



Immanuel Messenger

We are here to enrich lives by sharing the loving word and ways of Jesus.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, LCMS

Sandy, Oregon

November 2020

Sunday Worship

10:00 AM
(50 in person)
Or via Zoom.us

See Immanuelsandy.com for details



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There will be a short Annual Voter's Meeting held on Sunday December 6, 2020.

We will be voting on:

The Slate of Nominees for the 2021 as follows:

Church Council

Executive Director:	Sharon Capp
Asst/Exec Director:	Open
Members-at-Large	Debbie Stone Jake Cansler Frits van Gent Darold Hessel

Board of Elders

Alan Hazelett
Dwight Reigert
Ralph Stevens
Wayne Stone
Erv Schroeder

Immanuel Enrichment Center Board

Kindra Cansler
Christie Lamer
Barb Reigert

A change to the Standing Rules as follows:

Current wording:

Standing Rule #6. The Executive Director or Assistant Executive Director or Board of Elders Member must sign all legal documents affecting the church and its ministries.

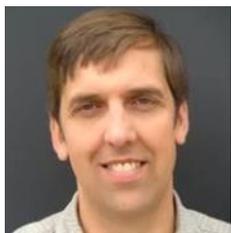
Revised wording:

Standing Rule #6. *The Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, Board of Elders Member or Treasurer* must sign all legal documents affecting the church and its ministries.

The 2021 Budget which will be posted soon.

Sharon Capp
Executive Director

The End in View



Sounds ominous. The End. We come to this time of the Church Year every year and we look to The End. Yet for us The End is not dreaded, it is celebrated! We are glad because The End is Jesus!

Jesus is the Alpha & Omega, Beginning & End. Jesus is the One who is risen from the dead never to die again. Jesus sees The End from His eternal perspective. Our view of The End is the view Jesus gives us to see. In The End we see a new creation free from sin and its sorrows. The End is truly The Beginning, world without end, Amen! *Rev. 7:14-17.*

Of course, The End may sound more ominous because you all know this is the last newsletter article I will write for the Immanuel Messenger. We all see that end in view, too. That is an end, but not The End. I pray we see beyond this temporal end to The End that truly matters.

The End is our eternal hope. The End moves us to self-sacrifice in ministry, seeking to enrich lives by sharing the loving word and ways of Jesus. The End motivates us as compassionate followers of Jesus inviting people from all walks of life into a learning, loving, living community of hope where questions are welcome, answers are discovered, and acceptance is freely given.

We keep The End in view always. The End puts our lives in a wider context. Whatever is happening now is not everything. There's more, so much more! God is working out His purpose to bring us all to The End. There's more for me and Deann as we move, and I accept the Call to serve God's mission at Living Savior in Tualatin. There's more for you as Immanuel begins a time of self-study in preparation for calling your next pastor. These are exciting times for all of us because we're all moving toward the same End. Jesus is with us as He promised, to The End (Matthew 28:20).

I said earlier this year that when I was asking "What's Next?" it never entered my mind that what's next would not include me with you. In this moment I am reminded that my life belongs to Jesus. He is in control not me! This year has been a time of testing, and a time for trusting unlike I can ever recall in my lifetime. We survived the initial months of COVID19 Stay Home, Save Lives. Then we moved beyond survival to adaptation. We

embraced, bought, and implemented the technology that enables us to gather around God's Word in fellowship with one another in-person or online simultaneously.

At this moment of pastoral transition, I pray you all draw upon the strength you have shown in moving beyond survival to adaptation. Immanuel may be a small congregation, but Immanuel is a strong congregation. I pray the self-study process is a time to realize that strength richly. When tempted to leap to the conclusion of who will be your next pastor, stop and focus on self-study. Do the work of ministry that is here for you now. Since I'm still your pastor, I will say only this when it comes to nominating candidates for your Call: Trust the Holy Spirit who dwells in each of you. Trust our Circuit Visitor and our District President. Trust the process. Be prayerfully patient, calm, and thoughtful. And keep The End in view! Immanuel, God is with you!

Thank you for trusting the Spirit and calling me to be your pastor in 2008. Thank you for loving me and my family and providing so generously for us these 12 years. You let me in to share life together with you in Christ. It is an honor. You have inspired and marked me by your faith and faithfulness to Jesus. You all have a part in making me the pastor I am today, and I am grateful beyond words. These final four sermons in November (1, 8, 15, 22) I will have opportunity to speak to the quality of God's blessing I've received through you. It will not be enough. Thank you.

In The End, through faith alone, we all take our place among the great multitude that no one can number *Rev 7:9*. Though I end my time as Pastor of Immanuel and begin serving our brothers and sisters in Christ at Living Savior, I continue with you in that great company through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. In The End we are always together with Jesus.

Keeping The End in view with you,

Pastor Kevin Fenster

Kevin Fenster



SURVEY 2020: The Pulse of Immanuel

Daily ministry in the coming year and finding a replacement for Pastor Kevin will in part depend on our membership numbers and participation. As of Oct 22 twenty six individuals out of eighty nine have responded: THANK YOU.

We hope that the sixty three who have not responded yet are interested in providing a full picture of our community. Even if you want to be inactive, it will provide Immanuel's Council and Elders with a "pulse" to help with discerning where to focus our energy for ministry day to day and with the search for a new pastor

Please return the survey form ASAP to the office. Forms are available at church and office, or request one from fritsvangent@msn.com

Christmas Tree



Donations are currently being accepted for the purchase of a new Christmas tree for the sanctuary.

After 15+ years, it is time to replace our existing tree. Many of the lights on the tree no longer work. Several branches are broken or have fallen out and the tree trunk is not stable and must be wired to the wall to prevent the tree from falling over.

If you are able to help with this fundraiser, contributions may be placed in the offering plate marked "Christmas Tree", mailed directly to the church office, or given to Jan Anderson.

Thank you!



Those who have signed up for AmazonSmile Rewards has helped ILC earn \$49.91 in contributions! This is for purchases made from 1/1/20—10/27/20.



AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to ILC.

For more information about the AmazonSmile program, go to <http://smile.amazon.com/about>.

Immanuel's Elders

Immanuel By-Law article 7 definition of what an Elder at Immanuel is

"An Elder at Immanuel Lutheran Church is a man who, by God's grace, endeavors to be for others in Jesus name and as such has been set apart by the congregation to assist the Pastor in attending to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of people."

"I exhort the elders among you: shepherd God's flock" (1 Pet. 5:2; see also Jn. 21:15-16 and Acts 20:28). Elders serve the Good Shepherd by providing his local flocks with spiritual oversight. Elders feed, lead, protect, and nurture church members like shepherds do with sheep.

Elders

Allan Hazelett
Dwight Reigert
Ralph Stevens
Wayne Stone
Erv Schroeder

If you would like to contact an elder please refer to our Directory for contact information or give the office a call Mon.—Thurs. 9:00 AM—1:00 PM 503.668.6232.

IEC



We would like to thank all the helpers who made our exterior light work again!! Now that it is getting darker and darker, we truly appreciate their work.

*Katy Rees
Director/Lead Teacher*



FINANCE SUMMARY

Immanuel Lutheran Church Financial Summary as of 10/28/2020

Checking Account Balance	\$ 22,630.79
Outstanding Checks:	\$ 8,609.12
Subtotal - Checks/Debits	\$ 8,609.12

Available Checking Acct. Balance \$ 14,021.67

Designated Funds:

Altar Guild	\$ 100.00
Missions Payable	\$ 74.00
Pastor's Contingency Fund	\$ 521.78
Church Improvement Fund	\$ 104.45
Exterior Building Fund	\$ 3,132.67
Subtotal - Designated Funds	\$ 3,932.90

Remaining Checking Acct. Balance \$ 10,088.77

Upcoming Expenses:

ILC Payroll Taxes (Employee/Employer)	\$ 326.03
IEC Payroll Taxes (Employee/Employer)	\$ 1,620.61
Janitorial Service	\$ 608.00
NW Natural	\$ 68.29
Office Depot	\$ 25.51
Medical Contingency Funds	\$ 1,054.33
Subtotal - Upcoming Expenses	\$ 3,702.77

Checking Acct. - Funds Available \$ 6,386.00

The information in the Financial Summary is as of October 28, 2020. Our General Fund offerings and income are \$10,231.82 and expenses are \$13,844.14. Please note, the \$10,231.82 in offerings and income does not include the offerings collected on October 25th, which still need to be counted and deposited. The checking account funds available as of October 28th, 2020 are \$6,386.00.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns regarding the financial information.

*Blessings,
Dawn*



Checking Account Balances

Enrichment Center	\$30,704.38
LWML	\$ 1,505.81
Youth Group	\$ 1,048.65

LCEF Mortgage Loan Balance	\$107,108.48
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LCEF Steward Account	\$ 27,598.59
LCEF Steward Account Building Fund	\$ 0
LCEF Steward Account Electronic Offerings	\$ 108.29
LCEF Steward Account Sale of Property Funds	\$ 54,851.78
Unemployment CD - CCB	\$ 2,421.00

November Birthdays

2nd Derek Eisele
7th Chris Doss
8th Barry Walter
10th Liliana Hodges
12th Hugh Eisele
16th Sue Stevens

24th Bernice Schwartz
25th Sharon Capp
27th Wayne Arnold
30th Kathy Dunbar
John Pyryt



November Altar Flowers

1st _____
8th **Sammie Maness**
15th _____
22nd _____
29th **Bev Wilson**

Please submit all articles
and information for the
December Newsletter by
Friday, November 20th.

Thank You!



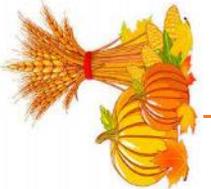
If severe conditions threaten safe travel to Church, the Pastor and Elders will decide to cancel services or events.

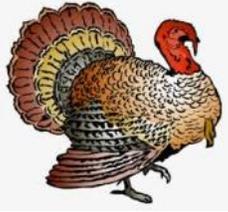
- The Elders will call people.
- A message will be posted on the Church website (www.immanuelssandy.com). Please look for this message in the top right corner of the website.



November

Immanuel
Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00AM-Divine Service 11:30AM Leadership Council Meeting.	2 7:00 AM—Men's Bible Study 11:00AM - Scruffy's	3	4 10:30AM-Women's Bible Study 6: 00PM—8:00 PM Youth Group	5	6	7 8:00 AM—9:00AM SDG
8 10:00AM - Worship	9 7:00 AM—Men's Bible Study 11:00AM - Scruffy's	10	11  10:30AM-Women's Bible Study	12	13	14 8:00 AM—9:00AM SDG
15 10:00AM-Divine Service	16 7:00 AM—Men's Bible Study 11:00AM - Scruffy's	17	18 10:30AM-Women's Bible Study 6: 00PM—8:00 PM Youth Group	19	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 8:00 AM—9:00AM SDG
22 10:00AM - Worship Thanksgiving Observed	23 7:00 AM—Men's Bible Study 11:00AM - Scruffy's	24	25	26 	27	28 8:00 AM—9:00AM SDG
29 10:00AM - Worship	30 7:00 AM—Men's Bible Study 11:00AM - Scruffy's	Lay Readers: 11/1 Erv Schroeder 11/8 Anne Moen 11/15 Don Lofthus 11/22 Dennis Lane		Altar Guild: Ann Marie Amstad Christie Lamer		



Taught by Turkeys

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them..

Matthew 6:26.

Do you know what a group of turkeys is called? It's called a rafter. Why am I writing about turkeys? Because I've just returned from a weekend at a mountain cabin. Each day, I marveled at a train of turkeys parading past our porch.

I'd never turkey-watched before. They scratched fiercely with spectacular talons. Then they hunted and pecked at the ground. Eating, I assume. (Since this was my first turkey-observation time, I wasn't 100 percent positive.) The scrawny scrubs in the area didn't look like they could sustain anything. Yet here were these turkeys, a dozen of them, all of which looked delectable plump.

Watching those well-fed turkeys brought to mind Jesus' words in Matthew 6:26: "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" Jesus uses God's provision for seemingly worthless birds to remind us of His care for us. If a bird's life matters, how much more does ours? Jesus then contrasts fretting about our daily needs (vv. 27-31) with a life in which we "seek first his kingdom and his righteousness" (v.33), one in which we're confident of His rich provision for our needs. Because if God can care for that rafter of wild turkeys, He can certainly look after you and me.

Adam R. Holz
Our Daily Bread

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