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THANKS BE TO GOD!

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever" (Psalm 136:1).

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

People are quick to celebrate during moments of great success. That's normal and we expect that. But for those in the spotlight it's magnified many times over. Some examples are: those receiving an award such as an Oscar, professional sports teams winning a championship, a politician who wins an election, etc. It's during these celebrations that they are often surrounded by others who share their experience. In these joyful moments they are quick to give thanks to those who have helped make those achievements possible, whether they are present or not. The names of those who had a positive impact on them, who truly made a difference in their lives, are shared publicly. Their moment has much screen time and big audiences. We are drawn into their experience and are made aware of those who had a such an influence on their lives, it's a very special moment. That's what it's like in the earthly realm.

In the month of November, we gather with family to share a delicious meal and "give thanks" for the many blessings in our lives. At Immanuel we gather with other believers the night before Thanksgiving Day to "give thanks" to God who graciously gives us all things, *"The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing (Ps 145:15-16).* Giving thanks to God is expressed through prayer and praise in the Divine Service. *"I will give you thanks in the great assembly; among the throngs of people I will praise you" (Ps 35:18).* The difference between our giving thanks to God and those who publicly thank others is obvious. We are set apart for the things of God. God's people are not in the spotlight, nor do we seek it. Instead, we thank God silently throughout the day or audibly for others to hear, *"I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders" (Ps 9:1).*

Giving thanks to God is beyond the scope of earthly thanks and praise. We thank God in all circumstances—the good, the bad, and everything in between—not always easy, but it is God's will for us (1Thess. 5:18). Ultimately, when we give thanks to God, He receives all the glory. The spotlight is on Him as we gather around Word and Sacrament celebrating His greatest achievement—sending His Son Jesus Christ who bore our sin and became our Savior by rising again from the dead for our justification. This is the greatest reason to give thanks to God. I look forward to worshiping with you each time we come together at Immanuel to pray, praise, and give thanks to God. Amen.

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Pastor Steve Deombeleg

PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOOD MINISTRY

THANKSGIVING FOOD DISTRIBUTION

NOVEMBER 23, 2021
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

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OCTOBER “PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER” NEWS

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| ⇒ Grants, Awards, Cash Donations: \$12,166 | ⇒ PYHT Pop Up-Pantry Individuals Served: 403 | Food Rescue US, Breakfast With Baby - Carol Stream, LaSalle Street Church, Fight 2 Feed, Village of Hillside, Christ the King-Chicago, Lombard Food Pantry |
| ⇒ New Grants Written: 1 | | |
| ⇒ Pending Grant Apps. 2 | ⇒ PYHT Food Relief Agencies-Ministries Served: Hope Chicago Church & Academy, Inner City Impact, Youth Crossroads, Westchester Food Pantry, Grace & Peace Church -Chicago, Lyons Church, St. Matthew's Soup Kitchen, Austin Food Pantry, The Hampton House-Maywood, Leyden Township Food Pantry, Elmwood Park Community Food Pantry, Immanuel-Des Plaines, Immanuel-Bartlett, Lutheran Church Charities, St. Paul-Oak Lawn, BEDS Plus-LaGrange, Trinity -Burbank, Housing Forward, | ⇒ Food Donations Received & Re - Distributed: 41,505 lbs. food/beverages |
| ⇒ New Distribution Partnerships: Elmwood Park Community Pantry, Leyden Township | | ⇒ Mobile Pantry Events: 15 |
| ⇒ New Donation Partnership: Chipotle Restaurants, Bloom N Toss, Mariano's, Grace & Peace Church, Amazon Fresh, Elmwood Park Community Church | | ⇒ Total Families served this month: 800 + |
| ⇒ Federal Meals Program Advocacy: Enrolled: 2 | | ⇒ Volunteer Stipends Paid Out: \$600 + \$75 Gas Gift Cards |
| ⇒ Advocacy/Promotion/Advertising Impressions: 1,600,019+ people | | ⇒ Volunteer Hours: 295 |
| ⇒ PYHT Pop Up-Pantry Families Served: 114 | | |

Reason to Be Thankful

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." So writes the psalmist in Psalm 107:1, and he goes on to list specific acts of God for which he gives thanks. David, in Psalm 103, writes, *"Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name...and forget not all His benefits..."* and he, too, recounts the wonders of the Lord. It is a common occurrence in the psalms of David that, although he may express anguish and despair, he always ends his psalms on a note of confidence, for he knows his life is in God's almighty hands.

It's Thanksgiving time. Perhaps you're not feeling so thankful. We've been through a year and a half of the Covid pandemic and things just aren't right. Maybe you've been out of work. With the high price of gas, you are spending much more to drive your cars and to keep your homes warm. Maybe you've suffered the loss of someone you held dear. Maybe your health has deteriorated. Read what the prophet Habakkuk had to say about feelings and circumstances: *"Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior"* (Habakkuk 3:17-18). If we received none of God's good gifts on this Earth, we have reason to rejoice in our Savior Who waits for us in Heaven! He is the source of our joy and the object of our gratitude. *"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy"* (Psalm 126:3). Therefore, with hearts filled with thanksgiving, we can respond in words and acts of compassion and encouragement to those around us. We are blessed to be a blessing.

PRAISE GOD FROM
WHOM ALL BLESSINGS
FLOW AND LIVE YOUR LIVES
IN GRATITUDE FOR HIS
WONDERFUL GOODNESS.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; and His love endures forever."
Psalm 107:1



LORD, HELP US
TO MAKE EVERY DAY
A DAY FOR GIVING YOU
THANKS AND PRAISE FOR ALL
OF OUR GIFTS.

"Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done"
1 Chronicles 16:8



Stewardship Corner

What comes first in our lives? Is it God or money? Jesus said, *"You cannot serve God and money"* (Matthew 6:24). We can't serve both. Later in the sixth chapter of Matthew, Jesus tells us, *"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you."* (Matthew 6:33). Jesus tells us that a person who loves money will lay up *"treasures on earth"* rather than *"treasures in heaven"* (verses 19-20). Jesus goes on to say, *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"* (verse 21). May God grant us all faithful hearts so that He, not our money, is the Lord of our lives.

Shop with Scrip - Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that enables families to raise money for their church or school. Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards. You purchase gift cards from your organization at face value, and your coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for Immanuel. It's that simple! Order Forms are in the church hallway or enroll online: www.shopwithscrip.com Enrollment Code: 9D337C6F55761

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MOVIE NIGHT

The Chosen - Season 2

Immanuel Lutheran Church
2317 S. Wolf Road, Hillside

Fridays
November 5
November 19

6:45pm Showtime

Doors open at 6:30pm



IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Praise-Giving and Thanksgiving

Valerie Winston

Autumn is one of my favorite times of year. I love the cool crispness of the weather, the beautiful seasonal colors, and the delicious smells of hot apple cider, baking apple pie, and a crackling fire. It's the time of year where you can take a walk and truly appreciate God's wondrous works in nature. You can take the time to praise Him for the glorious beauty of this earth.

This is also the time of year when we get to see the bountiful harvests of the seeds that were sown in the spring. We also take the time to look at the bounty in the blessings that we have received over the past year. We take time to thank God for that bounty. As we give our thanks to God, we should also give Him praise as well. We should add some praise-giving to our Thanksgiving.

God's creation is truly a wonder and a marvel to behold. We have been given that task of being caretakers of that creation. But God also continues to take care as we see the seasons change and see how various aspects of creation respond to those changes.

From all the seeds that were planted in the spring, new life has grown. And from the stump of Jesse, a shoot came up that gives us new life. Christ is the Root of Jesse that produces fruit. We are that fruit. For that we thank and praise God. Jesus tells us that He is the Bread of Life. Bread is a gift from God and as bread nurtures our body, God nurtures our soul.

As we thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us, let us also give Him praise for what He has done and what He continues to do for us. As the hymn so beautifully says, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"

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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 Revelation 4:1-11	17 Psalm 147
2 Revelation 5:1-14	18 Psalm 148
3 Psalm 100	19 Psalm 149
4 Psalm 104	20 Psalm 150
5 Psalm 105	21 Psalm 8
6 Psalm 111	22 Exodus 15:1-21
7 Psalm 113	23 1 Samuel 2:1-10
8 Psalm 116	24 Nehemiah 12:27-43
9 Psalm 118	Thanksgiving Day
10 Psalm 122	25 Psalm 65
11 Psalm 135	26 Psalm 66
12 Psalm 138	27 Psalm 67
13 1 Chronicles 16:7-36	First Sunday Advent
14 Psalm 144	28 Isaiah 63:7-14
15 Psalm 145	29 Isaiah 12:1-6
16 Psalm 146	30 Psalm 24

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.



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. The Deombeleg Family
2. Laprika Duff & Jayla Pernell
3. Kari Fencel
4. Arlene Gasperich
5. The Hadler Family
6. Steve Hadler
7. Steve & Lucretia Hardy
8. Evelyn Haynes
9. Corinne Hein
10. The Hempel Family
11. Violet Horn
12. Sandra Houle
13. The Iacovetti Family
14. Dorothy Ivers
15. The Karpierz Family
16. Clyde & Omie Lane
17. Becky Lelings
18. The Lepe Family
19. The Mannella Family
20. The Mazanek Family
21. Virginia Mazanek
22. Lloyd & Toni Mooney
23. Ed & Karen Mulvihill
24. Heidi Murphy
25. Kathy Nelson
26. Lynda Nickl
27. Irene Niko
28. Mike & Carol Northcutt
29. Phyllis Ondrovic
30. Mindy Ondrovic

For the Record - Nothing to report



November Birthdays

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| 1 - Alicia Blair | 11 - Jacob Czubernat |
| 3 - Leslie Iacovetti | 14 - Susan Arnold |
| 4 - Christine Bell | 19 - Dorothy Ivers |
| 5 - Mike Mannella | 22 - Olivia Deombeleg |
| 6 - Daniel Stallings | |

November 2021



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	<p>1 All Saints Day</p>	<p>2 School Picture Retakes 5:30pm Day school Commission Meeting</p>	<p>3 8:15am Chapel 3pm Faculty Meeting 7:30pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>4 7am Morning Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>5 6:45pm Church Movie Night The Chosen Season 2</p>	<p>6 Turn back your clock before bedtime Daylights Saving Time Ends at 2am on Sunday</p>
<p>7 - All Saints Sunday 9:30am Worship HC 10:45 Coffee hour 11:15 Bible Study</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 6:00pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>10 8:15am Chapel 6pm Stewardship Meeting 7:30pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day 7am Morning Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>12 7pm Adult Volleyball</p>	<p>13 11am - 1pm PYHT Pantry Day</p>
<p>14 Scrip Orders Due 9:30am Worship 10:45 Coffee 11:00am - Voters Meeting</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 8:15am Chapel 7:30pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>18 7am Morning Prayer Meeting 6pm Elders Meeting</p>	<p>19 - End of 1st Trimester 6:45pm - Church Movie Night The Chosen Season 2 7pm - Adult Volleyball</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 9:30am Worship HC 10:45 Coffee hour 11:15 Bible Study</p>	<p>22 NO SCHOOL Parent Teacher Meetings</p>	<p>23 11am - 1pm PYHT Holiday Pantry Day</p>	<p>24 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Service</p>	<p>25 Thanksgiving Day </p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 - 1st Sunday in Advent 9:30am Worship 10:45 Coffee hour 11:15 Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Colossians 3:16</p> <p>Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.</p>			

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*Let them give thanks to
the Lord for His unfailing
love and His wonderful
deeds for mankind, for He
satisfies the thirsty and
fills the hungry with
good things.*

PSALM 107:8-9



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*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10*