



September 2022

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Caring For Our Community Through Christ

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Greetings! It's hard to believe that September and fall are upon us. Someone said recently that it seems as if summer is in a rush to get done and fall, and winter, seem to wait around too long. I'll admit, I will miss the warm days, but I do love the fall and its changing of colors on the leaves, the cool air, pumpkins and Reformation, etc.

And this month, we have much to celebrate. First, on September 11, we will have our annual Rally Day where we "rally the troops" so to speak. We are all Christian soldiers are we not. Let us rally together around the Word of God for Sunday school and Bible class that begins with an opening at 9:15 with the classes beginning at 9:30. Then join us for worship at 10:30 followed by food, fun, and fellowship afterward in our undercroft. September 11 is also the day we will celebrate the educational ministries through the 125 years of Immanuel's existence. Thank you to everyone who has worked hard to put that together. Our school teachers will be installed on that day as well. Let me also remind you of the "Just One" campaign I have challenged you with. Invite just one person to church on Sunday. Pick them up if you need too. Then invite one more.

And let us not forget the culmination of our 125th anniversary celebration on September 25. Our theme is from Esther 4:14, "For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for Such A Time As This." There will be a wonderful celebration filled with hymns, music, the senior and bell choir, with accompanying musicians. Ladies, I want to encourage you on this day to wear hats! I really like them (but don't wear them for me) and it would be wonderful to remind us of the earlier days where hats were definitely a part of our worship life. Men, wear suits and ties again. The service will be followed by a potluck meal in the fellowship hall.

Lastly, let us not forget to be prayerful in September. Pray for our children and teachers who are going back to school. Pray for parents who send them and go to work. Pray for your neighbors, even those who may get on your nerves. Pray for each other and lift each other up. And pray for our church, that God will grow it according to His time and will.



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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod

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BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

The office is normally open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.
Please remember that the administrative assistant may be
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Board of Education Chair Rene Langwost

Elders Chair Mark Frase

God bless you Immanuel, for such a time as this.

Pastor David



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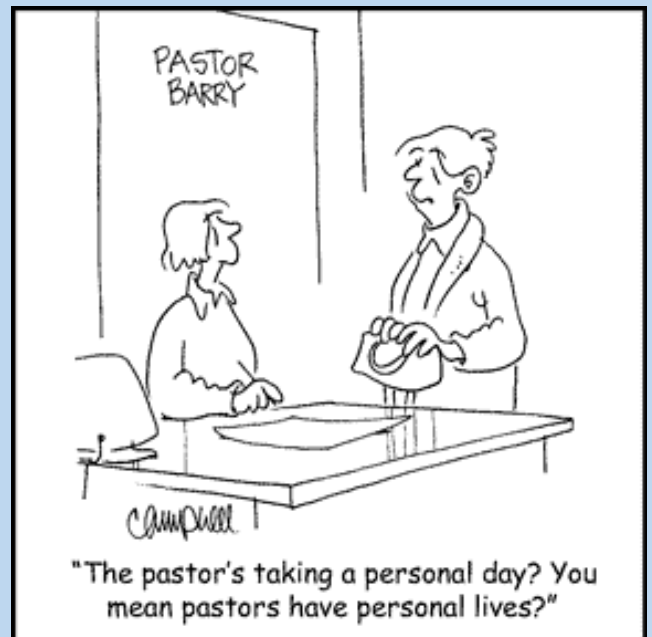


Pastor David gives the children a blessing on Sunday, August 28th.



“And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.”

Mark 10:16

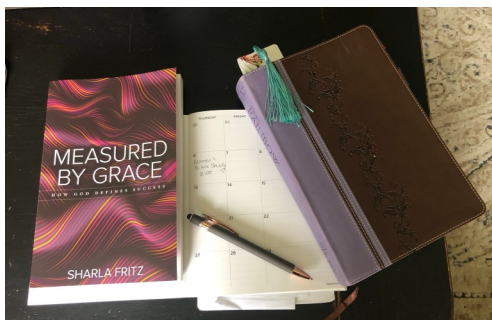


Women's Bible Study Starting October 6 at 9:30

How does God measure success?

In the Bible, you'll find no lack of sinfulness, shortcomings, rejections, and broken people. People like Joseph, Rahab, David, Jeremiah, John the Baptist, The Samaritan Woman, Peter, and Paul. Yet, we don't think of these people as failures. Rather, we see them as people God transformed, turning their lack into faithfulness for His good. Study these eight biblical figures to see that God does the same for you. He takes what you or society

perceives as failure and transforms you for His plan. God does not judge based on earthly standards. No blunder is too big for him. No mess-up is beyond repair. His goodness goes beyond and turns your missteps into miracles.



SPECIAL FUNDS

Stained Glass Fund

In Memory of Betty P. Schmick

Jeanette Schmick &
Family
Vera Rieck

Youth Group FUNDRAISER



The youth group is going to be having a fundraiser in October. Please keep an eye out for the donut sign up sheet. We are looking forward to another exciting year!!



Food for the Poor

Dear Saints Of Immanuel

Thank you for your warm welcome. It was so good to be back in good ole' Maryland.

Thank you for your on going support of Food for the Poor. You are God's gift to less fortunate people.

Good Bless your ministry,

Pastor Jim

(From Jim and Judy Stoltenberg)

Seminary Student

Thank you for your loving support for me in my education here at the seminary. It has been very busy and exciting I have had many wonderful opportunities to serve at my field work congregation, including the visitations with my pastor to shut-ins, signing with the choir and cantoring, and being very involved. I continue to appreciate your encouragement and prayers.

Blessings,

Andrew Gordon



Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises! –
Psalm 98:4

Be a part of proclaiming God's Word through music!
The Music Ministries of Immanuel will begin rehearsals on August 31. If you have been thinking about joining one or both groups, now is a great time to break into joyous song.

Immanuel's Senior Choir has proclaimed God's word for over 70 years. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:40-8:30 in the choir loft. Adults and teens are invited to participate. Please let Lynn know you are planning to attend so we have materials for you!

The Bell Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, August 31 at 6:30 pm. Need training or a refresher? Let us know and we will set up some extra time and training for you. Please contact Janice or Lynn if you would like to participate.

WinGs Ladies Group will restart on



**Thursday, September 8th at 7:00 pm.
All ladies are invited to attend.**

**Rally Day
WELCOME
Back to Sunday School**

September 11

9:15 Opening in Sanctuary

9:30-10:15 Sunday School

10:30 Worship Service

11:30 Lunch at the Undercroft

**We are excited to get back to church and
Sunday School and hope you are too! Join
us for fun, food and worship.**



All-Church Potluck

**On September 25th, We will have a
125th Anniversary Thanksgiving Worship
Service and Potluck at about 11:30 following
the church service.
Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.**

Youth Gathering Houston, Texas

July 9th—15th, 2022

The Youth Group would like to thank the congregation for their prayers and support in getting three youth and two leaders to the National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX from July 9-13. The National Youth Gathering consisted of around 20,000 attendees (mostly high schoolers). While there, the youth were able to be a part of daily large-group worship with speakers, go to daily Bible study sessions, pick and attend different breakout sessions focusing on hot topics and age-relevant questions, and mingle with their peers in games, interactive booths, and the Southeastern District Karaoke Dinner!

The final morning, everyone closed with a large group worship event that was more resonant with our church's traditional worship; singing both contemporary and traditional hymns and listening to a sermon from our LCMS President Matt Harrison. The NYG's theme this year was "In All Things", which comes from the Bible verses Colossians 1:15-20 *"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and*

in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross." The youth came back to this scripture often throughout the week both in the Bible studies and in the large group events.

Everyone had an amazing time and left with a deeper understanding of Christ. Thank you all again for your support! We wouldn't have been able to take the youth to such an amazing event without your help and encouragement!



Youth Gathering Photos



Thank You



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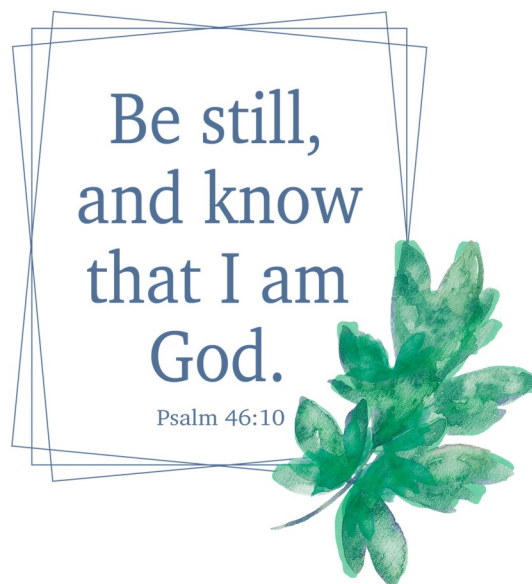


Earleen Lozen	9/2
Rebecca Schmidt	9/2
Madison Braband	9/4
Rene Langwost	9/4
Roland Limpert	9/5
Timothy Engle	9/7
Rylee Harding	9/8
Hannah Harding	9/8
Maureen Garcia	9/10
Sarah Durham	9/12
Garland Fisher	9/12
Dawn Johnson	9/13
Heather Plutschak	9/13
Mitchell Morris	9/16
Tucker Cannon	9/17
Sherry Braband	9/22
Vera Rieck	9/22
Nash Titus	9/22
Ian Nabb	9/26
Lynn Short	9/26
Charlotte Casey-Motley	9/27
Richard Wheatley	9/29
Rebecca Scudder	9/30

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John & Katie Northam	9/1
Jim & Marilyn Harris	9/7
Charles & Robin Smith	9/7
Dale & Marsha Kenton	9/11
Mike & Arlene Stevens	9/12
Abby & Clark Andrews	9/19
Nathan & Nellie Mellor	9/19
David & Desi Casey-Motley	9/20
William & Callie Hopkins	9/20
Chris & Kelli Schanken	9/28



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OF THE
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IS POWERFUL
AND
EFFECTIVE.

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As you reflect on the challenges of this past year please remember all the blessings the Lord has given you when deciding what you can give to our church.

Thank you!

The Stewardship Committee

SEPTEMBER

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
4 10:30 am Divine Service with Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	5 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 pm Elders	6 8:50-12:00 Nursery School Starts (3's & 4's)	7 8:50-3:25 Nursery School 6:30 pm Bell Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice	8 8:50-3:25 Nursery School 7:00 p.m. WINGS	9	10
11 RALLY DAY 125th Anniversary 9:15 Opening 9:45 Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30 Luncheon	12 8:50-3:25 Nursery School Starts (2's) 7:00 pm Church Council	13 8:50-12:00 pm Nursery School	14 8:50-3:25 Nursery School 6:30 pm Bell Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice 7:40 pm Choir Practice	15 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	16	17
18 9:15 Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service with Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	19 8:50-3:25 Nursery School 6:30 pm Nursery School Board	20 8:50-12:00 pm Nursery School	21 1st Day of Fall 8:50-3:25 Nursery School 6:30 pm Bell Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice	22 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	23	24
25 9:15 Sunday School 10:30am Worship 125th Celebration Potluck 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	26 NURSERY 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	27 8:50-12:00 pm Nursery School	28 8:50-3:25 Nursery School 630 pm Bell Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice	29 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	30	

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL SEPTEMBER 2022

Date	Ushers	Assisting Elder	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Sound System	Camera Operator	Kids Worship	Greeter	Head Tellers
Sept. 4	Mark Frase Dicky Wheatley	Todd Butler	Arlene Stevens	Catie Casey- Motley	David Schmidt	Janice Isenberg	Rene Langwost	Kenny and Michelle Wheatley	Janice Isenberg Shelly Kapitan John Crampton
Sept. 11	Mark Frase Dicky Wheatley		Glen Plutschak		David Schmidt	Jennifer Phillips	Rene Langwost	Kenny and Michelle Wheatley	Karen Lyons Jennifer Phillips
Sept. 18	Mark Frase Dicky Wheatley	Mark Frase	Sam Lozen	Kalei Durando	Rex Rosebrock	John Crampton	Rene Langwost	Kenny and Michelle Wheatley	Dee Lambert Glen Plutschak Linda Jefferson
Sept. 25	Mark Frase Dicky Wheatley		Iris Rieck		Jim Harris	Ruth Thomas	Rene Langwost	Kenny and Michelle Wheatley	David & Kathy Schmidt Julie Schmidt



Pastor APPRECIATION



A reception was held on July 10th following the service to celebrate Pastor David's five year anniversary as Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Preston.

The Celebration included a cake and light refreshments.

On display were pictures and summaries of the all of the pastors that have served Immanuel from the inception of the church.

Pastor was also received a card and gift that was presented to him by the 125th Anniversary Committee.



Teaching the Gospel to All Generations Of Immanuel - Past and Present

125th Anniversary Event and Rally Day! – Sunday, September 11

Since the 1900's when the Pastor began a German-speaking Lutheran Day School (and taught it himself) through the years of a Kindergarten and now a Nursery School, Immanuel has actively preached the Word of God in a day school program. Of course, many children attended Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and confirmation classes through the years. In the mid-20th century, a Youth group was formed, and our Youth are still active today. In addition, many adults have gathered for continuing Bible study and to learn more about the Lutheran faith.

In this anniversary year, we are commemorating teaching the Gospel to all generations – past and present. The Board of Christian Education and the 125th Anniversary Committee invite you to attend and participate in this joint event. If you know any school alumni or former teachers, please reach out and invite them to attend! If you have photos or other items showing the history of Christian Education at Immanuel, please bring them on Sunday. If you would like to bring your items earlier in the week, please contact Irene Wheatley or Lynn Short. Digital photos may be sent to the church office at ImmanuelLutheranPres-ton@verizon.net or text to Rene Langwost by September 7.

Sunday, September 11

9:15 – Rally Day Opening Worship in the Sanctuary

First Day of Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

10:30 – Morning Worship

11:30 – Lunch in the Fellowship Hall (Downstairs)

Plus – Displays of photos and other items

2022 National Youth Gathering Display and pictures

Scavenger Hunt for the Kids



Sunday, September 25, 2022, 10:30 am

125th Anniversary of Immanuel Lutheran Church

Thanksgiving Worship Service

Followed by a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall

“For such a time as this.” – Esther 4:14