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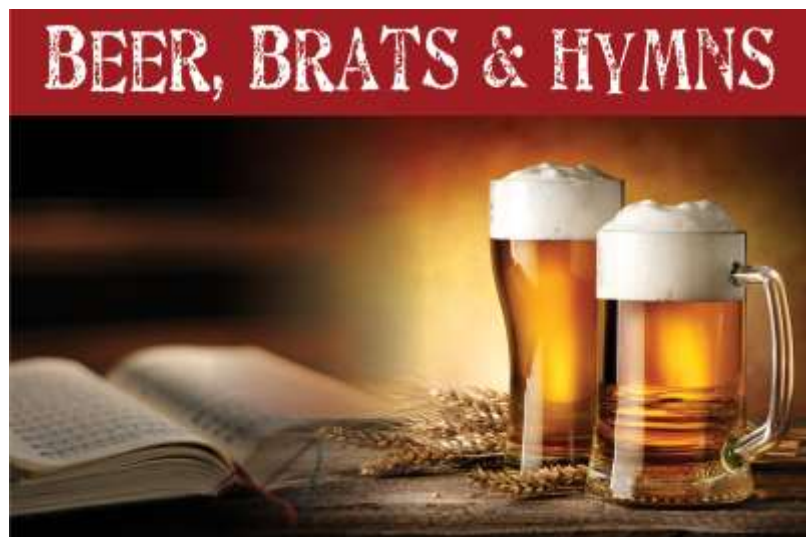
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Immanuel has an online church directory. Visit our website and check it out!
Contact the office for your username and password.

Mission
Joyfully Christian.
Humbly Serving.
Boldly Loving.



Please join us at Hunter's Ale House
on
Friday, October 19th
from
6-9pm
for Brats (including vegetarian),
Beer (or beverage of choice),
and a Hymn Sing!!!

Tickets are \$15.00 and are available for purchase in the narthex on Sundays or in the office throughout the week.

From the Council President....

Dear all,

I am happy to serve as council president throughout this next year. I think our community continues to be a beacon of light in divisive times, and it makes me joyous to think about the way that we love one another. In an effort to continue our journey in loving others, I was compelled to share in our small group last week a list of items that theologian Glenn Jordan procured about ways we humans like to “dehumanize” people – especially when we disagree with them.

1. Assumption of malign intent – ‘They’ intended to cause the harm that we experienced.
2. Distrust – Every idea or statement by ‘them’ is wrong or proposed for dishonest reasons.
3. Externalization of Guilt – Everything bad or wrong that has happened to us is ‘their’ fault.
4. Attribution of Evil – ‘They’ want to destroy us and what we value most and therefore must be destroyed themselves.
5. Zero-sum interests – Everything that benefits ‘them’ harms us and vice-versa.
6. Paranoia and preoccupation with disloyalty – Any criticism of us or praise of ‘them’ is disloyal and treasonous.
7. Prejudgment – Everyone in the enemy camp is an enemy.
8. Collapse of neutrality – Anyone who is not with us is against us.
9. Suppression of empathy – We have nothing in common and considering ‘them’ human is dangerous.
10. Isolation and impasse – We cannot dialogue, negotiate, cooperate or resolve conflicts with ‘them.’
11. Self-fulfilling prophecy – ‘Their’ evil makes it permissible for us to act in a hostile way towards ‘them’ and vice-versa.

In reflecting on this list, I am so grateful that Immanuel is a place where there truly is no ‘other,’ no ‘them.’ It is so inspiring to be a part of a body that truly values each human being as inherently valuable, a beautiful image of God. I look forward to continuing to live our mission of boldly loving with all of you this upcoming year!

Grace and Peace, Natalie Douglas



Worship Ministry



Beginning Sunday, October 7, there will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for you to list the names of loved ones that have joined the church triumphant in the past year. We will honor them on All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 4th.

The Noisy Offering

The noisy offering on October 28 will be given to Immanuel's Special Needs Fund.

A collection jar is located in the Narthex throughout the month for your convenience.

Come hear about Sarah Keller's service trip to Uganda

Sarah spent 8 weeks serving in Uganda this past summer with emphasis in public health improvements in a third world country. Hear about Sarah's experience over coffee and refreshments. Learn what it's like to adapt to a new culture, overcome challenges in international missions, and serve in a developing country. This will be a short presentation to thank you for your support and reflect on how God is moving in Uganda.

Join us in between services on Sunday, October 21 in the Fellowship Hall!



Immanuel will be offering a blessing of the animal's service at our outdoor pavilion on Saturday, October 6 at 3:00 p.m. All animals are welcome. We will move the service inside if weather is not permitting. Please bring your animals on a leash or caged. This is open to the community so please spread the word to friends and/or family who would like their pet to be blessed!

Ministry with Each Other

Where do I drop off donations???

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

Thank You!!!

Theological Discussions with Pr. Dana

Please join us in the Capital Room on Wednesday, Oct. 24 & Wednesday, Oct. 31 at 10:30am



On Sunday, September 30th, Immanuel was blessed to welcome the following new members:

Joe, Aubyrone & Felix Anderson
Bob, Christine, Kennedy & Benjamin Brauker
Chris denHeeten
Brad, Whitney, Owen & Clara Eidahl
Kathy Moore
Diana Muche
Donna Parr
Gary Samuelson
Jan Strickler

*Be sure to pick up a "new member" insert for your church directory!

Pr. Dana will be out of the office between October 8- October 18. If you need anything in her absence, please contact Andrea in the office.



- 1 Giny Dumon
- Sue French
- Cliff Moss
- 3 Sarah Gilbert
- 4 Paul Geisthardt
- Kathy Smith
- 5 Cindy Keller
- 9 Craig Kreiner
- 10 Abby Geisthardt
- 11 Holly Hoffman
- 12 Cheryl Strandskov
- 14 Roxanne Lueder
- Tad Richards
- 16 Dana Mielke
- 17 Eric Podolsky
- 18 Gage Shellenbarger
- 19 Pete LaBlance
- Natalie Douglas
- 23 Patty Jo Bugh
- 24 Gail Caleca
- 28 Pat Podoll

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Join us on Sunday, October 7th
at Mill Pond Park
as we walk to stomp out hunger!
Registration begins at 1:00pm.
ALL are encouraged to join us!!!

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 _____

Ministry with Community and World



“Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” **Matthew 20:28**

Here are opportunities to get involved with our community:



ICRH Mark your calendars, Immanuel will host Isabella County Restoration House guests the weeks of **October 28** and February 24. Once again our church will partner with Faith Weavers. For information, visit icrhouse.org Please be sure to keep an eye out for volunteer and meal sign-up sheets...they will be coming soon!!!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

Isabella County Medical Care Facility.....October 10.....noon-5:45pm

CMU Emmons Hall.....October 23.....noon-5:45pm

Immanuel Lutheran.....October 25.....noon-5:45pm

****** (we will soon be looking for volunteers to help with this event...please see Billie Plouff if you are interested in helping out.)******

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.

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"Hello Everyone! I'm Marissa Read, the new nursery intern. I am so excited to be working at Immanuel Lutheran! I am from Grand Rapids, Michigan but right now I'm calling Mount Pleasant home. Right now I am a senior at CMU and although I am pursuing a degree in early childhood education, I am currently working at a juvenile detention home and I would love to work in corrections or in the juvenile courts system when I graduate. I am looking forward to getting know everyone at Immanuel Lutheran and helping out in the nursery!"



We need your help!!!

Saturday, October 27
9am-noon
(lunch served at noon)
Bring your rakes, pruners
and tree-trimmers and help us prepare
the grounds for fall and winter!



Fall Schedule

Oct 71pm at CROP Walk
Oct 213-5pm at church
(shopping for Youth Room)
Oct 2812:30 meet at church
for Uncle John's Cider Mill trip
Nov. 113-5 at church
Nov. 17-18Lock-in at church
(8pm to 8am)

Business Ministry

Contributing Stocks or Bonds

To contribute capital gain property such as stocks or bonds to the church, per IRS Publication 526 you can deduct the Fair Market Value of the asset on your personal tax returns - not the basis in the asset. Immanuel has a brokerage account to facilitate the transfer of these assets directly. If you are interested, please contact the church for information or assistance.

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!!**

Financial Corner

Unified Budget

June \$20,884.07
July \$42,076.00
August \$20,603

Average Monthly Needed to meet budget

June \$37,249.69
July \$34,836.50
August \$49,069

Capital Campaign Update



Amount Pledged: \$147,945
Amount Received: \$128,182

