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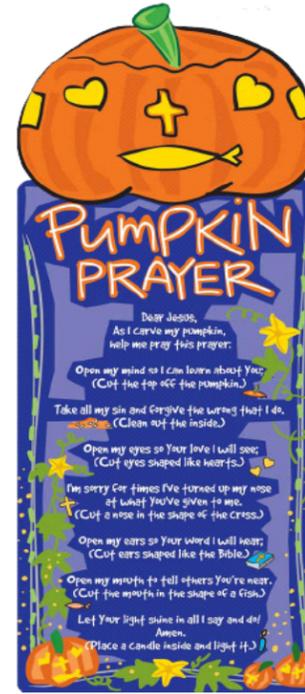
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# Immanuel's Story

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*I'm Praying for You...*

Throughout the recent weeks following my brother-in-law, Doug's sudden death. I heard this phrase many times. One day during my devotions, I saw in my mind's eye a picture of many raised hands and prayers to God. It is so amazing to think that one person, one situation, one family can be lifted to God in prayer at a moment's notice. Our God takes time for just this person and this need. What a blessing that God unites His family so intimately that we can bring each others' needs to Him wherever we are. And when all those prayers go up.. can you imagine?? If you have been on the receiving end of those prayers, you know! It is like you are being carried. You know God is there walking with you, and you feel those many, many prayers and all Christ's love through the hands and hearts of others, surrounding you.

**“Prayer is a holy privilege as we become part of what God is doing in another’s life.** The apostle Paul found great joy in praying for his friends in the faith. He opens his letter to the Philippian believers: *‘I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus’* - Philippians 1:3-6

**Prayer draws us closer to God and to fellow believers in Christ Jesus.** There is a special intimacy between believers as they pray together. As we seek God's heart for each other, self-interest fades, and we long to see our Savior work in the lives of others—growing and strengthening our co-laborers in Kingdom work. **What an adventure, to join in what God is doing in the journey of other believers!”** - Leigh Ann Thomas, contributing writer for *Crosswalk Daily*

Thank you, my dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, for all your prayers that continue to carry us through a very difficult time. May we keep on lifting each other up to our great God, knowing that He has the provision for any and every situation. May we continue to hear and say **I'm Praying for You!**

Together in God's Love and Kingdom Journeys, Judi Burson



## .... in Scripture & Study for Worship

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Psalm 8  
John 6:16-21

Sunday, October 24, 2021

Psalm 126  
John 20:19-30

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Psalm 90:12-17  
John 9:1-11

Reformation Sunday, October 31, 2021

Psalm 46  
John 8:31-36

Sunday, October 17, 2021

Psalm 91:9-16  
John 11:17-44

October 31st is Reformation Day and Halloween.

Coincidence? Not according to Martin Luther's plan.

In 1517 Luther did not have Facebook or Instagram or YouTube to "get out the news" So he used what was available to him. A place where all could see what he had written, in this case his "Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences," what we know as "The 95 Theses."

At that time the place to "post" his message was on the door of "Castle Church" in the town of Wittenberg  
But why October 31?

Because the next day was "All Saints' Day"

In 1517, the relics of the martyrs were displayed for public viewing at Castle Church. So Luther reasoned that he would get the most "hits" "likes" and "shares" from the door of that church because it was one of the most highly attended church ceremonies in the Catholic tradition.

(Remember, Luther was a Monk in the Catholic Church).

So to get his message to the masses, (pun intended) he placed them in the way of the masses.

So Luther was ahead of his time using social media.

And as we do not fear the darkness, we give but lip service to Halloween, and live in the light of God's love and glory.

Reformation Sunday is the day when we remember and re-tell the family stories of our faith. Stories about men and women who came before us and taught us about the faith. Stories about people who risked everything so that we would be able to gather and worship in the manner that we do.

On Reformation Sunday, we return to the core of our faith:

*God loved us first, and God continues to shower us with grace and mercy. - Breyeschow*

*Blessings,  
Karlin*

### .... Donations

When considering Memorial/Honorarium Donations, please prioritize these ministries and needs:

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN & YOUTH MILESTONE MINISTRIES GENERAL ACCOUNT

Milestone Ministries, Scholarship Fund is a sub account of the Memorial Savings Account. Milestone Ministries is used to support all Baptisms, First Bibles, First Communion, Confirmation & Graduation expenses.

For a complete list of ministries, please contact the church office.

*A huge thank you to all who support these important ministries!*

## BUILDING FUNDS FINANCIAL REPORT

### Major Capital Improvement Fund

Balance: 8/1/2021 **\$120,754.50**

Current Deposits Current Withdrawals

**\$1,725.63** **\$676.22**

Balance: 8/31/21 **\$121,803.91**

### General Operating Budget Report

	AUG. 2021	AUG. 2020	YTD thru 2021	YTD thru 2020
Budget*	32,848	30,012	247,287	250,603
General Fund Giving	31,096	54,222	250,166	335,060
General Fund Expense	30,256	27,329	244,120	251,828
Net Income	840	26,893	6,046	83,232

\*Budget figures reflect approved annual budget divided by 12 months. Actual figures on a monthly basis will vary depending on giving patterns and seasonal expense variations.

**Thank you for your faithful giving!**

... in Pastors' Perspective

"The Next Step"

Years ago, this congregation was invited to consider the possibility of a projector and screen in the front of the sanctuary to assist with the enhancement of worship. At the time, it was a new concept, and a spendy one.

The congregation decided to move forward with it, and now it has become so "normal" that we can't imagine worship without it.

During the pandemic, our church leadership has read the book "The Post-Pandemic Church" by Thom Rainer. One of the key take-aways from the book is the importance of taking "the next step" in ministry assisted by technology. And overall, at Immanuel, we are doing very well with our "tech ministry." We have a current website, podcasts of Sunday messages, a YouTube channel to broadcast a delayed video of worship, and a live FM broadcast of worship for those nearby, in addition to a Facebook page and monthly "e-news."

The time has come for us to consider "the next step" in our tech ministry. The church council has prayerfully considered and approved the plan to move forward to provide "live streaming" of worship and other special events (such as weddings and funerals) at Immanuel.

In addition to those who are not able to attend worship on Sundays, or other special events, this will especially benefit our snowbirds during winter months, who would like to "attend" Sunday worship at Immanuel.

People will have the option to watch worship and other special events live, or at a time of their convenience, as worship and other special events will be archived and available on our website.

Here's the deal: the cost for this "next step" enhancement to our tech ministry is around \$15,000, which seems like a daunting challenge, which it is. But the benefit will be enormous and will be a blessing for many years to come. The bid includes all the "hardware," with the installation of new and improved (crisp and clear) cameras with a life span of at least 15 years, and training. The hope is to have this new system in place by the end of the year.

With Luther, it was the printing press; then much later came the radio and television; then along came the internet; and here we are today. Let's together take "the next step" to advance the Gospel of Christ at Immanuel, today and for many years to come.

Blessings

Pastor Paul



Pastor Paul J. Mattson  
218.546.6010



... in Handbell Ministry

Celebration Sunday was an awesome day with excitement for new memberships and the many fall activities. It was a special time for me to have some closure with bell choir music that was to have been played during the time that the Covid-19 first made its appearance.

A call was made to the Chapel Chimer parents and the Sept. 12 date worked for 8 Chimers. First time ringers were Bennett Kannel and Cole Freese. With only 2 practices they and the others did very well. On our Wed. practice, Pastor Paul was able to join us which was enjoyed by all. We even had time to have a fun moment putting on our funniest faces. On Sunday, the Chapel Chimers processed ringing their chimes and their anthem was, "Holy, Holy, Holy."

Sixteen vocalists and thirteen handbell ringers participated in the anthem, "As The Deer". After a long absence, it was wonderful to hear the voices and bells again in the sanctuary. We did make a Joyful Noise! Thank you to everyone who participated. Special thanks to Judi Burson who directed the choir and also to Carolyn Mogen who filled in at a practice for the choir.

Thank you everyone for your support through the years and to God who gave me this opportunity to direct one final time. With that said, we truly need to continue this ministry which has given so many people, these last 11 plus years, an opportunity to ring and to sing. The children's and adult bell choirs participation has been strong and would continue to be so if we could hire someone to be that director.

Our bell cabinet is filled with 4 octaves of handbells and chimes and all the necessary equipment necessary to have a full choir. Please continue with prayers to fill this position. If you know of anyone who may be currently studying music or is teaching in that field, it is a great part-time position. Please notify Immanuel's Personnel Committee with names of those who may have an interest or have any questions.

In thankfulness,

Judy Kirchoff



CHAPEL CHIMER PARTICIPANTS from L to R: Carson Freese, Braylon Kannel, Bella Oren, Katie Freese, Maycee DeCent, Kynsley DeCent, Judy Kirchoff, Cole Freese, Bennett Kannel

## ... Handbells cont.



HANDBELL CHOIR PARTICIPANTS: Judy Kirchoff, Director  
Back Row L to R LuAnn Henrichs, Nancy Heise, Carson Freese, Jack Schubert, Hal Kirchoff

Left side by doorway wrapping to Right: Ardelle Patrick, Barb Rhodes, Jan Nordell, Ginny Larson, Jill Mattson, Dee Dee Frahm, Robyn Klopfleisch, Sandy Twigg



VOCAL CHOIR PARTICIPANTS: Judi Burson, Director  
Back 2 Rows from L to R Mancel Mitchell, Jeff Olson, Peter Nordell, Adrian Olson, David Pundt, Jim Bloedel, Pastor Paul Mattson

Middle Row L to R Carol Pundt, Sharon Simons, Terrie Bunker, Tammy Freeburg, Nancy Evans

Front Row L to R Sylvia Graff, Meredith Bloedel, Jill DeCent, Jean Olson

## ... in Memorials & Honorariums were given in August & September 2021:

In honor of Bob & Joyce Kallestad's Anniversary by Jeffery & Janet Severtson  
In memory of Don Carlson by Joe & Sharon Simons  
In memory of Shirley Foote by Brian & Kay McDonald  
In memory of Shirley Foote by Tom & Cheryl Leonard  
In memory of Shirley Foote by Denny & LuAnn Henrichs

### Quilting

In memory of Shirley Foote by Don & Nancy Nyvold

### Children's Ministry

In memory of Shirley Foote by Marian Segersten

### Youth Ministry

In memory of Shirley Foote by Greg & Kim Waffensmith

In memory Shirley Foote by Beryl Foote

In memory of Shirley Foote by Roger & Sandy Twigg

### Milestone Ministry

In memory of Don Carlson by Virgil & Melva Panitzke

In memory of Don Carlson by Bob & Joyce Kallestad

In memory of Shirley Foote by Hal & Judy Kirchoff

In memory of Doug Last by Hal & Judy Kirchoff

### Good Sam

In memory of Shirley Foote by Stan & Mary Nagorski

In memory of Shirley Foote by Lynn & Shelly Harker

In memory of Don Carlson by Roger & Sandy Twigg

### Food Shelf

In memory of Don Carlson by Jeff & Marsha Larson

### Building Fund

In memory of Shirley Foote by Addie Finck

### Lunch Bunch

In memory of Jesse Maas by Ken & Barb Moe

Total \$1,235



## Little Elves Gift Shop (Formerly Children Only Room) - SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Little Elves Gift Shop is now accepting donations of new/unopened items! Kids love giving gifts to their family and friends just as much as adults do, and we need your help! Only kids ages 12 and under are allowed to enter, where they can shop for their parents, grandparents, siblings, and others they love. All items are priced at \$1.00 each. Before leaving *Little Elves Gift Shop*, the gifts are wrapped and personalized with a card (with a few *bigger* Elves to help them out!).

*Donation ideas include:* Wall signs, magnets, coffee cups, candles, lotions, hand soaps, fishing tackle, decks of cards, grilling items, sports items (such as golf balls, golf tees, baseball caps), books, home decor, bags of wrapped candies/chocolates, jewelry, key chains, hand tools, nail polish, kitchen gadgets. Handmade items such dishcloths, hats, scarves also welcome!

We are also looking for rolls of wrapping paper or gift bags to "wrap" the items in. Totes for donations will be located under the coat racks in the hallway. <https://immanuelcrosby.org/ministries-2/womens-ministry/>.

Thank you for helping to brighten the day of our littlest elves by allowing them to be givers, too!

If you have any questions, feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Dee Dee Frahm 218.839.3961 [mnfrahms@hotmail.com](mailto:mnfrahms@hotmail.com)

... in Children's Ministry



Students of all ages were invited to bring their backpacks to worship on Sunday, September 12th to be blessed. Each student will receive a gift as part of this blessing but the gifts ordered did not arrive on time.

Sunday School

Sunday School for the 2021-22 school year began with Rally Day on Sunday, September 12th. The students were dismissed from the 10:30am worship service following Children's Time. All of the students met with the teachers for a short lesson about Moses and then went outside and played some games connected with the lesson and then finished their time together with a wrap up of the lesson.



... in Confirmation



Karli Nixon and Katie Kovatovich were confirmed at Immanuel on Wednesday, September 1st.

... Spirit of Christmas Bazaar, November 13, 8:30-1:30

Ornaments, wreaths, pine cones galore! Lanterns, signs, pillows & more!

The Spirit of Christmas Bazaar will be here before we know it. Many of us are sharing ideas and creating fun projects.

Immanuel is fortunate to have talented and resourceful ladies and men who will make this year's bazaar successful. The time to gather with friends, inspire each other, and make those ideas a reality, is NOW!

November 13<sup>th</sup> is fast approaching. Please consider keeping our popular Children's Shop Stop a part of our bazaar. We desperately need two people to organize this area. The children love shopping for their parents, grandparents, and adults who are special in their lives.

Also, the Meal With A Mission to help defray costs of confections, rolls, wreaths, printing, advertising, etc., will be October 17<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars. See you there! Blessings!

Any questions or offers of help, please contact the "BIZARRE" ladies!

Nancy Nyvold (612) 804-4917  
Karen DeBoer (763)-442-0755



... in Youth Ministry

Hello Kingdom Families!!

Happy to be starting another season, in Jesus name amen...  
What fun was had by all who made it to the beach for the kayaking event!!  
My apologies for not getting the letter to families out sooner. Juggling, all that life throws at me causes me to miss things sometimes. I am trying to get better at delegating, but please be patient with me I don't always know when to ask for help.

This week is our first youth night at church:) Looking forward to seeing some new faces and grateful for our youth returning from last year!!  
5:00pm doors open for homework help and/or creative and active time.  
6:00pm prayers and meal served. Time to connect, visit, share highs and lows for the day (or the past week)  
6:30pm begin "The Chosen" series  
7:30pm small group discussion  
7:55pm our Father prayer and dismissal

When time allows we have music request time. It is a great way for our youth to familiarize themselves with some of the AWESOME worship music that is out there these days! (Hint: 104.3 The Pulse radio).

Please keep an eye on the enews, newsletter and your mailbox regularly to keep posted on "what's up" with youth ministry! if your youth is in 6th grade on up and you did not receive a letter from me recently, please let me know so I don't miss your student!!  
God bless, Faithfully, Miss Tammy



## ... in Meal With A Mission

It's that time of year. I am working on the schedule for 2022.

If you are part of one of our many missions here at Immanuel and need to raise money, Meal With a Mission (MWAM) is a great way to do that.

Also, we have members of ILC that are able to use their Thrivent membership to help with expenses of the event. Just call Brenda at the church office, and she will walk you through the procedure to obtain these funds.

Available spots for MWAM are on a first come, first serve basis. Please call me at 218-546-6010 at church or on my cell phone 612-309-0191 if you have any questions or want to reserve a date.

MWAM is generally scheduled for the third Sunday of each month except December. We do not plan a MWAM event for December.

With Anticipation,

Elaine

### Attendance

#### Wednesday, August 29, 2021

9:00am	123
10:30am	<u>55</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>178</u></b>

**August Total 860**

#### Sunday, September 5, 2021

9:00am	110
10:30am	<u>62</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>172</u></b>

#### Sunday, September 12, 2021

9:00am	136
10:30am	<u>62</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>202</u></b>

#### Sunday, September 19, 2021

9:00am	106
10:30am (Park)	<u>62</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>168</u></b>

**September Total-to-Date 542**



## ... in Special Milestones!

### October Birthdays

- 02 Michelle Nelson, Audrey Webber, Joshua Yotter
- 03 Ron Larson, James Patrick, Maurice Slepica, Parker Albrecht, Richard Leino
- 04 Kermit Olson
- 05 Dottie Hayes, Kerry Futhey, John Nelson, Bronson Ballard
- 06 Cece Snook
- 07 Brenden Kirby, Becky Pakarinen, Derek Kayfes, Stephen Langton
- 08 Michael Bushard
- 10 Lydia Nelson, Sarah Pederson, Greg Kayfes
- 11 Rachel Aulie, Elaine Karel
- 12 Ean Hunter, Nickoli Nelson
- 13 Shayne Jacobs
- 14 Mary Ellen Stolle, Nicole LaBorde
- 15 Logan Peterson
- 16 Jillian Rinde
- 17 Angie Reinhart
- 18 Judy Running, Dan Wisniak, Crew Perpich, Zachary Hoyt, Brayden Tuthill
- 19 Noah Larson
- 20 Addie Finck, Jeanne Risnes
- 21 Frank Foote, Braylon Kannel, Brittany Schwarz, Emily McWilliams
- 22 Kay Partello, Eva Jarvela, Lydia Kraemer, Angelina Souhrada
- 23 Nikita Finnerty
- 24 Sommer Popkes
- 25 Bonnie LaPierre, Bennett Kannel, Madison Taylor, Brody Chamberlin
- 26 Virgil Panitzke, Josie Chamberlin, Adam Midthun
- 27 Robert Polich, Megan Unzeitig
- 28 Robert Blood, Carter Perpich
- 31 Meredith Bloedel



### Wedding Anniversaries

- Clem & Irma Gagnon, October 2, 1993
- John & Karen Rosecrans, October 4, 1980
- James & Lindsay Freese, October 6, 2006
- Mark & Susan Bliss, October 7, 1989
- Gary & Karen DeBoer, October 11, 1997
- Mycal & Kaitlin Payne, October 12, 2013
- Grant & Kim Gibson, October 14, 1995
- Jerry & Jill DeCent, October 10, 2010
- Dan & Terri Wisniak, October 17, 1970
- Rick & Sharon Kleinschmidt, October 21, 1978
- Nickoli & Darlene Nelson, October 21, 1961
- Terry & Mary Lynn Wickman, October 24, 1964
- Tony & Roxanne Perkins, October 26, 1985
- Bob & Pat Neros, October 30, 1965



### Baptism

**October 2, 2021**

**Riley Hope Reinhart**

**Parents: Kevin & Angela**

**Reinhart**

**Sponsors: Haley Reinhart &**

**Kenneth & Kimberly Rice**

