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ALL SAINTS DAY, NOV. 1, OBSERVED SUN. NOV. 3

"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15

Traditionally, the Sunday following Reformation Sunday is observed as "All Saints Sunday" (officially Nov. 1). What beautiful hymns we have in our hymnal to praise and thank God for the faithful and steadfast who have gone before us - those who have, often in the face of great tribulation/persecution, passed the truth of God's Word and saving Gospel of Jesus Christ from one generation to the next. Note: The ESV translation displays 80 verses (O.T. and N.T.) with the term "saints" that comes from the Latin transliteration for "holy ones". These verses actually reference those living, not the deceased. We can only be saints, "holy ones" in the here and now through the righteousness and grace of Christ, in other words, a true saint is a forgiven sinner!

Nov. 2nd is designated as "**All Souls Day**" (in Hispanic culture - "the Day of the Dead") giving opportunity to memorialize our loved ones who now stand in the glory of the Lord's presence. Some congregations take the first Sunday of Nov. to remember fellow members who have passed from this life to the next within the last 12 months.

Thanksgiving Dinner & Fourth Quarter Voters Assembly

Will be on Sunday, November 24th, after church. Look forward to seeing YOU there. Watch the bulletin board for details. Also, the voters meeting is important as we need to approve the budget and elect officers for next year.



Shirley Cook

STEWARDSHIP

Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

Stewardship Bible Class

The first two Sunday mornings Nov. 3rd and "Response Sunday" Nov 10th we will be having a Stewardship Bible Class. The class will be taught by Bill Lincoln. Come and join in, as we learn about being God's good stewards.

Time and Talents Response Sunday

Time and talent cards were placed in each member mailbox on Oct.27. As you reflect on the many talents God has blessed you with consider how you may want to use these talents to help carry out God's work here at Immanuel and in our community. Also, a financial pledge card has been included (Husband and wife fill one out together). Your pledge is between you and God, you need not sign them. You may put your envelope number on them if you want to be reminded by the financial secretary how you are doing towards your pledge Return these to the church on **Response Sunday Nov 10th** during Divine service when we have our pledge walk.



The Women's Retreat is a gathering time for women of all ages who would like an evening of fun, fellowship, food, and a movie. Mark your calendars for Friday, November 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. We begin our time together with food and fellowship, followed with a devotion and a movie (Captain America) at Christina Bean's. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. Bring a snack to share and join us for an evening of R&R.

IMMANUEL/FAITH IN CHRIST LWML

Our monthly meeting will be November 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited to join us for Bible study and fellowship. Please bring a snack to share as we gather to be in the Word and use our gifts and talents to share His love with others. This month we will continue with a CPH Bible study based on women of the Bible. This month we'll learn about Esther.

At our October meeting, we discussed designated funds previously set aside to be used to purchase quilting materials; these funds have been unused for at least 5 years. Since we do not have an active quilting circle, we voted to use the funds to purchase fleece for tie-blankets, which are used like quilts. As originally designated, the items will be sent to LCMS World Relief and Human Care. We will be scheduling a Servant Event so all ladies of the congregation can participate in this fun activity and have a part in this mission outreach.

December LWML party:

It's not too early to save the date for our LWML Christmas party. We'll bring food to share; spend time singing Christmas carols, participating in a Christmas devotion, Mite Box dedication, and fellowship. The Piepkorn's are hosting this event, so we'll carpool over. The date is Saturday, December 14th at 4 PM. Join us for this joyous and festive occasion!



Hooray! Praise God! Soon Immanuel will have a New Pastor! Reverend Thomas Reeder accepted our call to become our Pastor. As of now he would like to be installed on the first of December. That means we have a lot of work to get done. There will be more information coming from call committee and others.

Keep him in your prayers, as him starts to make this transition.

MARTIN LUTHER'S BIRTHDAY - SUN., NOV. 10

Dr. Martin Luther was born on Nov. 10, 1483, 536 years ago. Yes, we just came off of marking the beginning of the Reformation, on Reformation Sunday, two Sundays before. So to recall Luther's birth date so soon after may seem slightly redundant, but this year Nov. 10 falls on a Sunday, giving us a sub-theme that day to remember the Reformer and his contribution to the Church.

In the *LSB* hymnal, its index (page 1000) lists twenty-seven hymns attributed to Luther. This is above and beyond his translating the Holy Bible from the original languages (Hebrew and Greek) into the German vernacular (published in 1534, 88 years before the King James English version), his Large and Small Catechisms, his many lectures and commentaries on the Bible preserved in the 50+ volumes known as "Luther's Works", and even much more.

In 1983, the U. S. Postal Service issued a controversial postage stamp marking Luther's 500th birth anniversary. If we can recall the birth dates of G. Washington, A. Lincoln and other secular notables, does it not seem fitting to mark Nov. 10 recalling God's gift to the Church bringing the Church back to the Word of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ?!



Thank You, LORD!

VETERANS DAY, MONDAY, NOV. 11

Each year, our calendar gives us three special opportunities to acknowledge and honor our military. They are: 1.) Armed Forces Day/Sunday in May - honoring those *currently* serving in our military; 2.) Memorial Day, (originally "Decoration Day") the last Monday of May - *memorializing* those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation and freedom; and 3.) Veterans Day, Nov. 11, (originally "Armistice Day") providing a time to *honor* those who have served in the U. S. Armed Forces. So, Nov. 10/11, we salute and thank all of you who have worn the uniform of our nation's military. In the name of "the Captain of the Lord's hosts", we sincerely thank you!.



Enter His Courts with Praise and Thanksgiving!

"Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations." **Psalm 100:3-5**

Our congregation has, in the past, observed the national designated day of "Thanksgiving" (fourth Thursday of Nov.) on Thanksgiving Eve, (this year, Wed., Nov. 27) with a Divine Eucharist (Thanksgiving) Service. This year the service will be on Wednesday, the 26th of November at 7pm."

Offerings & Attendance for;

	Offerings	SS.	Service
29 SEP	\$ 1246.00	16	39/34
06 OCT	\$ 2089.00	13	43/34
13 OCT	\$ 2669.00	15	34/27
20 OCT	\$ 3506.00	14	51/39
TOTAL	\$ 9510.00	58	167/134

Board of Education:

An exciting happening for Immanuel is that we have combined with St. John, Lariat to have a Youth Group. The Youth met on Sunday, October 6th to discuss possibilities and ideas. They voted to elect officers and meet twice a month on Sundays at 4 p.m. at our Youth Bldg. On October 20th they met to set up the Youth Bldg. and gather for some fun. We thank Amanda Bernal, Ashley and Adam Ball, and Pastor Symm for their time, efforts, and planning to organize, encourage, and assist this group. The group is planning fundraisers to assist with expenses needed for mission trips and other events.

Now Thank We All Our God



Poinsettias: Celebrating with flowers!

One of the joys of the Christmas season is the decorating of the church. One of Immanuel's traditions is to decorate the altar area with poinsettias. It's a wonderful time to honor and/or remember a friend or family member by donating a poinsettia in their name; the list will be published for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. You have the opportunity to pick the number of poinsettias you wish to donate, purchase the size and color of poinsettia from whichever business you prefer, and get them "to the church on time." Please have the poinsettias in the Library by Sunday, December 22. There will be a list on the table in the Narthex for you to list the name and occasion for the giving of the poinsettias. You may take your poinsettias home after the Christmas Day service.

Please remember when caring for the poinsettias that they must be in a temperature of 62 degrees or above; also, cold wind will "burn" them – so consider covering them with a plastic bag if they are brought on a really cold, windy day. For questions or more information contact Sylvia Bean.

Caroling:

Every year in December, to help share the Good News of salvation through our Savior, Jesus Christ, we visit our shut-ins and area assisted living/nursing home facilities. We meet about 3:30 p.m. at the church so we can carpool and caravan as we go caroling in the Clovis area. Our caroling date is set for Sunday, December 22! So, mark your calendars now to reserve the date. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex so we have a tentative count. We have song sheets, and sometimes even a piano for accompaniment. So, join us for fun, fellowship, and the opportunity to share the love of Jesus through song! Bring a friend! Children are welcome! For questions/information contact Sylvia Bean.



2019-2021 LWML Mission Grant #2 Teach Me Too – Preschoolers with Learning Needs - Lutheran Special Education Ministries \$100,000



Lutheran Special Education Ministry (LSEM) has seen a growing desire for early intervention support of children with learning needs. In 2017, LSEM successfully launched entry into preschool education for exceptional children with learning needs by establishing Let It Shine Academy. This academy was designed to administer those intervention strategies and address the unique needs of children with autism spectrum disorder in an early learning environment. By reaching out and serving these children early in their learning years, they provide tools, strategies, and support to help these learners succeed now and as their education continues. They help them to be successful learners. This preschool creates a place where God's Word can be shared with these children. LSEM is currently directly serving children at 59 schools and churches in 11 states.

Gracious Heavenly Father, all we have is Yours. In thanksgiving and praise, we give You our mission offering that it might, assist in the teaching of the Lutheran Special Education Ministries preschoolers. We pray that these mites would provide the tools and needed equipment for these children such that they may become successful learners. In Your Holy name we pray. Amen.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME - IST WEEKEND IN NOV.

Like it or not, our state of NM, as do the many, still observes the time change from "daylight savings time" back to "regular standard time". That now happens on the first weekend of November. In other words, when you go to bed on Saturday, Nov. 2, reset your clocks **back** one hour (i.e. from 11 pm to 10pm as you will "gain" an hour. Otherwise, if you don't, you'll show up for Church the next morning an hour early.