Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

November 14, 2021 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Remembering

Your work of faith

Labor of love

Steadfastness of hope

In our Lord Tesus Christ

1 Thessalonians 1:3

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Welcome to Immanuel! We ask all <u>guests</u> 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. <u>Members</u>, please fill out the Communion Card to inform the church office of your attendance today and any needed prayers and visits.

Liturgy: Setting One, page 151

Sermon: "Love Prompts Action" -- 1 Thess. 1:1-10

Hymns: 645 (1, 3, 5) - Built on the Rock

694 (1-4) - Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

627 - Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior 514 - The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us 643 - Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Organist: Jacob Mikkelson

Elders/Ushers: 8:00 am: Bob Walkes & Jim Larson

10:15 am: Mark Bartsh & Don Luckstein

Acolyte & Cross Bearer: 8:00 - Brooklyn Staudacher

10:15 - Bryson Boettcher

Altar Duty November: Leo & Barb Larson, Dawn Schroeder

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.

OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 7th: 166

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS

Sunday, November 7th: \$5,720

OUR OFFERING OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

<u>Those known to be hospitalized</u> – *James Hiebert*. 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:

November 14: Ana Walters, June Schreiber, Dillan Dohrn,

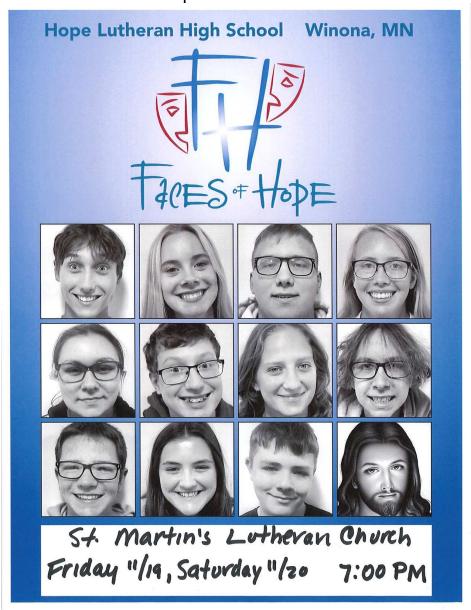
Kendall Swanson, Tyler Jacobs

November 17: Hayden Wohlers

November 18: Karl Gensmer, James Bartsh

November 19: Michael Zabel, Benjamin Weidendorf

Hope Lutheran High School will present *Faces of Hope* Friday and Saturday November 19/20 at St. Martin's Lutheran Church 7pm. A free will donation will be taken at each performance. All are welcome!



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCMENTS November 14, 2021

Monday – Friday office hours 8:00 am – 3:00 pm Sunday, Nov 14: Divine Service 8:00 am & 10:15 am

Education Hour 9:10 am Monday, Nov 15: LifeLight Bible Study 9:00 am

PTL Meeting 6:30 pm

Tuesday, Nov 16: ILCW / LWML Meeting 6:30 pm
Wednesday, Nov 17: Chapel 8:25 am
Confirmation (1st yr) 6:00 pm
Choristers 6:30 pm

Sunday, Nov 21: Divine Service 8:00 am & 10:15 am

Education Hour 9:10 am Special Voters Meeting 11:30 am

"Grow as Stewards through Faith, Love and Hope!" Today, the second Sunday in our three-week sermon and Bible study stewardship education program discussing the virtues of faith, love, and hope, we are focusing on love. Because God has first loved us, we can share his love with others. Jesus said, "... love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 19:19), and "if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is made complete in us" (1 John 4:12). Love seeks the best for others. God's love in us will compel us to love him and others.

<u>There will be a special Voters Meeting November 21</u> after the 10:15 church service to consider the 2022 Spending Guidelines.

2022 Offering Envelopes & Year-to-Date giving statements are now available for pick up in the North entrance of church. These are tools for you to use in your personal stewardship. ILC members who choose to give electronically are not automatically assigned envelopes. If you would like envelopes and do not see a packet with your name on it, or if you have been assigned envelopes but they are not useful to you, please let the office know so we can adjust our order list for next year.

<u>Coming soon!</u> What in the world is Critical Race Theory? What does it mean to be "woke"? Are our children/grandchildren being exposed to these ideas that are so foreign to us? Let's get informed and do so on the basis of God's Word regarding race, faith, and love for the neighbor. A workbook will be used by Pastor Augustine to guide us through a 6-8 week study of Critical Race Theory. The cost is \$13. A signup sheet is at the entrances and at Pastor's Bible study in the church basement if you would like to own one. Extra copies will be available. The workbook will be helpful but not required to be informed and equipped to handle this challenging ideology. Pastor hopes to start on December 5.

<u>Save the date!</u> We will be decorating the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season immediately after the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, November 28th. Members of all ages and abilities are invited to join in on this fun start to the season. Many hands make light work! We are usually finished around 1 p.m.

<u>ILCW/LWML</u> will meet Tuesday, November 16,2021 at 6:30 pm in the church basement. We will open with Bible Study from Fall Quarterly: *Merciful Care*. LWML Mission Grants will be discussed. (Please see bulletin insert). November is the election of ILCW officers for 2022. Plans for Olde Fashioned Country Christmas lunch and Candy table will be discussed and organized. All women of Immanuel are welcome to participate. If you have questions, please call Becky Luckstein 951-1716.

Thanksgiving Eve Dinner

The youth of Immanuel will be serving a Thanksgiving Eve dinner. Serving will be from 5:00-6:15 p.m. in the church basement with church service starting at 6:30 pm. A menu of "Jen's" meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, variety of salads and desserts will be served. There will be a free will donation to go towards monthly youth events for our youth. All are welcome!

Volunteers needed for Festival of Trees Olde Fashioned Country Christmas Celebration is December 3rd and December 4th. We are looking for volunteers to help with events that take place at the Plainview Area Community and Youth Center. We need people to help greet at the Festival of Trees and More, help with serve lunch or work at the gently used Christmas Item sale. We appreciate any time that can be given. A couple of hours of your time make a big difference. Volunteers are needed for set up on December 2nd. Please consider volunteering your time to help with this event. Contact Cindy Rettmann Festival of Trees and More chairperson at 507-534-3802. Thank You

<u>Old Fashioned Christmas Youth Group Arts & Craft Show</u> Our youth group is planning to hold their annual Old-Fashioned Christmas Arts and Craft Sale during Old Fashioned Christmas December 3-4, 2021.

Please consider helping our youth with their Bake Sale. We would love any type of baking such as Christmas cookies, bars, pies, cakes, muffins, cupcakes, buns, bread, bags of treats for kids, etc. These should be pre-packaged when they arrive. Our youth will put prices on them. Please drop off items Thursday evening, December 3rd from 6:00-7:00 p.m. or Friday, December 4th at the Christian Life Center and bring to our youth group table. Or, if you would like, we can have someone come to your house and pick up the sale items if you do not feel comfortable dropping them off. Please contact Kim Feils at 273-4153 if you would like someone to pick them up for you. The proceeds will help fund trips to the Higher Things Youth Conference and the National Youth Gathering in in 2022 and for monthly events for our youth. Thank you for helping our youth.

Olde Fashion Christmas Lights for Life Luminary Bag Fundraiser This year at Olde Fashion Christmas on December 4, 2021, the Lights for Life Luminary Bags will be on display in local business windows along West Broadway. As with prior years, each luminary bag can be decorated in honor of those loved ones who have been affected by cancer. Luminaries can be purchased for \$10 a bag or \$25 for 3 bags, or you may make a donation; both are tax deductible.

Donations and luminary bags are available for purchase at Foresight Bank, Peoples State Bank, Edward Jones, Erin's Touch of Style, Bella Salon, Greenwood Insurance Agency and local area churches through Tuesday November 30th. Please return the bag to any of these locations by November 30th so that we can display them on West Broadway and remember those impacted by cancer. We invite the public to join us at the gazebo in Wedgewood Park on Saturday, December 4th at 4:30 p.m. where we will have the lighting of the tree and a presentation from local residents on how cancer affected them.

<u>Art and Craft Show in the Christian Life Center</u> Friday, December 3rd and Saturday, December 4th. The show is from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Friday, and 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on

Saturday. Lunch is available both days from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The event is lunch is sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church Women.

<u>Live Nativity</u> Immanuel's Live Nativity will be Saturday, December 4th. There will be four shifts between 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm. We need 10-12 people per shift plus additional helpers to get people into costumes. Call the church office to sign up!

Porch Pots I will have a booth at the Old Fashion Country Christmas in the CLC. I will be taking pre-orders now. If you are interested, please call Nancy at 507-261-9436. They will be ready the first weekend in December, maybe before. Thank you