



Immanuel's News

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Missionary for a Day

On Monday Oct. 14th which is Columbus Day we will be at the Lighthouse Mission serving as "Missionaries for a Day". We need volunteers to help prepare and serve a nutritious meal to about 100 people. Sign-up on the sheet in the narthex to help with this Mission Outreach. To help with the cooking arrive at Lighthouse at 10 A.M. or to serve at 11:30 A.M.

We also need members to bake cookies. You may bring them to the church on Sunday Oct. 13th or with you to the Lighthouse on Monday. If you would like to participate in this outreach but are unable to do any of the above, you may prefer to help with financial support to purchase the meal items. Place your offering in the plate earmarked "Missionary for a Day". The address of the Lighthouse Mission is 407 L. Casillas Blvd. just off Hinkle and Grand St.

STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

Stewardship Reminder

Boards and committees submit your budget request for the 2020 proposed budget to the Board of Stewardship before their Oct 12th meeting.

Time and Talents Survey

The Board of Stewardship will be giving members an opportunity to fill out a "Time and Talent" sheet as to how they can volunteer to help get the Lord's work done here at Immanuel. These Time and Talent sheets along with an offering pledge card will be available to members in their congregational mailboxes on Sunday October 27th.

After prayerful consideration, please fill these forms out and return on "Response Sunday" November 10th.



Millie Turk

Marcia Leavell

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OCTOBER LWML MEETING:

The second Thursday of the month is the day for Immanuel LWML Society to meet at 6 pm for food, fellowship and Bible study. Please join us on Thursday, October 10th, in the Fellowship Hall; you're invited to bring a snack to share. Our Bible study will be from CPH series of small group Bible studies entitled *Great Women of the Bible*; we'll look at Jezebel – the gal that made life hard for Elijah. The next Women's Retreat Night will be in November.

Offerings & Attendance for;

	Offerings	SS.	Service
24Aug	\$ 2286.00	14	47/36
01 Sep	\$ 4050.00	13	45/38
08 Sep	\$ 1651.00	13	40/34
15 Sep	\$ 2811.15	11	49/32
22 Sep	\$ 2345.00	11	40/30
TOTAL	\$ 13143.15	62	221/170

IMMANUEL'S ONGOING BIBLE CLASSES SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

"Pastor's Adult Information Class" - 9:00 a.m., began on Sept. 15, surveying the basics of the Christian faith. Great review for the seasoned member; a prerequisite (preparatory) for one interested in communicant membership! It's not too late to join us. We meet in the Conference Room.

Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Class

"The Old Testament Tabernacle" - We meet on Weds. from 10-11:30 a.m. with a delicious break in the middle. Using a CPH "LifeLight" study on Exodus Part II, we are learning about the worship of God's nation, Israel, as God designed it, and what impact it has for the Church today. Snacks are provided by volunteers in attendance.

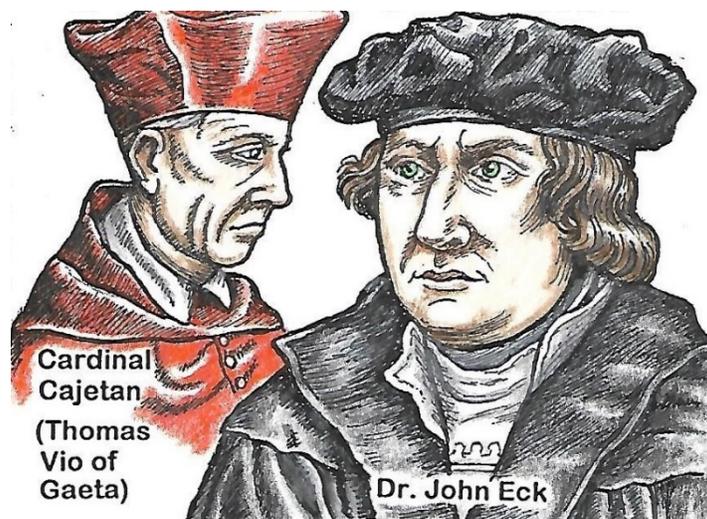
"Regular Sunday morning Bible Study" - starts 9:15 with a devotion. Then we examine the appointed Gospel (from Luke) for that given Sunday, with context and discussion. Snacks are provided by volunteers in attendance.



500th Reformation Observance Reformation Sunday - Oct. 27

What? Wasn't the 500th Reformation Anniversary two years ago? Oct. 31, 2017 (Luther's posting the 95 Theses) was the "launch" of THE Reformation Anniversary with numerous 500th observances to follow. This year is the "500th" of Luther's public Leipzig Debate with John Eck, a critical event that highlighted Scripture's clash with the "authority of the Pope", ultimately resulting in Leo X's papal bull against Dr. Luther in 1520 - next year's "500th" (Luther's burning of the "Bull") in 2020!

Though the Leipzig debate actually happened in the summer of 1519, let's recognize and recall its importance this Reformation Sunday on Oct. 27. After all, "Sola Scriptura!", "Sola Gratia!", and "Sola Fide!"



TRUNK or TREAT EVENT!

One of the community outreaches we have sponsored through the years is our Trunk or Treat Event. We need at least 7 cars to make this event possible. Are you willing to come have a fun and evangelistic time on our church parking lot? **The date is Thursday, October 31st from 6-7:30 pm.** We decorate the trunks of our cars to help portray the Bible stories we are sharing with the "trick or treaters." Each car's sponsor gives out candy and a synopsis of the story shared. The sign-up sheet for this event is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. All car sponsors will meet the first week or so in October for final planning. See Sylvia Bean for questions/information.



You're invited to Frank and Sylvia Bean's for the annual Octoberfest, on Saturday, October 12th beginning at 6:30 pm. Bring your favorite "German" dish and join us for this fun time of fellowship and food. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Rocky Mountain District Pastoral Conference, Oct. 9 -11, Breckenridge, Co.

Each fall, our R.M. District's professional church workers (pastors, vicars, teachers, DCEs, deaconesses, execs., etc.) meet for three days for Bible study, keynote addresses, break-out sessions, information/news, etc. This year, Pr. Blazek has been assigned one of eight such break-out sessions to share his "paper" on "First 20 Centuries A.D. of the New Testament Church".

This conference will likely be attended by all the pastors in our Pecos Circuit, so in the event of anyone in our congregation needing spiritual/pastoral care, please contact either Pr. David Symm (806-206-4732) or one of our Elders: Frank Bean, Bill Lincoln or Wayne Smith.

**Pro-Life Community Banquet
Thurs., Oct. 17, Clovis Civic Center**

Clovis' Pregnancy Resource Center (located on 7th and Main Street - ph. 935-5433), will host its 11th annual fund-raising banquet on Thursday, October 17 at the Civic Center (801 Schepps Blvd., just north of 7th St.). Doors open at 6:00 p.m. The scheduled keynote speaker is Mr. David Bereit.

Open to the public (semi-formal attire), this is always a pleasant and informative evening for our community who cares about and supports the sanctity of human life including the unborn. See Psalm 16:11. RSVP required by Oct. 3, go to:

www.PregnancyResourceCenterENM.com/donor/registration

Note: Our congregation has for years been supportive of our local Pregnancy Crisis Center with its "baby bottle" program and with the general support of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod's official "right to life" position.

Our I.L. Preschool Chapel begins Wednesday, October 2

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." **II**

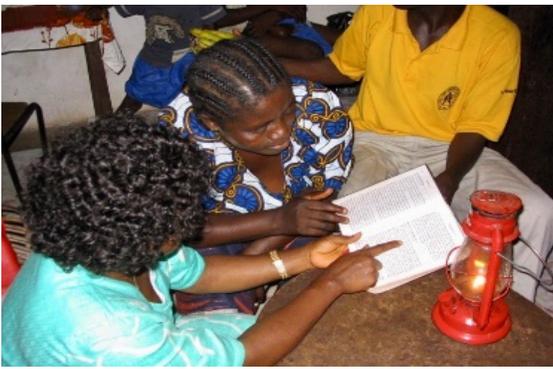
Timothy 3: 14-15

Our Immanuel Lutheran Preschool is well underway, and with the month of Oct., the children will start attending chapel on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

With simple songs/hymns, a Scripture reading, object lesson, and prayers, the chapel lasts about twenty minutes. We usually meet in the church proper, unless it's quite cold, or we're showing a short Bible video, then we meet in the Parish Hall Chapel. Parents, guardians, or any of our members are welcome to join us for this worship time.

**"COLUMBUS DAY"
observed Monday, Oct. 14**

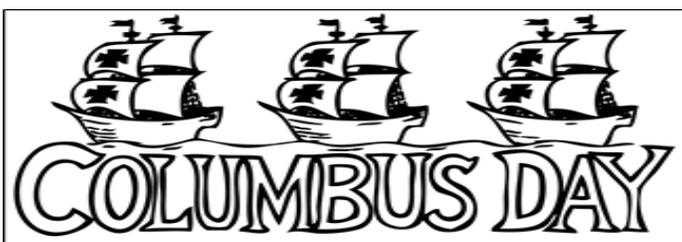
In 1997, "Life" magazine listed 100 top events over the last 1000 years that profoundly affected human history. No. 1 was Columbus "discovering the New World". With Columbus landing in the Western hemisphere (1492 ff.), this opened a wave of explorers with various motivations to brave the high seas. Some wanted to realize Columbus' original mission, to carve a path to Asia by sailing west. Others wished to claim (or conquer) new lands for their king and nation. Many wanted to find gold and become personally wealthy. A few had the goal of bringing the Gospel and Christianity to new lands and people "in darkness". The nation of Spain was an up-coming major player on the international scene with a new King on the throne, Charles V (1500 - 1556). He was the grandson of King Ferdinand and Isabella and Holy Roman Emperor, Maximilian. Charles V was crowned king of Spain at 16, and in 1519, was elected Holy Roman Emperor (including Spain, Germany, Austria, Hungary, most of Italy, etc.). Charles V was destined to be a key player in history and the Reformation. (*from "First 20 centuries A.D. of the N.T. Church" page 24.*)



Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Mission Grant #5 for the 2019-2021 biennium - Lutheran Bible Translators - **God’s Word Changes Everything** for \$95,000, will provide funds for one year of training as part of a four-year seminary training track. It will equip pastors and church leaders in Tanzania, Ethiopia, and elsewhere to be involved in translating God’s Word for their people. In praise to the Lord, you can be engaged in this vital ministry through your mite donations and prayers, where over 170 million people who speak more than 1,500 languages can read the Gospel in their native language knowing they don’t have to pray in English for God to hear them. They will be certain He hears the prayers of all His people in all languages. For more information please go to <http://www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-5>.

LWML Prayer

Dear Father, we thank You for the opportunity to share the love of Jesus through the Word with those in Ethiopia, Tanzania, and elsewhere. We ask Your blessings on the recipients of the God’s Word Changes Everything grant and pray that they may know Jesus as their personal Savior and be confident that You hear them as they pray in the language of their heart. Let all we do be in praise to You and to Your glory. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen



WORKSHOP on CHURCH SECURITY **Conducted by Church Mutual Insurance** **Sat. Oct. 19, hosted at New Life on 21st St.**

With the increase of violence in the news and even against "soft targets" like churches, what precautions should congregations take to help provide a safe place for their people to worship and gather? This concern was brought to the Clovis Clergy Ministerial Alliance by Pr. Blazek back on Sept. 5. The CCMA plans to follow up on that question at its next breakfast meeting on Thurs., Oct. 3 at Light House Mission with a representative from the Clovis Police Dept. present to address the group (often about 30 in attendance).

In addition, New Life Church, located at 517 W. 21st St. in Clovis, is hosting a Church Security "Workshop" on Sat., Oct. 19 from 9am to 12 noon. Admission is free and open to the public. This Workshop is provided by Church Mutual Insurance (the same company that insures our cong.). A complimentary luncheon is planned to follow. More info may be forthcoming.

