

"God With Us"



And they will call Him  
Immanuel -  
"God With Us"  
Matthew 1:23

### Immanuel Lutheran Church

We, the people of Immanuel Lutheran Church, in joyful response to all that our gracious God has done for us, seek to glorify God by bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people.

We have GOOD NEWS! Jesus is ALIVE and LOVES YOU!



### Immanuel Lutheran School

Where Faith & Education Meet

A Child nurtured in a Christian Lutheran setting will be Prepared to live a Joyful, productive, God-pleasing Life.

Quality Christian education open to all children  
Preschool through Grade 8

A monthly newsletter from Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

# Immanuel Messenger

From Pastor Vrudny

November, 2014



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Proverbs 10:7 says: **"The memory of the righteous is a blessing."**

Washington Irving was a famous author, writing memorable books such as *Rip Van Winkle*, and *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. I'm told that visitors at his "Sunnyside" estate in Irvington,

New York, can learn that he was also a lawyer and a foreign diplomat. One thing he never was -- was married; but not from lack of interest. Irving was once engaged to Martha Hoffman; but she died before she was 18 years old and he remained a bachelor for the rest of his life. He did not forget her. Irving carried her Bible with him wherever he traveled, whether at home or abroad. For him, love involved loyalty.

With the wisdom of God, King Solomon wrote: **"The memory of the righteous is a blessing."** It is good to remember (to appreciate & give thanks for) those 'righteous' in our life, our 'benefactors,'

whether they be living or dead. St. Paul writes to Timothy, *"I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also"*. (2Tim 1) Spouses, parents, pastors, and teachers are among those



who have been a particular God-given blessing to us. The

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## Feasting or Thankful Hearts

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*



The Pilgrims, seeking religious freedom and opportunity in America, gave thanks to God for His provision. Along with the feasting and games, involving friendly Indians (who added to the feast by bringing wild turkeys and venison), were prayers, sermons, and songs of praise which were important in the celebration. Three days were spent in feasting and prayer.

From that time forward, Thanksgiving has been celebrated as a day to give thanks to God for His gracious and sufficient provision. President Abraham Lincoln officially set aside the last Thursday of November, in 1863, "as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father." In 1941, Congress ruled that after 1941, the fourth Thursday of November be observed as Thanksgiving Day and be a legal holiday.

Scripturally, both the Old and New Testaments are filled with exhortation and examples of thanksgiving. From Noah—saved from the flood, to the Israelites—rescued from slavery, to the Revelation—teach us to celebrate almost a daily thanksgiving! We, like the Pilgrims, have a choice. In life there will always be things we can complain about (the Pilgrims had lost many loved ones), or much to be thankful for. As our society becomes increasingly secular, the actual "giving of thanks to God" during our annual Thanksgiving holiday is being overlooked, leaving only the feasting. May God find us as grateful children every day for all of His gifts, spiritual and material. And I can say a hearty and thankful HALLELUJAH to that!

-Pam's Thoughts

## Opportunities For Worship



**Sunday Worship**—We worship God each Sunday at 9:00 AM and celebrate The Lord’s Supper the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. Remember to invite your family member, your new neighbor or a friend to worship with you.

**Lutheran Hour Ministries**—Lutheran Hour Ministries can be heard on Sunday mornings at 6:05 AM on WCCO 830, 12:30 PM on KDHL 920, or 5 PM Sundays on KTIG 102.7.

**The Lutheran Hour Ministries** has expanded into additional markets. The Lutheran Hour is now available: online, MP3, Podcast, Sirius XM Satellite Radio. For local broadcast information visit [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org)

**College Students**—Students don’t leave home without Him! Connect with your Campus Church now or contact: [www.lcmscampus.org](http://www.lcmscampus.org).

**Special Thanksgiving Service**—will be held on Wednesday, November 26 at 7 pm.

## Opportunity For Bible Study

**Sunday Morning Bible Study:** Join us for Sunday morning Bible study choices! First—a study on the morning Gospel reading prior to worship at 8:30 am in the back of the church. Then fill up your coffee cup and join a group right after Sunday Worship from 10:30—11:30, in the Fellowship Hall. Your input is valued. You will be blessed and be a blessing to us!

**Youth Study:** 5th—12th Graders meet by the Church Library after church each Sunday—except during summer months.

**Men’s Bible Study** each Thursday morning at 8 am in the back of the sanctuary. All men are encouraged and invited

to attend.

**Women’s Bible Study** every Thursday morning at 8 am, meeting now at the church library. We’re excited to have you join us as we share God’s Word and fellowship with one another.



**E-DiBS** will electronically deliver to you a daily Bible study where we will go book by book, verse by verse and have a short explanation and application for better understanding. Sign up by contacting the Church office by phone, email or in person. This service is free because of a generous donation. For more information visit: [www.e-dibs.org](http://www.e-dibs.org).

## Opportunity For Supporting Our Church



**Will You Help?** Stop by the bulletin board in the entry hall to read ways to help support our church. Immanuel receives many small to medium sized bills during the month. Some larger bills have been divided into smaller amounts in order to encourage members to “chip in”. The Board of Stewardship would

like to thank those who have helped already and would like to ask the rest of the congregation, “Will You Help, too?”

**The Endowment Fund for Immanuel Lutheran Church and School** has been set up at the First National Bank in Walker. If you are interested in contributing to this fund, serving on the governing board for this fund, or want more information, stop in the office.

**LCEF is a Place to Grow:** Have you ever considered how you might help where individuals and ministries come together to grow in the Lord? Lutheran Church Extension Fund makes available resources and services that are used to equip Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) ministries as they embrace God’s plan. These tools are all made possible through competitive-rate investments.

**The church could use Lemonade and coffee.**

**Thanks to all who continue to contribute!**

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author of the Epistle to the Hebrews states, *“Remember your leaders, who spoke the Word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.”* (13:7)

thing outweighs all these things. The greatest treasure we can leave behind, humanly speaking, are godly children (or imitators) who walk in the ways of the Lord. Timothy had become a bless-

St. Paul goes on to tell Timothy, *“Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead.”* (2Tim.2) While being our God & Lord, Jesus has also been given as our dearest Friend, our benefactor, for He bore all our sins and grief. We honor our Savior when, out of our love for Him, we are adding our loyalty to His Word, our commitment to come into his Sunday-worship presence, and our steadfast walking in His holy ways. When people saw Irving with that Bible they thought, *“See how he loved her.”* I wonder what people are reminded of when they see you and me?

--- pastor vrudny

Washington Irving did not have to live the 50 years alone after his fiancé's death. He could have married someone else. He chose, however, to show his loyalty by

***“The greatest treasure we can leave behind, humanly speaking, are godly children...”***

remaining single. He honored the memory of his hoped-for bride by treasuring her Bible. Our departed loved ones have undoubtedly left us ‘memorabilia’ – furniture, jewelry, wise advise, lessons learned, and we are thankful for this. But some-

ing to many and to the whole Kingdom because, in his faith and life, he honored the memory of two faithful women in his life: Lois and Eunice, who themselves were following Christ.

**Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action.**

- W J Cameron

**Prayer Corner**

Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed. The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with. —James 5:16 (TMSG)

**Health Concerns & Other Issues:**

- ✚ Andy Arnold
- ✚ Pastor Bitz and Family
- ✚ Gary Carlson (family friend of Joel & Barb Vinkemeier)
- ✚ Floyd Caster
- ✚ Michael Hannegraf (friend of Ralph & Barb Jankovich)
- ✚ Darrell Iverson (brother of Lavonne Keske)
- ✚ Sherman Jensen
- ✚ Delores Kastning
- ✚ Rev. Jim Lauer
- ✚ Carla Morgenstern (friend of Darin & Corina Bronczyk)
- ✚ Deborah Peterson (Mike Keske's sister)
- ✚ The Salvhus Family

- ✚ Leona Strand (at Golden Living Center)
- ✚ Bryce Zubke (tonsillectomy)

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

- ✚ Darlene Thue

**Prayer of Remembrance:** For the families who have had loved ones who have passed away.

**Missions:** Immanuel Lutheran School, Missions of the LCMS Church, LWML and Mission Mites



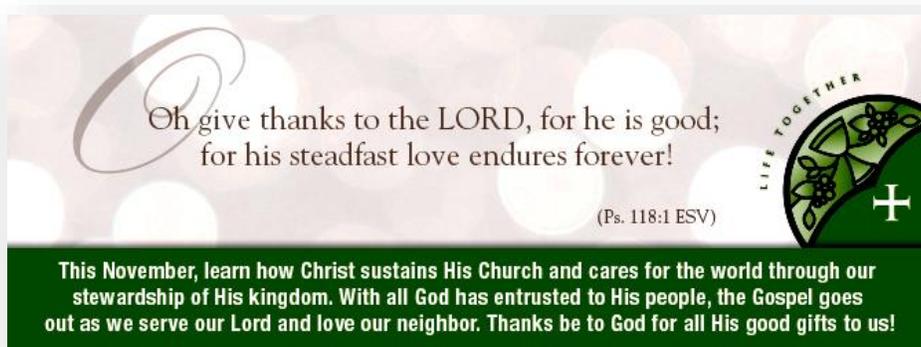
## Stewardship

### Yours? Mine? It's all His!

Christian stewardship begins with the understanding that all we have is God's and that "we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world" (1 Tim. 6:7 ESV). Since all we have is God's, we should use it for His purposes. God's purpose for us in our lives is expressed in the various vocations, or callings, that we have. Our vocation as Christians, and as members of a particular Christian congregation where we receive the Word of God and His Sacraments, makes a claim on us: on our presence on Sunday morning and on our support for the work of the Gospel. Likewise, our callings in the home make a claim on us. In society at large our vocations are varied, but they all boil down to being a good neighbor no matter where we are. In each place, we are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. That means being a faithful friend and worker, a kind and generous neighbor and so on. In one sense, all there is to say

about stewardship is this: Live a godly, generous life in your vocations in church, home and society. Love God and serve your neighbor. That's the whole Law.

have certainly not been as cheerful or faithful a giver as I should be. That is the bad news of our sinfulness against God's Law. But the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is that we are



forgiven by Christ's work on the cross. God loves us and has made us His children in Baptism. He feeds us with His very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. We are His and no one can snatch us out of His hands. And

But we are still left with the details. What does loving my neighbor and being faithful to God look like in my life? What does a generous life of stewardship look like?

For believers in Christ, the Law serves as a guide to how to live a life of thanksgiving for the wonderful gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus. God's Law on supporting the Church calls us to support it faithfully from our firstfruits, to do it voluntarily and cheerfully, and to do it proportionally. Does that convict you? Does this Law show your sin? I know it convicts me. I

that's the motivation for cheerful, generous giving to the Lord's work.

Please join us in sharing with others our true motivation for cheerful, generous giving to the Lord's work! To learn more and find stewardship resources, visit [www.lcms.org/themes/november](http://www.lcms.org/themes/november).

In His name, Rev. Heath Curtis, coordinator, LCMS Stewardship Ministry

## Finances

### Church Finance

#### General Offerings:

September Offerings	\$8723.97
Total Expenses	11,134.36
Shortage	\$2,410.39

#### Building Fund:

September Offerings	\$2,535.00
Mortgage Payment	2,227.63
Overage	\$ 307.37



### School Finances

9/1/14-9/30/14 income \$13,107.63  
 9/1/14-9/30/14 expense \$10,796.30  
 (Actual income & expense – loan amounts removed)  
 Lines of credit balance owed as of 10/6/14 \$12,800

## LWML Update

LWML has been extremely busy the past two months. We want to extend a very big, warm, heartfelt THANK YOU to EVERYONE who helped with the "Joy on the Journey" mini-retreat, LWML Sunday, and hosting the Bemidji-Park Rapids Zone fall rally. 74 women attended the retreat and we have received many positive comments and feedback. Kim Wagner was a wonderful speaker! So whether you donated to mites, brought a door prize, served in the kitchen, etc. or any of



the other duties the past two months on any of these activities, YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

The November meeting will be on November 18 at 1:00 pm at the home of Bev Johnson. We would LOVE you to join us! Every woman is welcome, wanted and needed!

## Men of Immanuel

Next Breakfast Meeting Date Saturday, November 1, 2014. Dale Ross & Gordy Dahn are the cooks. All the Men of the congregation are invited and encouraged to come and enjoy the breakfast fellowship.



### Thank You from Della Lembke

Many thanks to all of you for your best wishes for my 93rd birthday on October 16th during the Youth Brunch on October 12th. May God bless you all.

## Secret Servants

Thank you to **Joanne Loewen**. Seems as though she is always spotted in the kitchen doing dishes, wiping tables, or being a "Martha" in some way or another! You are amazing and so appreciated. Thank you.

Thank you **Don Taschner** for donating two cases of paper to the church.

Thank you **Dale Ross and Men of Immanuel** for replacing the cement step to the playground door.

Improvements: New cement pad was poured at the playground doors over MEA weekend. The old step was moved over in front of the garage door. Thank you to all our helpers, **Rick Schmidtke, Jim Schmidtke, Jack Hopen, Vern Black, Gordy Dahn and Dale Ross**. A special thank you to Jack Hopen for the use of his Bobcat and to Rick and Jim for finishing the cement.

*Yes, God is keeping track of the "good deeds" you do in private. However, if you see someone doing something "in secret", let the church office know so we can all say thank you! The smallest thing you do is GREATLY appreciated! YOU are appreciated!*



## From the Congregation President

We had a wonderful quarterly meeting on Sunday, October 12, which covered a lot of different things.

- We approved a budget of A little over \$170,000. That is a significant amount of money for our small congregation.
- We discussed a number of issues that affect the budget, the biggest one, whether we could afford to pay for an administrative assistant. As we all know, Peggy Schmidtke has filled this role in an exemplary manner for more than the last 10 years. No decisions were made on that point but we will look at the administrative needs over the next three months as Pastor Vrudny gains experience within our congregation and then see what our needs are at that time.
- We decided to install the dishwasher based on the “mend-up”, a manual agreeing to pay for the approximate \$7000 it



- will take to do so. Hopefully it can be done for less.
- We also discussed the changes in the Concordia Health Benefit Plan, as well as the personal spending account that is available for use by our staff people. Basically this allows them to use money before paying taxes to pay for health Expenses.

- We had our election of officers Who will start January 1. Tim Duin was elected president; Karen Sellner secretary; Marilyn Black financial secretary; Marie Bakker stewardship chairman, and Randy Fabian evangelism chairman. We are grateful to those who have fulfilled their term and also for those willing to serve. Please keep them in your prayers.

As I write this, I am out at the farm once again participating in a bountiful harvest which our gracious God has given to us. We thank him for His continued blessings! In His and your service Tim Duin

## What It Means to be a Christian Citizen

There are at least five good reasons why Christians should vote:

**1. God has granted us authority.** All authority belongs to God, but He has put human beings on the earth as caretakers. What is our task? According to Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20, we are to go out and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to obey God in every area of life. This includes politics. We must disciple people to make godly decisions about government, and promote the efforts of those who are already doing so.

**2. We need to stand against evil.** St. Augustine said those who are citizens of God's kingdom are best equipped to be citizens of the kingdom of man. The alternative is unthinkable. In the 20th Century, atheistic and secular humanistic leaders gained control of nations all across Europe, Asia and Africa. What was the result? According to historian R. J. Rummel, almost 170 million men, women and children have been brutally murdered by these governments, all in the name of human progress. These facts led historian John Hollowell to note,

“Only through a return to faith in God, as God revealed Himself to man in Jesus Christ,

can modern man and his society find redemption from the tyranny of evil.”

**3. Christian values contribute positively to society.** The Bible's solutions make sense. It is Christian involvement in government through the ages that gave us hospitals, civil liberties, abolition of slavery, modern science, the elevation of women, regard for human life, great works of art and literature, a workable system of justice, education for common people, the free-enterprise system, and much, much more.



When we see the good that results from applying God's principles, and the horror that results from rejecting them, doesn't it seem cruel and irresponsible to keep Jesus teachings about truth, love and compassion to ourselves? At very least, we should vote to keep OUT of office those who attempt to oppose God's authority.

**4. Obedience to authority demands good citizenship.** The Apostle Paul in Romans chapter 13 clearly states that we must obey governmental leaders because all authority comes from God. Here's the catch: in America, the people are the leaders! Here, at least, we express our obedience to God by

exercising our rights and privileges as citizens. That means voting.

**5. Good citizenship sets an example for generations to come.** Those who apply God's principles to government pave the way for generations of blessing. In 1768 a Christian minister named John Witherspoon became president of the College of New Jersey, now Princeton. While there he taught biblical principles of government to his students. Of the 478 young men who were graduated during his tenure, writes author John Eidsmoe,

“114 became ministers; 13 were state governors; 3 were U. S. Supreme Court judges; 20 were U.S. Senators; 33 were U. S. Congressmen; Aaron Burr, Jr. became Vice-President; and James Madison became President.”

As a Christian, Witherspoon exerted an enormous influence on the direction of American government.

You and I may not have the gifts of John Witherspoon, but we can still make a big difference if we put our minds to it. Pass this on to friends and family, and encourage them to vote in every election!

Author: Jeffrey L. Myers, Ph.D

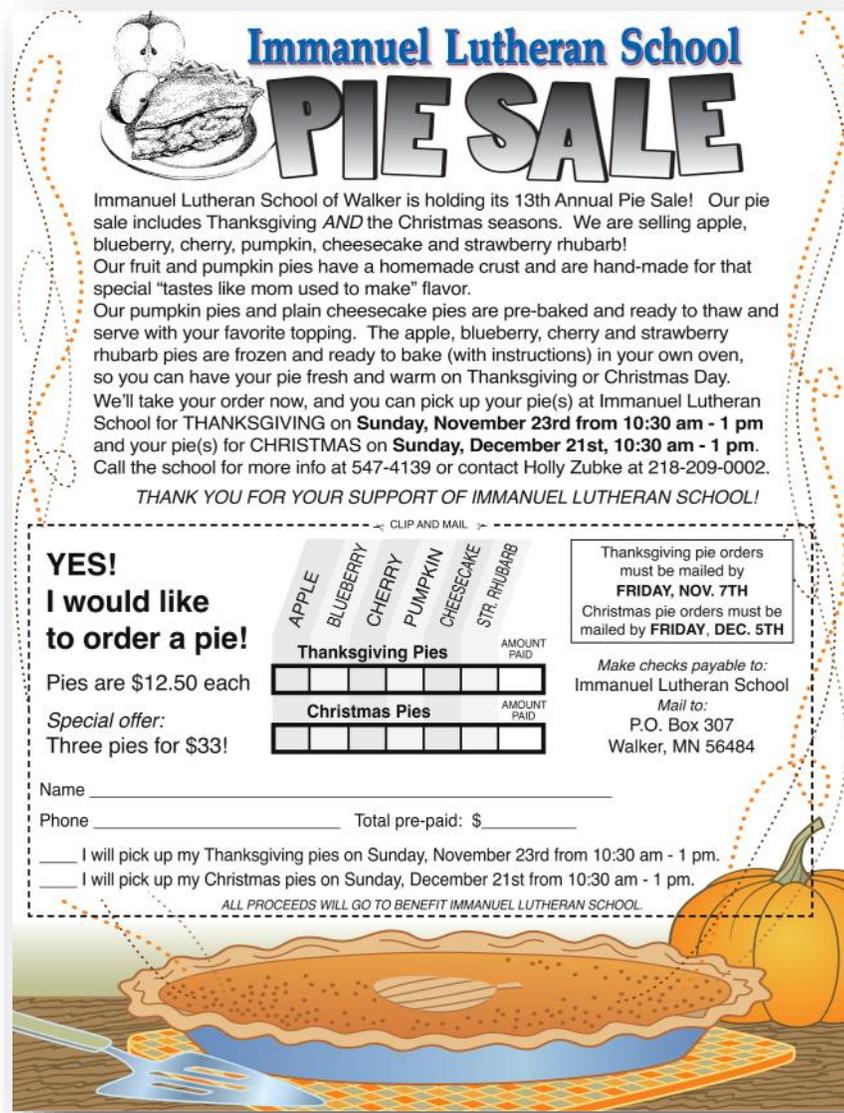
## Board of Education Update

**Touching Lives Forever:** The Board of Education will again be sending out our annual fund drive letter this fall to the congregation as well as to other supporters of our school. Please look for this letter in your mail and consider donating to our school for this upcoming school year.

**Pies Fundraiser:** It may be early to start thinking about Thanksgiving and Christmas BUT it is time to start thinking about ordering pies for our annual homemade pie fundraiser. Details will be posted soon regarding dates to help with making pies, donating pie supplies and ordering pies. Fall and pies just go together! We look forward to another successful pie fundraiser this year with your help.

**Sunday School:** By the time you get this newsletter Sunday School will be started. We can always use help with the preschoolers, substitute teachers or any other general help you would like to provide. Please consider helping out with Sunday School this year!

## Opportunities to Support Our School



**Immanuel Lutheran School**  
**PIE SALE**

Immanuel Lutheran School of Walker is holding its 13th Annual Pie Sale! Our pie sale includes Thanksgiving *AND* the Christmas seasons. We are selling apple, blueberry, cherry, pumpkin, cheesecake and strawberry rhubarb! Our fruit and pumpkin pies have a homemade crust and are hand-made for that special "tastes like mom used to make" flavor. Our pumpkin pies and plain cheesecake pies are pre-baked and ready to thaw and serve with your favorite topping. The apple, blueberry, cherry and strawberry rhubarb pies are frozen and ready to bake (with instructions) in your own oven, so you can have your pie fresh and warm on Thanksgiving or Christmas Day. We'll take your order now, and you can pick up your pie(s) at Immanuel Lutheran School for **THANKSGIVING** on **Sunday, November 23rd from 10:30 am - 1 pm** and your pie(s) for **CHRISTMAS** on **Sunday, December 21st, 10:30 am - 1 pm**. Call the school for more info at 547-4139 or contact Holly Zubke at 218-209-0002.

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL!*

CLIP AND MAIL

**YES!**  
**I would like to order a pie!**

Pies are \$12.50 each

*Special offer:*  
Three pies for \$33!

APPLE	AMOUNT PAID
BLUEBERRY	
CHERRY	
PUMPKIN	
CHEESECAKE	
STR. RHUBARB	

**Thanksgiving Pies**

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**Christmas Pies**

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AMOUNT PAID

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Thanksgiving pie orders must be mailed by **FRIDAY, NOV. 7TH**  
Christmas pie orders must be mailed by **FRIDAY, DEC. 5TH**

Make checks payable to:  
Immanuel Lutheran School  
Mail to:  
P.O. Box 307  
Walker, MN 56484

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Total pre-paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up my Thanksgiving pies on Sunday, November 23rd from 10:30 am - 1 pm.  
 I will pick up my Christmas pies on Sunday, December 21st from 10:30 am - 1 pm.

*ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO BENEFIT IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL.*

**RECYCLING:** Immanuel School can now recycle your old cell phones. Just drop them at the office or deposit them with the ink jet cartridges.

**On-Line Search:** Immanuel School has signed up as a charity on [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com). Every time you use this search engine, they donate 1 cent to our school. Please choose Immanuel Lutheran School as your charity when it asks you, "Who do you "Goodsearch" for?"

**Scrip Orders:** The school's scrip program is a great way for parents, grandparents, family and friends to help pay for tuition! 50% of each scrip order's profit may be designated toward a student's tuition. Many retailers participate in the gift card program and also offer ScripNow, where certificates can be downloaded from your account through orders placed online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). Scrip packets are available by the office.

New order deadline:  
10th of each month.  
Contact Angela Bitz (547-1330) or Kelly Schmidtke (547-1080) with any questions.



### Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center

**LIFE.** Join us in building a “wall of hope” in Walker and around the world.

The Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center exists to provide physical and spiritual life affirming choices for women and families facing an unplanned pregnancy.

**Please be in prayer** for women making the toughest decision of their lives...and one that will affect them for the rest of their lives, no matter what they choose. Pray for them to come to know and trust God with their future and their child’s life.

**Attention Anyone Who Shops at any Teal’s Market Location!** PLEASE give us your original receipts, we send them in and Teals will make a 1% donation to the Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center. An AMAZING gift to us!!!!

**Amazon Smile:** Anyone who signs up for Amazon Smile and chooses us as their Charity, will automatically contribute

0.5% if their purchase of most items to our Center. You can sign up at: <http://smile.amazon.com>

**“LIKE” us on Facebook:** Please find us on Facebook for ministry updates and then be sure to “Like” us.’

**Prayer Partner:** If you would like your email to be included in our list of Monthly prayer calendars (and impromptu prayer concerns throughout the month) please email: [walkerpsc@arvig.net](mailto:walkerpsc@arvig.net).

**Volunteer Training:** A Fall Volunteer Training has been completed. We thank God for willing volunteers that help keep our center available to those with needs.

**Location:** The pregnancy center is located at 507 Front Street in Walker. Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11 AM to 4PM. Our phone is: 218-547-LIFE (5433) and our email is: [walkerpsc@arvig.net](mailto:walkerpsc@arvig.net).



Thanking God for Life! Wishing you a Blessed Thanksgiving!



We are looking for people to help with Thanksgiving Day Dinner. We start at 7 am Thanksgiving morning and need help all day until the meal is done, about 2-3 pm. If anyone can volunteer a couple of hours or more it will be much appreciated. Also, there is a sign-up list in the church office for groceries needed. Thanksgiving Day-Menu: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, sweet potatoes, salads, buns and pie. —Thanks, Peggy and Rick.

### Please Join Us!

Special Thanksgiving service Wednesday, November 26 at 7 pm  
Immanuel Lutheran Church will again be preparing and serving  
Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 27 from 11 am- 1 pm.

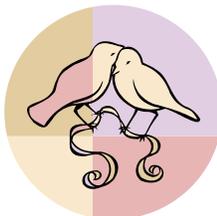
Peggy and Rick Schmidtke are chairpersons for the event. Help will be needed in purchasing some of the groceries, donating turkeys, and help. Please look for a sign-up list in the office of things that are needed to make the day a great success. Be sure to let people know that we would be glad to have them dine with us for the day and that there is no charge for the meal.

# November Celebrations

## Anniversaries

11/6 Matt & Belinda Wegener (22 years)

11/28 John & Jennifer Mitchell (16 years)



## Birthdays

11/2 Jeffrey Schmidtke (12)

11/3 Wayne Kastning

11/6 Emily Hopen (14)

11/6 Kelly Schmidtke

11/8 Darrin Bronczyk

11/8 Andrew Salvhus Sr.

11/9 Brian Liimatta

11/10 Melissa Schmidtke

11/13 Floyd Caster (86)

11/14 Mike Nagel (86)

11/14 Ethan Schmidtke (15)

11/14 Sara Zahn

11/18 Jim Schmidtke

11/19 Matthew Hopen

11/22 Lou Eckhoff

11/26 Brandon Dodge (12)




**Men of Immanuel Breakfast**  
 Saturday, November 1, 2014.  
 (See page 5 for details)

**Daylight Savings Time Ends**  
 On Sunday, November 2.  
 Turn back your clocks before you go to bed on Saturday, November 1!




**Sunday School starts on**  
 Sunday, November 2 at 10:30 am  
 Let Angela Bitz know how you would like to be a part of this very special ministry to the younger members of Immanuel!

**Election Day—Tuesday, November 4.**  
 It's our Christian duty to vote. See article on page 6. Be an informed voter. Voter's guides available in the church entry. (Our area is in 5A or 5B for congress and 8 for Senate.)




**Family Movie Night**  
 Tuesday, November 18th at 5:30 pm.  
 "God is Not Dead" will be shown after a meal. A children's movie will also be shown for the younger ones.  
**COME AND BRING YOUR NEIGHBORS!**

**Special Thanksgiving Service**  
 Wednesday, November 26 at 7 pm

**Thanksgiving Dinner**  
 Thursday, November 27  
 Serving from 11 am—1 pm




**Lynn Palomaki's New Address:**  
 P O Box 484  
 1224—6th St SW  
 Wadena, MN 56482

**Our Deepest Sympathy**

To Jim and Linda Kolar and Bradley Foster upon the death of Jim's father George Kolar. George passed away on October 11 and his funeral was on October 17. George lived in Coleraine, MN. Your Immanuel Family expresses deepest sympathy to George's family. We pray for God's comfort over all of you.



**We want to include YOU!**  
 Please let the office know your special days so we can celebrate with you!

# Kids of the Kingdom

## EQUIPPED:

“Kids of the Kingdom”, is a theme we studied the first month of school during chapel and in class. Our theme is based on the Word of God from Ephesians 6:10-18. We learned how we need to be equipped with the right tools to serve God in His kingdom here on earth and to be prepared for life in God’s heavenly kingdom.

Providing students with the right tools for this world and the next is what Immanuel School is all about. Our teachers just returned from the Minnesota Lutheran School Educator’s Conference in Mankato. The keynote speaker, Alan November, challenged us to create a new culture of teaching and learning. He encouraged us to equip and empower students to take ownership in their learning and use the tools that they have to solve problems. He reminded us that sometimes the most powerful teacher in the classroom is another child. And He gave us tools to use to teach children in this digital age. Alan November’s presentation was excellent and we learned much about how to help our students in the world we live.

Another excellent teacher, Paul, gives a speech to the Ephesians that will not only help us live in this world but also pre-

pare us for the Kingdom of God. Ephesians 6:10-18 reminds us to put on the full armor of God and stand firm in what we believe. The full armor of God being the; belt of Truth; breastplate of righteousness; feet fitted with the gospel of peace; shield of faith; helmet of salvation; and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. “Through His Word, God equips His Saints with the tools they need to be a light for those around them while directing all to the cross of Jesus Christ, in whom we find our sure and certain victory.”

Each of these pieces of equipment or tools helps us to know God, His love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, to guard against those who want to guide us down the wrong path, to share the Good news of Jesus with others and use the Word of God as our sure defense and unquestionable truth. Paul encourages us to be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power and to pray continuously.

Thank you Lord for the blessing of our Lutheran schools, where we can implement new ideas and equip students with your Word and the tools they need for life and eternal life. Amen



## NO SCHOOL

November 3  
November 14  
November 27 & 28



## Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 10-13

JOIN US TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH FOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT.

TIME: 5:30 SUPPER ☺ MOVIES BEGIN AT 6:00

## MOVIE LISTINGS



“GOD’S NOT DEAD”

CHILDREN’S MOVIE TO BE ANNOUNCED

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(November has a couple new release movies for children)

## Picture Retake Day

is coming on Tuesday  
November 26



## K-8 Christmas Musical

December 9 at 1

## Preschool/ Pre-K

Christmas Program

December 16 at  
6:30





Preschool art



The Pre-K room is buzzing with excitement.

Teddy Bear Day parade and dances in the preschool and pre-k classes.



K—3rd grade students have been working hard at reading. They also painted leaves with paint mixed with fall smells.



A Big thanks to Meg Duin for teaching art appreciation to the students. Here they are learning about the artist Edward Hicks and his painting, "Noah's Ark". We even walked outside and saw how long the ark would have been.



Our First Family Night was a success. Family Game Night!



7th & 8th Grade Biology



4th—8th grades Building shelters and canoeing at Deep Portage



Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Lutheran School Spelling Bee at Perham!

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Join us for worship on Sundays at 9

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November, 2014



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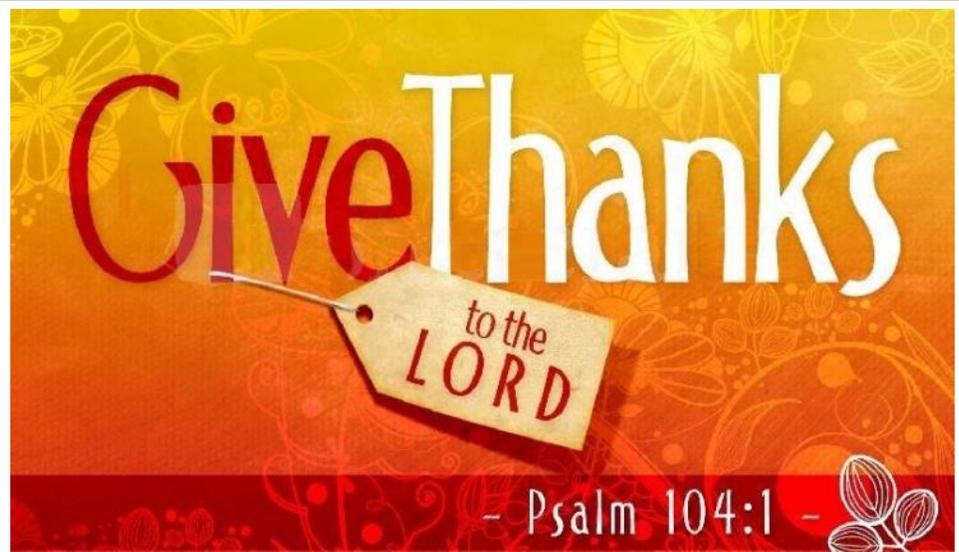
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Join Us for Worship!

You are welcome, wanted and needed!



Join us Wednesday, November 26  
(Thanksgiving Eve) at 7 pm for a special  
Thanksgiving Service!

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Whatever you do, work heartily as for the Lord, and not for man. Colossians 3:23

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Country Memories

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## Servants in the Lord's House for November

Altar Duty: Nancy Albrecht  
Elder: Dick Kruger

### Greeters

11/2 Glenn & Marilyn Bakeberg  
11/9 Tim & Meg Duin  
11/16 Marie Bakker  
11/23 Phyllis Eklund & Kathy Pinsonneault  
11/30 Darrin & Corina Bronczyk

### Acolytes

11/2 Kristina Harder  
11/9 Andrew Salvhus  
11/16 Bradley Foster  
11/23 Matthew Salvhus  
11/30 Jessica Schmidtke

### Fellowship Servers

11/2 Liz Dahn & Marilyn Black  
11/9 Kathy Pinsonneault & Lavonne Keske  
11/16 Corina Bronczyk  
11/23 Meg Duin & Pam Kruger  
11/30 Kathi Hopen & Theresa Bilben

### Ushers

11/2 Duane Paulsen & Neil Butenschoen  
11/9 Vern Black & Gordy Dahn  
11/16 Vern Black & Gordy Dahn  
11/23 Darrin Bronczyk & Glenn Bakeberg  
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A huge **THANK YOU** to all who continue to serve our congregation! Bless you!

Immanuel Lutheran Church		NOVEMBER 2014				"God With Us"	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<b>Oct. 26</b> <i>Reformation Sunday</i>	<b>October 27</b>	<b>October 28</b>	<b>October 29</b>	<b>October 30</b>	<b>October 31</b> <i>Reformation Day</i>	<b>1</b> 8 am Men of Immanuel Breakfast	
<b>2</b> <i>All Saints Sunday</i> <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i> 9 am Worship w/Communion 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>3</b> Council Agenda Due 10 am Elders Meet 7 pm Board of Ed	<b>4</b> <i>Election Day</i>	<b>5</b> 3 pm 1st Yr Confirmation 6 pm 2nd & 3rd Yr Confirmation	<b>6</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b> <i>22nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>10</b> Scrip Deadline NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>11</b> <i>Veteran's Day</i>  9 am Winkle at Snellman 7 pm Council mtg.	<b>12</b> 3 pm 1st Yr Confirmation 6 pm 2nd & 3rd Yr Confirmation	<b>13</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study	<b>14</b>  <b>No School</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> <i>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9 am Worship w/Communion 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 1:00 pm LWML at Bev Johnson's 5:30 pm Family Movie Night	<b>19</b> 3 pm 1st Yr Confirmation 6 pm 2nd & 3rd Yr Confirmation	<b>20</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	
<b>23</b> <i>Last Sunday of the Church Year</i> 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 3 pm 1st Yr Confirmation 5:30 pm 2nd & 3rd Yr Confirmation 7 pm Worship	<b>27</b> <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> 11am-1pm Thanksgiving Dinner Served  <b>No School</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>No School</b>	<b>29</b>	
<b>30</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>December 1</b>	<b>December 2</b>	<b>December 3</b>	<b>December 4</b>	<b>December 5</b>	<b>December 6</b>	