



**IMMANUEL  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

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October Newsletter  
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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are again experiencing a pastoral change here at Immanuel and I sense many of us have a feeling of loss and uncertainty. The departure of Pastor Candice added along with the adversity brought by COVID 19 leaves some of us feeling unsettled.

As I talk to fellow members and staff in recent days, I hear disappointment at news of her departure and a desire for stability with our pastoral leadership. In these conversations, I also feel the love and dedication our members and staff have toward Immanuel. We have so many members who volunteer their time and talents to help our missions and programs. We are an extraordinary congregation with dedication, purpose and tradition. We know how to work together to achieve common goals. We have focus and purpose as we carry out the work of our church.

Our church staff is clearly feeling the extra work ahead for them as Pastor Candice departs and we need to support them as we are able. I am so thankful for all the good work they do to support the church and day school. As I spend more time with our staff lately, I understand how much they do for us. We are truly blessed with such a talented and hard-working staff. I believe the best way to move forward is for us all to find ways to be more involved and help where we are able. I ask you to contact our congregational leaders and ask what you can do to help with worship, mission, fellowship, property or around the office. This not only helps us carry out our mission, but it also strengthens our faith.

Pastor Candice has helped us grow and experience new perspectives as we worship and serve our community. It is clear to me that she loves her work and puts her heart into it. I am confident she will continue to be an inspirational leader as she moves on to other calls. We wish you well Pastor Candice!

We will continue to use the same worship format accessed via YouTube. We will schedule "supply" pastors until we get a new transition pastor. Our goal is to live stream from the Parish Hall sometime after we have a new transition pastor in place. In addition, we have identified new software to enhance the quality our live streaming service which should be implemented soon. Meanwhile, our pastoral call process is ongoing.

A lesson I have learned is life's challenges can work themselves out if one works toward an effective solution. My point is that yes, we are experiencing change, but change is part of life and we are well equipped to work through these changes. I am confident we will soon find our permanent pastor and also be able to join together again for in-person fellowship and worship. In the near future, we will look back at these difficult times and know that our commitment and dedication to Immanuel Lutheran kept us and our mission strong and sustained.

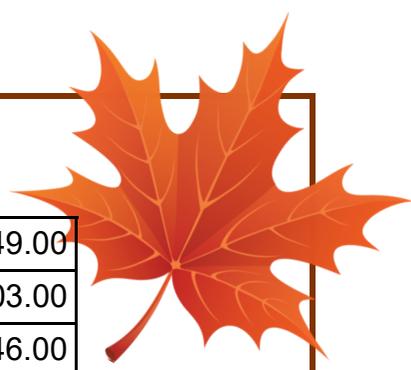
Brent Reeder  
Council President

### **Thank you Pastor Candice!**

We want to make sure that Pastor Candice knows how much we appreciate her service here at Immanuel. Please feel free to email her a note at [pastorcandice@ilcpville.org](mailto:pastorcandice@ilcpville.org) or mail a card to the church office at 500 Immanuel Road. You can also drop it in the box or bring it to the church office and we'll make sure she gets them.

## Financial Update for General Offerings

July - September Goal	\$133, 749.00
Offerings Collected as of September 20, 2020	\$100,203.00
Quarterly offerings still needed	\$33,546.00



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 Operating Fund, Food Pantry, Sunday School Fund, Backpack Fund, and Sotaria Praise Band.

### Official Acts:

We welcome Dean Emmett Sladek into the holy Christian Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. As fellow children of God, we rejoice with this new brother. Parents are Kelby and Karin Sladek. Sponsors are Riley and Susannah Sladek, Scott Arnhamn, and Jessica Calvo.

Dear Immanuel Members,

Last Spring the Church Council voted to convert Immanuel's financial operations to a Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020. This meant that we would have a Short Year from January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 prior to converting to the Fiscal year that begins July 1, 2020 and runs through June 30, 2021.

We have prepared a Short Year Annual Report for the six month period January 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020 for you to review and be informed of the church's financial position. The report is can be picked up at the church office.

If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact Sherry Markert, Business Administrator at the church office or David Hufstedler, Treasurer.



Wow- want to thank everyone for the great outpouring of concern during my recent surgery in August. The cards, prayers, rides, food and calls were fantastic. COVID prevented most in-person visits. Can't thank my niece and cousin as caregivers enough. I am so blessed to not need chemo it makes one feel so for those who do.

A huge blessing was the care, concern and prayers of Pastor Candice. I really appreciate all you did for me and your friendship.

God bless all, Janelle Hebbe



The church office is back open. Our current hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. These hours will slowly be extended to full time hours soon. We will keep you informed of when this happens. Some ministries have started to meet again in small groups. If your group has decided to start meeting again, please let the church office know so it can be added to the church calendar.

### Newsletter Deadlines!!

Reminder about deadlines: We must adhere to strict deadlines for the E-News and worship announcement slides. Any request must be submitted in writing by Wednesday afternoon. Any announcement request turned in after that time will gladly be processed for the following week's communication. Thank you for understanding that these communications take time to put together.



### Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee will be launching their stewardship campaign this month. Be looking in your mailbox for more details. You may also contact Devorah Jakubowsky for more details.





### WELCA Thankoffering Day



Thankofferings help support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization, including our triennial conventions, the work of your elected churchwide board, the annual conference of synodical presidents, our communications ministries, justice and advocacy work, and much more.

They also provide support for families of special needs children, addresses commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking and advances the health of women and children.

Monies also go to Katie's Fund- supports ministries in three areas: leadership development, global connections and living theology. The fund honors Katherina von Bora, Martin Luther's wife.

This year WELCA would like to thank you for filling those piggy banks that you received early this year. On October 18 there will be a Thankoffering service. You will be told where/when you can leave those piggy banks. If you still need one, they are available at the church office. Alternatively, you can leave a check payable to WELCA, Thankoffering, in the WELCA box at the office.

### Stamporee Ministry



Earlier this year, WELCA invited the entire congregation to participate in this stamp collection project. Collect stamps, cancelled or not, you can leave on envelope or trim ¼ inch around. There is now a box placed in the Gather Room for stamps. This is a project in combination with LCMS (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod). After stamps are collected we will either mail or take them to a LCMS church. The stamps will then be sold and the money used to assist Lutheran World Relief in transporting the kits and quilts to their destinations. Questions please contact either Janelle Hebbe or Becky Boyer.

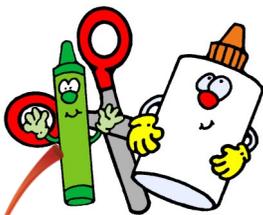
### All Saints Day - Sunday, November 3

All Saints Sunday is Sunday, November 3. We would like to have a special recognition in worship showing pictures of those we have lost the past year. Please contact the church office with names of those who have passed over the last year and if you can share a favorite picture of that at [candyk@gmail.com](mailto:candyk@gmail.com) or drop it off.



### Lutheran World Relief School Kits Need Your Help

In August, The Women of ILC hosted the collection and delivery of school supplies for Ruth Barron Elementary School. The response was exceptional and we thank you for your generous donations!!! Please consider donating the following school supplies for Lutheran World Relief School Kits:



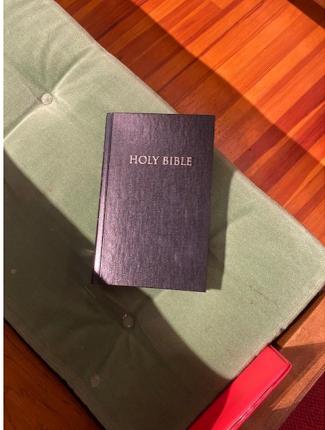
- Blunt Schools Scissors
- Pencil Sharpeners
- 2 ½" erasers
- 70 sheet, one subject spiral notebook (wide rule preferred).

Please drop off your donation in the plastic bin outside the church or place them in the WELCA Room. Your donations will be greatly appreciated!!!



## Stewardship Committee Request

On **Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 pm** important information will be mailed to the congregation regarding the "Make It Simple" stewardship campaign. We will be stuffing 600 envelopes. If you can spare an hour, your participation would be greatly appreciated. For details, contact Mark Sassman at (512) 680-8095 or [msassman77@aol.com](mailto:msassman77@aol.com).



## Prayer Time in the Sanctuary

The ILC Sanctuary will be open for quiet reflection, mediation, and prayer the following days.

- \*Sunday, October 4 from 4:00-5:00 pm
- \*Sunday, October 11 from 4:00-5:00 pm

Masks must be worn and social distancing will be observed. This will replace Wednesday evening Vespers which will be suspended at this time.

## Senior Recognition

September 20 in worship was senior recognition. We honored all of those who are 70 and older but honored 17 who are 90 and older. Immanuel is truly blessed with a multi-generational congregation full of love and stories.

## Church Calendar of Upcoming Events

- October 3—Red Cross Blood Drive hosted scouts
- October 4—Sanctuary open 4-6:00 pm
- October 10—Prayer Shawl Ministry
- October 11—Brownie Bake & Board Games with Frieda 1-4 pm
- October 11—Sanctuary Open 4-6:00 pm
- October 18—Thankoffering Service
- October 18—OctoberPfest & OctoberPfest Family Fun
- October 21—Quilters
- October 25—Make It Simple (Week 1 of Stewardship Campaign)
- October 26—**IMAGE ARTICLES DUE!!**

# ***Brownie Bake and Board Games!***

**When:** Sunday, October 11th,  
1pm - 4pm

**Where:** Immanuel Lutheran  
Church (in Parish Hall)

**Who:** Open to MS and HS  
youth

**Why:** To enjoy fellowship and  
bake brownies for the  
OctoberPfest!





## ILC Annual Golf Tournament

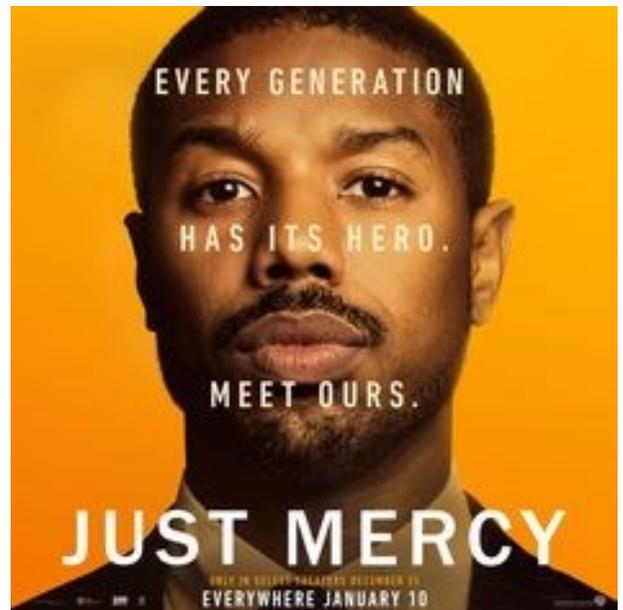
The Immanuel Lutheran Golf Tournament exists for the purpose of raising funds to purchase new Bibles for young students and to supply college scholarship award money for recipients of the Collin Lovett Memorial Scholarship. These are graduating seniors from Immanuel Lutheran Church or Hendrickson High School in PfISD where Collin graduated. As of June 2020 there have been 66 scholarships given and almost \$45,000 awarded. There were 12 very worthy recipients this year.

This year's tournament is **October 25** with a **1:00 pm** shotgun start. For more details and to register, click on the link below. Registration fee is \$125 per player. We will have safety precautions in place. We won't be able to gather afterwards for a meal or presentation but we will still have a meal during the round.

## ILC Anti-Racism Group

The ILC Anti-Racism group would like to invite everyone to join our Monthly Movie Club. Each month watch a selected movie and then on the 3rd Thursday join us for a discussion via Zoom.

For October, we will be discussing the movie *Just Mercy*. *Just Mercy* is based on a true story about Bryan Stevenson. After graduating from Harvard, Bryan Stevenson heads to Alabama to defend those wrongly condemned or those not afforded proper representation. One of his first cases is that of Walter McMillian, who is sentenced to die in 1987 for the murder of an 18-year-old girl, despite evidence proving his innocence. In the years that follow, Stevenson encounters racism and legal and political maneuverings as he tirelessly fights for McMillian's life. The movie can be rented on Amazon Prime, iTunes Store, VuDu and Fandango Now. Watch the movie and then join us for a discussion on Zoom at 7 pm on October 15.



## Office Volunteers Needed

Do you have a few hours a week or a few hours a month to volunteer? The office is in need of volunteers. Whether you have organization skills, computer skills, or are able to answer the phone, please contact the office so we can help find a volunteer position that suits your skills.

## Fill In Gym Monitor

This is a paid position. We are in need of an alternate gym monitor that can relieve our current monitors a few evenings and a few Saturdays a month. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 512-591-8813. This position will require a background check.



# OctoberPfest

Hello Immanuel Lutheran Church Pfriends and Neighbors. We WILL be having OctoberPfest this year! We won't be able to gather like in years past but we will do it more like we have done BBQ chicken dinners in the past, as a drive through meal distribution. We are also working on some music and decoration ideas. So, please join us and get the word out to everyone:

**What:** Drive through OctoberPfest

**Date:** Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020

**Time:** 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Where:** Immanuel Lutheran Church with distribution near the food pantry.  
Meal: Famous Holy Smokers Sausage, Erickson's Home Style Recipe Potato Salad, Bucking Goat Garlic Sauerkraut and a dessert.

**Cost:** Good Will Donation, no pre-registering or Pre-payment.  
Proceeds this year will go to the technology fund. We will also be accepting canned good donations also as in the past for the food pantry. Canned soup or canned chili preferred.

Please contact Fellowship committee council rep Bob Lovett with questions.

[lebulletbob@suddenlink.net](mailto:lebulletbob@suddenlink.net)  
512-825-1769

# OctoberPfest

## Family Fun!

Join Melissa Parry and Frieda Mottonen for fall family fun for ALL AGES  
in place of Sunday School on

**Sunday, October 18, 2020, 10:30am**

Outside in the Immanuel Lutheran Church Parking Lot, in front of the Sanctuary.  
Be sure to wear your face mask!



Costume Contest for ALL AGES!

Bible Trivia Relay Race!



Family Pumpkin Decorating!

We will have some basic supplies available to decorate your pumpkin, but you are welcome to bring anything from home to showcase your creative decorating talents! First come, first serve on available pumpkins!

If you are able to donate pumpkins (medium size) or a bag of candy as prizes, please drop it off in the plastic tub sitting under the drive up canopy (outside the glass doors of the office). Thank you!



## Meet Krissy O'Brien-ILDS Day School Director



Happy Fall Everyone!

As the season changes and the exciting Holiday Season comes into view we couldn't be more excited to welcome our new Director, Ms. Krissy O'Brien!

Krissy comes to us with over three decades of teaching experience, having followed her mom's footsteps into childcare and education. She first started working at the preschool where her mother worked as the Director when she was only sixteen years old. Inspired by what she learned and fueled by a passion for childcare and the belief laid out in Psalm 127.3 that, "Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him" she enrolled in Stephen F Austin State University graduating with a degree in Elementary Education. She comes to us from Little Hands of Grace where she was the Director for five years. Coming to Immanuel Lutheran is a bit of a homecoming for Krissy as she used to be a teacher in the Koala classroom. Her experience as a teacher and a Director gives her a unique understanding of the preschool environment because she knows how to look after not only the children but the teachers too! Her philosophy is firmly rooted in looking at the whole child; wanting them to receive a good education but also know that they are safe and loved.

Krissy is a single mom of three children aged twelve, seventeen and twenty-two and in her spare time you can find her enjoying the great Texan outdoors where she was born and raised and taking her kids out on adventures. She is an avid reader of historical fiction and now it's Fall she can't wait to curl up with a good book and a cup of pumpkin spice coffee! She is looking forward to getting to know our amazing school and church community and would love to meet y'all. So please do feel free to swing by and say hello!

Jessica Davidson

ILDS Executive Assistant

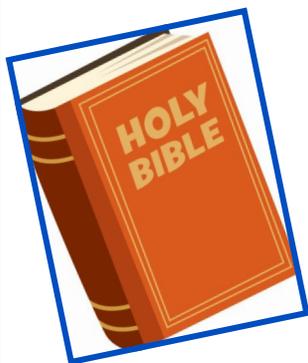


## EDUCATION MINISTRY    October 2020

Does it seem that summer ended rather abruptly this year? All of the sudden we went from one hundred degree days to autumn weather! This year is full of abrupt endings as COVID-19 has swept through our world and our old way of life came to a halt. Although our world is constantly changing, we are resilient and will adapt. The history of Immanuel Lutheran Church has had many challenges since 1874, the largest that comes to my mind is when the sanctuary was destroyed by fire in 1928. The congregation of ILC always has been and always will be strong and flexible! We are a family that has been brought together by our Lord. Our faith and love will continue to guide us through any unforeseen circumstance as we continue to work together. We are a great community that continues to gather together virtually, grow in God's Word, and serve God by serving others!

*Melissa Weiss Parry*

### Congratulations to Bible Recipients



Brinley Bohls  
Foster Bohls  
Hattie Bohls  
Keaton Bohls

Kristin Dunnigan  
Chance Jansky  
Ryland Klepac  
Jacob Leu

These children received either their first Preschool Bible or their first Lutheran Student Bible! Please congratulate these children on this special accomplishment!

### Sunday School for all ages

Age 2—5th Grade:	Zoom online Sunday morning from 10:30—11:00am
Middle School:	Zoom online Sunday morning from 11:30am—12:00pm
High School:	Zoom online Sunday afternoon, 5:30pm
Adult Class, "Pathfinders":	Zoom online Sunday morning from 10:30-11:30am "Relevant Topics of Today!"

Zoom links are in the weekly email Connections Newsletter.

Melissa Weiss Parry, [melissap@ilcpville.org](mailto:melissap@ilcpville.org)

### Church Office Updates:

The office is now open full time, however, we are experiencing a problem with the phone system. We are working on resolving the problem. In the meantime, even though we are in the office, please continue to use of remote church phone number (512-591-8813) that we have been using this time of COVID. We remain in the office to help answer any question you may have a direct any needs you may have. You are also welcome to contact any of the church council members to help aid in any of your questions or to voice your concerns. Please keep the call committee, the church council, and Immanuel in your prayers.

