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November 2026



Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

Psalm 107:1

Thanksgiving Eve Service
with Holy Communion
November 25
7:00 p.m.

Notes From the Pastor

"Give thanks in all circumstances." - 1 Thes. 5:16

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!" - 1 Chronicles 16:34

And a similar verse repeated 26 times in Psalm 136.

We are invited, urged, even commanded to give thanks to the Lord in Holy Scripture. Let's consider why that might be.

God certainly does not need our thanksgiving. He is perfectly whole and complete in Himself. But it is very clear that God knows that **we need to offer it**. It should fill our lives-- not because "should" like a dreary duty-- but because it is central to our understanding of Who God is for us, and even who we are as His own creation.

How easy to wake in the morning with anxiety about the coming day--without a thought of how God kept us through the night. What a difference if our first words are "Thank You!" and then as we look forward to the challenges of the day. Another "Thank You! as we recall His commands and certain, unqualified promises:

"Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you; and You shall glorify Me." - Psalm 50:15

"Cast ALL your cares on Him; for he cares for you." - 1 Peter 5:7

Literally "throw" them into the hands of the One who can help and will--which is not possible without also breathing a thankful prayer for the release from anxiety it brings.

Make it a habit! Take time literally to smell the roses and to gaze at their beauty with a "Thank You" to our Creator. The same with the beauty of so many days, and the scampering of squirrels and rabbits, the honking of geese and their amazing formations, the voice of a friend, the smile and kind words of a stranger, the Church of our Savior, the certain promises
it has celebrated through centuries with sisters and brothers around the world, both living with us now and departed, still in Christ.

And another thought. The freedoms with which we are blessed in this country depend on responsibly informed people **voting**. If there are no longer enough such people, the nation will collapse. The founders knew this danger. Countless fellow citizens gave their well-being and lives themselves to maintain those freedoms for us.

May our taking the simple action of voting be our "Thank You" to the God who has entrusted us with such a unique blessing as our nation is. The alternative is to allow our nation to become like that lunatic asylum which the inmates now run.

Finally, **please do join us,** if you are able, on the Eve of Thanksgiving for the 7:00 p.m. celebration of the Lord's Supper-- often called the Eucharist (from the Greek word for "Thanksgiving"). Our Lord began His walk to the Cross the night He gave us His Holy Supper-- to bring the victory won there to us. And now we have eternal freedom from the consequences of past failures to give thanks in our ways of living.

So we do "CELEBRATE" the Lord's Supper, not merely "observe" it. There could never be a better reason to celebrate and give thanks-- so when Christians want to offer highest thanksgiving, Jesus' own holy thanksgiving Supper is most often included.

A Blessed Thanksgiving to you!



Pastor Bauman

October
Potluck Picnic!

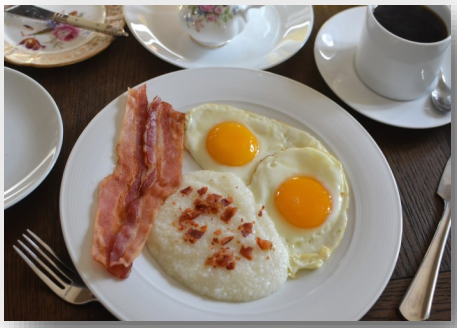
A wonderful afternoon of good food and fellowship was had by all at the October potluck picnic!

We were blessed with a wonderful, warm sunny day and spent the afternoon catching up with dear friends here at church!

Looking forward to our next chance to get together at the November Breakfast in the lower level!

Hope to see you there!





Breakfast in the Lower Level

Mark your calendar and please join us for a short Bible study, breakfast and fellowship right after the Sunday service on Nov. 8th. A free-will offering will be received. Sharing life together is a healthy practice. Look forward to seeing you there!

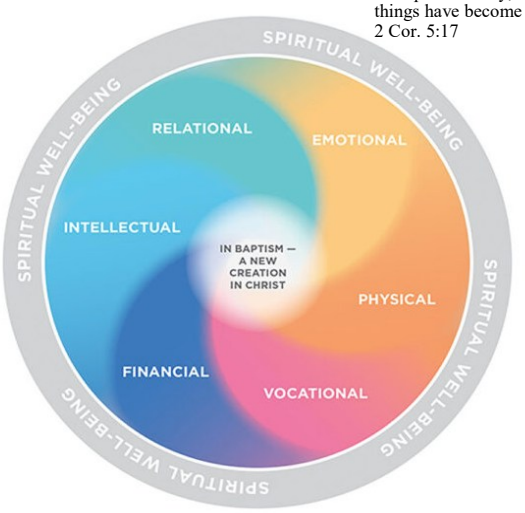
November Birthdays

11/05	Diane Stevens
11/28	Ken Fredrick
11/30	Jackie Wlezen

THE LCMS WELLNESS WHEEL

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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new"
2 Cor. 5:17



Wellness is about more than one part of our lives. God created us as whole people, and the different areas of our well-being—spiritual, emotional, physical, relational, vocational, financial, and intellectual—are interconnected. When one area needs attention, it can affect the others. This month, take time to consider your own wellness.

It's almost that time again!

Fall Back:

Sunday, November 1, 2026 (clocks move back 1 hour at 2:00 a.m.)



Congratulations and Welcome!

We are so happy to announce that Sean Kann confirmed his faith at the October 18th Worship Service .

Both he and his mother Lisa Kann became members of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bartlet.

We look forward to worshipping and serving the Lord together!

Sean's Confirmation verse is Psalm 18:2
"The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."

Lisa' Life Verse is: Matt 11:28
"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."







CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

The Fellowship committee is planning for our Christmas Brunch on December 13th! 10:45 a.m.

Come and enjoy great food and wonderful fellowship as we look forward to celebrate the season of anticipation of our Prince of Peace coming to us as a little child.
No need to bring anything. A free-will offering will be taken.

You can call the office at (630) 837-1166 to sign up or look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex in the next few weeks.

Hope to see you there!

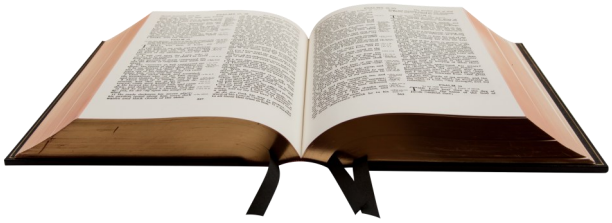
SURGE

October Surge was a hit! Human Hungry Hungry Hippos in the lower level was fun for all as the kids rolled across the floor to capture as many balls as they could with their baskets! So, thankful to all who helped out! John Moninger for the set up, Terry Zillmer for running the game and Pastor Bauman and Diane Stevens for the lesson! These nights would not be possible without our volunteers!





Sunday Bible Study



Come and join us on Sunday mornings for a Bible Study at 10:45. No experience is needed, We are currently studying the Book of Acts. We are discussing what our next study will be. It would be a good time to join!

Giving Tree 2026

By Lynn Zillmer Sponsor-A-Family Coordinator

It is almost Christmas time again, a joyous time when we gather together and celebrate our Savior come to Earth. God with us! Immanuel! It is in thankfulness for that act that He invites us to help those who may be struggling around us. We can be His hands and feet in this world.

Our Savior Jesus Christ was our gift and it is in this season that we are asked in these tangible ways to bless those around us as we remember all that has been given to us.

This year we again partnered with the Hanover Township Adopt-A Family program to provide Christmas gifts for a needy family.

Please look for our Christmas tree board in the Narthex coming in the next few weeks. It will have requests from the children of our adopted family. Purchase the gift and return it wrapped with the tag that you took from the board attached to it. We will then deliver the gifts to the Hanover Township facility on Rt.59 mid December, and they will distribute the gifts to our family.



Pictured above are the gifts donated for our Adopted family in 2025

Altar Guild - Bev Bayes

ALTAR FLOWERS



Don't forget the Altar flowers when you have a blessing or special occasion or someone you want to honor.

Order forms: Hanging on the office door.

Two vases - $30

Also, we want to remind you these are your flowers, and you may take them with you following the Service.

Bev Bayes will soon be taking orders for our Christmas poinsettias.

Please watch for inserts in the Sunday bulletins to order flowers to decorate for our Christmas Eve Service. You can take your plants home with you after the Service. Price TBD. Will post price as soon as possible.

November 2026 Schedules

Lay Minister Schedule

November 1 - David Schroeder & Gary Luper
November 8 - David Schroeder
November 15 - Larry Pikora & Gary Luper
November 22 - Marty Sterrett
November 29 - Gary Luper

Reader Schedule

November 1 - Adele Pikora
November 8 - David Schroeder
November 15 - Sally Hover
November 22 - Walt Kienzle
November 29 - Sally Hover

If you would like to volunteer to serve, please call the office.

If unable to serve when scheduled, please try to find a substitute. Also notify the church office as soon as possible (630 837-1166 or immanuelbartlett@sbcglobal.net) Thank you!



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Hispanic Ministry Church
Sunday - 1:00 p.m. - 5:00:p.m.
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Friday - 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight
The last Sunday of every month
1:00 p.m. - 6:30:p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous
Monday - 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 *All Saints' Day* *9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC)* *10:45 a.m. Bible Class*	2	3	4 *Special Confirmation Class 4:00 p.m.*	5	6	7 *8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties*
8 *Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost* *9:30 a.m. Worship Service* *10:45 a.m. Breakfast in the Lower Level*	9	10	11 *Board of Lay Min. Meeting 7:00 p.m.*	12 *Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 p.m.*	13	14 *8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties*
15 *Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost* *9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC)* *10:45 a.m. Bible Class* *SURGE 5:00-7:00 p.m.*	16	17	18	19	20	21 *8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties*
22 *Last Sunday of the Church Year* *9:30 a.m. Worship Service* *10:45 a.m. Bible Class*	23	24	25 *7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service (HC)*	26 *Thanksgiving Day*	27	28 *8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties*
29 *First Sunday in Advent* *9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC)* *10:45 a.m. Bible Class*	30					