



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Under New Management

When a business such as a restaurant changes ownership, we may see a sign that reads, “Under new Management.” The restaurant will often change the menu, the service, and even the décor. The old restaurant is hardly recognizable. So it is with our lives in Christ. St. Paul writes, “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me” (Galatians 2:20). In essence, we live under new management. The old godless person is hardly recognizable as the new person in Jesus is created. “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation” (2 Corinthians 5:17). God is now in control of our lives. We have a new Father, master and a new purpose: to live for Christ.

Jesus Christ, Savior and Lord of the world, alone meets our needs perfectly. His love, given as He sacrificed Himself for the world conquering death and sin, is the “drawing power”—drawing us away from selfish desires and sinful habits and pulling us to real peace and joy in Christ. His love changes the direction of our lives from self to Him Who has made and redeemed us all. Living for Christ allows no room for self-love that denies the priority of God and of service to others both within and outside our congregation. The compelling love of Christ pulls us away from a gratification of our old nature and of sinful desires or of seeking security in earthly things and human ingenuity and strength.

God’s love is the energizing power so essential to every life. Christ’s love summons us to a secure and joyful life of repentance, forgiveness, and fruitful service. Indeed, “Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died” (2 Corinthians 5:14 NIV). Under Christ’s new management, we “no longer live for [ourselves] but for Him Who died and was raised” (2 Corinthians 5:15). As new people in Christ, we see our blessings as gifts from God that are to be used to serve Him by loving and serving others. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we recognize our time, talents, and treasures as tools to be used in ways to advance God’s kingdom.

We do not wear signs that read, Under New Management, but our thoughts, deeds, and purpose give evidence to the new management. We have new attitudes and new actions.

In the Fellowship and Love of Christ,

Pastor Steve Deombeleg

PANTRY UPDATE

Submitted by Jayne Siou, Pantry Director

Private & Online Donations: \$ 437.00

Pending Grant Applications: (3)

Grant Awards: 0

New Grants Written: 0

PYHT Food Distributions & Activity:

In-Kind Food Donations/Food Rescue Received: 23,081 lbs.

Food Ministry Service Events: 10

Direct Families Served: 189

PYHT Food Relief Agencies & Ministries Served:

Westchester FP, Berwyn FP, St. Paul Oak Lawn, St. Lukes, Downers Grove Comm Kitchen, Interim Housing Center-DuPage, Abundant Children & Family Service Agency, Berwyn Food Pantry, Leyden Township FP, Elmwood Park FP, Pilsen Pantry, Project 22:9, Youth Crossroads, Village of Hillside, BEDS+, PADS DuPage, Our Lady of Angels Church, Immanuel DesPlaines, ICA.

NEWS Upcoming Dates & Holiday Events:

HELP NEEDED

Monday, October 7th : Midwest Food Bank Unloading-

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Saturday, October 12th: Pantry Day

Saturday, November 23rd Thanksgiving Distribution

Saturday, December 14th Christmas Distribution (Regular Saturday)

Volunteers, we appreciate you! We couldn't do it without you! Thank you to our newest volunteers this month, Christine & Phyllis. Special thanks to Donn and Alicia for helping during Summer Break!

We Need Paper Grocery Bags: Recycle your paper grocery bags at the pantry so we can save money on purchasing them. Plain paper bags, with or without handles are needed!

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: No progress can be made without an official board of directors, please see Jayne Siou if you are interested or have questions about coming on-board.

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

Voters Meeting Notes:

All pantry participants will need to re-enroll starting in January, enabling us to assess needs, improve record keeping and allow us to adjust our distribution schedule.

Grant funds for the Expansion Project (Batterman) is in a CD, maturing in March.

Food Rescues, and General Food Donations are down across the board and all food pantries are in a similar situation, especially on quality protein and meat. New Food Donors are needed. Ron & Jayne are looking into new suppliers and donors. Even so, August totals were \$558,862.00 in kind donations received and distributed, thanks largely to MGM Resorts product grant.

Holiday Meal Fundraiser Begins October 13th-December 14th \$40 Per Family Meal Box or \$15 for just Turkey. Turkey Gift Cards will be distributed with meal boxes again this year.

Holiday Food Drives this season are sponsored by the Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, St. John's Lutheran School-Montrose, and the Hillside Public Library.

Grants:

Waiting to receive news on grant awards for a delivery truck and program operating funds.

Balance of Current Operating Funds: \$11,147.00

Board of Directors Needed: Please see Jayne if you can come on board.

Give as You Are Blessed

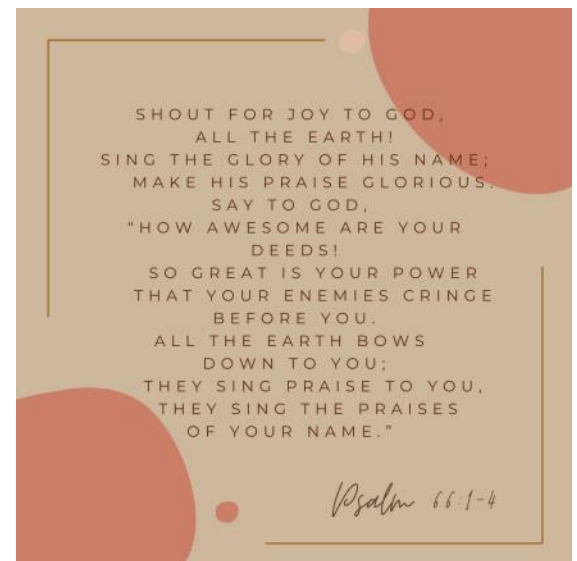
An important and special way to express our gratitude to God for all His blessings is to give faithfully and generously. Jesus said, *“Freely you have received, freely give”* (Matthew 10:8 NIV). Because God gives, we receive, and then we can give. God never breaks the cycle of receiving and giving because He never stops giving. We are not able to outgive God. It is God’s nature to give. *For God so loved the world that He gave...*” (John 3:16).

Giving is an obligation, but, by God’s grace, we do not view it as such. God’s grace works in our hearts and minds, too, so that our giving is no longer an obligation but an opportunity. As stewards who give themselves first to the Lord (2 Corinthians 8:5), we think of giving in terms of “get to” rather than “got to.” We stop giving grudgingly, and we start giving joyfully and cheerfully. We want to give, because giving is an expression of our love and gratitude to God for Who He is and what He does for us. The more we give of ourselves and our gifts, the closer our relationship with Christ becomes, the more we want to give, and the more God blesses us, which enables our continued giving. *“You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God”* (2 Corinthians 9:11).

May God open our hearts and minds so that we receive His blessings with thankfulness and may He place in us the desire to give to Him generously, through our church and others.

**THROUGH FAITH, WE
UNDERSTAND THAT OUR
PURPOSE IN LIFE IS TO SERVE
AND GLORIFY GOD.**

“I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever”
(Psalm 86:12).



“Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water’”
(John 7:38).

*“I have held many things in my hands and I have lost them all.
But whatever I placed in God’s hands, that I still possess” (Martin Luther).*

Stewardship Corner

How do you respond to the question, “Is money everything?” Are you trying to achieve a quality life by focusing on money or on God? Jesus spoke often about money because He knew that it has the power to control us. Jesus tells us *“No one can serve two masters, for either He will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money”* (Matthew 6:24). When we regard God as owner and ourselves as stewards, we are more willing to relinquish control of our money to the Lord. With God’s wisdom and strength, we can have a faithful perspective toward money and say emphatically, “Money is not everything!”

Collect items to help moms in need.

- . Diapers: sizes newborn, 1-6
- . Pull-ups
- . Wipes
- . Lotion
- . Shampoo/ Soap
- . Formula



Meeting Needs & Saving Lives in Illinois
Through 7 Pregnancy Centers & 5 Baby Banks



Diaper Derby has begun! As a church, we will be collecting diapers, especially sizes newborn, 5, 6 & 7, pull-ups and wipes. Please bring in supplies by **October 27th** and leave them by the table display in the narthex. Supplies benefit Caring Network's baby bank programs, providing material goods, parenting classes, and spiritual support to new parents in need. Questions? See Becky Lelingis.

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/ Enrollment Code: 9D337C6F55761*

Turn everyday shopping into fundraising dollars



RaiseRight™

Formerly ShopWithScrip

**CHURCH
MOVIE NIGHT**

The Chosen Season 4

Begins October 4, 2024
7:00pm Showtime
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Two Episodes a night

**ADULT.
VOLLEYBALL**

**FUN, FAITH AND FITNESS
SELECT FRIDAYS 7:00 P.M.**

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IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Fall Festival

Tractor Rides | Games | Festive Food



Friday
25

Oct. 2024
4:30pm - 6pm

Immanuel's School
Parking Lot
2329 S. Wolf Rd.
Hillside, IL

Please park in our church lot and walk over

**Trunk
or Treat
Event!**

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!

No scary or inappropriate costumes, please.

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.

October - Justice & Peace

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Psalm 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> 17 Isaiah 5:8-30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Psalm 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> 18 Isaiah 11:1-16 |
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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.

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. Laprika Duff & Jayla Pernell
2. Arlene Gasperich
3. Lisa Gasperich
4. Stella Gonzalez
5. The Hadler Family
6. Steve Hadler
7. Steve & Lucretia Hardy
8. Evelyn Haynes
9. Corinne Hein
10. *The Harris / Stines Family*
11. The Hempel Family
12. *The Henderson Family*
13. *The Hiner Family*
14. *The Honey Family*
15. Sandra Houle
16. The Iacovetti Family
17. Dorothy Ivers
18. *The Jackson Family*
19. *The Johnson Family*
20. *The Jones Family*
21. *The Kelley / Telford Family*
22. The Karpierz Family
23. Clyde & Omie Lane
24. Becky Lelingis
25. The Lepe Family
26. The Mannella Family
27. Len & Susan Mazanek
28. Scott Mazanek
29. *The McKenzie Family*
30. *The Moore Family*
31. Ed & Karen Mulvihill

For the Record - New Members

Pat Mauney

Christine Thorner



October Birthdays

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| 01 - Charlie Johnson (Kindergarten) | 17 - Macey Railing | 24 - Lucretia Hardy |
| 03 - Thomas Skinner (6th Grade) | 21 - Jacob Blair | 27 - Julie Hadler |
| 07 - Damari Harrison (Kindergarten) | 21 - Savannah Jones (2nd Grade) | 27 - Doretha Brown |
| 09 - Ed Mulvihill | 22 - Ester Garvia (3rd Grade) | 28 - Steven Deombeleg (pastor’s son) |
| 15 - Susan Redis | 24 - Paulina Aguirre (Kindergarten) | 29 - Jessica Muskwe (6th Grade) |

October 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>9:30am Worship HC</p> <p>10:30am Fellowship</p> <p>11:15am Bible Study</p> 	<p>3pm XC Practice</p> <p>3pm VB Practice</p>	<p>1 4pm VB Game HOME</p> <p>5:30pm Day School Commission Meeting</p>	<p>2 - XC Meet @ Walther</p> <p>Candy Collection for Trunk or Treat begins</p>	<p>3 3pm VB Practice</p>	<p>4 - School Gov. Elections / 4pm VB AWAY @ Lombard</p> <p>7PM Church Movie Night 'The Chosen</p>	<p>5 9am - Noon</p> <p>Garden Work Day</p>
<p>6 9:30am Worship HC</p> <p>10:30am Fellowship</p> <p>11:15am Bible Study</p>	<p>7 - School Dental Visits</p>	<p>8 4PM VB Game AWAY @ Brookfield</p> <p>5:30 PM PTL Meeting</p>	<p>9 3pm VB Practice</p>	<p>10 - Fire Prevention Day</p> <p>3pm VB Practice</p>	<p>11 7pm Adult Volleyball</p>	<p>12 11am Food Pantry</p>
<p>13 - Scrip Orders Due</p> <p>9:30am Worship</p> <p>10:30am Fellowship</p> <p>11:15am Bible Study</p>	<p>14 - Columbus Day</p> <p>School in Session</p> <p>3pm VB Practice</p>	<p>15 VB Game HOME</p>	<p>16 3pm VB Practice</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 NO SCHOOL</p> <p>NID Conference</p> <p>7pm Adult Volleyball</p> <p>7PM Movie Night</p>	<p>19 9am - Noon</p> <p>Garden Work Day</p>
<p>20 9:30am Worship HC</p> <p>10:30am Fellowship</p> <p>11:15am Bible Study</p>	<p>21 MAP Testing Begins</p> <p>3pm VB Practice</p>	<p>22 VB Game AWAY @ Elmhurst</p>	<p>23 Disaster Drill</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 4:30pm Trunk or Treat / Fall Fest</p>	<p>26</p> 
<p>27 9:30am Worship</p> <p>10:30am Fellowship</p> <p>11:15am Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Yearbook Picture Retakes</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>  <p>Reformation Day</p>		

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RETURN REQUESTED

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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*