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## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 24-25, 2022

*Welcome, in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!*

The family of faith here at Immanuel is glad that you are able to be with us today! Since 1861 our congregation has brought God's promise of hope, peace and salvation through Jesus Christ to the community of Bay City. We pray that your time with us is enriching and joyous. Please join us as often as you can! If you have any comments or questions regarding the service or any other matter, please feel free to speak to Pastor Jones or Pastor Garcia. Should you be in need of any pastoral care, please do not hesitate to bring it to the pastors' attention.

### **Visitors**

If you are interested in becoming a part of our church family, or would like information about Immanuel, please talk with an usher, elder, or pastor, who will be happy to speak with you and use the red "Friendship Folder" located in the pew at the center aisle to record your attendance with us.

### **AS WE GATHER**

Jesus tells a story about a rich man and a poor man. The rich man had an earthly life filled with abundance, and he ignored the poor man who was in misery outside his gate. This story gives us pause and causes us to think about how we are treating our neighbors in need. It also reminds us never to trust in our earthly wealth and possessions, but rather to trust always in our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

# † PREPARATION †

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

## PASTOR'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN

“Christ Be in My Waking”

S. Townsend

*Christ be in my waking, As the sun is rising,  
In my day of working, With me every hour.  
Christ be in my resting, As the day is ending,  
Calming and refreshing, Watching through the night.*

Christ be in my thinking, And my understanding,  
Guarding me from evil, Walking in the light.  
Christ be in my speaking, Every word a blessing,  
Pure and not deceiving, Grace to all who hear.

Jesus, this is my devotion: All my life to know You,  
Every day to walk with You. Savior, You're my deepest longing,  
You're the One I live for, Teach me, Lord, to walk with You.

Christ be in my gladness For the joy of living,  
Thankful for the goodness Of the Father's hand.  
Christ be in my sorrow, In my day of darkness,  
Knowing that I follow In the steps You trod.

Christ when hope has faded, Nothing left to cling to,  
Every pleasure jaded, Every well is dry.  
Christ the loving Shepherd Draws me with His kindness,  
Leads me from the desert To the streams of life.

Jesus, this is my devotion: All my life to know You,  
Every day to walk with You. Savior, You're my deepest longing,  
You're the One I live for, Teach me, Lord, to walk with You.

Simon Brading | Stuart Townsend

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## INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 90:1 12; 86:11-12; 119:159-160*

P: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**C: Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

P: Consider how I love Your precepts! Give me life according to Your steadfast love.

**C: The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your just and righteous decrees endures forever.**

P: Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.

**C: I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on “Confession” in the Small Catechism by Dr. Martin Luther instructs us with these words:

**C: Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

P: Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

**C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

P: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

**C: Amen.**

- P: As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**

## † WORD †

### INTROIT

*Psalm 119:73-75, 77*

- P: Let Your steadfast love comfort me according to Your promise to Your servant.
- C: **Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn Your commandments.**
- P: Those who fear You shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in Your word.
- C: **I know, O LORD, that Your just decrees are righteous, and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.**
- P: Let Your mercy come to me, that I may live; for Your law is my delight.
- C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P: Let Your steadfast love comfort me according to Your promise to Your servant.

### HYMN OF PRAISE (10am) "We Bow Down"

Twila Paris

Cantate 5-8 Choir  
*You are Lord of creation  
And Lord of my life  
Lord of the land and the sea  
You were Lord of the heavens  
Before there was time  
And Lord of all lords You will be*

We bow down  
And we worship You Lord  
We bow down  
And we worship You Lord  
We bow down  
And we worship You Lord  
Lord of all lords You will be

*You are King of creation  
And King of my life  
King of the land and the sea  
You were King of the heavens  
Before there was time  
And King of all kings You will be*

We bow down  
And we crown You the King  
We bow down  
And we crown You the King  
We bow down  
And we crown You the King  
King of all kings You will be

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## **SALUTATION**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray.

O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Amos 6:1-7*

*(God's people are warned by the prophet.)*

<sup>1</sup>Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! <sup>2</sup>Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, <sup>3</sup>O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the

seat of violence? <sup>4</sup>“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, <sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, <sup>6</sup>who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! <sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

### *Psalm 146*

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! <sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. <sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. <sup>4</sup>When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. <sup>5</sup>Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, <sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; <sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; <sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. <sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. <sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

## EPISTLE

### *1 Timothy 3:1-13*

*(The qualities needed in an overseer and deacon.)*

<sup>1</sup>The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup>Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup>not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup>He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, <sup>5</sup>for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? <sup>6</sup>He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup>Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil. <sup>8</sup>Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. <sup>9</sup>They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. <sup>10</sup>And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. <sup>11</sup>Their wives likewise must be dignified, not

slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. <sup>12</sup>Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. <sup>13</sup>For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## VERSE

*Luke 16:31*

P: Alleluia. If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets,

C: **neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead. Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 16:19-31*

*(The story of the rich man and poor Lazarus.)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup>and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup>And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers— so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ <sup>30</sup>And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*The creeds are printed on the inside back cover in the Lutheran Service Book hymnal located in the racks in front of you.*

**5pm APOSTLES' CREED**

**10am NICENE CREED**

**SERMON HYMN**

“You Never Let Go”

Matt and Beth Redman

Even though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death  
Your perfect love is casting out fear

And even when I'm caught in the middle  
of the storms of this life  
I won't turn back  
I know You are near  
And I will fear no evil  
For my God is with me  
And if my God is with me  
Whom then shall I fear?  
Whom then shall I fear?

**Chorus** *Oh no, You never let go,  
Through the calm and through the storm  
Oh no, You never let go  
In every high and every low  
Oh no, You never let go  
Lord, You never let go of me*

And I can see a light that is coming  
for the heart that holds on  
A glorious light beyond all compare  
And there will be an end to these troubles  
But until that day comes  
We'll live to know You here on the earth

And I will fear no evil  
For my God is with me  
And if my God is with me  
Whom then shall I fear?  
Whom then shall I fear?

**Chorus** *Oh no, You never let go,  
Through the calm and through the storm  
Oh no, You never let go  
In every high and every low  
Oh no, You never let go  
Lord, You never let go of me*

Yes, I can see a light that is coming  
for the heart that holds on  
And there will be an end to these troubles  
But until that day comes  
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You **(repeat this section)**

**Chorus** *Oh no, You never let go,  
Through the calm and through the storm  
Oh no, You never let go  
In every high and every low  
Oh no, You never let go  
Lord, You never let go of me* **(repeat the Chorus)**

Lord, You never let go of me

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## **SERMON**

**Rev. Kevin Jones**

## **COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** Dear heavenly Father, strengthen us to fight the good fight of faith.  
Give us boldness and confidence to speak Your Word of mercy and  
justice in a world that does not care to listen. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**P:** Lord, raise up faithful pastors, missionaries, teachers, and other  
church leaders. Stir up the hearts of Your faithful people to serve  
You with gladness and humility. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, walk with all those who are grieving the death of loved ones, *especially* . . . . Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, give strength and patience to those who are struggling financially. Raise up people and institutions that will assist them in their struggles. Help us all to look with mercy upon those who need help. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, we pray for the government of our nation, our state, and our city. Raise up faithful leaders who will defend the weak and fight for justice and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, *especially* . . . . Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, we commend all of these things to Your infinite mercies, which are new every morning. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer. Amen.**

## † 10am SACRAMENT †

### PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who faithfully suffered reproach and rejection as the only perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and by His resurrection from the dead grants forgiveness and eternal life to all who believe in Him.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P:** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have showed Your gracious power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that in His Holy Supper You reveal Your sacred presence among us and number us with Your saints. Grant that we may receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood as we gather at His command.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**C:** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;*

*Luke 22:19–20;*

*1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **PAX DOMINI**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** **Amen.**

Bring your tired and bring your shame Bring your guilt and bring your pain  
 Don't you know that's not your name You will always be much more to me  
 And everyday I wrestle with the voices  
 That keep telling me I'm not right But that's alright

'Cause I hear a voice and He calls me "redeemed"  
 When others say I'll never be enough  
 And greater is the one living inside of me  
 Than he who is living in the world, In the world, In the world  
 And greater is the one living inside of me  
 Than he who is living in the world

Bring your doubts and bring your fears Bring your hurt and bring your tears  
 There'll be no condemnation here You are holy, righteous and redeemed  
 And every time I fall there'll be those  
 Who will call me "a mistake" Well that's OK

'Cause I hear a voice and he calls me redeemed  
 When others say I'll never be enough  
 And greater is the one living inside of me  
 Than he who is living in the world, In the world, In the world  
 And greater is the one living inside of me  
 Than he who is living in the world  
 He's greater He's greater

There'll be days I lose the battle Grace says that it doesn't matter  
 'Cause the cross already won the war, He's greater, He's greater  
 I am learning to run freely Understanding just how He sees me  
 And it makes me love Him more and more, He's greater, He's greater

There'll be days I lose the battle Grace says that it doesn't matter  
 'Cause the cross already won the war, He's greater, He's greater  
 I am learning to run freely Understanding just how He sees me  
 And it makes me love Him more and more, He's greater, He's greater

'Cause I hear a voice and He calls me "redeemed"  
 When others say I'll never be enough  
 And greater is the one living inside of me  
 Than he who is living in the world, In the world, In the world  
 And greater is the one living inside of me  
 Than he who is living in the world

There'll be days I lose the battle  
Grace says that it doesn't matter  
'Cause the cross already won the war,  
He's greater, He's greater

I am learning to run freely  
Understanding just how He sees me  
And it makes me love Him more and more  
Oh, my God is greater  
Than he who is living the world

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## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P:** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** “God of Grace and God of Mercy”

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- 1 God of grace and God of glory,  
On Your people pour Your pow'r;  
Crown Your ancient Church's story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

- 2    Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
      Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
      Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
      For the living of these days,  
      For the living of these days.
- 3    Cure Your children's warring madness;  
      Bend our pride to Your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
      Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
      Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,  
      Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.
- 4    Save us from weak resignation  
      To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation  
      Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
      Serving You whom we adore,  
      Serving You whom we adore.

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As a reminder, the Midweek Communion Service has been  
moved to Wednesday, October 5 at 1:30pm.

Please note this change on your calendars.

We look forward to seeing you in Worship!

# SERVING OUR CONGREGATION TODAY

LITURGIST: REV. CHRIS GARCIA

PREACHER: REV. KEVIN JONES

PRAISE AND WORSHIP TEAM: SARAH GEIKAS, SARAH MILLS, RICH & PAM MORSE, CHRISTIAN MOUCH, KIMBERLY SHORKEY, RACHEL WEBB, RUSSELL ZIMMERMAN

*5:00PM*

*10:00AM*

*Head Elder*

Dennis Metevia

Don Haynes

*Head Usher*

Bob Samyn

Gordie Bushong

*Acolyte*

Serena Gohs

*Usher Duties*

Tavish Mulholland

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## THE COMMUNION POLICY OF THE MISSOURI SYNOD

Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

† who are repentant

† who are believers in Jesus as Lord and Savior, and

† who desire to live a new life in Christ,

are invited to participate in the Sacrament. Those desiring to commune here for the first time should speak with one of the Pastors or the Elder before service.

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# Prayers of the Parish

## Health & Healing

Wendy, Bob, Bill, Todd, Larry K, Tammy, Jim, Matthew, Cassandra, Sherry as well as those we name in our hearts and those known only to God

It has pleased Almighty God in heaven to call unto Himself the soul of Robert Sorgenfrei. We remember the family in our prayers.

*As a matter of privacy, Immanuel has stopped putting the actual birthdates for individuals. Members in our records showing a birthday this week are listed.*

## Birthday

Mary Miles celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday

|                   |                   |                    |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Laura Breecher    | Mary Dietz        | Grace Tyvela       |
| Wayne McAlpine    | Candace Stepanski | Adam Bouckaert     |
| Sherry Dengler    | Adam Jarema       | Donna Kaczyak      |
| Cynthia Schneider | Cody Schultz      | Karen Andrzejewski |
| Elizabeth Berner  | Jacob VanOoteghem | Tammy Anderson     |
| Jason Fogelsinger | Thomas Jacobs     | Autumn Sanders     |

## Baptismal Birthdays

|                 |                |               |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Zachary Buck    | Jordan Roberts | Leslie Fox    |
| Weston Ardahl   | Cole Pennell   | Flora Ricker  |
| Zachery Schultz | Darci Czuba    | Amelia Gohs   |
| Nichole Noonan  | Kamryn Tomke   | Gloria Gaines |

## Wedding Anniversaries

Larry & Susan LaRose celebrating their 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary  
Wayne & Deb McAlpine celebrating their 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary  
Greg & Bethany Kukla celebrating their 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
Rick & Cindy Sella celebrating their 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
Jon & Mary Dietz celebrating their 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
Joshua & Nicole Tuzas celebrating their 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary

## Orphan Grain Train

Just a reminder that the Orphan Grain Train is an ongoing project. ***The OGT barrel will be located in the narthex the first weekend of each month.*** All other days, you can find the barrel in the church office. Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that ships needed items to people in 68 countries including the United States.

## Parenting Classes

If you have ever second guessed yourself as to your suitability as a parent, please join us in a new Bible class offered on Sunday mornings while your children are in Sunday School: PARENTING ISN'T FOR WIMPS! Sunday mornings, 8:45-9:30 Multi-Purpose Room (west or kitchen side) If you have children younger than Sunday School age, bring them along! We will discuss, encourage, support, and strengthen each other with our experiences, victories, defeats, and most of all, God's Word. Questions? Call Ellen Pett 989/225- 1864

## Help Wanted

### HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEER HOURS POSSIBLE

Do you enjoy technology? The Board of Communication is looking for help with recording and livestreaming our church services. Currently six volunteers work to cover livestream duties for all services. It would be wonderful if we could add some members to this livestream team to make it possible to have a schedule where each person would cover just one service a month. High Schoolers seeking volunteer hours are welcome to volunteer for this position. You do not need to be proficient in technology to serve on this team. With minimal training, you will see that this is an easy way to serve your congregation in the important role of bringing Christ, via our worship service, to online viewers. If have questions about the duties, or would like to volunteer, please contact Kim Bublitz at 989-737-5422 or Katie Ries at 989-213-6726.

## Thank You!

The Board of Mission and Outreach hosted the Food of Faith dinner at Trinity Episcopal Church on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. We served (150) meals. A huge thank you to the Committee Members who gave their time and their hard work to make it a success!

Check out upcoming events and mark your calendars:

If you have questions on any of these events,  
please Call or Fast Direct Miss Betsy

- **Kingdom Kids Sunday School – each Sunday morning beginning at 8:45am:** A RECORD ATTENDANCE of students registered for this creative approach to learning about God's Word on Sundays; to God be the glory! This week is "Let's get creative" as well as beginning to learn our song that the students will sing in church on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Don't let your son or daughter miss out on all the fun with their friends at a VBS type setting. Upcoming weeks: Craft day and special treat days! Open to all students in Grades Preschool through Grade 6.
- **Youth Bible Study** – Grades 7-12 "That's in the Bible ??!" Bizarre Biblical Accounts, wow, so many students attended class, yay for our upper grades desiring to learn more and grow in God's Word! All students are welcome. This week – plan to do some thumb and arm wrestling??? Yup you heard me right, it's all about wrestling and a guy names Jacob!!
- **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Studies 8:45am:** Lessons in Scripture, Multi Purpose Room Lincoln Street side. Parenting Class Multi Purpose Room Kitchen side.
- Welcome Back to Youth Group Rock Solid:  
**Sunday, September 25, 2-5:30pm:** Survivor Island.....outthink-outwit-outplay the other teams to be the surviving members at this incredible fun event. Hamburgers, chips, ice cream, provided. Please bring your own drinks. Here's a hint to one of the challenges: "Can you say SARDINES??!" OH....get ready to get down and dirty we're going to have a blast!
- Help needed for Youth Sponsored Outreach Project: Good Samaritan Rescue Mission & Project Connect, **Sunday, October 9 at 2:00pm.** Immanuel Youth and the Board of Mission and Outreach are asking for volunteers to help put together 400 hygiene kits at Good Samaritan Rescue Mission for people in need that live in Bay County. If you could offer a bit of time, it would be appreciated.

## Upcoming events from the Board of Parish Life

- Friday October 28th 6-8pm Fall Festival in Immanuel's parking lot: Trunk or Treat, Kona Ice Truck, and donuts!
- Saturday November 12th 6:30pm Women's Night Out at Painterly Pottery
- Friday December 9th Time TBD Guys Night Out at Crazy Quarters

## LWML Fall Rally And Mission Morning

October 22, 2022 at 9am to 11:30am  
St. John's Lutheran Church, Pinconning, MI

*Speaker: Elaine Bickel*  
*Activity: Mission Projects*

Breakfast will be served at 9am; \$5 Registration cost. Please RSVP to Dorothy or Jane Bowen by October 15<sup>th</sup>. (989) 321-1229. A Mote offering will be collected. Questions? Please contact Dorothy Krider at [dorothykrider@yahoo.com](mailto:dorothykrider@yahoo.com).

## COVID Testing Kits Available

Our Learning Center received a grant that afforded Immanuel to have COVID testing kits available for those who might need them. We have the kits available in the narthex. If you cannot locate them, please ask an Elder or an Usher. They will be able to point you in the correct direction. If there are none available in the narthex, please call Jenni in the church office.

## Portals of Prayer

The October through December, 2022 Portals of Prayer are now available in the narthex. Please feel free to take one for your personal or family devotions.

# Weekly Events Calendar

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| <b>Saturday – 24<sup>th</sup></b>  | 5:00pm  | Praise & Worship Service           |
| <b>Sunday – 25<sup>th</sup></b>    | 8:45am  | Christian Education                |
|                                    | 10:00am | Praise & Worship Communion Service |
|                                    | 2:00pm  | Welcome Back to Youth Group        |
| <b>Monday – 26<sup>th</sup></b>    | 7:00pm  | Church Council                     |
| <b>Tuesday – 27<sup>th</sup></b>   | 9:00am  | Ladies Bible Study                 |
| <b>Wednesday – 28<sup>th</sup></b> | 8:10am  | Chapel                             |
| <b>Thursday – 29<sup>th</sup></b>  | 1:00pm  | Cards                              |
|                                    | 6:30pm  | Choir                              |
| <b>Friday – 30<sup>th</sup></b>    |         | ***                                |
| <b>Saturday – 1<sup>st</sup></b>   | 3:00pm  | Praise & Worship Rehearsal         |
|                                    | 5:00pm  | Communion Service                  |
| <b>Sunday – 2<sup>nd</sup></b>     | 8:45am  | Christian Education                |
|                                    | 10:00am | Worship Service                    |

*(radio broadcast Sunday 9:00am WSAM-AM 1400 or 92.3FM)*

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