



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Glorifying God. Impacting the Community.*

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## **Called to Imitate God's Generosity**

God's nature is to give. Giving reflects the heart of God. Unfortunately, our flesh, the world, and Satan prevent us from imitating God's generous nature. In our sinful state, we are selfish, self-centered people who are inclined to keep our money for ourselves rather than to give it.

Through the working of the Holy Spirit, God fills our hearts with a spirit of generosity. We stop seeing the money we have as just for our needs and entertainment. By grace, we understand that the money God entrusts to us has the potential to be used to support mission starts and missionaries so they can share the life-saving Gospel in this land and overseas. Our money has the potential to help those who are hungry and homeless. It has the potential to support our Christian schools and agencies. It supports the mission and ministry of our church. God uses and multiplies the money we give in many wonderful ways.

Through God-given faith and new attitudes, we see that our generosity is made possible by and rooted in His generosity. We are empowered to give because of God's generosity to us. Knowing that He does not limit His gifts to us and experiencing His generosity at work in our lives, we respond to His appeal to give generously. God's people live with an abundant perspective, trusting in His provisions. In Scripture, we see over and over again how God's people demonstrated their trust in His abundance. Abel, Noah, Abraham, Jacob, David, the Poor Widow, Zacchaeus, and Barnabas demonstrated their faith and trust. In 2 Corinthians chapters 8 and 9, the Apostle Paul instructs the Corinthians to take up a collection for the Christian Jews suffering from famine in Jerusalem. Paul urges them to give generously because their generosity is rooted in God's ability to provide everything they need to be generous on all occasions. *"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work"* (2 Corinthians 9:8). As our bounteous God richly bestowed on the Corinthians the capacity for generosity, He still does the same for us. In Jesus it is always more and never less. Even when things are tough, we will be given the opportunity to share, because God's sufficiency will provide.

When we give generously from loving and cheerful hearts, we bring joy to our Heavenly Father because we display His image and likeness. Filled with God's sufficiency, rather than our own, we become generous givers. Giving expresses our need for God, our trust in Him, and our gratitude to Him.

In the love and fellowship of Christ,

Pastor Steve

# FOOD MINISTRY UPDATES

Private & Online Donations: \$ 3,248.00

Pending Grant Applications: (1)

Grant Awards: 0 New Grants Written: 0

PYHT Food Distributions & Activity

In-Kind Food Donations/Food Rescue Received:

32,925 Lbs. Food Ministry Service Events: 9

Direct Families Served: 162 Families, 19 Ministries

PYHT Food Relief Agencies & Ministries Served:

Westchester FP, Berwyn FP, St. Paul Oak Lawn, St. ICA, Lukes, Downers Grove Comm Kitchen, NEW-Universal Ministries, Elmwood Park FP, NEW-Children's International Academy

**NEWS Thank You to:** Lutheran Church Charities for your continued support & prayers & \$500 Donation.

**Thank you to:** Donn & Lynne Hempel & Heather Hempel, our biggest food and fund donors for over 2 years!

**Thank You to:** Our congregation for coming together to fund the freezer repair, you are a blessing!

**Volunteers, we appreciate you! All of you are amazing supporters of our lively ministry!**

**Upcoming Dates & Holiday Events: HELP NEEDED**

Monday, Nov 4th : Midwest Food Bank Unloading

Saturday, Nov 9th Saturday Food Pantry

Saturday, November 23rd Thanksgiving Distribution

Thanksgiving Week: Food Rescue Help is Needed Nov 27th & Nov 29th (Jewel/Osco Elmhurst)

Saturday, December 14th Christmas Distribution (Regular Saturday)

**Photographer/Social Media Manager:** No new photos or recent updates have been made to any social media sites and website.

To our funders, it looks unproductive. This is often the only window into our ministry that grant reviewers have when deciding on what nonprofits to fund. **Anyone interested in another volunteer job?**

**Fundraising help is needed:** Please consider making a recurring donation to our food pantry online, through REALM. A small monthly donation of \$25 or more can make a huge difference in our pantry sustainability and helps cover the many expenses we incur each month.

**Expansion Project Update:** Postponed until further notice.

Immanuel Lutheran Church-Food Outreach Ministry

Holiday Season Volunteer Opportunities

9:30 am-12 Noon

Saturday, November 9th Pantry Day

Saturday, November 16th Poultry Day Special Event

Saturday, November 23rd Thanksgiving Distribution Event

Saturday, December 14th Pantry Day

POULTRY DAY EVENT SPONSORED BY:

HungerResource  
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"Glorifying God While Impacting The Community"



**HOLIDAY MEAL FUNDRAISER 2024**

Immanuel Food Pantry will be hosting 2 special food distributions this Holiday, we expect to serve at least 200 additional families over Thanksgiving & Christmas. Please consider helping us offset the cost of our food purchases and helping a family in need!

**Turkey \$15 or Full Meal Box \$40**

**THANK YOU**  
volunteers



**Please pray for continued guidance and support of our expansion project, Food Ministry Partners and for all volunteers! THANK YOU!**

## Funding the Great Commission

Prior to His Ascension, Jesus' parting command was: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus was very direct and explicit with His mandate. There is no question as to where or with whom we are to share the Gospel. The love that God gives to us is to be shared by us with all people everywhere. He has given us our marching orders, and, in His strength, we can give ourselves fully to His work.

Not only has God chosen to use us as His vessels to bring salvation to all people, but He has also given us gifts that enable us to be His witnesses. Paul wrote, "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us" (2 Corinthians 5:20). One of the gifts that God gives us to use in our mission of reaching out to others with the Gospel is our money. According to an old stewardship phrase, "Stewardship without mission is unnecessary and mission without stewardship is impossible." Stewardship and mission are inseparable. The funding of the Great Commission needs to come from believers. The money which God entrusts to us has many purposes, and the funding of mission work is of first importance. Through the giving of our money, we demonstrate our obedience to Jesus' command to reach out to all people. By God's grace, we willingly and cheerfully give our money to help all people hear of God's love.

**PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL  
BLESSINGS FLOW AND LIVE  
YOUR LIVES IN GRATITUDE  
FOR HIS GENEROSITY  
AND GOODNESS.**

"Oh give thanks to the LORD,  
for He is good, for His steadfast  
love endures forever!"  
(Psalm 107:1).



**WHAT WE ARE TO DO IS  
WHOLLY DEPENDENT UPON  
WHO WE HAVE BECOME.**

"No longer do I call you servants,  
For the servant does not know what his  
master is doing; but I have called you  
friends, for all that I have heard  
from My Father I have made  
known to you"  
(John 15:15).

## Stewardship Corner

By the Word of His mouth, God created all things, and over and over again God uses His Word to recreate sinners into new creations who live lives in Christ. At Baptism the Holy Spirit enters into our lives. "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16). Having received forgiveness and now being free from the power of sin, we can walk with our Lord. Filled with the Holy Spirit, we are no longer slaves to sin. The Holy Spirit dwells in us and empowers us to live lives that grow ever more Christ-like. This process, known as sanctification, is a work the Holy Spirit does within us throughout our lives on earth.

**Guatemala Mission Trip**

**June 7-14, 2025**

**PrayAmerica.org**

**For more information,  
speak with Sue Redis.**



# HOLIDAY FOOD DISTRIBUTION!

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY! WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!



Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> Pantry Day  
 Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> Poultry Day Special Event  
 Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving Distribution Event  
 Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> Pantry Day

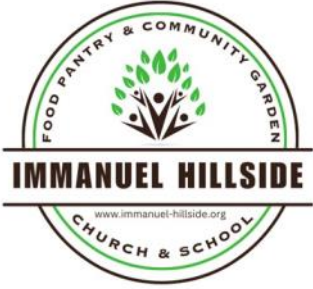
*Begins at 11am*

Lord God, our heavenly Father, we give praise and thanks for your gracious gifts which you provide so faithfully.

Help us enjoy these blessings with gratitude and reverence, that we may be strengthened to praise you and serve our neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wilhelm Löhe.

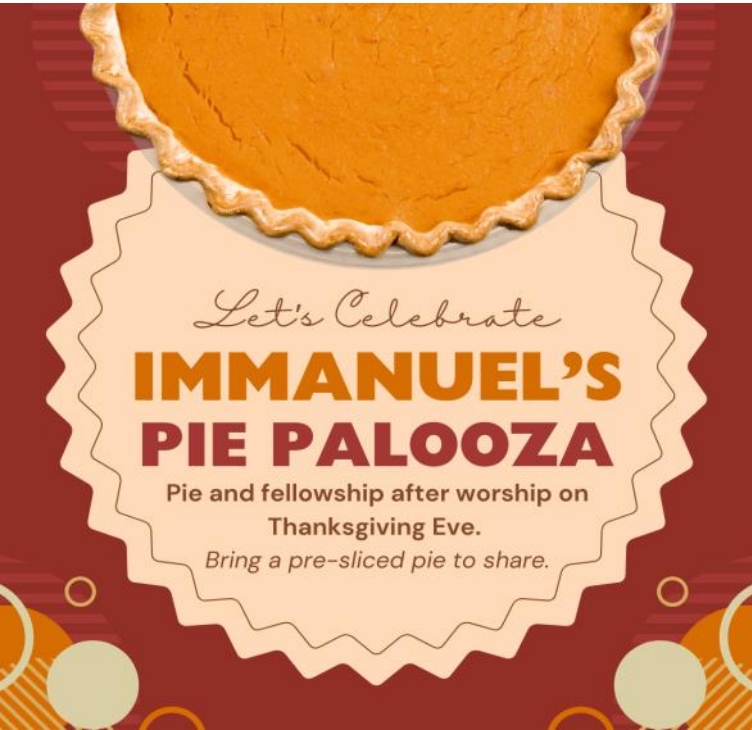
POULTRY DAY EVENT SPONSORED BY:



Put Your Hands Together  
A ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church

## Hillside Food Pantry

2317 S. Wolf Road  
 Hillside, IL 60162  
 (708) 562-5590



Let's Celebrate

# IMMANUEL'S PIE PALOOZA

Pie and fellowship after worship on Thanksgiving Eve.  
 Bring a pre-sliced pie to share.



NOV. 3RD 2AM

# Fall BACK

TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE BED SATURDAY NIGHT.

# IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## SAVE THE DATES!

### Holiday Schedule

**JOIN US WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT  
FOR MID-WEEK SERVICES 7PM**

**ICA COZY CHRISTMAS  
DECEMBER 12, 6PM**

**COOKIE WALK  
DECEMBER 15, AFTER CHURCH**

**SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
DECEMBER 15, 4PM**

**SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS  
DEC. 22, 9:30AM**

**CHILI AND CAROLING  
DECEMBER 22, AFTER CHURCH**

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE  
WITH HOLY COMMUNION  
DEC. 24, 9PM**

**CHRISTMAS DAY  
DEC. 25, 10AM**

**Turn everyday shopping  
into fundraising dollars**



**RaiseRight™**

Formerly ShopWithScrip

Shop with Raise Right Scrip fundraising is a no - selling program that enables families to raise money for their church or school. Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards. You purchase gift cards from your organization at face value, and your coordinator orders those cards from Raise Right Scrip at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for Immanuel. *Order Forms are in the church hallway or enroll and order online: [www.raiseright.com/enroll/](http://www.raiseright.com/enroll/) Enrollment Code: 9D337C6F55761*

*Everything written in the Scriptures was written to teach us, in order that we might have hope through the patience and encouragement which the Scriptures gives. Romans 15:4*

**Getting the Most Out of Your Daily Bible Reading**

As you read the Bible each day, allow the Scriptures to speak to you. This daily “dialogue “ between you and the biblical text will reveal new understandings about God, and about yourself.

**November - Praise & Thanksgiving**

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|------------------------------|----------------------|
| ☐ 1 Psalm 46                 | ☐ 17 Psalm 21        |
| ☐ 2 Psalm 48                 | ☐ 18 Psalm 92        |
| ☐ 3 Psalm 121                | ☐ 19 Psalm 93        |
| ☐ 4 Psalm 122                | ☐ 20 Psalm 95        |
| ☐ 5 Psalm 124                | ☐ 21 Psalm 97        |
| ☐ 6 Psalm 125                | ☐ 22 Psalm 98        |
| ☐ 7 Psalm 126                | ☐ 23 Psalm 99        |
| ☐ 8 Psalm 127                | ☐ 24 Psalm 100       |
| ☐ 9 Psalm 128                | ☐ 25 Psalm 106:1–23  |
| ☐ 10 1 Chronicles 15:1-24    | ☐ 26 Psalm 106:24–48 |
| ☐ 11 1 Chronicles 15:25-16:7 | ☐ 27 Psalm 111       |
| ☐ 12 1 Chronicles 16:8–43    | Thanksgiving Day     |
| ☐ 13 1 Chronicles 17:1–15    | ☐ 28 Psalm 65        |
| ☐ 14 1 Chronicles 17:16–27   | ☐ 29 Psalm 66        |
| ☐ 15 Psalm 18:1–24           | ☐ 30 Psalm 67        |
| ☐ 16 Psalm 18:25–50          |                      |

**Set aside time** to read the bible on a daily basis.  
**Find a quiet place** to read and reflect on each day’s reading.  
**Begin with prayer**, asking God for guidance and blessing.

**For the Record**

**Nothing to report**



**November Birthdays**

- |  |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| 01 - Alicia Blair                        | 14 - Susan Arnold                    |
| 02 - <i>Stiles Johnson, Kindergarten</i> | 19 - Dorothy Ivers                   |
| 03 - Leslie Iacovetti                    | 22 - Olivia Deombeleg                |
| 04 - Christine Bost (Bell)               | 24 - Thy Vu                          |
| 05 - Mike Mannella                       | 25 - <i>Dominick Bertacchi, PreK</i> |
| 06 - Daniel Stallings                    | 26 - Dottie Simon                    |
| 11 - Jacob Czubernat                     | 29 - Jayceon Cruz                    |
| 12 - <i>Jabniya Brantley</i>             | 30 - Tina Alicea                     |

**A Month of Prayer**

The fellowship of prayer consists of caring people who pray daily for members in the church. Members and their families will be listed in alphabetical order each month. Please pray for both their known and unknown needs.

1. Heidi Murphy
2. *The Muskwe Family*
3. *The Nash Family*
4. Kathy Nelson
5. Lynda Nickl
6. Mike & Carol Northcutt
7. Mindy Ondrovic
8. Phyllis Ondrovic
9. Pena Family
10. Perez Family
11. *The Perry Family*
12. Lynn Rand
13. Susan Redis
14. Gloria Rubietta
15. Joan Rundgren
16. *The Santos Brantley - Cruz Family*
17. Dot Schneider
18. *Sims Family*
19. *Skinner Family*
20. *Smith Family*
21. Rita Stallings
22. *Steele Family*
23. *Swims Family*
24. Svec Family
25. *Thomas Family*
26. *Thurman Family*
27. Lisa Tipples
28. *Torres - Ortega Family*
29. Lance Turner
30. Wayne & Debbie Valentino

As Thanksgiving closes out November, the season of Advent begins on December 1st. Our Christmas preparations get underway. Watch for poinsettia order forms in the Sunday bulletin beginning in late November. The display of these beautiful plants is the final step in our Christmas decorating preparations.





# November 2024



**Sun**                      **Mon**                      **Tue**                      **Wed**                      **Thu**                      **Fri**                      **Sat**

<p>Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise.          Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.          For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting,          And His truth endures to all generations. Psalm 100</p>						
<p>10  <b>3 - Daylight Saving Time Ends</b>            9:30am Worship with Holy Comm.            10:30am Fellowship            11:30am Bible Study</p>	<p>4  <b>11 - Veterans Day</b></p>	<p>5 - <b>Election Day</b>            5:30pm Day School Commission Meeting</p>	<p>6            7:30pm Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>7            6pm Elder Meeting</p>	<p>8            7pm Church Movie Night The Chosen</p>	<p>9            11am Food Pantry</p>
<p>17            9:30am Worship with Holy Comm.            10:30am Fellowship  <b>11:00 am Voters Meeting</b></p>	<p>18</p>	<p>12            6:00pm Church Council</p>	<p>13            7:30pm Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>14            ILC 166th Anniversary</p>	<p>15            7pm Church Movie Night The Chosen</p>	<p>16  <b>11am Holiday Food Distribution</b></p>
<p>24            9:30am Worship            10:30am Fellowship            11:30am Bible Study</p>	<p>25  <b>No School</b>  <b>Thanksgiving Break</b></p>	<p>26  <b>No School</b>  <b>Thanksgiving Break</b></p>	<p>20  <b>Officer Friendly School Visit</b>            7:30pm Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22  <b>Friendsgiving School Lunch</b>            7pm Adult VB</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>29            9:30am Worship            10:30am Fellowship            11:30am Bible Study</p>	<p>28  <b>No School</b>  <b>Thanksgiving Day</b></p>	<p>27 - <b>No School</b>  <b>Thanksgiving Eve</b>            7:00pm Worship Followed by Pie Palooza Fellowship</p>	<p>29  <b>No School</b>  <b>Thanksgiving Break</b></p>	<p>30</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>30</p>

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**RETURN REQUESTED**

**POSTMASTER: DATED MATERIAL**

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*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,  
as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10*