

What's happening at Immanuel? *A Peek at the Week!*

Sunday—October 14

9:00-Prep & Prayer for worship assistants/leaders—Fireside Room
9:15-volunteer staffed church nursery open
9:30-Worship Service, Sunday School
10:30-Coffee Time
10:30-Youth group taking wreath orders
11:00-Sunday Bible Study in fireside room
11:00-set up for Almelund Sampler
3pm-Almelund Sampler Free Concert
4:30-Live and silent auctions
6:00-Catered Chicken Dinner (need ticket)

Monday—October 15

1:00-Church Archives committee
6:00-Church Website Task Force

Tuesday—October 16

10:00-Text Time Bible Study with Pastor Marla
10:00-ILC Quilters Sewing Day—noon potluck
6:30-Pastor making Stewardship visit to Living Waters

Wednesday—October 17

1:30-Prayer Shawl Ministry-fireside room
6:00-Choir Rehearsal –sanctuary
NO-Confirmation or youth group—MEA holiday

Thursday—October 18

9:00-Men's Bible Study of Revelation-fireside room

Friday—October 19

Saturday—October 20

Sunday—October 21

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9:00-Prep & Prayer for worship assistants/leaders—Fireside Room
9:15-volunteer staffed church nursery open
9:30-Worship Service, Holy Communion, NO Sunday School-MEA
10:30-Coffee Time, WELCA meeting
11:00-Bible Study- new members welcome and wanted!
Pastor Leaves for Bishops Theological Conference Oct. 21-23

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: 14th-Lois Ness, Heather Johnson; 15th-Nick Wiberg;
16th Chad Burnside; 20th-Jon Anderson; 21st-Shelby Armstrong;

A welcoming community rooted in Christ, growing in faith and serving with joy!

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Confirmation questions to
Pastor Marla Amborn.

Happy Anniversary to
Jerry and Linda Meyer!
They are celebrating 40
years as husband and
wife! Blessings to you!

**Don't forget to
bring food shelf
donations to the
concert this after-
noon! They will be
acknowledged as
part of the Alme-
lund Sampler con-
cert today at 3:00!**

Thank You!

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012

Pastor Marla Amborn

Twenty-First Sunday of Pentecost

October 14, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

Today's Hymnal: ELW - Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Red)
Get large print bulletins and Sanctuary hearing devices from an usher.
Get Children's bulletins in the Sanctuary & worship bags from the Narthex
The Nursery is staffed and located in the upper level of the new building.
Sunday School will be dismissed following the Children's sermon .
P: Pastor; L: Leader; R: Reader, C: Congregation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Pastor: We all come to this place each with a back story.

Congregation: Maybe we want to forget, maybe we bring fond memories, but each of us has a story to tell.

P: This place, this building, it too has a story to tell, and what tales it could tell!

C: A place of welcome, a place of new lives, of lives joined together, of lives that have passed and of lives continuing.

P: God has a story, and a colorful one at that.

C: Come as we celebrate his-story. Come as we mark our place in this place and in God's story.

Opening Hymn ELW #819 *Come, All You People*

Confession & Forgiveness ELW page 94-96

Greeting ELW page 138

Kyrie ELW page 138-139

Canticle of Praise, "Glory to God..." ELW page 139

Prayer of the Day (Prayed in unison)

God of deliverance, you saved the people of Israel and chose Joshua to lead your people to the Promised Land. Choose us, and equip us to live with faith and peace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Lesson Joshua 24:1-26

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel:

(Continued on next page.)

Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ³Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; ⁴and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. ⁵Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst; and afterwards I brought you out. ⁶When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. ⁷When they cried out to the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterwards you lived in the wilderness a long time. ⁸Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan; they fought with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. ⁹Then King Balak son of Zippor of Moab, set out to fight against Israel. He sent and invited Balaam son of Beor to curse you, ¹⁰but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you; so I rescued you out of his hand. ¹¹When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I handed them over to you. ¹²I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove out before you the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. ¹³I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and oliveyards that you did not plant. ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.”

¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” ¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.” ¹⁹But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” ²¹And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” ²²Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” ²³He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” ²⁴The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” ²⁵So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem. ²⁶Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak in the sanctuary of the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Those known to be hospitalized:

Alice Mortenson, In hospice at Parnly
Martin Strecker, recuperating at home
Anna Abbott, recovering from a broken leg, back at college
Gloria Bourasa, recuperating at home, hip surgery Oct. 18
Duane Gunderson, Bethesda

FINANCIAL PICTURE for October 7 Attendance: 59

Current—\$4,138.00; Building Fund—\$55.00; Loose- \$34.00;
Benevolence—\$365.00; **Total: \$4,592.00**
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Youth Group Dates: (grades 6-12)

Jason & DeeDee Fredlund, Youth Directors, 651-465-6130
Oct. 14th, 6:00 Almelund Sampler dinner, help serve and cleanup
Oct. 17th, No Confirmation or Youth Group MEA

Confirmation Dates: (grades 6-7 & older who are not confirmed)

Pastor Marla Amborn, 651-315-3354
Oct. 14th, 6:00 Almelund Sampler dinner, help serve and cleanup
Oct. 17th, No Confirmation or Youth Group MEA

Do you need help with fall yard work? raking, digging, planting, etc...If so, please get a hold of the Youth Group to help with those fall chores. The Youth are here to help any way we can. Please contact Jason or DeeDee to set up a day to get those chores done before the snow flies!

CHRISTMAS WREATH ORDERS!

Beginning on October 7 the Youth Group members will be taking orders for Christmas Wreaths. **Wreaths:** \$14.00, (no crosses)
Looking ahead...delivery will be Sunday, November 18!

BRING IN NICE SIZED PINE CONES and RED RIBBON TO USE FOR OUR WREATH MAKING PROJECT. A BOX IS IN THE GATHERING AREA FOR DONATIONS.

BE SURE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE NARTHEX! THERE ARE LOTS OF ACTIVITIES IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES COMING UP!

UPCOMING DATES!

WELCA meeting Oct. 21
Turkey Bingo Nov. 10
New Members Received Nov. 11!
Photo Directory Pictures taken Nov. 15-17
Christmas Brunch—Dec. 2

**The 4th Annual Almelund Sampler
October 14, 2018**

3:00 Free Concert, 4:30 Auction, 6:00 Dinner

Dinner tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 10 and under,
with a maximum of \$25 per immediate family.

Come and bring the whole family to support the
church at this fun community event.

**Celebrate Almelund culture at the
Almelund Sampler!**

***Tickets are still available this morning
in the Gathering Area.***

Bring an item for the food shelf to the concert!

ILC Choir rehearsals are on Weds. at 6:00 p.m.! New singers welcome! Call if you have questions: Momoh Freeman, 763-647-9019.

**SIGN UP TODAY TO HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN FOR THE
CHURCH DIRECTORY!** Photos are being scheduled now for

Thurs., Nov. 15, 2:00-8:50pm (schedule almost filled);

Fri, Nov. 16, 2:00-8:50 pm;

Sat., Nov. 17, 10:00am-4:50pm

You may schedule before worship in the gathering area or after worship today in the Fellowship Hall; OR you may go online to the church website www.immanuelalmelund.org and you will find a link as soon as you get on the site. Plan to be here for 1 hour. Be ready to go when your scheduled time comes.

DETAILS:

If you have your picture taken by Lifetouch you will receive a free 8x10 and a free directory, and you have the opportunity to order additional photos the day you have your photos taken.

The photos ordered will be to you before Christmas. Directories will be handed out at the Annual Meeting in February.

Please make our directory complete and take part in our picture directory! Make your appointment today!

Gospel Acclamation ELW #632 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*, vs 1

Gospel Matthew 4:8-10 **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ

Special Music "Let Us Go to the House of the Lord" ILC Choir

Children's Sermon Diane Rothe

(Sunday School students are invited to go to the class after the children's sermon!)

Sharing of the Peace "Peace be with you."

Sermon Pastor Marla Amborn

Hymn of the Day ELW #810 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Apostles' Creed ELW page 105

Intercessory Prayer (*respond after each petition with:*)

P: Lord in your mercy **C: Hear our prayer.**

Tithes and Offerings

Offering Hymn ELW #820 *O Savior, Precious Savior*, vs 1 & 2

Offertory Prayer (*Prayed in unison*)

P: Heavenly Father,

C: for what has been given to us we thank you. For what has been established beforehand that gives us foundation in life we thank you. For what we have inherited and what we have been able to achieve in life we thank you. For what makes life good we thank you.

P: Take this offering from our richness for it is given out of gratitude and love. Bless it and use it for a purpose that brings blessing to others. We pray in Jesus name.

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer ELW page 145

Sending

P: As we have worshipped so we go out into the world.

C: We know our history and we know our part in the story.

P: We have listened and remembered

C: and now we go to serve the world.

All: Together we go in the Lord's name, today and always.

Benediction

Closing Hymn ELW #733 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Dismissal P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE TODAY:

Pastor: Marla Amborn

Organist: Momoh Freeman

Accompanist: Pat Remer

Usher: Marshall Johnson

Acolyte: Philip Larson

Altar Guild: Joanne Johnson and Diane Rothe

Sunday School Teachers: Tara Rothe and Teresa Carlson

Nursery Caregiver: Joanne Johnson

Offering Counters: Alice Burnside, Pat Remer, Deb Krengel

Coffee:

Children's Sermon:

Reader: Gina Sapp

AV Tech: Nancy Nadeau

Greeters: Norm and Linda Peterson

Children's Sermon: Diane Rothe

WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY!

Visitors, please sign our guest book located in the back of the sanctuary. We welcome you warmly to Immanuel!

Encourage all children who can read to follow along in the bulletin and hymnal during our worship service today! There are children's bulletins and worship bags at the back of the sanctuary and in the narthex each week. **A nursery with a changing table & mother's lounge** is located in the upper floor of the addition for your use. **A Nursery Caregiver volunteer** is in the nursery at 9:15 each Sunday! **Sunday School** begins after the Children's Sermon.

Come for coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall after the service. Meet and greet time is encouraged!

After worship you are invited to attend Bible Study in the fireside room with Jim Mielke at 11am! New participants are welcome and wanted! Grab a cup of coffee and meet us!

Bible Studies continue every **Tues., with 10:00 Text Time**, studying the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday with Pastor Marla.

Thursday Men's Study with Jim Mielke. We will be studying the book of Revelation, 9am in the fireside rm

Sunday Bible Study with Jim at 11am in the fireside room. New Members are wanted and welcome!

Pastor Richard Baumann will be on call for pastoral care while Pastor Marla is at the Bishop's Theological Conference Oct 21-23. If you have an emergency please call Pastor Baumann at his home 651-257-3442 or on his cell 651-208-8533.

FROM SHARON AND DUANE THIEL

Greetings! "Ask and you shall receive." WOW! I sure know what that means. I started the **CDs for Vets** Veterans project in 2004, In Fargo, ND after Duane & I married. It's doing some thing small that enriches lives in many ways. **Sharon will be collecting CDs for Vets until October 21!**

SINGERS INVITED FOR VESPER CHORAL SERVICE DURING TAYLORS FALLS LIGHTING FESTIVAL! Singers from the community-at-large are invited to be part of a community chorus for the ecumenical Advent Choral Vespers held during Taylors Falls Lighting Festival. Vespers will be held Saturday afternoon, November 24th at 4:30 p.m. at the 1861 Methodist Church in the Angel Hill Historic District. This will be the 28th consecutive year for the service. Directed by JoAnn Nielsen with Pat Remer accompanying. There will be five rehearsals: Sundays, Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18 at 7pm at the United Methodist Church, 290 W. Government Street next to the 1855 Folsom House Historic site. Past singers and new voices are most welcome. Just come on Sunday, October 21st or call JoAnn at 651-257-3224 for more information

Look who's been a blessing through and through...you! Thank you all for helping us with Donna Kaufmann's funeral. We would like to thank everyone for their support, ministry food preparation, and serving salads and bars with our main course during this difficult time. Your words and actions were inspirational and was the comfort everyone needed. Sincerely, The Donna Kaufmann Family.

Movie Night—Come and see “The Shack”

Friday October 26, 6:30 PM – 10 PM, Supper will be provided,

Discussion will follow. People of all ages welcome!

Sponsored by the Youth Group

Can you imagine an encounter with God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – at a cabin? *The Shack* portrays such an experience for Mack, whose faith and life are shattered by the murder of his young daughter. As Mack is trying to make sense of this tragedy, an invitation mysteriously appears, inviting him to a cabin for a weekend. There he encounters God the Father, in the form of a heavy-set black woman named Papa, Jesus as a carpenter in a flannel shirt and jeans, and the Holy Spirit as a young Asian woman. His ideas about forgiveness are stretched as he reckons with his anger at his daughter's killer in light of God's love.

The movie, *The Shack* was shown in theaters during 2017 and is based on a book by the same name written by William P. Young published in 2007. The book was #1 on the *New York Times* Best Seller List for paperback fiction from June 2008 to early 2010. The movie takes this gripping story and brings it to life. **Come and see it at church!**