explore the birth of Moses. Three hundred years after the death of Joseph. Egypt’s new pharaoh despises the Hebrews. Pharaoh demands greater work output from the Hebrew slaves while seeking to reduce their population through infanticide. Moses’ mother manages to hide baby Moses until he is three months old, when she finally sets him afloat in a basket. Discovered by Pharaoh’s daughter, Moses enters a life of privilege.

November 20,

Lesson 11:

Today we will study “Signs of the True God,” as student learn more about Moses and the plagues. God guides Moses to release His People from their slavery in Egypt, but Pharaoh proves less than cooperative. A series of plagues—foretold Moses and sent by God--- brings destruction and pain upon the Egyptians but only serves to harden Pharaoh’s heart against Moses and the Israelites.

November 27,

Lesson 12:

“The Passover Promise” is this week’s lesson about God’s establishment of the Passover. God, through Moses, threatens one final plague--- worse than any previously experienced. Following God’s instructions, the Israelites make careful preparations for the Passover, making their doorposts with the blood of a lamb prepared for the feast. The final plague takes place at midnight as all the firstborn throughout Egypt die. Egyptians hand over their valuables hastening the Israelites away.

Some History from the past:

As told by Dottie Wolf in 2016:

2016- Immanuel Lutheran Church celebrate its 100-year anniversary – It was seen as a reminder of the unwavering Word of God that has gotten most of its members and their extended families through the trials of life.

It’s not the stuffy dates and fading photos are not what marks a 100-year celebration. It’s the memories and passed-down stories of those still living.

The only Lutheran church in the area in the 1800's was Pease Lutheran, south of Rolla. At that time, there was a large German population, according to Dottye Haas Wolf and her brother Edward Haas, whose parents were charter members of Immanuel Lutheran Church. She and her siblings were all baptized and confirmed in the church and they attended Lutheran school.

It was their great-grandfather that started Pease Lutheran church – But the services were delivered only in the German language. It Was Dottye and Ed's mother, along with other Rolla residents, that were behind the efforts to start a church in Rolla, that delivered services in the English language. She didn't speak German, says Dottye. She says they knew an English language service was a key to getting the growth, Immanuel Lutheran Church was born. It was built at 12th. And Spring Street in Rolla. Those first services were conducted by Rev. Ottoman Krueger.

The first service must have been a bit like attending a United Nations Meeting. The service was still in German, but this time a German to English language interpreter was used. “ It was a different time **Totally**, than we can ever imagine”, says Dottye.

Dottye has many good memories of fellowship at Immanuel Lutheran. She loved her years of singing in the church choir. Another memory is what she calls, “ Missouri Festival”. We believe in the inspired “Word of God”. We believe that our sins are forgiven by Jesus's death and the Gospels messages. We go strictly by the Bible of the Old and New Testaments. Dottye says there is some German cultures within the church. “Our order of service that we use at Immanuel is old”, probably from transcribed from German. Some of the orders of worship are still used, since I was a child.”

What does Immanuel Church have in store for the citizens of Rolla within the next 100 years? Dottye says, “To continue to be a mission – that's our purpose – To bring as many souls to Christ as we can