

**Welcome to
Immanuel Lutheran Church**

A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

**September 19, 2021
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**



“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.” (Mark 9:37)

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Rev. J. Philipp Augustine, Pastor

Welcome to Immanuel! We ask all guests to please fill out the Communication/Communion Card, which has been placed at the entrances. You can place the completed card in the offering plate, hand to an usher or elder, or drop in the basket as you come forward for Holy Communion. We hope you have enjoyed our worship service, and we invite you to join us again soon. Members, please fill out the Communion Card to inform the church office of your attendance today and any needed prayers and visits.

Liturgy: Setting Three, page 184

Sermon: “Wisdom from Above” from James 3:13-4:10

Hymns: 901 - Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
750 (1, 3, 5, 7) - If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee
637 - Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord
633 - At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing
842 - Son of God, Eternal Savior

Organist: Jacob Mikkelson

Elders/Ushers: 8:00 am: Jim Larson, Bob Lamprecht
10:15 am: Brent Wohlers, Eugene Schnell

Altar Duty September: Linda Smith

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, Sept. 12th: 8:00 am: 63 10:15 am: 131
1:00 pm Celebration Service: 88

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS

Sunday, Sept. 12th: \$5,553.00

OUR OFFERING OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Those known to be hospitalized – *no one at this time. Praise God!* For any prayer requests wanted on the Congregational Prayer Chain, or in public worship services, call the church office (534-3700) or Barb Larson (251-2138) or E-mail office@immanuelplainview.org

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

September 20: Paxton Bauer, Orrin Gilbertson

September 21: Val Aarsvold

September 23: Lafe Aarsvold, Rebecca Erdman, Omar Neumann

September 24: Mark Bartsh, Savannah Hall



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

When "Pull Yourself Together" Doesn't Work - You've heard it time and time again: "Pull yourself together. . . . Cheer up. . . . Tough it out. . . . It's not that bad." Perhaps people have said it to you. Or perhaps you keep saying it to yourself. But it hasn't helped. You're still hurting. Things are coming apart.

Here's the good news: You don't have to go through your struggles alone. Help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers who will walk with you, listen to you, and provide confidential, one-to-one care as you search through the pieces and find what is truly in your heart. If someone you know is facing a crisis—large or small—and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders: Pastor Augustine (534-3700) or Becky Luckstein (534-2236 or 951-1716).

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you.

Interested in Steven Ministry training? We are looking for caring people with good listening skills. Contact Becky or Pastor.

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

September 19, 2021

Monday – Friday office hours	8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday, September 19: Divine Service (Church)	8:00 am & 10:15 am
Education Hour	9:10 am
Monday, September 20: LifeLight Bible Study	9:00 am
High Rise Church	1:00 pm
Tuesday, September 21: ILCW	6:30 pm
Wednesday, September 22: Chapel	8:25 am
Confirmation Class (1 st yr)	6:00-7:00 pm
Sunday, September 26: Divine Service (Church)	8:00 am & 10:15 am
Education Hour	9:10 am

Thank you...I'm expressing the sentiments of many in the congregation.

Congratulations to everyone that was involved in any way, shape, or form, in the beautiful **Praise the Lord Celebration** of the 100th Anniversary of Immanuel Lutheran School. A special thank you to Connie Walkes and Pastor Augustine for spearheading this celebration. **TO GOD BE THE GLORY.** Butch Mussell

TO GOD BE THE GLORY, GREAT THINGS HE HATH DONE (AGAIN)! With approximately one month to prepare for the Praise the Lord celebration AND 100th anniversary of our school celebration, I'd say the day turned out beautifully! I cannot thank **everyone** enough for helping make the event a joyous occasion! No matter what part you had in making the day special, I thank you!!! There's no way that I could name everyone that helped, as I'd unintentionally leave someone out. From the morning church services, to the children singing, the vibrant organ playing, the live band in the CLC, the beautiful flowers, the fabulous food at the potluck, the school staff meet 'n greet, the memory lane tables, the alumni memories shared at the afternoon service with a lovely reception that followed, the day was SPECTACULAR! From the bottom of my heart, I thank and praise GOD and YOU!

*on a side note, I have to mention what a blessing it was to have LeEtta Neumann partaking in the event, the last day of her earthly life. LeEtta was a such a faithful sister-in-Christ and we know that she is now with our Father in heaven, enjoying the eternal celebration that He has promised us. To the Neumann family, please know that your brothers and sisters-in-Christ are keeping you in thought and prayer! -- Connie Walkes

Stay Informed on Church news via email: Sign up for the weekly bulletin announcements and news on the website: <https://www.immanuelplainview.org/contact-us/email-groups/>. If you are signed up but have not seen the weekly bulletin recently, check your junk/spam folder and mark the email as "not spam/junk". You may need to put ilcs-news@googlegroups.com and office@immanuelplainview.org in your contact list or "mark as a safe sender" to avoid emails going into a junk/spam folder. This is an unfortunate inconvenience that we do not have any control over as every email provider differs in what is considered junk mail/spam.

Sunday Morning Bible Study Pastor Augustine has resumed his Bible study between services. It runs from 9:15 – 10:00. We will start with a study of the book of Ephesians. Following that study, Pastor will present on Critical Race Theory (CRT) and how the devil has used it to further corrupt our world and education systems.

Adult Information Class – Pastor is beginning to plan the next faith formation class. Classes will cover the basics of the Christian-Lutheran faith that leads to communicant membership. Classes will meet for twelve weeks on a day and time agreeable to the group. Know someone who doesn't know Jesus? Invite them and go with them to the class and be blessed. Like a faith refresher? There's nothing like going through the Catechism again as an adult. Contact Pastor Augustine or the church office to sign up.

Looking for an opportunity to use your talents praising the Lord? **The Choristers** will begin practicing on **Wednesday, October 6**, at 6:30 pm in the church basement. Hope to see you there.

LifeLight Bible study (formerly the Monday morning Women's Bible study) has resumed. This is open to all members (not just women). The group will study Isaiah. Contact Judy Schwantz for materials or for more information. 507-951-9913

LWML/ Immanuel Lutheran Church Women (ILCW) will meet this Tuesday, Sept. 21st at 6:30 in the church basement for a Salad Supper get together. All women of Immanuel are welcome. Please bring a salad to share. Dessert will be provided.

ILCW/LWML is a Mission opportunity for all women young and older! Learn more about Mission Education, Mission Inspiration and Mission Service. If you have questions call Becky Luckstein at 951-1716.

Box tops for education has an even easier way for our school to earn money with your help! Download the 'Box Tops' app onto your phone and each time you get a receipt at a store, scan it with the app and let it automatically tell you if you've earned Immanuel money! The code to register for our school is: **172517**

Feel free to contact the office if you need help with this process.

*They do still collect and redeem the actual 'box tops' cut from packages so if you've been saving those, bring them to the school office and we will get them submitted.

One of the missions that ILCW/LWML supports is financial gifts and prayers for Fort Wayne Seminary student Jesse Greenhagen. Sharing a letter we received from him recently:

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church, You are amazing! I thank God for your extreme generosity to support me as a seminarian student at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. It really does relieve me of many financial anxieties and helps me better focus on my studies, preparing me to one day serve as a pastor! Thank you!

I am entering my second year of studies at seminary and just completed my summer classes of Hebrew and Church History IV (with the seminary president as my professor!) I have been learning a lot and look forward to the new school year to begin and vicarage to come! You are in my prayers. May God bless you abundantly. In Christ, Jesse Greenhagen.