



# Immanuel

Lutheran Church

*Love. Serve. Repeat.*

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## IMMANUEL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH 150TH ANNIVERSARY SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2021





Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel,

The following is a hymn that I have written for a congregational anniversary. It expresses not only my own thoughts, but the reasons we all have to offer high thanksgiving at this significant celebration of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The past 150 years have included two pandemics, two world wars, the great Depression, the threat of nuclear destruction in the Cold War, the Korean and Vietnam conflicts-- and faithful members who have given their time and resources to see that the saving Word and sacraments continue to be offered here to this day. God is trustworthy, always.

“Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever! -  
Psalm 118:1

**Yesterday, Today, Forever**

*Tune: Ode to Joy (“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” LSB 803)*

Yesterday, today, forever, Jesus Christ remains the same.  
Yesterday, today, forever, Honor, glory to that Name!  
Glory to the Son most holy, Word through whom all things were made.  
Glory to the One who saved us, On whose flesh our sins were laid.

Yesterday, today, forever, Heav’nly Father caring still,  
Governing the whole creation, Ever turning good from ill.  
We God’s children, God’s beloved, Love that stands the test of time,  
God the patient, all-wise parent, Holding us for plans sublime.

Yesterday, today, forever, Holy Spirit, breath of God,  
Breathing in the hearts of nations, Forming faith and hope and love.  
Holy Spirit, awesome power, In the quiet means of grace--  
Bread and wind, and words with water, Gospel words for ev’ry race.

Yesterday, today, forever, We but flickers in the night.  
Glory far beyond all knowing, Mercy endless, boundless might.  
Yet we gather now to offer Adoration, thanks and praise,  
Knowing that our God will hear us, Listen to us all our days.

Yesterday, today, forever, Still this is the house of God,  
Stooping here to meet and serve us All these years of steadfast love.  
Splashing water, babies crying, Bride and groom exchanging vows,  
Confirmation classes kneeling, Sins and sorrows, prayerful bows.

Yesterday, today, forever, May our God now lead us on--  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Till the new creation's done.  
Then we pray that we'll be gathered With the saints of every age,  
There around the throne of heaven, There to sing God's timeless praise.

*Pastor Bauman*

# **Immanuel's 150th Anniversary Celebration!**



**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service and Open House**

**Mark your calendar for September 19, 2021 at 11 am.**

**Open house will follow in the Narthex and Fellowship hall**

**after the service till 3 pm.**

**Please check your email, as evites were sent out.**

**ALL ARE INVITED!!!**

## VBS 2021 "YOU ARE TREASURED"



We had a wonderful week at Vacation Bible School at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, last month. Twenty children experienced our "You are Treasured" VBS. We were so blessed with fourteen wonderful volunteers, beautiful weather and much needed financial support from both Thrivent and Immanuel.

Many wonderful moments will forever remain with me as I saw God working through the week. One of my favorite memories was hearing how the children were pulling together their change to help support the Kenyan mission, Project 24. It is an LCMS mission that provides a home, education and spiritual guidance to children who for various reasons had none. The kids enjoyed hearing stories of how people in Africa live and seeing pictures of the children that they were supporting with their donations. We even sent a card signed by all of the VBS kids to the mission leader to be shared with the church in Kenya.

It was wonderful to hear the children sing worship songs to Jesus. They learned the words and hand motions to some of our beloved hymns and also some new songs. Another thing that comes to mind was hearing the kids singing the VBS songs without any prompting by a leader as they were going out to snack time. And also hearing stories from parents how their kids were singing the VBS songs at home. My hope is that they will be singing these songs for years to come.

Of course lesson time had its fun moments too. My favorite answer of the week was from a very young boy who was asked about the food that was provided by God to the Israelites as they wandered in the wilderness. The question was "What came down from heaven for the Israelites to eat? And the boy responded "mayonnaise"! Well it is manna but close enough.

The kids were given the crafts they made at the end of each day. It was so fun to see how excited they were to get them. They put a lot of effort and did a really nice job on the projects they put together. The crosses they painted and decorated were beautiful!

The happiest moments came during our game time. All week the kids played various outdoor games like crazy relays, "Bozo Buckets", and the crowd favorite water balloon games. There were so many smiles and so much laughter, the leaders couldn't help but to play along too.

I am so thankful to the Lord for blessing this opportunity to teach our community youth in such a fun way. I pray that he continues to bless our efforts to reach the kids in our community.

VBS Coordinator,  
Lynn Zillmer



## **Treasurer's Report September 2021**



Hello members and friends of Immanuel. I wish everyone could see all the activities going on at church with so many members actively engaged in a variety of critical tasks in preparation for celebrating Immanuel's 150th Year Anniversary.

While many members are familiar with Immanuel's history, I am positive that many members and friends are not, so allow me to summarize Immanuel's existence.

Immanuel Congregation, originally organized as a Lutheran Society, held its first worship service on January 1, 1871 in a church building on Fisher Road southeast of Ontarioville. Immanuel joined the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod on July 16, 1899. On Christmas Eve, 1959, because Immanuel's membership had outgrown the old church building, Immanuel began holding worship services at Set Screw & Mfg. Co. in Bartlett. In 1964, Immanuel moved into its new church building on Devon Avenue, on a 5 acre site donated by William and Dora Leiseberg. Once again Immanuel had outgrown its facility and needed more space for meetings, dinners, choir activities and its growing Preschool outreach program. After a series of meetings over a period of nearly a year, it was agreed that Immanuel needed to build a sizeable addition. After several months of fundraising events and meetings with architects and contractors, the addition was completed and the addition to Immanuel was dedicated in March 1992. Immanuel's first church building remains in existence today on the southwest corner of Church Road and Devon Avenue in Hanover Park currently operating as Community of Hope Church right next to Immanuel's Cemetery. This structure was Immanuel's original church brought down Church Road to this site in the late 1890s being moved from the original site on a horsedrawn platform on rolling logs. Can you imagine that sight and the work involved?

**Finances** – August to date (with one more Sunday remaining, August being a five Sunday month) Income is at \$5,951 with expenses at \$10,518 including \$400 for power washing in preparation for painting, \$1,000 for painting the complete church exterior and \$200 for paint. The Board of Directors believed it was an important maintenance matter since this is the first time the complete exterior was freshly painted since the 1992 addition was completed 30 years ago. I believe you will find the enhancement very befitting to Immanuel's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Let's not overlook Immanuel's Monthly Budget Income need of \$11,185, while we continue to maintain it's Monthly Expense under \$12,945.

Hopefully, contributions will continue to pick up in the forthcoming months and get Immanuel's finances back on track.

### **Some things are worth repeating: Additional repairs and upgrades –**

Hot Water Tank Replacement – This remains on our "To Do List". We just need time to work it in and finances to defray the cost which is around \$500.

Leaking Riser Pipe (part of the Automatic Sprinkler System) – We are still awaiting a scheduling time for this work from Fox Valley.

Weed Spraying – John and Bob have completed spraying the weeds in the parking lot with weed killer. In another week we will weedwack the remaining remnants and retreat any holdouts. Also Dick Zoellick has sprayed the church lawns with their annual dose of dandelion and weed treatment to keep Immanuel's lawns looking beautiful in addition to keeping the lawns trimmed and groomed. Another Thank You to John for keeping the Parsonage lawns well groomed each week. Would anyone suspect all the work that goes on behind the scenes?

**Northern Illinois District (NID)** – Unfortunately our finances of late have not allowed Immanuel to honor its commitment to NID. Although others expenses have been at the forefront lately, we do need to honor our Budgeted commitment to NID in September with the second installment due in December.

**Spanish Church** – We continue to meet with Pastor Armando of Asamblea Apostolica Church and I have some changes to make in Immanuel's Use Agreement with the church per our discussions. There does not seem to be enough hours in each day with everything else needing to be attended to as well.

**And . . .** Don't forget about our members and friends at Clare Oaks (now known as The Oaks of Bartlett). Take a moment to drop them a card or a note and see how they are doing. I know they would appreciate hearing from fellow church members.

**Words to live by:**

**Malachi 3:10**

*“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”*

(This reminds us that giving leads to more blessings in life.)

Blessings to all.

**Bob Brinkman**  
**Treasurer**

## **CHURCH FUNDRAISER**

Save your old sneakers and old Ink cartridges.  
There will be a box for each in the narthex.  
Please see Barb Platter for questions.





Always  
Pray  
and Never Give Up



Fall Gathering  
September 25, 2021  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
195 Nesler Rd, Elgin, IL 60124  
9AM to 2:30PM



Check-in will begin at 8:30 with "coffee and"



Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries Illinois Expansion  
Bible Study by Rev. Edward DeWitt, President  
Keynote Speaker Sheryl DeWitt, Executive Director  
They are a recipient of a 2021-2023 LWML Grant!

Afternoon activities will include lunch, hands on mission work, and closing litany. Lots of time for fellowship and singing!  
Any questions call Kris Blackwell at (630) 234-1491.

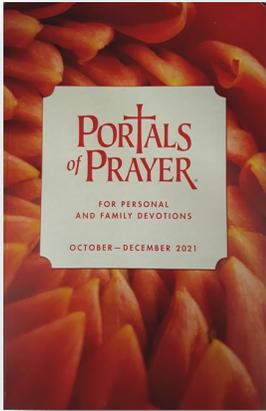
### FROM "YOU ARE TREASURED" VBS TO "TREASURE HUNTER'S CLUB"



We are so excited to starting up a new version of the Treasure Hunter's Club! If you are interested in helping out, please come to a planning meeting on Sept. 7 at 1:30 p.m. We will be working on curriculum and schedule. Our start date for this program will be Oct. 3. We are planning to meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month during the School Year from 5-7 p.m. with dinner included.

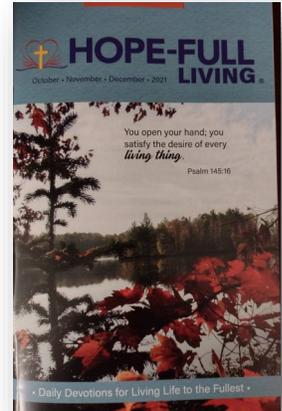
### September Birthdays

Isaiah Guerra	09/03	Roger Dreher	09/11
Sunil Bhatti	09/04	Bonnie Hulke	09/15
Jessica Bhatti	09/09	Marty Sterrett	09/21
		Jacob Anderson	09/23



## *Portals of Prayer/ Hope-Full Living*

*The latest Portals of Prayer and Hope-Full Living are now available. Hope-Full Living is a newer devotional booklet with daily devotions and especially written for older*



adults. Many who have used it report finding it very helpful.

The latest edition of Portals of Prayer, also in large print and Hope-Full Living are available in the church narthex or to be mailed to you by calling the church office at (630) 837-1166.



Keep using the AmazonSmile icon for your Amazon purchases, Once again, the link is <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-6414746>.

Or go to our website and click on the AmazonSmile icon.

Remember: Every little bit adds up!



*Faith can  
move  
mountains.*

# September 2021 Schedules



## Lay Minister Schedule

September 5 - Mike Tellin & Al Thilk  
September 12 - Dave Schroeder & Mike Tellin  
September 19 - Mike Tellin, Dave Schroeder, Brad Kuehn  
September 26 - Brad Brad, Al Thilk



## Reader Schedule

September 5 - Mike Tellin  
September 12 - Dave Schroeder  
September 19 - Al Thilk  
September 26 - Brad Kuehn

*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](mailto:immanuelbartlett@sbcglobal.net)) Thank you!*

## YOUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP



We are now studying the Book of Revelation. Please join us!  
The class meets on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and is offered both in person and remotely through Google Meet. Contact Sally Hover at [shover@einsteinacademy.us](mailto:shover@einsteinacademy.us) or call 630-276-3298 if you would like to join remotely. You will be very welcome!



# September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 150th Anniversary Planning meeting 1:30 p.m.	3	4 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
5 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	6	7 Treasurer Hunter Staff meeting 1:30 p.m.	8	9	10	11 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
12 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	13	14 Board of Lay Ministry Meeting 7:00 p.m.	15	16	17	18 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
19 <sub>t</sub> 150th Anniversary Celebration 11:00 a.m. Service (HC) Open House after service until 3:00 p.m.	20	21 Board of Evangelism Meeting 7:00 p.m.	22	23	24	25 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
26 <sub>t</sub> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	27	28 Oaks of Bartlett Service 1:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 p.m.	29	30		