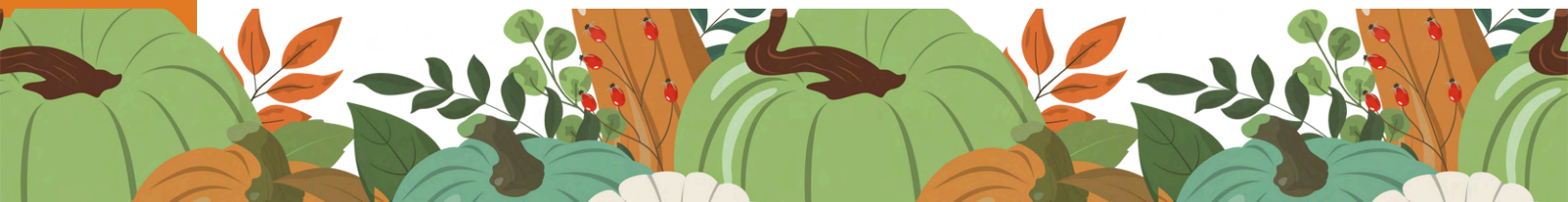


IMMANUEL ECHO

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



IMMANUEL BAPTIST
"GOD WITH US" CHURCH



AT A GLANCE THOUGHTS & MORE

Beautiful Beatitudes

Matthew 5:9 *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."*

To be called a "child of God" signifies a profound spiritual relationship, a reflection of character, and a promise of divine inheritance. God is described as the "Author of peace" and the "Prince of Peace" (referring to Jesus). Those who actively pursue peace are reflecting God's own nature and character in the world. They are emulating their Heavenly Father by seeking harmony and reconciliation, acting in a way that is consistent with belonging to His family.

Matthew 5:10 *"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

This verse offers comfort and hope to believers who face persecution, promising that their suffering is not in vain and their ultimate reward is great. Jesus encourages those who are persecuted to "rejoice and be exceedingly glad," because their reward in heaven will be great! The reward is the "kingdom of heaven," which is a promise of eternal life and a future where all things will be made right.

Sunday

9 am - Fellowship
9:15 am - Sun. School
10:30 am - Worship

Wednesday

11:30 am - Soup Kitchen
5:45 pm - Wed. Meal
6:15 pm - K-5 & Middle School Start
6:30 pm - HS & Adult Start

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M-F 8 am-Noon



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November Highlights

11/1 - 10 a.m.-2 p.m. - Craft Day/Potluck Lunch
TBA - Senior Saints Banquet
11/9 - 2-4 p.m. - Delmer's 90th Bday in Fellowship Hall
11/15 - Twice Blessed Giving Starts
11/26 - 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Service
11/30 - 5:30 p.m. Hanging of the Greens & Pizza
And so much more! Check the calendar!

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving And
His courts with praise. Give thanks to
Him, bless His name. For the LORD is
good; His lovingkindness is everlasting
And His faithfulness to all generations."

-Psalm 100:4-5

MINISTRY TEAM

Pastor

Brian Keithline

Youth Director

Brittany Lohan

Visitation Minister

Karen Anderson

Technology

Position Open

Pianist

Dawn Bergeron

Office Manager

Lori Stauffer

Nursery

Position Open



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Karen's Corner

What?! It's November! This, to me, means the start of the holiday season, which is always a busy time for everyone!

There are so many opportunities for fun things to do in November – so **be on the lookout and decide what you'd like to attend** with me and others from our church. **November 1st is Craft Day!** Bring something to work on, or not. A potluck lunch is planned. Nov. 2, Voices of Note will be holding a concert here at Immanuel at 3 p.m.

We'd love to have you join in on a delicious lunch, an afternoon of good conversation and some friendly competition for **Seniors Lunch and Games** on Friday, **Nov. 21 at 12:30 p.m.**

The Brass Band of Minot is hosting a free concert on the 23rd at 4 p.m. at Ann Nicole Nelson Hall on the MSU campus. I'd love to see the show, "**Scrooge**" that will be performed by **Mouse River Players** on the 30th at 2 p.m., join me? Watch for further announcements on some of these events and sign up on the bulletin board. Phew!! November will be full but let's not forget to take time to be grateful for the many blessings God is so lavishly pouring on each and every one of us.

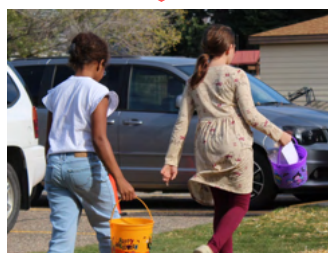
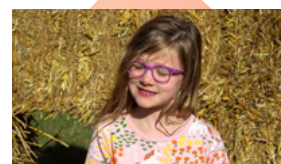
Peace and grace to you,
– Karen

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

IBC Youth

**TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES
PLEASE STAND BY**

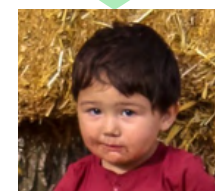
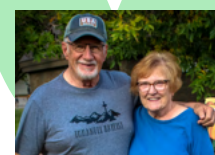
**Brittany will have a full IBCY report once she gets her new computer up and running!
So, Please stay Tuned!**



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IMMANUEL MISSIONS
LOCAL & GLOBAL WORK

Evening Women Fellowship

This month's meeting will be at the home of Beryl Hornberger (3810 Aster Loop) Thursday, Nov. 20th at 7 p.m. Holly will be leading lesson #10 "Ongoing Renewal." Please don't forget your items for 2nd Story. If you need a list of items please see me! Hope you will join us!

Thanks, - **Wanda**

Stewardship Report

As of October 26, 2025:

TOTAL BUDGETED TO DATE	\$303,364.57
TOTAL RECEIVED TO DATE	\$257,292.64
BUDGETED WEEKLY NEED	\$7,054.99
WEEKLY YTD AVERAGE	\$5,983.55

Upcoming Meetings

CE Board - Sunday, Nov. 2nd after worship
Trustee Board - Tuesday, Nov. 18th @ 5:30 pm
Diaconate Board - Tuesday, Nov. 18th @ 7 pm

White Cross

A **BIG** thank you to everyone who brought diapers & wipes! We donated **621** diapers & **492** wipes! - **Marliss**

Beryl is selling Raffle Tickets for 2 Quilts benefitting Church of Hope (see below).

2 Quilts /2 Winners to be drawn

Queen "Star Quilt" Donated by Bonnie Rus
Throw "Sunflower Quilt" by Linda Olschlager

Winners will be drawn on 12/14/2025

\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

2025

High Need Items:
hairbrushes
wash cloths
pencil sharpeners
teen girl - craft and
sewing kits

Drop off in Church
Foyer - Final
Collection Date
November 12th





YOU DECIDE TO RSVP OR TO REFUSE GOD

“Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”

Read Luke 14:15-24.

Very seldomly does a truly personal, and special invitation come in the mail. I'm not talking about the presorted postcards that show up in bundles and are addressed to the "Current Resident." And I'm not talking about the invitations that declare, "You've Been Chosen ..." for a "free workshop dinner" or for a "free evaluation" of that rusted '72 Datsun pickup truck (that a random car dealer in Montana desperately wants to buy from you).

I'm talking about receiving a study envelope in the mail — or in person. I'm talking about opening that thick, embossed envelope only to find an elegant invitation inside that proudly announces: "You've been invited." I'm talking about that brief moment of elation — perhaps even a slight smile — in knowing that "someone special" has invited you to his or her "special occasion."

Jesus once told a parable about a "certain man" who invited "many guests" to a similar special occasion — a "great banquet." In the first-century world, this man would have sent two invitations. The first one would have announced the date of the event, and the second invitation would have informed everyone that "everything was ready." In other words, it was time to "come and party!"

But then — much to the host's disappointment — each of the original invitees REFUSED to attend. They concocted elaborate excuses for their absences (none of which were truly valid). For a special dinner — a banquet — that had been carefully planned for months (or years in advance), these guests were more concerned about their own immediate possessions or personal issues.



Don't Be the Reluctant Invitees

The "certain man" in this parable isn't just the used car dealer or the marketer offering a free dinner in exchange for your purchase of a time-share with an "ocean view" in Albuquerque, New Mexico (read that again). It's not a scam or a sham — it's a legitimate expression of grace and generosity towards those invitees who *should* have had a relationship with this host — this "master." But somewhere along the way, they have become distracted and disinterested.

And so, the invitation to this great banquet then goes out to the least likely of people — at first, those who are nearby, and then, to those who are faraway. In general, biblical scholars have often viewed this parable as a reference to the Messianic banquet that awaits God's faithful people. The first invitees were the pious Jews (the Pharisees and legalistic rulers) who should have been among the most excited to dine with the divine.

Continued ...



YOU DECIDE TO RSVP OR TO REFUSE GOD

The other guests (who are invited in their stead) are the sinners and the Gentiles who will now learn of God's great love and mercy. At its most basic level, this parable offers an irrefutable suggestion:

Don't refuse God's invitation.

Sounds easy, right? But we have to ask ourselves: do we always RSVP to God's invitation or do we look for an excuse?

- Are we willing to prioritize God and others before our own needs?
- Are we willing to tackle new projects — knowing that it will be beneficial in the long run?
- Are we willing to help out in new ways — even when we feel like saying, “my job is done”?
- Are we willing to keep an optimistic outlook — and not grumble?
- Are we willing to invest more time and money into worthy initiatives that reach out to people?
- Are we then willing to sit at the table with people unlike us?

These aren't new questions. They're a part of the ongoing RSVP process to God's work in our community and in our world.



You see, an invitation without a response is just an empty chair at the table. But with God, he wants his kingdom to be filled (Lk. 14:23). In other words, he will find someone to fill that chair. He will find someone eager to share His invitation with others. He will find someone who wants to share in His banquet — together.

Our invitation isn't just waiting in the mail — it's been hand-delivered by Jesus Christ. Someday, he'll return to announce, “everything is ready.”

In the meantime, a part of our RSVP is to eagerly prepare ourselves, and to do our part in persuading others to come to this banquet, too!



Blessings,

Pastor Brian

Thanksgiving Service

Make sure to join us for a time of gratitude!

Nov. 26 at 6:30 p.m.



November

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 9:00 am Coffee 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship CE Meeting 3:00 Voices Of Note Fall Concert						1 10-2 pm Craft/Quilt/ Potluck
3						
4						
5 11:30 SK 5:45 Family Supper 6:15 K-5th & Middle School Start 6:30 HS & Adult Start						
6 9am Brunch Bunch Parker						
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9 9:00 am Coffee 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship						
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16 9:00 am Coffee 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship						
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18 5:30 pm Trustees Meeting 7pm Diaconate Meeting						
19 11:30 SK 5:45 Family Supper 6:15 K-5th & Middle School Start 6:30 HS & Adult Start						
20 9am Brunch Bunch Homesteaders Newsletter Deadline						
21 12:30 Senior Saints Lunch & Games						
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23 9:00 am Coffee 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4pm Sr.Sts.to Brass Band						
24						
25						
26 11:30 SK Thanksgiving Service 6:30 pm						
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IMMANUEL CELEBRATES
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

November Birthday's *Happy Birthday*

1 st	Layne Novak	14 th	Jim Umbleby
3 rd	Mike Anderson	15 th	Brian Miller
5 th	Joyce Rostad	16 th	Kendall Lohan
6 th	Jim Aspaas.	18 th	Scott Faul
	Delmar Fandrich	21 st	Dee Johnson
10 th	Ian Lund	24 th	Andorra Huwe
12 th	Holly Fegley	28 th	Tessia Samulson



Happy Anniversary

November 24th

Barry & Lynae Holmen

November 25th

Brad & Michele Schimke

November Serving Committee

**Sue Bovee, Brittany Hansen,
Marliss Jenrich, Joyce Schoenberg**

*next
month*

- 12/14 Christmas Program
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Service

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