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## Spirit of Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 12, 2022  
8:30am to 1:00 pm

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# Immanuel's Story

## ... in Prayer Ministry

### The Power of Praying

I pray every day. You probably do too. In fact, most of the people I know who are maturing in the faith and those just beginning their walk with Christ pray.

We pray blessings on dinner, over decisions, for strength against temptation, and patience in trials. Prayer is so much more than our worst and even best attempts because it doesn't even start with us.

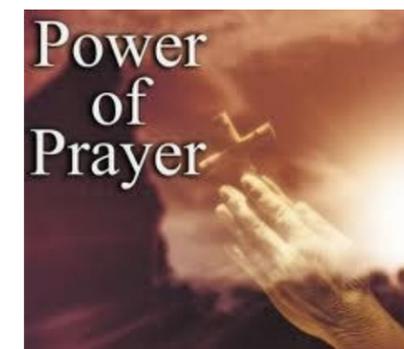
Prayer is a tool in the hand of our Lord. He is the One who initiates our relationship and guides our lives. The very act of prayer is larger than perhaps we previously thought because God engages us in His mission that is so much greater than we could ever imagine.

Prayer is used by God to bring His people into alignment with His mission. It is critical we remember that prayer isn't a power by which we force God to act according to our will. Rather, by communicating with God, His passions can become our passions.

Believers have the opportunity to both listen to and speak to the God of the universe in prayer to receive guidance by His spirit.

Believers should both pray for one another and request prayer from another to effectively engage in God's mission.

Submitted by Misty Patrick



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

*Sunday November 6, 2022*  
*Psalm 17:1-9*  
*Luke 20:27-38*

*Sunday November 20, 2022*  
*Psalm 46*  
*Luke 23:33-43*

*Sunday November 13, 2022*  
*Psalm 98*  
*Luke 21:5-19*

*Wednesday November 23, 2022*  
*Psalm 100*  
*John 6:26-35*

*Sunday November 27, 2022*  
*Psalm 122*  
*Matthew 24:36-44*

### Farewell

I thought that I would let the Apostle Paul give you my last thoughts and wishes. Thank you all for being the Body. Know that we always will be, until we meet again on Earth or in Heaven.

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.*

*14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts yet one body.*

*21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, 24 which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, 25 that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.*

*27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But earnestly desire the higher gifts.*

*And I will show you a still more excellent way.*

**I Corinthians 12:12-31**

*Blessings,  
 Karlin*

## .... in Donations

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL    QUILTING    MILESTONE MINISTRIES    GENERAL ACCOUNT

Any questions on quilting, please contact Karen Midthun at: 218/791-0171.

Milestone Ministries, Scholarship Fund is a sub account of the Memorial Savings Account. Milestone Ministries is used to support all Baptism and Confirmation expenses.

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

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

## BUILDING FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

### Major Capital Improvement Fund

Balance: 9/1/22		\$114,372.99
<u>Current Deposits</u>	\$1,453.29	
<u>Current Reserve</u>	\$250.00	2,500.00
<u>Current Withdrawals</u>	--	
Balance: 9/30/22		\$116,076.28

### General Operating Budget Report

	SEP 2022	SEP 2021	YTD 2022	YTD 2021
Budget*	35,074	32,848	315,666	295,632
General Fund Giving	29,491	39,242	302,554	288,798
General Fund Expense	30,925	31,369	277,732	283,037
Net Income	-1,434	7,873	24,822	5,761

\*2021 Numbers are based on Accrual Accounting

Thank you for your faithful giving!

.... in Pastor's Perspective



Pastor Paul J. Mattson  
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November 2022

"Life Lessons – Thankful Sharing"

*"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" John 6:9*

A number of years ago, author Robert Fulghum wrote a little book "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten." In it, he lists some life lessons taught in the first year of school.

Here's a sampling:

- Share everything
- Play fair
- Clean up your own mess
- Don't take things that aren't yours
- Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody

Basic stuff – and good life lessons.

We have just completed the study "Jesus in Me." It brings us back to the teachings of the faith.

The basics of the what the Spirit has to teach:

- Love God
- Love your neighbor
- Walk the talk
- Look beyond yourself to see the needs of others
- Share what you can, Trust God will bless it

Basic stuff – and good life lessons.

The needs of the hungry and poor in our local and global communities are daunting and overwhelming. Jesus' disciples once faced a daunting task well beyond their abilities - feeding thousands of hungry people. What looked like a little turned into abundance when they took what they had and placed it in Jesus' hands. (Read the story John 6:1-15)

During this month of Thanksgiving let us thankfully share the "loaves and fishes" we possess, place them in Jesus' hands, and watch them become a blessing to others.

Thankful for you! Pastor Paul



.... in Prayer Shawl Ministry

A Prayer Shawl is meant to be given to anyone (male or female, including children) who has had surgery, been diagnosed with an illness, lost a loved one or is dealing with a hardship.

Prayers are said while the shawl is being made, that recipients may feel comfort and love as they wrap themselves in it. Shawls are available in the Fellowship Hall in the far right hand corner on the cabinet shelves. Please be sure to check/sign the book saying to whom you are giving a shawl because we don't want to duplicate.

Please let me know of anyone you believe should receive one of these Prayer Shawls.

Thank you, and if any questions, please feel free to call or contact me at 218-546-6065 or by email [mmmlarson49@gmail.com](mailto:mmmlarson49@gmail.com).

Marsha Larson



.... in Women of Immanuel

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Advent Luncheon**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**

**Crosby, MN**

**Saturday, December 3, 2022 @ Noon**

**Bring a Dish to Share**

**Come Join us Thursday, November 10 @ 5:30PM in the Church Fellowship Hall to help us plan our Advent Luncheon. Many hands always makes the task lighter.**

**Thank you,**

**Eileen Patrick 218-838-0686**

**Pat Neros 218-252-3381**

## .... in Family Ministry

Fall has arrived! Our Family Ministry is operating in full speed ahead, with Sunday School, Confirmation, and Youth Group. Sunday School classes are learning about the Fruits of the Spirit through our fun and interactive curriculum. God has so graciously blessed us with our Sunday School team of leaders again this year! Members of our youth and confirmation groups have also begun earning "Service Credit" by helping out in our Sunday School classes-Intergenerational faith building at it's finest. As a reminder, our church nursery will be staffed every Sunday during the 10:30 service, for ages 6 months-5 years old. Our nursery attendants train through an accredited Red Cross Safe Sitter program, so you can feel confident that your little one is in good hands.

Our confirmation students are staying busy while learning the Lord's Prayer through our curriculum brought to us by Sola publishing. We even had our first of many bonfires in the new firepit, complete with s'mores and songs around the fire! Please feel free to check it out-located behind the church garage. Thank you to all those who helped build! Our youth group evenings have also been blessed, full of good food, games, worship, and small group discussions while viewing a series by "Youth Alpha". We are seeking a few new faces to come hang out, have fun, and maybe learn a thing or two with our youth and confirmation students on Wednesday evenings! What's the request you ask? To simply join us on Wednesday evenings from 5pm-7:30pm and be a mentor to our 7<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. A passion to be a positive role model, and bring youth closer to God is the ONLY requirement-and a background check of course. Contact Jill DeCent for more information.

A survey was recently released to all members of our congregation, to deepen our understanding of ways to strengthen and build faith at home. It's completely anonymous, and takes about 10 minutes to complete. This survey will be available through October, so please help us to HELP YOU! [https://survey.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9pjICbODNVNmiDX](https://survey.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9pjICbODNVNmiDX)

By Jill DeCent, Family Ministry Coordinator



## .... in Special Milestones!

### MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS GIVEN IN OCTOBER 2022

For the Quilters Fund

In memory of Joanne Stanfield by Karen Harrington

For the Sunday School Fund

In memory of Florence Snook by John & Karen Rosecrans

For the Milestone Ministry Fund:

In memory of Florence Snook by John & Karen Rosecrans

In memory of Hurricane Victims and Area of Greatest Need by James & Barb Hakes

Total: \$350.00



## .... in Attendance

Sunday, September 25, 2022

9:00am	112
10:30am	<u>79</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>191</b>

Sunday, October 2, 2022

9:00am	144
10:30am	<u>65</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>209</b>

**September 2022 Total**

**779**

Sunday, October 2, 2022

9:00am	144
10:30am	<u>65</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>209</b>

Sunday, October 9, 2022

9:00am	130
10:30am	<u>78</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>208</b>

Sunday, October 16, 2022

9:00am	121
10:30am	<u>52</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>173</b>

October 2022 Total-to-Date

**590**



Dear friend of Malawi,

Thank you for expressing interest during the past few years in being a part of a short-term mission trip to Malawi with Malawi Orphan Care Project, Inc. Since beginning our relationship with Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries in 2005, we have organized and led more than a dozen teams on trips to Malawi. The people of Kanenyeva in Malawi are very excited to welcome their American friends every year, and to extend to them their very special Malawian hospitality from the “Warm Heart of Africa.”

We invite you to join us in praying about your possible involvement in a mission trip to Malawi in 2023 or beyond. Teams can travel at any time during the year, depending upon when the team participants are available for travel. Our partners have shared that May through August is the best time of year for them, which often works well for us. Teams in the past have led VBS type programs and sports camps, discipling for teens, roofed houses, and focused on literacy and education. Our partners continue to express distinct interest in a MEDICAL trip. In what way is God leading you?

Please pray about this opportunity and reply to this email [ajones@popstjoe.com](mailto:ajones@popstjoe.com) to let us know of your interest by December 1<sup>st</sup>. After we hear from those who feel called to explore a trip, in early December we will schedule a time for a Zoom conversation to discuss what is involved in a mission trip to Malawi with MOCP, answer questions and explain the discernment process. A commitment to join a team is not needed until early 2023. Please be praying about your involvement until that time!

If you have any questions, please contact us. And please distribute this invitation to anyone else you know who might have an interest!

Thank you and may God bless your journey.

Andy Jones  
Mission Trip Coordinator

Malawi Orphan Care Project  
[www.malawiorphanproject.org](http://www.malawiorphanproject.org)

PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH YOUR CONGREGATION. PRAYER IS POWERFUL, AS WE ALL KNOW!

***COVENANT PRAYER FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER:***

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE ASK YOUR BLESSINGS ON EACH CHILD WHO COMES TO OUR ORPHAN PROJECT. COVER THEM WITH YOUR HANDS OF PROTECTION WHILE THEY LEARN MORE ABOUT YOU. GRACE THEM WITH YOUR MERCY. CONTINUE TO HELP THEM TO GROW. IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.



**... in Spirit of Christmas Bazaar**

The Spirit of Christmas Bazaar is quickly approaching! It will be Saturday, November 12 from 8:30am to 1:00pm. We're looking forward to learning about your crafts, projects and donations!

Just an FYI -- we'd like to put a plea out for handmade tree ornaments. These have been popular in the past, and buyers like that they can be personalized.

**RAFFLE by Nancy Evans and Terri Wisniak**

Spirit of Christmas raffle tickets, costing only \$1 each, will be available in the church bookstore corner on the four Sundays leading up to the bazaar, Oct. 16, 23, 30, and Nov. 6, as well as on the day of the bazaar, Sat, Nov. 12. Tickets will also be available in the church office beginning Oct.17, and off site from Terri Wisniak, Nancy Evans, or Dwayne Johnson.

The six items being offered include:

Queen size cotton quilt in deep reds, greens, and blues, donated by Sharon Simons

Scandinavian tine box (bentwood), donated by woodworker Jeff Olson

Houseplant stand, cherry, 28” high, with potted plant, donated by woodworker Randy Evans

Christmas gnome afghan, lap size, washable acrylic yarn, crocheted by Kelly Lanini

Full size blanket chest, butternut, donated by woodworker Jeff Olson

Sleigh painted by Robert Cooper and donated by his family. The sleigh was decorated by the three bazaar chairpersons.

**COOKIE DECORATING WORKSHOP by Jill DeCent**

New this year to the bazaar, is a cookie decorating room for children of all ages. This will come in place of the “Little Elves” gift room, as held in years past. Kids are invited to stop in to decorate a cookie while their adult(s) enjoy all the bazaar has to offer! This activity is free of charge. Join in on the cookie decorating fun from 10am-1pm.

**WREATH MAKING by Jill Mattson and Brenda Lofquist**

Wreath making will occur Sunday, November 6, from 11:30-3:00 at church in the Fellowship Hall with lunch provided! An additional day has been added to hopefully create more of these beautiful and popular live wreaths! Monday, November 7, from 10:00 to 2:00 will also be a wreath and swag making day. Please come equipped with gloves, a wire cutting tool, and eager hands! Many hands make for a fun time!

... in Spirit of Christmas Bazaar Continued

**CONFECTIONS by Marsha Larson**

Confection making and packaging will be held Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the church kitchen.

**BAKED GOODS by Deb Kreller**

Last year there were several requests from shoppers for pies and more cookies. If you're considering donating for the bake sale, a pie would be a popular item! Any and all baked goods and your home canned items are great sellers. Bring your tasty goods to church by Friday, November 11th.

**PROJECT DROP-OFF**

Your projects and crafts can be brought to church on Thursday, November 10 and Friday, November 11 by noon to be priced and displayed.

With Autumn in full swing, comes the season of craft sales, bake sales and bazaars. Our own ILC Spirit of Christmas Bazaar has been extremely successful due to the many dedicated past and present workers who make it a ONE-OF-A-KIND experience!

For example, 2 gentlemen from ILC are willing to provide live holiday music during the bazaar for our entertainment and pleasure while shopping!! This wonderful talent, along with the many resourceful committee co-chairs hard at work, make our Spirit of Christmas Bazaar a memorable event!!

NOW is the time to talk to our committee co-chairs and volunteer your help. It's also a fun time of year to gather with friends and enjoy making ornaments, wood projects, crafts, pillows, aprons, and all things pretty, cookies and all things yummy, even repurposed vintage and much, much more!

A note to our men---you are valuable and needed! Your help cleaning up after the bazaar by hauling display furniture and certain items to the storage garage and storage unit is such an integral part of bringing closure to the bazaar. It requires an hour or two of your time. We would also need your help hauling furniture and setting up on Thursday, November 10.

In looking back at past bazaars, shoppers are mostly done and gone by noon. We have shortened the closing time from 1:30 to 1:00. We look forward to working closely with our church members with ongoing discussions and activities. It's ALOT OF FUN! November 12 is right around the corner. No time to waste!

Please know that your "BIZARRE" ladies are available for questions, suggestions, feedback (hopefully positive!)

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

... in Special Milestones!

November Birthdays

- 11/01 Nicolette Glomski
- 11/02 Erinn Hoyt
- 11/03 Thomas Webber, Chad Hage
- 11/04 Diane Hummel, Megan Nephew, Elsie Souhrada, Alyssa Laffin, Jim Christenson
- 11/05 Rick Kleinschmidt
- 11/06 Laura Heins
- 11/07 Sienna Miller
- 11/08 James Mattson, Mancel Mitchell, Jill DeCent
- 11/09 David C. Peterson, Frank Bonsante, Glen Peppel
- 11/10 Bria Davis
- 11/12 Betty Pettit, Don Imberi, Bernie Stewart
- 11/13 Cheryl Ustipak, Rose Strom, Connie Pettersen Ray Peterson
- 11/14 Gary DeBoer
- 11/15 Lori Hudson, Isabella Oren
- 11/16 Mary Zillmer, Paisley Abear
- 11/18 Erica Popkes, Cole Freese
- 11/20 Jennifer Wodarz
- 11/21 Pat Neros, Shirley Sanborn, Cindy Considine,
- 11/24 Amy Stanfield, Veronica Barry, Megan Perpich
- 11/25 Nacishia Rinde
- 11/26 Chuck Pettersen
- 11/27 Colter Kovatovich, Thomas Bushard
- 11/28 Hannan Pederson
- 11/29 Mary Johnson, Steven Perpich, Zoey Brix
- 11/30 Marsha Olson



November

Wedding Anniversaries

Bruce & Mary Oliphant	11/01/1959
Garry & Lynda Nelson	11/02/1973
Kenneth & Lois Landborg	11/04/1961
Rick & Deb Koop	11/08/1975
Greg & Denise Kalevik	11/10/1969
Mike & Eileen Patrick	11/11/1960
Lynn & Shelly Harker	11/18/1972
John & Christina Nelson	11/20/2004
Dennis & LuAnn Henrichs	11/26/1966
Carl & Jeanne Kurtz	11/28/1987
Tony Jr. & Kara Maucieri	11/30/1991

