

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

Special Interest Articles:

- An Update from the Treasurer
- Thanksgiving And Christmas Worship Services

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From The Interim Pastor:

I THANK my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with JOY in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 1:3-5

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Immanuel Lutheran,

It brings me great joy and thankfulness to have been called by God to serve as your interim pastor! Like the apostle Paul says above, I thank God for you and pray with joy and thankfulness for the opportunity to serve alongside you in the work that God is doing here.

Allow me to introduce myself. My full name is Jennifer Sagebiel Gold. I am married to Christopher for almost 24 years after we met and both graduated from Texas Lutheran University. Before having children, I graduated from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Ohio and was ordained in 2002. We have two teenage sons named Zachary and Zane. Our home church is St. John Lutheran in Boerne, but we live in Helotes, TX. My primary ministry, in addition to Immanuel's, is serving as Director for Commission Expeditions, an international short-term mission trip organization. I have led teams from churches and schools to ministries and missionaries all over the world for the past 9 years. Before going into missions full-time, I served as Associate Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Helotes for 9 years, and did congregational outreach and started international missions for Cross Trails Ministry for 2 years. During this global pandemic, Commission Expeditions is on hiatus until the world opens back up. In the meantime, I was asked to pray about serving as Immanuel's Interim Pastor. After a week of prayer and frankly an answer to my own prayers, I took the call, and I'm looking forward to our time in worship, learning and serving together. Interim Ministry is new both for me and for you. But the great thing is we will learn together and in the process give each other grace and understanding and pray for one another.

We're entering into a season of Thanksgiving and Advent, or preparation for Christmas. Both of these seasons are a perfect time for Immanuel to reflect on who you are as a church in the community of La Vernia, in the NALC, and in the world. In these seasons of thankfulness and preparation, we give God thanks for the history of this church, for the present reality of this time in transition, and for the future. As we prepare our hearts in the season of Advent, so we as a church prepare for the advent or the new birth that Immanuel will experience with a new pastor. But Advent is also a time of waiting. (Cont.-Pg. 2)

Continued - From The Interim Pastor:

You will find through this experience that it is in the seasons of waiting and preparation that God does His most profound work and brings about the most powerful transformations in us and therefore in the church! How long will we have to wait? Only God knows. But the good news is, we can trust Him in the process!

As your interim pastor, I will be here to lead you in worship, teach the youth Confirmation and First Communion; guide and encourage you through this transition process; and support you as your pastor. Feel free to reach out! I look forward to walking alongside you in this journey!

From God's heart and mine,

Rev. Jennifer Gold

Serving in the Community:

Worship at Country Care Manor

Worship at Country Care is suspended at this time; will advise as soon as we have a schedule.

La Vernia Food Pantry

We collect these items on a regular basis: rice, pastas (any kind plus Mac & Cheese), tomato sauces (including spaghetti sauces), and canned meats (tuna, chicken, chili, Spam, Vienna sausages, etc). We are being asked to donate 40 **5-pound bags of sugar** for the Thanksgiving Basket distribution by Friday, November 13th. Please bring these bags and place them in the basket on the porch of the parsonage. The distribution will take place on Saturday, November 21st. One or two volunteers will be needed on 11/14 and 11/21; if you are interested in helping on any of those days, contact Karen Campbell.

Also at this time in mid-November, we will find out how many Christmas gift cards our church will be responsible for. (Due to COVID-19, the LVFP is not doing an Angel Tree this year.) More to come on this...

NALC Disaster Response

We will be sending your donations/gift cards directly to Peace Lutheran Church in Roseburg soon. With hurricanes, flooding, fires, and other natural disasters occurring in our country, relief supplies are certainly needed on a regular basis. Keep these people in your prayers. Go to www.thenalc.org to view the list of supplies that are needed.

You can also donate monetary gifts online or mail checks payable to:

North American Lutheran Church
2299 Palmer Drive, Suite 220
New Brighton, MN 55112-2202
(Check Memo Line: "Disaster Response Fund")

Please note: Funds and supplies are for domestic disasters only. Gifts for international disaster relief may be directed to Lutheran World Relief, Water Mission International, or the international relief organization of your choice.

Continued Worship Practices during Pandemic

Worship services with Holy Communion will continue on Sunday mornings at 8:00 and 10:30 AM, with live streaming from the 10:30 AM service. We will continue to follow the guidelines previously set forth by the Council:

- If you are not feeling well, have any conditions that may compromise your health, or feel there is a chance you have been exposed to Covid-19, please remain home and worship with us online.
- We will continue social distancing; masks are encouraged but not mandatory; hand sanitizer is available; the cry room will remain closed, and we will keep all items out of the pew racks.

Some church groups have been meeting in Immanuel’s facilities at each group’s discretion. Please notify the church office so that your activity may be put on the calendar. Each group should sanitize their meeting area before leaving.

If you have questions or comments on these protocols, please contact a member of the Congregation Council. You can be assured that every effort will be made to keep you and your family safe.

Joining Worship Online: We will continue to live stream worship via Webex during the 10:30 AM service on Sunday mornings for those who wish to remain at home: To watch via live stream:

- Go to <https://meetingsamer.webex.com>. Enter the access code and password sent to you via email.
 - Go to the Immanuel web page – www.lvilc.org – and click on the link to the service
 - Go to our Facebook page and click on the link to the service
 - Call in from your landline or cell phone – 1-415-655-0001 (new number); enter the access code and password given for each worship time.
- You can also call the church office for this information after Wednesday.

VERY IMPORTANT – Please turn off your camera and mute your mic once you’ve signed in to the meeting. If you don’t, everyone on the meeting can see and hear you.

Yard Work Schedule

If you have any questions, please contact Eric Fryer.

Nov 2-7	Dewayne Curry, Pat Meyer, Kenneth Mills
Nov 16-21	Billy Bunton, Karson Kosub, Eddie Willeford
Nov 30- Dec 5	Mark Buccigrossi, The Cobles, Ronnie Haug

Thank You from the Palans

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is with grateful hearts that we thank you for the wonderful farewell service and reception given us on October 4th. It was a bittersweet day for us as we said farewell to our time at Immanuel. You are all family, and we will truly miss being among you in mission and ministry for Christ. We thank you for your prayers, the cards, flowers and gifts that you have showered upon us. We especially thank you for the donations in our honor to NALC Disaster Response. Your love, support and appreciation are felt.

We've shared in your family's milestone events that happened with the church – we've seen your families grow, your kids grow up, and we've shared in your joys and losses, your ups and downs. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your lives and your families.

You have seen our family change as we have been here and shared in our joy through the weddings of our kids and births of our grandkids. Who knew when we came here that we would gain a daughter from this congregation, who would also go on to become a pastor.

All the memories that we have gathered in our time at Immanuel will be treasured. We look forward to coming back in the future and visiting with you – but, in the meantime, please stay in touch!

In Christ,

Pr. Bob & Sherrie

Dear Members of Immanuel,

I have enjoyed being in the office all these years serving my church family. I couldn't have had such a great start without the aid of sweet Dora! I loved listening to the stories she would tell of growing up at Immanuel and hearing the history of this church.

Thank you for entrusting "all things in the office" to me. It was a privilege to serve this congregation. Thank you to Chrystal and Cindy, part of this "office team". It was a joy to work with you in fulfilling the business of the church.

I pray for Karen as she serves you – I know things have been left in very capable hands and that she will serve you well.

I will always hold fond memories of my employment here and pray for all good things for Immanuel as you continue to share the love of Christ in this community.

Blessings always,

Sherrie Palan

Christian Education

Sunday School is going strong, and, if you haven't been yet, make plans to come!

Confirmation and First Communion will take place **EVERY OTHER SUNDAY**, immediately after the late service, beginning on November 1st. An e-mail went out to parents, but if you didn't get it and you have a child that needs to complete Confirmation or First Communion, please contact me.

Sr. High Youth group is still collecting gently used outdoor decor and pumpkins through Saturday, November 7th.

Jr. High Youth Group will again be selling tamales beginning the first week of November; so watch our Facebook page and the weekly bulletin for more info.

A big 'THANK YOU' to everyone who bought our Reformation Stew on Reformation Sunday! We received over \$300 in goodwill offerings for the Sr. High. (I heard it was delicious! – KC)

Also, we welcome anyone who is interested in leading our students or adults in Sunday school classes. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Renee Scull, at reneescull@yahoo.com or 830.491.9191.

Adult Bible Study

The Wednesday night Adult Fellowship and Bible Study has begun meeting again. They meet on Wednesday nights in the parsonage and have a meal at 6:00pm followed by Bible study beginning around 6:30pm. Anyone is welcome to join this group in study of God's Word!

Youth

We have the need for a sponsor(s) for one of our youth groups: The Peacemakers (Grades 6-8).

A sponsor is a part of the Youth Committee and meets to help plan and implement the youth program. They do not have to be the sole person for this position and may ask for parent volunteers to be part of the activities planned. If you would be interested in being a sponsor or have questions, please contact Kelli Thompson.

The Sr. High Youth met recently for a Wednesday night meal and want to collect gently used **OUTDOOR** (Autumn, Harvest, Thanksgiving) décor for a church project. Items might include hats, scarves, and other old clothing for scarecrows, silk flowers, plastic gourds, etc. Also needed are pumpkins of varying shades and sizes. Envelopes can be found in the narthex should you wish to donate cash instead to help offset the cost. **Sr. High will meet on Wednesdays, November 4th and November 18th and are looking for parents to provide meals for those dates. Thank you!**

The Travel/Medical forms for 2020-2021 are available for parents to pick up and fill out. You may pick one up from the old parsonage or sanctuary annex or narthex. Please return to the church office. Each child must have one of these forms to participate in the youth program here at Immanuel.

Women of Faith

Women of Faith Challenge – Living a Life of Thanksgiving to the Lord

For God's people, Thanksgiving is far more than a special day on the calendar. The Bible urges us to live a life of thanksgiving each day. Being thankful to God for all of His blessings is truly a mark of the Christian. Psalm 100 instructs us to praise and worship God and gives us four biblical ways to express our thanksgiving to the Lord at this wonderful season. Some may be a little scary to those who are not used to joyously expressing praise, but I encourage you not to be afraid and challenge you to practice the following from the book of Psalms:

1. Don't Be Afraid to Shout Praise to the Lord. "Make a joyful shout to the LORD." In the Bible, shouting is associated with great achievement of joy; i.e., Joshua told Israel to march around Jericho for six days and on the seventh day to lift a great shout. When they did, the walls fell down! The lesson here is when you are thanking and praising God, don't be afraid to be a little loud for God loves to hear our praises, and it will also make you biblical!

2. Don't Be Afraid to Serve the Lord with Gladness. "Serve the LORD with gladness." Gladness means mirth, gaiety and happiness. No service to the Lord, whether great or small, should be done grudgingly. Sincere and true delight in service to God should accompany our words and deeds of worship. When you are serving the Lord, don't be afraid to do it with a glad heart – and don't be afraid to smile!

3. Don't Be Afraid to Come into the Lord's Presence. "Come here before his presence with singing." God calls us to come into His presence privately each day and together in corporate worship. Psalms confirms this with these words, "Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice." It is said of the fledgling New Testament church that they met daily in the temple for teaching from the Word, fellowship, worship, and praise.

4. Don't Be Afraid to Get to Know the Lord. "Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture." The psalmist calls the people to recognize and "know" God's words, works, and ways. He wants us to know that He is Jehovah God and we are not, that He is the Creator and we are His creatures and that we are His sheep and He is our Shepherd. It should be the desire of every Christian person to get to know God more intimately. Let's make it our determination to praise and worship God more openly and loudly with our family and friends this Thanksgiving.

Annual Christmas Market

Planning for the Christmas Market, to be held on December 5th, is in full swing! Due to COVID-19 restrictions, **ALL** vendors will be outdoors, including the ILC Table and the Baked Goods Table. 10' X 10' spaces are still available for \$20 each, for anyone interested in being a vendor. If you or someone you know might be interested, you can pick up an application in the church office.

Pickled items, jams, jellies, salsas and sauces, as well as hand-sewn, crocheted or knitted articles and Christmas items are still being accepted for our ILC Table. **Please label and package your baked good items individually.**

Sign-up sheets are in the narthex for anyone who would like to volunteer to donate baked goods, work at the ILC Table or in the Food Booth. For questions about anything related to the Christmas Market, contact Darla Buccigrossi @ 830-688-1810 or ILCWOFChristmasMarket@gmail.com

Sewing Circle

The ladies of the Sewing Circle will begin meeting again on Tuesday, November 17th, from 9 AM – 12 PM. They plan to continue meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. If interested, please come and join them!



An Update from the Treasurer

Our approved spending plan for 2020 is \$229,868.00. As of 30 September, \$92,554.06 was expended. This includes predicted expenditures for worship and service, congregational life, benevolence, building and grounds maintenance, administration, salaries and benefits. It does not include expenses from dedicated accounts. Total assets are \$223,173.61.

Current Expense Income for September was \$11,849.66; actual expenses totaled \$17,316.03. Current Expenses include worship supplies; office expenses, office equipment, telephone & internet; electricity, insurance, water/sewer/garbage, custodian, wages and payroll taxes.

Dedicated Income for September was \$5,807.50. Dedicated account balances:

- Benevolence \$522.50
- Property Maintenance \$25,873.54
- Sanctuary Upkeep \$18,870.00
- Self Insurance \$24,598.02
- Organ \$3,251.00
- New Building \$70,650.89
- New Building - Kitchen \$9,898.01
- New Building - Furnishings \$10,000.00

We should not ignore financial challenges, but neither should we wring our hands in despair about our future. Remember that Jesus and his movement were small and poor by worldly standards, but the Jesus Movement inaugurated God's future for the world. We appreciate your sacrificial gifts towards our church ministries. I invite you to prayerfully reflect on some financial issues that present ongoing challenges for us; but most importantly, trust God, Immanuel Lutheran Church, and let's band together and do the ministry which God has entrusted to us. If you have any questions, please contact Chrystal Coble or the church office.

October Council Meeting Highlights:

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Council met October 13th, 2020. Members present were: Interim Pastor Jennifer Gold, Mark Buccigrossi, Chrystal Coble, Eric Fryer, Dwight Koepp, Darryl Penshorn, Randall Richter, Bill Roser and Wendie Roser. Member absent: Dianell Recker. Guests present were Renee Scull, Tracie Stanush, Cindy & Phil Corbin

Monthly Attendance: 9/6 – 63 attendees, 10 logins, 3 callers; 9/13 – 70 attendees, 9 logins, 3 callers; 9/20 – 64 attendees, 12 logins, 3 callers; 9/27 – 98 attendees, 9 logins, 2 callers.

Discussion/Action Items:

- Pay for secretary position approved
- Approval of a six-month contract for Interim Pastor Jennifer Gold with coverage for pastoral care acts and milieage. Other items covered as well, at recommendation of NALC Dean
- Call Committee Chairman, David Haass, will update council and congregation regularly
- Treasurer responsibilities were realigned with Constitution and By-Laws to include the Treasurer's having to make all deposits from now on
- Transfer request accepted; member will be removed from roster by Council Action.
- Christmas Worship Schedule was approved – there will be three Candlelight Services now and no Christmas Day Service
- Sunday School Superintendent, Renee Scull, asked permission to prepare / serve Reformation Stew on Sunday, October 25th, and to use the new building as a backdrop for photos in the "Falling for our Building" project to be done by the ILC Youth

Next scheduled meeting: November 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Call Committee

This comes to us directly from Rev. Dr. David Wendel, assistant to the bishop for ministry and ecumenism of the NALC:

"While many congregational activities were halted or postponed during the pandemic, call processes have continued ... unabated in most vacant congregations, evidenced by the fact that with the most recently updated NALC *Vacancy List*, September 10, seven vacancies were filled and eight new vacancies were added.

As a function of the NALC *2020 Vision* process, a statistical study was completed to determine the length of time of NALC vacancies. From the time vacant congregations submit their congregational profiles until the call committee submits their completion of call documents, **the average call process is eight months and three weeks**. Of course, some have been one month and others much longer, but given the nature of the Lutheran understanding of "call" as a spiritual process of discernment, we are happy to know how quickly most full-time calls are completed. At the same time, we are always working to improve our process for the sake of congregations, pastors and the Body of Christ."

Come and Worship this Thanksgiving and Christmas!

Check out the worship experiences available in these upcoming holiday season! We will gather for worship on the Eve of Thanksgiving for a beautiful worship and “Presentation of the Harvest Gifts.” This service involves families by having them bring forth various fruits from the harvest and share scriptures, a word of reflection, and a thanksgiving hymn that helps us to say “Thank You” to God for all that He bountifully provides for us. This service will also be available online through WebEx. So we hope you’ll join us in lifting our thanks to God!

Community-wide Thanksgiving Worship...all churches in LaVernia will come together to worship on the Sunday evening before Thanksgiving at Hope Assemblies of God Church. You may attend worship in person. Masks are recommended but not required. Drive-in worship is also available in the parking lot of Hope Church. There will be a large screen and worshippers can tune in by radio at station 88.5. A third option is to watch on FaceBook Live through the La Vernia Ministerial Alliance page. Pastor Bob Palan, recently-retired pastor from Immanuel, will serve as this year’s preacher.

Make plans now for Christmas Eve worship! This year, because things are different this year due to the pandemic and having an interim pastor who lives out of town, we are going to have **THREE** Christmas Eve Worship Services **along with the 5:00 pm service being available online through WebEx**. In order to provide ample space for social distancing, we are **adding** an additional Christmas Eve service, and we will **not** have a Christmas Day service. We are hoping that with having additional Christmas Eve worship opportunities, people will have more choices and be able to maintain social distancing. This also means we will need more volunteer help with worship that evening or night, so please consider serving at one of the services. We hope that by letting you know early, your family can make plans now for your very own Christmas traditions that will include worshipping the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving & Christmas Eve Worship Schedule:

Sunday, November 22nd – Community-wide Thanksgiving Worship – 6:30 pm at Hope Assembly of God Church, Drive-In at Hope and/or listen in on the radio at 88.5, and FaceBook Live

Wednesday, November 25th – Thanksgiving Eve Worship – 7:00 pm (Live streamed on WebEx)

Thursday, December 24th –Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services– 5:00 pm (Live streamed)
7:30 pm and 11:00 pm

Reminder for this year: No worship on December 25th, Christmas Day

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
- 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:

- 11th Veteran's Day
Remembrance Day (Canada)
- 22nd Community Thanksgiving
Service @ Hope Church
- 25th Thanksgiving Eve Service
- 26th Thanksgiving
- 28th Decorate the Sanctuary

FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

- Nov 1** Altar Jeanette & Larry Bailey
Piano
- Nov 8** Altar Karen Campbell
Piano
- Nov 15** Altar Chrystal Coble & Family
Piano
- Nov 22** Altar Marvin & Laura Baumann
Piano
- Nov 29** Altar Poinsettia
Piano Hershel & Patrice Goodman

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A Prayer for Unity

“Take heart, I have overcome the world.”

Immediately after Jesus spoke those words, He prayed for the future Church to “be united,” just as He and the Father were, that way the world would know Him.

What is unity?

Unity means to be joined in purpose and passion, and involves exchanging our will for Christ’s will. Even though unity is difficult, Jesus seemed to believe it was necessary if the world was going to know Him.

When we cultivate unity in the body of Christ, we acknowledge that Jesus is in control and that His grace is sufficient to cover our differences.

Today, let’s seek God’s heart and ask Him to draw His Church together as one, so that the world will believe in the One that God sent to unite us.

“Jesus,

Thank You for overcoming the world. Because of that, we can experience unity with You. And because we can be unified with You, we can experience unity with each other.

It’s by You all things are held together. As we seek to center our lives around You, help us to see all the ways You are at work in the world.

Draw us closer to Your heart so that we begin to see each other the way You see us. Would that encourage us to look out not only for our own interests, but also for the interests of others.

We want Your kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven, so unite us in purpose so that nothing keeps people searching for You from believing in You. May we experience such perfect unity that the world will know that You sent us and that You love them unconditionally.

Come, Lord Jesus, and do in our lives what only You can do.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

These assignments are subject to change.

	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	
Nov 1	Greeters Ushers Acolytes Readers Communion Assistants Altar Guild Multi-Media Operators Tellers	Mark Buccigrossi Ronnie Haug Jackson Faglie Darla Buccigrossi Mark Buccigrossi Darla Buccigrossi, Paige Haass David Haass	Carroll Dorsett Gary Beran Azzy Tamez Gary Beran Brenda Willeford Yvonne Beran, Brenda Willeford Eddie Willeford Dianell Recker, Brenda Willeford
Nov 8	Greeters Ushers Acolytes Readers Communion Assistants Multi-Media Operators Altar Guild Tellers	Austin Louis Amy Wagner Bryson Coleman Chrystal Coble Chrystal Coble Karen Campbell Amy Wagner, Chrystal Coble	Candy Stork David Teel Layla Harper Hershel Goodman Charles Stork Patrice Goodman Charles & Candy Stork Wendie Roser, Gloria Kipp
Nov 15	Greeters Ushers Acolytes Readers Communion Assistants Altar Guild Multi-Media Operators Tellers	Adeline Pierdolla Elaine Schnitz Kolby Louis David Haass Adeline Pierdolla Adeline Pierdolla, Sandra Matke Billy Bunton	Bridgett Faglie Bill Roser Joshua Stanush Phil Corbin Wendie Roser Tony & Donna Prater Adriana Willeford Mark Buccigrossi, Phil Corbin
Nov 22	Greeters Ushers Acolytes Readers Communion Assistants Altar Guild Multi-Media Operators Tellers	Kathy Volkmann Chrystal Coble Joshua Stanush Chrystal Coble Dianell Recker Dewayne & Janice Curry Ronnie Haug	Kelli Thompson Mark Buccigrossi Cooper Nichols Mark Buccigrossi David Teel Jeanette Bailey , JoElla Heinsohn Bridgett Faglie Eric Fryer, Darla Buccigrossi
Nov 25	Greeter Usher Acolyte Reader Communion Assistant Altar Guild	Chrystal Coble Dwight Koepf Zaythan Tamez Renee Scull Amy Wagner Chrystal Coble, Amy Wagner	
Nov 29	Greeters Ushers Acolytes Readers Multi-Media Operators Tellers	Amy Wagner Randall Richter Bryson Coleman Dianell Recker Brent Recker	Renee Scull Darryl Penschorn Azzy Tamez Rebe Penschorn Bill Roser Darryl Penschorn, 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.

NOVEMBER 2020 – Calendar / activities are subject to change

1 8:00a Worship-S 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship-S	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 8:00a Worship-S 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship-S	9	10 7:00 pm- Council Meeting-S	11 6:00 pm - Bible Study-P 6:00 pm Sr. High Youth-P	12	13	14 7:30am - Men's Breakfast-P
15 8:00a Worship-S 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship-S	16 5:00 pm - Newsletter Deadline 6:00 pm Christmas Market	17 8:30 am - Ministerial Alliance 9:00 am – 12 noon - Sewing Club-A	18 6:00 pm - Bible Study-P	19	20	21 8:30 – 11:00 am La Vernia Food Pantry Thanksgiving Basket Distribution
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29 Hanging of the Greens Sunday 8:00a Worship-S 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship-S	30					

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