

Our Mission Statement:
*Immanuel Lutheran
Is a family of believers
who worship,
learn, serve
and share Christ's love*

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From The Pastor:

Some of our grand kids are super excited about the costume they'll wear for Halloween this year. One will be Spiderman and he has already been suited up on video calls and has been practicing "casting" his web. Another might have a dilemma because she has recently acquired two very beautiful Princess dresses. Which one to wear? Then there are the little boys who might grouse and fuss about a costume, but their real passion at Halloween is the CANDY! They are going "all-in" on the candy! I'm a "chocoholic" so I can relate to that.

But rather than getting excited about candy, I'm looking forward to October 31st because it is "All Hallow's Eve. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 points of debate to the door of the Wittenberg University Chapel. Those 95 Theses were meant to cause debate within the ranks of the faculty at Wittenberg and within the Roman Catholic hierarchy. Because of things like the invention of the printing press, Luther's points of debate went "viral," and the rest, as they say "is history." The Church and the world have changed forever because of events that began on Halloween 500 years ago.

The centerpiece of Luther's theological awakening is that salvation comes by God's grace, through faith. Ephesians 2:8-10 proclaims this truth. **"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."**

Luther was a champion of getting the Bible into the hands of the common people by translating it from Latin and Greek into the language of the common German peasant. He challenged teachings within the Church of his day that didn't have a clear basis in Scripture. He wrote explanations that taught a clear understanding of: the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the Ten Commandments, Baptism, Holy Communion and the Office of the Keys (dynamics of forgiveness).

That's our Small Catechism. He also wrote a Large Catechism to train Pastor's. It addressed those same things but on a deeper level. Overall, Luther's writings and teachings were prolific and have been preserved in a number of ways. He didn't want to create a new church, but reform and change errors in Roman Catholic belief and practice. Just about every "Protestant" denomination was started as a result of the truths that Luther was calling the Church to re-discover and practice.

I hope to see you this Sunday – and in the weeks to come! We're saved by grace through faith and we celebrate that whenever we gather in Jesus name! I also hope that you are continuing in the "10:02 Prayer Covenant" with me.

In Christ, Pastor Bob

Serving in the Community:

Worship At Country Care Manor

Worship at Country Care Manor on Thursday, November 14th at 10:00 am. Come join us as we bring worship and Holy Communion to the residents. Anyone is welcome to join us!

La Vernia Food Pantry

Immanuel works at the Food Pantry on Saturday, November 16th. Come and be a part of this awesome way to be Christ's light in La Vernia! We work from 8:30 to 11:00 am.

This year for the Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes, Immanuel will be collecting cans of TX Style beans – 200 cans for Thanksgiving and 200 cans for Christmas. We also need 10 loaves of banana or pumpkin bread for the baskets. If you would like to come and help distribute the Thanksgiving boxes, join us on Saturday, November 23rd at 8:30 am. Help is always appreciated!

As always, help us collect the following items as Immanuel's contribution to the food needs at the pantry: **any kind of pasta, tomato sauce, canned meats.** Any non-perishable food items are welcome, but each church in the Ministerial Alliance is charged with collecting certain items.

Special Offering in November

In honor of Veterans Day, on Sunday, November 10th, we will take a special offering for the Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries (LMVFM). Special offering envelopes will be made available that day.

LMVFM provides free counseling, programs and services to military veterans, contractors and their family members. They offer training, resources and assistance to congregations across denominational lines and to care providers and groups to equip them with the tools and information they need to assist America's veterans, contractors and their family members. LMVFM is a faith-based 501(c)(3) ministry and all gifts and donations are tax exempt. In keeping with their beliefs and to be able to provide these services with a Christian emphasis, they do not accept any form of government funding or resources.

NALC Disaster Response

Natural disasters continue to happen all over the United States – floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, wildfires. There are always needs for those who suffer loss of life and property during these disasters. So, it is an ongoing process to collect things needed by those who have lost everything, or had damage to their property.

Items always needed: shovels, rakes, straw brooms, string mops, rubber gloves, leather gloves, face masks (N95 rating), paper towels, contractor trash bags, rags, scrub brushes, 5 gal buckets with lids, quilts, Bibles, travel size shampoos, lotions, toothpaste, deodorants, combs, toothbrushes, bath towels, gift cards to Home Depot, Lowe's, Walmart. Bring these items to the church and leave them in the annex or parsonage. We will see that they get to the Texas Mission Region warehouse in Rosenberg.

Stewardship Sunday – November 17

Stewardship Sunday, Commitment Sunday, Promise Sunday – all point to one purpose – a time to come to our Savior to renew our personal commitment and promises to Him and to each other. We have the opportunity, as a church family, to look closely at our relationship with God and the purpose for our lives.

On Stewardship Sunday, we are to take a close and prayerful appraisal of our life in Christ, with each other, and to the things we call “ours.”

“What is a steward? In biblical terms, a ‘steward’ is a person who takes care of something on behalf of another. As Christians, we believe that God has made us HIS stewards in the world, by entrusting all the gifts of His good creation into our care. Our stewardship not only involves the way we care for the world God has given us, but also the way we use our money, time, and resources to serve in Christ’s name, and how we support the ongoing ministry of the church.” (Taken from “What is a Steward?”, Sola Publishing Stewardship Resources)

Our theme this year is “Giving God Our Best.” *“Out of all the gifts to you, you shall present every contribution due to the Lord; from each its best part is to be dedicated.”* Numbers 18:29 You will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks.

On Sunday, November 17th, we will take the time during the service to dedicate our time, talents and treasure to the Lord. During the service, we will bring our commitments to the Lord’s altar. These will be given a special blessing that Sunday.

In this issue of the newsletter you will find a Time & Talent form (last page). Please take this, review it, and pray about how you might use your time and talents to be involved in ministry in the coming year at Immanuel. Then, fill it out and bring it with you on Sunday, November 17th. Remember, we start over every year with these forms, so if you have committed to an area of ministry, please record your desire to continue in serving in that way. How wonderful it would be to have each and every member commit to at least one area of ministry, one way to serve at Immanuel. Remember, you can serve as a family in many areas.

Also on this Sunday, we will commit our treasure. Your commitment is between you and our Lord. A commitment card and envelope will be made available to you. Pray about this commitment as well, and then fill it out and place it in the envelope provided. Bring it with you on November 17th. It will be placed on the altar along with your Time & Talent form. The commitment envelopes will remain on the altar and serve as a reminder of our financial commitment to mission and ministry here at Immanuel. **Please do not put your name or any money or checks in the Commitment Card envelope.**

God bless and guide us as a church family this year as we work together in “giving God our best!”

A few words about the Time & Talent forms and Commitment Cards:

Time & Talent forms are designed for one person per form. If using as a couple, please indicate your desire to serve by using an H or W, or if both serving, H/W. Jr & Sr high youth, please use a separate form. There will also be forms for youth Pre-K-5th grades.

All of these documents can be found in the narthex, annex and parsonage for your convenience. Please do not return until Sunday, November 17th.

Community Thanksgiving Service

The La Vernia Ministerial Alliance will host its annual **Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on Sunday, November 24th at 6:30 pm at the Christian Teaching Fellowship.** The church is located at 10688 US Hwy 87.

Monetary offerings received will go to the La Vernia Food Pantry. The community is also encouraged to bring non-perishable food items.

All are invited to attend and participate.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Take time to come and worship with your Immanuel church family and give thanks to our Almighty God for our many blessings.

Our annual Thanksgiving Eve worship service is Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Hanging of the Greens Event & Service

Have you ever wondered why we celebrate the “hanging of the greens” or why an evergreen is called an evergreen? And why Christmas greens are traditionally used to emphasize the nativity? Green represents renewal, new life, freshness, and rebirth. Plants such as pine, fir, holly, ivy, and mistletoe are called evergreens because they do not die; through the seasons of the year, they remain ever-green; ever-alive. It is no wonder then that we deck our sanctuary and halls with evergreens during this Advent season. Advent is the season of preparation for the ever-coming Christ, God’s gift to us of renewal and transformation.

The Hanging of the Greens is based on the English tradition of decorating the home with wreaths, garlands, a Christmas tree, and evergreens for Advent and Christmas. In a church setting, it readies the sanctuary (and church members) for the season. As we decorate the church, not only will we be reminded of the history behind these symbols of this special season, but we will rededicate these symbols—and ourselves—to the service of God.

We will meet on Saturday, November 30th at 9:00 am to decorate the sanctuary. All are welcome to come and help as we make ready our sanctuary, ourselves, and our hearts for the birth of the Baby Jesus!

Christmas Market 2019

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Women (ILCW) Christmas Market will be held on Saturday, December 7th, from 9am to 3pm.

Be watching for more details on how you can help! See Darla Buccigrossi for more information or for a vendor application.

On Increasing Worship Attendance

Excerpt from Ministry Matters by Rev. Dr. David Wendel, Assistant to the Bishop for Ministry and Ecumenism

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

- Hebrews 10:23-25 RSV

Let's be serious about Sunday as a "holy day of obligation." For we Lutherans who cling to the good news that we are saved by grace through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus, we resist any discussion of "expectations" or "obligations." Many believe that the freedom of the Gospel means "now I don't need to do anything!" And truly, many Lutherans live that out. They don't read and study the Word of God, they don't respond to the Great Commission to be a disciple and make disciples, and they don't attend worship faithfully. "Hey," say some Lutherans, "I'm saved by grace as a gift - so it doesn't matter if I go to church!" Which is true, in that salvation doesn't depend upon our works, deeds or actions.

It is not true, however, that we "go to church" to save ourselves. We go to worship to receive God's gifts of grace in Word and Sacrament. We go to worship to be in the presence of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for strength, comfort and peace. We go to worship to respond to God's grace with our thanks and praise, our tithes and offerings. We go to worship to support and encourage the mission and ministry of our community of faith. For all these reasons and many more, don't we, can't we see and acknowledge that Sunday worship is, for every baptized disciple and follower of Jesus, an obligation? And maybe even a solemn obligation, at that?

The dictionary defines obligation as "an act or course of action to which a person is morally bound; a duty or a commitment; a debt of gratitude." As a husband, father and grandfather, I have a solemn, holy obligation to my wife, children and grandchildren. As a pastor in the NALC, I have obligations to my bishop, my fellow staff and the church. As a Christian, I have obligations to my Lord - one of which is to "remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy," "to not forsake the gathering together" of believers on Sunday, as is the habit of some. Isn't worship a solemn, holy obligation for us as Christians? Isn't it helpful for us to understand it in this way? Isn't this why Hebrews exhorts us *not* to neglect the weekly worship of the congregation?

We Lutherans have often criticized or even mocked our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters for understanding Sunday mass as the "foremost holy day of obligation" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2192.) Certainly, Sunday worship should never be viewed legalistically, whether by a Roman Catholic, Lutheran or Baptist!

As my obligations as a pastor, husband and father are not a demand placed upon me, but a joy and a delight, it is for us Christians to view the obligation of Sunday worship in the same way - a joy and a delight! We are blessed to have the freedom to worship week after week! We are blessed to have congregations - communities of faith in which we can live out our faith, share our faith and worship our God who is truly, "God with us!" We are blessed to be called to be disciples of Jesus Christ, walking alongside other disciples, gathering together each week to receive the gift of Jesus, Himself, incarnate in the bread and wine that become His very presence in the Lord's Supper!

In most of our congregations, decline in worship attendance is not due to loss of members, but due to members who choose not to worship on a given Sunday. A renewal in our understanding of worship and intentionality with regard to worship in our congregations may, in small ways, with small steps, turn the tide of declining worship attendance!

Building Update

The painting has been completed on the front of the new building.

The committee anticipates receiving bids for finishing out the interior of our new building in the coming weeks and will meet once those are received.

Should you have questions, constructive suggestions, or concerns, please email those to the committee's email address: ilclvbuild@gmail.com. Your questions, suggestions and/or concerns will be addressed at the next appointed meeting of the committee, and then you will receive a reply.

The members of the Building Committee are: Eric Fryer, Chair, Audrey Badders, Dewayne Curry, Travis Hild, Rebe Penshorn, Shirley Stanush, and Marlin Tanneberger.

Singles Ministry

Two events are scheduled for the remainder of the year:

- **Thursday, November 21 – World Heritage Missions, San Antonio**

The group will tour the four historic Missions in south San Antonio along with the restored Hot Wells ruins. The Alamo is not included. Cars will depart at 9:00 am. This activity is a full day event and involves lots of walking. A lunch break will be taken during the tour.

- **Thursday, December 12 – Christmas Show at the Brauntex Theater in New Braunfels**

The Grand Ol' Christmas Show is a tribute to the original, traditional, old fashioned Christmas Variety Show at the historic Brauntex Theater in downtown New Braunfels. Cars will depart at 4:00 pm for dining in New Braunfels prior to the 7:30 pm performance. Tickets have been purchased for the 8 singles who signed up for this event.

Contact Linda Duelm or Shirley Myers for more information on the Singles Ministry.

Thank you . . .

Thank you so much for all your thoughts, prayers, visits, cards and gifts during my recent hospitalization and ongoing recovery, especially your outpourings of love and support for Cindy as she puts up with my physical shortcomings once again. We are truly blessed to be surrounded by such loving friends. God Bless you all!

Phil Corbin

Dear Immanuel Lutheran – La Vernia,

Officially done with my Master of Divinity degree! Thank you for being such a loving and supportive community of faith. It was the investment you made in me as a young person that helped me realize God's call for my life. Thank you for the beautiful white stole! God's richest blessings and abundant love to you all. Peace,

Katie Boos Wegner

Introducing New Members at Immanuel

New members received into our church family on Sunday, October 13th were:

Steve & Sandy Black

Steve and Sandy are joining us by transfer from King of Kings Lutheran Church (LCMS), San Antonio, TX. Steve is retired from the Air Force and Sandy is retired from USAA. They moved to La Vernia in 2011.

Victoria Comeaux-Clark

Victoria is joining by Affirmation of Faith. She and one of our members, Cameron Clark, were married here at Immanuel on October 12, 2019. She is currently a student and works at the La Vernia Country Store.

Jana Clarke, Abigail & Adelynn

Jana joins us through Affirmation of Baptism; Abigail and Adelynn were baptized here on September 29, 2019. Jana is a controller for Core Electrical Group.

Kevin & Bridgett Faglie, Jackson & Lillie

Kevin & Bridgett join us through Affirmation of Baptism. Jackson and Lillie were baptized here on September 29, 2019. Kevin works for Toyota Motor Manufacturing and Bridgett works for Caterpillar as a Communications Manager.

Joe & Melannie Gawlik, Alex, John, Jack & Josephine

Joe and Melannie join us by transfer from Christ the King Lutheran Church (ELCA), Universal City, TX. Joe serves in the United States Air Force.

Donna Jefferson

Donna joins us through transfer from Grace Lutheran Church (WELS), South St. Paul, MN. She is a homemaker.

Guy & Johnnie Morgan

Guy and Johnnie join us through transfer from Triumphant Lutheran Church, Garden Ridge TX. They moved here about a year ago from Schertz, TX and are both retired.

We welcome these new members into our church family and look forward to working with them in ministry and mission here at Immanuel.

First Communion

The following youth received their First Communion on Sunday, October 27, 2019:

Cadence Marie D'Arche, daughter of Heather Coldewey & Luke D'Arche

Jackson Scott Faglie, son of Kevin & Bridgett Faglie

Brody Wayne Fryer, son of Eric & Tiffany Fryer

Christopher Jordan Homeyer, son of Jeff & Tina Homeyer

We rejoice with these youth and their families on the joyous occasion in their faith journey! Welcome to the Lord's Table!

Christian Education

Sunday School Calendar

Parents, teachers and members of Immanuel – please note a correction for the Sunday School Calendar.

We **WILL NOT** have Sunday school on Sunday, November 24th. Sunday school **WILL** take place on November 17th.

Holy Families

Make family devotions part of your daily routine! Check out www.holyfamilytime.com and see how this resource can benefit your family!

New Adult Sunday School Class

The next adult Sunday school class will be “The Bible for Grown-Ups.” No other book is required – just your Bible!

This is a 4-week class and will meet in the annex at 9:15 am and will begin Sunday, November 3rd.

Vacation Bible School

Rebe Penshorn will serve as our VBS Coordinator for next summer. Come on and jump on board and help plan for our next VBS. The date and theme are still to be determined. See Rebe and let her know how you want to help!

Sunday School Christmas Program

Renee Scull will direct our Sunday School Christmas Program this year, to be assisted by Shannon Coleman and Shanna Louis.

Rehearsals will begin this month, so be watching for announcements and details.

Sunday School Superintendent

If you feel called to this position, please see Pastor Bob, Mike Rix (Council Rep for Christian Education) or Sherrie Palan. You would have the opportunity to be mentored from now to the end of May to make for a smooth transition. Join us in prayer for someone to answer this call to ministry and service.

Women of Faith

The Power of a Thankful Heart

"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Paul comforts the Thessalonians and gives them practical advice for Christian living and hope in the reality of Christ's return, resurrection, and eternal life. It is not always easy to give thanks, but this is the very thing we must do in order to see God's will accomplish in our lives. Whenever you give thanks to God, despite the most difficult circumstances, you bring pleasure to God's heart

Are you thankful? Are you thankful for your present circumstances? Are you thankful for your salvation, your friendships, and your job? Here are three ways to practice an attitude of thankfulness in everyday life:

- **Thank and praise God for everything in your life.** Thank Him for even the difficulties. It is a sacrifice to do this but He can turn troubles to triumph
- **Don't allow yourself to complain about anything.** During the difficult times, be very careful to watch your tongue. Instead of complaining, think of ways you can verbally offer God the sacrifice of thanksgiving.
- **Don't compare yourself with others.** Don't wish that your life was different. God knows what is best. When we begin to thank God for what we have rather than comparing ourselves with others, it opens the door for God's blessings.

Thankfulness is a key to your life. It is the key that turns your situation around because it changes you, your outlook, and your attitude. This Thanksgiving, say a prayer of thanks to the Almighty, for the bountiful gifts bestowed upon you and share those gifts with friends and family. Make your Thanksgiving Day a celebration of generosity and love.

Bible Study

The **Thursday evening Women's Bible Study will meet in November on Thursdays, Nov 7 and 21** (adjustment made because of Thanksgiving; we normally meet the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month) **at 7:00 pm** in the old parsonage. We are studying 1st & 2nd Samuel and King David. Join us! See Sherrie Palan if you have any questions.

Texas Mission Region Women of the NALC

Ladies, put this date on your calendar and make plans to attend the Texas Mission Region Women of the NALC Gathering on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Peace Lutheran Church, Rosenberg, TX. More details to come, but save the date now!!!

Rockport Trip

Much fun was had by the 15 ladies that traveled to Rockport the weekend of October 11-13. They attended the SeaFair Festival, which featured arts & craft vendors, food trucks, a Gumbo cook-off and live entertainment. The 2-story house rented right on the bay was a nice place to gather, and some even ventured down to the beach. Everyone had a great time. Those attending were: Audrey Badders, Jeanette Bailey, Laura Baumann, Darla Buccigrossi, Cindy Corbin, Patrice Goodman, JoElla Heinsohn, Lillian Kosub, Ilene McInvale, Sherrie Palan, Candy Stork, Janet Wyatt, and friends Barbara Heuerman, Carol Reis, Becky Stewart.

Youth Group News

Parents: New travel/medical forms for 2019/2020 will be available at the end of August. We ask that you pick one up and fill it out for all youth 4 years of age thru grade 12. Forms can be obtained from the annex, church office, or from the display stand in the old parsonage. Please turn these in to the church office.

Sr High Youth – Grades 9-12

The Sr High youth are meeting twice a month on Wednesday evenings, 6:00-8:00 pm.

Their next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 6th. They will go out to dinner that evening. Be sure that you have your Travel/Medical form filled out and turned in by this date.

They will meet on Wednesday, November 20th for a meal and activities at the parsonage.

Renee Scull is meeting with Sr High youth on Sunday mornings! Come join her at 9:15 am in the old parsonage.

Peacemakers – Grades 6-8

The Peacemakers will have their annual tamale sale in November. Look for one of our Peacemakers – they can take your order. Tamales will be ready to pick up on Friday, November 22nd. Be watching for more details.

Acolyte Training

There will be acolyte training on Sunday, November 3rd during Sunday school or Wednesday, November 6th at 6:30 pm for any youth 5th grade and above who have not been trained. Confirmation youth must be trained and serve as an acolyte as part of Confirmation. Contact Sherrie Palan if you have any questions.

Children of God – Grades 3-5

The Children of God will be getting ready for the annual Sunday School Christmas Program beginning in November. Be watching for a schedule of rehearsals.

Also, they will be preparing for their annual Senior Saints Luncheon, which will be held on Saturday, December 14th at the La Vernia United Methodist Church.

Youth Committee

The next Youth Committee meeting will be Tuesday, November 12th at 6:00 pm in the parsonage.

If you have questions, comments or suggestions for our youth ministry here at Immanuel, contact Kelli Thompson, Chair of the Youth Committee, Karen Campbell, Congregation Council Rep for Youth, or Pastor Bob.

October Council Meeting Highlights:

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Council met October 10, 2019. Members present were: Pastor Bob Palan, Mark Buccigrossi, Karen Campbell, Eric Fryer, Patrice Goodman, Bill Roser, Amy Wagner. Absent: Chrystal Coble, Mike Rix, Bill Roser. Visitors: Dewayne Curry, Elaine Schnitz

Minutes of the September meeting were approved as corrected. Treasurer's report presented as of the end of September 2019 - Receipts: \$19,644.28; Expenses: \$17,618.74; Gain: \$2,025.54. Total Assets in Bank Accounts: \$174,879.46.

Monthly Attendance: Sep 1 101; Sep 8 136; Sep 15 120; Sep 22 113; Sep 29 162; Avg 126

Pastor's Report:

- Pastoral Acts: Funeral for Mildred Mueller Radtke on Oct 2nd; Baptisms on September 29th for Abigail Elaine & Adelynn Mayeth Clarke, Jackson Scott & Lillie Caroline Faglie.
- Southwest Texas Mission District joint Water Sunday for Water Mission International on Oct 27th.
- Parking lot re-striping
- Texas Mission Region Pastor's Retreat in Belton October 28-30
- Vacation request for December 13-15, 2019
- New members to be received Oct 13th: Steve & Sandy Black, Victoria Comeaux-Clark, Jana Clarke, Abby & Addie, Kevin & Bridgett Faglie, Jackson & Lillie, Donna Jefferson, Guy & Johnnie Morgan
- Termite control renewal in January 2020

Ministry Reports

- **Property** – leaks in Sanctuary fixed; back outside wall of annex still to be completed; Eric wants to be advised about any property actions in advance as he may be able to get a lower cost.
- **Social Concerns** – pastor will announce the special offering for Water Mission on October 27th.

New Business

- Annex wall needs completing; front of church needs attention before steeple; striping of parking lot possibly to happen before Christmas.
- Continue to contact inactives; new lists distributed.
- Continue praying about a new youth director.

Old Business:

- Church Van – motion made, seconded and carried to accept a offer of sale.
- Motion made, seconded and carried to approve Pastor attending the SWTMD Pastor's Retreat.
- Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the list of new members to be received.
- Motion made, seconded and carried to approve December vacation request for pastor; council will cover worship services.
- Motion made, seconded and carried to designate November 10th for a special offering for Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries.
- Request for list of calendar events for council; to be provided along with other council reports.
- Eric to get bids for termite and pest control.
- Need to secure nominees for three council positions for terms to begin in 2020.
- An audit of finances to take place following once books are closed out for 2019; three members from the congregation to be appointed by the council.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE: Next meeting of the council to be held **Thursday, November 14, 2019** at 7:00 pm in the old parsonage.

November Birthdays

- 1 Tim Stanush
- 2 Dana Gehlhaar
Brenda Hubert
- 4 Weston Gibson
- 6 Ronnie Braddy
- 7 Crissy Fowler
- 8 Bryan Badders
Hunter Bunton
Chris Stanush
- 10 Joshua Homeyer
- 11 Jamie Campbell
Ralph Coldewey
Kris Tripp
- 12 Chris Coldewey
Joshua Stanush
- 13 Kyle Ferguson
Cindy Richter
- 14 Ernie Clauss
- 15 Randall Richter
- 16 Phyllis Coldewey
Fred Pierdolla
- 17 CJ Davenport
- 19 Woody Bratcher
- 20 Garland Coble
- 21 Faye Baethge
- 22 Hershel Goodman
- 24 Sharon Tanneberger
- 25 Joe Gawlik
Debra Howton
Sandra Mattke
- 26 Clayton Fryer
Guy Morgan
- 27 Walter Jarutowicz
- 28 Riley Braddy
Roger Johnson
- 29 Karen Campbell
Jana Clarke
Allen Coldewey
Brody Nichols
Graysen Womack

November Anniversaries

- 4th Larry & Janet Wyatt
- 5th Larry & Jeanette Bailey
- 10th Emmanuel & Margo Kandis
Guy & Johnnie Morgan
- 11th Ron & Julia Phillips
- 14th Chris & Renee Fischer
- 21st Robert & Jacy Reeves
- 26th Gerry & Alejandra Alvarado

Special dates in November:

- Nov 1** All Saints' Day
- Nov 3** Daylight Saving Time ends
All Saints' Sunday
- Nov 11** Veterans Day
- Nov 24** Christ the King Sunday
- Nov 28** Thanksgiving Day

Saturday, November 2nd
Don't forget
to turn your clocks back
1 hour before going to bed!!!

*“Always give without
remembering and always
receive without forgetting.”*

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Immanuel is a member of the North American Lutheran Church. We are part of the Texas Mission Region and the Southwest Texas Mission District.

The NALC is Christ-centered, mission-driven, traditionally-grounded and congregationally-focused.

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Lillian Kosub, Sec/Treasurer	210-648-1724

Men of Immanuel

David Teel, President	830-581-9975
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Women of the Church

Chrystal Coble, President	210-667-9052
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Singles Ministry

Linda Duelm	830-779-3462
Shirley Myers	210-219-2956

Sewing Circle

Elsie Ferry	830-779-4982
Carroll Dorsett	830-779-2093

Youth Groups:

Sr High Youth

Sharon Bunton	210-260-3822
Brenda Willeford	210-845-9609

Peacemakers

Kelli Thompson	210-365-7340
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Children of God

Shannon Coleman	210-831-5027
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Multi-Media

Billy Bunton, Coordinator	830-779-2769
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Yard Work

Brett Hill, Coordinator	830-779-2576
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Cemetery Committee:

Brent Recker, President	210-279-1937
Glenn Andrews, V President	830-779-2724
Dianell Recker, Sec/Trea	210-279-1934
Billy Bunton	830-779-2769
Randall Richter	210-364-7612

NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Nov 3 All Saints Sunday

Greeters Ronnie Haug
 Ushers Darryl Penschorn, Mike Rix
 Readers Rebe Penschorn
 Acolytes Cullen Haass
 Communion Assistants Byron Durbon
 Altar Guild Janice & Dewayne Curry
 Multi-Media Operators Ronnie Haug
 Coffee Hosts Peacemakers
 Tellers Bill Roser, Phil Corbin

Lillian Kosub
 David & Gayle Teel
 Sherrie Palan
 Azzy Tamez
 Anzlie Sodrok
 Yvonne Beran, Sharon Poarch
 Bill Roser

Nov 10

Greeters Wanda Kramer
 Ushers Elaine Schnitz, Kathy Volkmann
 Readers Mark Buccigrossi
 Acolytes Karson Kosub
 Communion Assistants Darla Buccigrossi
 Altar Guild Rebe Penschorn, Taylor Witherell
 Multi-Media Operators Brent Recker
 Coffee Hosts Women of Faith
 Tellers Eric Fryer, Brenda Willeford

Kelli Thompson
 Gary & Yvonne Beran
 Gary Beran
 Leah Thompson
 Brenda Willeford
 Jeanette Bailey, JoElla Heinsohn
 Eddie Willeford

Nov 17

Greeters Adeline Pierdolla
 Ushers Garland & Chrystal Coble
 Readers Chrystal Coble
 Acolytes Brylee Coleman
 Communion Assistants Dianell Recker
 Altar Guild Elsie Ferry, Elaine Schnitz
 Multi-Media Operators Jacy Reeves
 Coffee Hosts Sr High Youth
 Tellers Patrice & Hershel Goodman

Laura Baumann
 Hershel & Patrice Goodman
 Linda Duelm
 Layla Harper
 Hershel Goodman
 Terrie Gibson, Brenda Willeford
 Bill Roser

Nov 24 Christ the King Sunday

Greeters Shane Womack
 Ushers Byron Durbon, Ronnie Haug
 Readers Byron Durbon
 Acolytes Austin Louis
 Communion Assistants Ronnie Haug
 Altar Guild Darla Buccigrossi, Paige Haass
 Multi-Media Operators Karen Campbell
 Coffee Hosts Men of Immanuel
 Tellers Mark & Darla Buccigrossi

Jeanie Walpole
 Bill Roser, Charles Stork
 Charles Stork
 Zaythan Tamez
 Bill Roser
 Laura Baumann, Patrice Goodman
 Patrice Goodman

If you cannot fulfill your assignment, PLEASE FIND A SUBSTITUTE, then notify the church office of your replacement. If there is a problem with your scheduling, please notify Chrystal Coble, Council Rep for Worship & Music.

FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

Nov 3 Altar Flowers needed
 Piano
Nov 10 Altar Garland & Chrystal Coble
 Piano
Nov 17 Altar John & Cindy Richter
 Piano
Nov 24 Altar Hershel & Patrice Goodman
 Piano Marvin & Laura Baumann

Yard Work Schedule

Oct 28 – Nov 2 Billy Bunton, Eddie Willeford,
 Shane Womack
Nov 11-16 Dewayne Curry, Pat Meyer, Red Mills,
 Marlin Tanneburger
Nov 25-30 Mark Buccigrossi, Garland & Chrystal
 Coble, Ronnie Haug

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					1	2 Turn clocks back 1 hour before going to bed!
3 All Saints Sunday 8:00a Worship H/C 9:00a Coffee Fellowship 9:15a Sunday School Acolyte Training 10:30a Worship H/C	4	5 7:00p Cantata Rehearsal	6 6:00p Adult Bible Study Sr High Youth 6:30p Confirmation Acolyte Training	7 7:00p Women's Bible Study	8	9 7:30a Men of Immanuel
10 8:00a Worship H/C 9:00a Coffee Fellowship 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship H/C	11 Veterans Day 5:00p Newsletter Deadline	12 10:00a SWTMD Pastors Meeting @ Immanuel 6:00p Youth Committee Handbells 7:00p Cantata Rehearsal	13 6:00p Adult Bible Study 6:30p Confirmation	14 10:00a Worship at Country Care 7:00p Council Meeting	15	16 8:30a Immanuel work at the LV Food Pantry 7:00p Bowling in Martinez
17 Stewardship Sun 8:00a Worship H/C 9:00a Coffee Fellowship 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship H/C	18	19 8:30a Ministerial Alliance 9:00a Sewing Circle 7:00p Cantata Rehearsal	20 6:00p Adult Bible Study Sr High Youth 6:30p Confirmation	21 9:00a Singles Outing 7:00p Women's Bible Study	22 Pick up Tamales	23 8:30a Help hand out Thanksgiving Boxes at LV Food Pantry
24 Christ the King Sunday 8:00a Worship H/C 9:00a Coffee Fellowship No Sunday School 10:30a Worship H/C 6:30p Community Thanksgiving Service	25	26 7:00p Cantata Rehearsal	27 7:00p Thanksgiving Eve Worship	28 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30 9:00a Decorating the Sanctuary

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