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

Mission

Joyfully Christian.
Humbly Serving.
Boldly Loving.



Immanuel will soon begin to offer both in-person and online services on Sundays!

Our goal is to re-open on Reformation Sunday, which is Sunday, October 25th, with services at 9am & 11am.

More information to follow....

A Letter from Pr. Dana.....

Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you! This is a big week for Immanuel! We have a lot in the works, and I am going to wet your palate with FOUR things to expect this month! Please watch your weekly emails for more specific information.

1. The worship ministry team and the executive team met this week to discuss returning to worship inside the building! As you may have noticed, there is a new executive order that opens up some of the restrictions. **Our goal is to celebrate Reformation inside together at 9am and 11am starting Sunday, October 25.** There will be numerous changes and restrictions including only 50 people during each service. So, you will need to make reservations before coming. Please watch for more information and kindly understand that all of the decisions about indoor worship are subject to change at any time due to COVID-19 numbers and exposure. We will of course continue to live-stream the service for those who are not comfortable with returning as of yet. We will also offer drive-thru communion on the last Sunday of the month.

2. In October we are also going to do something we have never done before! **I will be inviting the congregation to watch a YouTube special by Rob Bell titled, "An Introduction to Joy."** It is about an hour and twenty minutes long. Next week I will be recording a panel discussion on the special with a few members of the congregation. Once that is recorded, we will post on our website the link to the YouTube special, the panel discussion, and two Zoom opportunities to discuss further if you are interested.

3. We are in the midst of planning a **drive-in movie night!** It'll be October 18 at 7pm! Watch for more information soon.

4. Finally, **we plan to host a virtual hymn sing to celebrate Reformation in style on Friday, October 23rd at 6pm.** You're used to it being "Beer, Brats, and Hymns" at Hunter's Ale House. This year you'll have to provide your own beer and brats at home, but we'll bring the hymns via Zoom. If you're a hymn lover (and yes, this includes contemporary), make sure to attend because there will be no congregational singing during in-person worship in the building.

I continue to pray for you. I hope you will participate in the few things that we are offering so you may stay connected and continue to grow in your life-of-faith!

In Christ,
Pastor Dana Hendershot

Financial Corner (YTD as of August 31, 2020)

Spending Plan 2019-2020:
\$345,354.00

Actual Expenditures:
\$284,645.46

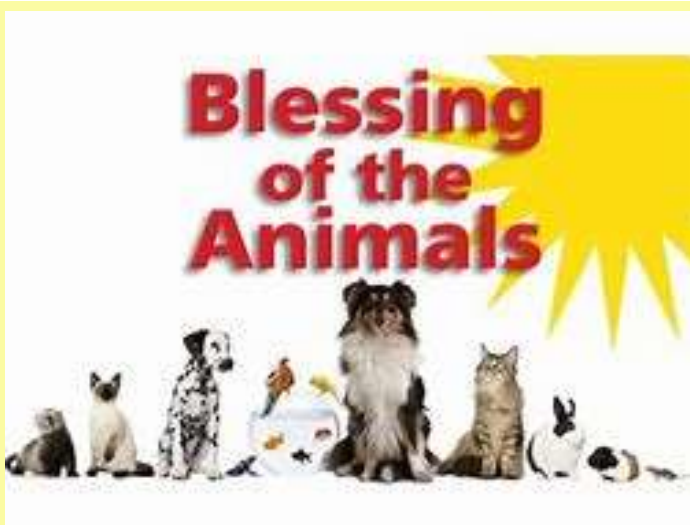
Giving To Date:
\$286,896.94

Payroll Protection Program (PPP loan):
\$27,830

Total unified budget funding including the loan:
\$314,786.94



- 1 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 Strandkov
- 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



Please join Pr. Dana for a
Blessing of the Animals service
in the pavilion
on Saturday, October 3 at 3pm.

Please bring your furry and feathered friends on a
leash or in a cage (and don't forget your mask!)



Save a Life. Give Blood

Immanuel will host a Blood Drive
on Thursday, October 15
from noon-5:45pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Donors and Volunteers
are needed!!!

Contact: Billie Plouff
at 989-317-8271



Reminder:

Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday, October 31 before you go to bed!!



Immanuel would like to invite you and your family to a DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHT in our parking lot on Sunday, October 18th at 7pm!

More information to follow, but be sure to mark your calendars!



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

Sign-up links will be available soon for volunteer shifts, volunteer trainings, as well as meal donations.

*Please note that ALL volunteers will be required to attend a training as there are several new protocols for Covid-19.



Please join us for a Virtual Hymn Sing on Friday, October 23 at 6pm.

More information on how to join this event will be sent out to you soon!

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

ITEMS TO DONATION FOR 2020:

NEW OR GENTLY USED

COATS, SNOWPANTS, HATS,

MITTENS, BOOTS, SHEETS OR BLANKETS

