

Welcome to
Immanuel Lutheran Church
A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

November 22, 2020
The Last Sunday in the Church Year



“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.”
(Matthew 25:31)

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Bulletin Dedication

In today's Introit, we hear the words: "In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness." What a gift from God to treasure! And it's this gift that keeps us steady all our days. Today's bulletin is given to the glory of God in honor of Frank Folkert's 90th birthday on November 26. Happy birthday, Frank, and may God continue to bless your days with His peace and joy!

Welcome to Immanuel! We ask all members and guests to please check in with the attendance person as you wait to be seated in the CLC. We hope you are blessed by God's grace in the worship service. Members, please inform the church office of needed prayers and visits.

Liturgy: Setting Four

Sermon: "Thanksgiving for God's Treasures" from Matthew 25:31-46.

Hymns: 730 - What Is the World to Me
851 - Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Pianist: Debra Eggenberger

Elders/Ushers: 8:00 am: Mark Bartsh, Jim Larson
10:00 am: Brent Wohlers, Bob Walkes

Altar Duty November: Leo & Barb Larson

Busy Bags: Will be available once COVID19 concerns are past.

Our Mission

Immanuel Lutheran Church exists to spread the Gospel in its truth and purity through Word and Sacraments in accordance with the Confession of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. Immanuel Lutheran School exists to share the Gospel, so children become disciples of Jesus.

Holy Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may proclaim His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor.

For our communicants: gluten-free host is available along with grape juice in the center of the individual cups for those who have allergies or sensitivities to those respective elements. Please request it as you approach the pastor or the elder.

OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP:

Sunday, November 15: 90

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS:

Sunday, November 15: \$ 6,209.00

OUR OFFERING OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Those known to be hospitalized – The office is unaware of anyone hospitalized at this time. For any prayer requests wanted on the Congregational Prayer Chain, or in public worship services, call the church office (534-3700) or Barb Larson (534-2623) or E-mail office@immanuelplainview.org

God's richest blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week:

November 22: Linda Hoiland, Wade Irish

November 23: Lori Lockwood

November 25: Susan Wohlers

November 26: Frank Folkert

November 28: Janet Timm, Robert Walkes, Carson Ohm, Luke Gilbertson



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Finding new Stephen Ministry Leaders is the next step for growing our congregation's Stephen Ministry. Right now, we are praying for the individuals God is calling to serve as Stephen Leaders. **Please include this need in your prayers.** God answers our prayers because He is faithful. More info on Leadership training can be found at www.stephenministries.org/LTC. With the COVID19 pandemic around for some time yet, Leadership training is now available online in a 5 or 10 week course. We are praying to sign you up for the next available cohort in February 2021! For more information or questions, contact Becky Luckstein (534-2236 or 951-1716) or Pastor Augustine (884-7390).

Stewardship of Your Treasure Through Your Estate Plan

Did you know that Abraham Lincoln died without a Will? That's right, the 16th President of the United States and one of the most famous lawyers in history. If this could happen to honest Abe, how easy it would be for you and me to forget about planning our estate. Don't leave a lifetime of hard work and investments to chance. Here are 10 reasons why you need to have an estate plan:

1. You decide how your estate will be distributed.
2. You decide who will take care of your minor children.
3. You decide will will manage the affairs of your estate when you're gone.
4. You can avoid a lengthy settlement process.
5. You can minimize any tax liability.
6. You can make substantial gifts and donations.
7. You can avoid unnecessary legal challenges.
8. You can make changes at any time.
9. You can make this the most important time of your stewardship.
10. You don't know what tomorrow holds.

For advice on estate planning that can help you and your church or charity of choice, contact Matthew Steiner, gift planning counselor with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Foundation (serving the MN South District) who can explain these vehicles prior to visiting with a tax advisor or lawyer. He can be reached by phone: 952-223-2155 or Email: steiner@csp.edu.

Stewardship of Your Treasure Through Your IRA

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was enacted on March 27, 2020. One notable change arising from the CARES Act is the required minimum distribution (RMD) waiver for 2020. This provision will permit IRA and other qualified retirement plan owners to retain funds in their IRAs. Because the markets declined substantially after the current RMD was calculated based on the plan value on December 31, 2019, Congress determined that it was beneficial to waive the RMD for 2020.

You may be looking for a way to make a big difference to help further the work of Immanuel (or another charity of choice). If you are 70½ or older, you may also be interested in a way to lower the income and taxes from your IRA withdrawals. Benefits of an IRA charitable rollover include:

- Avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to the charity.
- Make a gift that is not subject to the deduction limits on charitable gifts.

How an IRA charitable rollover gift works:

1. Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a gift from your IRA to Immanuel Lutheran Church.
2. Your IRA funds will be directly transferred to Immanuel.
3. Please note that IRA charitable rollover gifts do not qualify for a charitable deduction.
4. Contact the church office or Treasurer if you wish for your gift to be used for a specific purpose.

(Text adapted from the Family Research Council.)