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Contact the office for your username and password.

Mission

Joyfully Christian.
Humbly Serving.
Boldly Loving.



Please join us
in the narthex
on
Sunday, November 14th
in between services
as we celebrate
Pastor Dana's
10th Anniversary
at Immanuel!!!

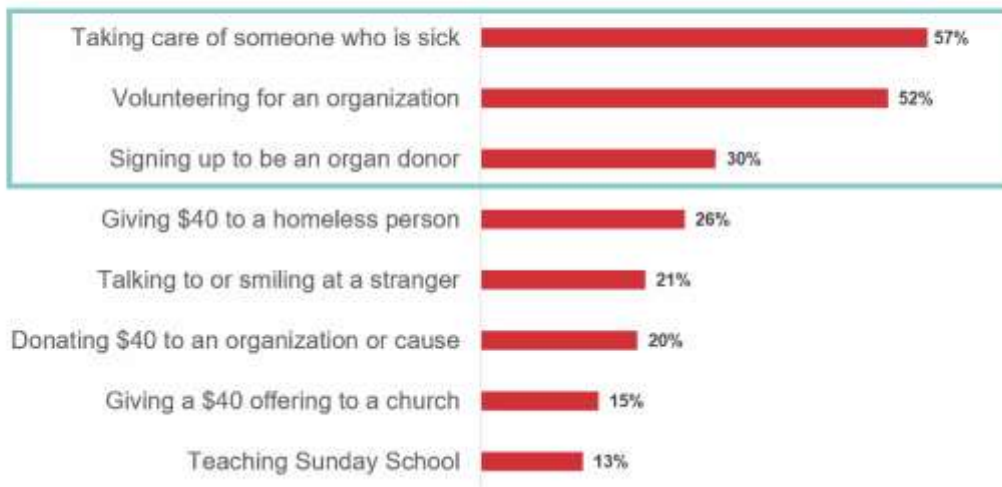
A Letter from Pastor Dana....

Friends in Christ,

In this month, a month of gratitude and generosity, it is timely that I am involved in an online CoLab titled, “Accelerating Generosity,” put on by the Barna Group. One of the first questions we were asked in class was:

Which act do you find to be the most generous? TOP RESPONSES FROM CHRISTIANS

Barna



Barna Group is a visionary research and resource company located in Ventura, California. Started in 1984, the firm is widely considered to be a leading research organization focused on the intersection of faith and culture.

This CoLab enables us to grow in our ability to be data-informed as our leadership makes decisions, and to *really* be intentional, considering how we can best lead and serve you moving forward.

Much has been shaken over the last 18 months—for all of us; with this in mind, I have been reminded that it is important to check-in with you! In partnership with Barna, **we are deploying an assessment** that we hope will provide insights into the experiences and wishes of those in our faith community. We would love for you to take it—so we can listen to and learn from you.

It should take **less than ten minutes of your time**, and it will provide us with valuable insight into our congregation that will inform future actions.

All the data collected in this survey is anonymous, so feel free to be as honest and candid as you wish. Your responses will not be traced back to you, as we value your open feedback.

Thank you for your partnership and support for this church and community.

Please click [here](#) to take the assessment. We will also send out an email separately with the link soon.

With gratitude,
Pastor Dana Hendershot

Worship Ministry

Mark your calendar now for our Holiday season worship times!

Sunday, December 12 – 10:00 am (Children’s Program)

Sunday, December 19– 10:00 am (Lessons & Carols)

Sunday, December 26 – 10:00 am

Sunday, January 2 – 10:00 am

Adult Forum on Sunday mornings between services

Led by Sue Bergeson

We will be doing a video series titled, “Living the Questions.”

Invitation to Journey

Nov. 7 – Homeless Shelter Sunday – no forum

Nov. 14 – Lives of Jesus

Nov. 21 – A Passion for Christ: Paul

Nov. 28 – Thanksgiving weekend – no forum

Altar Flowers



Please sign up in the Narthex if you’d like to purchase flowers for the altar.

The cost is \$45.00
(Please return vase)



Ministry with Each Other

Exegetical Happy Hour

Tuesday, November 2
4:30-6:00pm
Cheers Neighborhood Grill

Exegesis is a Greek word defined as, “a critical explanation or interpretation of a text, especially a religious text. Traditionally the term was used primarily for work with the Bible.”

We'll gather together the first Tuesday of each month and read through the scripture for the month. We'll discuss our own interpretations and experiences with the scripture—all while enjoying a Happy Hour together! You can come and go as your schedule allows. Consider it an exegetical open house.

I hope you will join us!

Theological Discussions with Pr. Dana

Thursdays at 11am

(We're going hybrid – offering in-person and online – the link to join via zoom is on the website)

Tuesday Women's Bible Study

This group meets on
Tuesdays from 9:30-11am

Please join us!

Please contact Judy Emmons at 772-3831
if you have any questions.



6 Jennifer Digmann
6 Deb Reimer
7 Matt Keller
11 Ted Tuma
12 Harry Plouff
13 Jonathan Jurick
14 Dan Eversole
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
26 John Foote
26 Amy Powell
30 Martha Goodrich



(Ministry with Each Other, Continued)



Lonely? Sad? Discouraged?

**Going through a tough time---emotionally or spiritually? Struggling with a crisis in life?
Or simply feeling down?**

Consider letting a Stephen Minister help. A Stephen Minister is a member of our congregation who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray, and walk alongside you during difficult times. It's confidential, free, and very helpful.

To learn more, talk with Pastor Dana, Chris Schuster, Fred Schuster, or Gail Mitchell.

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 _____

Children & Youth



Sunday School

Pre-K through 5th grade students are invited to attend Sunday School! This fall, we will be following the "lectionary" and learning more about the Gospel message each Sunday.

Fall 2021 Calendar

Oct. 10	A Rich Man's Questions	Mark 10: 17-31
Oct. 17	James & Jon	Mark 10: 35-45
Oct. 24	Bartimaeus Sees	Mark 10: 46-52
Oct. 31	A Message from God	Deuteronomy 6: 1-9
Nov. 7	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Nov. 14	Be Ready	Mark 13: 1-8
Nov. 21	Christ the King	John 18: 33-37
Nov. 28	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Dec. 5	Zechariah	Luke 1: 68-79
Dec. 12	Children's Christmas Program	



Youth Group- 6th-12th Grade

We are meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays for fellowship, fun, snacks and to connect with God.

Questions: Contact Thomas Strandskov or Beth Mundwiler



Children's Christmas Program

This year, we are happy to announce that we will once again be able to hold our annual Christmas Program!

This will be held on Sunday, December 12th at 10am.

Please keep an eye out for more information coming SOON!

Ministry with Community & World

**CHRISTMAS OUTREACH
of Isabella County
IN PERSON SHOPPING
IS RETURNING 2021**

REGISTER IN NOV
Mon - Fri Nov 1st - 5th
Mon - Fri Nov 8th - 12th
Registration is Open 8am-4pm

**MUST CALL TO REGISTER
989-317-8733**
DISTRIBUTION WILL BE BACK AT
CAMPUS LIFE
(FORMER COCA-COLA BUILDING)
1200 W HIGH ST • MT PLEASANT MI

BACK TO SHOPPING AGAIN

SHOPPING DAYS DEC 9, 10 & 11
COATS, HATS, MITTENS, BOOTS, CHILDREN'S BOOKS,
LINENS, CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS & STOCKINGS



Immanuel will host the ICRH rotating homeless shelter from Oct. 31-Nov.7.

Thank you to all who are helping us out this week by volunteering time or donating food! We couldn't do it without you!

The Care Store

is always in need of household items! When you buy one for your home, consider buying one for someone in need. Place these items on the shelf in the hallway by the office and we'll get them delivered to those who need them.



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.



THANK YOU
to all who came out to
help us for Fall
Clean up day
on October 9th!!!

Tax Break for Contributions –people over 70 years-old

If you are over 70.5 did you know that you can give directly from your retirement account to Immanuel Lutheran Church and pay no taxes on the gift? Due to the tax changes that include a higher standard deduction and the elimination of the personal exemption, you may receive the best tax benefit if you donate directly from your retirement account.

Financial Year-End Report: Budget Year End- September 2021

Spending Plan 2020-2021: \$371,627
Actual Expenditures: \$311,152
Giving to Date: \$312,091

Last year comparison: Budget Year End- September 30, 2020

Spending Plan 2019-2020: \$345,354
Unified Budget Expenditures: \$315,905.91
Year-end Unified Budget giving: \$306,273.19
Payroll Protection Program: \$27,830
Total U.B. funding including loan:
\$334,103.19

Daylight Savings



Just a reminder to set
your clocks back one hour
on November 7th.