



October 2022

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Caring For Our Community Through Christ

## **PASTOR'S PONDERINGS**

Beloved Saints,

I want to begin this month by giving a huge shout out and an even bigger Thank You to everyone who have worked so hard this year on our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. The culmination of all their efforts were greatly received last month in our service on the 25<sup>th</sup>. If you see them, please let them know just how much you appreciate all that they did and continue to do.



In pondering this month, I want to encourage you to take a look at your heart. How is it's spiritual condition? What are you doing to improve it?

I'll be honest, when I am overwhelmed in the storms of life, I sometimes find that my heart condition isn't as healthy as it should be. I get frustrated, angry, and I carry hurt feelings around far longer than they need to be (they don't need to be carried at all by the way). In short, I sin. Like you, I am a poor miserable sinner who needs to hear the law that shows me my sin and kills me.

Yet in those stormy times, the Holy Spirit reminds me of the sweet life giving Gospel, that I am not alone when the waves threaten to sink the ship. Rather, the same Savior who stood in the boat with His disciples, stretched out His arms and spoke, "Peace. Be still", does the same for me. He has authority over every storm in life and He continues to deliver me when my sinful flesh gets the best of me.

What does that have to do with my heart condition? When things aren't going well, my heart condition weakens. It struggles to love my neighbor, to forgive, to live generously in all things. But Jesus, He came, and He died for my sins and yours, and in doing so, He strengthens, loves, forgives, and gives grace to our hearts beyond anything we could ever even imagine. He is the only one who can. His heart for ours.

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# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod

***Caring For Our Community Through Christ***

**REV. DAVID CASEY-MOTLEY, PASTOR**

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## **PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS**

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## **BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS**

The office is normally open from 8900 a.m. to 11200 a.m.  
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## **CHURCH OFFICERS — 2022**

President..... Richard Wheatley  
Secretary..... Lynn Short  
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Board of Education Chair ..... Rene Langwost  
Elders Chair ..... Mark Frase

That really was at the heart of the Reformation too you know. The practices of the church during that time vexed the hearts of God's people in such a way that they were unsure if they would ever be good enough to make it into heaven. For example, during the Mass, the priest would distribute the bread, but he would drink the wine himself. Why? Because the teachings of the church were that the laity was unworthy to receive Christ's blood, so the priest would do it for them.

But God changed all that. Through the preaching, teaching, and confessing of men like Dr. Martin Luther, the heart conditions of God's people improved. No longer were mysteries of God, like Holy Communion in both kinds (bread AND wine) kept from them. And with the translation of the Bible into German, the people were finally able to read what was being preached and taught in their churches: that Jesus loved them and because of His great love, they could find comfort in the promise that their salvation was not their work (through things like purchasing indulgences) but was rather the work of Christ alone. And that message, set world ablaze with the Gospel and changing of spiritual hearts. Talk about a change in heart condition!

When Luther was asked at dinner one time of his thoughts toward the reformation, the German reformer said, "I did nothing, the Word, did everything." This is most certainly true! For it is the Word that changes the hearts of men, the Word that brings our beating hearts back to life, and the Word that strengthens us in our Christian faith and walk with the Lord.

Church, how is your heart? Could you use a checkup? If so, I invite you to pray, come to church and Bible class, read your Bibles, pray some more, and gather at the feet of Jesus, receiving His gifts of Word and Sacraments for you. I promise you, it'll do your heart good.

Thank you for all you do. It is truly a pleasure being your pastor.

With a pastor's heart,

Pastor David

## Church Council Corner

### Voters' Assembly

**Sunday, October 24 (after the service)**

#### Agenda:

Reports from Officers and Boards

Consider and approve the proposed 2023 Budget

Election of Officers for 2023-2024 Terms:

Secretary, Treasurer, Chairs for the Boards of Evangelism and Stewardship.

All voters are encouraged to attend to support the congregation's plans for the future.

Not yet a Voter? If you are a Communicant member of Immanuel and over 18 years of age, please attend this Voters' meeting and request admittance as a voter.

Lynn Short

Council Secretary



You're made for faith



Contrary to popular opinion, faith and doubt aren't opposites. Instead, "doubt is a way station en route to faith," writes J. Ellsworth Kalas. "I can't imagine getting to faith at a grand level that raises the hair on your arms without passing through doubt to get there."

Switching metaphors, Kalas explains, "Faith is an edifice in which some of the grandest parts are the various stones and mortar of doubt." Christians need not worry about doubt, which is "the stuff that goes into the building of faith."

The *real* enemy of faith is unbelief, but it's not a fair fight, says Kalas. Because humans "are made for faith ... unbelief is always an intruder, always working against what is magnificently native to us."



# Reformation Service

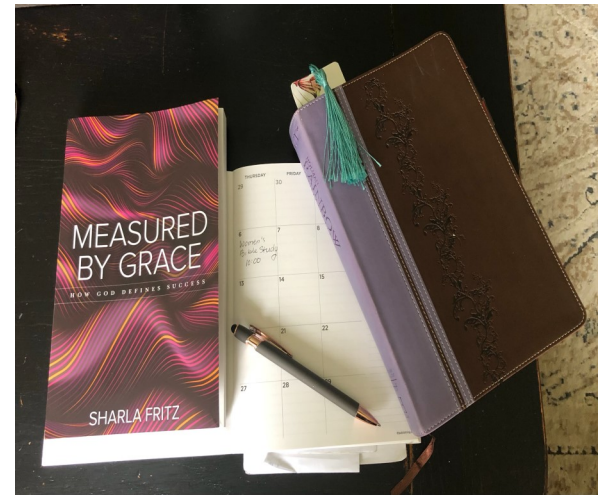


## Living in the present

During Martin Luther's great struggle to reform the church in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the Holy Roman Emperor sought to silence him. So he spent some lonely months in Wartburg Castle under protective custody. There, as he fought despair, Luther scribbled the words "I am baptized" on his desk-top as a reminder that he was living according to an ongoing call from God. He did not write, "I *was* baptized" but used the present-tense verb. For he rightly understood that in his baptism, God had adopted him as his son, and no human could take that from him.

Later, in his *Large Catechism*, Luther wrote: "To be baptized in God's name is to be baptized not by human beings but by God himself. Although it is performed by human hands, it is nevertheless truly God's own act."

—from *The Wired Word*



## Women's Bible Study

Come Study God's Word with us!

Thursdays 9:30–10:30

Starting October 6th

### 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.

## Be-attitudes

Be understanding of your enemies.  
Be loyal to your friends.  
Be strong enough to face the world each day.  
Be weak enough to know you cannot do everything alone.  
Be generous to those who need your help.  
Be frugal with what you need for yourself.  
Be wise enough to know that you do not know everything.  
Be open enough to believe in miracles.  
Be willing to share your joys.  
Be eager to share the sorrows of others.  
Be a leader when you see a path others have missed.  
Be a follower when you are shrouded by uncertainty.  
Be the first to congratulate an opponent who succeeds.  
Be the last to criticize a colleague who fails.  
Be loving to those who love you.  
Be loving to those who don't love you; they may change.  
Be yourself, above all.

—Author unknown



Create some invisible art and then reveal the seasonal design.

### What you need:

- Leaves
- White paper
- White crayon (label removed)
- Watercolor paints
- Water
- Paintbrush



### What you do:

1. Gather leaves of different shapes and sizes. On a table, arrange them flat without overlaps. Set the paper over them.
2. Hold the crayon sideways and use the long edge to color over the leaves. You'll make an invisible rubbing of them.
3. Then paint over the paper with watercolors. The areas with crayon will resist the paint and reveal the hidden leaf designs.

## Bible Quiz



Which king allowed — even encouraged — the Judean exiles to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple?

- A. Cyrus of Persia
- B. Tiglath-pileser of Assyria
- C. Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon
- D. Hiram of Tyre

Answer: A (See Ezra 1:1-4.)

## Marked by grace

**Hymn writer Augustus Toplady, who penned the classic 18<sup>th</sup>-century hymn “Rock of Ages,” also wrote these words:**

**My name from the palms of his hands**

**Eternity will not erase**

**Imprest on his heart it remains**

**In marks of indelible grace.**





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# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



CIRCA 1920'S



SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

# The Music of Immanuel - 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

*Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. -Colossians 3:16 ESV*

“Next to theology, I accord to music the highest place and greatest honor.” –

Martin Luther (Lutheran Service Book, p. viii).

When the German-speaking Lutherans came to the Preston area in the late 1800's, they brought with them a rich spiritual tradition of song and the Word to their new congregation. Individual hymn books in German were given to confirmands by their parents – perhaps even engraved with his or her name. These hymnals did not have music notes but had the words of the hymns and the words of the liturgy used at each service. As the years went by, these individual hymnals were printed in English. During the Depression years, the church purchased the hymnals for the confirmands as many families could not afford them. Since the 1950's our hymnals contain both text and music notes and are placed in the church pews for all to use.

Our current hymnal, Lutheran Service Book, brings together the liturgies and hymns of the traditional church along with many newer expressions of Word and tune. There are many songs that we still sing today that have been translated from their original Latin and German, including “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (Ein Feste Burg) which was written and composed by Martin Luther. The liturgy that we use today is like that used by the founders, but updated for the 2000's.

Throughout the years, members of the congregation have used their musical talents to support and enhance the congregation's worship. Faithful organists, accompanists and choir directors – professional, semi-professional, and volunteer musicians - have led both the congregation's worship and that of the choir music. Choir members – children, teens and adults - have filled the Sanctuary with inspiring chords of praise. Soloists, instrumentalists and most recently, handbell ringers, round out the ranks of the music makers at Immanuel.

125 years later, the congregation of Immanuel Lutheran in Preston continues to worship God through psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, combining the Word and melody to offer our thanksgiving and praise.

**October 30th after the Reformation Potluck**

**Music Memories and an Anniversary Hymn Sing!**

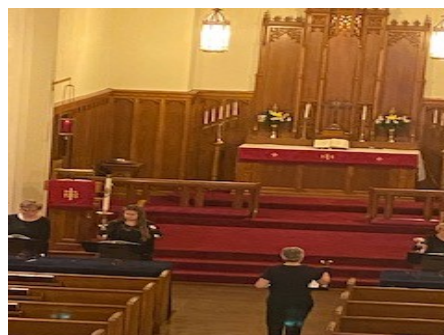
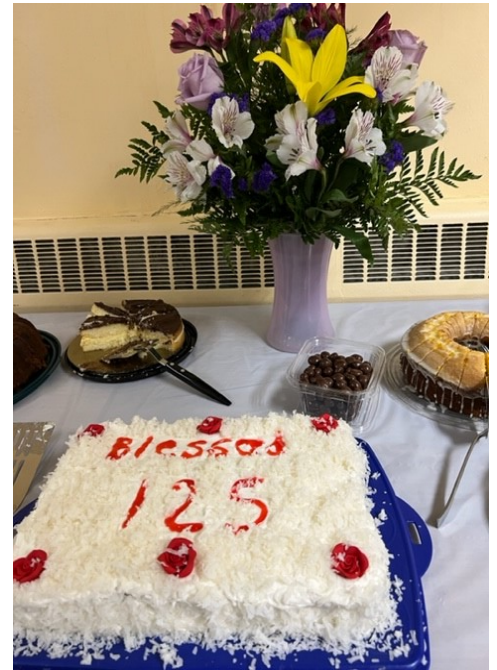
**Vote for the hymns you would like to sing**

**Look for the ballot in the October bulletins**



# 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

## Sunday September 25th





# OCTOBER

October 2022

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue                             | Wed   | Thu   | Fri | Sat                            |
|--|---|---------------------------------|---|---|-----|--------------------------------|
|  |   |                                 |   |   |     | 1<br>Men's Prayer<br>Breakfast |
| 2<br>9:15 Sunday School<br>10:30 am Divine<br>Service with Holy<br>Communion<br>7:00 p.m. AA Mtg | 3<br>8:50-12:00 Nursery<br>School<br>6:30 pm Board of<br>Elders       | 4<br>8:50-12:00 Nursery School  | 5<br>8:50-12:00 Nursery<br>School<br>6:30 pm Bell Practice<br>7:30 pm Choir Practice  | 6<br>8:50-12:00 Nursery<br>School<br>9:30 a.m. Women's<br>Bible Study                     | 7   | 8                              |
| 9<br>9:15 Sunday School<br>10:30am Worship<br>After Worship-<br>Voters' Mtg<br>7:00 p.m. AA Mtg  | 10<br>8:50-12:00 Nursery<br>School<br>7:00 pm Church<br>Council       | 11<br>8:50-12:00 Nursery School | 12<br>8:50-12:00 Nursery<br>School<br>6:30 pm Bell Practice<br>7:30 pm Choir Practice | 13<br>8:50-12:00 Nursery<br>School<br>9:30 a.m. Women's<br>Bible Study<br>7:00 p.m. WinGS | 14  | 15                             |
| 16<br>9:15 Sunday School<br>10:30am Divine<br>Service with Holy<br>Communion<br>7:00 p.m. AA Mtg | 17<br>8:50-12:00 Nursery<br>School<br>6:30 pm Nursery<br>School Board | 18<br>8:50-12:00 Nursery School | 19<br>8:50-12:00 Nursery<br>School<br>6:30 pm Bell Practice<br>7:30 pm Choir Practice | 20<br>8:50-12:00 Nursery<br>School<br>9:30 a.m. Women's<br>Bible Study                    | 21  | 22                             |
| 23<br>9:15 Sunday School<br>10:30am Worship<br>Voters Assembly<br>7:00 p.m. AA Mtg               | 24<br>8:50-12:00 Nursery<br>School<br>7:00 pm Board of<br>Education   | 25<br>8:50-12:00 Nursery School | 26<br>8:50-12:00 Nursery<br>School<br>6:30 pm Bell Practice<br>7:30 pm Choir Practice | 27<br>8:50-12:00 Nursery<br>School<br>9:30 a.m. Women's<br>Bible Study                    | 28  | 29                             |
| 30<br><b>Reformation</b><br>9:15 Sunday School<br>10:30am Worship<br>Potluck<br>7:00 p.m. AA Mtg | 31 Reformation Day<br>8:50-12:00 Nursery<br>School                    |                                 |   |   |     |                                |

## THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL OCTOBER 2022

| Date    | Ushers                          | Assisting Elder  | Lay Reader             | Acolyte                | Sound System     | Camera Operator      | Kids Worship     | Greeter                           | Head Tellers                                       |
|---------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Oct. 2  | Dale Kenton<br>Rex<br>Rosebrock | Rex<br>Rosebrock | Carol Frase            | Catie Casey-<br>Motley | David<br>Schmidt | Janice<br>Isenberg   | Rene<br>Langwost | Kenny and<br>Michelle<br>Wheatley | Janice Isenberg<br>Shelly Kapitan<br>John Crampton |
| Oct. 9  | Dale Kenton<br>Rex<br>Rosebrock |                  | Catie Casey-<br>Motley |                        | David<br>Schmidt | Jennifer<br>Phillips | Rene<br>Langwost | Kenny and<br>Michelle<br>Wheatley | Karen Lyons<br>Jennifer Phillips                   |
| Oct. 16 | Dale Kenton<br>Rex<br>Rosebrock | Todd<br>Butler   | John<br>Crampton       | Kalei<br>Durando       | Rex<br>Rosebrock | John<br>Crampton     | Rene<br>Langwost | Kenny and<br>Michelle<br>Wheatley | Dee Lambert<br>Glen Plutschak<br>Linda Jefferson   |
| Oct. 23 | Dale Kenton<br>Rex<br>Rosebrock |                  | Crissy Frase           |                        | Jim Harris       | Ruth Thomas          | Rene<br>Langwost | Kenny and<br>Michelle<br>Wheatley | David & Kathy<br>Schmidt<br>Julie Schmidt          |
| Oct. 30 | Dale Kenton<br>Rex<br>Rosebrock |                  | Hugh Smith             |                        | Jim Harris       | TBD                  | Rene<br>Langwost | Kenny and<br>Michelle<br>Wheatley | Carol Frase &<br>Paul Nichols                      |





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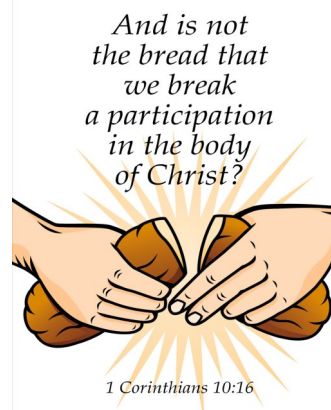
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| Lindy Gulick Ayers | 10/1  |
| Brad Plutschak     | 10/1  |
| Kim Rosebrock      | 10/1  |
| Richard Tucker III | 10/2  |
| Matthew Harris     | 10/3  |
| Michael Fisher     | 10/4  |
| Chrissy Frase      | 10/4  |
| Denise Mitchell    | 10/4  |
| Marilyn Harris     | 10/6  |
| Evelyn Reichlin    | 10/6  |
| August Thomas      | 10/7  |
| James Erskine      | 10/10 |
| Charles Turner     | 10/14 |
| Fran Madigan       | 10/16 |
| Zoe Durando        | 10/17 |
| Callie Hopkins     | 10/17 |
| Melissa Phillips   | 10/17 |
| Carol Frase        | 10/18 |
| Emilee Patchett    | 10/18 |
| Justin Frase       | 10/22 |
| Phyllis Frase      | 10/25 |
| Brynn Durham       | 10/27 |
| Sarah Ferkler      | 10/30 |
| Grayson Fisher     | 10/30 |

## No lone-ranger Christians

World Communion Sunday, celebrated this year on October 2, reminds us there's no such thing as solitary Christianity. "We are not meant to live lone-ranger lives; instead, we are to belong to Christ's family and be members of his body."

After all, Christian fellowship can't occur without fellow Christians. We can't learn the intricacies of the Bible and theology without preachers and teachers. We don't baptize ourselves. We don't take Holy Communion alone; in fact, the sacrament's very name refers to interaction with God and others.

The New Testament clearly states that one cannot be Christian all alone. We are members of Christ's body (Ephesians 5:30). We belong to the family of believers (Galatians 6:10). We are "a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people" (1 Peter 2:9, NRSV). So don't be a lone ranger or a stranger — to worship or to Holy Communion!



## OCTOBER



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|---------------------------|-------|
| Mark & Carol Frase        | 10/3  |
| Lawrence & Viola Schmick  | 10/3  |
| Rex & Kim Rosebrock       | 10/4  |
| Ron & Brittany Andrew Jr. | 10/19 |
| Jack & Donna Collins      | 10/21 |
| Brad & Heather Plutschak  | 10/22 |
| Katie & Adam Taylor       | 10/23 |
| Mike & Kim Jantz Sr.      | 10/25 |

## RALLY DAY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, September 11th was the return to Sunday School for adults as well as children. A celebration luncheon, was served after the worship church service.

We also observed 9-11 as a day of remembrance.

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this a success.







## Unremembered Patients

### Christmas 2022

Immanuel has a long history in supporting the Eastern Shore Hospital Center in their efforts to enrich their patients' lives during the holidays and throughout the year. Again this year, Volunteer Services is asking for monetary donations due to the ongoing pandemic. Beginning October 3rd and running through the 24th, special envelopes will once again adorn the Christmas tree located in the Narthex. Donations may be placed in these envelopes and returned in the offering plate. If you would like to give but are not able to make it to church, please mail your donation to the church office and mark the envelope attn: WINGS.

Donations may be made by cash or check. For a tax deductible donation please make out your check to ESHC Auxiliary. You may also make your check payable to WINGS but it will not be tax deductible.

All donations to the hospital are designated by state policy for direct patient benefit, so 100% of our donations will be used by the Auxiliary to purchase Christmas gifts and necessary items for patients in need.

72% of patients are "unremembered" and have no family or friends to provide for them. 53% of the patient population is indigent.

In Christ's Service,  
WinGS

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and give to Pastor and/or**

**Sharon, Administrative Assistant or mail  
to church office at address above. You can  
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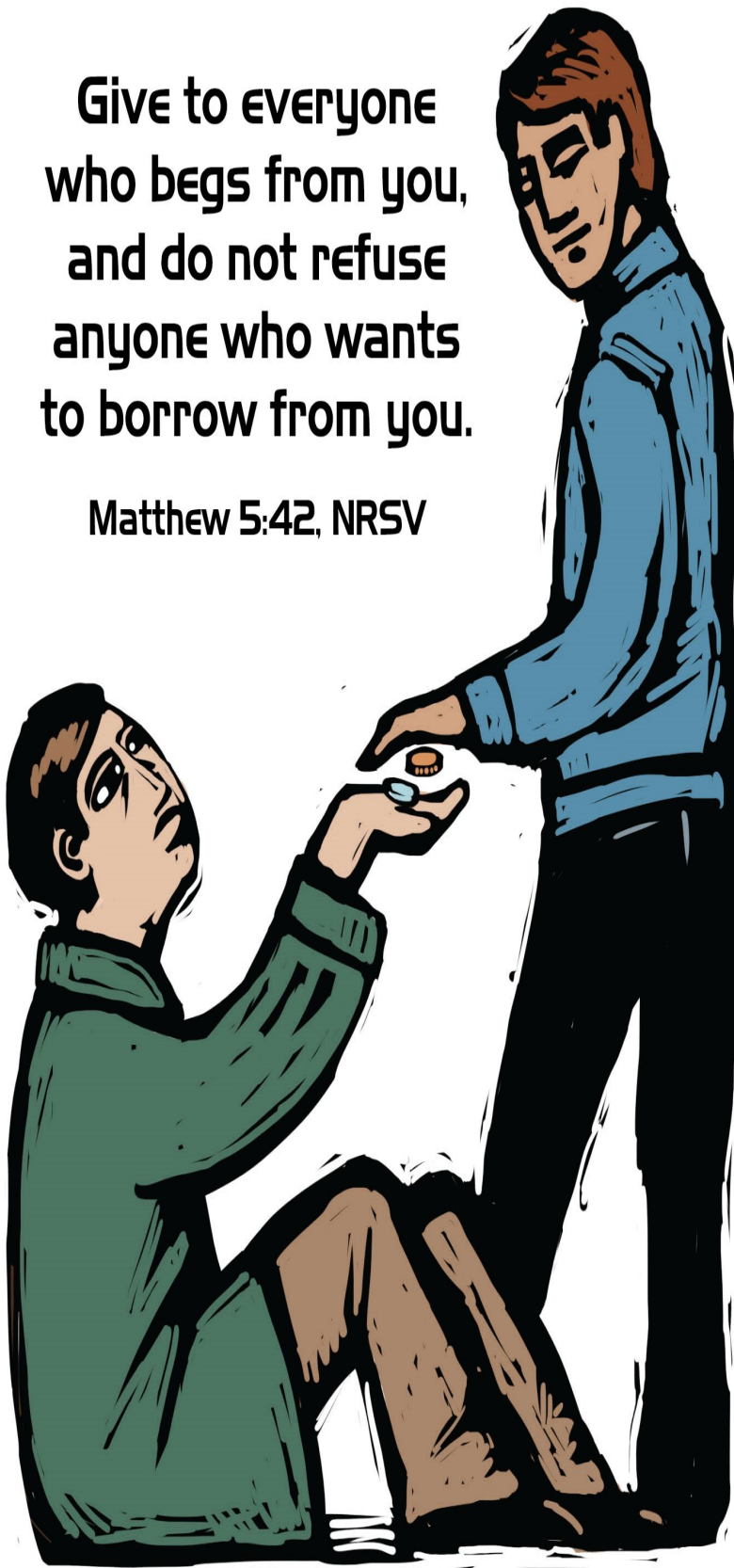
**Thank you so much for your cooperation**

If at any time you do not see your birthday or anniversary in the newsletter or bulletin please let the office know



**Give to everyone  
who begs from you,  
and do not refuse  
anyone who wants  
to borrow from you.**

**Matthew 5:42, NRSV**





## We Need Your Help

We are lacking some information about members and visitors of our church.

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

P.O. Box 39  
Preston, MD 21655

The following information is needed to complete our church records: (*Please Print and fill out to the best of your knowledge.*)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Church Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized: Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Church of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmed: Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, date of Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

Church of Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and dates of birth of children, please list: (please use back if additional space is needed.)

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

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