

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

## **Sunday—October 21**

Youth Group is taking orders for Christmas wreaths!

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

## **Monday—October 22**

6:00-Worship and Music

## **Tuesday—October 23**

NO Text Time Bible Study with Pastor Marla

## **Wednesday—October 24**

6:00-Choir Rehearsal –sanctuary

6:30-8:00-Confirmation

## **Thursday—October 25**

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

## **Friday—October 26**

3:15-Immanuel Worship Band rehearsal

6:30-10pm—Supper and Movie Night for the congregation

hosted by our Youth "The Shack" movie

## **Saturday— October 27**

## **Sunday—October 28-Reformation Sunday**

**Guest Preacher—Pastor Justin Grimm from St. Paul Area Synod**

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

**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.

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

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Direct Sunday School and

Confirmation questions to

Pastor Marla Amborn.

## **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012

Pastor Marla Amborn

Twenty-Second Sunday of Pentecost

October 21, 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.

There is no Sunday School this week due to MEA .

**P: Pastor; L: Leader; R: Reader, C: Congregation**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Stewardship Temple Talk Mark Weslander**

### **Call to Worship**

Pastor: In this place God invites us to transform.

**Pulpit side: We have the power to transform through love,**

**Organ side: we have the power to destroy through jealousy.**

**Pulpit side: We have the power to work for peace,**

**Organ side: we have the power to war in anger.**

**Pulpit side: We have the power to lift up through sharing,**

**Organ side: we have the power to bring down through greed.**

Pastor: In this place God invites us to transform, seek peace and lift up, for he is a God of love and justice of peace and equality.

**Congregation: Come, gather round and hear what God has to say to us this day. Come, gather round as we worship our God.**

**Opening Hymn ELW #532 *Gather Us In***

### **Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

Pastor: Loving parent,

**Congregation: we are blessed by your unending love for us.**

**We are amazed by your generosity to us. We are humbled by your wisdom and mercy when you deal with us.**

P: Loving parent,

**C: you give us so much, a life to enjoy and discover more of you, a family to care for us and guide us, a home to protect us and keep us safe.**

P: Forgive us when we take these gifts for granted, for the times we forget to be grateful for them, or the times when we misuse or abuse them.

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**C: Help us to be grateful for all that we have, and to share our gifts with everyone, no matter who they are or where they come from. May we be as wise as Solomon and as compassionate as Jesus in all of our daily living, so that your kingdom is come, here and now. In the name of our Savior we pray. Amen.**

### **Forgiveness**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Greeting** ELW page 138

**Kyrie** ELW page 138-139

**Canticle of Praise**, *"This is the feast..."* ELW page 140

**Prayer of the Day** (*Prayed in unison*)

**Generous God, you gave your servant Solomon wisdom so that he might govern your people well. Grant us your wisdom, so that we might perform our life's duties with gratitude and wisdom. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

### **The Lesson 1 Kings 3:4-28**

<sup>4</sup>The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.

<sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" <sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right. <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

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### **Those known to be hospitalized:**

Alice Mortenson, In hospice at Parmly

Gloria Bourasa, Lakeview, Stillwater, hip surgery Oct. 18

Duane Gunderson, Bethesda

### **FINANCIAL PICTURE for October 14 Attendance: 77**

Current—\$1,516.00; Building Fund—\$20.00; Loose- \$18.00;

Benevolence—\$65.00; Special Donations—\$20.00

**Total: \$1,639.00**

Benevolence: Und. \$55; LSS \$10.

### **Youth Group Dates: (grades 6-12)**

Jason & DeeDee Fredlund, Youth Directors, 651-465-6130

-Taking Wreath Orders every Sunday

Oct. 26 6:30-10pm—Youth host "The Shack" movie night and supper for the congregation!

Oct. 28 10:45-Mission Trip Meeting

Oct. 31 Happy Halloween, no youth group

Nov. 11 last day to order wreaths

Nov. 17 Youth group wreath making

Nov. 18 Wreath delivery

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

Pastor Marla Amborn, 651-315-3354

Oct. 24 6:30-8:00-Confirmation Class

Oct. 31—Happy Halloween, no Confirmation

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

**BRING IN NICE SIZED PINE CONES/RED RIBBON TO USE FOR YOUTH WREATH MAKING. 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**

**Wreath Orders taken til Nov. 14**

**New Members Received Nov. 11**

**Photo Directory Pictures taken Nov. 15-17**

**Pick up wreaths on Nov. 18  
Christmas Brunch Dec. 2**

## Giving God Our Best

Stewardship includes the commitment of time, talents, and money to God's use. More than that, though, it involves our total lives. The standard set for us in God's Word is high. God wants us as his followers to give wholeheartedly so that all people will "be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). Through grace, which meets all of our needs, we are to tell others of his love and his mighty deeds and give our lives to him in joyful service. In stewardship, we offer ourselves for the accomplishment of Christ's work in the world.

The Apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 5:17, "Do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." Through study and meditation in his Word and through prayer, God reveals his will for our lives. "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is ... his good, pleasing and perfect will" (Romans 12:2). Out of gratitude for Christ who gave us his all, we devote ourselves to doing his will. Through the reading of his Word and participation in the Sacraments, God strengthens and equips us so we can fulfill his purpose for our lives. "I can do everything through him, who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13). God calls us to "be strong in [him] and in his mighty power" (Ephesians 6:10). By the power of the Holy Spirit, we can give our all in service and commitment to the Lord.

*Blessings on your stewardship journey!*  
*Your Stewardship Committee*

**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!**

**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 on Sat. afternoon, Nov. 24th at 4:30 p.m. at the 1861 Methodist Church in the Angel Hill Historic District. Rehearsals: Sundays, Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18 at 7pm at the Methodist Church, 290 W. Government Street next to the Folsom House. Just come on Sun., Oct. 21st. Call JoAnn at 651-257-3224 for info.

<sup>13</sup>I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. <sup>14</sup>If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

<sup>15</sup>Then Solomon awoke; it had been a dream. He came to Jerusalem where he stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. He offered up burnt offerings and offerings of well-being, and provided a feast for all his servants.

<sup>16</sup>Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him.

<sup>17</sup>The one woman said, "Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house; and I gave birth while she was in the house. <sup>18</sup>Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house, only the two of us were in the house. <sup>19</sup>Then this woman's son died in the night, because she lay on him. <sup>20</sup>She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast, and laid her dead son at my breast. <sup>21</sup>When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead; but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne." <sup>22</sup>But the other woman said, "No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours." The first said, "No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine." So they argued before the king. <sup>23</sup>Then the king said, "The one says, 'This is my son that is alive, and your son is dead'; while the other says, 'Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one.'" <sup>24</sup>So the king said, "Bring me a sword," and they brought a sword before the king. <sup>25</sup>The king said, "Divide the living boy in two; then give half to the one, and half to the other." <sup>26</sup>But the woman whose son was alive said to the king—because compassion for her son burned within her—"Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!" The other said, "It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it." <sup>27</sup>Then the king responded: "Give the first woman the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother." <sup>28</sup>All Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered; and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him, to execute justice.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation** ELW page 142

**Gospel** Matthew 6:9-10 **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>9</sup>'Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. <sup>10</sup>Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ**

**Special Music** "Yield Not Into Temptation" ILC Choir

**Children's Sermon** Pastor Marla (Because of MEA there is no Sunday School today. Kids should stay with their families and come forward for a blessing during Holy Communion.)



**Sharing of the Peace** "Peace be with you."

**Sermon** Pastor Marla Amborn

**Hymn of the Day** ELW #793 *Be Thou My Vision*

**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 #689 *Praise and Thanksgiving*, vs 1, 3 & 4

**Offertory Prayer** (*Prayed in unison*)

**All that we have is yours, O God. We offer you our whole selves symbolized by these gifts lain before you. Take them all, seen and unseen, and use them for the building of your kingdom here on earth, today and always. Amen.**

**Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving** ELW page 144

**Holy, Holy, Holy** ELW page 144

**Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer** ELW page 145

**"Lamb of God"** ELW page 146

**Continuous Holy Communion**

*All in Christ are invited to come forward to the Lord's table. Please fill out a communion card and drop it in the plate as you come forward for Communion. If you are gluten intolerant please help yourself to a wafer from the gold tray. We serve local wine, if you prefer juice tell the server or take a cup of white grape juice from the center ring of the tray. If you would like a blessing keep your hands by your sides when you come forward. If you are unable to come forward please let an usher know and you will be served at your seat.*

**Communion Hymn** ELW #482 *I Come With Joy*

**Post Communion Prayer**

**Sending**

Pastor: In collective joy and sorrow

**All: we have gathered as your church.**

P: In collective joy and sorrow

**All: we continue on our way.**

P: May thought for others join us on the path;

**All: the hope of wisdom to be our companion.**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn** ELW #834 *Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise*

**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

**Children's Sermon:** Pastor Marla

**Organist:** Momoh Freeman

**Reader:** Mary Johnson

**Accompanist:** Pat Remer

**AV Tech:** Steve Blomquist

**Usher:** Marshall & Heather Johnson

**Greeter:** June McKenzie

**Acolyte:** Carter Rothe

**Communion Bread:** Pat Remer

**Communion Servers:** Bob Stirling, Steve Peterson, Diane Rothe

**Communion Wine:** Alan & Judy Olson/Wild Mountain Winery

**Altar Guild:** Joanne Johnson and Diane Rothe

**Sunday School Teachers:** No Sunday School today

**Nursery Caregiver:** Jeske Noordergraaf

**Offering Counters:** Alice Burnside, Pat Remer, Deb Krengel

**Coffee:** Immanuel Youth Group

**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! **No Sunday School today** because of MEA.

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

**WELCA** will meet during coffee time to go over upcoming activities.

**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!

**Sign up for your picture directory appointment today.** The sign up crew will be back next week to sign you up in person, but if you have a smart phone or a computer you can go to the Immanuel Website at [www.immanuelamelund.org](http://www.immanuelamelund.org) and as soon as you get on the site there is a link to sign up. (our wifi password: 37151alme-lund.) If you are unable to sign up online you may sign up next week before or after the worship service in the gathering area. Please encourage everyone to have their photo taken for the directory. Remember you get a free 8x10 portrait and a free directory! Don't forget to encourage your adult children who are still members of Immanuel to get their photo taken, too.