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November 2017 Newsletter for
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Happy Thanksgiving! Well, as you read this, Thanksgiving may still be a few weeks away, but as I write, the busy month of October is winding down, the weather is finally beginning to feel like Fall, and the holiday season will soon be upon us. I'm feeling thankful!

At this moment, I am thankful most especially for our church family at Immanuel. Have you paused recently to reflect upon how blessed by God we are? We are blessed by a wonderful community in which to gather for worship, we are blessed as we grow together in the Word—our Lord Jesus Christ, and we are blessed in the many ways we serve God by serving people. But let me narrow the focus. We are tremendously blessed by you, the people who gather, grow, and serve at ILC.

Have you paused to reflect upon the diversity of Immanuel's membership? To be sure, our racial and ethnic diversity remains a growing edge. Nevertheless, God has blessed ILC with a wide mix of wonderful folks of all ages, from different places and different backgrounds, with different perspectives, from different walks of life. Brothers and sisters in Christ, that is something for which to be thankful!

We are called as God's people in the water and the Word.
Called by grace with one mission, as we gather, grow, and serve.

All are welcome in this family, sisters, brothers all are we.
In this vision God is with us; one in God's diversity.

As we gather and worship this holiday season, I encourage you to introduce yourself to folks you don't know, especially those who appear different from yourself. You and they will be richer for it, and our mission will be extended: To thank, praise, honor and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we gather and worship, grow in the Word, and serve God by serving people.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Tom

Mark Your Calendars—November 19th will be our annual Community Thanksgiving Service! This year it will be hosted by St. Mary's Baptist Church. The offering will go towards the Pflugerville Pastor's fund. Hope to see you all there!

Pflugerville Pfall Pfest Baked Goods Sale is Saturday, November 18th from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Pflugerville Parks & Recreation Department, 400 Immanuel Road. All Immanuel women are invited to participate. Your donation of baked goods brought to the Immanuel table will help benefit WELCA and their many ministries.

Tired and Retired got together for potluck in October. Twenty-seven were present with a number sporting their Halloween attire. The door prizes were won by Eleanor Holmes, Joy Pfluger and Marilyn Lorfing. Everyone really enjoyed the Day School songs : "Where Oh where Are the Pumpkins", "Five Little Pumpkins", "Jesus Loves Me" and the "Alphabet Song". Thanks to Pastor Tom who shared information on the Reformation. Martin Luther loved music and taught the people to "sing" the Bible in the language of the people, German. We sang two songs written by Luther: "We All Believe in One True God" and his popular Lutheran anthem "A Mighty Fortress is our God" whose melody came from a German beer hall. Becky shared some interesting Halloween questions and trivia. Thank you to UP for enhancing the table décor.

Please join us on Wednesday, November 8th, at 11:30 am for another potluck. We will be recognizing the following November birthdays: Maria Appelhans, Lynette Borgfeld, Larry Bradley, Denise Dearing, ElNora Estes, LaDell Freudenberg, Angeline Fritsch, Michael Hansen, Bertha Hill, Raymond Kaatz, Andy Koester, Janet Kusano, Alvin Luedecke, John Mecey, Camille Miller, Vernagene Mott, Bob Nicholas, Stanley Pfeil, Doris Preusse, Wilford Preusse, Jeffrey Reeb, Mickey Reichenbach, Harry Richter, Fred Scott, Frank Simon, Lorene Smith, Faye Steger, Lee VanBurkleo, Kay Weiss, Marilyn Weiss, Olivia Williamson.

Women Of The ELCA

LWR: Imagine being in a hurricane, earthquake, or fire/smoky area. Now imagine being able to wash your face and hands. For November and December, WELCA is emphasizing collecting bath-size (4 oz) soap, which is a part of each personal care kit and each baby care kit. Soap donations must be in their original wrappings. Please place donations in the WELCA room or in the basket in the lower narthex. Financial donations are appreciated. (Smaller-sized soap may be used in care kits for the food pantry.)

Immanuel Prayer Chain: It is that time of the year to publish the 2018 WELCA yearbook and make updates. Please let us know if you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain. Leaders get the information that someone is in need of our prayer. It is then passed along through team leaders. Send your name and preferred phone number to janelle@sbcglobal.net or call 512-251-4007. We would be happy to include you. Both men and women may be a part of this important ministry. There will be copies of the new yearbook on the racks near the front office and in the lower narthex.

Funeral Assistance: It is also time to update Immanuel's funeral list of those who wish to give assistance at the reception of a funeral. We need cake bakers and individuals who are willing to serve in the kitchen. The Circles rotate serving at funerals yet there is often a need for extra help. Please let me know if this is something you would be interested in doing. Contact janelle@sbcglobal.net or call 512-251-4007. You may also call the church office, 512-251-4494, and they will pass on the information to me for either the prayer chain or funeral

Lower Narthex Fundraiser: As you consider how much you will be giving to ILC, please contribute to our Lower Narthex Rejuvenation Fund. If you are fortunate to itemize on your federal income tax, please consider giving more to our church thereby reducing the amount of income tax you have to pay. The Council approved the plan in August without providing funding due to the lack of sufficient funds in the general account. How much do we need? If 140 people would give \$100 each, we could complete this project. Would you please contribute to this fund?

Lutheran World Relief (in MD) has informed us that in 2016 'our' school kits went to Honduras. The total distribution of school kits benefited 28,000 Honduran children. This year some of 'our' school kits and personal care kits were sent to Burkina Faso in West Africa. With the combination of 'our' kits and from other churches' quilts, baby care kits, and fabric kits 87,500 people received care.

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed towards Megan's missionary work in Hungary. Immanuel Lutheran Church has always been a big part of Megan's life and the Church has continued to support Megan in so many ways. We are so grateful to the members of Immanuel who have helped Megan grow in life. Megan is doing very well in Hungary and is enjoying every moment. We are forever thankful for our Church family.

**Thank you,
The Freudenberg Family**

Mini-Treasurer's Report:

General Fund	
Balance 09/25/2017	\$ 29,817.37
Income 09/25-10/20	44,578.87
Expenses 09/25-10/20	- 53,467.51
Balance 10/20/2017	<u>\$ 20,928.73</u>
Loan Balance Comerica Bank	\$ 27,325.06
Loan Balance First Texas	200,000.00
Balance Building Loan Account	\$ 49,050.08
Day School:	
Balance 09/25/2017	\$ 71,482.30
Income 09/25-10/20	96,095.39
Expenses 09/25-10/20	- 105,379.07
Balance 10/20/2017	<u>\$ 62,198.62</u>

Food Pantry News for September

Number of clients assisted—92
 Number of Family Members—306
 New clients included—9
 Pastors Fund assists—N/A

Anyone who wishes to make a contribution to the church in memory or honor of a loved one, may choose from the following funds:

- New Building Loan Debt
- Lower Narthex Rejuvenation Fund
- Garden of Prayer/Labyrinth Fund
- Cemetery Endowment Fund
- Pre-Theological Fund
- Technology Fund
- Cemetery Fund
- Food Pantry

The Stewardship Committee is using pledge cards this year in support of the 2018 General Fund Budget development. Your pledge will cover **only** the General Fund & you are encouraged to continue your giving to programs & ministries of ILC in addition. **If you have not turned in your pledge card, PLEASE do so as soon as possible. If you did not receive a pledge card, please pick up one from the office.**

Luminary: A Christmas Journey: Immanuel's annual Christmas Luminary is quickly approaching. This year's event will be December 9 & 10 from 6:30-8:30PM. We will need 2 groups of volunteers each night to fill the 10 scenes depicting the Christmas story. It takes many, many participants to make it a success. There's a place for everyone: scene characters, set-up/take-down scenes, collect cedar branches, babysitters, food preparation... Be watching for sign-up sheets in November.

Official Acts:

Deaths: 10/3—Dorothea Rounsavill
 10/19—Charles Kuempel

"Blue Star Prayers"

Our United States is defending Freedom in many parts of our world today. Please keep these individuals and their families in your prayers.

Daylon Hethcock US Navy	Justin Steffek, Msgt. US Air Force	Chase Bowden Serving in Iraq
Cyndi Motloch's Grandson	Marie Randig's Grandson	Paula Bowden's Son
Dan Dye Tx. National Guard	SSG Larry Jameson US Army	Cole Elliott US Navy
Pat & Jan Dye's Son	Bradley Jameson's Father	Yvonne Zimmer's Grandson
Elliott Bo Burns, Maj. US Army	Justin Hoffman, Col. US Air Force	Patrick Roberts, St/Sgt US Air Force
Willie Mae Burns' Grandson	Bob & Patti Hoffman's Son	Peggy Roberts' Grandson
Michael Wayne Green, Capt. US Marine Corp.	Michael Bradshaw US Air Force	Matthew R. Tiemann, Capt. US Marine Corps
Wayne & Aileene Saegert's Grandson	Glenn & Britta Herzog's Grandson	Rob & Carrie Tiemann's Son
Johnathan Edwards US Army	Kelsey Westman, 2nd Lt. US Army Reserves	Austin W. Fox, 1st Lt. US Army
Beverly Wolff's Grandson	Betty Wicklund's Granddaughter	Jennave Fuchs' Grandson

EDUCATION MINISTRY

November 2017

Reach, Teach, Equip as we Gather, Grow, Serve

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Thanksgiving is such a wonderful time of year to rejoice and give thanks for all that we have. About 3 years ago I read a book "One Thousand Gifts" by Ann Voskamp. Changed my life. Ms. Voskamp firmly believes that if we (people) were more thankful everyday the world would be a better place. Every morning I start by writing in my journal a few things I am thankful for. I've been doing this for 3 years in January and have over 4500 words of thanks (and no duplicates) to our King of King, Lord of Lords. When I took time to stop and think about how many things I have to be thankful for it was overwhelming. Wouldn't it be a much better place to live if we all filled our life with moments of thanksgiving?

Thank you to all of our volunteers in 2017 who have helped make our Education Ministry, (Parish Ed) a viable ministry of this church. Thank you for your servant hearts, your love for Jesus and love for each other.

Is there someone in your life that needs to hear "thank you" today? Don't delay. Rejoice with a thankful heart, giving God thanksgiving and glory in everything.

SAVE THE DATE for our annual Christmas Program. Sunday, December 10th during the middle service (8:45a). Please bring a plate of "goodies" to share after the program. This year's presentation is "From Heaven Above" (Martin Luther wrote the hymn) and we've put it all together as a come to life carol.

Merry, Martha & Me will be held on the evening of November 16th is our annual women's holiday event at Immanuel. Tickets are on sale near the breezeway or from Sherri in the church office. Price is \$30. We still have room for a couple more hostesses for tables. If interested please contact susan@ilcpville.org.

Catering by Pink Avocado Catering, entertainment by American Dreamers, servers are men from our congregation.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on Sunday, November 19th due to Thanksgiving Holiday.

Parish Ed Committee meets on the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30p in the Parlor. If you have any interest in what we are planning please join us at one of our meetings. Next meeting is Monday, November 6th.

Upcoming Dates:

November 16th	Merry, Martha & Me
December 10th	Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday School: 9:45am for Pre-K through adult. Church bulletin has details for all adult classes. Pre-K through 5th meets in the basement, Middle & High School meets in the Bistro by the gym.

Contact: susan@ilcpville.org for more information

Serving in November 2017

Acolytes

Nov 5: Taryn Bittick & Connor Herring (7:45) Haidyn Damstrom & Reese Krause (11:00)
Nov 12: Marah Kluge & Alyssa Motloch (7:45) Catherine & Jacqueline Kruse (11:00)
Nov 19: Rex Kuempel & Ava Owen (7:45) Allison Morris & Emerson Perisho (11:00)
Nov 26: Hudson Mueller & Stella Rachui (7:45) T.J. Odegaard & Tate Reiland (11:00)

Elders for November: Larry Bradley (Early) Melissa Malinowski (Middle) Steve Barczi (Late). (Please contact them if you would like to assist with worship in November or go to <http://bit.ly/ILCsignup> to sign up yourself.)

Readers

Nov 5: **1 needed** (7:45) **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
Nov 12: Candy Hansen (7:45) **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
Nov 19: **1 needed** (7:45) **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
Nov 26: **1 needed** (7:45) **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)

Communion Assistants

Nov 5: **1 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) Grace Lin, **1 needed** (11:00)
Nov 12: Candy Hansen (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **2 needed** (11:00)
Nov 19: **1 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) Grace Lin, **1 needed** (11:00)
Nov 26: **1 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **2 needed** (11:00)

November Chapel Assistants

Early Service: Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing, Ralph Kirkley
Late Service: **1 needed** (5) Bruce Freudenberg (12) J.B. Marshall (19) **1 needed** (26)

Altar Guild

Nov 5 & 12
Kristin Adix, Courtney Emken, Laura Thomas

Nov 19 & 26
Cheri Murray, Dorothy Kraemer, Marie Davis

Ushers

Nov 5: **4 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)
Nov 12: **4 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)
Nov 19: **4 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)
Nov 26: **4 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)

Children's Message:

Nov 5: Mike Maluschka (8:45) Rebecca Dittmar (11:00)
Nov 12: Puppets (8:45) Katie Wegner (11:00)
Nov 19: Melissa Malinowski (8:45) Debbie Wiederhold (11:00)
Nov 26: Jennifer Hoffman (8:45) Rebecca Dittmar (11:00)

Console Operators/Parish Hall Projectionist

Nov 5: Charles Mott (7:45) Rick Cox (8:45) Willard Hebbe (11:00)
Nov 12: Brent Reeder (7:45) Rick Cox (8:45) Charles Kleen (11:00)
Nov 19: Matthew Krieg (7:45) Rick Cox (8:45) David Gifford (11:00)
Nov 26: Vera Gebert (7:45) Rick Cox (8:45) Willard Hebbe (11:00)

Coffee Makers

Nov 5: Kristin Adix
Nov 12: Hal Kuempel
Nov 19: Mark Mueller
Nov 26: Kristin Adix

Flower Calendar

Nov 5:
Nov 12: Chapel—D. Leary
Nov 19:
Nov 26: