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 Regular group Bible study. Personal and/or family devotions.
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Current service activities: _____
New service activities: _____
- I (we) will faithfully and cheerfully give the following amount:
My (our) faith offering each week will be \$ _____, which totals \$ _____ annually.
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NAME(S): _____
(please print)

Please return the top portion to the church office or drop in the offering plate.

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Please detach and keep for your records.

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Third Sunday: “Hope”

Where Is Your Hope?

As part of our stewardship theme “Grow as Stewards through Faith, Love and Hope!” we are focusing today on the virtue of hope. Webster’s Dictionary states that hope is “a person or thing on which one may base some hope.” Our world tells us that hope for a happy and successful life can be found in the accumulation of things. We are told that more is better. We hope that, with wealth and status, we will not only enjoy life now, we will also have a secure future.

In contrast, Jesus called the wealthy farmer whose only hope lay in his earthly possessions a “fool.” With equally strong words, Paul wrote that all things were “rubbish” unless they helped him gain Christ (Philippians 3:8). Paul also wrote, *“For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that”* (1 Timothy 6:7-8). The writer of Hebrews wrote, *“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.’ ”* (Hebrews 13:5).

Where is our hope? Is our hope in the world and what the world offers, or is our hope in Jesus? In order to answer that question, let’s consider Jesus’ words from Matthew 6:21, *“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”* Our treasure is where we commit our time, money, energy, and thoughts. Our treasure becomes our life and the hope for our future. If God is our treasure, we will be faithful in our church attendance, in our prayer life, in our Bible reading, and in our giving. God wants all of us to understand that our earthly treasures cannot compare to *“the hope that is stored up for [us] in Heaven”* (Colossians 1:5). Through faith, we will see that things of this world don’t last. Things will get lost, rust, or become obsolete. God enables us to make him our treasure and to place our hope and security in him. God’s blessings on your worship today as we look at the virtue of hope.

2022 Ministry Opportunities at Immanuel Lutheran Church

Name _____
 Email _____ Phone Number _____

As a Christian, I consider it my privilege and responsibility to use the time and talents my Lord has given me in service to Him and His church. Therefore, I promise to do the following:

(Circle those you are interested in)

<p style="text-align: center;">Worship</p> <p>Accompanist/Instrumentalist Instrument(s) _____ Vocal Choir Vocal Soloist Small Vocal Ensemble Praise Group Sound Technician Video Technician</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Worship Support</u></p> <p>Usher Christmas Decoration Set Up/Take Down Busy Bag Volunteer (Supply, Restock)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Christian Education</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Adult Education</u></p> <p>Bible Class Teacher Seminar Leader Topic _____ Small Group Leader Coffee & Snacks</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Youth</u></p> <p>Event Chaperone Bible Class Leader</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday School</u></p> <p>Director Teacher Music Leader/Teacher Substitute Teacher</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Release Time</u></p> <p>Director Teacher Substitute Teacher Supplies</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>VBS</u></p> <p>VBS Director VBS Teacher Baking Decorations Games</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ministries of Service</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Administration</u></p> <p>Mailing Volunteer Church/School Office Volunteer Phone Calling Data Entry Bulletin Folding</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ILCW/LWML</u></p> <p>Altar Committee Social Concerns Committee Sunshine Committee Wedding/Anniversary Committee Kitchen Committee LWML Delegate/Alternate</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Outreach</u></p> <p>Corn on the Cob Days Float Live Nativity(Setup, Character, Baking) Roadside Cleanup Red Cross Blood Drive Country Christmas Lunch</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Think Tank</u></p> <p>Serve Donate</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Stewardship</u></p> <p>Stewardship Events Volunteer</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Technical</u></p> <p>Computers Web Site Design/Maintenance</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Property Maintenance</u></p> <p>School Maintenance Projects (Summer) Weeding Painting Handyman Skills (woodworking, plumbing, woodwork finishing) Lawn Care Snow Removal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Care Ministries</p> <p>Prayer Chain E-mail _____ Visitor Visitation Hospital or Shut-in Visitor Stephen Ministry</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Those In Need</u></p> <p>Cleaning Home Maintenance/Repair Snow Removal Transportation Babysit for Church Activities</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nominated Leadership (Serve on a Board)</p> <p>Congregational Chair Congregational Vice-Chair Congregational Secretary Board of Finance Board of Elders Board of Stewardship Board of Youth Board of Christian Education Board of Christian Caring & Outreach Board of Trustees Treasurer</p>
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Other areas where God is calling me to use my talents: _____

“Grow as Stewards through Faith, Love and Hope!”

*“We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by **faith**, your labor prompted by **love**, and your endurance inspired by **hope** in our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Thessalonians 1:3*

Percentage Giving (Proportionate) (Expressed in \$ commitment per week)												
Annual Income	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10% Tithe	11%	12%
\$ 15,000	2.88	5.77	8.65	11.54	14.42	17.31	20.19	23.08	25.96	28.85	31.73	34.62
\$ 20,000	3.85	7.69	11.54	15.38	19.23	23.08	26.92	30.77	34.62	38.46	42.31	46.15
\$ 25,000	4.81	9.62	14.42	19.23	24.04	28.85	33.65	38.46	43.27	48.08	52.880	57.69
\$ 30,000	5.77	11.52	17.31	23.08	28.85	34.62	40.38	46.15	51.92	57.69	63.46	69.23
\$ 35,000	6.73	13.46	20.19	26.92	33.65	40.38	47.12	53.85	60.58	67.31	74.04	80.77
\$ 40,000	7.69	15.38	23.08	30.77	38.46	46.15	53.85	61.54	69.23	76.92	84.62	92.31
\$ 45,000	8.65	17.31	25.96	34.62	43.27	51.92	60.58	69.23	77.88	86.54	95.19	103.85
\$ 50,000	9.62	19.23	28.85	38.46	48.08	57.69	67.31	76.92	86.54	96.15	105.77	115.38
\$ 55,000	10.58	21.15	31.73	42.31	52.88	63.46	74.04	84.62	95.19	105.77	116.35	126.92
\$ 60,000	11.54	23.08	34.62	46.15	57.69	69.23	80.77	92.31	103.85	115.38	126.92	138.46
\$ 70,000	13.46	26.92	40.38	53.85	67.31	80.77	94.23	107.69	121.15	134.62	148.08	161.54
\$ 80,000	15.38	30.77	46.15	61.54	76.92	92.31	107.69	123.08	138.46	153.85	169.23	184.62
\$ 90,000	17.31	34.62	51.92	69.23	86.54	103.85	121.15	138.46	155.77	173.08	190.38	207.69
\$ 100,000	19.23	38.46	57.69	76.92	96.15	115.38	134.62	153.85	173.08	192.30	211.54	230.77