

The Immanuel Informer

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Immanuel Lutheran Church's Monthly Newsletter

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Pastor's Monthly Minute...

As sinners we do not weather our miseries well. We crave Physical comfort and readily complain to our spiritual leadership. Our belligerent refrains are sometimes futile, for they cannot alter the will of God. In the midst of our displeasure, God sends prophets and preachers to rebuke , correct, and instruct . In prayer and song, Jesus's Words should be our constant refrain so that we do not wander from truth or cause others to fall into sin.

Sursum Corda,

Pastor Swyres



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

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October 6

"Fit to Be Tied"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler**

A strong knot in the right place holds everything together. God made Jesus to be the "Master Point" to bind all people to Himself through faith. (Genesis 30:8)

October 13

"Difficult People"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler**

With God, all things are possible, even how to deal with that difficult person in your life. (Genesis 31:6-7)

October 20

"Children of God--No Longer Losers"

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez**

God turns lost losers into forgiven sons and daughters. Through Christ, we too become children of God's kingdom, members of His household. (Hosea 12:2-6)

October 27

"God-Struggles" Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler**

It's been said, everyone you meet is fighting an unseen battle. God calls us to enter the struggle of those around us because, in Jesus, God has entered our struggle. (Genesis 38:28)

Sunday School

Congratulations Roslyn Perry was the winner of the attendance gift card. Mason Roedemeier had perfect attendance for the month of September.

Lesson 11- “Betrayed & Arrested”

Knowing his final hours are drawing close, Jesus goes with His disciples to Gethsemane. Jesus goes off alone 3 times to pray. His prayer reflects His willingness to fulfill the Father’s plan despite the suffering that lies ahead. The armed mob arrives to arrest Jesus, whom Judas betrays with a kiss. Jesus allows Himself to be taken by the armed mob to fulfill the Scriptures.

Lesson 12- “Standing Trial”

Jesus faces a farce of a trial. No two witnesses can make their testimonies agree. Frustrated, the high priest asks, “Are you the Christ? Jesus' response, “I am” enrages the high priest. Meanwhile when bystanders accuse Peter of being a follower of the Nazarene, he denies Jesus 3 times just as was foretold.

Lesson 13- “The Living Wonder”

After mocking & Beating Jesus, the Roman guards take Him to be crucified. As Jesus gives up His life the curtain of the temple splits from top to bottom. Mary Magdalene & Mary the mother of Joses see Joseph of Arimathea lay Jesus' body in the tomb. On Sunday morning the women find the tomb empty except for a young man in white, who tells them Jesus has risen from the dead.

Lesson 14- “The Proof Room”

With the words, “Peace be with you”, the risen Lord appeared among his disciples gathered in hiding from the Jews. Thomas, who is not among the disciples that evening, doubts their report of Jesus' resurrection. Eight days later, while Thomas & the disciples gather in the locked room, Jesus appears among them again. Thomas touches Christ’s wounds & then believes, Jesus tells Thomas & us Blessed are those who have not seen & yet believed.

Bathroom Remodel Plans:

Church Council would like to move forward with the plans to upgrade the downstairs bathrooms outside of the Fellowship Hall to make them ADA compliant. Before we can start this project, we must have a way to fund it. If you would like to contribute to this Special Fund, please add your donation to the offering plate, labeled "Bathroom Remodel." Any questions can be directed to any of the Church Council members.



LWML

The work of Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) will be celebrated on **Sunday, October 6** along with a mite collection. The collection box will be located on the counter next to the pillar in the narthex. Mites support LWML Missouri district and national mission projects. During the last year, members have contributed funds toward the mission work of LWML. The ladies of Immanuel's Dorcas LWML have completed 42 pillowcase dresses for Orphan Grain Train, over 120 quilts for Lutheran World Relief, 420 backpacks for the Rolla Schools Backpack Program, 72 Bags for Babies for Rolla Pregnancy Resource Center, and 4 quilts for Sleep In Heavenly Peace. For a complete list of state mission projects log on to www.missouri.lwml.org. For a complete list of national mission projects log on to www.lwml.org.

Quilts for Orphan Grain Train and Lutheran World Relief are being prepared for contributions for these organizations. Please consider contributing time and talent to the projects. Activity dates are **Tuesday, October 1** and **Tuesday, October 15, 1-3 p.m.** in the church basement. All supplies are furnished and prior experience is not required. To God be the glory.

2024 LWML Rolla Zone Rally

Salem Lutheran Church invites all ladies to the fall LWML zone rally **October 19, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** Please RSVP by October 12th to 573-247-0651 (call or text)

LEISURE LUTHERANS

Leisure Lutheran lunch is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 12:00 noon, in the church fellowship hall. Several types of chili, garnishes, sides and desserts will complete the potluck. Please utilize the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for chili ideas and/or declare additional potluck dishes for the lunch.

Leisure Lutheran Lunches are scheduled for the following dates:

November 20, Thanksgiving turkey

December 3, Catered Christmas lunch

Card and game days are every Thursday afternoon, 1:00 p.m. (following Bible study), in the church Fellowship Hall.

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Thrivent

Thrivent members are invited to request Action Team Grants to fund supplies for diapers, wipes and formula for Pregnancy Resource Center; bedding linens for Sleep in Heavenly Peace; and support the Backpack Program. Please contact Carla Roedemeier or Mary Wittmaier for Pregnancy Resource Center, Lutheran World Relief, Sleep In Heavenly Peace; Sue Kamprath for the Backpack Program.



LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Rolla Area Chapter of Lutherans For Life will host an information booth at the Rolla Arts and Crafts Fair, Saturday, October 6. The hosts will be providing information on life-saving issues from conception to forever as well as hot and cold beverages, snacks and treats. Please consider stopping by or volunteering to welcome booth visitors or donate single serving snacks.



IMMANUEL BOOK CLUB

October 21 Hang the Moon by Jeannette Wells

November 18 The Ladies Midnight, Swimming Club by Faith Hagan

No Book Club in December.

Those Who Serve in October...

Elders

October 6 th	Bob Gorrell
October 13 th	Matt Banholzer
October 20 th	Ethan Swyres
October 27 th	Jim Perry

Ushers

October 6 th :	Team 1: Andy Anderson, Matt Banholzer, Alan Elsing, Bob Lemen, & Ethan Swyres.
October 13 th :	Team 2: Ben McWilliams, Aaron Wassilak, Dan Wassilak, Jim Wassilak, John Wassilak, & Tom Wassilak
October 20 th	Team 3: Tom Evers, Charlie Johnson, Tim Rush, & Bill Wuenscher
October 27 th	Team 4: J.D. Cox, Bob Gorrell, Jim Perry, & David Roedemeier

Organists

October 6 th	Phil Thiem
October 13 th	Phil Thiem
October 20 th	Berniece Strandberg
October 27 th	Berniece Strandberg

Greeters

October 6 th	Erma Jean Haas and Bill Wuenscher
October 13 th	Sue Perry and Jim Perry
October 20 th	Carla Roedemeier and Jana Wassilak
October 27 th	Nancy Anderson and Andy Anderson

Money Counters

October 6 th	John Wassilak & Malissa Bisson
October 13 th	Sue Perry & Tracy Rosenow
October 22 nd	Don Langhoff & Terry Theiss
October 27 th	David Roedemeier & Aaron Wassilak

Altar Guild Martha Cox & Kelle Swyres

Sunday Bible Class Snacks

October 6 th	Mary Wittmaier
October 13 th	Nikki Rush & Robert Berkelman
October 20 th	Heidi Dennis
October 27 th	Janis Waailak

LSF Tuesday Night Bible Study Refreshments

October 1 st	Martha Cox
October 8 th	Wendy & Robert Berkelman
October 15 th	Christy Rush
October 22 nd	Sue Langhoff
October 29 th	Carolyn Tilford

Altar Flowers

October 6 th	Connie & Don Swetnam
October 13 th	
October 20 th	
October 27 th	Bob & Peg Mundahl

Council Action Items for August

A motion was made to approve the August Church Council Minutes by Robert Berkelman; and seconded by Jim Perry; motion passed. Jim Perry made a motion to accept the bid of \$845.96 by Miller Glass to replace the five broken windows in the Lutheran Student Center Sunday School rooms and use the special fund for the Lutheran Student Center to pay for it. Aaron Wassilak seconded the motion; motion passed. Christy Rush made a motion to purchase two residential ranges for the Lutheran Student Center kitchen and use the special fund for the Lutheran Student Fellowship Meals to pay for it. Robert Berkelman seconded the motion; motion passed.