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October 2017 Newsletter for  
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*500 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH* a young German monk started a movement that would change the world. That is not an exaggerated statement. The Protestant Reformation begun by Dr. Martin Luther was and is a big deal. Discontent with the Church's teaching and political involvement had been smoldering for centuries, and many other theologians and leaders would join

and support the effort, but it was Luther's posting of his ninety-five thesis on October 31, 1517 that started the firestorm. Excellent books and movies and television documentaries abound right now that chronicle the historical events of 500 years ago as well as the impact still today. I encourage you to take advantage of these resources.

Luther became a powerful and influential leader, but it was his personal search for peace with God that ultimately led to change in the Church and society. His personal struggle led him to search the Scriptures. Luther's study convinced him that the Church of his day had lost sight of the Bible's central themes, that God is gracious and merciful and abounding in steadfast love, that God in Christ has reconciled all people to God, that God is not a vengeful God, God is Love, and Love wins.

When Luther challenged the Church and political powers of his day, the Church and the Holy Roman Empire quickly responded, demanding that he retract his statements. He was eventually declared an outlaw. With the protection of the German princes, the "Protesting" Church survived and Luther lived to the ripe old age of sixty-three. Nevertheless, countless people died in the wars that raged across Western Europe for the next one-hundred years. Political and economic power combined with and supported by theological opinions has often proven to be deadly throughout history.

Are the theological opinions and the movement begun by Dr. Martin Luther still important today? I will leave you to contemplate that question. Our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America believes that by the grace of God, we are "always being made new." The Church is continually reforming because people, you and I, are continually in need of reformation.

Please come and celebrate and give thanks and praise to God on Reformation Sunday, October 29! There will be two festival services at 8:45 and 11:00, both in the Church Sanctuary.

Your brother in Christ,  
Pastor Tom

**What Does Communion Mean To You?** The Altar Guild is in need of more volunteers to prepare for communion in the Sanctuary. Holy Communion is a special part of our worship service — please consider becoming a member of this ministry. Pray about it and let God be your guide in making this decision. Women, men or families are welcome. As a co-chairman for the Altar Guild, I would be more than happy to help in the training of new volunteers. Please contact the church office or Mary Jo Beene at 512/801-6965 if you are interested.

**Tired and Retired** enjoyed a very delicious potluck meal in September with thirty-two present. We really appreciated the Day School children and their songs: "I'm in the Lord's Army", Jesus Loves Me, and the "ABC" song. Our guest speaker was Christie Reiland, the Director of Therapy Operations at Health South in Round Rock. She provided us with lots of beneficial information about stroke awareness and fall prevention. Thank you, Christie! The birthday door prize went to Merle Weiss and the other door prizes to Marie Davis and Gloria Kuempel.

Please join us on Wednesday, October 11th at 11:30am for another potluck with a Halloween theme. We will be honoring the following October birthdays: 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, Jerry Moellenberg, Robert Olson, Donna Parker, Diane Reichenbach, Dorothea Rounsavill, Elois Sakewitz, David Searcy, Verna Speights, Karen Turek, Larry Vorwerk, Robert Weiss, Donna Winkley, David Wodrich.

### Women Of The ELCA

**PERSONAL CARE KITS** for Lutheran World Relief will be the focus of Immanuel's WELCA group during the month of October. Personal Care 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 keep clean and healthy. Donations can be dropped off in the WELCA supply room or the designated baskets found around Immanuel.

A bath towel (between the sizes of 20" x 40" and 27" x 52") - Shop for a light or medium-weight towels as recipients hand wash and air 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; mini hotel size bars are not accepted).

One adult-size toothbrush, in its original wrapping (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.

**Visitation Ministry:** Are you someone who enjoys visiting with others and sharing friendly conversation? If so, please consider being a part of ILC's visitation ministry. We visit church members who are no longer able to be out and about as they once were. Our teams are comprised of two individuals who are given the names of those to be visited. If you have questions or would like to assist in this area of ministry, please call Sharion Tanner at 512-990-9645.

**Heartfelt appreciation** to the WELCA group for faithfully continuing the traditional Senior Dinner honoring those members over 70. Sunday was a special treat with the exceptional meal and fellowship. These ladies tirelessly do so much every year serving locally as well as impacting people globally with their special projects. The *faith, hope and love* theme was inspirational. Thank you!

**Thank you** to everyone at Immanuel, especially Pastor Tom, the Tired and Retired Group, and the Prayer Shawl Ministry, for your prayers, phone calls, and cards. All of you have given me so much love and encouragement during my numerous surgeries and long recovery. What a Blessing!

**Mildred Huebel**

**Thanks** to everyone for all your prayers, cards, visits during Otto's recent surgery and rehab. As he continues to recover, please keep him in your thoughts & prayers.

**Otto & Shirley Werchan**

**The Lower Narthex Rejuvenation Committee** will have a vignette in the lower narthex on October 1 to help you visualize the room when it is completed. All the new elements will be on display as the project moves forward. This is your opportunity to be part of the rejuvenation of the single most utilized space on our campus. Let's work together to make it warm and welcoming. You can be part of the transformation by contributing to the Lower Narthex Rejuvenation Fund. Our Council approved this project on August 21, however due to the condition of the general fund they did not approve any funds for the project. Thus we have established the Lower Narthex Rejuvenation Fund for donations. The project has two phases. Phase I includes removal of the existing flooring, installation of COREtec Plus 5", 4 ceiling fans, 6 solar roller shades and 6 cloth covered window cornices. Phase II will include 40 church chairs (like those in the Chapel), 3 bar height hospitality tables, 1 additional 60" round table and a stainless steel waste can. Working together we can accomplish great things.

**Mini-Treasurer's Report:**

**General Fund**

General Fund	
Balance 08/18/2017	\$ 14,030.96
Income 08/19-09/23	61,960.73
Expenses 08/19-09/23	- 46,174.32
Balance 09/24/2017	<u>\$ 29,817.37</u>

Loan Balance Comerica	\$ 40,620.56
Loan Balance First Texas	200,000.00
Building Loan Account Balance	\$ 44,905.11

**Day School:**

Balance 08/18.2017	\$ 78,480.16
Income 08/19-09/23	108,689.85
Expenses 08/19-09/23	- 115,687.71
Balance 09/23/2017	<u>\$ 71,482.30</u>

**Food Pantry News for August**

Number of clients assisted—120  
 Number of Family Members—390  
 New clients included—8  
 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 next meeting of the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will be on Saturday, October 14th at 9:00am in the lower narthex. Its time to get involved in that new crochet or knitting hobby to keep you busy while watching all those football games. All people, skill levels and projects are welcome! Please consider joining us to crochet or knit prayer shawls, share patterns and skills, and enjoy fellowship together. For more information, please contact Bonnie Sassman at bsassy55@aol.com or Elizabeth Arndt at earndt0@gmail.com.

**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 you 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 assistance.

**Coffee and Conversation:** On Sunday, October 8th from 8:45 - 10:30am, please join Elizabeth Arndt in the lower narthex to discuss the ILC Budget process for 2018. Find out the financial needs of our congregation and what is involved in creating the ILC budget. This is an opportunity to share your views and discuss the process. For more information contact Elizabeth Arndt at earndt0@gmail.com.

**"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

GENERAL FUND		Immanuel Lutheran
Name _____ Address _____	The following pledge is gratefully acknowledged  Payable Cash \$ _____ _____ Payments of \$ _____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____ Quarterly _____ Or _____ TOTAL PLEDGE \$ _____ BEGINNING _____	
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:		
52 Weekly payments of \$ _____ per week totaling \$ _____		
12 Monthly payments of \$ _____ per month totaling \$ _____		
_____ payments of \$ _____ per _____ totaling \$ _____		
Cash or Check herewith _____ \$ _____	Please make check payable to	
Total Commitment _____ \$ _____	Immanuel Lutheran Church	

The Stewardship Committee will use the above pledge card this year in support of the 2018 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 October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**"Reformation The Musical"** is a fully-staged historical theatrical musical that focuses on Martin Luther's 16th century attempt to reform the Roman Catholic Church. It will be presented at Triumphant Love Lutheran Church, 9508 Great Hills Trail in Austin, TX 78759. Performances are October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm and October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00pm. For ticket information visit the website at: [www.tllc.org](http://www.tllc.org).

**500th Anniversary of the Reformation Celebration:** Martin Luther was passionate about music and considered it one of the most powerful ways to preach the Gospel. He believed the whole congregation should sing in worship and be involved in the music life of the church. He sought advice from and surrounded himself with skilled musicians. The blunt and "earthy" Luther wrote, "...next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise." "...A person who gives this some thought and yet does not regard it (music) as a marvelous creation of God, must be a clodhopper indeed and does not deserve to be called a human being; he should be permitted to hear nothing but the braying of donkeys and the grunting of hogs."

To mark the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation ILC will have two worship services on October 29th at 8:45 and 11:00. You are invited to join our 10-member choir that morning to make our musical offering something of which Luther would be proud. We'll have brass and bells and pull out all the stops! Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights at 6:30 in the Music Room.

The congregation is invited to a brunch between the services. The brunch will take place in the Parish Hall. Fruit, pastries and breakfast casseroles will be served. If you would like to share some food, signup sheets will be available online at <http://www.bit.ly/ILCbrunch> and in the lower narthex.

**Help Us Stock the Backpack Ministry Pantry:** When students head back to school, Immanuel's backpack ministry needs your support! This year, the backpack ministry committee has set a goal of providing weekly backpacks of food for 50 kids at Ruth Barron Elementary. There are lots of easy ways for you to help with this ministry, which ensures that kids from food insecure homes come to school on Monday nourished and ready to learn:

- Make a monetary donation. No amount is too small! Set aside what you can when you can and specify the amount on your donation envelope. Our backpack ministry volunteers will do the shopping.
- Make a weekly or monthly donation. It takes just \$5.25 a week or \$25 a month to sponsor one student.
- Make a one-time monetary donation. The cost to provide a weekend backpack for one student for the entire school year is \$200.
- Choose an item off of the list below and use your smart phone to set up a reminder to purchase it on a schedule you establish.
- Shop for any of the items you see on the list below when you head to the store:  
 15 or 30 oz Ravioli with meat cans; Single serve mac and cheese; Canned chicken noodle soup ; Instant oatmeal packets or cups; Fruit cups, individual servings; Ramen cups; Peanut butter crackers ; Popcorn, individual bags; Granola bars; Fruit snacks; Goldfish crackers; Shelf-stable milk (8 oz. boxes, any flavor)

Food donations go in the backpack ministry tub outside the church office.

*From the Youth & Family Ministry Office...*

The month of October brings lots of things to mind...cooler weather (hopefully), football, pumpkins...and BBQ CHICKEN!!!

Many of you have probably bought BBQ Chicken plates before, THANKS!! If not, hopefully you will make sure and get your ticket this year. Our young people and their parents work really hard to make sure that these to-go dinners are a tasty meal!

And yes, your \$10 gets you a tasty meal...but, your \$10 is also making possible something much bigger than just an easy lunch. Your donations and support of our youth ministry fundraisers sends our young people to summer camps, youth gatherings, mission trips, etc.

During the year it is easy to get stuck in the grind of daily life. So many activities, meetings and opportunities compete for space and commitment on our calendars. There's homework and band competitions; soccer games and cheer practice.

The summer often brings the gift of time. Time to get away, time to spend on things that the school year makes hard. This is why time spent at summer camp or on a mission trip can be so formative and have lasting impacts. Over the years I have witnessed the power that these kinds of experiences have on our young people; experiences that are formative for a lifetime, not just that isolated week out of the summer.

Immanuel Lutheran has always been a congregation that goes above and beyond to support their young people. The generosity of encouragement, finance and prayer makes a difference. We are a body of believers that values the presence of our young people NOW rather than simply seeing them as the "church of tomorrow". They are our future, but they are also our now.

Thank you for purchasing tickets and making our fundraisers successful. Moreover, thank you for valuing our young people and drawing them to the center of our life together as a congregation. We must keep investing in our young people and making way for them to have a part in this body of believers now, for the future.

Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> is when the BBQ Chicken dinners will be served to-go style. As we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, let's invest in our young people to see that another 500 years happens.

Grace and peace.

<>< **Live, serve and love boldly!**

Katie Wegner,  
Director of Youth and Family Ministry

**October - 2017**

Youth and Family Ministry Calendar:

**October 8** - Youth Committee Meeting

--12:00pm in the Youth Room; we will assign jobs for BBQ chicken fundraiser day

**October 20-22** - Middle School Youth Gathering at Camp Chrysalis

--Registration forms and fee due October 8th

**October 25** - Trunk or Treat!!

**October 28/29** - Set-up/BBQ Chicken Fundraiser for Youth Ministry

--Set-up will begin at 2pm in the Bistro

--We will begin our assembly line to make up the to-go plates at 10:30am

**Official Acts:**

Deaths: 9/1—Sharon D. Imken

9/17—Ernest Calvin Smith

9/23—Victor Rudolph Pfennig

# EDUCATION MINISTRY

October 2017

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



Decorate your trunk, bring serve our trick or treaters community.

**We are asking for bags of candy to be donated. We have so many kiddos and a lot of our cars and trucks ran out. Please drop off donations to church office. MUST be store wrapped with NO open bags. Thanks so much!!!**

TONS of candy and help us from our congregation and

**When?** Wednesday, October 25th

**Time?** 6pm to 8pm (set up to be done by 5:30pm)

**Where?** Church parking lot

**What?** Loads of kiddos (350 last year) trick or treat from your trunk/truck bed before or after they attend "Spooktacular" presented by ILDS Day School

Pick up your application by Ms. Sherri's office or from Susan. Every car must register!

**Merry, Martha & Me** hostess meeting is on Sunday, October 1st at noon in the lower Narthex. If you are a new hostess, don't know if you want to be but would like to know more, or are a returning hostess please join us for a "here's what you need to know" meeting...won't take more than an hour.

Merry, Martha & Me is celebrating it's 5th year. It's an evening for ladies...come out for a catered meal, wonderful entertainment, handsome and gracious service, lots of laughter and conversation all while sitting with a group of your favorite girls at a creatively, beautifully decorated table. Stay tuned for details....

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** on Sunday, October 29th. We are celebrating our 500th anniversary since the Reformation as a church with 2 services. We will enjoy a breakfast potluck during the time between the 2 services. Please bring a goodie to share.

**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, October 2nd.

**Upcoming Dates:**

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| October 9th   | Chic Fundraising Event at Charming Charlie's |
| October 25th  | Trunk or Treat (and Spooktacular)            |
| 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](mailto:susan@ilcpville.org) for more information

## Serving in October 2017

### Acolytes

Oct 1: Connor Herring & Reese Krause (7:45) Catherine & Jacqueline Kruse (11:00)  
Oct 8: Alyssa Motloch & Emerson Perisho (7:45) Stella Rachui & Tate Reiland (11:00)  
Oct 15: Ava Owen & Kyle Ward (7:45) Shelby Weaver & Elliott Weiss (11:00)  
Oct 22: Kadie & Bryce Van Houten (7:45) Sam & Madison Puryear (11:00)  
Oct 29: Hudson Mueller & Rex Kuempel (8:45) T.J. Odegaard & Dominic Weber (11:00)

**Elders for October:** Kelly Knobloch (Early) Carol Fletcher (Middle) Beverly Wolff (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 1: **1 needed** (7:45) Carol Fletcher (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)  
Oct 8: Candy Hansen (7:45) **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)  
Oct 15: Annyce Bohls (7:45) Carol Fletcher (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)  
Oct 22: **1 needed** (7:45) **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)  
Oct 29: **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)

### Communion Assistants

Oct 1: **1 needed** (7:45) Carol Fletcher, **3 needed** (8:45) Grace Lin, **2 needed** (11:00)  
Oct 8: Candy Hansen (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **3 needed** (11:00)  
Oct 15: **NO COMMUNION**  
Oct 22: **1 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **3 needed** (11:00)  
Oct 29: **2 needed** (8:45) **2 needed** (11:00)

### September Chapel Assistants

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

### Altar Guild

Oct 1 & 8	Oct 22 & 29
Belia Cano, JoAnn Van Burkleo	Bonnie & Mark Sassman, Sharion Tanner
Martha Sansom	

### Ushers

Oct 1: **4 needed** (7:45) Carol Fletcher, **3 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)  
Oct 8: Kelly Knobloch, **3 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)  
Oct 15: **4 needed** (7:45) Carol Fletcher, **3 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)  
Oct 22: **4 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)  
Oct 29: **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)

### Children's Message:

Oct 1: Katie Wegner (8:45 & 11:00)  
Oct 8: Mike Maluschka (8:45) Debbie Wiederhold (11:00)  
Oct 15: Katie Wegner (8:45) Rebecca Dittmar (11:00)  
Oct 22: Puppets (8:45) Melissa Malinowski (11:00)  
Oct 29: Pastor Tom (8:45 & 11:00)

### Console Operators/Parish Hall Projectionist

Oct 1: Charles Mott (7:45) Rick Cox (8:45) Charles Kleen (11:00)  
Oct 8: Brent Reeder (7:45) Rick Cox (8:45) Willard Hebbe (11:00)  
Oct 15: Matthew Krieg (7:45) Rick Cox (8:45) David Gifford (11:00)  
Oct 22: Vera Gebert (7:45) Rick Cox (8:45) Charles Kleen (11:00)  
Oct 29: Brent Reeder (8:45) Willard Hebbe (11:00)

### Flower Calendar

Oct 1: Chapel—J. Pfluger  
Pedestal—Van Burkleo  
Oct 8:  
Oct 15:  
Oct 22:  
Oct 29:

### Coffee Makers

Oct 1: Hal Kuempel  
Oct 8: Mark Mueller  
Oct 15: Kristin Adix  
Oct 22: Hal Kuempel  
Oct 29: Mark Mueller