

Our Thanksgiving Journey

For what are you thankful for? Off the top of your head, you may not think of anything. Then again, you might think of many things. Did you think of your body and soul? How about family and friends and all your material possessions? For all these things we should thank and praise God.

Have you ever done a lot for someone who didn't show any appreciation? You probably weren't too happy. Luke tells us that something like that happened to Jesus (17:11-19). Ten leprous men were miraculously healed but only one returned to give Jesus thanks and praise. Jesus asks him, with a hint of disappointment in his voice, *"Where are the nine?"* How often are we like the other nine, forgetting to say thanks for the wonderful gifts we've received from God?

All ten men believed in Jesus but only one of them, a Samaritan, remembered who it was that had healed them. Only one of them saw the God of creation at work in his own life. This one leper saw God in this man Jesus of Nazareth and returned to give thanks and praise to that God. He rejoiced, not only in the healing of his sin, but also in a healing that made him part of a community again. He was now reconciled to God, forgiven of his sins, and given new life. Jesus tells the man to leave his worship and continue on the journey of faith. *"Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."*

Today, many people give thanks for material blessings. Even people who normally have little or nothing to do with God will say, "Thank you." But will they continue thanking God when the situation has passed? Maybe, but then again, maybe not. Even you and I sometimes find ourselves weak when it comes to thanking and praising God. We tend to be better askers than thankers. "God please do something! Get me out of this bind! Give me some relief! Make us happy!" Many times, we ask for our daily bread, but then forget to thank God when we get it.

And we do have many reasons to give thanks! Consider again the ten lepers. Jesus healed all of them of an incurable disease. But only the Samaritan recognized the healer behind the healing. Only one of the ten recognized the giver behind the gift. He believed not only that God healed him, but also that this God was Jesus of Nazareth. The foreigner believed and returned to thank and praise. Thanksgiving flowed into worship.

Jesus may not have healed us from leprosy. But he has healed us from something much greater. Jesus died for us on the cross to deliver us from the disease of sin, death, and of the devil. You and I, who suffer from the human disease of sin, have been healed. That's more than enough reason to thank and praise God! That thanks and praise flows out in worship.

So, for what are we thankful for? There's almost too much to count! All our material blessings, being made children of God and heirs of heaven, our school, freedom to worship the one true God, to glorify Him and Impact our Community. These are all gifts we have received and continue to enjoy. Thanks and praise to God in Jesus Christ! *"Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done!" (Psalm 105:1).* As your pastor I am very thankful to God for each of you for all many ways you bless me. Let us give thanks to God every day as we journey through this life filled with His wonderful gifts.

To God be the glory,

Pastor Steve Deombeleg

Black & White Night

11th Annual Dinner Auction

NOVEMBER 1, 2019 • 6:00PM • THE BISTRO

Dinner Auction Menu

Spring Mixed Salad
Soy-Glazed Roasted Chicken
Black Sea Salt Seasoned Eye of Round Beef
Purple Mashed Potatoes
Herbed Wild Rice
French Napoleon

Auction Items & Baskets

Two tickets to Blackhawks Game on Nov. 19th
Brookfield Zoo Package - 6 All Inclusive Passes
Dessert of the Month - by Bakers of Immanuel
Large 100% Leather Dooney & Bourke Purse
InstaPot & Recipe Book
2 Tickets to Medieval Times
Movie & Sports Packages, Baskets & much more!



We will be singing at Brookfield Zoo's Holiday Magic again this year. We are scheduled to perform on opening night Saturday November 30 at 8pm. If you are interested in singing with us, let Mike Mannella know before November 23, so your name can be added to the gate list.

Important Dates

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| 1 | Dinner Auction | 20 | Vision & Hearing Screening |
| 3 | Day Light Saving Time | 22 | Adult Volleyball |
| 5 | School Picture Retakes | 25 | PTC / Buona Benefit |
| | Day School Meeting | 26 | Half Day of School / PTC |
| 6 | Faculty Meeting | 27 | No School |
| 8 | Adult Volleyball | | Thanksgiving Eve Service |
| 11 | Veterans Day - No School | 28 | No School Thanksgiving Day |
| 12 | Math Club | 29 | No School |
| 17 | Informer Submissions Due | | |

Blessings on Your Stewardship Journey

Giving Sacrificially

Sacrificial giving can be defined as “giving something we love to something or someone we love even more.” We value our time and money, yet we are willing to give them away in our service to our Lord, because of our love for Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Through faith, we understand that God is the source and owner of all things and any success that we have financially is made possible by God. It is God Who gives us the ability to make and earn money. *“Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’ You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He Who gives you the power to get wealth...”* (Deuteronomy 8:17-18).

Our giving gives evidence of our relationship with Jesus. Of all the tools that Satan may consider using to separate us from an intimate relationship with Jesus, money is his best tool. Our love for money and the things that money can buy can become stronger than our love for the Lord. The writer of Hebrews admonishes, *“Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with*

what you have...” (Hebrews 13:5). Paul warns Timothy, *“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs”* (1 Timothy 6:10). If we love money, we can be separated from God just as the Rich Young Man was because he was unable to part with his fortune (Mark 10:17-22).

When we have a proper attitude and perspective toward what we own and when we, with the help of the Holy Spirit understand Who God is and what He has done for us, we are empowered to give sacrificially. Sacrificial giving represents the depth of our love for the Lord. As the writer of Hebrews wrote, *“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God”* (Hebrews 13:16).

BECAUSE OUR HEARTS ARE FILLED WITH GOD’S LOVE, WE ARE MOTIVATED TO BE GIVERS RATHER THAN TAKERS.

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7).

The foundational truth for our stewardship is that God is the owner. We are stewards, not owners. He has created all things, and He has never relinquished His control and ownership over His creation. We may verbally acknowledge God’s ownership with our lips, but do our actions show that we act as owners rather than stewards? As God’s stewards, we have the responsibility to seek to determine what God wants us to do with what He entrusts to us. May we not only seek to know God’s will but may we also desire to do it.

A Month of Prayer

The fellowship of prayer consists of caring people who pray daily for members in the church. Members and their families will be listed in alphabetical order each month. Please pray for both their known and unknown needs.

1. Dorothy Westphal
2. Philbert Wilcox, Jr..
3. Philbert Wilcox, Sr.
4. John Wilkins
5. Brett Willis
6. Valerie Winston
7. Vern Witt
8. Harald Zedler
9. Annette Zimmerman
10. Anderson Family
11. Ron & Barb Arndt
12. Susan Arnold
13. Carolyn Barry
14. Len Bartels
15. Evelyn Becker
16. Bell Family
17. Bettin Family
18. Karen Bimler
19. Blair Family
20. Herman & Lois Boese
21. Elaine Boettcher
22. Bozzi Family
23. Roger Brabant
24. Ruth Anne Brendemuhl
25. Bob Brown
26. Doretha Brown
27. Joe & Lisa Chioda
28. Czubernat Family
29. Detrall Dearbone
30. Deombelg Family



Immanuel Christian Academy

Corrected Vision

by Valerie J. Winston

Once my vision was corrected through surgery, I had to wear glasses. Every year I had to go to the eye doctor and get an exam. And every year I ended up having to get new glasses because my prescription had changed. I can't say that I enjoyed or disliked going, it just became a part of what I had to do every year. But I did have a favorite part of going to the eye doctor. My favorite part was putting on the new glasses. It was like I was seeing everything for the first time. Everything was so clear.

I have almost the same reaction when I clean my glasses. I can't understand how they get so dirty and foggy. I'm amazed at how unclear and blurry things were. And I realize I may be seeing things out of focus.

Sometimes we can lose focus and not see things clearly in life. There are times when we focus on the wrong things and ignore things that are more important. We are off-balance in some way because of the blurriness of our lives. It's at those times that our vision needs to be corrected.

When Jesus visited Mary and Martha, Mary sat and focused on Jesus, while Martha focused on her preparations. Martha became so upset that she complained to Jesus and wanted Him to correct Mary's vision. While Martha was not wrong in wanting to be of service to Jesus, she was wrong in choosing that moment to do so. Jesus told Martha that Mary was making the right choice in that moment.

Jesus is telling us that there is a right time and place for everything. There is a time for both service and stillness, a time for doing and a time for being. We need to find that balance in our discipleship and in our lives. When our vision is corrected and focused on Jesus, the blurriness and foginess becomes clear.



Help the Old Schoolhouse Community Garden & Orchard raise money for a tool storage shed and garden sign. Starting on Nov. 15th we will initiate a fundraising campaign through the link below, please support us in our effort to secure the Matching Funds Grant

through SeedMoney. Your donation will help us serve the community, giving glory to God. Thank You.

<https://donate.seedmoney.org/3177/old-schoolhouse-community-garden-orchard>



***Thanksgiving Eve Service November 27th 7pm
followed by pie and coffee in Fellowship Hall.***

**Daylight Savings Times
ends at 2am on November 3rd.
No School November 11th - Veterans Day
No School November 27 - 29
Thanksgiving Break**



November Birthdays

1 - Alicia Blair
3 - Leslie Iacovetti
4 - Christine Bell
5 - Mike Mannella
6 - Daniel Stallings

11 - Jacob Czubernat
14 - Susan Arnold
17 - Dorothy Francis
19 - Dorothy Ivers
22 - Olivia Deombeleg

GIVE

Thanks be to God for His
incredible gift! 2 Cor. 9:15

Enter **H**is gates with thanksgiving and
his courts with praise. Psalm 100:4

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Psalm 29:1

And **N**ow we thank you, our God, and
praise your glorious name. 1 Chron. 29:13

Let us **K**neel before the Lord our Maker.
Psalm 95:6

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving,
sing praises to our God. Psalm 147:7

Everything written in the Scriptures was written to teach us, in order that we might have hope through the patience and encouragement which the Scriptures gives. Romans 15:4

Getting the Most Out of Your Daily Bible Reading

As you read the Bible each day, allow the Scriptures to speak to you. This daily "dialogue" between you and the biblical text will reveal new understandings about God, and about yourself.

November

1 Psalm 46	17 Psalm 145
2 Psalm 8	18 Psalm 146
3 Psalm 93	19 Psalm 147
4 Psalm 95	20 Psalm 148
5 Psalm 96	21 Psalm 149
6 Psalm 97	22 Psalm 150
7 Psalm 98	23 Revelation 7:9-7
8 Psalm 99	24 2 Timothy 3:10-4:8
9 Psalm 108	25 2 Corinthians 8:1-15
10 Psalm 111	26 2 Corinthians 8:16-24
11 Psalm 112	27 2 Corinthians 9:1-15
12 Psalm 113	
13 Psalm 116	Thanksgiving Day
14 Psalm 118:1-18	28 Psalm 100
15 Psalm 118:19-29	29 Psalm 104:1-23
16 Psalm 126	30 Psalm 104:24-35

Set aside time to read the bible on a daily basis.

Find a quiet place to read and reflect on each day's reading.

Begin with prayer, asking God for guidance and blessing.

MONTHLY EVENTS

(unless otherwise noted)

Faaculty Meeting

1st Wednesday of the Month
(Sept. - May)

PTL Meeting

3rd Tuesday of Month

Bible Study Sundays

8:15am September - May

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays 10:00am

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays 4:30pm

Dartball - Tuesday 7:30

September - May

Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays 7:30pm

September - 1st Week in June

Adult Volleyball

Select Fridays September - April
Check Calendar



For the Record

Baptism

Chloe Maria Karpierz - September 29





November 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
H.C. - Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sunday						
3 8:15 Bible Study 9:30am Worship H.C 10:30 Fellowship	4	5 Picture Retakes 5pm Day School Commission Meeting	6 10:30 Women's Bible Study 4:30pm Men's Bible Study 3pm Faculty Meeting	7	8 7pm Adult Volleyball	9
10 8:15 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30 Fellowship	11 Veterans Day No School	12 3pm Math club Darts	13 10:30 Women's Bible Study 4:30pm Men's Bible Study 7:30pm Adult Choir	14	15	16
17 8:15 Bible Study 9:30am Worship H.C. 10:30 Fellowship	18	19 PTL Board Meeting	20 - Vision & Hearing Screening 10:30 Women's Bible Study 4:30pm Men's Bible Study 7:30pm Adult Choir	21	22 End of 1st Trimester 7pm Adult Volleyball	23
24 8:15 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30 Fellowship	25 Buona Beef Benefit Parent Teacher Conferences	26 1/2 Day of School Parent Teacher Conferences	27 - No School 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Service followed by Pie and Coffee	28 - No School Thanksgiving	29 - No School	30

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November Greeters

November 3rd - Marilyn Weeks
November 10th - Heather Hempel &
Susan Arnold
November 17th - Valerie Winston
November 24th - Julie Hadler

REMEMBER TO PRAY...

If you have a prayer request, please call the pastor in the church office (708-562-5590). We are praying for you! Please notify the office when circumstances of your request change or when the Lord answers your prayers. We want to rejoice with you and thank the Lord.



Glorifying God. Impacting the Community.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10