

IMMANUEL CHURCH CALENDAR—A PEEK AT THE WEEK!

Sun., November 18 - POLKA SERVICE! Bring a friend to church!

8:45-Prep and Prayer meeting for those helping with the service-fireside room
9:00-New Members meet with Pastor in Fireside Room
9:15-Church nursery is staffed
9:30-Polka Service, Holy Communion, Sunday School
10:30-Coffee Time
11:00-New Testament study—grab a cup of coffee and meet in the Sanctuary Basement right after worship. Topic: The Greco-Roman Context
Pick up your Christmas Wreath order from our youth today!

Mon., November 19

6:00-Website Team meeting

Tues., November 20

10:00-Text Time Bible Study
10:00-3:00- ILC Quilters sewing day—noon potluck—all are invited!
6:00-ILC Choir Rehearsal
7:00-Thanksgiving Worship, pie and coffee fellowship follows the service. Invite your family and friends to join you for this “before the rush” worship service!

Wed., November 21

NO Choir Rehearsal
NO Confirmation/Youth Group

Thurs., November 22 Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed

NO Men's Bible Study of Revelation—meeting through Dec. 20

Fri., November 23 Office Closed

Sat. November 24

2:00-4:00-MiChiLu Shared Family Ministry Event at 1st Lutheran, Taylors Falls
4:30-Ecumenical Advent Choral Vespers at 1861 United Methodist Church, T.F.

Sun. November 25 Christ the King Sunday

9:00-Prep and Prayer meeting for those helping with the service-fireside room
9:15-Church nursery is staffed
9:30-Worship Service, NO Sunday School
10:30-Coffee time
10:30- New Testament Study-right after worship grab a cup of coffee and meet in the Sanctuary Basement. Topic: 3. Ancient Judaism

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE POSTERS ON THE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD

Happy Birthdays: 13th—Mylo Lundquist, Scott Olson, Deb Krengel;
17th—Katelyn Garbe; 19th—Katie Burnside; 20th—Ken Sapp;
21st—Doris Norlund; 22nd—Paula Mohn; 25th—Greg Elkerton

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rev. Marla Amborn

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

November 18, 2018, 9:30 A.M.

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

Today's Hymnal: **The King's Men Songbook**

Large Print Bulletins and hearing devices are available from an usher.

Children's bulletins available in the back of the sanctuary

Children's Worship Bags are in the Narthex

P: Pastor, C: Congregation, R: Reader

Prelude selections by the King's Men

Welcome and announcements

New Members received:

Brandon and Alyson Sood and daughter Adalynn

Sponsored by Lynn Schultz

Call To Worship

Pastor: Gathered together, the faithful people of God, journeying to the promised land with Moses striding forward, and completely, utterly, miserably, fed up.

Congregation: However we feel today, whether excited or exasperated, weary or wonderful, hungry or hopeful, may we approach you ready to listen, to question, to give thanks, and to praise.

P: Let us come before God's presence in anticipation of service in God's name.

C: Let us worship God!

Gathering Hymns (*all music is from the King's Men Songbook*)
page 2 **At This Service;** page 16 **Come Now and Worship**

Confession of Sins

All: Lord, we come to You today in need of forgiveness. We have believed the words of the false prophets who have led us into selfish materialism, looking to money and things to save us rather than trusting in you to provide all that we need. Forgive the sins of our fallen condition.

We have believed the words of those who have led us to trust in ourselves rather than you, forgetting that you are God and we are not. Forgive the sin of our fallen condition.

We have believed the words of those who promised salvation through false gods of worldly success or security rather than the one eternal God who delivers true salvation. Forgive the sins of our fallen condition.

Forgiveness

P: Today our God comes to us with a new word proclaiming forgiveness for all sinners. God's word shouts freedom for the captives and new life for those who are trapped in sin. This word brings hope for the defenseless and eternal life for those who trust in the Lord. This word comes to life for each of us in the person of Jesus Christ, whose death for our sin assures us of forgiveness.

C: Praise God for this life-giving Word.

Prayer of the Day (*prayed in unison*)

Merciful God, we come before you with praise and thanksgiving! Through Jesus Christ, you have blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Open our hearts and minds to your presence among us here. As we sing your praises here today to the tune of polka music, may our worship bring you honor and glory. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

The STORY adapted from Numbers 11:16-35

Participants: Merrie Tolzmann, Pat Remer, Mark Weslander, Tracy Tolzmann, Mary Johnson, Kris Koran

(Sunday School children & visitors, age 3-grade 6, are invited to go to their class at this time. Sunday School offering is received as they leave the Sanctuary.

The Sharing of the Peace "Peace be with you" "And also with you."

Gospel Acclamation page 14 **Let's Just Praise The Lord**

Gospel Luke 10:1-12, 16-17 **ALL: Glory to You, O Lord.**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near." I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.

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YOUTH/CONFIRMATION UPCOMING DATES:

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

Tues., Nov. 20th 7pm All are encouraged to come to Thanksgiving worship, followed by 9 kinds of pie! Yum

Wed. Nov. 21st No Confirmation or Youth—Happy Thanksgiving!

Wed., Nov. 28th Confirmation 6:30pm

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

There will be no Prayer Shawl ministry on Nov. 21. Prayer shawls will be dedicated on Nov. 25 during worship!

VESPER CHORAL SERVICE DURING TAYLORS FALLS LIGHTING FESTIVAL! Sat., Nov. 24 at 4:30pm at the 1861 Methodist Church in the Angel Hill Historic District at 290 W. Government Street next to the 1855 Folsom House Historic site. This will be the 28th consecutive year for the service. Directed by JoAnn Nielsen with Pat Remer accompanying.

MiChiLu (Mid-Chisago Lutherans) Advent Event -

will be hosting an event at First Lutheran in Taylors Falls on Sat., Nov 24 from 2 to 4pm called "Getting Ready for Jesus."

In contrast to the materialistic cultural focus on presents, decorations, and holiday food, this will be a day of preparing our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Getting Ready for Jesus will be held on the same day as the Lighting Festival in Taylors Falls sandwiched between a 1 PM puppet show at the United Methodist Church and 4:30 PM community Advent Vespers service.

The event at First Lutheran will be set up with stations for people to come and go and participate in as much of this as they'd like to. If you'd like to come and participate, put it on your calendar – its free, fun, and open to all. You're welcome to bring family members or friends for this fun day in preparation for the birth of Jesus.

THANK YOU—Nov. 5, 2018,

Dear Pastor Marla and the Immanuel Choir, Thank you so much for your gifts of time, music and presence for the Memorial Service here at Ecumen, North Branch. It means so much to the residents to have their Pastor and church members visit. And it was wonderful to have you be part of the service. Again, thank you. Shalom, Chaplain Cheryl Szabo

Thank you to all who participated in our church directory photography days last week.

If you did not have your photo taken you are encouraged to send in a jpeg picture or an actual photograph. Don't forget to include the names of all the people in the picture, your address, phone number and email address. Deadline is Nov.28.

If you would like a sitting by Lifetouch please call the office next week and Merrie will tell you how to call for a sitting at an area church.

Known to be hospitalized this week:

Irene Lundquist - United Hospital

Alice & John Mortenson - Alice is in hospice at Parmly

Gloria Bourasa - recuperating at home

November 11, 2018

Attendance: 58

Financial Picture:

CURRENT -- \$3,098.00; BUILDING FUND -- \$10.00; LOOSE -- \$5.00;

BENEVOLENCE -- \$275.00; Special Donations — \$150.00

TOTAL: \$3,538.00

Benevolence: Und. \$75; Synod \$200.

Special donations: Itonya Scholarship \$100; Polka service \$50.

Bible Study Opportunities:

Scriptural Text Bible Study “Text Time,” Tuesdays., at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room with Pastor Marla

No Men’s Study this week...Happy Thanksgiving! MEN’S BIBLE STUDY with Jim Mielke at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. We will continue looking at the book of Revelation. We will be meeting through November & December til Dec. 20 and then take a break.

NEW SUNDAY MORNING STUDY WITH JIM!

We will meet right after our Stewardship Potluck lunch—grab your cup of coffee and meet in the Sanctuary basement. **Explore the New Testament from the Gospel of Matthew to the Book of Revelation with this 24-part study.** This study begins with a DVD presentation each week. You can come for every topic or come for the ones that especially interest you. The titles will be published in the bulletin.

This week’s topic: 2. The Greco-Roman Context

Discover how historical research can illuminate the New Testament—the most widely read book in history—in this riveting course that combines Biblical scholarship, archaeological discoveries, and literary analysis. Call if you have questions: Jim Mielke at 651-587-7177; or church office 651-583-2340. *New Participants expected and wanted!*

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 are 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

Our Mitten Tree is up in the Narthex through mid Dec. Bring donations of winter accessories hats, gloves, scarves, mittens and socks for all ages.

‘Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.’

The seventy returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!’

Reader: The gospel of the Lord

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn page 3 *Amazing Grace*

Sermon Pastor Marla Amborn

Hymn of the Day page 9 *Have Thine Own Way Lord*

The Apostles’ Creed ELW page 105 (*spoken in unison*)

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

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

Tithes and Offerings

Offering Hymn page 11 *How Great Thou Art*

Offering Prayer (*prayed in unison*)

When we complain, Lord, you hear us. When we are hungry, you feed us. When we are unprepared, you wait for us.

Lord, as we dedicate these offerings, bless us as you have blessed generations before and yet to come. Amen.

Continuous Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer ELW page 173

We welcome all in Christ to come celebrate Holy Communion!

If you are gluten intolerant, please help yourself to a gluten-free wafer from the gold tray. We serve home-made unleavened bread. Our wine is from our local Wild Mt. Winery. If you wish to receive juice, please tell the server “Juice” or take a cup from the center ring of the communion tray. If you have difficulty coming to the front, please let an usher know and someone will serve you communion at your seat. Children are welcome to come forward with their parents either for communion or for a blessing. Please fill out a communion card found in the pew and bring it to the front when you come for communion.

Communion Hymn page 14 *In the Garden*

Post Communion Prayer



Sending

P: When quails fall from the sky and manna covers the ground, it may not be what we expect, Lord. But we believe that what you give us is what we need. Send us out -

C: to take risks as we seek to be Church in today's wilderness places.

P: Send us out -

C: to be surprised at what we can achieve when we trust in you before ourselves.

P: Send us out -

C: in expectation as we remember all you have done for your people in the past.

P: Send us out -

C: to share what we know of you that we might build together a better, fairer future.

P: Lead us in ways and into places we may not expect

C: for it is there that you will give us what we need. Amen.

Benediction

Sending Hymn page 13 *Church in the Wildwood*
page 8 *Adio*

Dismissal P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude The King's Men

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE TODAY:

Pastor: Marla Amborn;

Ushers: Jared and Carter Rothe **Head Usher:** Dave Rue

Guest Musicians: Jon Ekstrom and The King's Men

Greeter: Royce Chinander **AV Tech:** Tracy Tolzmann

Reader: Pat Remer **Acolyte:** Philip Larson

The Story participants: Krls Koran, Pat Remer, Mary Johnson, Mark Weslander, Merrie & Tracy Tolzmann

Communion Servers: Bob Stirling, Don Noyes, Steve Peterson

Communion Wine: Alan & Judy Olson/Wild Mt. Winery

Home-made Communion Bread: Joanne Johnson

Altar Guild: Bernice Pearson, Merrie Tolzmann

Offering Counters: Alice Burnside, Pat Remer, Deb Kregel

Coffee: Steve & Laurie Peterson

Sunday School Teachers: Tara Rothe, Teresa Carlson

Nursery Caregiver: Joanne Johnson

WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY!

Visitors, please sign our guest book located in the back of the sanctuary. If you are interested in knowing more about our congregation please speak to Pastor Marla today or call the church this week! Contact info is on the back of this bulletin.

Today we welcome new member Brandon & Alyson Sood and their daughter Adalynn. They are sponsored by Lynn Schultz **It is Polka Sunday! Thanks to Jon Ekstrom and the King's Men** for leading our worship music! There is an envelope in your bulletin to pay for this special music. Donations are welcome!

Encourage all children who can read to follow along in the bulletin and hymnal during our worship service today! There are children's bulletins at the back of the Sanctuary. **Sunday School for age 3-grade 6** begins after the children's sermon every Sunday. A **nursery & mother's lounge** is located in the upper floor of the addition, with a speaker in the room so you can hear the service. **We provide volunteer Nursery Care** each week beginning at 9:15.

All are welcome to come to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation—make some new friends!

New Testament Bible Study will be held today right after worship in the Sanctuary Basement! Grab your cup of coffee and come! Jim looks forward to welcoming you to this brand new study!

PICK UP YOUR CHRISTMAS WREATH TODAY!



Thanksgiving worship All Families are encouraged to attend the Thanksgiving Service on Tues., Nov. 20 at 7:00. 9 different flavors of pies will be served by Sarah Circle after the service.

Join in Celebrating the Birth of Jesus Christmas Program for all Ages - Sun., Dec. 16, 9:30 Our congregational Christmas program this year will be intergenerational and presented during worship on December 16. It is an opportunity for everyone, from the youngest to the oldest among us, to participate in praising God and celebrating the birth of Jesus.

Who? Sunday School Students, Confirmation Students, Youth Group kids Senior Choir members, All adults who would like to take part

When? Rehearsals on Saturdays December 1 and December 15 from 9:00 to 11:00am. The Program is during worship on Sunday, December 16 at 9:30

Looking Ahead...

Please join us for the annual Christmas Brunch, craft and bake sale on December 2 after the service. Donations of bake sale items, cookies for cookie boxes and craft items needed. Please bring them to church on Sun., Dec. 2 at 9am. This is a fundraiser to pay for winter heat bills.