



Immanuel

Lutheran Church

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NEED SOME ENCOURAGEMENT?

Once Katie Luther, wife of Dr. Martin, dressed up all in black like a mourner. Her husband was normally very cheerful, but also had periods of deep discouragement and depression.



He was at one time so depressed that his friends suggested he go away for a break, to see if that might bring some relief. He went away; but he came home as miserable as ever. When he went into the sitting-room, his wise wife Katie was sitting there, dressed in black, and her children round about her, all in black.

“Oh, no!” said Luther, “who is dead?”

“Why,” said Katie, “Doctor, have not you heard that God is dead? My husband, Martin Luther, would never be in such a state of mind if he had a living God to trust.”

Then Martin burst into a welcome laugh, and said, “Kate, you are a wise woman. I have been acting as if God were dead, and I will do so no more. Go and take off your black.”

Many people with whom I interact-- both within and outside our congregation-- feel overwhelmed. People with very good intentions, but with

- too many concerns overloading them,
- with feelings of inadequacy to meet all the challenges before them--
- not even the normal deadlines on their things to do lists.

How different things look when we remember our God is alive to keep His promises!

I recall a Gospel song popular when I was growing up, one which Elvis Presley also sang.

“It is no secret what God can do. What He’s done for others He will do for you, with arms wide open He will part anew. It is no secret what God can do.”

In the rapidly approaching holiday season, we celebrate that we truly have a living God.

- We are reminded to give thanks-- not just on one day but always, in every condition.
- There is no greater remedy for stress and worry and downcast spirits.
- To fail to give thanks is to refuse the power to live victoriously.
- Instead, “Be anxious for NOTHING, but in EVERYTHING by prayer and supplication, WITH THANKSGIVING, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard YOUR hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” *Philippians :6, 7*

And as we draw nearer to Christmas, we thankfully remember that our living God is a GRACIOUS, FAITHFUL, SAVING GOD-- the God on whom we can fully depend, forever.

- "If God is for US, who can be against US? Certainly not God, who did not even keep back His own Son, but offered Him FOR US ALL. He gave US His Son-- will He not also freely give us all things?" *Romans 8:32,33*

When I was ordained, the pastor who both baptized and ordained me left some personal words of blessing at the end of the recording made of the Ordination. He gave me these words to remember in the years that were to follow:

- "The joy of the LORD is your strength." *Nehemiah 8:10*

That Lord is bigger than any circumstance or combination of circumstances that Satan would use to steal our joy. Let Him and His joy be YOUR strength-- and our strength together. Let us ALL rejoice and be glad. *Matthew 5:12, Psalm 118:24*

"It is no secret what God can do. What He has done for others He WILL do for YOU."

PLEASE don't miss out on the joy that is there FOR YOU, ALREADY NOW! Thank God for it. Praise the Lord! Give Him the honor due His Name.

- It will bounce back in eternal joy.

- And be boundless strength for the present!



November Birthdays

11/03 Kate Franzen

11/06 Jaxon Alford

11/22 Jake Franzen

11/30 Jackie Wlezen

**Treasurer's Report
November 2019**

As I look back re-reading my September Treasurer's Report, I find many similarities in our current financial situation as we had then. However it appears I may have been more hopeful that our financial picture would have improved over the past two months than it actually did.

Our immediate financial shortcomings seem to be due to a continuation of low member attendance for Sunday Worship services for a variety of reasons, but certainly Sunday Worship is an equally important part of family life, isn't it? And lately as we have seen in September, lower attendance which appears to stem from the rainy weather and further compounded by some related illnesses some of us have experienced.

All of this has had a serious decline in offering contributions and certainly upon our need for continued spiritual quality of life. Further impacting Immanuel's financial situation was the need to replace our 25 year old parking lot lighting for both people safety and building security as the evenings become darker earlier and earlier as Autumn and Winter approach.

Under our new budget effective July 1, 2019, here are some financial highlights:

Monthly Income Need $\$11,185 \times 4 \text{ months} = \$44,740$

Actual Income Received $\$8,082$ (excluding $\$20,000$ Mike Meyer Memorial) – July
 $\$8,388$ – August
 $\$8,313$ – September (excluding $\$6,000$ transfer from LCEF Savings Account and $\$1,175$ annual distribution from the LLF Investment Account)
 $\$6,678$ - October (to date excluding 10/27 contributions)

 $\$31,461$ (Deficit of $\$13,279$ for the 4 month period)

YTD Expenses

$\$11,449$ - July (excluding $\$20,000$ Mike Meyer Memorial transferred to LLF Account)
 $\$ 9,393$ – August
 $\$11,602$ - September
 $\$10,251$ – October (excluding $\$2,100$ for Parking Lot Lighting Upgrade shared 50/50 with
 CTR Church)

 $\$42,695$

Expense Budget = $\$12,945$ per month $\times 4 = \$51,780$

You can see that we have been able to keep essential expenses under budget because of our income being so greatly under budget. However, you can also see why it has been necessary to withdraw $\$7,175$ from Immanuel's LCEF Savings and LLF Accounts.

Hopefully we will see our current situation turn itself around and we will see our pews for Sunday Worship services filled greatly. I would love to have the opportunity to tell everyone that our financial situation has improved very well and we have been able to meet our financial obligations without any problems.

There is some good news, however, that I want to tell everyone about before this article ends:

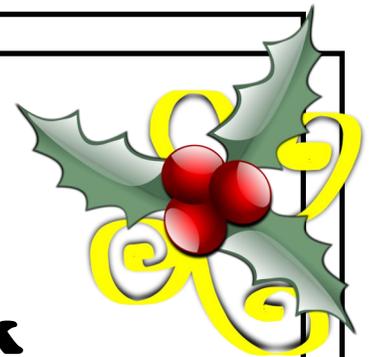
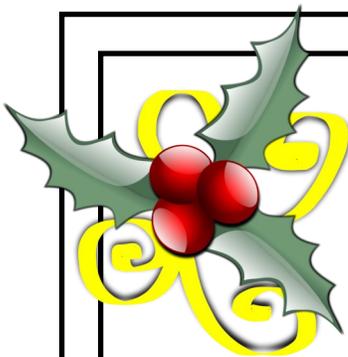
Have you seen the new roofs on the Parsonage and our Pavilion? They both were damaged by the June hailstorm that quickly passed through our Bartlett area. The Parsonage roof was over 30 years old and was in need of replacement whenever our budget would allow it to happen.

Our insurance company paid for these roofs through the damage claim we made to them. We are still working on the claim for the church building from the same hailstorm and anticipate that work will start soon. It was unfortunate the church building was damaged as the roof was totally replaced only two years ago.

Let me leave with this thought for you to contemplate:

Some people say, "Give until it hurts." But God recommends that we give until it feels good. God loves a cheerful giver.

Blessings to all.
Bob Brinkman
Treasurer



Save the Date

Christmas Potluck

Sunday, December 8, 2019

More information in the Sunday Newsletter





Breakfast Brunch Bunch

Breakfast Brunch Bunch met as usual and had a delightful time of fellowship. Our next gathering will be November 10th. We look forward to seeing you all in church, a short Bible Study, then off to breakfast

Altar Guild – Bev Bayes

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

Sign the chart hanging by the office door and fill out the form. Two vases are \$35 or single long stem roses are \$8.

Also, we want to remind you these are your flowers and you may take them with you following the service. Poinsettia Plants will be available for the Christmas Eve Service!



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November 2019 Schedules



Lay Minister Schedule

November 3- Mike Tellin & Al Thilk
November 10-
November 17- Brad Kuehn & Dave Schroeder
November 24-
Thanksgiving Eve- Brad Kuehn & Dave Schroeder



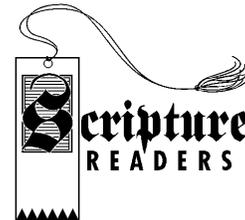
Usher Schedule

November 3 Bev Bayes & Barb Platter
November 10 Mike & Sonia Ongcangco
November 17 Mike Tellin & Al Thilk
November 24 Bev Bayes & Barb Platter
Thanksgiving Eve - Bob & Brenda Brinkman



Acolyte Schedule

November 3 – Elijah Guerra
November 10 - Kate Franzen
November 17 - Malaiah Guerra
November 24 - Brooke Franzen
Thanksgiving Eve - Isaiah Guerra



Reader Schedule

November 3 - Mike Tellin
November 10 - Al Thilk
November 17 - Dave Schroeder
November 24 - Erica Franzen
Thanksgiving Eve - Dave Schroeder

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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Iglesia Apostolica Cristo La Roca (CTR)- Every Sunday 12-5 Every Tuesday 7-9 Every Friday 7-9				1	2 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
3 All Saints Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class 5-7 p.m. Kids of Christ	4	5	6	7	8	9 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
10 Twenty Second Sunday in Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Breakfast Brunch Bunch 5-7 p.m. Kids of Christ	11	12 7:30 p.m. Board of Evangelism	13	14	15	16 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
17 Twenty Third Sunday in Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class 5-7 p.m. Kids of Christ	18 7:00 p.m. Lay Ministry	19	20	21 1:30 p.m. Clare Oaks Service 7:00 p.m. Board of Dir.	22	23 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
24 Christ the King Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Bible Class 5-7 p.m. Kids of Christ Stewardship Commitment Sunday	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 p.m. (HC)	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties