

Immanuel Lutheran Church and Student Center

FALL SCHEDULE



Fall Schedule

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Format
- 8:00 a.m. Face Book Live Broadcast
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
for ages 3 years through high school.
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Format
- 10:30 a.m. Face Book Live Broadcast
- 10:30 a.m. Radio broadcast of the 8 a.m. worship
on WLBK 1360 AM
- 7:00 PM Wednesday, November 22
Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Advent & Christmas Schedule

- Midweek Advent Worship Wednesday,
December 6, 13 & 20 at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 14: Little Lambs Christmas Program
Sunday, December 17, 10:30 a.m.:
- Children's Christmas Program
NO Sunday School
- Sunday, December 24 at 9:00 a.m.: Worship
NO Sunday School
- Sunday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.: Candlelight Service
- Monday, December 25 No worship service
- Sunday, December 31 at 9:00 a.m. Worship
NO Sunday School



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Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wednesday, November 22
7:00 p.m.
Worship will be broadcast live
on Facebook.
The recorded service can be heard
at 10:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day
on WLBK 1360 AM.

Church offices close at 12 noon on Wednesday, November 22 and will be closed Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS AT
2:00 A.M. Sunday, November 5, 2023



December 2023/January 2024
Newsletter Deadline November 16, 2023

Newsletter Assembly/Volunteer Luncheon:
10:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 21
11:30 a.m. Luncheon for all who have helped
with the newsletter throughout the year.

Pastor: Rev. Marty Marks
 815-501-3951 (c)
 Rev@godwithusilc.org

Preschool Director:

Katie Martinez
 LittleLambs@godwithusilc.org

Office Support Staff:

Darlene Hillman (*office manager*)
 Alma Sanchez (*secretary*)

Custodians/Maintenance:

Michelle Mangini, Craig Dybas

Elders:

Jim Arndt, Dan Lohmeier,
 Kevin Harms, Mark Mistic,
 Keith Nelson, Roger Nelson

Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday
 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
 Friday 8:30—noon
(when Little Lambs is in session only)



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THE LUTHERAN HOUR

November 5

"Times of Mourning, Times of Blessing"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

We will all go through times of mourning, but we don't all necessarily face it the same way.

(Matthew 5:4)

November 12

"Again and Again and Again"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Matthew 18:1-4)

November 19

"Until that Day"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook

(1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

November 26

"Loving Mercy"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy

(Matthew 25:34-40)

<u>Station</u>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
WGN	Chicago, IL	720	AM	Sun	6:00 AM
WMCW	Harvard, IL	1600	AM	Sun	9:05 AM
WGSL	Rockford, IL	91.1	FM	Sun	4:30 PM
WKKD	Aurora, IL	1580	AM	Sun	9:30 AM
WRMN	Elgin, IL	1410	AM	Sun	9:00 AM
WKRS	Waukegan, IL	1220	AM	Sun	11:00 AM
WGVE	Gary, IN	88.7	FM	Sat	10:00 AM
WJOB	Hammond, IN	1230	AM	Sun	11:00 AM

Woman To Woman

<u>Station</u>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
WRMN	Elgin, IL	1410	AM	Sun	7:30 AM
WGVE	Gary, IN	88.7	FM	Fill	
WGVE	Gary, IN	88.7	FM	Thurs	1:00 AM
WGVE	Gary, IN	88.7	FM	Tue	1:00 AM
WJOB	Hammond, IN	1230	AM	Sun	11:30 AM

Aluminum Can Recycling – November 5



The Board of Trustees continues to collect cans here at church. For those who wish to drop your cans off, you can place them in front of the garage at the southwest corner of the parking lot the first Sunday morning of each month. If you wish, you can also bring cans and metals to DeKalb Iron and Metal and tell them it is for Immanuel Church and they will add it to our account and give you a receipt for your donation.



Remember Food Pantry is November 12

Bring a nonperishable item for the local Salvation Army food pantry.

Food Pantry Sunday is a collection day to support the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Add an item to your grocery list and put it in our shopping cart in the church narthex!



You can help a family

Family in Need: Little Lambs Preschool currently has a student whose family is not currently able to continue to cover the complete tuition for the child. This family has been actively attending with the student

being in their second year. The family has many extenuating circumstances and the staff along with the Board of Christian Education feel that Little Lambs is a very important part of this child's life at this time. If you are led to donate towards tuition costs you can put "tuition fund" on the memo line of your check or you can contact the office or Katie Martinez for more information. We are looking for additional avenues to help cover tuition as well. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



Dr. Robert Bejnarowicz (*colonel*)

Brendan Spartz (*son of Mindy & Bill Lynch*)

Sgt. Kaitlan Lave (*granddaughter of Al & Shirley*)

LTC(Lt. Colonel) Christopher Denton (*grandson of Carol*)

Jessica (Marx) Hess: US Air Force; stationed in Dayton,

OH (*granddaughter of Janet & Patrick Byrnes*)

Owen Schroeder; Evan Schroeder (*grandsons of Dennis and Jane Schroeder*)



Give Thanks ...

While November is the month of Thanksgiving, the month that kicks off the Christmas season among other things, for Immanuel, November is a month that often focuses on leadership. Normally the third Wednesday of November every year is our biannual voters meeting where we elect church leaders. As a quick refresher, most elected positions at Immanuel are for 2 years. This includes board chairs and officers (treasurer, secretary, financial secretary). The exceptions are the Elders who serve a three year term and the Chair Elect which is the first of the 3 positions that succeed one another, (chair elect, chairperson and past chair). The election each year sees approximately half of the council up for election leaving the remaining half for the next year. Leaders can each run for a second term in each position before hitting their term limits. This well designed system allows for a mix of returning leaders but also requires an inflow of new people (or at least new to a particular position) over the years.

I've been proud of our leaders over many years, but I'm especially proud of the current group as they have grappled with not only the routine tasks of their positions but also the larger big picture issues facing Immanuel. Covid and its aftermath, significant changes in our community and the over all decline in participation in Church life in our society have presented challenges that are all together new to our congregation. This particular group has spent the year discussing these challenges and asking the tough questions as to how we can be the most effective congregational Body of Christ possible in the face of difficult times. We have been looking at the book "Autopsy of a Dying Church" by Thom Rainer to help guide our discussion and I believe it has been very helpful. We are just now getting to the "what do we do now" part of the discussion. While we must, and will continue to do the essential things of the Church such as preaching and teaching the Word of God, properly administering the sacraments, caring for those in need and reaching out with the Gospel in an inviting way, we also will look at new and different ways to carry out those tasks.

As we prepare for the election of new leaders at the voters meeting this month, I am excited about those whom God has called to

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Greetings from Little Lambs Preschool!

The past month has been busy with many fun and exciting things. We had our field trip to Johnson's Pumpkin Farm. Farmer Johnson always does such a great job with our preschoolers. We explored the pumpkin farm and learned about the variety of pumpkins that are grown right there on his farm. We got to pet the animals and pick out our pumpkins. We worked on decorating some pumpkins for the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival. We hope you got to stop by and look at the display and saw our decorated pumpkins!

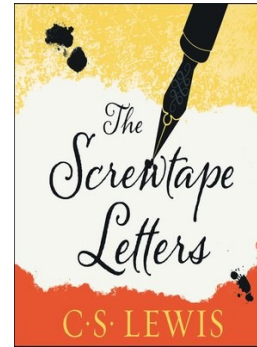
The Dekalb Fire Department came and talked with the children about fire safety. The children learned about stop, drop, and roll. They talked about the importance of having a fire escape plan. The children enjoyed exploring the fire truck and sitting inside of it.

We had our annual Trunk or Treat event and the turn out was great! The children had fun at their class parties and the parade in their costumes, however, I think the highlight for all the children was their goody bags of treats!

Coming up in November we will have our annual Thanksgiving Feast. This is a fun family event, as we get to enjoy it with the families and the children get to help in the preparations of making the desserts and turkey.

We also have our Salvation Army Food Basket collection beginning in November. This is a great time for us to help teach the children about the importance of giving back.

Our first fundraiser of the year is coming up just in time for Black Friday shopping deals. We will once again be doing our gift card fundraiser. This is a chance to get some gift cards as gifts or to use to buy things at the store all while helping Little Lambs Preschool raise funds for our school.



Pastor's Marty's current Sunday morning Bible study is not actually studying the Bible this year, at least not directly. We are instead looking at a short book written by C.S. Lewis entitled "*The Screwtape Letters.*" Books are provided for you. In this creative work of fiction, Lewis imagines the ways Satan and his demons try to lead people astray from their walk with God. The insights are brilliant and while written in the 1940's during World War

2, it speaks very directly to many of the issues we as Christians are facing in our day and age. As always the fellowship and casual conversational style of our Bible study will continue. Showing up with an open heart desiring to learn and grow in your walk with the Lord is all you need!

You're Invited!

**Sunday School for
All youth from ages 3 though high school
Sunday Mornings at 9:15 a.m.**

**Guided Studies for various age groupings
Crafts
Weekly memory work with incentives for completion of
sections awarded at monthly group gatherings
Monthly Service Projects
ALL ARE WELCOME!
See Superintendent Jen Allen for details**

**This year's theme:
The Vine and the Branches**



John 15: 1—5 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

**COMING DECEMBER 17, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.:
Children's Sunday School Christmas Program
Watch and listen for details!**



Christian Education Studies

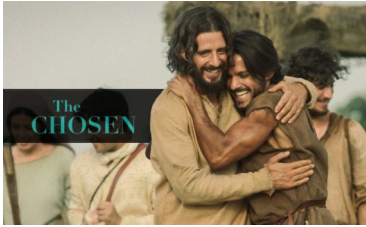


Daniel: Zoom Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings. *All adults are welcome!* We meet weekly for about an hour of fellowship and Bible Study online.

Our fall topic is **“Daniel”**

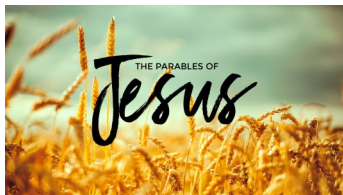
Meeting ID: 892 3878 6019; Passcode: 029921; Zoom

sign in Monday zoom class: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89238786019?pwd=aVZrVHpGbGM1SldRZmtXZW8wUzIiUT09>



Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (off site) “The Chosen” study continues to see the story of Jesus through the eyes of those who followed him. Each week we watch an episode of **The Chosen**, the critically-acclaimed TV drama which has

touched the lives of over 100 million people around the world. We meet on Monday evenings at 7:00p.m. We began May 1st but you can jump in this fall! Dennis Maakestad hosts this weekly viewing and discussion. These words from **The Chosen** website: **“The Chosen** is the first-ever multi-season show about the life of Jesus through the eyes of those that knew Him. Follow the transformations of His followers through the ministry of Jesus as He journeys to change the world.” See Dennis or contact him by phone or email at 815-739-5926 or DMAak@aol.com for more information on to inquire about joining this study group.



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study: Come join us!

This current study book makes it easy to jump in any time you start. Those who have participated all agree that the study book is very well written and has

helped us see so much more in even the most familiar parables. The class meets at 9:15am in fellowship hall. Let us or the church office know if you'd like to join or if you have any questions.

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It is time for our Holiday Gift Card Fundraiser!

ORDER ON LINE: www.raiseright.com

Enrollment Code: DD7427D154116

Paper order forms will be sent home from school the week of October 30.

TO AVOID PROCESSING FEES: Payment may be made DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE.—(This option includes on line and paper orders.) Make checks out to Little Lambs

All physical gift card orders placed by 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 13, will be distributed to preschool families by November 16 & 17.

(Orders turned in by 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 14 will be distributed to preschool families by December 20 & 21.)

E-cards are delivered immediately with on-line payment.

Paper order forms are available in the narthex or call the office.

Our new dramatic play cabinet is now installed downstairs. We are so excited to have a place for all of our pretend toys.

Rehearsals for our annual Christmas program have begun. Ms Erin has been hard at work teaching the children the songs.

The changing weather brings me much joy as it reminds me of the holidays coming up and helps me to see that even though the weather changes, God’s love for us never does.

In His Service,

Katie Martinez

Little Lambs Preschool Director

LITTLE LAMBS SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- **There will be no school:**
November 7: no school/election day
November 20-24—Thanksgiving Break
- Collection for Salvation Army Food Baskets will be October 30 — November 10 for Little Lambs.
- November 16 & 17: Thanksgiving Feast (late morning—for students and family members) *Watch for a Sign-Up Genius for a dish to share and attendance numbers.*
- Parent teacher conferences will be held during the week of November 27—30.
- Thursday, December 14: Little Lambs Christmas Program (evening,) **WATCH FOR DETAILS!**
- We have limited openings for the 2023-2024 school year for our Monday/Wednesday/Friday for children who are at least three years old as well as our Monday—Friday class. Children should be at least four year old to attend the Monday—Friday class. January is a great time to jump into the program, so if you know of a family who might be interested, please have them call the office for more information or to set up a tour.
Phone: 815-756-6669



Established in the community in 1996.

Little Lambs Preschool

of Immanuel Lutheran Church
511 Russell Road
DeKalb, IL 60115

**LIMITED FALL
2023
SPOTS
AVAILABLE:
Pre-K Class
(5—mornings/
week half day)
T/Th: Full
M/W/F: Call**

**Early childhood education classes
for children ages 3—5 years.**
Various morning half-day options available.
Traditional play-based curriculum.
Maximum 10 children per classroom
5:1 student/teacher ratio.
Class options 2—5 morning per week.

- Social/Emotional Growth
- Physical Development
- Field Trips
- Academics
- Cognitive Learning
- Spiritual Growth
- Music Class
- Special Guest Presentations
- Classroom Parties
- Family Involvement
- Classmate Continuity

*For more information, or to schedule a tour,
Call 815-756-6669
www.LittleLambsDeKalb.org*



11/2	Christopher Gilbert	11/20	Zachary Gratschmayr
11/3	Cara Carlson		Roger Nelson
	Dennis Janssen	11/23	Donna Boldt
	Michael Nelson		Brogan Long
11/5	Charles Crome		Gary Neiman
11/6	Patricia McKinley		Ursula Sarver
11/7	Dennis Maakestad		Bradley Nelson
	Gene Dehlin	11/24	Elizabeth Nelson
11/8	Rita Goodwin	11/26	Virginia Scoughton
11/9	Jonathon Douglas	11/27	Eero Holder
	Jessica Von Schnase	11/28	Rachel Giudice
11/10	Ella Mathison		Madilynn Phelps
11/15	Hannah Cook		Sherry Rolczynski
11/17	Abram Quinn		Genese Wiehle
11/18	Susan Welter	11/29	Chloe Marks
11/19	Erin Grych		



11/17/2002	Michael & Ma Lualhati Nelson
11/24/2012	Jeffrey & Sherry Rolczynski
11/24/2018	Daniel & Jennifer Springmire
11/26/1971	Bruce & Diane Griffith



Carol Lou Nelson was called home October 2, 2023. Services were led by Rev. Marty Marks at Immanuel on Saturday, October 7, 2023. Carol was born May 27, 1955.

If you are a member of Immanuel, and do not see your birthday or anniversary listed, or the date is incorrect, please kindly inform the church office so that our records can be corrected. Thank you!



11/5 “In loving memory of our parents, Harold & Elizabeth Wright,” by Judi Wright and Pat.

11/12 “To the glory of God in memory of Ken Nelson for his birthday,” by Irene Nelson.

11/19 & 11/22 “Thank the Lord for His bountiful blessings,” by the Altar Guild.

11/26 “To the glory of God and in celebration of our 50th anniversary,” by Jim & Abbie Arndt.



11/5 “To the glory of God, in loving memory of Kurt Rissman,” by his family.

11/12 “To the glory of God in memory of Ken Nelson for his birthday,” by Irene Nelson.

11/19 “In loving memory of Dora Torrence in honor of her birthday on Novovember 29th and in memory of her husband, Lester, and her brothers, Albert & Ernie Lampe.”

11/22 “To the glory of God for a bounteous harvest,” by Norm & Marion Gilbert.

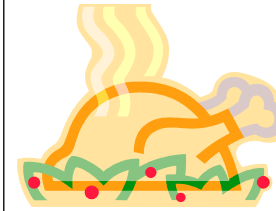
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OPEN FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS: November: *full*; December: *full*; January 14, February 11 & 18; March 3, 10, 24

OPEN RADIO SPONSORSHIPS: November: *full*; December: *full*; January: 14 & 21; February: 11; March 17, 24 & 31

To be a Radio or Flower Sponsor: Call the office to reserve a date. Cost is \$45 for flowers. Flowers may be taken home following the 10:30 service, or you may have them given to one of our shut-ins by a member of the Altar Guild.

Radio: Radio sponsorships are \$250 for a 60-minute broadcast or \$125 for 30 minutes of the broadcast. (Remaining 30 min. could be sponsored by someone else).



REFUGE THANKSGIVING DINNER

It's November!

That means it's time for
Refuges' Annual Dinner!

We plan to once again host this meal
to thank the congregation for your
support of us all year long.

The meal will be served on Sunday, November 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Watch for more details throughout November.

All are welcome!

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serve and those who are stepping forward to lead. Our nominations committee has approached various people to serve and while some are still prayerfully considering, I'm confident that those who will accept will be excellent additions to the current leadership, I am proud of the diversity among those serving, especially in the way of age. We have many young leaders who bring new and fresh ideas on how to address the issues of the day. We have others who have served in God's Church for many decades and bring a deep wealth of knowledge and "institutional memory" to the team.

I mention all of this, so that as we approach our voters meeting this month you will keep our leaders in your prayers and continue to encourage and support them. Like most of us, they face the challenges of a busy life, family, financial and medical struggles and yet still answer the Lord's call to lead and guide His Church. I have always been proud of Immanuel and her people, but as we face these uncertain times ahead, I can see God's hand in those whom He has led to serve, and those who will lead in the future.

Blessings on your November
and be THANKFUL for our church!

In Christ, Pastor Marty



Coming up for Youth:

- November 7 **Zoom meeting** at 6:15 pm. contact Danika Nelson if you'd like to join in!
- November- **Thanksgiving Pie**

Fundraiser. Orders were due October 29th. . Scheduled curbside pick up dates are November 21 and 22. Youth will be needed to prep and assemble pies on November 20, as well as man the curbside pick up on November 21 & 22.

- December 5 **Zoom meeting** at 6:15pm. contact Danika Nelson if you'd like to join in!
- December TBD- **Youth Christmas Wrap-A-Thon.** Youth will be available to wrap gifts for a TBD fee while patrons help themselves to a hot chocolate bar.
- December 30 **New Years themed half lock in from 6-9 p.m.**
- January 9 **Zoom meeting** at 6:15 pm. contact Danika Nelson if you'd like to join in!



Gift Wrap-A-Thon in December!

**No time to wrap gifts?
The youth will be undergoing a “gift wrapping class.”**

As “trained wrappers” they will be available, at a time yet to be announced in December, to get thing “wrapped up for you!”

Watch for date and time to be announced!



November 2023 Voters Meeting:

Opportunities to serve: As you think about your time, talents, and treasure in our current continuing journey of stewardship, reflect also on the possibility of your service as an officer of Immanuel congregation. In the next few weeks the Executive Board of Immanuel congregation will be seeking nominees for the following offices which are to be voted upon at Voter’s meeting on November 15th at 7:00 p.m. If you have ever considered serving and are interested in any of the positions open this year, or if you know someone who would fit any of these, please contact Jen Allen, Pastor Marty, or any of the current council members listed above. Terms begin January 1.

1 Samuel 3:8-9: *Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.*

Terms up for election are:

Position	Current Officer
Chair elect — 3 year term progressive term to include)	
1 yr. Chair-elect	C-J Motisi
1 yr. Chair	Jen Allen
1 yr. Past Chair	Brian Pringnitz
Treasurer —2 year term	Justin Dooley*
Trustee—2 year term	Tom Sawyer*/ Darlene Hillman*
Human Care—2 year term	Cathy Faivre
Campus Ministry—2 year	Dennis Maakestad
Elder—3 year term	Roger Nelson
Elder—3 year term	Keith Nelson

*completing second term/ineligible to run for this position

1 Samuel 3:10 *The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."*

Financial Reports



September, 2023—September 31, 2023

Budgeted Receipts	\$39,130.04
Budgeted Expenses	(\$42,054.19)
Budgeted Net Income (Loss)	(\$2,924.15)
Non-Budgeted Receipts	\$ 2,993.50
Non- Budgeted Expenses	(\$1,479.74)
Total Net Income (Loss)	(\$1,410.39)

Fiscal Year to Date July 1, 2023—September 31, 2023

Budgeted Receipts	\$116,515.30
Budgeted Expenses	(\$110,000.78)
Budgeted Net Income (Loss)	\$6,514.52
Non-Budgeted Receipts	\$ 5,165.23
Non- Budgeted Expenses	(\$4,879.96)
Total Net Income (Loss)	\$6,799.79

THANK YOU!!

Our "sponsor a goodie bag" event was a huge success!! And we have you, our Immanuel family to thank! Human Care would like to thank everyone for their generous donations. Not only did we meet our goal, we exceeded it! The Director of Nursing at the DeKalb County Nursing and Rehab Center was so appreciative and thankful for this kind gesture. The Human Care Committee was very excited to do this project, and with your help, we were able to spread a little joy to the Nursing staff. We would also like to thank Jen Allen and our Sunday School students for decorating the goodie bags. They did a beautiful job! Human Care is so grateful for everyone's help and support. We are truly blessed to be a blessing!! — Human Care



From DeKalb County Retirement & Nursing Home:

Thank you for being so thoughtful!

We are so appreciative of the gift bag of goodies you provided our staff.

It truly made everyone's day!

Thank you sincerely for your kindness.

God Bless!

Sincerely,
The DCRCC Staff



Thanksgiving Food Bags

Human Care continues our Annual Salvation Army Thanksgiving Food Collection!!

This year our collection started on Sunday, October 22nd, and will run through Sunday, November 12th. A list

of items needed is posted on our Human Care bulletin board. Sign-up sheets are available as well. There is also a sign-up genius for those who wish to use that system. (No need to register in both places!)

Items may be dropped off in the Narthex on a table to the right side of the bottom of the stairs. In order to make our Thanksgiving bags, we will need re-usable bags—No Plastic Please!! Any donation would be greatly appreciated! You can bring in one item, a few, or complete a whole bag!! In past years, our congregation has so generously blessed many families in need. We hope to continue that blessing this year as well! If you have any questions, please feel free to ask anyone on the Human Care Committee.

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| Items Needed Per Bag: | 1— box of stuffing mix |
| 2—reusable grocery bags | 1— turkey gravy (can or bottle) |
| 1- \$10 gift card to any local grocery (for a turkey) | 1—dessert mix |
| 2—cans of fruit | 1—powdered hot cocoa mix |
| 4—cans of vegetables | 1—box instant mashed potatoes |
| (2 whole corn; 2 green bean) | 1—large container canned yams |
| | 1—canned cranberry sauce |

*In this troubled world,
it's refreshing to find
someone who still has the time to be kind.
Someone who still has the faith
to believe that the more you give,
the more you receive.
Someone who's ready by thought, word, or deed
to reach out a hand, in the hour of need.*

—Helen Steiner Rice



Prayer Team

OUR NEXT MEETING

The Prayer Team continues to pray for the needs of the congregation, community, and world during the week. Our next meeting will be Wednesday November 1 at 6:30 PM. We will continue our study of *Journey into Prayer* Chapter 8 followed by prayer time. All are welcome to join us to pray for others and learn how to deepen your prayer life!

Prayer Tree



Please continue to add your prayers to the Prayer Tree. The Tree is checked frequently and the Prayer Team prays for your requests during the week. Please continue to notify Pastor Marty or the church office of any requests that you want included in our corporate worship prayers

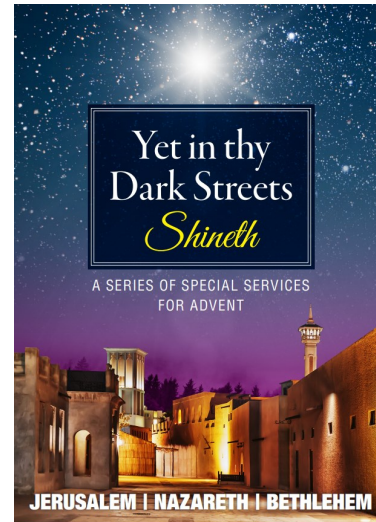
**The Mission of Immanuel Lutheran Church
is connecting people to Jesus Christ.**



GAME DAY

It is official! Fall is here & the leaves are falling. This month Game Day "Falls" on November 3rd. The fun starts at 1:00 p.m. & wraps up around 3:30 p.m. Men & women are welcome. Bring a friend.

“YET IN THY DARK STREETS SHINETH”



The three services of the Advent series “Yet in Thy Dark Streets Shineth” invite you to join in on an Advent journey to three significant locations in ancient Israel.

- ◆ Jerusalem, site of sacrifice and forgiveness, where an aged priest entering the temple will confront the angel Gabriel.
- ◆ Nazareth, where a humble maiden will be told her part in the family of God, a family of which we all are a part.
- ◆ Bethlehem, where a young couple are just now being directed to a nearby stable, even as we prepare to worship and rejoice.

**7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 6th
Jerusalem**

In the first service, come and join us on a tour of the streets of Jerusalem. In Jerusalem we step into the world of Zechariah—a world where God is far off, where repentance is necessary, and where the blood of sacrifice serves as the only point of connection between God’s people and their God. Our time in Jerusalem reminds us that Jesus is born into this world as a baby to one day sacrifice himself for us that we might be united with God forever.

**7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 13th
Nazareth**

In the second service, we step into Nazareth, the small hometown of Mary and Joseph—a town in which, through Gabriel’s visit, God begins to make his home with us. Our time in this place reminds us that Jesus makes his home with us in our hearts this Christmas and dwells with us always.

**7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 20th
Bethlehem**

In the third service, we travel with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem to the place where the imminence of God’s presence, the hopefulness of God’s coming, and the faithfulness of God’s promises are so wonderfully clear. Our time in this place reminds us that Jesus is the fulfillment of our faith and the beginning of new life for us.



- **DO YOU USE GIFT CARDS DURING THE HOLIDAYS?**
 - **Are there places you “always” shop?**
- Consider purchasing gift cards or e-gift cards to support Little Lambs.**

Little Lambs will receive 2%-18% rebates on gift card purchases to common places. These gift cards will look just like the ones that you would purchase in the store!

Use “Raise Right” to support Little Lambs while doing your Christmas or personal shopping. Order three ways:

- Pick up an order form in the entry (forms are now available.)
- Pdf form link will be on our Constant Contact page;
- **Order on line at <https://www.raiseright.com/> and enter enrollment code: DD7427D154116 This code/link can be found on Constant Contact Sunday bulletin insert.**

You can also pay on line, or if you would like to avoid processing fees you can pay by check or cash directly to the office BY THE ORDER DUE DATE.

This fundraiser will be done in two waves again this year to accommodate Black Friday shoppers and gift givers alike.

- ⇒ Orders turned in by 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 13, will be distributed to preschool families by November 16 & 17. They will be available for pick up in the office beginning November 16 or at worship on November 19.
- ⇒ Orders turned in by 10:00 a.m. December 14 will be distributed to preschool families by December 19 & 20. They will be available for pick up in the office by the 19th.

Thank you for your continued support of Little Lambs Preschool! If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



Hymns as a Resource for Prayer

Do you have a favorite hymn? Can you sing it from memory?

Hymns are poetic prayers set to music. They have been written over the years by gifted people. Some were written by theologians such as Martin Luther who wrote Dear Christians One and All Rejoice LSB 556, Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word LSB 655, A Mighty Fortress LSB 656, From Heaven Above to Earth I Come LSB 358, and Christ Lay in Deaths Strong Bands LSB 458 .

These as well as other hymns have strong content and make meaningful prayers because they have a scriptural basis. There are hymns for every Liturgical season such as Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, Baptism, The Lord’s Supper, The Church Militant, The Church Triumphant, Praise and Adoration, Hope and Comfort, Mission and Witness ,Vocation, Morning ,Evening, and New Year.

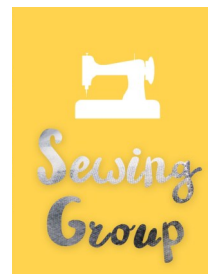
A good practice is to arrive a few minutes before the worship service and use the time to look at the hymns listed for the day. You’ll gain more meaning when singing the hymns during the service.

In our Journey into Prayer, we learned that those who want to grow in prayer would do well to pray the hymns and memorize them too.

Singing hymns from memory with a person who has dementia or someone who is dying can be very rewarding. It’s a familiar way to connect them with God.

A Bible, Luther’s Catechism, and a hymnal are good to have in every home for study and prayer.

JRH



Quilt and Lap Robe Sewing Group will meet in fellowship hall from 9:15 -11:30 a.m. on Tuesday November 14 and 28. Come join us as we can always find something for you to do. Any questions call Marion at 815-756-1113.

Advent Devotion Books Available



What Child Is This?

Never-ending is the love God has for us. *In What Child Is This?* We see God at work on our behalf, coming to us in human form, entering our world as a Child, a Servant, and a conquering King. It's a love story for the ages, and we are the ones-lost and undeserving-that God sent His Son to save.

Copies of this booklet will be available in the narthex. Large print additions available. Please consider using this as a personal devotional or a family devotion throughout the advent season. You are also welcome and encouraged to take a copy for a friend (or two!)



MEMORIAL TREE

We will put ornaments on our Memorial Tree this year. There is a book available to register

new ornaments. If you would like to add a memorial ornament to the tree, just bring it by, note it in the book, add a tag, and put it on the tree. We will store the ornaments from year to year, and put them on the tree



IN MEMORY for you in coming years.

Adult Choir....

Do you love to sing? Do you enjoy sacred music? Then please consider joining the adult choir here at Immanuel! We are a fun group and we would love to have you come join us!! Practice will be on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. We have also considered Thursday nights instead in the past (if that works better).

Please prayerfully consider joining. If you have any questions, please contact C-J Motisi at 630-664-8005 or cjmotisi@immanueldekalb.com or cj.cmssc@gmail.com.

DATE	TIME	LAY READER	RADIO	SLIDES	VIDEO/SOUND
11/5	8:00 AM	Yvette Lubbers	Chris Ewald	Doug Nelson	Ted Stone
11/5	10:30 AM	Jennifer Allen	—	Rachel Schmitt	Kylie Von Schnase
11/12	8:00 AM	Tom Sawyer	Sue Harms	Kevin & Jackson Harms	Doug Nelson
11/12	10:30 AM	Kyle Von Schnase	—	Kylie Von Schnase	Nathan Allen
11/19	8:00 AM	Shannon Coulombe	Chris Ewald	Ted Stone	Mark Misic
11/19	10:30 AM	Amy Haeseker	—	Nathan Allen	Doug Nelson
11/22	7:00 PM	TBD	Julie Ann Fuchs	Glenn Fuchs	Mark Misic
11/26	8:00 AM	Pat McKinley	Sue Harms	Kevin & Jackson Harms	Doug Nelson
11/26	10:30 AM	Dan Lohmeier	—	Rachel Schmitt	Kylie Von Schnase



8:00 a.m. Rob Tiggelaar, Russ Peterson, Dennis Martinez

10:30 a.m. Keith Nelson, Dennis Maakestad, Bryan Fivare



Carolyn McQuillan

DATE	TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
11/5	8:00 AM	OPEN	Aaron Martinez	Ken Boldt & Kevin Harms
	10:30 AM	OPEN	Irene Pringnitz	Will Michels & Dennis Maakestad
11/12	8:00 AM	OPEN	Ken Boldt	—
	10:30 AM	OPEN	Hayden Harms	—
11/19	8:00 AM	Norm & Marion Gilbert	Isaac Martinez	Rob Tiggelaar & Roger Maas
	10:30 AM	Norm & Marion Gilbert	Heather Allen	Brian Pringnitz & Dan Lohmeier
11/22	7:00 PM	OPEN	Chloe Marks	—
11/26	8:00 AM	OPEN	Alexis Cruz	—
	10:30 AM	OPEN	Brayden Goff	—

Giving of Time: Participant Coordinators

Dan Lohmeier:
Communion & Ushers
 Open: *Nursery*

Carolyn McQuillan: *Acolyte*
 Pastor Marty: *Lay Reader*

Doug Nelson: *Radio & Sound*
 Carolyn McQuillan: *Altar Guild*
 Outreach Board: *Greeters*

If you are interested in serving in any of these areas, please contact the individual coordinator for more information. You can also contact the pastors or the office and we will help you get connected to the correct person! Thank-you for your service!



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM MEMBERS TO MEMBERS will be inserted in the December 17th bulletins. This long-standing custom originated when members decided to convey Season's Greetings to fellow members via a special insert, donating what would otherwise have been spent on postage to a separate fund. Sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, call the office or use our sign-up Genius. Deadline is December 10 in order to be included on the Greeting, Print your names exactly as you would like to have them put on the Christmas Greeting. You may turn your donation in to the office or place it in the offering plate and designate "Christmas Greeting" on the memo line. **Payment can be made online on our website. Recipient of the Greeting Funds will be announced in in November.**



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Hanging of the Greens! If you would like to help us deck the halls— please join us Thursday, November 30th anytime after 4:00 p.m. We will enjoy a light pizza party together once the halls are decorated— around 6:00 p.m. If that time doesn't work for you and would still like to help, you can schedule a time or come work with a friend—just give the office a call! We will give you an area to decorate to prepare our Lord's house for this most joyous season! Come—enjoy— help us prepare!

POINSETTIA PLANTS



Once again this year we are planning on decorating the sanctuary with poinsettia plants for Christmas services. If you would like to purchase one or more, call the office to sign-up, watch for a sign up in the entryway as well, or we will send out a sign up genius. You can indicate if you will be taking your plant home or if you would like to have it taken to a shut-in. There will be a choice of pink, red or white. You can pick up your plant after services on Christmas Eve or request that it be delivered to you. Each plant will cost \$15.00. Watch for sign-up to begin in mid-November. The florist shop wants to be sure they can get plants for us, so deadline to order plants is: **December 17th!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>November 2023</h1>			1 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Jr. Confirmation 6:30 PM Prayer Team 7 PM Elders Mtg	2 8 AM Bulletin Deadline 5PM Bd of Ed. Meeting 8:30 PM Refuge Activity Night	3 1 PM Game Day 5:30 PM Chit Chat & Chai 6:30 PM Intercultural Cafe	4
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends Recycle Sunday Human Care Overview Sunday 8AM Worship/FB Live Worship 9:15AM Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study 10:30AM Worship/FB Live Worship 10:30AM Worship Broadcast on WLBK 1360	6 5:30 PM Bd of Trustees Mtg 7 PM Zoom Bible Study 7 PM The Chosen Study	7 NO SCHOOL 9 AM Winkle at Immanuel 6:30 PM Human Care Bd Mtg 6:15 PM Youth Board Zoom Mtg. 7PM Campus Ministry Meeting	8 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Jr. Confirmation 7 PM Elders Mtg	9 Voter's Reports Due ACRO 8 AM Bulletin Deadline 1PM GLoW 8 PM Refuge Activity Night	10 5:30 PM Chit Chat & Chai 6:30 PM Intercultural Cafe	11
12 <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i> <i>Last Day for Salvation Army Food Bag Donations</i> 8AM Worship/FB Live Worship 9:15AM Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study 10:30AM Worship/FB Live Worship 10:30AM Worship Broadcast on WLBK 1360	13 Raise Right Gift Card Black Friday Deadline 7 PM Zoom Bible Study 7 PM The Chosen Study	14 9:30 AM Sewing/ Quilt Grp 5:30PM GSA	15 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Jr. Confirmation 7 PM Voter's Meeting	16 Little Lambs Feast December/January Newsletter Deadline 8 AM Bulletin Deadline Outreach Board Meeting 8 PM Refuge Activity Night	17 Little Lambs Feast 5:30 PM Chit Chat & Chai 6:30 PM Intercultural Cafe	18 Refuge Dinner Prep
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