



LOOKING AHEAD

October

- 7th Neighbors In Need/WCS
- 8th Columbus Day (office closed)
- 10th AARP
- 21st Congregational Budget Meeting & Potluck
- 24th Tall Cedars
- 26th Pack Night

November

- 1st Council/Trustee/Board Meetings
- 10th Church Fair
- 14th AARP
- 16th Pack Night
- 22nd Thanksgiving (office closed)
- 23rd (office closed)
- 28th Tall Cedars



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October Birthdays



1 st	Jane Colucci Neis	24 th	James Matthius
	Christopher Latella	25 th	Liam Walsh
12 th	Gladys Thompson	30 th	Jessica McCarthy
15 th	Donald Landau		
17 th	Erica Maule		

Coffee Hour



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October

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14 th	Church Board
21 st	Congregational Budget Meeting & Potluck
28 th	Adult Fellowship

November

4 th	Trustees
11 th	Church Board
18 th	Tuesday Evening Bible Study
25 th	Adult Fellowship

From the Pastor's Desk

To All Who Hope to Savor the Sweet Treat of Salvation,

October 31, 1517 was a single event on a single day that changed the world in so many different ways. On that day, a young Augustinian Monk by the name of Martin Luther, took quill in hand, dipped it in his inkwell and penned what has come to be known as the *"Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences,"* also known as *"The 95 Theses"*. Afterward, Martin posted his list of questions and propositions for debate on the door of the All Saints Church in Wittenberg, Germany. In that day church doors acted like bulletin boards, a place where everyone in town could read and post announcements. Martin sent his ninety-five theses to some friends and fellow teachers, he also posted them so everybody would know what he had to say.

These were intended to spark a debate, to stir some soul-searching among his fellow brothers in the church. The 95 Theses sparked far more than a debate. The 95 Theses also revealed the church was far beyond rehabilitation. It needed a reformation. The church, and the world, would never be the same. Martin, a monk and a scholar, had struggled for years with the church of Rome. He had been greatly disturbed by the unprecedented abuse of the indulgence system.

Martin Luther posted his theses the day before a massive exhibit of newly acquired relics were to be put on display at Luther's home city. Pilgrims assembled from all over the Empire to genuflect before these relics, in the hopes of reducing their time in purgatory anywhere from hundreds to thousands of years. The abuse of this system caused much anguish in the heart of this young monk.

One of Luther's 95 Theses simply declared, *"The Church's true treasure is the gospel of Jesus Christ."* That alone is the meaning of Reformation Day. The church had lost sight of the gospel because it had long ago papered over the pages of God's Word with layer upon layer of tradition. Tradition always brings about systems of works, of earning your way back to God. It was true of the Pharisees in Jesus' day, and it was true of medieval Roman Catholicism in Luther's day. Didn't Jesus Himself say, ***"My yoke is easy and my burden is light?"*** Reformation Day celebrates the joyful beauty of the liberating gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Reformers were guided by the conviction that the church of their day had drifted away from the essential teachings of Christianity, especially in regard to what it was teaching about the free gift of God in regards to salvation. The Reformation sought to reorient Christianity on the original message of Jesus and the early church.

From the Pastor's Desk (con't)

The Five Solas are five Latin phrases (or slogans) that emerged during the Reformation to summarize the Reformers' theological convictions about the essentials of Christianity.

The Five Solas are:

1. (*"Scripture alone"*): *The Bible alone is our highest authority.*
2. (*"faith alone"*): *We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.*
3. (*"grace alone"*): *We are saved by the grace of God alone.*
4. (*"Christ alone"*): *Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.*
5. (*"to the glory of God alone"*): *We live for the glory of God alone.*

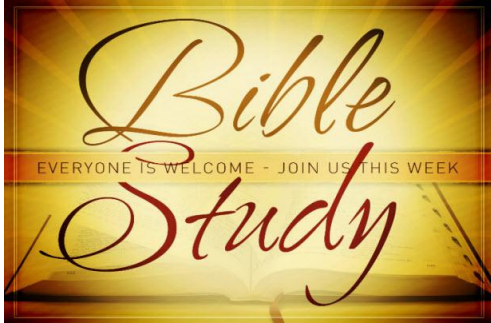
This year marks the 501st anniversary of the Reformation. It is the day the light of the gospel broke forth out of darkness. It was the day that began the Protestant Reformation. It was a day that led to Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox, and many other Reformers helping the church find its way back to God's Word as the only rule for faith and practice and leading the church back to the glorious doctrines of justification by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. It kindled the fires of missionary endeavors, it has led to hymn writing and congregational singing, and it led to the centrality of the sermon and preaching for the people of God. It is the celebration of a theological, ecclesiastical, and cultural transformation.

So join us this year on October 28th as we celebrate Reformation Sunday. This day reminds us to be thankful for our past and to the Monk turned Reformer. What's more, this day reminds us of the divine privilege we share in keeping the light of the gospel at the center of all we do.

Your Servant for Jesus' Sake,

Pastor Charlie

Bible Studies



The Sunday School series discussing the concerns of those who attend will be held on Sundays, at 9:00 AM in the workroom.

The Tuesday evening Bible Study is held in the workroom at 6:30 PM.

Congregational Budget Meeting

There will be a Congregational Budget Meeting on Sunday, October 21st following the 10:00 a.m. Service. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the 2019 Budget and to vote on continuing to have the Sunday service in the Fellowship Hall excluding special holidays and events. This is an extremely important meeting, so please plan on attending. We will conclude with a potluck luncheon.

Mark Your Calendars

Congregational Budget Meeting

Held October 21st immediately following the Church Service to approve the 2019 Budget and to vote on continuing to have the Sunday service in the Fellowship Hall excluding special holidays and events. This is an extremely important meeting, so please plan on attending. We will conclude with a potluck luncheon.



Church Fair

Reserve the date November 10th for our Church-wide Fair!



Holiday Arts & Craft Flea Market

The Holiday Arts & Craft Flea Market will be held on Saturday, December 1st, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you would like to reserve a table, contact Sam Colucci, 718 619-1284 or the Church Office, at 718 448-1584. There will be more information shortly.



October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Westerleigh Improvement Society	3	4	5	6
7 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00 Neighbors In Need/WCS	8 Columbus Day	9 Bible Study 6:30	10 AARP	11	12	13
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Church Fair

Our Annual Fair is quickly approaching – **November 10th**. Our Church Fair, Immanuel's largest and most important fund-raiser of the year, is steeped in rich tradition. It has been in existence for most of the Church's history, almost 100 years! It has become a beacon in the community – a very popular and much anticipated event.

Won't you come out and support this important fund-raising event and part of Immanuel's culture?

Here's how you can help:

- Volunteers are desperately needed to help “man” a table or provide relief throughout the day. It's fun, it's easy and the day begins with a special fellowship breakfast catered for the volunteers.
- Bake a cake, or whatever is your specialty. Contributions of all home-baked goods are welcome. Don't have a favorite? See Barbara Matthius for her tried and true recipes that are show-stoppers each and every year.
- Make Clam Chowder – Immanuel is known for its home-made and home-cooked items, including its Clam Chowder which is a popular draw for the community. Call the church office 718 448-1584 for the recipe.
- Help out in the kitchen. Volunteers are needed in the morning and throughout the day to help prepare and serve – if you can't donate your time, consider providing sandwich makings, or a dessert..
- Help set-up – we will be setting up for the Fair, the end of October – this includes putting tablecloths on all the tables and setting up the individual tables.

Come out and support the Church, share in the fun, festivities, and fellowship of the day!

Church News



Reserve Altar Flowers now through the end of 2018. A flower chart is on the bulletin board at the back of the Church Hall. Sign up on a Sunday. The price is \$25. Please indicate whether or not

you are going to take your flowers or if they should go to a shut-in.

If you are not currently receiving offering envelopes and wish to be included, please contact the church office at 718-448-1584.

Information for the November Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, October 19th. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net. Thank you.

Need to talk? Want spiritual counsel? Have an emergency? If so, you can reach Pastor Charlie through the Church office from Monday through Thursday (8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) at 718-448-1584. If you have an urgent matter off-hours, call Charlie's cell phone: 718-290-3726. If there is no answer, leave a message and he will reply. He is usually off on Friday; however, if you have a need, he is always available- any time, day or night. Please don't hesitate to call him!

How you can help the Hungry and Homeless:

Help Re-stock Food Pantries: non-perishable boxed or canned food items are needed: canned meat, tuna, vegetables, and fruits, rice and instant potatoes, tomato sauce and pasta, macaroni and cheese, canned and instant soups, peanut butter and jellies, baby foods and disposable diapers. No glass jars, please. When you come to Church on Sundays, you can place donations in our Food Basket. Thank you all for sharing.

FYI – Richmond Senior Services has relocated to 729 Delafield Avenue, between Clove Road and Taylor Street.

Prayer List

Please keep the following:

Health Issues:

Baldini Family
Laney Dahl
Carina DeGiulio
Lydia Lorenzo
Karen McCarthy
Vicky Morris
Jason Proceszyn
Jan Wiggin
Alan Yurich

Serving our Country:

Matthew Ciccone, USMC
Grand-nephew of Ann Holland

Shut-Ins:

Ethel Thomas

in your prayers!!!

If you would like to be on the Prayer List or would like to add someone, please call Gina in the Church Office at 718 448-1584.

