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The leaves are changing and the Texas weather is finally beginning to feel like Fall. Folks are starting to talk about holiday plans. It must be November! We are also approaching the end of the Church year, with a special worship emphasis nearly every week—All Saints Day, the Women of the ELCA Thankoffering Service, Christ the King Sunday, and the annual Pflugerville Community Thanksgiving service, hosted this year by our brothers and sisters in Christ at Pflugerville Community Church.

Fall is also a time of year to focus on stewardship. Personal Christian stewardship can be compared to a stool with three legs—Time, Talents, and Treasure. All three legs are necessary for the stool to stand. Christians ask, "How am I using my days and my God-given abilities and my financial resources to serve the Lord, the source of all that I am and all that I have?" A healthy and well-balanced stewardship commitment rests upon all three legs—Time, Talents, and Treasure. The Stewardship Committee is working on proposals to encourage and improve the strength of all three in the coming year.

With help and input from Staff, Committee and Council members, our Church Treasurer is diligently working on 2016 draft budget proposals for both the Church and Day School. Following the November Council Meeting, the draft proposals will be shared with the congregation so that members may review and offer input before the final budget proposals are printed in the annual report and voted upon at the Annual meeting the end of January.

God has richly blessed Immanuel Lutheran Church in 2015. Many ILC members continue to give generously of their time, talents, and treasure. Still there are significant challenges and room for improvement in all three commitments. We are continually in need of additional volunteers to offer their time and abilities, and if you note the financial reports in the bulletin each week, you know that giving to the general fund from which our operating expenses are paid is significantly below what was budgeted for the year. We continue to tithe 10% of our offering to the benevolence work of the larger church, and we continue to make our "new building" loan payment each month, though giving to this has also decreased. Lord willing and with member support, the new building debt will be retired in about three years!

This year we have had (and continue to have) significant special needs which many members have supported, including the roof fund, the parsonage renovation, and other designated projects. I encourage you to prayerfully consider your general fund offering, even as the leadership working on the budget for the coming year considers tough decisions regarding ministry priorities. I choose to view these challenges as a blessing from God. Working together, we can learn to be better stewards. Led by the Spirit, we can individually and collectively increase our commitments. Please become involved, and thank you for your prayers, supported by your time, talents, and treasure as we gather and worship, grow in the word, and serve God by serving people.

We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Pastor Tom

Tired and Retired had a great potluck in October with twenty-six present. Several good looking Halloween t-shirts were worn. The Day School pandas and kolas introduced themselves to us and sang "Every Good Gift", "BIBLE", "Five Little Pumpkins" and "If You Were a Ghost". Everyone certainly enjoyed this. A short report was given on the WELCA Synodical Convention held in Corpus Christi October 9-11 and on the Bishop's Convocation held on October 13th. The birthday door prize went to Dorothea Rounsavill and others to Gladys Pfluger and Shirley Werchan.

Please join us on Wednesday, November 11th at 11:30 am for another potluck when you will see something new at Tired and Retired. We will be honoring the following November birthdays: Maria Appelhans, Larry Bradley, Elnora Craig, Denise Dearing, ElNora Estes, LaDell Freudenberg, Angeline Fritsch, Michael Hansen, Bertha Hill, Raymond Kaatz, Andy Koester, Janet Kusano, Alvin Luedecke, John Mecey, Vernagene Mott, Susan Murphy, 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

During the month of November, the Women of the ELCA are asking for your help in collecting items for Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits. The items included in a Baby Care Kit provide the VERY BASIC things a mother needs to keep her baby warm and clean. Baby Care Kits include the following items in sizes 6 – 24 months *(Note: gently used, clean items (no stains or tears) can be substituted for new items)*:

- Lightweight cotton t-shirts *(onesies can be cut and hemmed/serged to make a t-shirt)*
- Long or short sleeved gowns/sleepers without feet *(top/pant sets may be substituted for gowns/sleepers; top/pant sets or sleepers with feet can be donated and WELCA members will cut the feet off and sew the leg endings)*
- Receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
- Cloth diapers (or visit www.lwr.org/babycarekits for instructions on how to make diapers from flannel or even a recycled t-shirt)
- A jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, *or include a baby cap*
- Socks
- Hand towel, dark color recommended
- Bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of gentle soap, in original wrapping
- Diaper pins or large safety pins -2

More information about the Baby Care Kits is provided on posters around the church. Please place your donations in baskets located in the Lower Narthex/breezeway to the Parish Hall or in the WELCA room. Thank you for helping the Women of the ELCA with this Lutheran World
Relief project.

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting or perhaps you want to learn, please consider being a part of Immanuel's Prayer Shawl Ministry. This ministry meets the second Saturday of every other month, with our next meeting being held on November 14th at 9:00am in the lower narthex. We gather to work on shawls, scarves, and other ministry items. It is a great way to learn a craft and share your talents with others. You may contact coordinators Elizabeth Arndt at 512-721-5225 or earndt0@gmail.com and Bonnie Sassman at 512-251-2711 or bsassy55@aol.com with questions.

Thank you so much to Pastor Rosy, Pastor Tom, and all of those at Immanuel who offered their prayers, support, and encouraging words during the difficult challenges I faced in the past few months. Your kindness will always be remembered. Thru prayer, the seemingly unjust events in my life turned into wonderful blessings.

Thanks be to God,
Mildred Huebel

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to all the families and friends who participated in our Trunk or Treat this year. We served 100's of kiddos in awesome costumes. Ya'll were the greatest and did a wonderful job decorating your trunks. See you next year!

Pflugerville Pfall Pfest Baked Goods Sale: Immanuel women will again participate in the Pfall Pfest on Saturday, November 21th from 9am-4 pm. If you wish to bring your items to the church on Friday during regular business hours, please place them in the workroom and someone will take them over to the Recreation Center. You can also bring them to the Rec Center on Saturday, day of the sale. The proceeds from this sale will help benefit WELCA and their many ministries. Contacts are Sharion Tanner and Janelle Hebbe.

Prayer Chain: We are in the process of producing the 2016 WELCA yearbook. If you would like to be a part of the prayer chain ministry by adding your name to the list please contact Janelle Hebbe or the church office by November 11th.

"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, Lt. 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 & Britta Herzog's Grandson

Matthew R. Tiemann, Capt.
US Marine Corps
Rob & Carrie Tiemann's Son

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

We're Reaching Fund (New Building)
Garden of Prayer/Labyrinth Fund
Cemetery Endowment Fund
Pre-Theological Fund
Technology Fund
Cemetery Fund
Food Pantry

Food Pantry News for September

Number of clients assisted—157
Number of Family Members—467
New clients included—14
Pastors Fund assists—11

Official Acts:

Marriage: 10/10—Kara Nicole Reeder
Richard Jay Stewart

Death: 10/2—Williemae Egger Pfluger

Mini-Treasurer's Report:

General Fund

Balance 9/22/2015	$ 29,004.16
Income 9/23-10/23	54,578.38
Expenses 9/23-10/23	- 66,393.99
Balance 10/23/2015	$ 17,188.55

Offering General Fund Budgeted January-October 23, 2015	$399,728.00
Offering General Fund Received January-October 23, 2015	$362,425.79

Building Loan Balance October 23, 2015	$346,376.24
Building Loan Checking Account 10/23	22,154.15

Day School:

Balance 9/22/2015	$ 40,190.88
Income 9/23-10/23	79,714.50
Expenses 9/23-10/23	- 94,742.70
Balance 10/23/2015	$ 25,162.68

Day School Ministry News

We had a busy October with action-packed days! From Dr. Bain's team visit to teach us about proper dental hygiene, to the Pflugerville Fire Department visit to teach us about their work and fire safety, to a month of Christ-centered education. We learned that God provides us with our homes, our rooms, our strong bodies and minds and our sweet four-legged friends. We learned how to take care of all aspects of our life because this is one of the easiest ways to give GLORY TO GOD! We also tapped into our teachers creative minds and had a Halloween Door Decorating Contest – the outcome was spectacular. We have some very talented teachers who outdid themselves on their spooky door décor.

Throughout October, Immanuel Lutheran Day School has helped paint Pflugerville pink on "Pfridays" to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month! We celebrated SURVIVORS by wearing PINK t-shirts designed for ILDS to honor and support their journey. We surround those battling this disease with prayer and shower them with love. We especially support our very own, Mrs. Linda, who is so strong, courageous and positive. She amazes us with her outlook as she continues to fight her fight. Please keep her and others in your prayers. We still have some t-shirts available for purchase – the proceeds of this fundraiser will go towards a special gift and towards improvements on our playground.

We are also very excited to offer the safety, convenience and ease of Tuition Express to our ILDS families. This is a payment processing system that allows secure, on-time tuition and fee payments from either a bank account or a credit card. Many parents have suggested this over the years and we were happy to find a solution that fit. We are kicking this off with November tuition payments.

Because of the recent awesome rain, we were forced to reschedule our Parent Volunteer Day (originally set for Saturday, October 24th). We have a list of chores prepared and some of the parents were going to help knock some off the list. We hope to get this back on the schedule in November. We look forward to getting some of these tasks done with the gracious help of our supportive parents.

On November 17th, we will celebrate our Thanksgiving Share Feast where we celebrate with parents and grandparents over a delicious pot-luck lunch. Thanksgiving is a time for yummy treats, fun family moments and time to reflect on the blessings God has provided each of us. We pray you all have a blessed Thanksgiving with your family. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the Day School Ministry. Without the prayerful support from our church family, we wouldn't have the strong momentum to shape the hearts and minds of our students to love and serve our AWESOME GOD!

God's peace and love,
The ILDS Team

Mark Your Calendars—November 22nd will be our annual Community Thanksgiving Service! This year it will be hosted by Pflugerville Community Church at 7pm. The offering will go towards the Pflugerville Pastor's fund. Hope to see you all there!

From the Youth & Family Ministry Office…

A great big THANK YOU to all who supported the BBQ Chicken Fundraiser!!

Despite the rainy weather, we had a great turn out and sold 380 chicken plates. We appreciate all those who bought tickets and helped make our fundraiser a success.

There are so many people I could thank who helped make this event happen!

To the Holy Smokers, thank you gentlemen for your dedication and support of our young people. I appreciate all you did!!

To the many parents that came to help. Without all of you this wouldn't happen and for sure wouldn't go so smoothly!

And….to all the youth who came and worked their tails off. Thanks for being awesome and working hard to get credit for your camps and mission trips!

Thanks again to all of those who bought tickets and hopefully enjoyed a great lunch! Mark it down for next year…last weekend of October!!

<>< Live, serve and love boldly!
Katie Wegner,
Director of Youth and Family Ministry

November – 2015

Youth and Family Ministry Calendar:

November 8 – 2nd Annual Bike Ride and Picnic
Please RSVP to Katie or sign up on the bulletin board in front of the Parish Hall

November 13 – 15 – Synod Middle School Youth Gathering at Camp Chrysalis

Other important dates:

December 13 – Summer Camp Super Sunday – 4:30-6:00pm; The Montandon's home

December 22 – Southwest Texas Synod Day at Six Flags San Antonio for Holiday in the Park
Contact Katie if you are interested. All ages welcome.

February 19 – 21 – Synod Sr. High Youth Gathering at Camp Chrysalis

Pfeathered Pfun Run on Thursday, November 26th: Want to help support the ILC Food Pantry and get a little exercise on **Thanksgiving morning?** The Pfeathered Pfun Run 5K/10K/KidsK has chosen ours as one of the local food pantries to benefit from this fun run/walk around Lake Pflugerville. Choose to run either a 5K or 10K, depending upon how hungry you want to be for dinner. For the younger runners, there is a Little Trotters Kids' K.

- Kids K (Youth thru age 10) Run Start: 8:00am
- 10K Start: 8:30am
- PfiveK Start: 8:35am

Register at http://www.pfunrun.com. ILC participants can get $5 off with this code: AID5. Canned goods and non-perishables will also be collected for the Pflugerville-area food pantries, including the Yellow Brick House. Look for your Immanuel friends manning one of the water stations!

EDUCATION MINISTRY

NOVEMBER 2015

An "open" invitation:

This is the time of year where invitations to ALL sorts of events are in abundance. We get invitations to holiday open houses, invitations to stores for their "holiday shopping experience", to car dealerships to see and test drive the "latest models"…. You pass by countless banners alongside the road announcing Holiday Craft shows/ Christmas Bazaars inviting anyone who passes by to their event…won't be long until the "Christmas Eve Service Times" banners are in front of every church in every town and city…Then there are invitations to apply for a credit line with VISA or MASTERCARD or AMEX…the store clerks at all the stores invite you to "save 10% on this sale if you just apply for our store credit card"…How many birthday parties have you or your children been invited to this year? How many times has some child or youth come to your home or approached you inviting you to participate in a fund raiser which will help them, their team, their organization or their school achieve a goal they are reaching for? How many home parties have you been invited to this year? (Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Southern Living?)…Have you had any Wedding Invitations, how about Bridal Shower or Baby Shower? How about the call you hate to receive for the invitation to visit a loved one breathing their last breath in the hospital, or to a friends, neighbors, co-worker, families funeral?

I've not taken count, but would venture to guess that at our household we've been invited to something more than 50 times this year..and that's just a guess.

Google says there are 55 verses in the Bible using the word "invitation"… think with me about all the times Jesus asked different people to follow him, how about His invitation to the lady at the well to receive "the Living water"?

Our living King wants and invites all of us to have a real time, living, everyday relationship with Him. I'm going to make it a point this holiday season to "invite" as many people as I can to join me in worship, prayer, church, Bible study, and serving. Would you please join me? Let's make it a season to "invite" people (young and old) to join us to gather, grow and serve with us. I'm certain we will be blessed by the results of our **INVITATIONS** to others. Praise be to God!

All fabulous ladies are **invited** join us for our 3rd Annual Merry, Martha & Me event on Thursday, November 19th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. 20+ decorated tables will be hosted by women of our church. You are welcome to buy a ticket for a specific table or we'll find a place for you. Bring a friend, neighbor, coworker, or any lady you'd like. We'll enjoy a catered meal, entertainment, and a lot of fun and laughs. Sara Hickman (local singer/songwriter/musician) is our entertainment.

Tickets are on sale ($25.00) during the week (at the church office) or on Sundays by the Breezeway into Parish Hall.

Sunday School: Classes for Pre School through adult. Please join us at 9:45am every Sunday. Our bulletin has the latest class topic and locations.

Dates to Remember….

November 19th Merry, Martha & Me 5:30pm—8:30pm

December 16th - Christmas Program (w/ dinner) 5:30pm—7:30pm

REACH,TEACH,EQUIP while we GATHER, GROW, & SERVE

For more information about this ministry please email susan@ilcpville.org

Serving in November 2015

Acolytes:
Nov 1: Sam Rachui & Reed Reiland (7:45) Hayden Perry & Joshua Priem (11:00)
Nov 8: MacKenna Perisho & MaKayla Leatherman (7:45) Sarah Malinowski & Katie Krause (11:00)
Nov 15: Allison Thompson & Veronica King (7:45) Zachary Lenz & Corey Kuempel (11:00)
Nov 22: Caleb & Cody Dubes (7:45) Kailey Hoffman & Kalie Tovar (11:00)
Nov 29: Elena Swenson & Julie Hodges (7:45) Hunter Damstrom & Benjamin Weiss (11:00)

Elders for November: Larry Bradley (Early) Bob Lovett (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 1: Marie Davis (7:45) Jennifer Hoffman (8:30) Kenneth Adix (11:00)
Nov 8: WELCA (7:45) WELCA (8:30) WELCA (11:00)
Nov 15: Annyce Bohls (7:45) Devorah Jakubowsky (8:30) Carol Fletcher (11:00)
Nov 22: no readers needed
Nov 29: Barbara Bohls (7:45) Jennifer Hoffman (8:30) Steve Barczi (11:00)

Communion Assistants
Nov 1: Marie Davis (7:45) Tina & Nikolas Hamilton, **2 needed** (8:30) Kenneth & Kristin Adix, Grace Lin (11:00)
Nov 8: WELCA (7:45) WELCA (8:30) WELCA (11:00)
Nov 15: Annyce Bohls (7:45) Martin, Devorah & Devon Jakubowsky, **1 needed** (8:30) Grace Lin, Clint & Carol Fletcher (11:00)
Nov 22: **1 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:30) Steve & Hellen Barczi, Britta Herzog (11:00)
Nov 29: Barbara Bohls (7:45) **4 needed** (8:30) Steve & Hellen Barczi, Britta Herzog (11:00)

November Chapel Assistants
Early Service: Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing, Ralph Kirkley
Late Service: Lon Duke (1) Bruce Freudenberg (8) J.B. Marshall (15) **1 needed** (22 & 29)

Altar Guild
Nov 1 & 8
Kristin Adix & Courtney Emken

Nov 15, 22 & 29
Cheri Murray, Dorothy Kraemer, Marie Davis

Ushers
Nov 1: Vera Gebert, **3 needed** (7:45) Tina & Nikolas Hamilton, **2 needed** (8:30) Barczi Family (11:00)
Nov 8: WELCA (7:45) WELCA (8:30) WELCA (11:00)
Nov 15: **4 needed** (7:45) Jakubowksy Family, **1needed** (8:30) Steve Barczi Family (11:00)
Nov 22: **4 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:30) Steve Barczi Family (11:00)
Nov 29: Barbara & James Bohls, **2 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:30) Steve & Hellen Barczi, **2 needed** (11:00)

Children's Message:
Nov 1: Pastor Rosy (8:30 & 11:00)
Nov 8: Mike Maluschka (8:30) Debbie Wiederhold (11:00)
Nov 15: Melissa Malinowski (8:30) Puppets (11:00)
Nov 22: Jennifer Hoffman (8:30) Megan Freudenberg (11:00)
Nov 29: Stacy Mueller (8:30) Debbie Wiederhold (11:00)

Coffee Makers
Nov 1: Hal Kuempel
Nov 8: Mark Mueller
Nov 15: Kristin Adix
Nov 22: Lon Duke
Nov 29: Hal Kuempel

Console Operators/Parish Hall Projectionist
Nov 1: Matthew Krieg (7:45) Rick Cox (8:30) Willard Hebbe (11:00)
Nov 8: Brent Reeder (7:45) Rick Cox (8:30) Charles Kleen (11:00)
Nov 15: Matthew Krieg (7:45) Rick Cox (8:30) David Gifford (11:00)
Nov 22: Peter Hayes (7:45) Rick Cox (8:30) Willard Hebbe (11:00)
Nov 29: Brent Reeder (7:45) Rick Cox (8:30) Charles Kleen (11:00)

Flower Calendar
Nov 1:
Nov 8:
Nov 15:Altar-J. Hebbe
Nov 22: Pedestal-Leary
Nov 29: