

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

## Sunday—October 28

8:45-Prep & Prayer for worship assistants/leaders—Fireside Room  
9:00-Meeting with Baptism family  
9:15-volunteer staffed church nursery open  
9:30-Worship Service, Sacrament of Baptism, Sunday School  
10:30-Coffee Time  
10:45-Youth Mission Trip Meeting  
11:00-Sunday Bible Study in fireside room

## Monday—October 29

6:00-Stewardship Committee

## Tuesday—October 30

10:00-Text Time Bible Study with Pastor Marla

## Wednesday—October 31—Happy Halloween!

10:30-Worship Team  
no Confirmation or Youth Group

## Thursday—November 1

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

## Friday—November 2

3:15-Immanuel Worship Band rehearsal

## Saturday—November 3

## Sunday—November 4

9:00-Prep & Prayer for worship assistants/leaders—Fireside Room  
9:15-volunteer staffed church nursery open  
9:30-WOW Worship Service, All Saint's Service Candle Lighting, Holy Communion, Sunday School  
10:30-Coffee Time, Youth Group taking orders for Christmas wreaths!  
10:30-No Bible Study—New Testament study begins Nov. 11

**We will be receiving new members on Sunday, November 11!** If you know of someone who would like to be a member of Immanuel please have them contact Pastor Marla or the church office.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** October 28th—Jared Rothe; 29th—Bob Olson; 30th—Bernice Pearson, Jan Pearson; 31st—Linda Carr, Rob Rothe; November 1st—Arne Geslin 2nd—Elizabeth Tolzmann, Bonnie Zemke; 3rd—Diane Kovach, Clarence McKenzie

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

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Confirmation questions to

Pastor Marla Amborn.

## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012

Pastor Marla Amborn

Reformation Sunday

October 28, 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

**Holy Baptism** We welcome into the family of God, **Lucy Moon Hoisington**, daughter of Jessica Clover and Dillon Hoisington. Sponsors are Alexis Thomphson, Tyler Rinehart and Chenise Hoisington

**Opening Hymn** *What Does It Mean?* tune is ELW #389

*(Jeremiah 31:31, 33-34, a hymn based on Luther's Small Catechism)*

**Verse 1: What does it mean that God's good will,  
Once thundered down from Sinai's hill,  
Is uttered now to pierce our hearts,  
Commandments that our God imparts?**

Pastor: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

**Verse 2: What does it mean, what doubts relieve,  
That we may speak what we believe  
And in confessing witness bear  
To Father, Savior, Comforter?**

Pastor: This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my Law within them, and will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

**Verse 3: What does it mean that we may pray  
To God as Father day by day,  
Make known our needs, God's grace implore,  
And vow allegiance evermore?**

Pastor: No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord.

*(Hymn continued on next page)*

**Verse 4: What does it mean that water poured  
Conveys the promise of the Lord,  
And in the forms of bread and wine,  
We gather in Christ's love to dine?**

Pastor: For I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.  
What does it mean? God's on our side; By grace we have been justified  
Through faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord, As taught in God's unbroken  
Word.

**Prayer of the Day** (prayed in unison)  
**Through your Word, O Lord, you have taught us the meaning of your  
great love for us, found only in our Savior, Jesus. Help us to remember  
every day what it means that Jesus died for us and rose again that we  
might one day rise to be with him in heaven. Let us never forget the  
forgiveness he gave to us through his sacrifice and the eternal hope and  
joy he grants to all who believe and trust in him. May our lives reflect  
how much you mean to us in what we say and what we do as your  
beloved children. Amen**

**Children's Message** Tracy Tolzmann

**The Lesson** Romans 3:19-28

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

**Hymn** ELW #598 *For By Grace You Have Been Saved*

**Gospel Acclamation** to the tune of ELW #422

**Vs 1: Christ's true disciples let us prove to be,  
Firm in the Word remaining steadfastly,  
Blest with the truth that makes us truly free. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Those known to be hospitalized:**

Alice Mortenson, In Hospice at Parmly  
Gloria Bourasa, recuperating at home  
Duane Gunderson, recuperating at home

**FINANCIAL PICTURE for October 21 Attendance: 72**  
Current—\$5,189.00; Building Fund—\$55.00; Loose- \$40.50;  
Benevolence—\$181.00; Sampler—\$6,298.00  
**Total: \$11,763.50**

Sampler: Concert \$1,248; Fund raiser \$3,904; Dinner \$1,146.  
Benevolence: Und \$10; LSS \$50; Itonya \$50; Luther Point \$51; Synod \$20.

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

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

Oct. 31—Happy Halloween—No Youth Group

Sun., Nov. 11th—Last day to order wreaths

Wed. Nov 15th—Youth 6:30pm collecting of boughs.

Dress for the weather.

Sat. Nov 17th 8am Youth WREATH MAKING at the old fire hall.

Potluck lunch.

Sun., Nov. 18th Youth help hand out wreaths at church

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

Pastor Marla Amborn, 651-315-3354

Oct. 31—Happy Halloween—No Confirmation Class

Wed. Nov 7th—Confirmation 6:30pm

**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!

**HELP FEED THOSE IN NEED – JUST BY BEING PHOTOGRAPHED!!**

Drop off any food item at church between now and picture day and get a \$5 coupon to use towards the purchase of additional portraits!

(no pressure – no obligation)

Then, we can give that food to our local food shelf to help those in need!  
Get your coupon from Vickie and Merrie in the Gathering Area.



We are learning new music for Christmas—come join the choir for this most blessed season! Rehearsals are Wed., 6pm in the Sanctuary.

## Turkey Bingo:

Saturday November 10, 2018 at 6:30 pm Shafer Town Hall. Please bring a food shelf item to be in a drawing. Bars are needed and appreciated. Leave in the church kitchen on Saturday by 5pm or bring along when you come to play Bingo. Cost: \$20 for 20 games.

**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. No RSVP, just come rehearse. Call JoAnn at 651-257-3224 for more information.

## CHRISTMAS WREATHS:

Through Sun., Nov. 11 the Youth Group members will be taking orders for Christmas Wreaths, cost is \$14.00

**Looking ahead...Wreath** delivery will be Sunday, November 18!

**CAN YOU HELP? BRING IN NICE SIZED PINE CONES and RED RIBBON** to use for our wreath making project—bring in before Nov. 17. There is a box in the Gathering area.

Jason & DeeAnn Fredlund, Youth Group Leaders (651-465-6130)

**Naomi Circle is again collecting children's pajamas and women's personal items for the Refuge.** In the past they have been extremely grateful for this and our Circle wants to say thank you to all of you who have given so generously to this and are hoping you will want to continue to contribute to this project this year. There will be labeled boxes in the gathering area and we ask that you have your gifts here by Sunday, December 9th.

Thank you and blessings to you for caring and sharing.

Naomi Circle Members

**Gospel** John 8:31-36

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

**Sermon** Rev. Justin Grimm, Director of Evangelical Mission, Assistant to the Bishop for Next Generation Ministries

**A Confession of Faith** to the tune of ELW #550

**Verse 1:** The Father's mighty word once said, "Let there be light!"  
Chaotic darkness heard and yielded to his might.  
Things great and small,  
God's saints confess his pow'r to bless; God made them all!

**Verse 2:** Christ Jesus we believe, who came at God's own hour,  
Whom Mary did conceive by God the Spirit's pow'r.  
Great peace he gives:  
The Crucified who for us died forever lives!

**Verse 3:** God's ransomed saints believe in God the Holy Ghost,  
By whom we all receive the faith in which we boast.  
Forgiven, we shall flee our graves.  
The Lord who saves has set us free!

## Tithes and Offerings

**Prayers** Lord's Prayer

**Benediction** Ephesians 3:16-21

P According to the riches of his glory, God grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. May you have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

**C Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn ELW #503 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Postlude

## **WELCOME TO REFORMATION SUNDAY WORSHIP!**

**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.

**We welcome Lucy Moon Hoisington into the body of Christ through the sacrament of Baptism today!** God bless her, her family and sponsors!

**In our pulpit today** we welcome Rev. Justin Grimm from the St. Paul Area Synod!

**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! Grab a cup of coffee and meet us! We will not have study time Nov. 4 (Good luck all you deer hunters!) A new study will begin on Nov. 11. See bulletin insert for details about our new study—plan to join us!

**Please Pick up your November Newsletter** in the Gathering Area; and **Stop by and sign up** with Merrie and Vickie to have your picture taken Nov. 15-17, for the new Church Directory!

**A SPECIAL ALL SAINTS DAY WORSHIP IS PLANNED FOR Sun., Nov. 4, 2018—On All Saints Sunday, at the 9:30 service** we will remember the loved ones we have lost this year and those who have died in past years that we hold close in our hearts. There will be an opportunity during our worship service to come forward to light a candle in remembrance of our special loved ones. **Today is the deadline to get your All Saint's Memorials in** and be in the bulletin on Nov. 4. The form is inserted into this bulletin.

### **THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE TODAY:**

<b>Pastor:</b> Marla Amborn	<b>Children's Sermon:</b> Tracy Tolzmann
<b>Guest Preacher:</b> Justin Grimm	<b>Accompanist:</b> Pat Remer
<b>Organist:</b> Momoh Freeman	<b>Reader:</b> Tracy Tolzmann
<b>Usher:</b> Marshall Johnson	<b>Greeters:</b> Tora & Wayne Carlson
<b>Acolyte:</b> Matthew Wendel	<b>Nursery Caregiver:</b> Lynn Schultz
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Diane Rothe, Joanne Johnson	
<b>AV Tech:</b> Tracy Tolzmann	
<b>Sunday School Teachers:</b> Debra Scott and Shannon Lindgren	
<b>Offering Counters:</b> Alice Burnside, Pat Remer, Deb Krengel	
<b>Coffee:</b> Duane & Sharon Thiel	

## **NOVEMBER 11—New members received! STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY!**

**Come, celebrate God's gifts to each of us—fill out a time and talent form and a pledge for the 2019 year. Stay for a congregational Potluck Dinner—bring a dish to share. Group 5 is in charge of set up and clean up.**

### **Freed for Willing Service**

Martin Luther wrote, "A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all." Perhaps those two sentences appear to be contradictory. What Luther was trying to say is that we, as Christians, we can't earn our salvation. Jesus paid the price for our salvation, so we don't have to worry about our salvation. That frees us up to thank God by serving with joy.

The Gospel of Matthew explains Christ's purpose in coming to Earth: ". . . *the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many*" (Matthew 20:28). Jesus lived the perfect life of the servant in our place. The Law can never save us. It only shows us our shortcomings. When we look at Christ, though, how he lived his earthly life and what he has done for us, we are freed to respond with heartfelt, sincere, loving service. Through Christ, we are freed to offer our willing service for the sake of the neighbor.

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

**Sunday, November 4—Food Shelf Sunday** - Leave in the grocery cart in the narthex.

Don't forget...Recycle Aluminum beverage cans the first Sunday of each month at church. This is a fundraiser for church as well as an opportunity to **help save the earth!** Kids are encouraged to participate in this collection, too!

**Sign up for your picture directory appointment today.** The sign up crew is here to sign you up in person. You can also sign up on your smart phone or computer. Just 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. If those two ways don't work please call Merrie during the week and she will help you. 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.