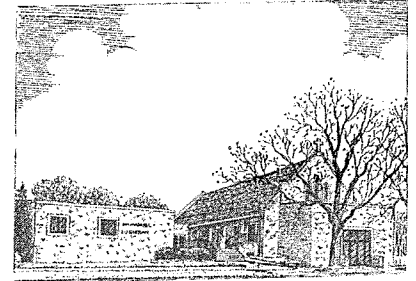
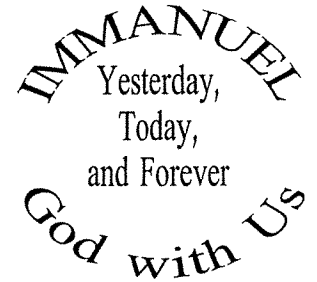


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November 2020

Newsletter Article

The month of November is upon us. We turn our attention to falling leaves, (or as this past week, 8 inches of snow), pumpkins, turkey and all the fixings, families gathering around. Many times though, we forget about where all of these blessings come from. That they come from our God and Father who has created all and preserves all. He takes care of us. So in this month of November, please join me in singing:
Now Thank We All Our God

- 1 Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next!
- 3 All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,

The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

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Thanksgiving. Giving thanks. How often we take things for granted in our life. How often we do not take the time to give God our thanks for all that He has done for us. Just take a look around. I bet there is something right next to you that you can thank God for giving to you. Even some of the smallest things and invisible things we take for granted. Think about the air you breath. Where does it come from. It just does not happen, it is part of God's creation. How often have you thanked God that you can breath today or do you wait until breathing becomes difficult and then start to think about air? We all have something to be thankful for even if you do not feel like being thankful.

Our congregation has so much to be thankful for. We have a pastor who proclaims the pure Word of God, the Word of Truth. Our congregation uses the sacraments according to God's Word. It brings sorrow to my heart that so many of our members do not come to our Divine Service to receive the gifts that God so freely gives in the Divine Service. It brings sorrow knowing that many do not like our liturgy which is so rich in God's Word and shares God's Word that many call it boring

and old and we need something new. But our liturgy is filled with the truth and gifts that God wants all of His people to have.

We have many reasons to give thanks to God. Our School, what a blessing it is to bring the Gospel to the children of our congregation and community and build up God's kingdom. It is the seventh year of our school and how it has grown and what a joy to take part in chapel at school and hear the students sing. Please pray for our school and support it in any way you can.

We thank God that we have families and loved ones that support us and are there when we need them. We thank God for fellow believers in Christ, who help and serve one another. We give thanks to God for our country, we have the freedom to worship the only True God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Please keep our elections in your prayers and our country and leaders. Pray that we have leaders who will protect our citizens and freedoms and lead according to God's Will. We give thanks to God that we have jobs and a way to support ourselves. Even when things are not going our way, or we have hardships and ups and downs in our life, there is always something to say, "Thank you God."

We give thanks knowing that we are God's children, that He is with us, that He promises to never leave us or forsake us. We give thanks to God for the forgiveness of sins that Christ earned for us on the cross. We give thanks to God that we have eternal life with Christ our Savior. A gift that is ours right now. What a gracious and loving God we have. We give thanks that we can come to the Divine Service and receive the gifts that God gives to us.

We give thanks to God by being in the Divine Service. We give thanks to God by helping those in need. We give thanks to God by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those around us. We give thanks to God by living the life that God would want us to live, to His glory.

What are you thankful for? The list can go on and on. For we have been truly blest. Let us come together and share those blessings with those around us. "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 118:1) (I encourage you to read Psalm 118).

Lord's blessings to you all. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Pastor Mueller

ADVENT

The Advent season, the beginning of a new church year, begins on Sunday, November 29th, the First Sunday in Advent. The theme for the Mid-Week Advent Services is:

Await God's Future

Advent is the time of the church year that concentrates on the future tense. The overall theme of the series is "Await God's Future." It is God's future that we are yearning for based on what God himself has announced. God's future is our hope, not human-made futures, not human-concocted utopian dreams, not future visions depending on human technology, engineering, and science. The overall goal of the series is to enable people to hear some of the future-tense announcements of the ancient prophet Isaiah, so that these ancient words will instill in the hearts and minds of the listeners repentance, faith, and hope in the coming of Yahweh. Isaiah bids us: "Await God's Future."

Advent 1 (Dec. 2) – **Yahweh Will Save in Zion** (Isaiah 26-27)

Advent 2 (Dec. 9) – **The Day of Yahweh will Come** (Isaiah 13:9-13,19; 14:1)

Advent 3 (Dec. 16) – **Gentiles Will Belong to Ancient Israel's God** (Isaiah 19:23-25)

Advent 4 (Dec. 23) – **Death the Swallower Will Be Swallowed Up** (Isaiah 25:5-9; 26:19)

Christmas Eve – **O Give Thanks unto Yahweh** (Isaiah 12:4-6)

Christmas Day - **The Righteous King on David's Throne** (Isaiah 16:4-5)

You are encouraged to be a part of these services.

Stewardship Corner

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, His death for our sins, and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water – combined with His Word, promise, and Name – the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And, being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure is that we belong to the most Holy Trinity, and everything that is His – righteousness, peace, eternal life – also belongs also to us. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's holy Word, as a sacrifice.



2021 COFFEE SCHEDULE: The schedule will be finalized during the month of November. A big thank you for all that provided treats for adult Bible study and fellowship. Please let me know if you would like to be added 1 to 3 time a year or if you need changes made to the current list. –Shirley DeVoogd 760-5390

COOKIE WALK!!

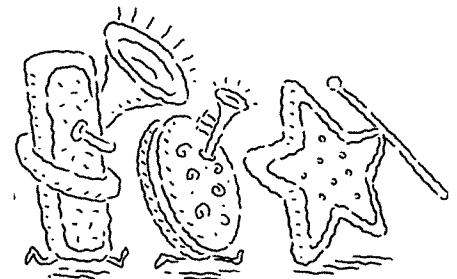
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The Martha group plans to hold the annual Cookie Walk but with a COVID-friendly twist.

Watch for further details in the December newsletter.

So, start clipping and pinning those recipes. Be ready for those Christmas goodies!



Cookie Walk

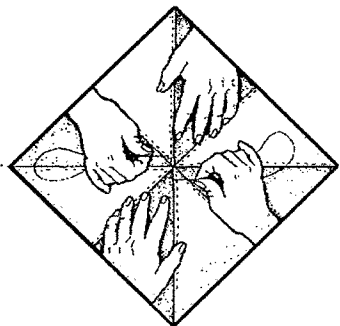
Thus, all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him. We eat to nourish our bodies. We share with our family, neighbors, fellow Christians, the poor, and even our enemies as holy things given by the holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and they bring blessings upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom.

Thus, we place all that we have into God's hands, and He never fails to remember us. He pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing, and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but, giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for the celebrations of Thanksgiving, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all – even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

GREETING CARDS: If you plan to send greeting cards for any occasion, please consider purchasing them from LWML. Our nice selection includes birthday for both adults and children, anniversary, wedding, get well, thinking of you, encouragement, congratulations, thank you and other cards to let someone know you're thinking of them. Featured cards during the month of November are Thank you for your service to military personnel. New Sympathy, Children's Birthday, and other cards will be arriving in November. Christmas cards will be placed in the vestibule later in the month.

October Quilters Report:



- 25 quilts plus 2 mats were sent to Orphan Grain Train which serves both domestic and international areas affected by poverty or disaster.
 - 12 Quilts will be given to the Wind River Lutheran Mission in Ft. Washakie, Wyoming.
 - The remaining 62+ quilts will be distributed locally in Christmas baskets or to those in need of a helping hand.
- “He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for his Maker, but whoever is kind to the poor honors God.” – *Proverbs 14:31*
- Our mission of kindness includes all who have generously donated supplies to be “upcycled” into quilts and to those who assemble and distribute them items.
- Thank you!!

ONGOING MISSION PROJECTS: Used bedding is needed by the quilters. Canceled postage stamps are needed for mission projects. Old eye glasses and outdated hearing aids are useful to others. Bedding may be left in the quilting room. Other items can be left in the cupboard under the guest book.

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| Sharon Tiensvold | Larry & Mary Ring |
| Lue Nerland | JoElla Fritzler |
| Kenton Dietrich | Wiletta Dye |
| Don Banks | Pierce Sanchez |
| Maxine Fox | Merlin Ring |
| Patty Seidler | |
| Marci Bixby (Diane Mitchell's daughter) | |
| Kallista & Faith Berg (Kevin & Julie Wilson's niece and great-niece) | |

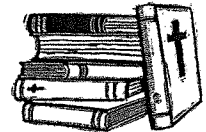


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| Travis & Michelle Hunter | 11/2/1997 |
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| Stephany & Joel Hausmann | 11/8/1997 |
| Bill & Lori Rowley | 11/10/1990 |
| Dick & Dixie Bloom | 11/16/1969 |
| John & Barbara Nielsen | 11/18/1967 |
| Howard & Norma Romick | 11/20/1966 |
| Chris & Sue Bartels | 11/22/1970 |
| George & Trudy Varvel | 11/27/1965 |
| Isaiah & Hilary Gomez | 11/29/1997 |

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES...

Adult Bible Study - Sundays, 9 am Fellowship Hall.

Bible Break - Thursdays, 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall



**Bible
Studies**

MONTHLY LWML BIBLE STUDIES:

LYDIA CIRCLE will meet Wednesday November 11th at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sharon Hashman will be the hostess and will lead Devotion and Pastor will lead the Bible Study.

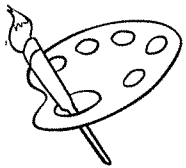
MARTHA CIRCLE Will meet on Monday, November 9th at 6:00 pm. Cheryl Sheldon will lead devotion. Pastor Mueller will lead the Bible Study.

TABITHA CIRCLE will meet Monday, November 23rd at 6 pm in the fellowship hall. Pastor Mueller will lead the Bible Study.



Education News

The school will ***NO LONGER*** be accepting aluminum cans as H&H will no longer be taking them. If you have cans, please take them the KAB.



ARTWORK ON DISPLAY: Check out the artwork at church on the upper narthex doors this month from Mrs. Oestman's Fourth grade class!

In everything give THANKS! I wouldn't even know where to begin to give thanks for the many blessings at IELS. First and foremost, to a God that provides our school and daily and richly blesses it, we give thanks. I want to thank this congregation for supporting it and always answering my call when I need something. I'm sure that Bev Schnell and Ron Mischnick would love to start screening my call! They both are so helpful and supportive of our school! Thank you!!! We are thankful for a very faithful staff of teachers and support staff. Everyday is such a joy to be with them as they have such a heart for Jesus and for the little ones in their care! When we find ourselves in a situation in which it may be difficult to find something to be thankful for, it is during these times that we need to trust that God has us and our school in His hands! He will forever be the leader of our school and our lives. Things out at the school continue to be very busy! The students will sing during Saturday night services on November 14. Our Perkins Pie fundraiser will again be held this year. Orders are due by November 12th. Pies range from \$15 to \$18. For more information, give me or the school a call! We also have several kinds of cheese still available for purchase. Call Stephany for specifics concerning both items. Thank you for allowing me to lead this awesome mission opportunity. It is such a joy to share the love of Jesus with these little ones and their families.

Miss Jill

Kindergarten

Hello! Miss Horn report for kindergarten. We have been in school for 49 days. The kids are working extra hard! We have learned 34 phonograms so far. We are working on reading books, handwriting, spelling short words, counting to 100 by ones, counting pennies, and telling time to the hour! In religion, we have read Bible stories like Moses, the Plagues, the 10 Commandments and David and Goliath. The students are working on memorizing the books of the Bible from the New Testament as well! Their brains are like sponges and they soak it all up!

5th-8th Grade

The middle school students have been very busy writing, writing and writing in Language Arts class. They have been working on article reviews, an assignment which allows them to read a newspaper article, and tell me key points that they learned. It is an assignment I've grown to love, as it shows just how much improvement takes place with practice. They have also been working on Persuasive Essays. In this paper, the students are working to convince their audience about a topic they feel strongly about. It has been wonderful to see them working out how to persuade their audience. History has been very fun this year, and the kids are very engaged in the conversations that ensue. Right now we're learning about the crusaders in the Middle East. Comparing historical figures experiences with our own, and showing how Jesus loves each and every one of us sinners, has been an interesting take on the lessons. We are very blessed to have our school, and to get to learn about, and worship Jesus every day.

Karena



11-1 - Karen Schwanke
11-1 - Dale Vaughn
11-1 - Joshua Childers
11-1 - Rodney Salomon
11-2 - Donna Eckhardt
11-2 - Jack Peterson
11-2 - Julie Wilson
11-3 - Celeste Craig
11-6 - Mandy Shaul-Bolek
11-7 - Aliyah Rodriguez
11-7 - Kinley Bellisle
11-8 - Logan Benzel
11-10 - Peggy Schnell
11-11 - Dixie Bloom
11-11 - Robert Dietrich
11-11 - Jill Mueller

BIRTHDAYS

11-13 - Rachel Kaman
11-14 - Alex Ackerman
11-15 - Tuff Dubs
11-15 - Richard Furley
11-15 - Caitlin Maynard
11-17 - Joshua Kolle
11-19 - Jacob Jerke
11-19 - Peyton Lunbery
11-19 - Eric Mischnick
11-19 - Dylan Shoemaker
11-20 - Hannah Gerth
11-20 - Brett Kelly
11-20 - Lawson Korth

11-20 - Amy Nielson
11-22 - Hunter Peterson
11-23 - Lue Nerland
11-23 - Jennifer Swanson
11-23 - Mardella McFall
11-24 - Morgan Wills
11-24 - Roger Bauer
11-26 - Cindy Brown
11-28 - George McFall
11-28 - Kathy Dye
11-28 - Jeffrey Heusman
11-29 - Kerri Heusman
11-29 - Roger Schledewitz
11-29 - Larry Luce
11-30 - Nyle Lore
11-30 - Ariel Thompson

BAPTISMS

11-1 - Frank Johns
11-2 - Larry Seidler
11-3 - Derek Moore
11-5 - Janice Brixius
11-6 - Marlyn Wilcox
11-6 - Marshall Shledon
11-6 - Courtney White
11-7 - Hannah Panwitz
11-9 - Alvin Fritzler
11-9 - Roger Seidler
11-10 - Dana Hall
11-10 - Jason Seidler
11-10 - Autumn Davis
11-10 - Jett Herian
11-10 - Alexandra Stich
11-10 - Andrew Stich
11-11 - Lori Rowley
11-11 - Laura Swedeen
11-11 - Chole Loomis
11-11 - Daylynn Loomis

11-12 - Trudy Varvel
11-13 - Phoenix Stich
11-14 - Trey Neeley
11-14 - Darla Maynard
11-15 - Susan Bartels
11-16 - Donna Eckhardt
11-16 - Bradyn Palmer
11-16 - Evan Palmer
11-16 - Tayte Palmer
11-17 - Mike Wills
11-17 - Rozlyn Wills
11-18 - Joshua Aguallo
11-18 - Rylan Bauer
11-18 - Allison Dassuncao
11-18 - Jacob Dassuncao
11-18 - Zane Dassuncao
11-19 - Ronda White
11-19 - Jace Ballard

11-19 - Tamika Hoppes
11-19 - Ryder Hoppes
11-19 - Leah Hoppes
11-21 - Lennon Korth
11-21 - Heath Wills
11-23 - Justin Edwards
11-24 - Kinley Bellisle
11-24 - Camden Gorsuch
11-25 - Whitney Wills
11-27 - Pierce Sanchez
11-27 - Terry Eckhardt
11-27 - Howard Romick
11-27 - Joshua Childers
11-28 - Alexander Pfeiffer
11-28 - Mandy Shaul-Bolek
11-28 - Railey Wills
11-30 - John Aguallo
11-30 - Charlie Herian
11-30 - Alexander Leisy
11-30 - Eric Mischnick

November Duty Roster

Ushers:

Saturday: Mr. Rich Stanec & Mr A.J. Stanec

Sunday: Mr. Jim Henton & Mr. Jerry Iossi

Elders:

Saturday: Mr. Ryan Taylor

Sunday: Mr. Jim Henton

Date	Acolytes	Coffee Duty	Counters
Saturday Oct 31 Sunday Nov 1	Josh Aguallo Avenell Soriano	Jocelyn Gerth Janene Odell	Karen Kelly
Saturday Nov 7 Sunday Nov 8	Keera Stanec Ayla Foster	Tessa Oestman Kari Narjes	Deb Grant
Saturday Nov 14 Sunday Nov 15	Zach Childers Banyn Stark	Starla Endsley Cheryl Sheldon	Deb Moore
Saturday Nov 21 Sunday Nov 22	Rozlyn Wills Jett Herian	Nancy Scherbarth Andrea Luce	Starla Endsley
Wednesday Nov 25 Saturday Nov 28 Sunday Nov 29	Josh Aguallo Keera Stanec Avenell Soriano	Tammy Lore Sue Bartels	Deb Moore



Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church & School
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Treasurer's Report

	8/1/20 through 9/9/20		8/1/19 through 11/11/19		07/31/20
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	TOTAL
General Fund Account--January 1		\$ 29,487.26		\$ 2,819.43	\$ 2,819.43
Receipts:					
Current Offerings		34,949.00		53,400.41	220,448.39
Mission Offerings		4,365.00		6,815.00	21,130.00
Other receipts		845.31		9,634.98	81,226.31
Total Accountable Funds		\$ 69,646.57		\$ 72,669.82	\$ 325,624.13
Disbursements:					
I. Board of Elders	\$ 185,787.00	\$ 21,764.80	\$ 155,957.00	\$ 45,291.86	\$ 170,661.30
II. Board of Parish Ed	11,300.00	451.17	11,300.00	543.31	3,199.85
III. Board of Missions:					
Missions	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	26,227.00
Other Mission Board	6,260.00	270.00	6,260.00	1,492.00	2,716.34
IV. Board of Trustees	73,197.00	10,637.21	70,197.00	14,682.46	50,714.72
V. Board of Stewardship	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	263.49
VI. Administration	18,500.00	2,755.50	18,500.00	3,987.93	13,377.80
Non-budget disbursements	0.00	140.00	0.00	5,271.52	15,215.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 316,544.00	\$ 36,018.68	\$ 283,714.00	\$ 71,269.08	\$ 282,375.50
General Fund Account Balance--		\$ 33,627.89		\$ 1,400.74	\$ 43,248.63
Less Accountable Funds		0.00		1,787.60	
Less Pending Checks		0.00		0.00	
Net Checkbook Balance		\$ 33,627.89		\$ (386.86)	
New School Fund--January 1		\$ 27,226.22		\$ 163.49	\$ 163.49
Receipts		173,270.57		191,934.34	607,687.30
Disbursements		(110,873.71)		(194,635.13)	(581,674.57)
School Operations funds		\$ 89,623.08		\$ (2,537.30)	\$ 26,176.22
Raising Disciples Campaign Offerings		\$ 0.00		\$ 300.00	\$ 1,050.00
Raising Disciples Offerings Disbursed		0.00		0.00	0.00
Raising Disciples funds		\$ 0.00		\$ 300.00	\$ 1,050.00
New School Fund Account Balance--		\$ 89,623.08		\$ (2,237.30)	\$ 27,226.22
Less Raising Disciples funds to be disbursed		2,670.00		1,920.00	
Less Pending Checks		0.00		2,916.61	
Net Checkbook Balance		\$ 86,953.08		\$ (7,073.91)	
School Building Payment Account--January 1		\$ 48,479.41		\$ 71,946.47	\$ 71,946.47
Receipts		29.11		174.63	540.19
Disbursements		(6,000.00)		(8,000.00)	(24,007.25)
School Building Payment Account--		\$ 42,508.52		\$ 64,121.10	\$ 48,479.41
Building Fund--January 1		\$ 13,851.71		\$ 15,935.54	
Receipts		2,025.99		836.17	
Disbursements		(14,415.63)		(4,400.00)	
Building Fund--		\$ 1,462.07		\$ 12,371.71	
Memorial Fund Bank Account		\$ 17,075.52		\$ 16,458.00	
Endowment Fund		\$ 264,420.69		\$ 141,945.31	
Debts Owed					
Internal debt (Net checkbook balance - General Fund)		\$ 0.00		\$ 386.86	
District/Synod Support owed		4,365.00		6,815.00	
Internal debt (Net checkbook balance - School Fund)		0.00		7,073.91	
District/Synod Support owed prior year		0.00		5,097.00	
Owed to Special Funds Account		43,400.00		43,400.00	
First National Bank - Operating loan		0.00		8,577.41	
First National Bank - PPP loan (thru SBA)		117,649.00		0.00	
Ralph Hoxworth - Skateland Building (School)		40,000.00		62,000.00	
Total debt		\$ 205,414.00		\$ 133,350.18	