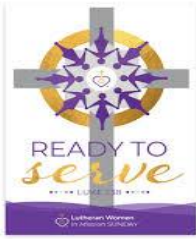




Friday, October 4, 2024

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LEADERSHIP WEEKLY



Sunday Worship and Learning Schedule

Sunday October 6, 2024

9:00 am - Divine Worship Service w/Holy Communion

10:30 am – Praise Worship Service w/Holy Communion

10:45 am – “The Rock” Sunday School

*Most of our Worship Services are streamed Live on Facebook [Immanuel Lutheran Church Bridgman](https://www.facebook.com/ImmanuelLutheranChurchBridgman), or are posted on our website: www.immanuelbridgman.org

A weekly publication of our announcements from our church leadership, staff and Early Childhood Development Center of Bridgman

AS WE GATHER

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ took children up in his arms and blessed them. The Lord's intent was, and still is, that the church would never rebuke parents who bring their children to meet Jesus. Rather,

Jesus desires that the church would always provide access to the crucified and risen Christ in order that both adults and children might receive the kingdom of God. This morning, we come to the end of the six-part sermon series, “From Generation to Generation”. We have learned from Holy Scripture that the risen Christ calls the church to teach, to heal, to advocate for, to receive, to provide peace to, and to bless generation after generation with the Good News of the Gospel. Moses made this abundantly clear in his first sermon as recorded in Deuteronomy. Jesus of Nazareth repeatedly made his aspirations to bless the next generation know throughout the Gospel of Mark. May the Holy Spirit bring about and sustain a ministry in our midst in which all seven generations among us may be blessed by God and be a blessing to each other.

CHURCH NEWS

In the **Confession and Absolution**, we confess our unworthiness to stand in God's presence. He forgives our sins and welcomes us into His presence. In the **Service of the Word**, we first hear from the prophets who foretold of Christ's coming, looking for the fulfillment of God's promise to save the world (Gen. 3:15). Then we tune our ears to the apostles and their epistles (letters) teaching the Gospel to the Early Church. Finally, we see the full picture of God's work in the world through the Gospel reading: the teachings and life of Jesus.

The Sewing for Missions group is a sub-committee of Immanuel's Lutheran Women's Missionary League. We have met 4 times in-person this year with a goal of completing 12 quilts for Lutheran World Relief and local care facilities. We are a small but mighty group of 6 and growing. **By God's Grace, we completed 44 quilts!** The quilts will be distributed to LWR and local care facilities in SW. Michigan. By the way, LWM recently announced that quilts donated will be distributed within the US and overseas based on need. They have already shipped quilts to families impacted by the recent Hurricane, Helene. How can you help? We continue to welcome volunteers to help sew and assemble quilts. Our next sewing day is November 8th from 9am-1pm. You do not need to be an experienced quilter or have sewing skills. We are also in need of supplies: cotton fabric yardage, cotton batting, old sheets, table risers, fabric scissors, sewing clips. Gift cards from fabric stores like Joann Fabrics or cash donations are also appreciated. If you have questions or would like to donate or volunteer, please contact Tiffany Rydwelski cell: 269-487-7572 or email trvdwelski@gmail.com.



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In Our Thoughts
& Prayers



 We Bee - Long
To Jesus

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 27th
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of Else Reinhardt. Else was called to her heavenly Father's side on September 28th. Else's Coronation Service of Celebration will be on **Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 11:00 am here** at Immanuel. Friends can meet with the family in the church narthex on October 19th from 10-11 am before the Coronation Service. A Fellowship Luncheon will follow the service in the Life Center. Please join us as we pray for the family, asking God to console them in their grief.

Just Relax! Please feel free to relax and enjoy the quilts which adorn our pews today. Pray over them. Pray that through these quilts, God will give comfort and solace to those who are in need. These quilts were made by women with loving, caring hands and will go on to people who will love and appreciate their beauty and warmth in addition to the prayers that go with them, will sustain those in need.

WE BEE-LONG TO JESUS, we hope you will join us on **Sunday, October 27th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm** as we emphasize how much our God loves us! We will decorate and open our car trunks to the little ones intending to "trick or treat" us, but we focus on Bible stories and concepts with the help of Oriental Trading Company. This online store will give you many choices of how to decorate your trunk with a biblical theme. These kits are inexpensive and give you the opportunity to join the fun. We could use as many cars as possible, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you can help give these children a very positive message about "Halloween". We will play games, enjoy hot cocoa, cider, flavored coffee, decorate cookies, face paint, have contests, taste sweets and treats. We know this is a very busy day for the church but would love to spend a couple of hours seeing the little ones enjoying the message of God's Love, we would love to see you!



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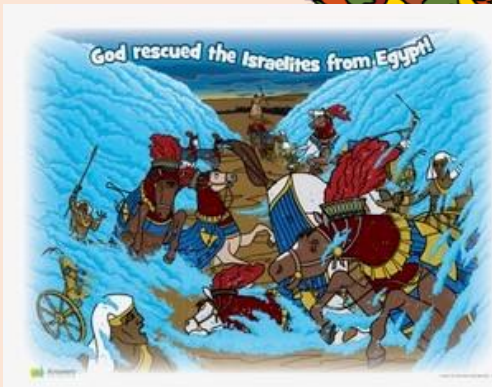
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ECDC News

Beautiful Fall weather this week for our students and staff. Several classrooms were going on field trips this week to Stover's Farm and participated in picking out pumpkins, picking apples tasting apples and apple cider, hayrides and hearing about how Stover's Farm focuses on God. Our Infant Room has a theme of "Autumn" this week. The older children in their room made a fall wreath, they all played in a sensory bin with pumpkins, gourds and ears of Indian corn. They played with empty water bottles filled partially with dried corn to stimulate their hearing sense. They cut open a pumpkin to play with the seeds and membrane, and they colored with paint inside a yellow triangle. Their Bible story this week was "God Is Good" with Zoe the Zebra puppet teaching them. Not to be outdone, our Toddlers were continuing with their study of the five senses. The hardest skill for a toddler to sharpen is their listening skill. They played listening games, went on a hearing walk to identify what they could hear and listened as they painted with colored sand on paper. They also had some new things come to their room this week, two new teachers; Ms. Linda and Ms. Aimee joined Ms. Lindsey as staff in the Toddler Room and two new trucks caused some excitement in their room. Our GSRP room and our Four-Year Old's room visited Stover's Pumpkin Patch and enjoyed the outdoor activities they offered. Our GSRP room went on a nature walk to continue on with their Tree Study, like how trees grow, what seeds or berries they produce, if they keep their leaves during the winter, they compared the way they grow and the way trees grow. They discussed shapes and the properties of shapes like curved or straight edges. They continued to work on their letter board and learning what sound each letter has and what it looks like to write the letter. Our Three-Year Olds explored the letter "D" with creating DeeDee Deer out of the letter. They used pumpkin shaped sponges to paint pumpkins on paper and worked on their glueing and cutting skills. They learned the phonetic sounds for the letters A-E and started to learn their Thanksgiving Song. The ingenious teachers helped our three-year-olds to identify their emotions with spots for the students to stand by which reflect different emotions. Their Bible story was about Adam and Eve and how they did not listen to God and created the first sin. Our Skill Builders worked on the letters A, D, M and S, learning about how the shape of the letter changed when the letter is upper case as compared to lower case. They practiced cutting circles and cutting letters out and creating something from the shape. They talked about making choices and selected class jobs for each of the students in the room. They talked about how important it is to take care of their space and possessions. We are so blessed with so many loving, caring teachers!

"THE ROCK" News

We are looking for help in our Sunday School room for this year. If you can help with our Sunday School and are willing to spend about one hour per Sunday, or even once per month on a Sunday to help with the instruction of young students, please let the church office know. Thank you to Sue West and Cindy Payne for offering your time and talents to help our Sunday School and those wonderful, sweet children.





Homebound and Continuing Care Facilities

Homebound: Dollie Schmaltz, Edith Weed, Edna Holt, Irwin and Margaret Poschke, Terry Graves, Kay Cornwell, Joanne Argue, Harry Rock, and Elizabeth Rock

Continuing Care Facilities: Pat Ott, Bev Gast, Geraldine Wooley, Don Metzger, Skip & Norma Linn, Barry Vance (out of state), MaryLou Svorec (out of state), Rose Briggs, Betty Dehring, Karen Freehling, Dorothea Crocker, Bill Gast, Duane Vigansky, and Harriet Fester

For information on how to connect with our church family please call the church office at 269-465-6031

Prayers of the Church for Today

Family and Friends of Else Reinhardt,
Mike Stine (Triple Bypass surgery)
Denny Lawrenz (Cornea Transplant on October 8th)
Larry Kanous (heart catheterization)
Tim Smith (Open Heart surgery on October 7th)
John Stine (Pulmonary Embolism and chemotherapy)
Larry Dow (Surgery on his shoulder)

Healing Needs for the Month

Derek Davis, Connie Randall, James Petty Sr., Scott Mulvihill, Char Schram, Karen Freehling, John Stine, Natalya Gaidukevich, Jeffrey Nemitz (Pat Nemitz's son) Liver Cancer, Sarah Hogue, Ray Michener, Tiffany Prosser, Michael Dick, Harriet Fester, Ted Joachim, Tara Deam (Jon Crocker's granddaughter) David J Zilke, Kathy Burkett, Ray Krieger, Jane Tym, Mary Lou Svorec on Hospice, Gavin Hanson, Sara Buist, Harvey Burnett, Charles Boreland, Dave Kramer, Marilyn Gelesko, Beth Vigansky Ciuizio, Tom Ulmer, Brenda Cangelosi, Ralph Palmer (Nancy Gast's Son), Laura Laube, Roger Mojsiejenko, Jeff Delvaux, Terry Graves, Irwin & Margaret Poschke, Dick Gorske, Taylor Joachim

Serving in the Military

Isaac Maze (Army) SFC Casey LeFever,
MAJ Kenneth Stice, Nathan Anderson, MM1 Timothy Ott,
Jacob Lomoro, SGT Devin Hays, Tom Shepard, Dan Woodruff,
SPC David Helfman, Arthur Gatchel, Ryan Skibbe,
MAJ Joe Chappel, FN Sebastian Kirk MMN3

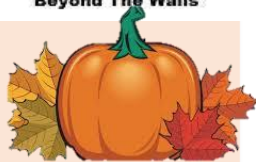
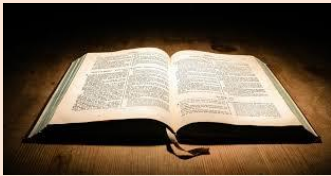
Finance News

Last week's offering and donations:
Offering Envelopes \$5932.00, Year to date: \$296,459.00
HVAC - \$150.00

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Confirmation Class has started on Thursdays at Trinity Glendora starting at 6:45 pm and ending at 8:15 pm. This class will be taught jointly by Pastor Kregel and Pastor Liebich both working with the students from Immanuel and Trinity. Thank you Pastors for your efforts to teach the word of God to our members.

Do you love the scriptures? We are looking for lay readers for our 9:00 am worship service. Some of our readers have taken a step back from reading the scriptures during worship services and we are looking for some people to serve as readers each Sunday. We accommodate comfort levels of all our readers. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, please contact the church office at 465-6031. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

LUTHERAN'S WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE NEWS

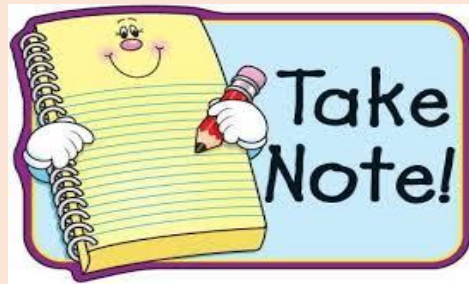
Today is LWML Sunday at both worship services. This year we will experience the Blessing of the Quilts. We have had our Sewing for Missions group working diligently to create and craft quilts for Lutheran World Relief and for charity groups. Many of our wonderful quilters have gathered together to work on this important mission and to serve the Lord through their time and talent. They have created some really beautiful quilts to donate, and we will ask for prayer over those quilts for a blessing. We hope you will enjoy looking at the quilts which will be displayed over the back of our pews. We hope you will join us for this very special worship service.

LWML Fall Rally Is Today! The Lutheran Women's Missionary League's annual Fall Rally at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Niles. The rally begins at 2:00 pm with registration and the program begins at 2:30 pm. This year's speaker is Dr. Becky Grossmann, Missionary with Lutheran Bible Translators. She will be talking about her mission assist translators in African nations to share the Word of God. There will be an ingathering of socks to be donated to a local homeless shelter and handmade purses from Liberia offered for sale. We hope you can be there for this inspirational afternoon.

LWML October Meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday, October 8th with some wonderful things planned and a short business meeting. Please take some time to enjoy a relaxing evening full of fellowship and fun! Some of you ladies might find this fun and relaxing if you have never been to one of our meetings, come and see what we have to offer!

Preparing for the Future We are looking to the future to replace our heating system for the school. Our HVAC units are older, and we will eventually need to replace those units. The HVAC unit that runs the school is a specialized unit that meets strict standards for schools. The replacement cost estimate for that unit is in excess of \$190,000 currently. We have started a fund to raise money for this special unit. If you would like to donate to this special fund, please notate that on your check or electronic donation. Thank you for always supporting this church's mission, to educate children on how to follow Jesus.

Beyond the Walls Choir is getting together again this year for their Christmas Musical "Heaven Has Come". We are looking for more members to join us as we bring some joy to people in our continuing care facilities. They do not have much to look forward to and they enjoy a little sharing of the joy of the season. We will be practicing on **Saturday, October 26th and November 2nd here at 10:00 – 11:15 am.** We hope you can join us!



Special Days

Birthdays: Kodi Jones (10-07), Tiffany Ott (10-07), Tricia Yack (10-08), Megan Oldenburg (10-08), Nancy Reinhardt (10-08), Jan Mercier (10-10), Patricia Stelter (10-12), Robert Heimbuch (10-12)

Anniversaries: Dennis & Beverly Barnes (10-06) 52, Scott & Emily Barnes (10-07) 25, Joshua & Katherine Crow (10-08) 14, Pastor Bassett & Lisa (10-09) 54 years, Robert Jr. & Pam Svoboda (10-10) 44, Michael & Pamela Hoover (10-11) 44, Eric & Robyn Kubsch (10-12) 11

This Week at Immanuel

Today Oct. 6th – Divine Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:00 am

Praise Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 10:30 am

“The Rock” Sunday School - 10:45 am

Mon. Oct. 7th – Bible Class Café - 10:00 am

Bridge Club - 12:30 pm

Hand Bell Choir - 6:00 pm

AA Meeting – 7:00 pm

Tues. Oct. 8th – LWML Meeting – 6:30 pm

Wed. Oct. 9th – Bible Class – 10:00 am

Elder’s Board Meeting – 6:30 pm

Choir Practice – 7:00 pm

Thur. Oct. 10th – Breakfast with Jesus – 7:00 am

Confirmation Class (Trinity, Glendora) 6:45pm

Praise Worship Practice – 7:00 pm

Sun. Oct. 13th – Divine Worship Service -9:00 am

Praise Worship Service - 10:30 am

“The Rock” Sunday School – 10:45 am

Noteworthy Dates in the Next Few Weeks.

- ♥ **Chicken Dinner Fundraiser** for Trinity Glendora on October 16th starting at 5:00 pm
- ♥ **New Member Sunday** on Sunday, October 27th at both worship services with a reception following the 10:30 am service
- ♥ **Annual Voters Meeting** on Sunday, October 27th at noon in the Life Center
- ♥ **Trunk or Treat** Sunday, October 27th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Operation Christmas Child is a very special way to share the love of Christ with children all over the world. Thank you to all of you who gave from your heart to fill all these boxes for this wonderful mission. On **Saturday November 2nd at 10:00 am** we will be packing the Operation Christmas Child boxes with the items you have donated over the last year. We could use some help, as we plan on packing over 150 boxes to deliver to the Operation Christmas Child this year. You are invited to join the Outreach Board for their meeting at 9:15 am before the packing begins. Why not come and see what the Outreach Board plans each month? We hope to see you there!

Trinity Lutheran in Glendora is inviting you to their annual Chicken Dinner fundraiser on October 16th starting at 5:00 pm. Cost is \$13 for adults, \$8 for children 4-10 and children 3 and under are free. They will be serving chicken, stuffing, potatoes and gravy, corn, cole slaw, cranberry sauce, roll and dessert. Tickets are available by calling Caroly Schmaltz at 269-422-1311. Dine-in or tack out only advance sale. Deadline is October 13th.

Those Serving in Church This Week



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**WHO IS THE
MOST AWESOME
PERSON TODAY?**



Greeters: Brad & Debbie Hildebrandt and Mark Heyn (9am);

Immanuel's Praise Team (10:30am)

Ushers: Don Burch, Brad Hildebrandt, Dave Neal, Paul Jaeger, Joe Rydwelski, Larry Smith, Bill Gast and Ken Dickinson

Lay Reader: Karen Pedde (9:00 am)

Praise Team: Team Leader, Deb Jaeger; Rich Kubsch, Mark Heyn, Karen Kerlikowske, Pam Hoover, Lori Sukupchak, Sharon Stine, Melissa Barker, Olga Chorna, Pattie Neal, Amy Krengel and Shannah Smith

Immanuel Choir: Directed by Sara Oldenburg. Elsie Hanke, Kurt Hanke, Rich McClintock, Mark Heyn, Chris Hampton, Nancy Kirk, Kathy Hanke, Judy Roush, Jeannie Dehring, Karen Pedde, Ilene Nemitz, and Kim Schmitz, Cheryl Fischer

Pianist: Pastor Thomas Fischer

Guitarists: John "Mac" McElligott, Kurt Hanke and "Sid"

Keyboardist: Sid

Altar Guild: Susan Foster, Karen Oldenburg, Annette Ott, Cheryl Fischer

A/V Techs: Chad Hettig, Lucas Oldenburg, Cyndi Pedde, Pattie Neal, Steve Schmitz, Karl Hanke and Eric Kubsch

Counters: Karen Pedde, Craig Klein, Karen Oldenburg, Carol Berndt and Cheryl Music

Office Assistants: Lorraine Jasper, Melissa Barker, Suellen Klein, Cheryl Fischer

Trustees: Brad Hildebrandt, Paul Jaeger, Joe Rydwelski, Art Brunke

Elders: Gerry Vigansky, Larry Kanous, Paul Jaeger, Allan Barker, Denny Barnes, Steve Schmitz

Organist: Rev. Thomas Fischer

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Douglas Krengel.

Everyone Needs Prayer! We need people to sign up to Prayer Partner with our teachers in the ECDC. Those very dedicated women work very hard to teach our littlest members of our community to know and love God. In this day and age, our teachers become front line warriors to help them to follow the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to live as a Christian. We are asking the Prayer Partners to drop a note to their partner, share small gifts like a small treat, Bible verse, or a quick text to know they are being thought of. Each Prayer Partner will receive a "Favorites" list of birthdates, things they like and things they are allergic to, in case you are providing a birthday treat. This is not meant to be a financial burden. Write a note, make a bookmark, make some small gift to let your Prayer Partner know that you care. And of course, don't forget to pray! Please sign up today!

Thank you to Chris Dow who puts together the busy bags for the children. Chris works on the busy bags every church season to replace the items in the bags with new busy items, coloring pages, and activities that reflect the church year. Thank you for your love and dedication to this mission.

Thank you to Art Brunke for coming to our aid with the boy's bathroom running water situation. You stopped what you were doing to help turn off the water so the unit could be repaired.



We need some help. We have had some volunteer positions opened up on our Boards and we could use your help. Some of Elders have stepped down and we still need a Treasurer for our church. The Elders Board position is for men only according to our church constitution. *“Elders, working along with the Pastor(s), have authority and responsibility for the spiritual welfare of the congregation, staff, and other members. They serve as special assistant to the Pastor(s), in prayer, service participation, group Bible studies, visitations, assimilation, and in meetings with Greeters, Ushers, Altar Guild, Worship, etc. If any Elder has been so empowered by the Pastor(s), that Elder could serve in his (their) stead. The Elders are to perform an annual review with the Pastor(s).”*

The Treasurer position has been vacant for some time. The duties are as follows: *The Treasurer shall supervise the bookkeeper(s) regarding (a) payment of all bills authorized by the congregation, and (b) accurate record-keeping of all disbursements and receipts. The Treasurer shall take steps to assure that all financial records remain the property of the congregation and that all officers and board chairs have appropriate access to such records. The Treasurer will issue financial reports and charts for all of Immanuel’s programs to the Business Council; and will be available to explain Immanuel’s fiscal status at each Voters and Business Council meeting. The Treasurer will serve as a member of The Board of Finance and will be its representative at Business Council meetings.”* (Italicized portions are from Immanuel Lutheran Church Constitution and Bylaws rev. April 24, 2022)

If you would like to volunteer to help this church in her mission, please let the church office know at 269-465-6031.

Please be aware that these positions are volunteer, not paid positions.

Rev. Dr. Douglas A. Kregel, Sole Pastor

***Please call the church office for any Pastoral needs.
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Today’s Hymns – LSB 869, LSB 649, LSB 860, LSB 725

Sunday, October 13, 2024

“The Ongoing Reformation: Wealth”

Next Week’s Scriptures: Old Testament: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Epistle: Hebrews 3:12-19; Holy Gospel: Mark 10:17-22

Sunday Attendance: September 22, 2024

9:00 am – 83; 10:30 am – 67

Wednesday Bible Class – 12

Monday Bible Class - 5

And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her (Luke 1:38).