

# Immanuel Lutheran Church - Olivette, Missouri

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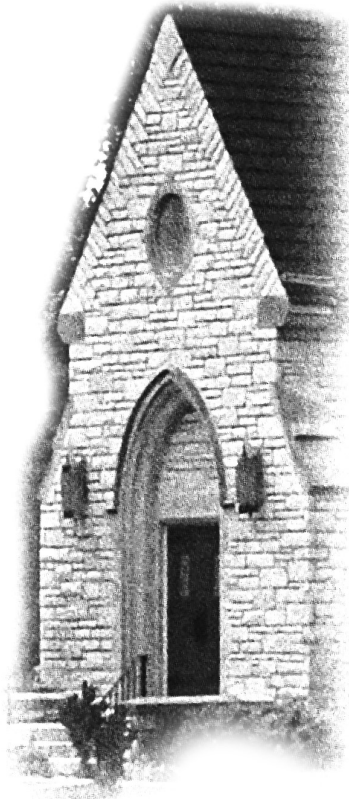
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*Connected in Jesus*



*Compassion for all*



Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Light of Christ Chinese Lutheran Mission  
Immanuel Lutheran School



## Worship Services by Reservation (currently 50 participants) with Holy Communion Celebrated:

Saturdays – 5:00 pm  
Sundays – 8:00 am (also Live streamed on [YouTube](#)) and 10:30 am

## Holy Communion by Appointment

Tuesdays – 10:00-11:00 am  
Wednesdays – 5:00-6:00 pm

## Light of Christ Worship

Sundays – 10:30 am (also Live streamed on [YouTube](#))

Holy Communion served 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sundays of each month

## Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday, Nov 25– 7:00pm

Thursday, Nov 26– 8:00am and 10:00am (both live streamed)

Sign up required for all services



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A Greeter Schedule is not included in this *Anchor* since specific guidelines for future services are not known at this time. Thank you to everyone who has served Immanuel in this capacity! Your willingness to welcome people to church is so important and appreciated! Watch for forthcoming info on resuming the greeter program.

**Notes to Greeters:** Please note on your personal calendar, and trade with someone if you have a conflict. Badges are in the Volunteer Room.

**More Greeters are always welcome.**

Please call Judy Meyr (429-5354) if interested in this service to the Lord.

**Official Acts****BAPTISM**

Finley Siener July 1, 2020

Alanna Schlimpert September 26, 2020

**Are We Still Teaching the Faith?**

In this age of COVID, it seems a lot of things have come to a halt or at the very least have been modified in how we experience them. The formalized teaching of the faith through catechism instruction is no exception. **Now to be clear, if for some reason the Church were to be completely unavailable to partner in this task, parents, baptismal sponsors and the like are still responsible for**

**this teaching of the faith as it is presented in the catechism.** It may seem an insurmountable task but in truth, there are only six parts: the Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Confession and Absolution and the Lord's Supper. Of course, learning and growing in the faith isn't just for kids; all of us would be blessed by a review of what we believe. Don't have a copy of Luther's Small Catechism? You can find the catechism in the front of our two most recent hymnals and even on line at <http://catechism.cph.org>.

**Thankfully through technology, Immanuel continues to offer formalized confirmation instruction.** Last March when we had to immediately stop meeting in person, we had a variety of electronic ways (Zoom, Google Classroom, pre-recorded videos) that allowed us to finish up the year's instruction for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Finally in late June, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmands were able to share their essays pre-recorded via You Tube and we were able to hold an in person service for the public Rite of Confirmation and First Communion of our 10 confirmands.

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In 2020, for the first time since beginning Confirmation Camp, camp was cancelled.

Jump to September 2020; Confirmation class for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade is now back in session and looking just a little bit different than most might remember. The first noticeable change is the meeting time. With service times and limits of who can be in the building when as well as family travel to and from church, there was not an optimum window of time to meet between services, so **our new meeting time is 5:00 pm on Sunday evenings.**

**The other change is a move to "in person" learning through Zoom.** Our current 6<sup>th</sup> graders finished up their 5<sup>th</sup> grade Bible Overview year with Miss Natalie Oleshchuk via Zoom learning but this is a first for our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades with a group total of 34 students. While this format allows for the presentation of the material, it is not so conducive for class discussion, so parents please take time to be a part of your child's learning, after all this is important stuff. To assist you, there are various helps and resources that we will make available to your families, either leading into the lessons or something to help with the review after. One of the best (and maybe the easiest) ways that parents might help is to show interest and ask your child about their lesson each week; let your kids know that what they are learning and doing is important to you.

**Don't forget, the faithful example of parents, grandparents and other adults in the family is still the best influence when it comes to teaching your child what faith in Jesus is and what it looks like.** May God bless and guide all of us (young and old alike) in this endeavor of learning and growing in the Christian faith.

*~Pastor Karg*

## From the Vicar

There are 168 hours in a week. It seems like a lot, but when we begin to add up our daily responsibilities, we suddenly find ourselves running out of time. Work takes up most of our time.

If you are a parent, then you have to factor in play dates or school, practices, and any extracurricular activity. By the time we want to spend time focusing on our spiritual growth, we are too tired. Out of the 168 hours a week, most of us might only spend 1 hour on Sunday dedicated to worship. Although I do encourage attending weekly worship, this 1 hour doesn't seem to compensate for the other 167 hours in the week. If God desires us to be daily in His Word and meditating on His message, how can we better utilize our time to expand our worship beyond 1 hour a week?

### Family Messages

Due to the pandemic, church services as we know them have drastically transformed. Livestream, masks, 6 foot seating, and no common cup are just the beginning. However, because safety has become the number one priority, Children's Messages have been removed from the service to keep them at a safe distance from each other. Nevertheless, out of this situation, Family Messages were born. A short message recorded and posted on [Youtube](#) for the children to enjoy and listen to. Now the production of these messages is nothing to brag about, but then, they were created to provide opportunities for kids to get into the Word and families to create further discussion.

### Our Hope

It can be challenging to find time for a devotional. Balancing your schedule with your spouse takes a lot of coordination. And balancing your schedule with the different kids' schedules seems impossible. However, our hope is that even during this time we could provide opportunities for devotion outside of church. Take time to talk about the family message at the dinner table, or during your commute to school. Watching and discussing the family messages do not have to be a labor intensive devotion. They are there to help spark conversation and keep the whole family in God's Word.

Romans 15:4 states, *"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."* It takes a lot of endurance and strength to make it through each week. It requires all of our energy and all of our attention. But God encourages us to seek His Word. The Bible is not just some historical book, but a book that is living and active that gives hope to the weary. It gives hope for a better tomorrow; it gives hope for a better future in Christ.



## ***Partnering with Families to Prepare God's Children for the Future*** **Immanuel Lutheran School's Mission**

*Responding to God's grace through Christ, Assisting families with whole child development, and Preparing children for God's service.*

By Principal Wendy Morris

At the time of preparing this article we have completed 20 days with no cases of Covid-19 among our students and staff. We thank God for daily reminding all of us that He is in control of all things. If you are wondering about the work occurring behind the scenes, allow me to share the intricacies of the investment of planning and the implementation of the plan. As the administrator, I run through worst case scenarios to act with the highest regard for the safety of the students and staff. After all, they are worth the responsibility of leading them well.



As for the teachers, I commend them for going above and beyond to provide lessons to students in the classroom and at home. It is much like two full-time jobs simultaneously and a necessity to work well beyond 7:45 am – 3:45 pm. We currently have 29 of the 120 kindergarten to eighth grade students at home.

There are 19 preschoolers enrolled compared to beginning last year with 46 preschoolers. This year's preschool enrollment is 41% of the budget. Due to the decrease in enrollment, we have eliminated all aides during the school day. Cleaning and disinfecting during the school day was typically assigned to the aides. It is now the task of the teacher.

We thank our families for following the CDC and St. Louis County guidelines and the policies and procedures of the school. For parents who have children working from home, thank you, parents, for going above and beyond to partner with the teachers. We especially are grateful for how the students have adjusted to different ways of learning and growing. They are definitely working hard and advocating for their education in countless ways.

Members of Immanuel Lutheran Church and Light of Christ, please take time to thank and pray for your Immanuel Lutheran School faculty and staff as they continue to show God's kindness, gentleness, humbleness, and patience to the students and their families.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **2020 Eagle Run – Virtual Style**

Head out for a morning/afternoon/evening run, walk, or jog through your own neighborhood as we raise money for Immanuel Lutheran School. This is our 8th year for the Eagle Run and even though we needed to make this a virtual event, we hope everyone will participate and make their own fun with their family. Please wear your t-shirt and make sure to snap some pictures of you/your family's participation and send them to [dglenn@ilsolivette.org](mailto:dglenn@ilsolivette.org). We look forward to receiving and posting your pictures of your walk/run!

Here are the details:

The 2020 Virtual Eagle Run will take place October 24, 2020.

The cost for the run will be \$25 5K, \$12 1-mile fun run.

The deadline for entries to guarantee a t-shirt will be October 5th.

T-shirt pick-up day will be October 20th after school.

Click [this link](#) to sign up or look for the paper form in the church entry vestibule. Thank you!



## Dine Out for a Cause

Support our school and have a delicious dinner! Order CHIPOTLE online or order at the restaurant on October 7 and earn 33% for Immanuel! You can also purchase a Scrip gift card to Chipotle and then use that gift card to buy the food on Oct 7th for an extra 10% for the school! Order online for pickup directly through Chipotle using the online ordering code **WM9GVJ8**

Use this flyer when you order:

# SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Immanuel Lutheran School. Come in to the Chipotle at **11485 Olive Blvd** in Creve Coeur on **Wednesday, October 7th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Immanuel Lutheran School.

### NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code WM9GVJ8 before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.



All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.



When our spring *GriefShare* cycle ended in May, the outlook for our usual fall and winter programs was uncertain. We were thankful that we had been able to meet by phone after the participants watched each week's video online, but that solution was not ideal. Since then, more people have become familiar with Zoom, and, in view of the continued uncertainty about in-person meetings, the Immanuel *GriefShare* facilitators have decided to use Zoom for our "Surviving the Holidays" seminar on Sunday, Nov. 7, from 2:00 to 4:30 pm. We are

adding a half hour to our usual two hours to allow time for participants to log in, with individual help if necessary. We will share the video during the session, eliminating the need for pre-meeting viewing. Another advantage to this format is that participants from around the USA—and even the world—can join. Distance is not a barrier!

All *GriefShare* programs are open to both Immanuel members and non-members. Please share this information with anyone you know who is grieving the death of a loved one. The pandemic has meant that the usual rituals surrounding grief often cannot take place, and the comfort that they provide is missing. The upcoming holidays will add to the burden.

Register online at [GriefShare.org](https://GriefShare.org), click on "Surviving the Holidays" at the bottom of the page, enter Immanuel's zip code 63132, click on the blue date, and click on "Register for this event." We will contact all registrants with information about how to join the Zoom meeting. We encourage early registration so that the booklet used for the seminar can be obtained.

Our usual pattern is to offer a second session of "Surviving the Holidays" early in December. We are deferring any decision about this session until after the November seminar.

## IMMANUEL CAMPOUT

A great time was had by all at Campout '20 and now it's time to make plans for next year. On Nov. 1 several members of Couples Club will be at the park to enter the lottery and find out which date in September we can reserve all the cabins. Watch the church Announcements Nov. 8 and 15 for publication of the Campout '21 date.



Then, call Wayne and Barb Meyr, 314-423-8944 on Saturday, Nov. 21 after 8:00 am and leave a message on the answering machine to reserve a cabin for Campout '21. Only one cabin reservation per call, please. Remember! First call, first served!

Don't miss out on the fun! Mark your calendars so you are sure to call on Nov. 21.

## Mite Collection In October

Since October is LWML Month, the congregation is invited to join the Guild in supporting mission projects around the world. Look for the large Mite Box as you enter or exit for worship during October. Or, if you are worshipping from home, you may send a contribution to the church office with checks made out to Women's Guild. Please put "Mites" in the memo. Thank you for your participation in this very worthwhile project.

In 1928, the Lutheran Women's Missionary Endeavor decided that each woman who was a member of the Ladies Aid Society in her Lutheran church would be given a "Mite Box" to collect her voluntary donations to support local and synod ministries. Throughout the decades since then, Lutheran women have stepped out in faith, setting goals and trusting God to move the hearts of His people to give generously to LWML to proclaim the Gospel.

At each monthly Women's Guild meeting, ladies are encouraged to turn in their Mites. All donations are sent on to LWML, with 75% of the funds supporting District grants and 25% supporting National grants. The current biennium National Mission Goal is \$2,100,000. As of August 31, donations stand at \$1,418,968.37. For a complete listing and details of the current projects, visit the [LWML website here](https://www.lwml.org). Please check it out; you will be amazed at the myriad of missions substantially benefited through this program.

## Immanuel's Library News

In the flurry of activities everyone does to prepare for the holidays, do we make time for devotions for ourselves and our families? Immanuel's "Elevator Library" has books to help. We have a section devoted to holidays and books for children to help you ensure the emphasis is on Christ as we celebrate Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. Please take time to explore these and other areas of our resource library. Don't forget to sign out the items in the white binder located in the Elevator Library.



Concordia Publishing House has a new, very special way for you and your family to prepare for Christ's birth during Advent -- *Jesus' Family Tree* is a vibrantly illustrated book for children exploring His ancestors. For very special personal or family devotions, you can also order the *Jesse Tree: Family Activity Kit*. This kit includes adult devotions and a tree to assemble and decorate with ornaments corresponding to the devotions. Explore

further: <https://books.cph.org/jesse-tree-advent>, or look at the display set up near the elevator.

## Thank You

Thank you to the sponsors and 58 golfers of this year's Immanuel Golf Classic. We were blessed with beautiful weather and a great day of fellowship, raising just over \$3300 for the kids of Immanuel. Our proceeds from the event will go to help the Athletics program with off-budget needs as well as support the Immanuel scholarship fund to assist with tuition.

## News from North

The school year at Lutheran North has a different look this fall, but learning continues! LN adopted a hybrid schedule to start the year. Students could choose to attend school in person 2 days a week, in order to allow for proper social distancing, or attend all virtual classes from home. About 1/3 of families chose the all virtual option. Fall sports are continuing to practice, following St. Louis County guidelines, and are hoping to still be able to compete.

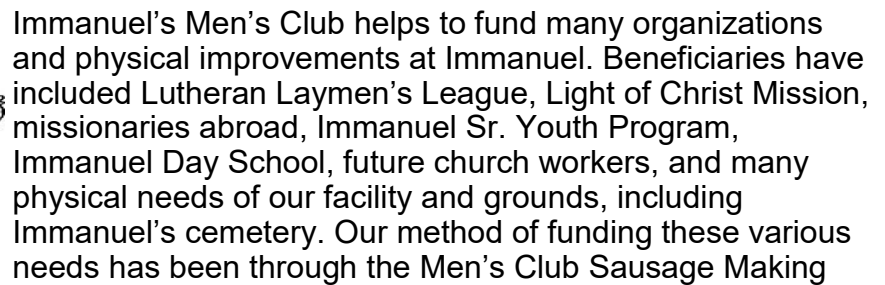
The Crusader Football team, following their 2019 State Champion status, is named #1 Small School in the 2020 Preseason Rankings. Cross Country is the only sport currently able to compete; Immanuel members Ellie Jander and Allison Cullen are Crusader runners.

Immanuel School graduates enrolled as freshmen at LN are Immanuel members Allison Cullen, Nathan Salemin, and Nathan Wittler, along with Cassie Pura and Jackson Holmes. We wish them well as they pursue their Christian education. Christ is at the center of everything at LN - from academics to athletics to worship to friendships. Students can find many ways to grow in their faith and share their faith. It remains a great place to *Achieve. Believe. Belong.*

## Is Your Son or Daughter a College Student?

Immanuel would like to send your college student a care package! One package per semester is sent with goodies, words of encouragement, and a reminder that their home church is thinking about and praying for them.

Please send your student's address to Michele Zalmanoff at [michelezhhome@charter.net](mailto:michelezhhome@charter.net). Don't wait! Purchasing and planning must be done soon since most students will be heading for home at Thanksgiving. Call or text Michele at 314-560-2816 with any questions.



Due to the Corona Virus, sausage for our November sale will be made by Wenneman's Meat Market - a family owned and operated business that has been serving the best premium meats since 1927. They will be using our seasoning recipe and specifications, so you will receive the same quality sausage as you have come to enjoy in the past. If you have not purchased our sausage before, we invite you to try some, as we are confident that you will find the quality and value of our sausage is superior.

- Church Office (314) 993-2394
- Wayne Meyr (314) 423-8944
- Paul Rohan (636) 530-6160

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# WOMEN'S GUILD

LWML



We miss seeing everyone for devotion, fellowship, and fun! Sadly, Women's Guild has not been able to meet since last March and still cannot make plans to gather together. Our annual Bazaar Luncheon, always held the first Saturday in November, will not take place this year and the annual Cookie Fair looks unlikely. Those two events finance most of the Guild's mission projects and commitments. Thankfully, our treasury has still been able to pay for altar flowers on the weekends when individuals have not signed up for them. Plus, the Guild was able to give a \$100 scholarship to each of the three Immanuel members who graduated from Immanuel School last spring and enrolled in a Lutheran High School. It is our pleasure to support continuing Christian education!

Ladies, please see the LWML article elsewhere in this issue. If you worship at Immanuel during the month of October, you may deposit your Mites in the large Mite box. If that is not convenient, you may give or mail them to Connie Baur in the church office anytime. She will make sure they get to Women's Guild. Checks should be made payable to Women's Guild with "Mites" in the memo.

LWML Fall Quarterlies are available in the entryway vestibule. Help yourself and enjoy!

## Immanuel Youth

Youth Group is a combination of Immanuel and Light of Christ. We all come together in person every other Sunday evening from 6:30-8:00 to play games and address topics the youth are curious about, such as anxiety, depression, and church history. On the other Sunday evenings, we meet on Zoom at the same time to address topics in C.S. Lewis' *Screwtape Letters*.

If you know an Immanuel high school or college-age student, please have them fill out our short contact form listed below so we can better reach them.

<https://forms.gle/t4CTL9XD2z4LWdba9>



We are thankful for adults who have been working together to lead the Youth group, particularly vicar Sam, Pastor Lim, Justin Cullen, and Esther Dunlop. We're also thankful for the Shaws and Gordons for gifting their Thrivent Action Plans to provide resources for the Youth group.

## Gift Cards for Good!

Immanuel School is still selling gift cards to benefit all students! Our SCRIP ladies are still selling in person after some services and the website is available 24/7. You can order online and pick it up at church the following week.

**Check out the SCRIP site:** <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/>

**NEW APP!** SCRIP also has a new app (RAISE RIGHT) that is really easy to use and you can get your gift card within minutes on your phone.

Order forms are also available at church.



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**BUY SCRIP FOR OUR UPCOMING OCTOBER 7 DINE-OUT TO CHIPOTLE. IMMANUEL GETS 10% BACK FROM EVERY CHIPOTLE SCRIP PURCHASE!**



### **Thanksgiving Food Offering and Christmas Gift Collection**

The ongoing COVID-19 virus continues to affect us all in many ways. The Community Care Team wants to continue some aspects of our Thanksgiving Food Offering and Christmas Gift Collection, but in a modified manner, since we cannot currently gather together and drop items off in the church building as we normally do. We typically collect non-perishable food items during the week of Thanksgiving and save them to deliver the week before Christmas along with a fresh ham and gifts from our Christmas collection. The dinners and gifts are given to families from the Lutheran Community Center at Transfiguration Lutheran Church in North St. Louis City, as well as several families from Nurses for Newborns.

This year, we're not going to collect the non-perishable items, since we can't drop off and collect items in the church building. However, the Community Care Team will still purchase hams for the families for Christmas dinner and deliver them directly to the Lutheran Community Center. Instead of asking our members to sign up to sponsor a child's gift during the Fellowship time between services, the CCT is going to purchase Visa gift cards through PSCE for the Lutheran Community Center Director to use to purchase gifts for the children. The Director, Shirley Booker, will purchase all the gifts and have her team wrap and distribute the gifts. If any of our Immanuel members would like to support this collection by donating the customary \$25, you are welcome to participate in this way this year. Checks made out to Immanuel (with "CCT Donation" in the memo) can be mailed or dropped off at church on Sundays. We know that the families look forward to our dinners and gifts every year, and we aren't going to let COVID-19 stop us! Thank you for contributing to this program.

Please contact Diane Tallyn or Suzanne Hough with any questions.

### **Immanuel Homebound Family**

Immanuel Homebound Family members are still receiving a birthday card from the congregation. Please watch for an announcement about the congregation sending cards to the homebound for Christmas.

### **Feeding the Homeless**

We are still not able to deliver food and donations. Watch for updates.

### **Food Pantry Donations**

Mid-August, the Concordia Seminary Food Bank reopened for the students and their families. Food pantry donations are now being accepted and Immanuel recently delivered seven bags of groceries to the food bank. March through July, food pantry donations were being delivered to the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry.

Food pantry donations may be left at the Immanuel Food Pantry Table located near the church elevator anytime. Both pantries are in great need of donations.

### **Local Outreach**

Due to the pandemic, the 2020 Christmas Cottage is cancelled. Plans are underway for the 2021 Christmas Cottage.

## Voters' Highlights – Sept. 22, 2020

- The Voters' Meeting on Sept. 22 was held via Zoom with 47 families in attendance.
- The Treasurer's Report shows a current budget deficit of \$3,585. Offerings are lagging about \$25,000 behind budget and behind the status of one year ago.
- The Board of Elders expressed thanks to all the folks who have been working diligently behind the scenes to make worship safely available.
- The School Report included high commendation of the faculty and staff who are pulling together to do more than they ever thought they'd have to do. The congregation is asked to also express personal appreciation to our teachers and staff members. Enrollment stands at 139 with the decrease due to far fewer preschoolers than last year (19 as opposed to 44). The first dine-out fundraiser will take place at Chipotle on Oct. 7.
- Parish Education said that Sunday School has resumed virtually at 9:30 am, with thanks to Mara Springer. The link can be found on Immanuel's website. Printed materials can be ordered to use at home if desired.
- The Board of Stewards reported that as of July 31, the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thank Offering was \$81,572.36. Dispersed funds so far are \$15,000 to missionaries, \$16,000 to technology, and \$6,000 to support two Light of Christ members in the Deaconess program at Concordia Seminary. A member of the Board will be speaking to the Youth Group about financial issues.
- Pastor Karg reported that the Senior Youth meet every Sunday evening, alternating between virtual and in-person. The Junior High Youth meet virtually every week. Two 6<sup>th</sup> grade mentors are needed, one man and one woman. If interested, please let Pastor know ASAP.
- Pastor Lim reported that Light of Christ is thriving – an adult woman was baptized last week and gave a wonderful testimony; attendance at worship is good; youth are meeting weekly; the lay training class has 25-30 in attendance; 6 Bible classes are held during the week; there are 2 active prayer fellowships.
- Building and Grounds reported that after much time and effort, the water line leak in the East Building was finally found and repaired. Roofs are needed for the gym and for the East Building. Watch for information on timing for fall clean-up and please lend a hand.
- Church Council will need 17 persons to replace Board members whose terms are expiring. Please consider where you can step up to fill these positions.
- Under New Business, President Copeland announced that a Stump Budget would be adopted for the time period of January 1-June 30, 2021. This will carry Immanuel through this school year, which is very unique. From then on, the budget will follow the fiscal year of July-June. Prayerfully, next school year will return to a more normal status. Council is planning to include an Associate Pastor in the full year budget.
- New guidelines for use of Immanuel's gym (50 people) or fellowship hall (25 people) were announced. Gatherings must register and be approved at least 1 week in advance; no food or drink can be served; one hour is maximum time length; social distancing and masks mandatory; a written list of attendees required. See the guidelines on the website for further details.
- Pastor Karg ended the meeting with a plea for everyone to come to worship in-person at Immanuel! His wish is for Connie Baur to have so many requests that she must say "no" to someone. The Council can then add seating in the fellowship hall, etc. in order to accommodate all worshippers.

# Light of Christ

(written by Jian Zhang)

Ever since the stay-at-home order was proposed, most would have thought that keeping everyone confined to their own homes would pose some problems for church attendance. Yet, in a seemingly counterintuitive turn of events, the pandemic seems to have encouraged even more people to join Light of Christ's Bible studies. During the past few months, Friday night Bible studies have been boasting an



average of over 30 attendees per week, while Sunday Bible studies have seen around 34 people for the three classes offered in total—English, Chinese, and Basics of Christianity, which serves as an introduction to the foundations of the Christian faith. These encouraging numbers prompted Pastor Lim to start an additional English Bible study class during the month of June, which is currently meeting on Friday nights to conduct an in-depth study of Judges. On top of that, Pastor Lim is also leading a new discipleship training program on the third Saturday of

every month starting June. So far, an average 26 people have attended each month.

This surge in attendance may be due to the accessibility of technology; newcomers may be more encouraged to just click a link and be able to listen without the pressure of inserting themselves into a new environment. However, one group seemed to be left out; many of LOC's seniors had difficulties with the technological adjustment at first. Zoom, the primary application used by LOC to host Bible studies, posed a high learning curve for those who were less well-versed in technology. Combining this with a language barrier made tutorials difficult to follow without someone more experienced to walk the seniors through each step. Thus, once the stay-at-home order was relaxed, the Center Director, Helen, began personally visiting seniors' homes (following proper procedures, of course) to help them set up and learn to use Zoom. As a result, the seniors' Bible study and fellowship has regained momentum; around 13 seniors were able to attend Thursday's Bible study classes after the visits, compared to the initial response of approximately 2-3 people. The additional participants have done wonders for the seniors' emotional wellness as well—they can finally find support in meeting together after months of isolation, and are delighted to be able to use this new technology to communicate with each other again.



From a global pandemic to frustrating technology, sometimes it seems as if the problems never stop. Yet, despite the unfavorable circumstances, God has still continued to carry out His will, turning what seems like adversity at first into a new advantage for the spread of the Word. No matter what happens, the past couple of months have made one thing clear—God will always find a way.

More great news for LOC is that we have two sisters, Kan Hsu and Helen Qiu enrolled in the EIIT (Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology) program at Concordia Seminary. They started their four-year Deaconess Program study in August. Both women are already serving faithfully in LOC for many years. The program will prepare them theologically and help them to serve more effectively. Please remember them in your prayers.



## Steward Builders

The purpose of this article is to share God's Word so that our members will better understand who we are to be and what we are to do in the light of the Scriptures. It is our hope that this publication will help you grow in your relationship with the Lord and as a Christian steward.

### Seasons Change but God Never Changes

God blesses us all with four beautiful seasons of the year, but each fall, how can we not give special thanks to God for apple cider, coloring of the leaves, and the mild days. Fall is just a great time of the year. The summer always seems to refresh and energize us for new ministries in the fall as the boards and committees in our church get active and busy again. There is a new sense of enthusiasm to serve the Lord as faithful stewards of who we are and what we've been given.

Together we should thank God that we are a church for all seasons. Whether fall, winter, spring, or summer, we share God's "Good News" with the church and unchurched. We are a church that continues to find new and different ways to share the love of Jesus with others. Visitors who visit us can feel God's presence and love from our members.

### Rating your Stewardship Effort

On a scale of 1 to 10, 10 being the absolute best, how would you rate what you are doing as a Christian steward? As you think about this for a moment, you will begin to realize that, by your own efforts, you will never come close to being a "10." On God's grading scale, we all rate a zero without Him. Fortunately, God knows that we are not perfect. Since the fall of Adam, God has used ordinary sinful people to do the extraordinary.

In spite of our imperfections and frailties, God wants to use us as His hands and feet to feed the hungry, house the homeless, build His Church, and seek the lost with His Gospel. God has made us His stewards, and He equips us for the task. The Apostle Paul wrote, *"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work"* (2 Corinthians 9:8).

God doesn't expect us to be perfect stewards, but He expects us to have attitudes that desire to praise and serve Him. Jesus didn't say, "Blessed are those who achieve their potential and never make a mistake," nor did Jesus say, "Well done, good and successful servant." What Jesus did say was, *"Blessed are the poor in spirit . . . those who mourn . . . the meek"* (Matthew 5:3-5). He also said, *"Well done, good and faithful servant"* (Matthew 25:23). In our humanity, it is easy for us to make a mess of things, but we please the Lord when we, through faith, willingly use our time, talents, and treasures to help others and His Church. The good news for us is that, in Christ, our "0" becomes a "10."

### Prove and Improve

I heard of a man who was offered a deal in which there was a chance to make a great deal of money. He looked it over, and then at a luncheon he explained to the company representative that he could not take it. When pressed for his reason, he said, "I am a Christian." My company tries to do business by Christian principles, and, in light of that, I can see no possible way to handle this." The other businessman looked at him in amazement and said, "Surely you don't try to mix two good things like business and religion." Then from across the table he heard an expression which should be inscribed over every business. "My friend, I have discovered that it is only when we do mix business and religion that we can prove our religion and improve our business."

(J. Wallace Hamilton)

### Opportunity Knocks

The apostle Paul, like us, had things he wanted to do and people he wanted to see. He told the Corinthians that he wanted to come to visit them but that he would have to stay awhile in Ephesus, *"because a great door for effective work [had] opened to [him]"* (1 Corinthians 16:9). As a true disciple of Christ, Paul knew about self-sacrifice. He had suffered much for the sake of the Gospel, and even now, instead of pleasing himself, he was not going to let this opportunity for ministry pass by.

These few words offer much food for thought. Perhaps you've worked long and hard and have been driving around, casting your eyes on new luxury homes. The budget would be tight. Sure wouldn't leave room for extra gifts and offerings beyond the tithe. What do you do? Is this the time for you, like Paul, to put your own desires aside in order to be able to give donations missionaries, to your church colleges, and to the ministry of your own church? Everywhere you look, can't you see that *"a great door for effective work has opened . . ."*? Perhaps you've prepared for a career in a lucrative field. It's been a long struggle, studying for tests, preparing for interviews, and working hard in the summers to pay for it. Then you sense the call of God, calling you into fulltime Christian ministry. Not exactly the lucrative career you had in mind. Certainly *"there [will be] many who oppose [you]"*. This is foolish, they say, you can serve God anywhere, but you know that *"a great door for effective work has opened..."*

For most of us, taking advantage of the opportunities God give us to serve and give don't involve life-changing decisions. It simply requires that we be ready and willing to set aside our own wants and desires, probably temporarily, and walk through that great door of opportunity.

## **Bazaar Workshop -- Pandemic Style**

No snipping, no sewing, no gluing, no painting... but lots of smiles, friendly catching up, and enjoying each other's socially distanced company!

On a beautiful September Wednesday, 15 members of the Workshop gathered around the picnic tables in front of Immanuel's parking lot. Everyone enjoyed a boxed salad lunch, ordered ahead of time from Fallon's Restaurant in Olivette. Thanks to Bill Budner for pick up and delivery! Notice the festive balloons in the picture? We were celebrating the birthdays of two of our most young-at-heart, beautiful members. God blessed the world with both Jo Ritze and Gene Geib 90 years ago! Can you believe it?! Special thanks to Gerry Sheffer for baking the yummy peaches-and-cream birthday cupcakes for everyone!

Gene was not allowed to join us (Doctor's orders), so all of us tied our balloons onto our cars and paraded by her home so we could see her lovely smile and call out "Happy Birthday!" Gene and husband Ken might have had tired arms from all the waving, but all-in-all, it was a delightful day for the Workshop. Hopefully, someday, we'll get back to snipping, sewing, gluing, painting, etc.



## **SUPPORT LESA!**

Each year our Lutheran Elementary School Association hosts the big Brew in the Lou event. Due to COVID-19 they are getting creative with this event. Instead of having one big event, meet the 12 month Passport! For the one-time cost of just \$30, you'll get exclusive access to \$300 in beverages, menu items and special discounts at 30 of your favorite breweries, distilleries, wineries, restaurants, and retailers. Since it's good for an entire year expiring Oct. 9, 2021. You can support Lutheran schools – and businesses hurt by the pandemic – all year long. Brew in the Lou Passports make excellent gifts for the holidays (and birthdays) for friends, family members, co-workers, clients, customers and employees.

visit [www.LESAstl.org](http://www.LESAstl.org)



**For December/  
January issue**

### **November 1**

(Note early deadline due to Thanksgiving)

Articles can be placed in the Anchor Mailbox in the fellowship hall or e-mailed in a **Microsoft Word** document type format (\*.doc) to [anchor@immanuelolivette.org](mailto:anchor@immanuelolivette.org)

### **Elder Zone Assignments**

| <u>Zone</u> | <u>Elder</u>       |
|-------------|--------------------|
| 1 (A-B)     | Tom Murray         |
| 2 (C-F)     | Mel Ballenger      |
| 3 (G-I)     | Jerry Edsen        |
| 4 (J-L)     | Dave Bunte         |
| 5 (M)       | Phil Weinstein     |
| 6 (N-R)     | Jeff Carter (Chm.) |
| 7 (S)       | Dan Krenning       |
| 8 (T-Z)     | Norb Loebbs        |

# OCTOBER 2020

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri | Sat   |
|---|--|---|---|--|-----|---|
| <b>Our Mission Statement:</b><br>The Mission of Immanuel Lutheran Church is to strengthen our church family through Word and Sacrament, to reach out with the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and to extend His love and care one to another. |  |   |   | 1  | 2   | 3<br><br>5:00 Worship                           |
| 4<br><br>5:00 Confirmation Classes<br>6:30 Sr. High Youth   | 5<br><br>Registration deadline for t-shirt guarantee for Eagle Run | 6<br><br>10:00-11:00 Communion<br>11:00 Ladies Bible Study                                    | 7<br><br>4:00-8:00 ILS Dine Out @ Chipotle<br>5:00-6:00 Communion | 8<br><br>9:30-10:30 Quilters                     | 9   | 10<br><br>5:00 Worship                          |
| 11<br><br>5:00 Confirmation Classes<br>6:30 Sr. High Youth  | 12   | 13<br><br>10:00-11:00 Communion<br>11:00 Ladies Bible Study                                   | 14<br><br>5:00-6:00 Communion                                     | 15<br><br>9:30-10:30 Quilters                    | 16  | 17<br><br>5:00 Worship                          |
| 18<br><br>5:00 Confirmation Classes<br>6:30 Sr. High Youth  | 19   | 20<br><br>10:00-11:00 Communion<br>11:00 Ladies Bible Study<br>12:30 Eagle Run T-shirt pickup | 21<br><br>12:30 ILS Early Dismissal<br>5:00-6:00 Communion        | 22<br><br>9:30-10:30 Quilters<br>ILS No School → | 23  | 24<br><br>Virtual Eagle Run<br><br>5:00 Worship |
| 25<br><br>5:00 Confirmation Classes<br>6:30 Sr. High Youth  | 26<br><br>ILS No School  | 27<br><br>10:00-11:00 Communion<br>11:00 Ladies Bible Study                                   | 28<br><br>5:00-6:00 Communion                                     | 29<br><br>9:30-10:30 Quilters                    | 30  | 31  |

# NOVEMBER 2020

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri                               | Sat  |
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| 1<br><br>5:00 Confirmation Classes<br>6:30 Sr. High Youth                         | 2   | 3<br><br>10:00-11:00 Communion<br>11:00 Ladies Bible Study  | 4  | 5<br><br>9:30-10:30 Quilters<br><br>Registration deadline for t-shirt guarantee for Eagle Run | 6                                 | 7<br><br>2:00-4:30 GriefShare via Zoom<br><br>5:00 Worship   |
| 8<br><br>5:00 Confirmation Classes<br>6:30 Sr. High Youth                         | 9<br><br>Deadline for Men's Club Sausage orders | 10<br><br>10:00-11:00 Communion<br>11:00 Ladies Bible Study   | 11<br><br>5:00-6:00 Communion                                  | 12<br><br>9:30-10:30 Quilters   | 13                                | 14   |
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| 22<br><br>Pick up Sausage<br><br>5:00 Confirmation Classes<br>6:30 Sr. High Youth | 23  | 24<br><br>10:00-11:00 Communion<br>11:00 Ladies Bible Study<br><br>6:30 Voters Meeting                            | 25<br><br>7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Worship<br><br>ILS No School → | 26 Thanksgiving<br><i>Offices Closed</i><br><br>8:00 Worship<br>10:00 Worship                 | 27<br><br><i>Offices Closed</i> → | 28   |
| 29<br><br>5:00 Confirmation Classes<br>6:30 Sr. High Youth                        | 30  | Sunday Morning Schedule<br><b>Immanuel:</b><br>8:00 a.m. Worship<br>9:30 a.m. Sunday School<br>10:30 a.m. Worship |  |   |                                   | Sunday Morning Schedule<br><b>Light of Christ:</b><br>10:30 a.m. Worship<br>10:30 a.m. Sunday School |



*I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"*  
Psalms 122:1

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# WORSHIP

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with Holy Communion Celebrated:

Saturdays - 5:00 pm

Sundays-8:00 am (also Live streamed on [YouTube](#)) and 10:30

Holy Communion by [Appointment](#)

Tuesdays - 10:00-11:00 am and Wednesdays - 5:00-6:00 pm

**Light of Christ Worship**

Sundays - 10:30 am (also Live streamed on [YouTube](#))

Holy Communion served 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month

**Thanksgiving Worship**

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