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October 2018 Newsletter for
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Our national day of Thanksgiving is not until next month, but as Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, I can't wait until then to share my thanks to God with you. Most of you know that our church staff is undergoing some changes. Many of you have been praying with me that God would guide and direct the decisions that are made and bless us with faithful and gifted people to lead us in mission and ministry. At the monthly lunch meetings I attend with pastors from other Pflugerville churches, we share prayer requests with one another and pray together for the work of ministry in each of our congregations. Other pastors in the community have also been praying for ILC and our staff changes.

With a grateful heart and thanksgiving to God I'm happy to share with you that ILC member Cassi Montandon will fill the Interim Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator position, and ILC member Melissa Weiss Parry will assume the Director of Education Ministry position.

Melissa is a lifelong member and has been active in our Parish Ed ministry for the past six years, teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, leading Sunday School openings, assisting with the Sunday School Christmas program, and substituting as a nursery attendant. We will sadly say goodbye to Susan Cox, our Director of Education Ministry for the past five years, but we thank God for her service and for the seamless transition she will enable Melissa to make later this month.

Cassi has likewise been involved with our youth and family ministry for years, teaching Sunday School and assisting with Vacation Bible School. For the past five summers she has gone to camp and/or on mission trips with our youth. She also serves on the Day School Board. It is clearly to our advantage that these two new staff members are familiar with the congregation, its traditions, and programs already in place. That knowledge and stability will be valuable when an interim pastor comes on board next summer.

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6-7 God is good, all the time! And, God answers prayers, all the time—not always according to our plans, but always according to his good and gracious will. *"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28*

One final note, our new Office and Facilities Administrator, Mel Sjolander, is doing a fantastic job, exceeding expectations! (With two "Melissa's" now on the staff, she says we can call her "Mel," a name she has gone by for the past twenty years.) Please join me in welcoming and offering prayers of thanksgiving to God for these three new staff members!

Pastor Tom

New Member Class will be offered beginning Sunday, October 7th in the Chapel from 10-10:45am. Prospective new members and long-time members interested in reviewing the Lutheran understanding of the Christian faith are invited to attend. New members will be received into membership at 11:00am on Sunday, November 25th.

Tired and Retired got together in September with twenty-nine present. We enjoyed the Day School's songs: "The ABC Song", "Jesus Loves the Little Children", "I'm Growing" and "Jesus Loves Me". Joy Pfluger shared a story written by a retired school teacher which Don Wiederhold provided for us. Janelle offered a reading of 9/11/01 and the time ended with Pastor Tom leading us in "God Bless America" in remembrance of 9-11. Thanks to Joy Pfluger and Barbara Bohls for their assistance in setting up the room. The birthday door prize was won by Dorothy Warren and the others by James Bohls and Grace Lin.

Please join us on Wednesday, October 10th, 11:30 am for another potluck. The theme will be Halloween. We will be honoring the following October birthdays: Sheila Abouii, Stan Arnhamn, Helen Boehm, Clarence Bohls, Lanier Bohls, Gayle Campbell, Irene Clements, Steve Dunnigan, Patrick Dye, Wiley Hamm, Rose Harnsberry, Jim Hocker, Eric Hodgson, Sherri Hoefling, Terry Hoefling, Patti Hoffman, Jane Hutson, Mary Lee Kirkley, Ralph Kirkley, Linda Lane, Sean Leary, Mark Lemke, J.B. Marshall, Perry Marshall, Kurt Moede, Jerry Moellenberg, Robert Olson, Donna Parker, Jackie Porter, Diane Reichenbach, Elois Sakewitz, David Searcy, Verna Speights, Nancee Swanson, Karen Turek, Larry Vorwerk, Robert Weiss, Donna Winkley, David Wodrich.

Women Of The ELCA

Lutheran World Relief: Personal Care kits are the focus of Immanuel's WELCA group during the month of October. These kits are distributed to individuals who have lost everything (due to earthquake, floods, leaving home due to violence, etc.) Please consider picking up one or more of the items listed below to help an individual in need to keep clean and healthy. Donations can be dropped off in the WELCA room or in designated baskets. A bath towel (between the sizes of 20"x40" and 27"x52") -Shop for a light or medium-weight towels as recipients hand wash and dry their towels. Two or three bath size bars of soap. (Any brand in its original wrapping. Each kit must have 8 to 9 oz of soap. One adult-size toothbrush, in its original wrapped. (Toothbrush multi-packs can be donated; the packages will be disassembled and each individual toothbrush will be sealed in a business-size envelope.). One sturdy comb (Picks and fine tooth combs are not accepted). One metal nail clipper (with or without file). Thank you for your continued support and donations for Lutheran World Relief.

WELCA will be having our October general meeting in the lower narthex on October 2nd at 6:30pm. Susan Cox will be leading us in a Bible Study, followed by our general meeting. We will be discussing our 2019 Causes of the Month, electing officers, and being updated about next year's conference and conventions.

If you wish to discuss the October Gather Bible Study, the crafters circle will meet October 1st at 9:00 at Candy Hansen's art studio and the Elizabeth Circle will meet October 2nd at 2pm in the lower narthex.

Our October cause of the month is the Pflugerville Pastors Association which provides assistance to those in need of help with utilities.

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will hold its next meeting at 9:00 am on Saturday, October 13th, in the lower narthex. Come join the fun as we learn new ways to knit and crochet shawls, scarves, and other projects of service. Contact Bonnie Sassman at bsassy55@aol.com or Elizabeth Arndt at earndt0@gmail.com for more information.

WELCA Senior Dinner: Looking for pictures of this wonderful event held Sunday, September 16th. If you have some please email them to either janelle@sbcglobal.net or brendaestell@gmail.com.

BBQ Chicken Dinner Fundraiser on October 28: BBQ Chicken plates are on sale for just \$10 per plate. The chicken is lovingly cooked by the ILC Holy Smokers and is accompanied by beans, slaw, bread, sauce, pickles and a dessert. All proceeds support youth ministry at Immanuel - send our young people to summer camps, mission trips, youth gatherings, etc! Youth will be selling tickets through Sunday, October 21.

Until

We never know the gift...
of a hand to hold ;
of a word spoken in happy and hard times;
of a face to touch;
of a life shared in joy and sad times;
of a shared faith in the love and mercy of
THE GOD of all creation and life;
of the fulfillment of the journey or the
Beginning of the End and
The Beginning of Forever...
Until...

And, we never really know the love and care
of those who share our pain and sadness -
our lives and friendship - our common threads
that hold us together, continuing to
journey on with us...
Until...

Max's Family:

Matthew, Kristen, Gretchen, Tim, Granddaughters
and I have been held in love and prayers -
as you did him.

Thank you for all the ways you have
honored him and made known to us
your understanding, friendship, support
...and PRESENCE

God Bless You, all ways.

In the Love of Christ with you, Gretchen Kuempel

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Immanuel,

I'm writing this letter in thanks for your support at the fundraiser this last month. Your outpouring of love brought tears to my eyes as I reflected on what it means to have partners like you all in the ministry. Yes, its monetary. But it reflects some really important thoughts to me. First of all, that I really was and am part of something greater then I could ever understand. Greater then any activity we shared together such as mission trips or bible studies. Greater then any individual relationship that I developed while I was there. Much bigger then the role of an intern who came and went. For me it reflects that I'm part of your Immanuel Family, if I may be so presumptuous. As I watch kids grow up and go off to University that I played games with, even growing up to be successful adults, I am so proud. In addition, that you have not forgotten me. Two, that I was part of something that has so much potential and realizes that potential regularly.

Change happens, interns leave and follow their dreams, youth grow up, Mentors become Pastors, but the Spirit of Immanuel only grows sending out glowing embers to the world, starting fires everywhere. Rest assured that spark and the culture of the love that it represents is burning in me and illuminating my interactions and work here in Chil . Although change happens and that sometimes mean we have to go do bold things, its necessarily comforting to know our identities are tied up in one another like flames reaching to the sky, dancing unpredictably, but having a common source.

Once again, thanks for all your support. I miss your faces. Jesus the Word, whose life was an example that surpasses any vocabulary, guide and protect you and continue to use in ways that makes our heavenly Father smile.

Love always,
Aaron C. Farrow M. of Ed., D.C.E.
Missionary Global Lutheran Outreach

GENERAL FUND	Immanuel Lutheran
Name _____ Address _____	The following pledge is gratefully acknowledged
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	
Phone _____	
In consideration of my interest in Immanuel Lutheran Church and as an expression of thanks for God's blessings to me, I desire to help in the General Fund and promise to pay to the best of my ability as follows:	Payable Cash \$ _____
52 Weekly payments of \$ _____ per week totaling \$ _____	_____ Payments of \$ _____
12 Monthly payments of \$ _____ per month totaling \$ _____	Weekly _____ Monthly _____
_____ payments of \$ _____ per _____ totaling \$ _____	Quarterly _____ Or _____
Cash or Check herewith _____ \$ _____	TOTAL PLEDGE \$ _____
Total Commitment _____ \$ _____	BEGINNING _____
	Please make check payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church

The Stewardship Committee will use the above pledge card again this year in support of the 2019 General Fund Budget development. Pledge cards will cover **only** the General Fund and you are encouraged to continue your giving to programs and ministries of Immanuel in addition. The cards will be available Sunday, October 14th.

Oktoberfest is scheduled for Sunday, October 21st beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Lions Club. There will be good food, fun, fellowship and music provided by The ILC Oktoberfest Band. The Fellowship Committee needs individuals to help cook potatoes (10+ lbs. each) for the fantastic German potato salad. Bags of potatoes will be available for you to pick up in the narthex on the brown table on Sunday, October 14th. Please bring the cooked potatoes to the church kitchen on the morning of October 21st so we can get them to the Lion's Club for the cooks. Also we would like to invite individuals to bring their favorite dessert to share, along with item(s) for the silent auction. You may drop off your silent auction item(s) at the church office prior to the event, or bring them to the Lions Club that day. Proceeds from the silent auction will go to the Pflugerville Pastor's Fund. In support of our Food Pantry, each person is also asked to bring two canned food items. Lastly, be sure to bring your friends and family out to join us for this fun day! Call Steven Dubes at 512-659-6552 with any questions you may have or to volunteer to help out with set-up, clean-up, cooking, auction etc!!

Pet Blessing: Please join us on Sunday, October 7th in our Prayer Garden at 12:15pm. All pets are welcomed, but must be on a leash, in a crate or cage. If you have some concerns about your pet, bring a picture. Stuffed animal friends are welcomed too! We do hope that you and your furry, feathered or scaly friends can join us.

Official Acts:
Death: 9/12—Max Kuempel

Food Pantry News for August
Number of clients assisted—85
Number of Family Members—273
New clients included—6
Pastors Fund assists—7

Mini-Treasurer's Report:

General Fund	
Balance 08/24/2018	\$ 34,369.26
Income 08/25-09/22	40,855.42
Expenses 08/25-09/22	- 50,624.76
Balance 09/22/2018	\$ 24,599.92
Building Fund Balance 09/22/2018	\$ 137,669.74
Day School:	
Balance 08/24/2018	\$ 80,924.71
Income 08/25-09/22	95,038.53
Expenses 08/25-09/22	- 104,014.50
Balance 09/22/2018	\$ 71,948.74

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

- Garden of Prayer/Labyrinth Fund
- Cemetery Endowment Fund
- Pre-Theological Fund
- Technology Fund
- Cemetery Fund
- Food Pantry

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

From Your Church Council

Council met on September 18 for our regular monthly meeting. We reviewed written reports from Pastor Tom, Treasurer Kenneth Adix, and other staff and committees. These reports are on file in the church office, and are available for review.

Additionally, Council received a report on the audit of our 2017 finances that was conducted by Reynolds & Franke, PC. The audit report is also available in the church office. No issues were found with the finances, but the auditors did make suggestions for changes in procedures to better guard against potential fraud in the future. Melissa is already working with both the Church and Day School staffs to implement these changes.

On recommendation of the search committee appointed by the HR Committee, Council voted to hire Cassi Montandon as our Interim Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator. Cassi will initially have a 12-month contract. As you read this, she has already started working.

Also, on recommendation of Pastor Tom, Council voted to hire Melissa Weiss Parry as ILC's new Director of Education Ministry. The target is for Melissa to begin her duties in mid-October so that she can have a couple of weeks to work with Susan before Susan departs on October 31.

I close by repeating my invitation to attend committee and Council meetings each month. The meeting times and places for several committees are listed below. If you're interested in a group or committee that isn't listed, please contact the church office and you will be put in touch with a member of that group or committee.

- Long Range Planning - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., Lower Narthex
- Day School - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., Conference Room
- Stewardship - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m., Lower Narthex
- Worship and Music - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:15 p.m., Parlor
- Parish Education - 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., Parlor
- Congregation Council - 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., Conference Room

Yours in Christ,
Chris Rankin, Council President

EDUCATION MINISTRY

October 2018

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

Have you ever wondered how often "change" occurs in the Bible? I do. The Bible starts with change in the first chapter and finishes in the ending chapter. My life is filled with change. My father worked for the federal government so we were constantly moving. By the time I was 19 years old we had moved 20 times and as of now it's about 35 times. Some of y'all still live in the house you were born in and others the house that you and your spouse bought together. We change our names, our jobs, our fields of study, our food choices, our clothes, our furnishings, our cars, our neighbors, our friends, our kids change schools, colleges, places they live and work....and so on...

It's time for change in Rick's and my life. It's a decision that has been prayed about for over a year. We have been tremendously blessed by our Immanuel family. We appreciate the acceptance you have all shown to us and the opportunity to serve our Risen King along side of you. We can both say that we have grown in our spiritual walk with Jesus since being here at Immanuel. Praising God for all of you!

What a blessing to have Melissa Parry step forward to want to take over my position. What a great thing for Parish Ed to have her fresh ideas and love for kids and Jesus working here at church and serving with all of you. Change is good.

We will continue to keep Immanuel in our prayers and will hope that our paths will cross frequently in service to our Lord. Thank you so much for your prayers, your support, your love and friendship. It's been a great ride!

May God's unending grace and peace overwhelm you today!

Susan Coe

POOL TABLE RECOVERING: Our youth Sunday School students play pool every Sunday morning before and after Sunday school (and at various other times). Our pool table is suffering from the wear and tear of life. We'd love to have it recovered, but it will cost about \$350. If you are willing to help please drop off checks or money with Ms. Sherri in the office. Thanks so much!!!

Come on out to help with this HUGE community event. Thursday, October 25th set up between 3:30p and 5:45p. Event is from 6p—8p. What? You just decorate the trunk of your car or bed of your truck, bring candy to hand out (last year we had 350+ kids) and have a great time. Pick up applications on the table in the narthex, by the church office or email susan@ilcpville.org for one. Spooktacular (ILDS event) runs simultaneously with this event.



Parish Ed Committee....We meet 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 Oct 1st.

Upcoming Dates:

Oct 1st Parish Ed meeting at 6:30p—Parlor
Oct 25th Trunk or Treat/Spooktacular
Dec 9th Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday School: Classes start for all ages (Pre-K through adult) on Sunday, September 9th at 9:45am.

Serving in October 2018

Acolytes

Oct 7: Tate Reiland (7:45) Emerson Perisho & Ava Owen (11:00)
Oct 14: Kyle Ward (7:45) Elliott Weiss & Shelby Weaver (11:00)
Oct 21: Kadie Van Houten (7:45) Connor Herring & Reese Krause (11:00)
Oct 28: Catherine & Jacqueline Kruse (8:45) Alyssa King & Ella Knobloch (11:00)

Elders for October: Barbara Bohls (Early) Carol Fletcher (Middle) Steve Dubes (Late). (Please contact them if you would like to assist with worship in October or go to <http://bit.ly/ILCsignup> to sign up yourself.)

Readers

Oct 7: Mary Jo Beene (7:45) Carol Fletcher (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
Oct 14: Candy Hansen (7:45) **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
Oct 21: Annyce Bohls (7:45) Mark Sassman (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
Oct 28: Carol Fletcher (8:45) Rachel Weiss (11:00)

Communion Assistants

Oct 7: Mary Jo Beene (7:45) Carol & Clint Fletcher, **2 needed** (8:45) Grace Lin, **1 needed** (11:00)
Oct 14: Candy Hansen (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **2 needed** (11:00)
Oct 21: Annyce Bohls (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) Grace Lin, **1 needed** (11:00)
Oct 28: Carol & Clint Fletcher, **2 needed** (8:45) **2 needed** (11:00)

October Chapel Assistants

Early Service: Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing, Ralph Kirkley
Late Service: **1 needed** (7) Bruce Freudenberg (14) **1 needed** (21 & 28)

Altar Guild

Oct 7 & 14	Oct 21 & 28
Bonnie Sassman & Sharion Tanner	Martha Sansom & Sharion Tanner

Ushers

Oct 7: James & Barbara Bohls, **2 needed** (7:45) Carol & Clint Fletcher, **2 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)
Oct 14: James & Barbara Bohls, **2 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)
Oct 21: James & Barbara Bohls, **2 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)
Oct 28: Carol & Clint Fletcher, **2 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)

Children's Message

Oct 7: Mike Maluschka (8:45 & 11:00)
Oct 14: Claudia Cardwell (8:45) Debbie Wiederhold (11:00)
Oct 21: Jennifer Hoffman (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
Oct 28: **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)

Console Operators/Parish Hall Projectionist

Oct 7: Charles Mott (7:45) Rick Cox (8:45) Willard Hebbe (11:00)
Oct 14: Brent Reeder (7:45) Rick Cox (8:45) Charles Kleen (11:00)
Oct 21: Matthew Krieg (7:45) Rick Cox (8:45) David Gifford (11:00)
Oct 28: Vera Gebert (8:45) Willard Hebbe (11:00)

Flower Calendar

Oct 7:
Oct 14:
Oct 21:
Oct 28:

Coffee Maker for October:
Hal Kuempel