



Immanuel Messenger

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church, LCMS

Sandy, Oregon

November 2021

Sunday Worship

10:00 AM

In person or via Zoom.us

See Immanual.com

For details.

Holy Communion

1st and 3rd Sundays

2021 Annual Meeting Notice



There will be an Annual Voters Assembly Meeting to be held December 5th 2021 following church service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Church Council Members (Executive Director, Assist Executive Director, Treasurer), Elders and IEC Board Members.

At this time we usually approve the annual budget but at the September Leadership Council Meeting, there was a motion made and approved that we postpone the budget until January or within the first Quarter of 2022, which may give us time to have more accurate monetary numbers for a pastors salary and benefits.

If you have any questions please call or text Sharon at 775-778-1227

*Give Thanks to the Lord,
for He is good.
Psalm 107:1*



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Thanksgiving and Stewardship

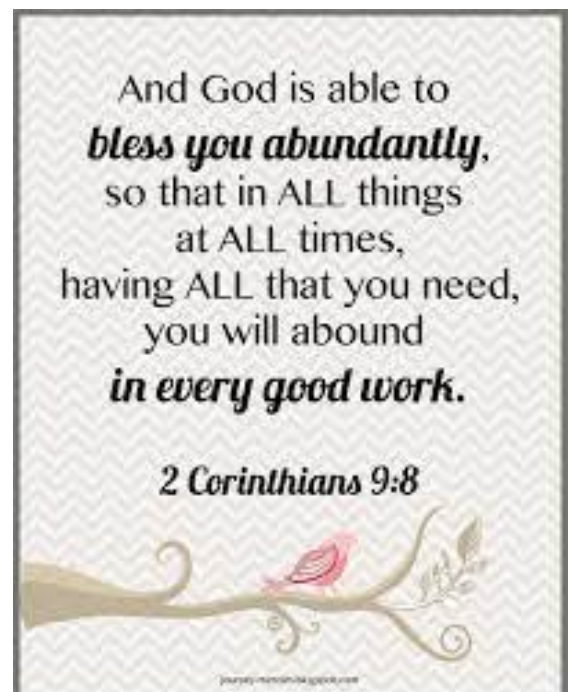
Thanksgiving and stewardship make a great combination. We look at the gifts God showers on us, and we thank Him with hearts full of love and gratitude. The blessings come every day, so we praise Him daily. It is good that we designate one special day for Thanksgiving, but as Christians, we also acknowledge God's abundant care every day. As Psalm 100 declares, "it is He that made us . . . His steadfast love endures forever . . . Make a joyful noise to the Lord. . . Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!"

We respond to God's generous care by worshipping Him. We also respond by using His gifts wisely. Motivated by love, we want to honor our heavenly Father by using His blessings in ways that please Him. His gifts come with expectation. Our Lord wants us to enjoy His blessings of life, health, freedom, family, friends, money, job, beauty, and everything else that is good in our world. He also wants us to help those in need, those who need short – term support as they recover from disasters, and those who need on-going guidance and training. Jesus expects us to use His gifts to take the Gospel to the whole earth, to make disciples of all nations, to evangelize our world.

God does not expect us to impoverish ourselves in an attempt to meet the needs of others. He gives us enough for ourselves and enough to share with others (2 Corinthians 9:8). He wants us to be generous so that we might experience the joy of giving. As we exercise good stewardship, we grow in our trust and in our desire to praise God.

Read about Jesus and the widow's mite in Mark 12:41-44. Read St. Paul's comments in 2 Corinthians 8 and 9. Ask God to keep on giving us generous and grateful hearts. Let Him continue to lead us in joyful, cheerful stewardship, as we thank Him for forgiveness and eternal life.

In Christ,
Pastor Keil



Who's Who at Immanuel Dwight Reigert



I was born in Sioux City, Iowa on 9/11/1953. When I was approximately 4 my family moved across the state to Bettendorf which is a suburb of Davenport. This area is similar to Portland in that it is on a river (Mississippi) and is across the river from another major town in another state (Moline & Rock Island , Illinois). This area is called the Quad Cities. I graduated from Bettendorf High in 1971 and later that year I enlisted in the US Army.

I did my basic training at Ft Ord , California. At the end of this training my battalion and another one had a coin toss to go to Viet Nam as replacement troops. My battalion won the coin toss and I was then sent to Ft Sill Oklahoma for leadership and advanced training. My training was as a Field Artillery Mechanic and upon graduation I was sent to a small base in Babenhausen Germany. This was a 175mm howitzer unit. These were tanks with a 32 ft. canon mounted on them. I spent approximately 2.5 years deployed in Germany and then received an honorable discharge in late 1974.

When I came back to Iowa I found a job at GrayBar Electric which was an electrical wholesaler. I worked in the warehouse and counter sales. I met my wife, Barb there, who worked in the office. The company had a policy against people dating or being married at work. Since Barb had been there longer then me I decided to look for another job. I went to work for another company called Nichols Control & Supply. This was a heating and air conditioning wholesaler. I did counter sales and delivered orders to job sites and HVAC companies.

In 1978 Barb and I were married at St. James Lutheran Church in Bettendorf. This was my church that I grew up in. Our honeymoon was us driving to Oregon for me to attend college at the University of Portland. Barb was able to transfer to GrayBar Electric in Portland. I graduated from U of P in 1982 with a degree in Accounting and went to PSU for advanced studies in their Master of Tax program. I completed only half of the program before my VA money ran out and we also had our first son (Jonathan) by then, I decided to look for a job instead of finishing the program.

In 1984 I was hired by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Oregon as a fixed asset accountant in their Finance Department. I held many jobs there but ended retiring in late 2009, after 26.5 years, as Manager of Finance Operations. This included being over Payroll, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Commissions, Claims balancing, & Collections. Prior to my departure we merged with Blue Shield of Washington, Blue Shield of Idaho and Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Utah. This company became known as Regence and is now called Cambia.

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Who's Who continued

We have two sons and our second son, Eric was born in 1986. We lived in Portland around 71st and Halsey. We attended Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Dan Parshall was the pastor at the time. Mid-1989 we moved to Boring as we both wanted more space and we thought Portland, especially the schools had problems back then and wanted a more rural area to live. Little did we know how it would become today. I had a friend who got divorced in Iowa, come and live with us for awhile in late 2009. He was learning guitar and wanted to buy me an instrument so we could both play. He knew I had been in band from 4th grade through 11th grade and played the clarinet. I had tried guitar in the past and always felt my fingers were too small to accommodate the normal size fret board.

We were downtown one day going to music stores and we went into Apple Music (no longer there). They had a side store that was acoustic and folk instruments. I liked the mandolin and he bought me my first one. I got a chord sheet and am still trying to figure them all out today. He and I would play and one day we got together with Ed Pitzrik. He had been playing a little with Pastor Kevin. I started playing with them and soon Trevor joined in and that is how The Scruffy Sessions came to be.

Call Process Update

The Call Committee has reviewed the list of candidates. There were two who would consider a call. Our by-laws presently require us to submit 3 names to the congregation for consideration. I contacted Pastor Sprengle after our last meeting and requested another list of names. I followed up with him to make sure they knew we were waiting on them for this list. Pastor Sprengle replied back that he would follow up with President Linneman and get back to me with a status. I am still waiting for his reply and a new list.



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FINANCE SUMMARY

Immanuel Lutheran Church Financial Summary as of 10/27/2021

Checking Account Balance	\$ 75,922.56
Outstanding Checks:	\$ 1,506.73
Subtotal - Checks/Debits	\$ 1,506.73

Available Checking Acct. Balance \$ 74,415.83

Designated Funds:

Altar Guild	\$ 100.00
Missions Payable	\$ 96.00
Pastor's Contingency Fund	\$ 503.79
Church Improvement Fund	\$ 104.45
Exterior Building Fund	\$ 3,132.67
Subtotal - Designated Funds	\$ 3,936.91

Remaining Checking Acct. Balance \$ 70,478.92

Upcoming Expenses:

ILC Payroll Taxes (Employee/Employer)	\$ 226.61
IEC Payroll Taxes (Employee/Employer)	\$ 1,188.39
Janitorial Service	\$ 608.00
NW Natural	\$ 208.81
Medical Contingency Funds	\$ 4,000.00
Subtotal - Upcoming Expenses	\$ 6,231.81

Checking Acct. - Funds Available \$ 64,247.11

The information in the Financial Summary is as of October 27, 2021. Our General fund offerings and income are \$9,513.59.00 and our expenses are \$6,292.24. Please note, the \$9,513.59 in offerings and income does not include offerings that will be collected on Sunday, October 31st, 2021. The checking account funds available as of October 27, 2021 are \$64,247.11. The payments for the 3rd quarter of 2021 missions were sent on October 6th, 2021

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

*Blessings,
Dawn*



Checking Account Balances

Enrichment Center	\$80,141.78
LWML	\$ 390.04
Youth Group	\$ 1,048.65

LCEF Mortgage Loan Balance	\$102,402.36
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LCEF Steward Account	\$ 18,801.05
LCEF Steward Account Building Fund	\$ 0
LCEF Steward Account Electronic Offerings	\$ 108.66
LCEF Steward Account Sale of Property Funds	\$ 14,932.11
Thrivent Mutual Funds	\$ 40,069.33
Unemployment CD - CCB	\$ 2,423.45



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

IEC News

We hit a new record high with 32 kids going through the IEC in one day! Please pray for our staff to help these children know Jesus.



Katy Rees
 Director/Lead Teacher

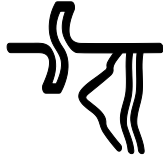


November
Altar Flowers

7th _____
 14th _____
 21st Cornucopia
 28th Bev Wilson





Please submit all articles
 and information for the
 December Newsletter by
 Friday, November 19th.

Thank You!



November 2021

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  10:30AM DHS Visit	2 1:00PM - Scruffy's 7:00PM-8:00PM SDG	3 10:30AM Women's Bible Study 12:00PM-1:00PM Courage to Change	4 2:30PM DHS Visit	5	6 8:00 AM—9:00 AM SDG
7 10:00AM-Divine Service	8 10:30AM DHS Visit	9 1:00PM - Scruffy's 7:00PM-8:00PM SDG	10 10:30AM Women's Bible Study 12:00PM-1:00PM Courage to Change	11  2:30PM DHS Visit	12	13 8:00 AM—9:00 AM SDG
14 10:00AM - Worship	15 10:30AM DHS visit	16 1:00PM - Scruffy's 7:00PM-8:00PM SDG	17 10:30AM Women's Bible Study 12:00PM-1:00PM Courage to Change	18 2:30PM DHS Visit	19 Newsletter Deadline	20 8:00 AM—9:00 AM SDG
21 10:00AM-Divine Service	22 10:30AM DHS visit	23 1:00PM - Scruffy's 7:00PM-8:00PM SDG	24 10:30AM Women's Bible Study 12:00PM-1:00PM Courage to Change	25 	26	27 8:00 AM—9:00 AM SDG
28 10:00AM - Worship	29 10:30AM DHS visit	30 1:PM Scruffy's 7:00PM-8:00PM SDG		Lay Readers 11/7: Chris Doss 11/14: Erv Schroeder 11/21: Ann Moen 11/28: Don Lofthus	Alter Guild: Ann Marie Christie Lamer	

A Thankful Heart

*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
Colossians 4:2.*



Seneca, the great philosopher of ancient Rome (4 BC—AD 65), was once accused by the empress Messalina of adultery. After the Senate sentenced Seneca to death, the emperor Claudius instead exiled him to Corsica, perhaps because he suspected the charge was false. This reprieve may have shaped Seneca's view of thankfulness when he wrote: "homicides, tyrants, thieves, adulterers, robbers, sacrilegious men, and traitors there always will be, but worse than all these is the crime of ingratitude."

A contemporary of Seneca's, the apostle Paul, may have agreed. In Romans 1:21, he wrote that one of the triggers for the downward collapse of humankind was that they refused to give thanks to God. Writing to the church at Colossae, three times Paul challenged his fellow believers in Christ to gratitude. He said we should be "overflowing with thankfulness" (Colossians 2:7). As we let God's peace "rule in [our] hearts," we're to respond with thankfulness (3:15). In fact, gratitude ought to characterize our prayers (4:2).

God's great kindnesses to us remind us of one of life's great realities. He not only deserves our love and worship, He also deserves our thankful hearts. Everything that's good in life comes from Him (James 1:17).

With all we've been given in Christ, gratitude should be as natural as breathing. May we respond to God's gracious gifts by expressing our gratitude to Him.

*Bill Crowder
Our Daily Bread*

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