



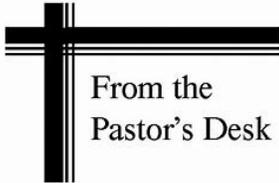
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November 2019 Newsletter for
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Dear Friends of Immanuel Lutheran -

From the
Pastor's Desk

In my first two months with you, I am continually impressed by your Lutheran passion and leadership. You are truly a great church. Today, I want to share with you where the Spirit is directing my efforts in 2020.

- Visitation & Caring Ministries: With over 200 members ages 70-100, ILC is a thriving place to be the "Greatest Generation." We will be working together to offer regular communion visits to members at home, in addition to our regular layperson visitation schedule.
- Stewardship & Vision: What makes our church special? Why should people give money to our church? What is the best way to steward those gifts? Our stewardship team and council will be listening, responding, and communicating the needs of ILC and the greater Pflugerville community.
- Evangelism & Growth: Did you know we have 10-20 visitors every Sunday? Lutherans are a special kind of Christian: we get filled up in worship to go out and serve in God's Creation. What can we say to our neighbors to help them be a part of what God is doing here? They need Jesus just like we do.

GOLDEN RULE
2020
A CALL FOR DIGNITY AND RESPECT IN POLITICS

As Fall edges toward Christmas, stay tuned for a special worship on November 10, "Golden Rule 2020: Civility in US Politics." We will have non-partisan prayers for the 2020 Federal election season. Wear purple to show that Lutherans vote both Red and Blue!

Advent season starts December 1st. Pick up your specially themed devotional in the Gather room, "What Can't Wait." There are adult and children's versions.

God's Peace to You,
Pastor Candice



Thank you to everyone who participated in Trunk or Treat! This was such a fun event! I hope you enjoyed yourself and please know you are so appreciated for participating in a wonderful community service! Let me know your thoughts on anything from the evening, things that went well, or things we can do better next year! I am always wanting to improve all of our experiences! Thank you again for your support! I hope you participate again next year!



Tired and Retired had a great October potluck with 33 present. We even had some Halloween attire as well as trivia enjoyed by all. The Day School sang "The Pumpkin Song", "Where Oh Where are the Pumpkins", and "Tiny Turtle", which is always so much appreciated. Vernagene reminded us of her challenge last month to be prayerful and hopeful during this transition period. Five additional reminders were Oktoberfest (October 20) at the Lions Clubhouse, Reformation Sunday (October 27), All Saints Day (November 3), Veterans' Day (November 10), and early voting (October 21-November 1). Door prizes were won by Vic Smith, Trilba Eschberger and Pat Roughton.



Won't you join us on Wednesday, November 13 at 11:30am for another potluck. We will be honoring the following November birthdays: Maria Appelhans, Donna Bilbrey, Lynette Borgfeld, Larry Bradley, Denise Dearing, Jan Dye, ElNora Estes, Robin Faulk, LaDell Freudenberg, James Hall, Michael Hansen, Bertha Hill, Raymond Kaatz, Andy Koester, John Mecey, Camille Miller, Vernagene Mott, Bob Nicholas, Stanley Pfeil, Doris Preusse, Wilford Preusse, Wayne Raney, Jeffrey Reeb, Mickey Reichenbach, Harry Richter, Fred Scott, Lorene Smith, Faye Steger, Kay Weiss, Marilyn Weiss, Olivia Williamson, and Karl Wolf.

Growth in Christ: for the month of November, let's read 1 and 2 Thessalonians. Paul wrote about our hope and future as we look for Christ's Second Coming.

November's Bible Study: we are finishing our three-part study on the writings and poetry in the Old Testament. The third session is on the gift of joy-what is joy and where does it come from?



Crafters—Tuesdays at 9:00am in Candy Hansen's studio
Elizabeth Circle—November 5 at 2:00pm in the Gather Room
Rebecca Circle—November 5 at 6:30pm in the Gather Room
Mary Circle—November 5 at 6:30pm at a member's home

Please join us as we study Psalm 30, Psalm 50, and chapter 2 of Song of Solomon.

Our **Cause of the Month** for November is the backpack ministry's Thanksgiving Dinner at Ruth Barron Elementary School. Donations for this event may be made at circle meetings or in the general offering marked as such on the envelope.

Women of Immanuel's Annual Pfall Pfest Bake Sale is Saturday, November 23 at the Pflugerville Rec Center. This is our ONLY fundraiser for the year. Please turn on your ovens and bake for us. Funds raised go toward funeral meals and LWR projects. Bring your home made goodies to the church office by 4pm on Friday, November 22, or to the Rec Center on Saturday, November 23. If you prefer, we would be glad to accept "no-bake" donations. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Brenda Bubert at 512-832-1006 or email brendaestell@gmail.com. The booth is open 8:30am-4pm, Saturday, November 23. THANK YOU so much from all of your WELCA sister's in Christ at ILC.

Personal Care Kits: WELCA is collecting the items below for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Please consider picking up one or more of the items listed to help an individual in need keep. Donations can be dropped off in the WELCA supply room; bath towels (20" x 40" or 27" x 52" light- or medium-weight), soap (original package - no mini hotel size), adult toothbrush (in original wrapping; multi-packs will be disassembled and individually sealed in business-size envelopes), sturdy comb (picks and fine tooth combs are not accepted), metal nail clipper (with/without file). Thank you for your continued support. We especially need clippers and toothbrushes. Any donation would be greatly appreciated!



Our mission at ILC: 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.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Saturday, November 9 at 9:00am in the Gather Room. Please join us as we knit and crochet shawls, scarves, and other projects of service. No experience required - just bring a willing heart! Contact Bonnie Sassman at bsassy55@aol.com or Elizabeth Arndt at earndt0@gmail.com for more information.

The Food Pantry was busy again in October with feeding more than 116 families and totaling approximately 365 family members and we had 8 new clients! Thank you for your continued support both with financial donations to the food pantry as well as your continued donations of non-perishable items.

A Christmas Journey is scheduled for Saturday, December 14 & Sunday, December 15 from 6:30pm-8:30pm. A Christmas Journey (formerly referred to as "Luminary") is a live nativity that tells the Christmas story through ten scenes set up in our front parking lot. The community is invited to drive through the outdoor display to experience the Christmas story in a unique way. We are so grateful for the hundreds & hundreds of volunteers that have allowed us to share this gift with our community since 1985! Stop by our table in the Gather Room beginning Sunday, November 10 to sign up or get more info on how you can participate! We welcome adults & youth (older elementary & up) to participate in this year's event! (Babysitting will be provided both nights.) Please email Natalie Knobloch at txag_95@hotmail.com or Kelly Knobloch at kknob62@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Two Important Upcoming Sundays: All Saints Day is Sunday, November 3. We will be honoring the memory of loved ones who have passed in the last year. Families are invited to greet one another and visit in the Gather Room in between services from 9:45am-10:15am. We will also be recognizing those who boldly served our country at both services on Sunday, November 10 in honor of Veteran's Day. Please enjoy fellowship in between services in the Gather Room from 9:45am-10:15am.



The **Annual Community Thanksgiving Service** is Sunday, November 24 at 6:00pm and hosted by ILC this year. Senior Associate Pastor Aaron Carter from Pflugerville United Methodist Church will be delivering the sermon. This service is a multi-denominational service for the community of Pflugerville. Please reach out to family, friends, and neighbors to extend an invitation to this service. Immediately following the service will be a "Pie Potluck" with WELCA serving. Please bring your favorite pie and enjoy this special time of fellowship.

A Note From the Call Committee

On October 6th, the Call Committee was selected by Congregational vote and installed by Pastor Candice. The members of the committee are Marie Davis, Melissa Malinowski, Mark Mueller, Chris Rankin, Mark Sassman, Karin Sladek and Dorothy Warren. Mark Sassman will serve as chairman and Karin Sladek will serve as secretary.

Our first meeting was conducted on October 16th. We began familiarizing ourselves with "The Call" process and briefly discussing the Ministry Site Profile, which is the document we will submit to the Bishop's office to be utilized for the selection of pastoral candidates. Pictures of the committee were taken and will be posted, along with contact information, in the Gather Room.

We are committed to keeping the Synod, Church Council and Congregation apprised of the committee's progress and to forward updates in a timely manner on a regular basis.

It is with great joy and enthusiastic anticipation that we have accepted these positions, as your Call Committee, and ask that you keep us in your prayers.

In His Service,

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| Mini Treasurer's Report: | |
| General Fund | |
| Balance 09/25/2019 | \$ 68,662.60 |
| Income 09/26 - 10/22 | \$ 65,794.74 |
| Expenses 09/26 - 10/22 | \$ (70,984.83) |
| Balance 10/22/2019 | \$ 63,472.51 |
| Building Fund Balance 10/22/2019 | \$ 154,791.88 |
| (balance includes \$101,546.81k CD) | |
| Day School: | |
| Balance 09/25/2019 | \$ 103,128.67 |
| Income 09/26 - 10/22 | \$ 103,772.26 |
| Expenses 09/26 - 10/22 | \$ (79,067.54) |
| Balance 10/22/2019 | \$ 127,833.39 |

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

- Prayer Garden
- Cemetery Endowment Fund
- Pre-Theological Fund
- Technology Fund
- Cemetery Fund
- Food Pantry
- Sunday School
- Backpack Ministry

"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.

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| Daylon Hethcock | Justin Steffek, Msgt. | Chase Bowden |
| US Navy | US Air Force | Serving in Iraq |
| Cyndi Motloch's Grandson | Marie Randig's Grandson | Paula Bowden's Son |
| Dan Dye | SSG Larry Jameson | Cole Elliott |
| Tx. National Guard | US Army | US Navy |
| Pat & Jan Dye's Son | Bradley Jameson 's Father | Yvonne Zimmer's Grandson |
| Matthew R. Tiemann, Capt. | Justin Hoffman, Col. | Patrick Roberts, St/Sgt |
| US Marine Corps | US Air Force | US Air Force |
| Rob & Carrie Tiemann's Son | Bob & Patti Hoffman's Son | Peggy Roberts' Grandson |
| Michael Wayne Green, Capt. | Michael Bradshaw | |
| US Marine Corp. | US Air Force | |
| Wayne & Aileene Saegert's Grandson | Glenn Herzog's Grandson | |

From your Church Council...

September was a great kick-off month with Rally Day and the installation of Pastor Candice Combs as our transition pastor. October continues that momentum with additional ideas and activities that will allow us to gather, grow, and serve.

At the October council meeting, members discussed an upcoming posting for a Choir/Music Director, as well as potential methods of furthering our Youth and Visitation Ministries. We are hoping to find ways to serve both the younger and the older members of our church family.

Over the next three months, the council will be working to draft a budget for the next fiscal year. In addition to the budget development, Amy Singer and others are working to update the ILC constitution, by-laws, and continuing resolutions (regarding the Day School, for instance) to clarify a number of sections. Please contact Amy if you have any questions.

Thank you for all of the nominees to the Call Committee and for all that attended the Congregational Meeting and Ministry Fair on September 29. Mark Sassman has been elected chairperson and the committee is currently reviewing the Call Committee handbook before tackling the ministry site profile, which provides the Synod with description of the desired/need attributes of the future permanent pastor. Please keep the Call Committee, as well as Council, staff, and Pastor Combs in your prayers in this transition period.

Yours in Christ

Kevin Kluge
 Council President
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

REMEMBERING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Happy Thanksgiving! What a wonderful time of the year to take time to reflect of all our blessings and be reminded of all the good things in our lives! When I am asked what am I thankful for, the first thing that comes to my mind is my family. This was something that even as a child, I understood the importance of family, as we always got together as much as possible and have family reunions each summer! We celebrated many joyous events and holidays together, had fun, and helped out each other in times of need. Having been a lifelong member of Pflugerville, with many family members in the area and here at ILC, it was always easy to see one another and get together. As families grow and mature, it becomes harder to get everyone together and see each other. That doesn't diminish any of my feelings of gratitude and the family bond I feel towards any of them. I am still grateful and very blessed to have a large family that supports each other and this community.

These are the same feelings I have towards our family here at Immanuel Lutheran Church! We are all one family to God. We are all related with our desire to worship our Lord each Sunday. We all work together to support this community, and the ELCA. It is amazing to see God's work through each of you every week! Your continuous support of ILC is such a beautiful thing to witness. I'm grateful and blessed to see each of you here! Please realize how wonderful this congregation is and enjoy every moment together and feel God's love around you as we gather in worship, grow in God's word, and serve God by serving others!

Many blessings to you and your family,

Melissa Weiss Parry



TRUNK or TREAT THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated or participated in Trunk or Treat this year! We received the most candy and Halloween trinket donations this year than ever from our congregation! We also had great participation with hosts of "trunks"!

Everyone is so creative! Thank you, also, to those who donated your time to make this event so wonderful! This community outreach event really touched the lives of all the children and adults that

Sunday, NOVEMBER 24, 2019



- ◆ **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** for Youth and Children (Thanksgiving Holiday)
- ◆ 9:30am Acolyte Training, Sanctuary, if you were unable to attend first session.

Sunday School for ALL ages, 9:30am-10:25am

Age 2—5th Grade: Basement

Middle School and High School: Youth Room by Gym

Breakfast at 9:30am in the Youth Room, then classrooms:

6th—7th grades, Bistro, next to Youth Room

8th grade, Confirmation, "Garage" Classroom behind Youth Room

9th—12th grades, Youth Room

Adult Classes:

"Pathfinders" Class, Parlor, "Relevant Topics of Today!"

"Searchers" Class Conference Room, Exploring the Gospel each week, led by Dorothy Kraemer

"Growers" Class, Grow Room (across hall from Conference Room), led by Barbara Bohls, a study of the book of James, "Live Faithfully."

There's
always
SOMETHING
to be
Thankful
for

UPCOMING DATES

November 10 Parish Ed Meeting, Parlor, 11:00am

November 24 **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

November 24 Acolyte Training, 9:30am, if unable to attend 1st session



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN DAY SCHOOL



SAY WHAT?! Our SUPER FUNNY ILDS kid 's quotes:

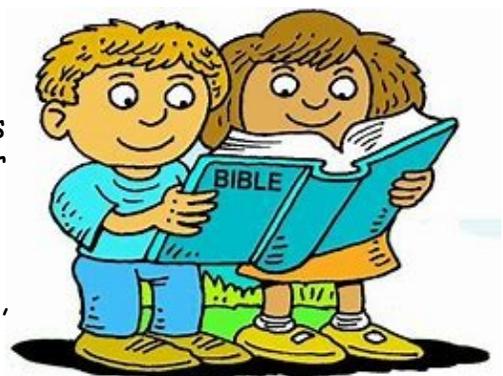
- * Ms. Dani asked Nate how he got so cute. He responded, "I got it from Target." (Chinstraps, 4 year old)
- * When Melinda was teaching chapel (*Genesis - In the beginning*), she asked the kiddos what the word *Genesis* meant. A lot of responses were "Jesus" or "God" or "Bible." Rylenn said "Row Row Your Boat." Nailed it! (Koala, 3 year old)
- * Ms. Tamara was talking to a parent about their child who had decided to bite a friend that day. The parent jokingly said that she thought he should be past that by now considering that he's 4 and that it might even be considered "assault" at this age. The child heard the word assault and said, "Hey, I know what that is. That's what you put on food." (Chinstraps, 4 year old)

Spooktacular - ILDS hosted its annual Spooktacular in conjunction with Trunk or Treat and WHAT A NIGHT it was! We had 55 volunteers and saw approximately 700 people from our community. We had food, live music, hay ride, bouncy house, balloon animals, face paint, photo booth and an incredible silent auction! We are so blessed by our community and love reaching out to others through events like this. THANK YOU to those who donated, helped or stopped by to visit! We enjoyed the fellowship.



Fire Prevention Month - October was Fire Prevention Month. Our older students enjoyed a visit from the Pflugerville Fire Department teaching us the difference between "Hot vs. Not" and "Toys vs. Tools". The firefighter put on his turnout gear to show the students that they should never be afraid of a firefighter. We also shared info with families to plan ahead. In a fire, you typically have 3 minutes to live. Fire moves fast - so have an action plan to save lives.

Bible verses - this month the students learned about several Bible stories including the Lost Coin and Daniel taking care of his body by choosing the right foods. Through our Bible stories, we are able to incorporate other important life lessons like cleaning your room, food choices, listening ears, helping our friends, etc. The teachers teach about 3 different types of foods - "GO! Foods", "WHOA! Foods" and "NO! Foods" to help the students have a better understanding about the nutrition in our food. We incorporate these bible stories into circle time, artwork, sensory bins, etc. We love watching the little ones learn about JESUS!



Talk to Jesus: when the Pre-K teachers need to redirect a student in class, they have a poster of Jesus, eye level to their students, with a chair in a special part of the room, that they redirect the student to. This is used for tattling, sad choices, unkind words, etc. They encourage the students to "Talk to Jesus". This helps give them time to cool down but, more importantly, it encourages them to begin conversations with Jesus! What a great thing!

Prayers for peace, protection and positivity!
Anchored in Christ,
Claudia Cardwell Director of Day School Ministries

Acolytes

November 3: **2 needed** (11:00)
November 10: **2 needed** (10:30)
November 17: **2 needed** (10:30)
November 24: **2 needed** (10:30)

Elders for November: Garry Sjolander & Kelly Knobloch (Early) Steve Dubes (Late). (Please contact them if you would like to assist with worship in September or go to <http://bit.ly/ILCsignup> to sign up yourself.)

Readers

November 3: Mark Sassan (8:30) Barbara Bohls (10:30)
November 10: Mary Jo Beene (8:30) Candy Hansen (10:30)
November 17: Marie Davis (8:30) Annyce Bohls (10:30)
November 24: **1 needed** (8:30) **1 needed** (10:30)

Communion Assistants

November 3: Mark Sassman, Sabastian & Nikolas Hamilton & **1 needed** (8:30)
November 10: Mary Jo Beene, Sebastian & Nikolas Hamilton & **1 needed** (8:30)
November 17: **4 needed** (8:30)
November 24: **4 needed** (8:30)

November Chapel Assistants

Early (Parish Hall Service): **2 needed** (3) **2 needed** (10) **2 needed** (17) **2 needed** (24)
Late (Sanctuary Service): **2 needed** (3) **2 needed** (8) **2 needed** (17) **2 needed** (24)

Altar Guild

Early (Parish Hall Service): November 3 & 17
Elizabeth Arndt

November 10 & 24
1 needed

Late (Sanctuary Service): November 3 & 10
Krisitn Adix & Courtney

November 17 & 24
Cheri Murray, Dorothy Kraemer, & Marie Davis

Ushers

November 3: Mark Sassman, Sabastian & Nikolas Hamilton & **1 needed** (8:30) **4 needed** (10:30)
November 10: Mary Jo Beene, Sebastian & Nikolas Hamilton & **1 needed** (8:30) **4 needed** (10:30)
November 17: **4 needed** (8:30) **4 needed** (10:30)
November 24: **4 needed** (8:30) **4 needed** (10:30)

Children's Message

November 3: Vicki Lovett (8:30) Mike Maluschka (10:30)
November 10: **1 needed** (8:30) **1 needed** (10:30)
November 17: **1 needed** (8:30) **1 needed** (10:30)
November 24: **1 needed** (8:30) **1 needed** (10:30)

Console Operators/Parish Hall Projectionist

November 3: Martin Jacobowsky/Kelby Sladek (8:30) Charles Kleen (10:30)
November 10: Martin Jacobowsky/Kelby Sladek (8:30) Dave Gifford (10:30)
November 17: Martin Jacobowsky/Kelby Sladek (8:30) Charles Kleen (10:30)
November 24: Martin Jacobowsky/Kelby Sladek (8:30) Matthew Krieg (10:30)

Flower Calendar

November 3: The Diamond Family
November 10:
November 17:
November 24:

Coffee Maker for November:
Mark Mueller