

The Immanuel Echo

The Newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church
Manitowoc, WI
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

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SING GOD'S TRUTH **Our King Reigns Forever** **"Crown Him With Many Crowns"**

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"
(Revelation 5:12).

"The king is dead! Long live the king!" is a traditional acclamation in some European countries. These words are used when a monarch dies and is succeeded, usually by the prince. The phrase arose especially to emphasize the fact that sovereign power transfers immediately to the new king upon the death of the previous monarch. The ruling class wants its subjects to believe that old kingdoms never die; they just get new kings.

History teaches us, however, that even old kingdoms die. One of history's most famous ruling families, the Hapsburgs, reigned in Europe for about eight hundred years. The name became synonymous with power. Still, even this longstanding kingdom finally came to an end.

So what happened to Jesus' kingdom on Good Friday? Pilate asked Jesus whether or not he was a king. Our Savior replied, "You are right in saying I am a king," though he assured the Roman governor, "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36,37). Later that same day, our King would heave his last breath to the horror of his followers. There would be no heir apparent to take his place! No one would shout, "The king is dead! Long live the king!" With Jesus' death, it would seem as though his kingdom had died as well.

Of course, we know better! Our victorious King rose from death three days later, proving his victory over all our enemies, the greatest of which is death. The angel herald announced the good news: The King *was* dead, but now he is alive! (Mark 16:6) Long live the King! Yes, our King was slain, yet now he lives forever. What joy fills us all!

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (CW 341) glories in this magnificent paradox. Written by a 19th-century hymnist, Matthew Bridges, the hymn is based on hymns in the book of Revelation. It reminds us that while our King is the Lamb who was slain, he is now the "matchless King through all eternity" (st. 1). We are invited to "behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified" (st. 2). Here is the "Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave" (st. 3). The King *was* dead! Long live the King!

We sing God's truth: our King was slain, yet now he lives forever. His kingdom—yes, our kingdom—will never end!



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Thanksgiving Worship....

To celebrate Thanksgiving, worship services are as follows:

- ♥ 6:30 PM on Tuesday, November 21st
- ♥ 9:00 AM on Thursday, November 23rd.

Although Thanksgiving is a secular holiday, it is a wonderful opportunity for us, as Christians, to come together and worship & praise our Maker and Redeemer for **ALL** he has done for us!

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

2017-2018 | Fellowship Hall | 9:25-10:10 AM

Reformation: Grace, Faith, Scripture (Sep-Dec)

As we approach the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, we'll dig into history and gain a better understanding of what we Lutherans believe, teach and practice today. Each lesson begins with a 3-4 minute video vignette from the recent documentary *A Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy*. Join us to learn more about the great truths of the Lutheran Reformation - Grace alone! Faith alone! Scripture alone!



Baptism: My Adoption into God's Family (Jan-Feb)

This class offers a thorough review of Baptism, one of the greatest gifts God has given us. Through a study of the pertinent passages we will learn what the Bible says about this life-giving Sacrament. This study also helps us understand how Baptism has been taught by other churches at different times in history. For those who wish to dig deeper, a companion book will be made available.

Follow Me: Matthew, Part 1 (Mar-May)

What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ? Matthew's Gospel describes how Jesus called his disciples and then molded their minds, hearts, and wills. Jesus prepared his disciples for their work and he prepares us also. This study covers the first thirteen chapters of Matthew's Gospel. It presents the account of Jesus' life using the theme "Follow Me" to show how Jesus called and trained his disciples to proclaim his death and resurrection to the world.

Some Points to Consider:

- ▶ No Bible study experience or knowledge necessary
- ▶ No one will make you read or answer questions
- ▶ Actively participate or sit and listen – it's up to you!
- ▶ Bible study offers a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith and to get to know your fellow Immanuel members better
- ▶ Questions? Contact Pastor Sims at 684-3404

Reminder...Change Your Clocks— back one hour Saturday night, November 4th!

IMMANUEL'S NEW WEBPAGE!!!

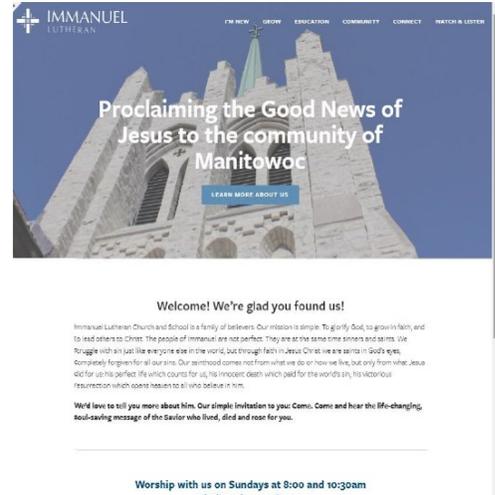
Check out the new www.ilutheran.org! It features a fresh, new design and simplified navigation to make it more user friendly, especially for visitors who often have their first contact with us online. You'll notice a number of new features, and you will also be able to find helpful information for members in the "Member Resources" tab found under "Connect". Please direct any comments or suggestions to Ann Winter, Pastor Sims, or Dave Wilson (for the school website).

We'll be using our social media accounts more than the website to post updates on happenings at Immanuel, so please like and follow our social media pages to be kept up-to-date!

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ImmanuelLutheranWELS

Instagram: www.instagram.com/Immanuel_Manty/

Twitter: www.twitter.com/Immanuel_Manty



Men...Opportunities to Grow!

Calling on all the men of Immanuel...here are opportunities just for you! Check them out and join us!!!

† **Men's Prayer Group** meets on the **first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 AM** in the Gathering Room.

† **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** meets on **Saturdays, November 11th and 25th at 8:00 AM.**

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**MEN'S
GROUPS**

Women's Bible Study: Bible Sisters

In November our Women's Bible Study continues with our study of a series entitled **The Bible Sisters Study**, which looks at a different woman of the Bible, highlighting God's faithfulness in her life, along with applications to the lives of all Christian women today. In November we will continue our study of **Sarah—Learning to Wait on God's Timing**. We will also be starting a new Bible Study which will take is into December.

Ladies, join us and call your friends and invite them to come and learn all about the LORD and what he has to say in your lives! Our Bible Study exists to nurture, encourage, and equip women to faithfully and fully use their God-given gifts to glorify God. It is also a wonderful way to get to know fellow sisters in Christ!

Join us on **Saturdays, November 4th and 18th at 8:30 AM. The date for December is the 9th.** Mark your calendars. We meet in the Conference Room located in the church office area.

ALSO...if you have any suggestions for future Womens Bible Study topics or any questions regarding our Bible Study, please contact Judy Fuerbringer at 684-3333 or judynglenn@ameritech.net. I would appreciate any input!

PLAN TO JOIN US...WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU!!!! ☺



Poinsettia Sign-up

Help to beautify our church for the celebration of the birth of our Savior!
Place your order for poinsettias for the Christmas celebration beginning **Thursday, November 9th**. The cost is \$10.00 per plant. The plants are in 6.5" pots and approximately 15-17" tall. The color of the poinsettias is red. There will be envelopes for signing up in the Gathering Room. **The deadline for signing up is Sunday, December 3rd.** All poinsettias can be taken home following the Christmas Day worship service.



TREASURER'S REPORT

The values reported below reflect balances on 09/30/17.

From Revenue and Expense Budget Performance report for the month ending SEPTEMBER 30, 2017—Items of note:

- **Offerings Year to Date:** ACTUAL—\$120,250 ; BUDGET: \$188,191
- **Total Income (offerings, tuition, special, etc.) to date:**
ACTUAL—\$1191,099 (includes \$19,100 towards Anniversary Gifts); BUDGET—\$240,662
- **Total Expenses to date:** ACTUAL—\$206,867; BUDGET—\$241,015
- We have received \$15,767 less than we have spent, after three months into our fiscal year. If Anniversary Gifts are excluded, it would be showing that we received \$34,867 less than spending.



From our Balance Sheet for the month ending SEPTEMBER 30, 2017—items of note:

- **Line Of Credit (\$150,000 limit):** \$105,000 balance
- **Asset Accounts:**
 - Checking account (used for payroll, insurance, day to day expenses): \$12,679
 - MLHS Tuition Assistance: \$27,964
 - Pastor Tuition Assistance: \$24,779
 - BFN Money Market Account: \$22,076
 - United One Credit Union: \$141,103
- **Liability Accounts (Restricted Funds):**
 - Our Liability Accounts that fall under the category, Restricted Funds, have a balance of \$27,010. (including: \$19,100 Anniversary Gift)
 - An additional \$17,500 was drawn on the Line of Credit in September and was used for cash flow needs.
 - Fiscal YTD Lord's Work Away, we have transferred: \$13,659 to MLHS; \$6,750 to Synod (same as budget)
 - A \$17,5000 draw on the Line of Credit occurred in September. The Line of Credit (\$105,500) is \$10,500 more at the end of September 2017 than it was at the end of September 2016 (\$95,000).
 - A the current rate of borrowing to cover operating cost (about \$10,000 per month), we will exhaust our Line of Credit by February.
 - Options outside of increasing offerings: withhold payments to MLHS and Synod, liquidate Asset Account(s) which include: Endowment Fund, Tuition Assistance, estate fund at UnitedOne Credit Union, etc.

Respectfully,
Larry Kronschnabel, Treasurer—lmkron@att.net



**Advent will soon be upon us.
Come and help beautify
Immanuel for Christmas!**

WHEN: Saturday, November 25, 2017, at 10:00 AM

WHO: Anyone who cares to help

WHY: To beautify our church

- NEEDED:**
1. Extra mini white lights (Just in case)
 2. Electric screwdrivers to put up wooden pew candle sconces

QUESTIONS: Contact Linda Verlinden at 683-3432

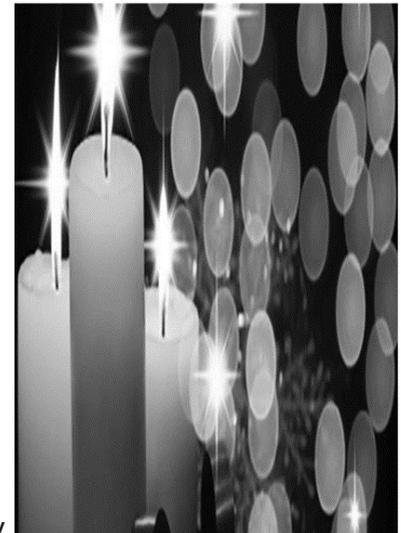
Many hands make light work!

**Ladies...Mark Your Calendars for Annual
Advent By Candlelight
Saturday, December 9th**

Woman's Advent By Candlelight will be held on **Saturday, December 9th beginning at 6:00 PM!** This is a wonderful opportunity for women of all ages to set aside the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and focus our hearts and minds on the birth of our Savior! Invite your female family members and friends and join us for an evening of fellowship, music, God's word and delicious desserts! The hymn and prayer service is **"Good News of Great Joy for All People"**. To reserve your seat, guests are encouraged to sign-up to attend in the black binder located in the Gathering Room or call Jacque Goldbeck at 682-5735 or 242-3867. It is an evening you won't want to miss!

Hostess Opportunities: Please consider volunteering to be a hostess for the evening! Hostesses provide table settings, holiday decorations, candles, and a dessert for between 6-10 guests. Many ladies decide to co-host with a partner. It is lots of fun and requires only a few hours of your time for planning, baking or buying, and decorating and serving your guests! If you are interested and would like more information please contact Jacque Goldbeck at 682-5735 or 242-3867.

Kitchen Assistant Needed: If decorating a table isn't your thing but you enjoy serving, please consider helping in the kitchen for Woman's Advent By Candlelight. Duties include helping to make the coffee & hot apple cider and overseeing that the coffee/hot cider pots remain full for the duration of the fellowship. If you are interested and would like more information please contact Kathy Gast at 684-0876.

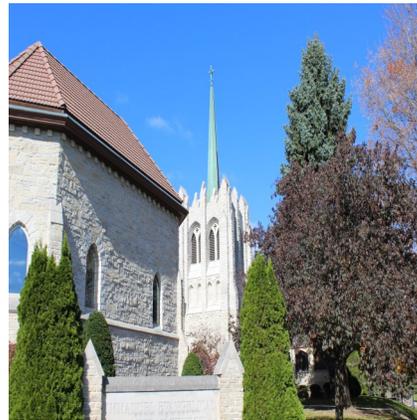


Immanuel's History in History

Part of the *Celebrating 90 Years in 9 Months* campaign

The purpose of this series of articles is to relate what was going on around Immanuel as our history was unfolding. Thank you, Judi Hansen, for this article on 1957-1966, the 4th decade of Immanuel's history.

~ Jason Muench, Campaign Coordinator



1957 to 1966

This decade proved to be a time of radical transformation and turbulence for America. The nation

was relieved that the Korean 'conflict' had resolved by 1953, only to begin hearing of American entanglement in a strange foreign land called Vietnam. Ironically, President Kennedy established the Peace Corps in 1961, and many remember exactly where they were when they heard the tragic news of his assassination in 1963. An unofficial 'war on poverty' began in 1964 by President Johnson. By 1957, Elvis Presley had already performed on Ed Sullivan seven times, and yet when the Beatles landed in 1964, they changed the pop music scene forever.

Immanuel's leadership during these changing times remained constant, as did our commitment to preaching the inspired and unerring Word of God. Although Immanuel had its roots in the fellowship with the WELS, for a thirty-year period from 1938-1967, the congregation functioned as an independent Lutheran congregation. Pastor Uetzmann continued as pastor during these years, and by the end of this decade had served the congregation for nearly 40 years. Likewise, Victor Albrecht continued his dedicated service to Immanuel as school principal, organist and choir director for the same 40 years.

As the baby boomer generation filled our new school, extra space was needed for Sunday school and gatherings, so the church basement was refurbished in 1965. During the early years, it was not unusual to have Sunday school classes of over 100 children. This community outreach would not have been possible without June Bursek and Louise Wilsmann Zigmund, whose combined years of dedicated service totaled 90 years. Immanuel had 1,087 souls and 800 communicants by the end of this decade.

An exciting change during this time period was the beginning of Manitowoc Lutheran High School in 1957. The Manitowoc County Lutheran High School Association was the forerunner of the current MLHS Federation. MLHS was originally located in the old Madison School at North 7th and State Streets. By 1967, plans were already in place to break ground on its current location, with the land donated by two members from Immanuel: Emma and Minnie Sundt.

By the end of 1966, nearly half a million troops were on the ground in Southeast Asia. The war at home also escalated with vicious protests against U.S. involvement in Vietnam, and in support of civil rights in America. Despite turmoil around us, Immanuel continued preaching the unchanging Word of God. As cries for "Peace Now!" raged outside, members of Immanuel knew that true peace can only be found in our Savior as He promised: **"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid," John 14:27.** While the music world dawned the Age of Aquarius by singing "*Let the Sunshine,*" we at Immanuel continued to 'Let the **SON** Shine,' then, now, and for always until our LORD returns.

~ Judi Hansen

Our School

Our mission is to assist the families of our congregation and community in training their children, both **spiritually** and **academically**, through **excellence** in **Christ-centered** education.

Veterans Day

On **Wednesday, November 8th**, we will be hosting a Veterans' Day program in the church to honor all those who have served our country in the armed forces. Veterans from our local VFW post will also be here to talk with the children about their service. We invite all veterans from our church and school families to join us for patriotic songs, music, and recitations performed by the children.



This program gives our children a wonderful opportunity to honor those who have given so much of themselves so that we can enjoy the freedom of living in this great country. Thank you, veterans, for your service to us and to our country!

Wedding News

As some of you already know, on Friday, October 26th, Mr. Joel Putz, our second grade teacher, is getting married to Ms. Holly Frey in Lomira, WI. We are overjoyed for them as they begin their married lives together. We pray that God would keep both of them in His protective care as they make their promises of love and faithfulness to each other.

"So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore, what God has joined together, let man not separate." (Mark 10:8,9)



Grandparent's Day

On **Wednesday, November 22nd**, our school will be hosting our annual Grandparents' Day beginning with a chapel service at **10:00 AM**. We would like to invite all the grandparents of our students to spend a day with their grandchild(ren). If you do not have a grandchild in our school, but would like to attend our grandparents' day as an "adopted" grandparent, please speak with Mr. Wilson. Our students really look forward to having their grandparents be a part of this day.



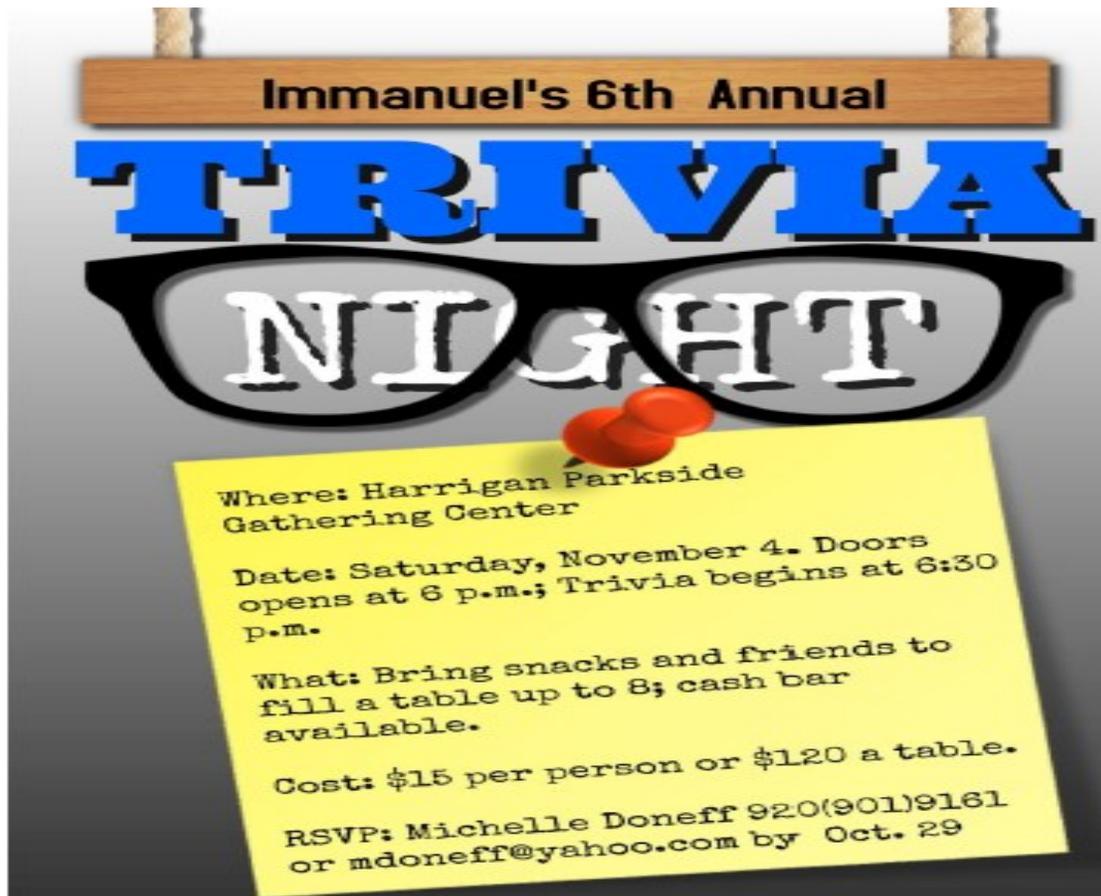
Volleyball Notes...

Both our girls' A (7-8 grades) and girls' B (5-6 grades) volleyball teams wrapped up their seasons with tournaments in October. The girls' B team took first place in their tournament, which was held on Saturday, October 7th, and the girls' A team took second place in their tournament which was held at MLHS on Saturday, October 14th. We especially thank our coaches for all of the time and hard work that they put in to make this season so successful. Congratulations on a great season!



Wisconsin Lutheran State Teachers' Conference

The annual Wisconsin Lutheran State Teachers' Conference will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 26-27, at Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee, WI. The conference theme for this year, the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, is "Sola Gratia, Sola Fide, Sola Scriptura." The conference gives our teachers to opportunity to grow both spiritually and professionally through worship, keynotes, workshops, and fellowship.



2018 PATHWAYS TO CHRIST RETREAT—OSHKOSH ***“SPEAK O LORD”***

Focusing on the depth of the message in the three verses of this song.

March 9-11, 2018



Friday evening, Melanie Marine will begin with a focus on “The Art of Communication”. Melanie will share with us our need to really listen to what others are saying, how/when to respond in conversation and carry that over into developing listening skills for God’s message.

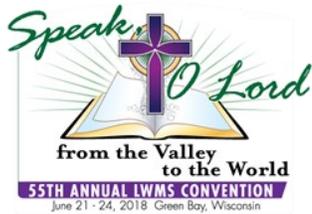
On Saturday our three speakers will each be using a verse of the hymn “Speak O Lord” as the focus of their presentation. Examples from Scripture will be used for all presentations. Natosha Cole will start us off with the first verse. She will focus on how to seek out God’s Word and let it grow in us. Colleen Oldenburg will be focusing on verse two. She will focus on ways God tests our faith to make it grow. We will learn how to obey the work God is doing in and through us. In the afternoon, Pastor Brad Wright, from WLA, will focus on how the lessons taught in Scripture still apply to us today – they are unchanging lessons. We will embrace the way God would have us live our lives and not how the world feels God’s Word is no longer relevant in the 21st century.

On Sunday, Pastor Leon Ehlert, from FVL, will wrap up the weekend with a focus on God’s love and our plea to him to teach us as we listen to his Word. He will lead us in a Bible Study followed by our closing worship service.

COST: The cost per person, if postmarked on or **before January 8th**, is **\$90.00**. If postmarked on or **before February 3th** – **\$95.00**. If postmarked on or **before February 28th** - **\$105.00**. Your registration fee includes a sandwich buffet on Friday evening; breakfast, lunch, and banquet dinner followed by entertainment on Saturday; and breakfast on Sunday. Saturday evening following the dinner, Mike Westendorf will share his gift of music with us. “Awake and Alive” is the heartbeat and prayer of this Milwaukee based WELS Christian recording artist, worship leader and conference speaker. Believing in the power of Psalm 89:1-2 to see God’s faithfulness made known through all generations, Mike’s prayer is that God would continue to wake us to who we are in Jesus, making us alive to living out the purposes and plans of God in our everyday lives.

For more information go to www.pathwaystochrist.org or <http://pathways.martinlutheroshkosh.com>. Check for informational brochures at the Information Center in the back of the Gathering Room.

2018 NATIONAL LWMS RALLY-GREEN BAY



All women of the congregation are invited to the National LWMS Rally. Learn about our WELS Missions, meet missionaries, be uplifted!

WHEN: June 21-24, 2018

WHERE: KI Convention Center, Green Bay, WI.

SOS: "Send One Sister"- Your local Shoreline Circuit has money available to pay the registration fee of one interested woman to the convention. Sandy Stadelman, 683-3389 or Linda Verlinden, 683-3432,

have applications. The application is due by December 1 to the Shoreline Circuit, Jan Ross, President, 8823 Willever Lane, Newton, WI. 53063.

Tours: 1) Bay Beach and New Zoo; 2) Green Bay City Tour; 3) Packer Stadium Tour

Opening Service: Thursday, June 21st, at 7:00 PM with the parade of flags. This parade shows all the flags of all the countries WELS has missions in, it is very moving, unique, and inspiring! **More Info is at LWMS.org. Also watch the December Echo for more info.**



You may stop in at the Immanuel church library at any time. It is located in our church basement. You will find books, music, & videos. Check out is self-service.

~Laura Rozoff, Church Librarian

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18

"Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God who covereth the heavens with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow on the mountains." Psalms 147: 7-8

This is a time to reflect on the many wonderful blessings that God has given us. We are preparing for the holiday season and celebrating the birth of our Lord. The library has many books to share with little ones about prayer and being thankful. I have found a number of books which I will put on display in the library. Feel free to stop in and check out a book or two. We also have books about prayer which adults can check out too.



I am sharing a review I came upon by Pastor Glen Unke. It is a book by a favorite author of his.

God Came Near by Max Lucado

"One of my favorite authors, Max Lucado, uses his gifted skills to bring us many word-pictures in this book. Some of his chapter titles begin to tell you what kind of a writer he is: "Limb-Climber or Branch-Sitter"; "Out of the Carpentry Shop"; "When God Sighed"; "A Tale of Two Trees"; "Father's Day- A Tribute". Each of these chapters are but three to four pages and gives the reader the truth about the nearness of God! If you like short chapters, descriptive word pictures, and excellent language, try this book written by Max Lucado, a favorite of mine. He may become yours as well."

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:

The next Book Discussion will be **Friday, November 10th at 1:15 PM** in the Gathering Room. They will be discussing "Miracles from Heaven" by Christy Wilson Beam. A true story which also was made into a movie. If you are interested you can contact Ellie at 482-0906.

~ Laura Rozoff

Member News



The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

James 5:16

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

† **Our Immanuel Family**— that we may continue to trust in the Lord and His plans for us.

Gifts and Memorials

- ♥ \$650 given for Pastor's Stole
- ♥ \$405.83 given for AED Supplies
- ♥ \$315.95 given for Office Mats



Serving Our Lord

2017 Church Council

In order that we might keep the best line of communications open between the church leaders and the rest of the congregation, we publish the names of the current Church Council in the newsletter. This will provide you with a list of people to contact if you have any questions regarding anything happening in our ministry. You may also use the following e-mail address to contact the Council as a whole: council@ilutheran.org. (One e-mail sent to that address reaches all the Council members with e-mail.)

- Mike Stadelman**, President
- Paul Kluenker**, Secretary
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- Mark Svatek**, Youth Discipleship
- Brad Washuleski**, Evangelism
- Nate Reis**, Property
- Brandon Ott**, Board of Education

11/05/2017

- 8:00 AM – Greg & Renee Schmill
- 10:30 AM – Jerome & Germaine Krueger

11/12/2017

- 8:00 AM – Don Salvesson
- 10:30 AM – Larry & Linda Verlinden

11/19/2017

- 8:00 AM – Jason & Amy Muench
- 10:30 AM – Fred & Barbara Heiderich

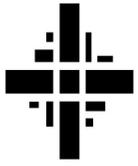
11/26/2017

- 8:00 AM – Howard & Shirley Schmill
- 10:30 AM – Judi Hansen & Karen Kehl



THIS MONTH USHERS

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| 11/02/2017 Team 12—6:30 PM | 11/21/2017 Team 11—6:30 PM
Thanksgiving Worship |
| 11/05/2017 Early—Team 4 | |
| 11/05/2017 Late—Team 5 | |
| 11/09/2017 Late—Team 9 | 11/23/2017 Team 12—6:30 PM
Thanksgiving Worship |
| 11/12/2017 Early—Team 1 | |
| 11/12/2017 Late—Team 6 | |
| 11/16/2017 Team 10—6:30 PM | 11/26/2017 Early—Team 2 |
| | 11/26/2017 Late—Team 8 |
| 11/19/2017 Early—Team 1A | |
| 11/19/2017 Late—Team 7 | 11/30/2017 Team 9—6:30 PM |



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Worship Schedule

Thursdays: 6:30 PM
Sundays: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Jesus Cares Worship

Monday, November 13th—6:30 PM

Devotional Service

November 17th—11:00 AM

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