



Immanuel's Story

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The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. Psalm 28:7

Pastor's Perspective

November 2023

This is a special time of year when we pause as a nation to give thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives.

I am guessing that saying “thank you” was one of the first things your parents taught you to say. When given a treat of compliment as a child, your parents would prompt you – “and what do you say?”

Thank you.

So, let me prompt you.

When someone lets you squeeze into congested traffic, what do you say?

When you stop and ponder the wonders of nature – what do you say?

When you are blessed with the ability to think – what do you say?

When you are forgiven and extend that grace to others – what do you say?

When you realize God created you and all that exists – what do you say?

When you walk, laugh, cry, love, struggle, grieve – what do you say?

When you realize that the God of all creation cares about you, died on a cross for you – what do you say?

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

May we be truly and sincerely thankful every day.



Thankful for you! - Pastor Paul



- 2 Erinn Hoyt
- 3 Chad Hage, Tom Webber
- 4 Jim Christenson, Diane Hummel,
Alyssa Laffin
- 5 Rick Kleinschmidt
- 6 Laura Heins
- 7 Brandon Laffin, Sienna Miller
- 8 Jill DeCent, Jim Mattson, Mancel
Mitchell
- 9 Frank Bonsante, Geraldine Cronk,
Dave Peterson
- 12 Don Imberi, Lauren Miller, Betty
Pettit, Bernie Stewart
- 13 Ray Peterson, Connie Pettersen, Rose
Strom, Cheryl Ustipak
- 15 Lori Hudson, Bella Oren
- 16 Paisley Abear, Mary Zillmer
- 20 Jennifer Wodarz
- 21 Pat Neros, Shirley Sanborn
- 23 Missy Foote
- 24 Veronica Anderson, Megan Perpich,
Amy Stanfield
- 25 Marc Henrichs, Michelle Johnson
- 26 Chuck Pettersen
- 27 Colter Kovatovich
- 28 Hannah Pederson
- 29 Mary Johnson, Steve Perpich
- 30 Marsha Olson

- 1 Bruce & Mary Oliphant (1959)
- 2 Garry & Lynda (1973)
- 8 Rick & Deb Koop (1975)
- 10 Greg & Denise Kalevik (1969)
- 11 Mike & Eileen Patrick (1960)
- 18 Lynn & Shelly Harker (1972)
- 20 John & Christina Nelson (2004)
- 26 Dennis & LuAnn Henrichs (1966)
- 28 Carl & Jeanne Kurtz (1987)
- 30 Tony & Kara Maucieri (1991)

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Oct 1	9:00 a.m.	108
	10:30 a.m.	<u>83</u>
	Total	191
Oct 8	9:00 a.m.	113
	10:30 a.m.	<u>54</u>
	Total	167
Oct 15	9:00 a.m.	98
	10:30 a.m.	<u>29</u>
	Total	127
Oct 22	9:00 a.m.	107
	10:30 a.m.	<u>43</u>
	Total	150

Spirit of Christmas Bazaar



*Fresh Baked Rolls,
Quality Crafts, Bake Sale,
Lefse, Fresh Wreaths,
Photography,
Fancy Candies & Treats,
Cookie Decorating
Chance to win
Great Raffle Items*

Saturday, November 11th, 8:30am-1:00pm
Immanuel Lutheran Church
600 4th Street SW, Crosby

The Spirit of Christmas Bazaar is quickly approaching! It will be Saturday, November 11 from 8:30am to 1:00pm.

PROJECT DROP-OFF

Your projects and crafts can be brought to church on Thursday, November 9 and Friday, November 10 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 many resourceful committee chairs hard at work, make our Spirit of Christmas Bazaar a memorable event!!

We need your help with donations for making the **Children's Store** at the Christmas Bazaar a delightful experience for young shoppers. This store is for children to shop for the parents or other loved ones. Any item you think you, as an adult, would like to receive can be placed in totes clearly marked "Children's Store" under the coat racks located by the church office.

NOW is the time to talk to our committee 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 items and much, much more! HURRY!!!

Confections to be sold at the bazaar will be made at the church on Thursday, November 9th at 9:30am. Please contact Marsha Larson if you have any questions about this.

A note to our men--- you are valuable and needed! Please arrive at church on November 9 at 8:30am. Your help setting up and hauling display furniture to and from the garage and storage garage unit is such an integral part of the bazaar. Several trucks and trailers are needed to accomplish this task. It only requires an hour or two of your time.

An additional way for women to help is to come to church on Thursday November 9 at 10:00am to wipe down display furniture. Coffee and treats are always available. We look forward to working with you.

It's ALOT OF FUN!

Confections will be made beginning at 9:30am on Wednesday, November 8th.

Please know that your "BIZARRE" Ladies and committee chairs are available for questions, suggestions and feedback.

- Judy Kirchoff 218-820-2802
- Nancy Nyvold 612-804-4917
- Karen DeBoer 763-442-0755

Raffle by Cathy Preston and Bonnie LaPierre

Spirit of Christmas Raffle Tickets, costing \$1.00 each, will be available in the church bookstore as well as the day of the bazaar, Saturday, November 11th. Tickets will also be available in the church office beginning and off site from Cathy Preston and Bonnie LaPierre.

The five items being offered include

- An Adorable Collection of 3 Crocheted "Winter Woolies" that consists of a Snowman, a Penguin and a Polar Bear along with accessories. Handmade and donated by Kim Gibson
- "Comfort in a Comforter" that consists of a handmade, double sided, 70" x 55" comforter and a basket filled with 2 bottles of wine, caramels, chocolate bar and the book, "Are We There Yet" Author Jeff Allen. Handmade and donated by Betsy Santi
- A Beautiful Plant Stand made from White oak wood, including a potted plant. Handcrafted and donated by Randy Evans
- A Gorgeous large Blanket Chest, with two hidden drawers, made from Butternut wood. Handcrafted and donated by Jeff Olson
- An Amazing Norwegian Tine Box made from Cherrywood. Handcrafted and donated by Jeff Olson

Wreath Making by Jill Mattson

It's that time of year again to put on your elf hat and join the FUN and FELLOWSHIP in making wreaths for our church bazaar!!!

We had SO MUCH fun last year at the garage of Jan and Peter Nordell 17757 Zarr Rd Ironton. We plan to have just as much ~ if not more! ~ fun this year!

Please join us for ANY time that works for you. We are tentatively planning to meet on Saturday, November 4 at 1:00 to cut up boughs and get piles ready for wrapping into wreaths on Sunday at 12:00-4:00. Please bring your own cutting tools and gloves. Jan and Peter have a wood burning stove, so dress accordingly and be prepared to BE a true Minnesotan in playing with our blessed assortment of trees God gave us! (Think Lumber Jack or Jill!)

Last year we had men and women involved in this endeavor to make wreaths for the bazaar. If you have not participated in this before, we invite you to come and “work” and learn how to make the most beautiful wreaths EVER!!!! (Well... that may be an exaggerated statement, but people do LOVE them!!)

Questions? Contact Jill Mattson at 218.851.4337 or Jan Nordell at 612.968.3680.



November Sunday Scripture Readings

November 5

Psalm 43
Matthew 23:1-12

November 12

Psalm 70
Matthew 25:1-13

November 19

Psalm 90:1-12
Matthew 25:14-30

November 26

Psalm 95:1-7a
Matthew 25:31-46

MEMORIALS

† Given by Jim & Meredith Bloedel in memory of Bruce West for Malawi

† Given by Craig & Julie Cygawnoski in memory of Susan Bushard for Malawi

Happy Fall Y'all!

Sometimes I wish us northerners would make the word "Y'all" part of our slang, it's just fun to say. Plus, it goes great with the word "Fall". The leaves are falling, and so are the temps, but Family ministry is heating up! In Confirmation, students began their study in a new workbook and curriculum. The content was very thought provoking and paves the way for good discussions and small group interactions. The Small Catechism was our first topic, which we will continue to explore. In Youth Group, students and adult mentors headed over to our local high school for an evening of pizza, fellowship, and the speaking of Terrence Lee Talley, an incredible youth empowerment speaker, as well as a faith filled leader. It was great to team up with another local pastor and church (Cuyuna Lakes Community Church) for this powerful and blessed time.

Youth will be raising funds for camp by way of bagging groceries at SuperOne here in Crosby, on Sunday November 19th, from 12pm-4pm. We are also accepting monetary giving for the "Campership" fund here at ILC, which will fund students of all ages to attend local camps, both this Winter and Summer.

Sunday School is continuing in learning the book of Genesis. There are two age groups that meet separately on Sundays during the 10:30 service. We have been blessed with our faithful servants, Linnea Laffin and Geraldine/Mikah Cronk. Thank you for your service, and relationships with ILC children!

There are two save the dates for your family calendars- The annual Childrens Christmas Program will be held Sunday, December 10th, during the 10:30 service. On Wednesday, November 29th (5th Wednesday of the month) we will have a Family night complete with bingo, food, fellowship, and FUN! This will be a potluck, so bring a snack and/or dish to share. Watch for details in the upcoming month.

Bazaar time is almost here! Bring the kids and get your shop on! Making a comeback this year, will be a kid's gift shop in the Nursery room. Kids of any age can stop in, and purchase gifts for Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa....the whole family for \$1/gift. The workshop will be open during the bazaar. With that-we need your giftable donations of new and gently used items that would make nice gifts. There is a tote in Fellowship Hall where you may donate items.

Remember to check out ILC Family on Facebook "Family Ministry-Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crosby". Also, on the "Remind" app-Jill DeCent would be happy to help you set this up, and/or send you an invite.

"Help me, or Lord my God! Save me according to your steadfast love." Psalm 109:26

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Our Daily Prayer



Our Father, who's in heaven, hallowed be Your name, your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Please, give us today our Daily Bread and thank You for providing us with the greatest gift of all, Your Son Jesus! We thank you for His blood, that was shed for the new covenant and for His

body given to us for healing.

Please, place Your Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit in us and place us in Your Son Jesus.

Set our minds on the things above, so we may live today in the Spirit to satisfy its desires and to also be led by the Spirit and not by our flesh.

Also, put to death whatever belongs to our Earthly Nature that would cause our behavior to be contrary to the desires of the Spirit.

Now clothe us with Your compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience binding them altogether with Your love.

Forgive our sins, as we forgive those who've sinned against us.

Lead us not into Temptation and Deliver us from Evil. For Yours is the Kingdom, the Power and Glory Forever!

We ask this in Your Son, Jesus' Name—Amen!

Submitted by Ron Christenson

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 19, 2023

6:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

(X) Jerry Decent, Box 50	(X) Kevin Martini, Box 213
() Nancy Evans, Box 61	(X) Pastor Paul Mattson
(X) Bonnie Goshey, Box 36	(X) Tom Nixon, Box 07
(X) Deb Koop, Box 114	(X) Peter Nordell, Box 222
(X) Bonnie LaPierre, Box 119	(X) David Pundt, Box 295

CALL TO ORDER

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Motion by Peter and seconded by Bonnie G to accept agenda with one addition (NB1). Motion carried unanimously.

READING OF THE VISION STATEMENT & MISSION STATEMENT

CELEBRATING THE JOYS OF IMMANUEL: Youth event at Mayberry Auditorium with Terrence Lee Talley; harvest dinner and woman's retreat well represented.

DEVOTIONS: RESILIENT BY JOHN ELDEREDGE- CHAPTER 6

This month: Peter Nordell

Next month: Bonnie Goshey

PRAYERS

COUNCIL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS ON THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 2023- None, approved by email.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND DISCUSSION: Motion by Kevin, seconded by David to accept the financial statement. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS: PERSONNEL- Completing interviews for new cleaning service. The current service is not meeting our needs. Manna for Malawi- meeting the end of the month to plan and set date for next year.

2. BUDGET COMMITTEE: Computer needs were discussed. We will ask our IT consultant to the next meeting to share his recommendations. Salaries need to be reviewed for the next budget. Personnel committee to review salaries and report back to the council.
3. VISION TO ACTION -26TH MEETING- This will take place on October 26 at 6 pm. We will discuss future plans.
4. PASTOR PURSUIT- We are communicating with the NALC and LCMC about next steps we need to take.
5. PATH OF HOPE- Dirt will be spread out on October 23. After pavers are installed, it will be seeded.
6. INSURANCE QUOTE- AFTER REVIEW WE WILL BE ASKING FOR A COMPARATIVE QUOTE FROM CHURCH MUTUAL BEFORE DECIDING ON WHETHER WE WILL CHANGE COMPANIES.

NEW BUSINESS....

1. NEW MEMBERS: A motion was made by Peter and seconded by David to start a new process to allow people to become new members midyear and then take the next scheduled new member classes. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS FOR DECEMBER

Copy assignments and place in the Ministry Coordinator office mailbox.

2023	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	(notes/special occasion)
December 3	Kevin Martini	Bonnie LaPierre	
December 10	Peter Nordell	Sunday School Program	
December 17	Bonnie Goshey	Tom Nixon	
December 24	2pm Deb Koop	4pm Jerry Decent	8pm Pastor Paul
December 31	Nancy Evans	_____	One Service

**THE LORD'S PRAYER
ADJOURNMENT 8:05 PM**

Next meeting: November 21st, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Deb Koop, Recording Secretary

Change coming in 2024

The 2024 Offering Envelope order has been placed and will be distributed once it arrives. I have been working with our Members Ministry Coordinator, Sally Oren, to update our database. This will ensure the process of coordinating mailbox & offering envelope numbers goes smoothly. The new system will begin in 2024. This is a work in progress, **please be patient and let me know of any changes or concerns you may have.**

Your Financial Treasurer, Deb Eatros

General Operating Budget Report

	Sep-23	<u>Sep-22</u>	YTD 2023	YTD 2022
Budget	38,309	35,074	344,781	315,666
General Fund Giving	45,107	29,491	309,300	302,554
General Fund Expense	34,456	30,925	321,629	277,732
Net Income	10,651	-1,434	-12,329	24,822

Major Capital Improvement Fund

9/30/2023

September 1, 2023	Balance:		\$46,023.11
	Deposits:	\$1,109.27	
	Reserve:	\$250.00	\$1,359.27
	Withdrawals:		
September 30, 2023	Ending Balance:		\$47,382.38

November 2023 Worship Service Schedule

Altar Guild for November: Sandi Erickson & Deb Koop	
Churchyard Worship Scripture: Psalm 43 - Matthew 23:1-12	
Sunday, November 5 - 9:00am	Sunday, November 5 - 10:30am
Greeters: Hal & Judy Kirchoff Ushers: Marian Freeze & Barb Moe Lector: Hal Kirchoff Communion Servers: Nancy Evans Offering Counters: Jody Bunio & Paula Traylor (7th)	Greeters: TBD Ushers: TBD Lector: Pam Klopfleisch Communion Servers: David Pundt Nursery: Kirsten Nixon
Traditional Worship Scripture: Psalm 70 - Matthew 25:1-13	
Sunday, November 12 - 9:00am	Sunday, November 12 - 10:30am
Greeters: Denny & LuAnn Henrichs Ushers: Virgil & Melva Panitzke Lector: Jeff Olson Communion Servers: Bonnie LaPierre Offering Counters: Deb Koop & Sue Schubert (14th)	Greeters: Mike & Karen Midthun Ushers: Becky Pakarinen & Family Lector: David Pundt Communion Servers: Jerry DeCent Nursery: Kallie Nixon
Contemporary Worship with Wing and a Prayer Scripture: Psalm 90: 1-8,12 - Matthew 25:14-30	
Sunday, November 19 - 9:00am	Sunday, November 19 - 10:30am
Greeters: Jack & Sue Schubert Ushers: Archie Sabyan & Nick Zillmer Lector: Jack Schubert Communion Servers: Peter Nordell Offering Counters: Rachel Aulie & George Erickson	Greeters: Bob & Pat Neros Ushers: Sally & Bella Oren Lector: Terri Wisniak Communion Servers: Tom Nixon Nursery: Korinna Nixon
Praise & Pie Worship Scripture: Psalm 65 - Luke 17:11-19	
Wednesday, November, 22 - 6:45pm	
Greeters: YOUTH Ushers: YOUTH Lector: YOUTH Communion Servers: TBD Offering Counters: Debbi Carlson & Deb Eatros (27th)	

Blended Worship
Scripture: Psalm 95:1-7 - Matthew 25:31-46

Sunday, November 26 - 9:00am

Sunday, November 26 - 10:30am

Greeters: Nate & Nancy Horner
Ushers: Orv Nelson & TBD
Lector: Jeanne Kurtz
Communion Servers: Bonnie Goshey
Offering Counters: Pam Ballard & Marian Freese

Greeters: YOUTH
Ushers: YOUTH
Lector: YOUTH
Communion Servers: Deb Koop
Nursery: Hannah Pakarinen

Meal with a Mission

To Benefit: Residents Encountering Christ (REC)

Hosted by: Rich Aulie

Sunday, November 12th - 10:00am to 12:00pm

Ushers and Greeters: Please arrive 30 minutes before the worship service.

Nursery Volunteers: Please arrive at 10:15am on Sundays.

Communion Servers: Please see Pastor Paul 10 minutes prior to worship service if you have questions.

~ Please note ~

If you cannot serve on the date you are scheduled, be sure to find a replacement for yourself and let your Captain know of your replacement.

Thank You!



Have A Blessed Day!

Sally Oren

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Coordinator*

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Meet Me at the Pole Prayer Event



Sunday School



To see more photos, visit the Enews posted on ILC's website