

GOD IS LOVE

HOW LOVE SHOULD ALWAYS BE OUR GOAL



Veterans' Day Sunday

Veterans Day was instituted by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919, in order to commemorate the end of World War I and honor the veterans who had served in it. Initially called Armistice Day, it was observed on November 11th of each year, as that was the day on which the armistice was signed between the Allied nations and Germany. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name to Veterans Day, in order to include all veterans who had served in any capacity, not just those who had served in World War I.

On Sunday, November 12, 2023, Immanuel Lutheran is celebrating Veterans Day by inviting all veterans to wear at least part of the uniform of service. We also, want to invite those who have lost a family member who was a veteran to bring a picture so we can remember even those who are not with us but that served honorably God and country.



"Whoever does not love does not know God"

God is love. That is what the Bible established in 1 John 4:8. It is a simple yet profound statement that reveals the very essence of God's nature. Love is not just something God does, it is who He is. This means that everything that God does is motivated by love, from the creation of the world to the redemption of humanity. Love is at the very core of God's character, and it is the foundation of our relationship with Him. As we seek to know God more intimately, we must also seek to understand His great love for us. It is a love that surpasses all understanding and knows no bounds. It is a love that is unconditional, sacrificial, and eternal. May we never forget that God is love, and may His love guide and inspire us in all that we do.



Highlights from Bishop Selbo's Pastoral on the Middle East Conflict

The North American Lutheran Church (NALC) unequivocally condemns the violent actions of any terrorist group, as well as all forms of antisemitism found throughout the world. In contrast, we advocate for peace, justice, and the sanctity of all human life. We believe in the power of prayer and the potential of human hearts to move toward reconciliation and peace under the divine guidance of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand with all those in the region who yearn for peace. We pray for the safety and well-being of all its inhabitants, remembering that we have brothers and sisters in Christ living in Israel, as well as in other Arab nations, including Palestine, who find themselves in dire circumstances amidst the turmoil. We are mindful of the complex history and deep-rooted tensions that permeate the region. Yet, we ardently pray for an end to the hostilities and for a sustainable resolution that honors all individuals' dignity, security, and rights. We call upon leaders to act with wisdom, compassion, and a genuine desire for lasting peace. We invite our pastors, congregations, and partners in ministry to unite in fervent prayer for peace in Israel, Gaza, and the surrounding region, for the illumination and guidance of the leaders involved, and for humanitarian aid to reach those in desperate need. Let us all be praying for a future where enmity is replaced with understanding, oppression with justice, and despair with hope under the sovereign grace of our loving and Triune God. I encourage our congregations to be places where our doors are open for comfort and prayer for all of God's people and where the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, revealed to us in His life, death, and resurrection from the dead for our sin, are abundantly present and found.

The Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Selbo Bishop, North American Lutheran Church

Golden Age Thursdays' Bible Studies



Where: Parish Hall

What time: 10:45 am

What day: Every Thursday

What will we be studying: Aging

Faithfully by Alicee Fryling and

Aging with Grace by Sharon W.

Bettters & Susan Hunt

Everyone is welcome!

women OF faith™

The Women of Faith are staying busy this fall! We had a brown bag lunch and general meeting on October 15, where we reviewed the changes to our Constitution. (We will vote to accept those changes at our next meeting on November 26.) We also heard about the dangers of playing games with our lives instead of focusing on using our gifts to love and treat others with respect.

Twenty women did travel to Fredricksburg this last weekend of October. It was a beautiful experience sharing individual experiences and God's love. It was also an excellent weekend getaway that allowed us to relax and enjoy each other's company in the beautiful setting of the Hill Country.

We are collecting snack foods as our fourth quarter service project for the Frank Tejada VA Home in Floresville. Thank you to everyone who has dropped snack items in the box in the Parish Hall; we will continue to accept donations through the end of the year.

We hope all the ladies of Immanuel will join us on Friday evening, November 3, as we host a Fall Fashion Show. This event is sponsored by the La Vernia Ladies of Social and Concern as an opportunity to get to know the women in our community. Fashions from local thrift stores will be modeled during the evening, and light snacks will be served.

Our Bible studies are up and running! There are two opportunities for you to come and study "My Soul Magnifies the Lord" with us. Gloria Kipp leads a Wednesday study at 10 am, and I conduct a 7 pm study on Thursdays.

Mark your calendars for two events in November:

- Saturday, November 25, at 9 am, will be our annual hanging of the greens. We will decorate the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons.
- Sunday, November 26, at noon: We will have a potluck luncheon. We will vote on the changes to our Constitution and then have a Christmas cookie exchange afterward.

As we gear up for the holiday season, let us not forget that Thanksgiving is on the 4th Thursday in November. Although this is a special day to celebrate God's blessings, may you always remember that every day should be a day of Thanksgiving for what He has done for you!

In Christ's grace,

Darla Baccigrassi



Men of Immanuel Lutheran Church

If you are a man and are either a member, a visitor, or a friend of ILC, do not miss our meetings;

Where: At the Parsonage Building at Immanuel Lutheran Church Complex
When: November 11, 2023, at 8:30 am
What we do: Breakfast together / Study the Bible / Prepare and Plan how to support our church

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting
September 19, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 pm. Members present were Chrystal Coble, Rebe Penshorn, Wendie Roser, Ronnie Coleman, Jacy Reeves, Mark Buccigrossi. Jana Clarke, Pastor Eric, Gloria Kipp. Absent was Becca Reeves.

The opening devotion was done by Gloria Kipp.

Public and Parishioners to be Heard

Although there were no Parishioners or Public to be heard, Larry Wahl was present.

Correspondence-Received donation requests from Wounded Warriors. Bulletin from Immanuel Luthera-LV.

Secretary Report: Motion to accept the Secretary report by Gloria and seconded by Wendie. Motion passed. August minutes accepted to records.

Treasurers Report: After reviewing the report, a motion was made by Rebe to accept the report and seconded by Jana. Motion passed. Treasurers report accepted to records.

Pastors Report -

Have had 11 new members which brings the total to 72 for past 2 years.

Have had several previous members wanting to transfer back.

Presented newsletter that he has been working on. Council stated that need to make sure that newsletter is sent out prior to the 1st of the month.

Pastor also informed that he will be out October 8th and 22nd. Ester Dehaven will lead service on the 8th and Renee Scull will lead the service on the 22nd. He also informed that there would be not communion on those Sundays.

Pastor informed Council that Annual Assembly of La Vernia Alliance will be held on November 20th at the Parrish Hall.

Pastor is working on getting some bids for a new Video, sound, and streaming system in hopes that this could be done while the repairs are being done inside of the church

Presidents Report -

President reported working on getting bids for the Parrish Hall.

Still been in contact with Frontier concerning the placement of the wire for the internet cable.

Also noted that there have been concerns from congregation on office unavailability and reasons why there are no sign-in books in the church.

Program Reports-

Festival: Festival committee presented council with the recommendations for the disbursement of the profits from the festival. Motion made to approve the disbursements was made by Jana and seconded by Crystal. Motion passed.

Property Management Introduction: Larry Wahl will serve as manager for the property management. Council Recommended that any requests for management from congregation will need to go through church office (Pastor). Pastor will then contact Larry.

Parishioner's Report: President reported to Council that there was requested to put up No Parking signs on the Curb in front of the church parking lot. After discussion of whether this is in our ROW and also how it will take away from the parking, President will contact TxDot.

Old Business

A- **Sanctuary Repairs:** Have additional bid to bring to congregation to complete interior renovations. Motion made by Ronnie to have a Special Congregation meeting to be held on October 1st at 11:45 am to vote on the completion for the interior sanctuary. Seconded by Mark. Motion passed.

B- **New Building Funding Update:** Although we have 3 contractors interested in project, we have no hard bids. Goal is to have 5 total bids.

Executive Session

The council went into executive session at 7:11 pm.

Out of executive session at 7:53 pm

New Business

- A- **Vote on Procedural Docs:** Motion made by Jana to approve Procedural documents with the changes that were made during the working session on May 22, 2023. Seconded by Ronnie. Motion passed.
- B- **Discss Additional Bid for Sanctuary:** Council approved to have a special call meeting on 10-1-23 after the late service at 11:45.
- C- **Discuss Capital Campaign Goals:** Table this business till next month.
- D- **Digital Calendar:** President informed council that she was in process of creating a digital calendar on Google for Church Council, Office Staff, Pastor, and program leaders. This will enable everyone to view and be able to schedule meetings, events, etc. with more ease.

Crystal will lead the next devotion at the meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

Motion made by Mark to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Ronnie. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebe Penshorn



MATTHEW
14:22-33

YACHT CLUB

Young Adults Church Team



CROSS WALL



Would you like to add a cross to the
Cross Wall in the Parish Hall?

A box has been placed underneath the wall of crosses, simply
place your cross in the box by the end of this month.

Please write your name on the back of the cross.

Any questions, please see Kayla Homeyer.

NOVEMBER 2023 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

November 5	8:00	10:30
Ushers	Mark Buccigrossi	Wayne Mabry
	Darla Buccigrossi	Gloria Kipp
Readers	Chrystal Cobel	Gloria Kipp
Acolytes	Kimber Hild	Abigail Clarke
Altar Guild	Chrystal Cobel	Jeanette Bailey
	Amy Wagner	JoElla Heinsohn
Facebook Live		Jana Clarke
Multimedia	Ronnie Haug	Bill Roser
Tellers	Wendie Roser and Darla Buccigrossi	
November 12	8:00	10:30
Ushers	Ronnie Coleman	Tim Ferguson
	Joyce Miller	Lillian Kosub
Readers	Douglas Pieht	Shirley Stanush
Acolytes	Katelyn Tripp	Lillie Faglie
Altar Guild	Rebe Penshorn	Charles Stork
	Taylor Whitherell	Candy Stork
Multimedia	Brent Recker	Adriana Willeford
Facebook Live		Suzan Ferguson
Tellers	Rebe Penshorn and Shirley Stanush	
November 19	8:00	10:30
Ushers	Randall Richter	Gary & Yvonne Beran
	Chrystal Cobel	Gloria Kipp
Readers	Ronnie Haug	Renee Scull
Acolytes	Kaden Morrison	Henry Scull
Altar Guild	Paige Haass	Troy Stork
	Joyce Miller	Caitlin Feller
Multimedia	David Haass	Karen Campbell
Facebook Live		Lillie Faglie
Tellers	Jana Clarke and Shirley O'Neal	
November 26	8:00	10:30
Ushers	Kathy Volkmann	Charles Stork
	Amy Wagner	Jeanie Walpole
Readers	Mark Buccigrossi	Esther DeHaven
Acolytes	open	open
Altar Guild	Karen Campbell	Shirley O'Neal
	Toni Smith	Gloria Kipp
Multimedia	Karen Campbell	Patrice Goodman
Facebook Live		Shirley Stanush
Tellers	Mark Buccigrossi and Brenda Willeford	

Birthdays

- 1 Tim Stanush
- 2 Dana Gehlhaar
- 4 Weston Gibson
- 6 Ronnie Braddy
- 7 Crissy Fowler
- 8 Hunter Bunton
Kyle Robertson
Chris Stanush
- 10 Josh Homeyer
- 11 Jamie Campbell
Ralph Coldewey
Dorothea Franklin
- 12 Kris Tipp
Chris Coldewey
Joshua Stanush
- 13 Kyle Ferguson
Cindy Richter
- 14 Ernie Clauss
- 15 Randall Richter
- 16 Phyllis Coldewey
- 17 RayAnne Coldewey
CJ Davenport
- 18 Madelyn Schwake
- 19 Chris Kosub
- 20 Garland Coble
- 22 Hershel Goodman
- 24 Jesse Jefferson
- 25 Joe Gawlik
Debby Howton
Sandra Mattke
- 26 Clayton Fryer
Guy Morgan
- 28 Riley Braddy
Roger Johnson
Jenelle Larrison
- 29 Karen Campbell
Jana Clarke
Allen Coldewey
Brody Nichols
- 30 Jody Baumann
Jeremy Lambeck

Anniversaries

- 4 Larry & Janet Wyatt
- 5 Larry & Jeanette Baily
- 10 Guy & Johnnie Morgan
- 11 Ron & Julia Phillips
- 14 Chris & Renee Fischer

Christmas Market

The Christmas Market is rapidly approaching, & December 2 is right around the corner! There are still outdoor vendor spaces available, if you or anyone you know is interested. Also, there are sign-up sheets in the narthex for volunteers to help with set-up on Friday, December 1 & Saturday, December 2; volunteers to bring baked goods for the country store; volunteers to bring canned goods, homemade goods & Christmas items for the country store; volunteers to work in the country store & volunteers to help with clean up at 2 pm on Saturday at the conclusion of the Market. If you have questions about any of these volunteer opportunities, feel free to call or text me.

Thank you, *Darla Buccigrossi*

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have saved through faith. And this is not of your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Our Christmas Cantata will be held on Dec. 9 at 7 p.m., and Dec. 10 at 9:30 a.m. We invite all Adults, High School, and Junior High students to make a joyful noise unto the Lord with us! The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. We have already started practicing every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Patrice Goodman at 830.391.2346 or Adrienne Kelley after church service.

NOVEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	Thurs	FRI	SAT
			1 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study 6:00 Adult Meal & Bible Study	2 10:45am Golden Age Bible Study 7:00 PM Ladies Bible Study	3 7:00 Fall Fashion Show	4 3:00 – 9:00 LaVernia Harvest Hoedown
5 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> First Communion 8:00 Worship & HC 9:15 Coffee Fellowship Adult Bible Study Youth Sunday Experience 10:30 Worship & HC	6	7 6:00 Handbell Practice 7:00 Cantata Practice	8 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study 6:00 Adult Meal & Bible Study 6:30 Youth Night & Confirmation	9 10:45am Golden Age Bible Study 7:00 PM Ladies Bible Study	10	11 8:30am Men's Breakfast
12 <i>Pentecost 24</i> 8:00 Worship & HC 9:15 Coffee Fellowship Adult Bible Study Youth Sunday Experience 10:30 Worship & HC	13	14 Sewing Circle 9:00 – 12:00 6:00 Handbell Practice 7:00 Cantata Practice	15 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study 6:00 Adult Meal & Bible Study 6:30 Youth Night & Confirmation	16 10:45am Golden Age Bible Study 7:00 Lay Ministers Meeting No Ladies Bible Study	17	18
19 <i>Pentecost 25</i> 8:00 Worship & HC 9:15 Coffee Fellowship Adult Bible Study Youth Sunday Experience 10:30 Worship & HC <i>Community Thanksgiving Service?</i>	20 6:00pm Council Mtg	21 6:00 Handbell Practice 7:00 Cantata Practice	22 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study 6:00 Adult Meal & Bible Study 6:30 Youth Night & Confirmation <i>Thanksgiving Eve Service</i>	23 <i>Thanksgiving Day – Office is Closed</i>	24 <i>Office is Closed</i>	25
26 <i>Christ the King</i> 8:00 Worship & HC 9:15 Coffee Fellowship Adult Bible Study Youth Sunday Experience 10:30 Worship & HC <i>Women of Faith - noon</i>	27 6:30pm Christmas Mkt Mtg	28 6:00 Handbell Practice 7:00 Cantata Practice	29 10:00am Ladies Bible Study 6:00 Adult Meal & Bible Study 6:30 Youth Night & Confirmation	30 10:45am Golden Age Bible Study 7:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 7:00 LV Ministerial Alliance Annual Mtg		