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Mission

**Joyfully Christian.
Humbly Serving.
Boldly Loving.**



Dear members and friends of Immanuel,

It has been more than 25 years since Immanuel has embarked on the journey of a capital campaign to care for our building and its *“Over the Hill”* realities. Immanuel thrives on reaching beyond the walls to care for our neighbors and in all honesty, we do that even within the walls of the church building- as countless community organizations use our facility to do everything from teaching parenting skills to feeding the hungry.

I invite everyone to join me at one of the sessions to learn more about the campaign! The momentum that has already become apparent to the leadership shows us how the Spirit is dreaming bigger than we even imagined and leading us into *“Moving Mountains!”*

In joyful anticipation,

Pastor Dana



LEARN DETAILS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
AT 1 P.M.

OR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
BETWEEN SERVICES

NOVEMBER 26TH
COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Ministry with Each Other



Our fall Adult Forums focus on our past, present and future! We are celebrating two historical and life changing events; the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and Immanuel's 40th Anniversary. Please join us on Sundays in between services in the Fellowship Hall for these these important discussions!

November 5- "Micro-Aggressions in Our Community"-guest speaker, Ulana Klymyshyn, will share with us about Micro-aggressions. Micro-aggressions in our community is based on interviews with members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. "Micro-aggressions" refers to repeated, subtle actions or comments that make the targeted person feel less than welcome in a group or community. The participants were asked to talk about their experiences in Mount Pleasant, positive as well as negative. The project was conducted by members of the Isabella County Human Rights Committee with the approval of and funding from the Tribal Council.

November 12 - Martin Luther: Then and Now Dr. Carrie Euler, Associate Professor, Department of History will examine two ways Luther has been presented in recent research. She will identify and examine the three most important aspects of his theology and how they are or are not relevant to the modern world.

Immanuel Offers Electronic Giving

Immanuel Lutheran Church is pleased to offer an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

Visit our website, www.immanuelmp.com click on the money sign (\$) and sign up! Please contact the church office if you have questions. **Immanuel NOW ACCEPTS CREDIT CARDS!!!**

November Birthdays

| | |
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| 1 | Christian Jurick |
| 3 | Leah Faleer |
| 6 | Jennifer Digmann |
| 6 | Homer Lee |
| 6 | Deb Reimer |
| 7 | Matt Keller |
| 9 | Andrea Wood |
| 10 | Mary Pattison |
| 11 | Ted Tuma |
| 12 | Harry Plouff |
| 13 | Jonathan Jurick |
| 14 | Dan Eversole |
| 14 | Hans Fetting |
| 14 | Sarah LaBelle |
| 14 | Alana Piatek-Jimenez |
| 15 | Freida Lee |
| 15 | Alicia Podolsky |
| 15 | Amy Henderson |
| 16 | Jeff Reimer |
| 18 | Marcilyn Barnard |
| 18 | Robin Decker |
| 19 | Shenan Davidson |
| 19 | Ben Ferguson |
| 19 | Charlie Schwerin |
| 21 | Myrna Zolynsky |
| 22 | Pr. Dana Hendershot (Happy 40 th , Pr. Dana!!!) |
| 24 | Whitnee Foote |
| 24 | Peggy Recker |
| 24 | Jamie Stowe |
| 26 | John Foote |
| 26 | Amy Powell |
| 29 | John Ross |
| 30 | Martha Goodrich |

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November

- Nov. 5- 3-5pm meet at church then go to NEW Clothing INC. site
- Nov. 12- 3-5pm Games & Shenanigans (Lansing Gathering forms & Money due)
- Nov. 18/19- Youth Lock-In (Make Thanksgiving pies)
- Nov. 26- NO YOUTH GROUP



SAVE THE DATE!

Maker Fun Factory VBS is coming July 16-20, 2018. If you are interested in volunteering please email claire.e.torgerson@gmail.com!

Theological discussions with Pastor Dana

We meet on Wednesdays at 10:30am in the Capital Room. All are welcome.

We hope you will join us!



A special thank you to Linda Wicander, Fred & Chris Schuster, Craig Torgerson, Mernie Bidstrup, Bill Gallaher, Tim French, Beth Mundwiler & Katie Butler for a wonderful celebration!!!



Where do I drop off donations???

*Plastic grocery bags for CCN can be dropped into the baskets under the benches outside of the office.

*Empty cans and bottles for the Youth can be dropped off in the bin in the hallway near the Fellowship Hall.

CrossRoads (a small group of young-ish Immanuel adults) invites the congregation to join us for a family style dinner at Countryside Dinners in Clare on Friday, November 10 at 5:30pm. The meal includes meat, veggies, salad and dessert for \$15 (adults), \$7.50 (3-12 yrs) and free (2 and under).

The deadline to sign up will be Sunday, November 5th with Amy Powell. If you have questions, you may contact Amy at 989-948-3626. We hope you'll join us for a fun evening of food and fellowship!!!

Ministry with Community & World

Christmas Outreach Needs Your Help!!



Last year approximately 1700 winter coats were distributed to our community through Christmas Outreach. Immanuel Lutheran Church is again collecting coats. We are asking for donations of new or gently used clean winter coats of all sizes for girls and boys, women and men. Your generosity is appreciated! Coats can be left in the donation box in the Narthex.

If you have any questions regarding the coat collection, please contact Sue Keilitz at 989-621-3589 or Jennifer Digmann at 989-775-8475.



On Thursday, November 23 from noon to 1:00, Immanuel will host its Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the community. This event is free of charge and open to anyone who is looking for a great place to have a hot turkey dinner with all of the fixings! If you are interested in volunteering for the dinner OR if you are able to donate a dish for the meal, please sign up in the Narthex! This year, Ric's Food Center has graciously agreed to donate ALL of our turkeys. We just need people to help us to get them all cooked! Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding this wonderful opportunity!

Community Input: Praises and Pinches

To be a healthy, faithful community, Immanuel needs to be open with what we expect in all areas of life. If there is anything in our community life that brings joy or causes concern, please share any feelings and questions. Thank you for taking the time to communicate ways we are doing well in our ministry at Immanuel and the areas that need attention. Your Mutual Ministry Team needs your feedback. If you would like a personal response to your "praise" or "pinch," please be sure to sign this form at the bottom.

To discuss a concern directly with the Mutual Ministry Team or one of the Team members, please indicate below.

Praises: _____

Pinches: _____

Desired Outcome: _____

Is it OK to publish in Gleaner? ___Yes ___No (Name must be posted if you wish for this to appear in Gleaner.)

A specific question I would like answered: _____

Name _____

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“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

- Luke 6:38

Here are some upcoming outreach opportunities for members of Immanuel to get involved in the local community.

Isabella County Restoration House

ICRH is opening a **Day Shelter** for the 2017/2018 season. It will be a place for guests to gather, to stay warm, to receive employment and housing assistance and to participate in enriching, life-stabilizing classes.

We invite you to volunteer your time at the Day Shelter. Volunteers are the heart of ICRH and are essential to the success of our operations and the achievements of our guests. Volunteers provide compassionate support for our guests and offer a commitment to providing basic services that are important to their success and well-being.

Day Shelter Link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044ba8a92fa1f58-dayshelter>

Also, a training session will be available for new volunteers as well as anyone who would like to join and have a refresher night. I have provided the link to this Facebook event below. Again, please feel free to join and share with friends and family.

Volunteer Training

Link: https://www.facebook.com/events/369982833430959/?acontext=%7B%22ref%22%3A%22%22%2C%22feed_story_type%22%3A%22%22%2C%22action_history%22%3A%22null%22%7D&pnref=story

Shift days, times and sign-up will be available at a later date. Keep in mind that you can volunteer as little or as often as your time allows. For more information, you can email angelina.maney@icrhouse.org

Isabella Community Soup Kitchen

To volunteer with the soup kitchen, call the office at 772-7392 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you have any ideas for other ways members of Immanuel Lutheran Church can get involved in serving our local community, please contact Jennifer Digmann at 989-775-8475 or Paul Kruska at 989-828-5103.

Ministry with Community & World

Community Compassion Network is changing!

Community Compassion Network (CCN) is up to something NEW! Beginning in January, CCN will be reopening a stationary pantry in the former Ashcrafts. The building is being recreated as a non-profit center to better serve our neighbors and will house the food pantry, Clothing INC, Mt. Pleasant Community Church's Care Store, and ICRH. Our neighbors will be able to get food, personal and home care products, and clothing all in one stop.

CCN will need your help – to unload the truck, register guests, assist with shopping, and more. Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities! If you have questions or want more information, please contact Sarah Gilbert (989-330-1908) sagilbert204@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support with this outreach ministry.



Lutheran World Relief

Looking for the right gift for someone? Christmas Gift Bags will be available to order on November 26 before the 9am and 11 am Sunday services. The cost helps small-scale farmers all over the world earn a fair price for their products: coffee beans, cocoa beans and tea. The farmers may then build a better future for themselves and their families. You may choose from a variety of items and place an order that will be ready for pick up on Sunday, December 12.



Thanks to all CROP WALK participants!!!!

Gratitude is extended to all walkers (~45) and supporters. We were blessed with a great group of people as well as beautiful weather. Many lives and needs will be helped, especially for hurricane victims whose lives have been uprooted. Your action through Crop Walk is making a real difference. A preliminary amount raised by Immanuel's participants to date is \$3,456. Gratitude is, also, extended to our Crop Walk Team: Craig Torgerson, Aubyrton Anderson, Trudy Staples and Carolyn Hoffman.



Dear Immanuel,

We just want to let you know how much we appreciate you for welcoming us into your space as we stayed with the shelter! What could have quite possibly been the hardest times of our lives was made alright because of you! Our girls were happy, and that means the world to us! We are happy to say that we are in an apartment now and it is lovely!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!
-The Wright Family
Austin, Natalie, Avery & Millie

(guests form 2016-2017 season)

Worship Ministry

November Worship Helpers

Cantors

- 5 Kathy Gallaher
- 12 John Lorand
- 19 Abbie Powell
- 26 Dennis Marshall

Counters

- 5 Jodie Mitchell-Beach & Harry Plouff
- 12 John Emmons & John Warriner
- 19 Chuck McCollom & Cindy Torgerson
- 26 Jacque Jackson & John Lorand

Altar Guild

- 5 Chris Schuster & Sarah Gilbert
- 12 Jan Kruska & Sandy Warriner
- 19 Bonnie Schaeffer & Deb Reimer
- 26 Kathy Gatten & Pat Podoll

Assisting Ministers

- 5 (9:00) Chris Schuster
(11:00) Keith Farquhar
- 12 (9:00) Sarah Gilbert
(11:00) Volunteer needed
- 19 (9:00) Amy Powell
(11:00) Volunteer needed
- 26 (9:00) Mark Strandskov
(11:00) Natalie Douglas

Ushers (9:00)

- 5 Roger Gilbert, Bill Jensen, Cliff Moss
- 12 Bill Jensen, John Lorand, Aaron Smith
- 19 Roger Gilbert, Bill Jensen, John Lorand
- 26 Roger Gilbert, Bill Jensen, Bonnie Schaeffer

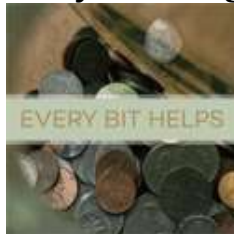
Projection Assistant (9:00)

- 5 Amy Powell
- 12 Dan Digmann
- 19 Gabe Goodrich
- 26 Deb LaBlance

Projection Assistant (11:00)

- 5 Aubyrion Anderson
- 12 Dana Mielke
- 19 Ted Tuma
- 26 Kip Ferguson

Noisy Offering



The Noisy Offering will take place on Sunday, November 26. All proceeds will be given to the Habitat for Humanity.



December

- 3 9:00am & 11:00am
- 10 9:00am & 11:00am
- 17 10:00am (Christmas Program)
- 24 10:0am & 7:00pm
- 31 10:00am

Please be sure to mark your calendars!!!