

THE VOICE OF IMMANUEL

November 2020

Dear People of God,

Our Lord has been very gracious to us and blessed us richly. We know that God is faithful and will remain so. Our whole life is lived in response to the gracious love of God.

Please look over the **time and talent sheet** and consider ways to serve. This gives you the opportunity to volunteer your abilities for the congregation's work locally. Even though you "always serve" in a particular area, it is very helpful if you mark once again your willingness to serve. Is this the year that you will sign up to be a greeter, or an usher? It is a great way to get started. Perhaps you would like to visit our older members or help with general cleaning or maintenance.

The **pledge card** below is helpful for indicating your anticipated financial support for the work here as well as in America and the world. Please consider your benevolence to support ministries beyond our congregation. Our day-to-day needs help provide vital ministry to the members of our congregation as well as our community and world. Your continued faithful support of the current, benevolent, and building funds are well appreciated and very used.

I encourage you to fill out the time and talent sheet as well as your commitment card and to bring it to the Stewardship Sunday worship on November 7/8. Immanuel will again celebrate Stewardship Sunday with an offering procession. You will present your financial and time offerings. We ask you to bring back your stewardship materials and present them as part of the offering. It is a way to present yourself to God in response for Jesus' death and resurrection on your behalf.

Thank you so much for your continued support in and through Immanuel.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. James T. Lehmann STS

MY PLEDGE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR 2021

General Fund \$ _____
Benevolence Fund \$ _____
Building Fund \$ _____
Special Gift For: _____ \$ _____
(Specify)

Total Weekly Offering \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

RETURN THIS PORTION WITH COMMITMENT SHEET

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General Fund \$ _____
Benevolence Fund \$ _____
Building Fund \$ _____
Special Gift For: _____ \$ _____
(Specify)


Total Weekly Offering \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS

HYMN SING
 Hymn Sing at Holly Brook on Sunday,
 November 22nd at 1:30 p.m.
 CANCELED.

DEVOTIONS 
 Devotions with Pastor
 Barbara Busboom on Sunday, November
 22nd at Country Health CANCELED.



**HAPPY NOVEMBER
 BIRTHDAYS!**

- 11/6 Roger Gronewald
- 11/7 Mike Stark
- 11/10 Dr. David Bruns
- 11/10 Maynard Duitsman
- 11/11 Lorenz Siuts
- 11/12 Marie Duitsman
- 11/20 Marsha (Sudie) Johnson
- 11/21 Wayne Emkes
- 11/21 Lawrence Schluter
- 11/22 Joyce Romine
- 11/27 Donald Flessner
- 11/28 Gery Maury
- 11/30 MaryAnn Schmidt



**MINUTES
 October 13, 2020**

Pastor's Report

- Sunday School procedures seem to be working well.
- Church attendance is around 55% of normal attendance, which is consistent with area congregations surveyed.

Evangelism

- Continuing the College Prayer Partner Program. Mentors have been established and monthly contacts have begun with our college students.

Fellowship

- Coffee hour will continue outdoors and be based on weather for the weekend.

Property -

- Looking at cutting down trees in November with the help of volunteers.

Stewardship

- Finalized the 2021 Time & Talent Sheet

New Business

- Holiday worship schedule was decided. One service for Thanksgiving, two on Christmas Eve and one on Christmas Day. All holiday services will require reservations.

- Second weekend in November is going to be Stewardship Sunday

Next Meeting: November 10th at 7:00 p.m.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School classes are being held in the main parsonage. Access will be through the East door of the garage. Please come and join us.

HOLY COMMUNION
 Holy Communion at
Brookstone and Country Health
 has been canceled for the month of
 November.

OSTFRIESIAN SOCIETY

The Ostfriesian Society will meet on Sunday, November 15th at 1:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome!

Reminder - Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 1st.



TIME AND TALENT

Stewardship Sunday is November 8th. Please complete the attached Time and Talent Commitment sheet and put in the offering plate that weekend. You may also submit the form to the church office.

Offering envelopes for 2021 will be in the breezeway.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletter deadline is November 16th

SHUT-INS



Keep our homebound and shut-ins in your thoughts and prayers. They would all enjoy calls or visits:

Accolade of Paxton

Bill Reitmeier

Brookstone Estates

Marie Duitsman

Dora Ehmen

Lela Huls

Emilie Steffey

Carriage Crossings

Judi Studer

Country Health Nursing Home

Gesina Erdman

Dorothy Fruhling

The Oaks Manor, Oakland

Norma Reitmeier

Supportive Living of Washington

Donna Flessner

Autumn Fields

Joan Gordon

Home Bound

Anne Duitsman - Florida



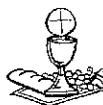
Thanksgiving Day worship service will be Thursday, November 26th at 9:00 a.m. Attendees will be required to announce their attendance by signing up online or calling the church office no later than noon on Wednesday, November 25th. To register, please go to the church's website: www.flatvillechurch.com Once at this site please do the following:

- Click on Holiday Worship Schedule
- Click on Thanksgiving
- Complete the entry form for EVERY member of your family attending, *including* infants and children.

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Sat</u>	<u>Sun</u>		<u>Total</u>
		8:00 am	10:15 am	
9/27	12	52	92	156
10/4	20	59	43	122
10/11	8	59	45	112
10/18	11	64	40	115
10/25	22	59	43	124

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS



First Communion Class will be offered on Saturday, November 14th in Diers Hall from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Parents of 5th graders will have received a letter inviting them to participate along with the children. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office.

If you have a child younger than 5th grade you believe would like to participate; please talk with Pastor.

SPECIAL DATES

- All Saints' Day, November 1, 2020
- Daylight Saving Time ends, November 1, 2020
- Veterans Day, November 11, 2020
- Christ the King Sunday, November 22, 2020
- Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2020

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR 2020

Thank you to all members for your financial contributions for the year. So many of you are so faithful in giving to the church. Even if you are not able to get here to attend our services very often or at all; you have been sending in your offering envelopes by mail. The end of the year is coming soon so please review your records to see if you need to give a little more to catch up if you are behind.

Thank you for all you do and all that you have given to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION
DID YOU KNOW?**

Sometimes we miss church and we try to catch up with our Sunday offerings. You can write one check for that period of time. Some feel like they have to hand in every offering envelope each week they have missed with just that amount in each envelope. You can write one check for several Sunday offerings and place in the current offering envelope. Just indicate how much for each category to equal your enclosed offering.

WOMEN OF IMMANUEL**CHOIR****Real Women - Real Faith - Life Changing Stories
from the Bible for Women Today!**

Ladies, join us Tuesday night, November 24th, at 6:30 p.m. as we finish up our "Real Women, Real Faith". Video Lesson 6 is "The Syrophenician Woman". This woman was a concerned and loving mother who had a little girl who was being tormented by a demon. Like any good mother, she wants relief for her child.

This woman comes to Jesus knowing that she has nothing, does not feel like she deserves anything, has no sense of entitlement, and realizes how small she is. But, she also realizes that Jesus has exactly what she needs and is confident that He will give it to her.

Thank you to everyone who donated "Health Care Kit" items, to be given to Lutheran World Relief.

**NOVEMBER STEWARDSHIP PROJECT
SHOP WITH A COP**

The Rantoul Police Department will be shopping with local children, nominated by Rantoul Schools, to purchase Christmas gifts for their families. We hope these efforts teach children the gift of giving this Christmas season and help them share God's love. We need your support to help make this program a success. Please donate to this worthwhile project.

If you are interested in donating to this cause, please have your money to the church no later than November 15th. You may drop off your monetary donations in the offering plate, in an envelope marked "Shop with a Cop" or drop donations off at the church. If you wish to write a check, make the check payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church and make notations on the memo line "Shop with a Cop". In order to meet the timeframe for 2020 Christmas Shopping, we **MUST** receive all donations **NO LATER THAN** November 15th.

"Be filled with the spirit, speaking to one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Ephesians 5:18-19

Keep a song in your heart until we meet again!

2nd GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

The 2nd graders and their parents will take their Bible Class on November 15 & 22 during the Sunday School hour in Diers Hall. A letter was sent with details. The presentation of the Bibles to the 2nd graders will be during the 10:15 Worship Service on Sunday, November 22nd.



Berl Peavler completed his baptismal journey on October 18, 2020. His funeral was October 21, 2020 at Lux Memorial Chapel. Committal was at Beckman Cemetery.



CHILD: Lyle Ervin Stalter
PARENTS: Cole and McKenzie Stalter
DATE OF BIRTH: July 8, 2020
BAPTISM: October 11, 2020



So many of you remembered Bev and I with gifts, cards, prayers, comments of encouragement during Pastor Appreciation Month. We truly appreciate it. These have been challenging and sometimes discouraging times for all of us. God calls us together in the Body of Christ.

Thank You! – Pastor and Bev.

BISHOP SELBO'S 2020 VISION

Below is the 10 point Strategic Plan for the NALC for 2020-2023. More information on each statement can be found at the NALC website: www.thenalc.org/vision/

①

A church body committed to developing disciple-making congregations and cultures

②

A body of believers committed to increasing our mission outreach and congregational multiplication efforts

③

A denomination in which every congregation receives regular and consistent pastoral support

④

A continuing education emphasis that supports the ongoing development of all NALC pastors and lay leaders

⑤

A strategy for continental restructuring able to expand with denominational growth

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A denomination with the strongest and most highly respected Lutheran seminary training system in North America

⑦

A communications strategy focused on forming identity, unity and testimony across our church body

⑧

A denomination in which our international and ecumenical relationships strengthen our shared commitment to the Great Commission, the Great Commandments and the Church catholic, and which enhance our partnership on the congregational level

⑨

A church body with the financial strength to support its God-given vision

⑩

A Strategic Planning Team (SPT) that continually prays for and works to develop the next steps for our God-given vision and future

LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD

The Lutheran Brotherhood will meet on November 14th at 7:00 a.m. to put up the Thanksgiving Display. Any items you would like to donate for the display needs to be at the church no later than Friday, November 13th.

**THANKFULNESS**

Thankfulness, studies show, has multiple physical, mental and emotional benefits. Psychologist Robert Emmons calls gratitude “fertilizer for the mind” because of its powerful effects.

He admits gratitude isn’t always easy — especially when life throws us curveballs (see the year 2020) — but says it can be most helpful during and after difficulties. Emmons suggests reframing challenges using thankfulness-based language. Ask, for example: Though I wasn’t grateful for the experience at the time, how can I be now? What lessons did I learn, and how did I grow as a person?

Throughout his letters, the apostle Paul reframes his extensive sufferings and urges us to do the same. “Give thanks in all circumstances,” he writes, “for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV).

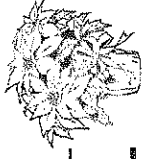
NOVEMBER 2020 CALENDAR-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day 8:00 a- & 10:15 a- Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 a- SS/with Adults	2 8:30 a- LWR Sewing	3 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship	4 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study 7:00 p- Confirmation	5 8:30 a- LWR Sewing	6	7 5:00 p- Worship
8 Stewardship Sunday 8:00 a- & 10:15 a- Worship 9:15 a- SS/with Adults	9	10 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 6:15 p- Endowment 7:00 p- Council	11 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study 7:00 p- Confirmation	12	13	14 7:00 a- Luth Broth - Thanksgiving display 10:00a - 2:00 p - First Communion Class - Diers Hall 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion
15 8:00 a- & 10:15 a- Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 a- SS/with Adults 1:00 p- Ostfriesian	16 8:30 a- LWR Sewing Newsletter Deadline	17 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship	18 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study 7:00 p- Confirmation	19 8:30 a- LWR Sewing	20	21 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion
22 Christ the King 8:00 & 10:15 a- Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 a- SS & 2 nd Grade Bible Class w/parents. No adult SS	23	24 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 6:30 p- Women of Immanuel	25 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study No Confirmation	26 Thanksgiving 9:00 a- Worship Office Closed	27	28 5:00 p- Worship

NOVEMBER 2020 VOLUNTEERS

Date	Acolyte	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants	No Greeters	Ushers
Sunday, November 1 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. All Saints 10:15 a.m. COMMUNION	Brodie Harms Anna Hammond Tinley Ideus Cameron McElroy	Bev Lehmann Joyce Romine	5:00 Lois Harms 8:00 Bev Lehmann 10:15 Mike Stark		November: 8:00 a.m. Bob Clem, Capt. Larry Frerichs Edgar Hovel Jeff Hovel
Sunday, November 8 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Carmen Sage Blake Learned	Shari Hovel Keith Sjuts			November: 10:15 a.m. Eric Suits Capt. Scott Sage Jeff Suits Evan Suits
Sunday, November 15 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. COMMUNION	Paige Schoonover Aubree Rosenthal Paige Schmidt Abbie Blue	Lloyd Duitsman Ellen Blue	5:00 Sue Calhoun 8:00 Julie Hedrick 10:15 Barb Hall		Altar Guild: Melissa Suits (Chair) Nicole Crites Toni Brown Julie Kellogg Anna Crites
Sunday, November 22 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. Christ the King 10:15 a.m. COMMUNION	Spencer Stockwill Davyn Franzen Chelsea Suits Alex Blue	Nicole Crites Maynard Duitsman	5:00 Ranae Buck 8:00 Nicole Crites 10:15 Callie Heidbreder		
Thursday, November 26 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving	Adam Wilson Nolan Franzen	Karon Currie			
Sunday, November 29 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. COMMUNION	Madison Wolken Anna Hammond Makenna Ackerman Bryce Brown	Denise Wolken Toni Brown	5:00 Bonita Kopmann 8:00 Sharon Hovel 10:15 Toni Brown		

DECEMBER 2020 VOLUNTEERS



Date	Acolytes	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants	No Greeters	Ushers
Sunday, December 6 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. COMMUNION	Caleb Cotter Aubree Rosenthal Brooks Brown Abbie Blue	Elaine Wilson Jason Stalter	5:00 Lois Harms 8:00 Judy Rademaker 10:15 Toni Brown		8:00 a.m. Mark Wood, Captain Anna Crites Kyle Ramm Todd Wilson
Sunday, December 13 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Tinley Ideus Brodie Harms	Robyn Camp Darcy McMahon			10:15 a.m. Derek Harms, Captain Dirk Harms Norman Uken Brian Emkes
Sunday, December 20 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. COMMUNION	Kodey McKinney Davyn Franzen Blake Learned Alex Blue	Denise Wolken Steve Rudawski	5:00 Sue Calhoun 8:00 Coley Wolken 10:15 Haley Braden		Altar Guild: Julie Wilson (Chair) Carol Johnson Janine Standifer Callie Heidbreder Sharolyn Worley Shannon Childress
Thursday, December 24 3:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	3:30 Carmen Sage Bryce Brown 5:30 Paige Schoonover Nolan Franzen	Kim Wood Mike Stark			
Friday, December 25 9:00 a.m.	Paige Schmidt Anna Hammond	Teri Travis			
Sunday, December 27 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Spencer Stockwill Chelsea Suits	Leon Schmidt Eric Suits			

EACH CONFIRMED MEMBER OF IMMANUEL is asked to fill out this sheet. Mark each area you wish to share your time and talents *even if you are already serving in that area*. **Husbands and wives are to fill out one sheet together and mark "H" or "W" or "B" (for both) on the line.** All other individuals simply place a mark on line. Please **REMEMBER** to fill in your name on the line below. Your suggestions for new programs or needs are welcome. **For more information on each committee, please refer to your 2020 church directory (pgs 1-10).**

NAME: _____ **PHONE (Home):** _____
EMAIL: _____ **PHONE (Cell):** _____

2021 TIME AND TALENT COMMITMENT

In thanksgiving to God and in response to the stirring of the Holy Spirit, I commit my time and talents to His service in my daily life and through our church in the following ways.

WORSHIP

- _____ Greeter on Sunday
- _____ Read Lessons on Sunday
- _____ Usher-Sunday
- _____ Assist with Holy Communion

Circle time preference for the above:

Saturday – 5:00 PM

Sunday – 8 AM / 10:15 AM / Either

Indicate months not

available for above, if any _____

- _____ Usher - Funeral Visitation
- _____ Usher - Funerals
- _____ Altar Guild

MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS

- _____ Work Days
- _____ Carpentry
- _____ Electrical
- _____ Plumbing
- _____ Painting
- _____ General Cleaning
- _____ Flowerbed Maintenance

SUPPORT

- _____ Funeral Dinner Committee
- _____ Historical Committee
- _____ Newsletter & Mailings Assembly
- _____ Assist with Website/Social Media

MUSIC

- _____ Cathedral Choir
- _____ Choir Accompanist
- _____ Joy Bells
- _____ Organist
- _____ Sunday School Pianist

MINISTRY OF CARING

- _____ Ambassadors for Christ: Visit Shut-ins/
Nursing Homes/Hospitalized
- _____ Visit Prospective Members
- _____ Provide transportation to church activities
(disabled or seniors)
- _____ Sewing & Quilting Group

EDUCATION

- _____ Sunday School Teacher
- _____ Sunday School Sub/Helper
- _____ Confirmation Teacher/Assistant
- _____ Vacation Bible School
- _____ Vacation Bible School Sub/Helper

CHURCH HOME/EVENTS

- _____ Bulletin Board/Posters
- _____ Banners
- _____ Help Maintain Library
- _____ Provide Refreshments for Special Events

COMMITTEES

- _____ Evangelism
- _____ Fellowship
- _____ Social Ministry
- _____ Stewardship
- _____ Property

SEPTEMBER 2020 TREASURER'S REPORT

Fund Balance Information

GENERAL FUND				BUILDING FUND			
Fund Balance	8/31/2020		\$ 269,114.33	Fund Balance	8/31/2020		\$ 132,332.31
Offerings		\$ 17,499.00		Offerings		\$ 7,828.00	
Dedicated & Other Fund Receipts		2,011.17			Total Income		\$ 7,828.00
	Total Income		\$ 19,510.17				
Pastoral Ministry		\$ 16,992.00		Repair		\$ 1,794.00	
Worship & Service		2,684.15		Utilities		630.95	
Our Church Home		5,429.26		Miscellaneous		47.50	
Dedicated Fund Expenses		1,946.13			Total Expenses		\$ 2,472.45
	Total Expenses		\$ 27,051.54				
Total Fund Balance	9/30/2020		\$ 261,572.96	Total Fund Balance	9/30/2020		\$ 137,687.86
Less Dedicated Fund Total			90,981.06	<i>Building Fund Invested as:</i>		<i>Checking</i>	\$ 137,687.86
Total Unobligated Balance			\$ 170,591.90				
<i>General Fund Invested as:</i>				<i>Other Fund Balances</i>			
<i>CD</i>	<i>\$34,281.53</i>	<i>Checking</i>	<i>\$ 15,403.02</i>	Endowment Capital	\$ 26,582.17	Memorial	\$ 42,657.48
<i>Money Market</i>	<i>\$131,578.43</i>	<i>CD</i>	<i>\$44,962.16</i>	Endowment Common	\$ 37,748.40	Endowment Interest	\$ 654.58
		<i>CD</i>	<i>\$35,347.82</i>				

Offering & Attendance September 2020

By Category

General	\$ 17,499.00
Benevolence	11,269.00
Building	7,828.00
Total	\$ 36,596.00

September Attendance

490
Average Weekly Attendance
123

Benevolence Offering Includes

General Benevolence	3,858.50	Lutheran CORE	40.00
Rantoul Food Bank	1,320.50	NALC Seminary	455.00
Marion Medical Mission	40.00	Mission Festival	5,515.00
Lutheran Military Veterans	40.00		
	5,259.00		11,269.00
			6,010.00

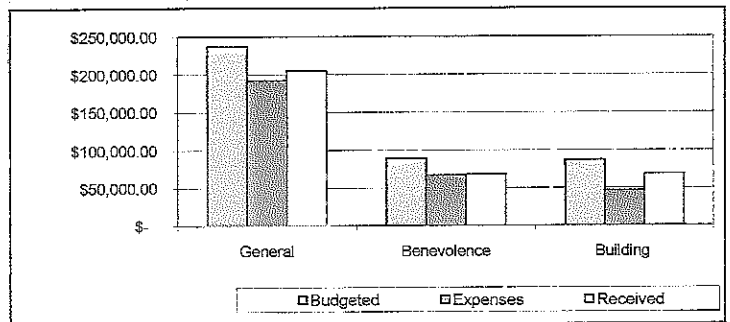
Additional Offerings Received

Radio Broadcast	140.00	Sunday School	498.48
Altar Flowers	35.00	LYO	15.00
Cookbooks	15.00	JOY	10.00
Parking Lot	400.00		

Stewardship Progress Year to Date

	Budgeted	Received	Ahead/(Behind)
General	\$ 237,438.00	\$ 205,252.35	\$ (32,185.65)
Benevolence	90,000.00	68,071.00	(21,929.00)
Building	87,376.00	68,551.35	(18,824.65)
TOTAL	\$ 414,814.00	\$ 341,874.70	\$ (72,939.30)

	Expenses	Ahead/(Behind)
General	\$ 192,363.94	\$ 12,888.41
Benevolence	67,011.00	1,060.00
Building	56,908.13	11,643.22
	\$ 316,283.07	\$ 25,591.63



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Kevin Kellogg
Kyle Ramm
Susie Sjuts
Wilma Suits
Shirley Waters
Rick Wolken
Sharolyn Worley

Cathedral Choir Director Charlene Bergman

Cathedral Choir Co-Directors Marilyn Buhr/
Darla Rubarts

Cathedral Choir Pianist Lois Harms

Bell Choir Director Laveda Clem

Organists: Irene Buhr, Janice Siuts, Brenda
Anderson, Linda Pein, Laveda Clem,
Heidi Brown

Parish Education
Committee

Darcy Silver - Chairman
Kevin Kellogg
Tina Buhr
Edgar Hoveln
Darcy Silver/Candy Franzen
Marie Reitmeier
Angie Sage/Missy Buhr
Audrey Harms
Alyson Suits

Building & Grounds

Andy Hammond
Trent Hoveln
Troy Sage

Youth Committee

Angie Sage/Missy Buhr
Audrey Harms
Alyson Suits

Vacation Bible
School Committee

Darcy Silver/Candy
Franzen
Emily Harms

Sunday School Staff

Tina Buhr, Supt.
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Custodian/Groundskeeper:
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