



Immanuel Messenger

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church, LCMS

Sandy, Oregon

September 2019

Sunday Mornings

10:00 AM
Holy Communion
1st and 3rd Sundays



After-School Care

IEC News

The numbers say it all!

September 2017 Enrollment = 11

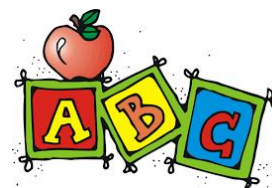
September 2018 Enrollment = 19

September 2019 Enrollment = 29

The current numbers require careful scheduling as we can only house 26 students at one time. Amanda and I will be working diligently to keep the fun going and helping out Sandy families with this much needed program.

Thank you so much for your support!

Katy



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DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

September 20th, 2019

What is a Steward?

This month's Pastor's Page is without Pastor as he is out on the road. This following message is brought to you by the LCMS– Missouri Synod



What is a steward? Most people will say a steward is a manager.

That is correct, but it is only half right. A steward is indeed a manager, but he is a manager of what does not belong to him. Someone else is the owner, and the steward manages the owner's property on the owner's behalf.

We are God's stewards. Our stewardship is that God has made us managers of what belongs to Him:

“For we brought nothing into this world, and we cannot take anything out of the world” (1 Tim. 6:7)

Everything that we have and everything that we are comes from God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy. God is the owner.

This is not only because He created all things; He is also the redeemer. He has redeemed – that is, purchased – and won all things. Therefore, it all belongs to Him.

We are simply managers of everything in this world. Like Joseph in Egypt, we are put in charge of managing what belongs to God. What a privilege.

Think about that for a minute. The all-knowing, all-powerful, all-wise God has asked us to manage his possessions on His behalf here on earth.

And by doing this, He invites us to take part in the allocation of His good gifts. He wants us to give our input and advise Him in where His gifts are to be used. What a privilege indeed.

But what a responsibility!

“Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required” (Luke 12:48b).

We are not the owners. And while He puts us as managers, we are still to do with His property what He wants done with it. That means we need to know what He desires and wills for His property.

How do we know this? How can we know the will and mind of God?

We find the will of God in the Bible. There God tells us what His will is for all of His gifts. He tells us how we are to spend our time and use our talents and treasures. He instructs us in the use of our minds, bodies, and souls.

There is nothing we have that doesn't belong to Him.

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body” (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

God informs us of the big picture, the overarching policy, of how we as His stewards – managers and custodians – are to manage His property.

And that is stewardship. It is simply doing what God wants us to do with what He has given us.

As St. Paul said,

“Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness” (Rom. 6:13).

So, let's dive into God's Word, and listen to what He desires from His stewards.



September Altar Flowers

Live flowers are a reminder that Jesus is risen and so we too walk in newness of life! Sign up on the flower chart on the bulletin board next to the nursery in the narthex.

1st	Beverly Wilson
8th	Darlene Zimmerman
15th	
22nd	Mary Busch & Dawn Cappleman
29th	

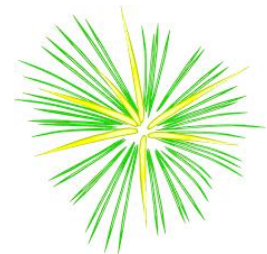
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CELEBRATIONS!

Birthday's

- Carl Moen 9/2
- Peggy Wagner 9/3
- Ron Whisenant 9/9
- Al Fry 9/10
- Darlene Zimmerman 9/10
- Dwight Reigert 9/11
- Kevin Fenster 9/16
- Lydia Boykin 9/18
- Jake Cansler 9/18
- Jane Davey 9/18
- Connie Fry 9/21
- Luke Hodges 9/25
- Dennis Lane 9/28



Anniversaries

- Ron & Jean Whisenant 9/4
- Dennis & Tami Smith 9/7
- Ernie & Bernice Schwartz 9/13



School Kits Ingathering

The mission project sponsored by the LWML Women's Guild for August and September will be school kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Each kit includes 4—70 sheet wide or college ruled notebooks, a 30 centimeter ruler, a pencil sharpener, a pair of blunt safety scissors, five unsharpened pencils, 5 black or blue ball point pens, a box of 16 or 24 crayons, and a 2 1/2" eraser.

We will be sending them in October and will have a collection box and information in the Narthex.

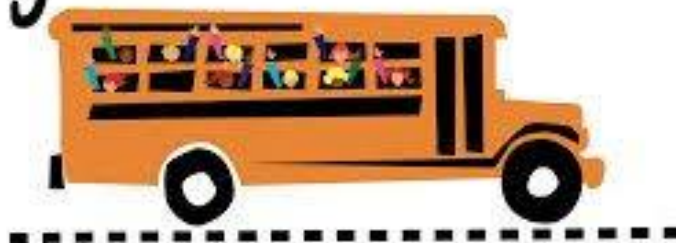
We appreciate the help of the congregation for this mission project.



Shop school essentials at
smile.amazon.com and Amazon donates.



Goodbye Summer!



FINANCE SUMMARY

Immanuel Lutheran Church Financial Summary as of 8/28/2019	
Checking Account Balance	\$ 15,440.04
Outstanding Checks:	\$ 5,990.84
Subtotal - Checks/Debits	\$ 5,990.84
Available Checking Acct. Balance	\$ 9,449.20
Designated Funds:	
Special Purpose Funds	\$ 100.00
Missions Payable	\$ 181.00
Pastor's Contingency Fund	\$ 118.87
Sanctuary Renovations	\$ 1,400.00
Subtotal - Designated Funds	\$ 1,799.87
Remaining Checking Acct. Balance	\$ 7,649.33
Upcoming Expenses:	
ILC Payroll Taxes (Employee/Employer)	\$ 796.49
IEC Payroll Taxes (Employee/Employer)	\$ 2,518.97
Mike Kasting	\$ 175.00
Concordia Publishing	\$ 63.60
Office Depot	\$ 130.51
Janitorial Service	\$ 608.00
Azure Business Machines	\$ 239.00
NW Natural	\$ 17.62
City of Sandy	\$ 316.25
Medical Contingency Funds	\$ 3,043.54
Subtotal - Upcoming Expenses	\$ 7,908.98
Checking Acct. - Funds Available	\$ (259.65)

The information in the Financial Summary is as of August 28th, 2019. Our General Fund offerings and income for the month of August are \$8,657.00 and expenses are \$12,142.58. This month, our offerings and income were approximately \$4,000.00 lower than our 2019 average monthly giving and approximately \$5,300 less than our budgeted monthly giving amount of \$13,942.00. We often see a dip in offerings this time of year. Your efforts to make consistent tithes and offerings - even during the busy summer months - are appreciated and necessary. God continues to provide blessings for His church. Thank you for your support of the ministries at Immanuel.

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

*Blessings,
Dawn*

Checking Account Balances	
Enrichment Center	\$19,615.57
LWML	\$ 2,243.27
Youth Group	\$ 1,025.35

LCEF Mortgage Loan Balance	\$112,129.23
LCEF Line of Credit Loan	\$ 0
LCEF Steward Account	\$ 479.85
LCEF Steward Account Building Fund	\$ 3,284.64
LCEF Steward Account Electronic Offerings	\$ 106.04
Unemployment CD - CCB	\$ 2,215.00
LCEF Steward Account Sale of Property Funds	\$ 54,290.73



Dear Friends,

On Saturday September 28, 2019 - Christ the Vine Lutheran Church will host former Concordia Lutheran Seminary, FW O.T.

Professor Chad L. Bird. He will be speaking on “God’s scandalous grace in the Old Testament”

Chad Bird is an excellent scholar, author and speaker, but even more than that, he’s lived a fascinating life of personal triumph and tragedy. Along with the Apostle Paul, he’s experienced personally that “neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God through Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8: 38-39)

Due to his compelling personal story and his excellent scholarship, Chad has become in recent years a very popular writer and sought after speaker. At Christ the Vine Lutheran Church in Damascus, Chad will start at 9am Saturday morning, there will be a mid-morning break and an hour long break for lunch (lunch provided) and we will be done by 3pm. **There is no charge for this, just come and be fed.** I guarantee, everyone who is familiar with Chad Bird’s work, is very excited that he is coming to Christ the Vine!

Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and walk out smarter, and amazed (maybe even scandalized) by God’s incredible mercy and love for you!

To his Website for articles:

www.1517.org/sections/chadbird

Chad’s recent books include “Night Driving” “Your God is Too Glorious” and “Upside Down Spirituality”

To Amazon, for his books:

www.amazon.com/Chad-Bird/e/B00MS544WK%3Fref=dbs_a_mng_rwt_scns_share

To his podcast “40 Minutes in the Old Testament” where you can listen on your computer or phone:

<https://40minot.libsyn.com/>





Noise Pollution

*Put off all these: Anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language
Out of your mouth
Colossians 3:8.*

Profanity and crude language are becoming more common on prime-time television programs. Many writers and producers seem to be intent on pushing the limits of how much immoral and offensive speech the public will allow.

Profane and vulgar language is noise pollution of the worst kind. It dishonors God and degrades men and women. Conversation punctuated by cursing, swear words, and crude and dirty expressions obscures the beauty of noble ideas. Words that condemn others can inflame anger and destroy relationships. They can inflict lasting hurt to sensitive souls who are battered by verbal abuse.

Ungodly language creates an immoral and unspiritual atmosphere, which is hostile to clean thinking and living. Its deafening sound can all be drown out the voice of God's Spirit. That's why the Word of God spells out in clear terms the kind of language that must not come from the lips of followers of Jesus (Colossians 3:8), as well as the kind that should characterize our speech (4:6).

Centuries ago the psalmist offered a prayer that we would be wise to echo: "Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips" (Psalm 141:3). That prayer is needed today more than ever

*Lord, guard our tongues so what we say won't hurt and carelessly offend;
Give us the gracious speech of love, with words that soothe and heal and mend. –Sper*

Dennis De Haan

Profanity disgraces the user and demeans the hearer.

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