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Immanuel has an online church directory. Visit our website and check it out!

Mission
Joyfully Christian.
Humbly Serving.
Boldly Loving.



FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER



- TURKEY DINNER WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2020
NOON—1:00 PM
- **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**
- 200 MEALS AVAILABLE
- LOCATION: IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
320 BRADLEY STREET, MT. PLEASANT



DRIVE-THRU PICK-UP ONLY

CALL 989-773-4204 TO RESERVE YOUR MEAL

If you would like to help us to provide this Annual Thanksgiving Meal for members of our community, you can go to the following link and sign up to donate food items and/or your time:

<https://immanuelmp.churchcenter.com/people/forms/163099>

The office will be CLOSED on
Thursday, November 26 &
Friday, November 27 for
the Thanksgiving Holiday.

We wish you and your families
a Blessed and healthy
Thanksgiving!

A Letter from Pr. Dana.....

Dear friends in Christ,

Through the far-reaching tentacles of blog posts (by Dr. Leslie Becker-Phelps), YouTube and social media, I recently saw the inspiring story of Sara Tucholsky. For those of you who, like me, don't know her story, here it is:

Back in 2008, Sara was a college senior playing for the championship of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference softball league. In the second inning, she hit her first home run ever — the ball sailed right out of the park. Then, rounding the bases, she realized that she had failed to touch first. So, she turned back. But, through a twist of fate and her knee, she found herself down on the ground with a torn ligament, crawling in agony back to first base. According to the rules, she would have been out if anyone from her team helped her.

That's when Mallory Holtman — from the other team — stepped up to help. She and her teammate, Liz Wallace, carried Sara around the bases, making sure to tap her left foot on each base. Though Mallory and Liz lost the game that day, they clearly accomplished something more important.

Mallory and Liz went beyond good sportsmanship. In a moment that really counted, those young women showed good character. And Mallory's unsolicited offer to help (at a cost to herself) displayed a deep sense of humanity that we all hope (but don't know) we would show in a similar circumstance.

Let us enter into this month of thanksgiving honoring those who have helped us along our journey and those who God places in our path that we can show a deep sense of humanity.

I imagine that Mallory and Liz felt much better about themselves by helping Sara than they ever could have by winning the game. And I also like to imagine that what these young women did that day was not an extraordinary act for them, but rather a natural extension of how they live their lives every day. For me, this provides hope that increasingly more of us can learn to live in ways that uplift ourselves and bring the human race closer to our collective potential.

In Christ,

Pastor Dana Hendershot



In person worship has returned!!!

We are once again offering a traditional worship service on Sundays at 9am and a contemporary worship service on Sundays at 11am.

If you would like to attend, you must make an online reservation each week. (The link will be emailed out on Mondays.)

For those of you who are not quite ready to return in-person, we will continue to stream these live on our Facebook page.

The Noisy Offering

This month, we will collect this on November 29. All proceeds will be given to the CMU Mobile Health Clinic

Drive thru communion

On Sunday, November 29, Pr. Dana will offer a drive-thru Communion from 10-10:30am.

Theological Discussions

If you would like to join Pr. Dana and small group of others via ZOOM for a theological discussion, they are held weekly on Thursdays at 11am.

Please email pastor@immanuelmp.com for more information.



6 Jennifer Digmann
6 Deb Reimer
7 Matt Keller
11 Ted Tuma
12 Harry Plouff
13 Jonathan Jurick
14 Dan Eversole
14 Hans Fetting
14 Alana Piatek-Jimenez
15 Alicia Podolsky
16 Jeff Reimer
18 Marcilyn Barnard
19 Shenan Davidson
19 Ben Ferguson
22 Pr. Dana Hendershot
24 Whitnee Foote
24 Peggy Recker
26 John Foote
26 Amy Powell
30 Martha Goodrich



Immanuel will host the ICRH (rotating homeless shelter) from November 1-8.

Sign-up link :

<https://immanuelmp.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=acb916d897b6b02aa356b40e1&id=cf2b8fbd0f&e=5a2338a45b>

*The office will be CLOSED this week. The staff will be working remotely.

Introduction to Joy

Pastor Dana would like to invite you to watch a YouTube special by Rob Bell, "An Introduction to Joy." The special is about an hour and half long.

A panel discussion was created by Pastor Dana and some members to watch following the YouTube special. During the panel discussion Pastor learned that it is wise to let you know that for the first part, just enjoy it! Do not worry about "getting to the point" - it will get there. Instead, live in the moment and she even dares you to laugh a little!

Check out the website below for links to the special, the panel discussion, and the Zoom links.

The first week of November we are offering two Zoom discussion times so we can hear your thoughts and comments!

Thursday, November 5, 2020, 7 - 8 pm

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Saturday, November 7, 2020, 3 - 4 pm

All the information is on the website: <http://immanuelmp.com/introduction-to-joy/>



Financial Information

FINANCIAL DATA FOR IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 2020

Fiscal year end

	<u>September 2020</u>	<u>September 2019</u>
UNIFIED BUDGET	\$ 19,376.25	\$ 18,332.33
YEAR TO DATE	\$328,923.19	\$262,526.72
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 21,554.51	\$ 27,328.10
GEN FUND EXP	\$ 31,260.45	\$ 33,935.02
MEM/DESIGN FUND EXP	\$ 5,607.41	\$ 10,714.28
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 36,867.86	\$ 44,649.30
DIFFERENCE	(\$ 15,313.35)	(\$ 17,321.20)
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$255,190.94	\$231,141.30
FUNDS	\$149,004.52	\$185,468.99
AVAILABLE MONEY	\$106,186.42	\$ 45,672.31

<u>ANTICIPATED BUDGET</u>	<u>AVERAGE MONTHLY NEED</u>	<u>LOAN BALANCE</u>
\$342,858		\$ 5,714.84

Total General Fund expenses = \$288,612.23

Total income minus fund income = \$330,567.84

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH **of Isabella County** **Dec 10, 11 & 12**



(Drive thru distribution)

DONATIONS NEEDED

CHECKS CAN BE MAILED TO

Christmas Outreach of Isabella County
P.O. Box 1227 Mt Pleasant MI 48804

NOV 24 ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF

Between 9am-12 & 1pm-4pm

AT CAMPUS LIFE

(FORMER COCA-COLA BUILDING)

**1200 W HIGH STREET
MT PLEASANT MI**



**NEW
LOCATION
for 2020**

ITEMS TO DONATION FOR 2020:
NEW OR GENTLY USED
**COATS, SNOWPANTS, HATS,
MITTENS, BOOTS, SHEETS OR BLANKETS**