

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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## Sunday Worship:

- 9:30AM Divine Service
- 10:45AM Sunday School/Bible Study
- Communion is served on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

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Immanuel Lutheran Church, Santa Fe, New Mexico  
 Founded 1938

# Immanuel's Images

*"Reaching out to make and strengthen disciples of Jesus Christ, with emphasis in north central New Mexico"*  
 ~ the official Mission/Ministry Motto of  
 Immanuel Lutheran Church, Santa Fe, New Mexico ~

September 2017

Number 09

## Quote for the Month of September

**"Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue, Thee, only Thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do."**

-- Hymn #854, Lutheran Service Book; text by Charles Wesley

<sup>14</sup> **Bless** those who persecute you; **bless** and **do not curse** them. <sup>15</sup> **Rejoice with** those who rejoice, **weep with** those who weep. <sup>16</sup> **Live in harmony** with one another. **Do not be haughty**, but **associate with** the lowly. **Never be wise** in your own sight. <sup>17</sup> **Repay** no one evil for evil, but **give thought to do what is honorable** in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, **live peaceably** with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, **never avenge yourselves**, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup> To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, **feed him**; if he is thirsty, **give him something to drink**; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup> **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

That is a lot of activity that the Holy Spirit calls us to perform, to work at. St. Paul's words give us concrete illustrations on how to fulfill the profound instruction of our Lord Jesus to: "Love the Lord Your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and.... love your neighbor as yourself." (Matt. 22:37, 39).

...from the Pastor

## The Labor of the Christian

Each month at Immanuel, a Bible passage is chosen ("Bible Verse for the Month"). This month's passage is Romans 12:12, "**Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.**"

In Chapter 12 of Romans, St. Paul's spirit-inspired words encourage believers to *labor* as a child of God. These words are especially pertinent this month when our thoughts turn to work (and to those who work) as we observe Labor Day.

As you read through Romans 12, please, note all of the prescribed actions in verses 9-21 (in bold type for emphasis).

*The good news is that God in Christ Jesus "labored in love" at Calvary's cross to make our salvation secure and sure, never dependent on how we love (labor).*

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine. **Abhor** what is evil; **hold fast** to what is good. <sup>10</sup> **Love one another** with brotherly affection. **Outdo** one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> **Do not be slothful** in zeal, be fervent in spirit, **serve** the Lord. <sup>12</sup> **Rejoice** in hope, **be patient** in tribulation, **be constant** in prayer. <sup>13</sup> **Contribute to** the needs of the saints and **seek to show** hospitality.

Jesus' instruction is *to love*. Paul fleshes out Christ's directive, showing us what a life of genuine love should look like. We love and we labor all throughout life, yet we fail to live up to Christ's love (work) standard. We may agree with Paul's words in Romans 12, but we all stand guilty of being lazy and slothful in loving and laboring. The good news is that God in Christ Jesus "labored in love" at Calvary's cross to make our salvation secure and sure, never dependent on how we love (labor). As we think about all of the activities and work we engage in, especially as a Christian, we always remember that "**We love because he [Jesus] first loved us!**" (1 John 4:19).



These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.

### What you need:

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

### What you do:

1. Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.

Answer: "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 17:8, NIV

## APPLE OF HIS EYE

Start each school day by remembering God's loving care for you.

Directions: Starting at the K by the stem and going clockwise, circle each word. Then place the words in the blanks to complete Psalm 17:8.

PSALM 17:8, NIV

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those sponsoring flowers  
**Altar Flowers for  
September**

- 09/03:** Bill Buchholz, on the occasion of the birthday of † ELLEN † (09/02), beloved wife.
- 09/10:** Marilyn Yates, in loving memory of beloved husband, † RON † on the occasion of their wedding anniversary (09.05.1958)
- 09/17:** Bill Buchholz, on the occasion of his wedding anniversary, wife, † ELLEN BUCHHOLZ † (09.23.1949)
- 09/24:** Jacob Garcia & Jenna LeFevre on the occasion of their wedding (Saturday, 09.23, at Immanuel)



**September Birthdays**

Those celebrating September birthdays in our congregation:

- Renate Bergmann September 03
- Edward Lewis September 03
- John Potter September 08
- Alice Bodelson September 10
- Dennis Riddle September 15
- James Gene Butler September 18
- Steve Madsen September 21
- Russell LeFevre September 28

**September Anniversaries**

- Ken & Annette Baker 09/04/88
- Bruce & Susan Wadsworth 09/23/94

If Immanuel's Images has missed your birthday or anniversary, please, accept our apologies. Please, contact the church office so that we can correct the oversight (983-7568).

**Divine Service Assistants for  
September**

We thank all those who serve God's people at Divine Services this month.



Ushers and Greeters (9:30AM):  
**Russell, Liz, Neal, Paul and James LeFevre**

(Men and women are invited to serve as ushers and greeters for the 9:00AM service. If you would like to serve as an usher, greeter, please contact the church office, 983-7568.)

**Organists**

- 09/03 Marla Clark
- 09/10 Ray Graulich
- 09/17 Marla Clark
- 09/24 Ray Graulich

**Communion Assistants/  
Lectors:**

(Members of Immanuel's Board of Elders serve on Communion Sundays)

- 09/03 Larry Stoerner 09/17 Steve Zappe

Altar Care: Boots Butler and Mary LeFevre

...as  
of Aug. 20, 2017  
**Treasurer's Report**  
(Very Brief!)  
Expenses: \$113,018.19  
Income: \$103,554.76  
(includes offering plate & Joyful Response gifts)

...weekly proclaiming the Gospel  
**Worship Statistics**

Year 2017 ( ) indicates Sundays in month	Attendance Average	Communion Average 2 Sundays/month	Sunday School/ Bible Study 3 Sundays/month
January (5)	51.6	29 41	35 17.6
February (4)	57.5	56 41	48.5 26.3
March (4)	65.5	30 54 56	46.6 25
April (5)	71.2	52 49 98	66.3 10.2
May (4)	55.8	55 45	50 12.5
June (4)	56.8	36 39	37.5 11
July (5)	49.4	33 52	42.5 NA
August (4)	56.5	32 38	35 NA

**THE CHURCH YEAR IN SEPTEMBER**

The month of September continues the long "green season" of Pentecost (liturgical color). Other minor festivals that occur this month:



- Sept. 14: Holy Cross Day
- Sept. 21: St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
- Sept. 29: St. Michael & All Angels

**NOTE:** The Lutheran Service Book includes (on p. xii) a calendar of commemorations of men and women from both the Old and New Testaments and from the first 19 centuries of the church's life. We remember and honor these "heros of the faith" not for their own sake, but as examples of those in whom the saving work of Jesus Christ has been made known. You can learn more about those commemorated by typing the web search: *LCMS Commemorations*

~ Commemorations ~

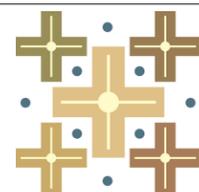
- Sept. 1 Joshua, Old Testament Patriarch
- Sept. 2 Hannah, Old Testament Matriarch
- Sept. 3 Gregory the Great, Church Leader, 6th Cent.
- Sept. 4 Moses, Old Testament Patriarch
- Sept. 5 Zacharias & Elizabeth, NT Parents
- Sept. 16 Cyprian of Carthage, Pastor & Martyr, 3rd C.
- Sept. 22 Jonah, Old Testament Patriarch
- Sept. 30 Jerome, Translator of Holy Scripture, 4th Cent.

**Bible Verse for September...**

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."  
Romans 12:12

...enjoy the fellowship this month  
**FIESTA!** "FIESTA"  
BRUNCH  
- bring your favorite Mexican main dish and a side dish or dessert

**Sept. 10, 2017 10:45AM**  
Also, bring your favorite salsa for the "Salsa Contest!"



Holy Cross Day  
~ September 14 ~

**COLLECT FOR HOLY CROSS DAY**

Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed his call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. ☩

**PORTALS  
OF PRAYER**

Please, pick up a copy of the October-December 2017 Portals of Prayer.

Take one for a friend.  
(On Information Table)



...annual trek to the Sangre de Cristo Mountains

**IMMANUEL CHURCH PICNIC AND OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

Members and friends of Immanuel gathered at Hyde Memorial State Park, Shelter #1, in the Sange de Cristo Mountains on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, for the annual Outdoor Worship Service and picnic.

Pastor Escue, along with musicians, Annette Baker and Steve Zappe, led the outdoor worship. Phil Hypes read the Scripture readings. 54 people, along with several faithful canines, were in attendance.

We thank those who assisted in some way: Jimmy Butler, for the use of his grill, who, along with Beth Gray, grilled hamburgers and hot dogs; Carolyn Barnett, Boots Butler and Malcolm Schnitker (food purchasing and prep); Dennis Riddle (transported items to park). Delicious side dishes and desserts, brought by members, topped off the picnic! Thank you to all who helped!

Immanuel's outdoor worship picnic is held each year at the end of August. Immanuel's Fellowship Committee coordinated the event.



...pray every day for those in need

## Prayer Requests

In need of prayer? Jesus declared to all those who have faith in Him: *“I tell you the truth, My Father will give you whatever you ask in My Name.” - John 16:23.* Please, contact the Pastor or the Board of Elders (983-7568) for prayer. Requests will be printed in the Sunday bulletin and offered during the Divine Service.

### Requests made and presented in August:

#### Sunday, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>

- Ed Lewis, Bruce Wadsworth--health concerns
- Brandi Kiehl--stage 2 colon cancer and stage 1 ovarian cancer (daughter of Ken & Annette Baker)
- Renate Bergmann--healing from cataract surgery
- Pastor & members of Peace Lutheran Church (WELS) ABQ--arson attack, 07/31

#### Sunday, Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>

- the teachers & students of Santa Fe Public Schools --school resumes 08.16
- relations between the U.S & N. Korea
- Pastor Dustin Kear, his wife, Jennifer, and family as Pr. Kear begins his service to Immanuel Lutheran Church, ABQ (installation 08.13.2017)
- members and Pastor of First Baptist Church, Santa Fe, 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary today

#### Sunday, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>

- Richard Kurman, Pina Leffelbein, Ed Lewis-health issues
- Immanuel's Shut-ins--Mary Asendorf, Carol Braun, Leona Livingston

#### Sunday, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>

- Thanksgiving for the beauty of God's creation!
- Tim Norton, his wife, Heidi, and family (Pr. Tim's ordination is this afternoon in Navajo, NM)
- aftermath of Hurricane Harvey (Texas, Louisiana & other Gulf Coast states)
- Marge Heidemann, hospitalized (recent fall)

*“...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God”*

- Philippians 4:6

...in September and October

### Gentle Shepherd Preschool envelope/Parish Nurse Program Envelope

Enclosed in your box of offering envelopes are two special envelopes for September and October. Gifts received in the Gentle Shepherd Preschool envelope (second Sunday in September—Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>) will help with scholarships, supplies, and other expenses for our Preschool. Gifts received in the Parish Nurse envelope (first Sunday in October—Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>) will help ensure that all parishioners have access to our Parish Nurse, **Barbara Damron**, when health questions, problems, or issues arise.

Sunday, Sept. 10

Sunday, Oct. 01

## VISITORS IN AUGUST

We were happy to record the following visitors at Divine Services in August:

08/06	Larry & Joanne Thomas Daniel Molina	Arvada, CO Los Angeles, CA
08/13	Carol & Steve Meyer Carolyn Kahle	Hastings, NE Newkirk, OK
08/20	Al & Karen Bierlein Mary & Joel Schmidt Tim & Cheryle Kludt E. Schaubach The Heimer Family (6) John & Pam Hahn Eunice Neidhold	Ft. Wayne, IN Lake Zurich, IL Sioux Falls, SD IGI, MN El Paso, TX Arvada, CO Spokane, WA
08/27 (church picnic)	Bruce & Anna Adams Mara Brophy & Phil Jazwieck	Santa Fe, NM Espanola, NM

... thank you, members and friends

## Backpack Project at Immanuel



In the month of August, Immanuel members contributed school backpacks containing school and hygiene supplies for the Ysleta Lutheran Mission, El Paso, TX. Each year in August, Ysleta--our partner hispanic Lutheran outreach which serves the communities of El Paso and Ciudad Juarez--puts out the call for backpacks. Immanuel's packs



and supplies will be distributed to school children across the border in September.

Members of Immanuel donated 42 backpacks and 8 boxes of school supplies (estimated value-\$720.00!) Thanks to all who contributed.

Special thanks go to **Boots Butler**, and her family members (including **Katie Frybarger**) who helped transport and unload the items for Ysleta!



The photos above include Boots Butler and family members, together with Ysleta Pastor Karl Heimer and staff, unloading supplies donated by the members of Immanuel Lutheran Church

...Sunday School resumes on Sept. 17



Immanuel Sunday School:  
• for children, ages 3-14  
• meets 3 Sundays a month following Divine Service  
• SS hour begins with an opening in the sanctuary.

### Lessons for September:

- 09/03--NO Sunday School
- 09/10--Second Sunday Brunch--NO Sunday School
- 09/17--"God Provides for Elijah"
- 09/24--"Elijah and the Prophets of Baal"

Parents, please, note that if you can't make it for Sunday School, you can find excellent summary and study notes, including an audio discussion of the lesson at: <http://sundayschool.wpengine.com> (Seeds of Faith Podcast)



September 17, 2017

- Divine Service on Rally Day includes installation of teachers and dedication of students and parents.
- Rally Day Party and lunch to follow with miniature golf at Santa Fe Place Mall.



## Gentle Shepherd Lutheran Preschool

Gentle Shepherd Lutheran Preschool, established in 1989 as an outreach ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church, begins its 28<sup>th</sup> year of operation on Wednesday, Sept. 6. The Preschool will operate on a 3-day schedule (Monday, Wednesday, Friday). Staff: teachers, **Dr. Alice Bodelson & Kathy Neer**; and, Director, **Laura Escue**, Currently 15 children are registered.

We encourage you to *pray* for the Preschool and its mission in the 2017-2018 school-year.

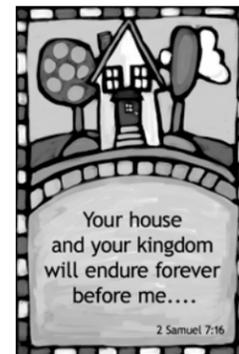
- \$280 (three days)
- \$75 enrollment fee

Excellent Christian environment for learning, social interaction, play, and development. For more information, contact **Laura Escue**, Preschool Director (577-5344).



### ... after a recess for the summer Brown Bag Bible Study

- each Thursday
- noon, for 1 1/2 hours
- bring a sack lunch and your Bible.
- Topic: The History of Israel: **2 Samuel**



## Special Sunday Adult Study Topics

### for September & October

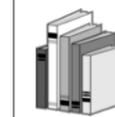
(following Divine Service)

- 9/17--"The Reformation and Church Architecture"--led by Richard Kurman)
- 9/24--"Word & Image: The Development of Bible Decoration from the Early Christian Era to the Reformation"--led by Annette Lermack)
- 10/01--DVD-- "A Man Named Martin: Pt. 3 The Movement" (Video #1)
- 10/08--"Luca Cranach's Illustrations for Luther's Wittenberg Bible"--led by Annette Lermack)
- 10/15--DVD-- "A Man Named Martin: Pt. 3 The Movement" (Video #2)

...beginning its 28<sup>th</sup> year of operation

... over 800 books and videos

## Church Library News



Immanuel's librarian, **Linda Muzio**, encourages members to utilize the church library. Linda comments, "With the recent acquisition of 41 volumes of *The People's Bible Commentary* (Concordia Publishing House, 2014), we have over 800 books." The library also includes several Bible and faith related videos.



Church Librarian, Linda Muzio

...the Rite of Ordination in NW New Mexico  
**LCMS Missionary to the Navajo Nation: Rev. Tim Norton**



Tim Norton, missionary to the Navajo peoples in Navajo, NM, was ordained into the Pastoral Ministry on Sunday afternoon, August 27, 2017.

Tim Norton began serving at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Navajo, NM in 2013 as Director of Christian

Education (DCE), eventually becoming a Vicar (Pastor-in-Training). Valley Lutheran Church, established in 1968 by the Rocky Mountain District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, is a Gospel-outreach ministry to the Navajo people. Rocky Mountain District President, Allen Anderson, presided at the Ordination service.

Also attending and assisting were 18 LCMS pastors, mostly from the Sandia and Four Corners Circuits. Pr. Doug & Laura Escue were among those in attendance. Congratulations, Pr. Norton! We rejoice with Tim and his wife, Heidi, and their 2 children.



Pictured are pastors who participated in the Rev. Tim Norton Rite of Ordination at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Navajo, NM.

**Reformation Concert**

**When:** Sat. , Sept. 17, 2017 at 7:30PM  
**Where:** Christ Lutheran Church 1701 Arroyo Chamois, Santa Fe, NM  
**What:** Bach Cantatas accompanied by oboe, violin, cello, and organ.  
**Conductor and Soprano Soloist:** Kathlene Ritch

The Reformation concert is a collaborative project of the three Lutheran Churches in Santa Fe and other Christians. The concert will include a brief presentation on Luther and the Reformation.



...helping with the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey  
**DONATIONS NEEDED**

Santa Fe Food Depot is sponsoring a collection of food and other materials for those affected by Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana. **A container will be set up on the parking lot of St. John's UMC. Donations can be brought any time on Sun., 9/3 or Mon., 9/4 (Labor Day).**

The following items are needed:

- Hand-held snack items such as granola bars, breakfast bars
- Pop-top ready-to-eat foods such peanut butter, tuna, chicken, beef stew and chili; vegetables and fruits
- Bottled water
- Cleaning supplies (bleach, non-bleach, bleach wipes, paper towels, mops, mop buckets, brooms, garbage bags and bug spray)
- Personal hygiene items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, baby wipes and disposable diapers, feminine hygiene items)
- Gift cards for pet food, but no pet food.
- **Please, no furniture, clothing or toys (new or used).**

**September is National Hunger Action Month**



The Food Depot is asking you to get involved! Donate food or funds or become a volunteer. For volunteer opportunities, contact Malcolm Schnitker at 473-2656 (Malcolm has a list of volunteer opportunities) or Sarah Carter at [scarter@thefooddepot.org](mailto:scarter@thefooddepot.org)

**151 Things God Can't Do**

by Maisie Sparks

In the coming months, we will continue featuring quotes from the book *151 Things God Can't Do* by Maisie Sparks. Ms. Sparks is a writer, wife, and mother who realized that there is a "difference between being still and doing nothing."

"Think God can do anything? Think again. God can't deceive you. God can't be wrong. God can't allow evil to go unpunished. With Scripture to support each statement, you will find relief and joy in the things God can't do!"

**GOD CAN'T BE INDIFFERENT TO YOUR FEELINGS.**

*"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."* Hebrews 4:15-16

and to sustain your strength for productive labor, stop burning the candle at every end and in between. *Stop waiting for the day when you're finally caught up and life calms down. Instead, take a Sabbath.* Follow Jesus' habit and withdraw to a "lonely place" to pray and listen to the Lord. Live daily in His victory, won for you on the cross and the empty tomb."

The above quote is from "Mission Moments" (Sept. 2017), an newsletter published by the Rev. Dr. Peter Meier, Executive Director of the Center for United States Missions.

**Sunday, September 03, 2017 National Day of Prayer for Victims of Hurricane Harvey**

...NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim September 3, 2017, as a National Day of Prayer for the Victims of Hurricane Harvey and for our National Response and Recovery Efforts. We give thanks for the generosity and goodness of all those who have responded to the needs of their fellow Americans. I urge Americans of all faiths and religious traditions and backgrounds to offer prayers today for all those harmed by Hurricane Harvey, including people who have lost family members or been injured, those who have lost homes or other property, and our first responders, law enforcement officers, military personnel, and medical professionals leading the response and recovery efforts. Each of us, in our own way, may call upon our God for strength and comfort during this difficult time. I call on all Americans and houses of worship throughout the Nation to join in one voice of prayer, as we seek to uplift one another and assist those suffering from the consequences of this terrible storm. (The entire Presidential Proclamation can be found at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/09/01>)

**Jewish Holiday Events**



**Please, note:** Immanuel's neighbor, Temple Beth Shalom, 205 E. Barcelona Road, will be celebrating two Jewish holidays in October.

~ Rosh Hashanah (Sept. 20-22)

~ Yom Kippur (Sept. 29-30)

Each of these festivals increase automobile traffic in our neighborhood. The Temple has been given permission to use Immanuel's parking lot in order to relieve congestion on Barcelona Road.

... Labor Day, Sept. 04, 2017

**Balancing Labor and Rest**

"To maintain your energy and passion

*"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord."*  
 -- Colossians 3:23 & 24

**~ PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION ~**