



THE Lamplighter



"THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE
DARKNESS, AND THE DARKNESS
HAS NOT OVERCOME IT."
JOHN 1:5

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LOOKING AHEAD

October

- 3rd Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 9th AARP
- 27th Congregational Budget Meeting

November

- 2nd Churchwide Clean-up Day
- 7th Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 9th Church Fair
- 11th Veteran's Day
- 13th AARP
- 16th Boy Scout Night At the Races
- 28th Thanksgiving

December

- 5th Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 7th Craft & Vendor Show
- 11th AARP
- 24th Christmas Eve
- 25th Christmas Day



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future.*

Pastor's Letter

October Greetings,

October is a great month to experience so many things which Fall offers, such as the pretty colors of the leaves as they prepare to die only to be reborn in the spring. October is also a great time to remember the Reformation. For it was on October 31, 1517, the small-town Augustian monk by the name of Martin Luther marched up to the castle church in Wittenberg and fastened his 95 Theses to the door, thus lighting the flame of the Reformation and causing a split from the Church of Rome which resulted in the birth of Protestantism. Luther's act is taught as one of the cornerstones of world history and remains a lasting symbol of resistance over spiritual tyranny even down to our day.

The hymn writer Anne Cousin wrote, *"Jehovah lifted up His rod; O Christ, it fell on Thee! Thou wast sore stricken of Thy God; There's not one stroke for me. Thy tears, Thy blood, beneath it flowed; Thy bruising healeth me."*

Why did Jehovah lift his rod and strike Christ? And what does this hymn have to with the Reformation? Much since both emphasize the purity of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

It was because Jesus was our substitute on the cross in that He took the punishment due for the sins of His people. This is the crux of the cross.

I Peter 3:18 says, **"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous"**. Christ suffered for the unrighteous. This means that the punishment he received was the penalty we deserved. Paul, in 2 Cor. 5:21, tells us that **Christ was made sin for us so we could be made the righteousness of God in him. Christ was made sin.**

As our willing substitute, although sinless, Jesus our very creator became legally guilty for all the wretched sins of those He willingly laid down His life. On that day God poured upon Jesus the full fury of His wrath on His own perfect Son until the moment Jesus cried, *"It is finished!"* In this word, it was as if the Jews who year after year offered their lambs and goats as a means of atonement were told, **"For those who are in Christ there is no more condemnation, it is finished!"**

Speak to your own conscience, asking, *"it is really finished? Have my sins truly been forgiven"* for the sake of Jesus Christ?

A hymnist wrote, *"There's not one stroke for me!"* Do you possess such surety?

Yet there is even more in this great exchange that the Reformation emphasizes: *On that cross the sins of His elect were credited to Jesus so that Jesus' righteousness may be credited to their morally bankrupt account.*

I Cor 1:30 tells us that Christ is our righteousness, just like 2 Cor. 5:21 tells us that we are made the righteousness of God in Him. You see, not only are the sins of His elect forgiven in Jesus' death, but the perfect life of Jesus is credited to them. In Christ, they are seen by God, not only as sinless but as possessing a record as righteous as Jesus Christ, Himself!

Pastor's Letter (con't)

Our position before God is found only in the righteousness of Christ. Is there any better news than that? No wonder why it's called the "gospel of Jesus Christ" i.e., "the good news of Jesus Christ".

Use this Fall season to read and reflect upon the history and implications which came out from the Reformation. There is so much to glean.

Your Servant for Jesus' Sake,
Pastor Charlie

Sunday Worship & Bible Study

Sunday Church Service is will be via zoom at 10:00 AM. Check IUC's Facebook page for current topics. Like us on Facebook.

Sunday School begins at 9:00 AM.

The Tuesday evening Bible Study will be held via zoom at 6:30 PM.

How to connect to Bible Study or the Sunday Service:

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Milestones



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		

Announcements

- To order Altar Flowers to honor or memorialize your loved ones please call the Church Office.
- Offering envelopes for 2024 are available.
- Bonnie Rogers will be mailing the Upper Room daily devotional booklets to those who are interested. If you would like to receive a copy, please call the church office.
- Electronic tithing is now available. Please visit the church's website at immanuelunion.org and click on the donate now button. You can send your donation through PayPal or use your debit/credit card. You can also donate using Venmo our user name is ImmanuelUnion-Church.
- Information for the November Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, October 25th. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net.

Council Update

As we move into October, the calendar starts to fill, so please mark these on your calendar so you can join us.

A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, October 27th following the morning worship service. The meeting will be held in the Parlor as well as on Zoom. This meeting is called to discuss and approve the proposed budget for 2025, as well as to discuss “if our Congregation was given a large sum of money, how best could we use it for Jesus’ glory and the future of IUC?”

In November we will be collecting canned & dry goods for a food drive the Scouts are having. The food will be donated to Fort Wadsworth Coast Guard Community Center, the basket will be out from now until the Sunday after Thanksgiving so please give generously.

Saturday, November 2nd is our Church work day from 9-12 with lunch immediately following. We will be joined by the Scouts and Zion Church (we are thankful because many hands make light work). We have 3 areas of the Church to focus our attentions- the gym for the fair- which includes the lounge and the back of the stage. The second area is the room between the Chapel & Parlor, and the last area is the nursery and the office next to the nursery. Pastor Charlie will be making lunch (BBQ), so we welcome you all to attend. Let Pastor or Leslie know if you will be joining us for lunch.

Saturday November 9th is our Church fair. We need as many helping hands as possible for this day. We also need people to make home baked goods, a few people to make chowder and people to help at the tables. There will be a sign up sheet on Sunday mornings at the Deacons station or you can call the Church and let Gina know how you can help.

November 16th the Scouts will be having a “Night at the Races” from 7-11 pm. Our Scouts are very helpful throughout the year and support our Church in their young strength and Eagle Scout projects which benefit us. If you can support them with their fundraising event, they would appreciate our reciprocal support. If you can’t attend, if you’d like to make a monetary donation to Troop 2, you can put it in the offering plate noted SCOUTS, and we will get it to them.

November 30th at 10 am we will have a combined memorial service for Jack Brown, Don Landau, Emily Morrison, Dolores Shotwell, Jan Wiggins, and Betty Winsch with a reception luncheon in the hall to follow. If you will be attending the luncheon please let Leslie know, or contact the Church office so we can plan accordingly. This will be your opportunity to recall and share special memories of those that were part of our Congregation for so many years.

We truly appreciate each and every one of you and your willingness to be involved in our Church life, and we look forward to seeing everyone very soon.

October 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	2	3 Council Trustee/Board Meetings	4	5
6 Sunday School 9:00 Church Service via zoom 10:00		8 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	9 AARP	10	11	12
13 Sunday School 9:00 Church Service via zoom 10:00	14 Columbus Day	15 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	16	17	18	19
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Mark Your Calendars

- October 27th Congregational Budget Meeting
- November 2nd Churchwide Clean-up Day
- November 9th Church Fair
- December 7th Craft and Vendor Show

❖ Anyone who would like a table(s) for the Craft or Vendor show, please contact the Church Office at 718 448-1584.

The Church Fair is scheduled for November 9th it's not too soon to start preparing. The Fair Committee accepts donations all year so anyone wishing to drop off household and/or handmade items ahead of time are welcome to do so! We are looking forward to holding this well-known event in the community and a key part of Immanuel's heritage. Attic treasure cleanouts and donations are being accepted, as are books. Also, if you have a particular talent for hand-crafted items, please consider donating an item to the Fair. Hand-sewn, knitted, and crochet items, woodworking, painting, photography, soap making are just a few ideas. Or, consider putting together a raffle basket—these are always big sellers! And, of course, if you can volunteer some time to help with the set-up and/or be a table host at the Fair, please come out and participate in the camaraderie that has become a hallmark of Immanuel's events!

Zoom & Social Media Instructions

Please check out our Website as well as our Facebook Page and YouTube Channel. We ask that you share the information, especially to your Facebook friends, by Liking and Reposting on Facebook. This is a great way to publicize our worship services, Bible Study and any special events coming up. We can all make a difference!

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Sunday Prayer List

New

- ✠ Dan- pray for him, as he's grieving the loss of Sheri
- ✠ Rosalie- in cancer treatment and has been so sick, and she fell and fractured her finger so she's in a cast and bruised her knees.
- ✠ Lyn's mom- having back problems after a fall last year.
- ✠ Alexa- Roses granddaughter cardiology appointment
- ✠ Roses new Job.
- ✠ Roses nieces/nephews
- ✠ DonnaMaries mom (Mary) put in palliative care. Pray for peace
- ✠ Marilyn Pederson- cancer in her ankle.



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- ✠ Dorothy- she fell outside and broke 2 bones in her wrist. She does not qualify for surgery so pray they heal quickly and her pain is relieved completely.
- ✠ Baby Gus- passed away. Pray for his parents.
- ✠ Lyn's Son in law Mike's dad passed away suddenly last week. His mom was recently diagnosed with Lewy Body dementia and it's progressing rapidly and he's been having health problems himself. Just put into hospice.
- ✠ Lyn's granddaughter Sienna- having blackout episodes. Pray for the doctors to figure it out.
- ✠ Naomi had a pacemaker put in, pray for her healing.
- ✠ Jimmy- Dorothy's grandson. Living with her but needs an apartment.
- ✠ Phyllis- Dan's friend's wife having medical issues
- ✠ Lauren- Pastor Charlie's cousins granddaughter. Home, pray for her body as it recovers.
- ✠ Bobby - has diabetes and has lots of physical problems
- ✠ Czarina- we prayed for Czarinas sister in law Caroline who carried a baby for Czarina & her husband Andrew. The baby Madison is now over a year old and Czarina had a stroke- her right arm is severely affected and she is unable to carry or care for Madison with that arm. Please pray for her healing!
- ✠ Charlie Buchanan- Katie Myers FIL- had surgery, is positive for cancer.
- ✠ Sonja's cousins - Michael Johnson and Ron Mazzaeo both have cancer. Pray for them, their families and the doctors for wisdom in treatments.
- ✠ Don- Eugene's Cousin has stage 4 pancreatic cancer that has spread to his liver. Pray for the treatment, doctors and he and his family as they go through this.
- ✠ James & Michael- Dorothy's sons for their health.
- ✠ Fred- Sonja & Bills friend in his recovery.
- ✠ RJ (lives in Taiwan). In a scooter accident, is recovering
- ✠ Susan - Dan & Sheri's neighbor had a bunch of mini strokes, for recovery and her husband who is her caregiver.
- ✠ Liz Iken & Adrienne Lianna- at Eger. Pray for their health & spirit
- ✠ Mary (DonnaMarie's mom) has been in and out of the hospital, she's on the decline at 96. Pray for her health, but more importantly that God gives her faith.
- ✠ Sam Colucci & Barbara Matthius- health and strength, pray for Nancy & Bunny, and the aides that care for them.
- ✠ Robert and Cathy- Diane's neighbors lost their son, pray for comfort
- ✠ Stephen- Naomi's son, pray he will continue his meds and will be emotionally stable.
- ✠ Rosemary- Genes sister, pray for complete recovery.
- ✠ Anne Haakonsen's mom- for health and strength. And her Aunt Marty having anxiety issues. Donna, Anne's friend has ovarian cancer
- ✠ Howard- is back in the US. Pray that he gets settled and can re-adjust to life in the States
- ✠ Those battling Covid & Long haulers with Covid symptoms
- ✠ Vaccine injured
- ✠ For our country (President, Vice President, Senators, Congressmen/women, judges).
- ✠ For our police, firefighters and military
- ✠ Leaders of our State- Gov Hochul, Mayor Adams-