



The Messenger

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Late last month I saw a statement on Facebook and shared it on my personal page. It read, "I'd rather attend church with messed up people who love God than religious people who dislike messed up people." I have actually had people tell me that they don't go to church because of all the hypocrites. They don't think it is right for people to go to church who sin throughout the rest of the week.

As I was thinking about this statement this morning, I was wondering who the hypocrite actually was. Is it the sinner who recognizes the need for God's grace and forgiveness and is actually in church to receive that as part of the larger Body of Christ or is it the one who refuses to come because there are people who profess to be Christian and yet they still sin?

We ALL are sinners. We ALL are in need of God's grace and forgiveness. And we have to admit that very fact, especially when we live in relationship with one another. When we sit there and point out the wrongs of others while ignoring our own, then we are the hypocrites.

All of humanity is broken. We are sinful by nature. And God calls us to be with one another as part of the Body of Christ. God intends for us to gather together with other messed up people so that we are able to live in grace and share the gospel of Christ with all we interact with.

In Christ,
Pastor Kent

Thanksgiving Eve Dinner & Worship **Wednesday, November 27** **5:30pm Dinner (\$5/person)** **7:00pm Worship with Holy Communion**



Menu includes: ham, turkey, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, corn casserole, dressing, rolls, cranberry sauce and pie.

Please make reservations by noon on Monday, November 25.

Call 825-4750 or email mindy@immanuelalina.org

Members of St. John and Redeemer Lutheran Churches and residents of Ashby House have been invited to join us for dinner and worship.

If you would like to help prepare the meal, please contact Mindy Tillberg.
If you need transportation to church that evening, please call the church office.

Welcoming All. Growing Together in Faith. Sharing Christ's Love



All Saints Sunday November 3

When we confess the Apostles' Creed and proclaim our belief in the "communion of saints", we remember all the saints, famous or obscure, who have died and are at rest with God. On All Saints Sunday, we especially remember those who have died in the last year by reading their names, tolling a bell, and lighting a candle in their memory. If you have a loved one who has died more than a year ago that you would like remembered, you will be invited forward to announce their name and light a candle of remembrance.



Live Nativity & Parade of Lights Saturday, November 23

- 1pm Setup for Live Nativity
- 2-3pm Live Nativity - Pioneer President's Place
- 3pm Tear down nativity/Setup for float
- 6pm Parade of Lights
- 6:30pm Tear down float

We still need a costume manager, nativity characters, and people to participate in the parade float. Please contact [Pastor Kent](#) if you are able to help.

Congregation Council Action from September 2019:

Council members met with the insurance agent to discuss the value and necessity of covered items in our current policy. No action was made, as council members were asked to consider possibilities for the future choice of policy coverage.

WELCA is collecting 20 Christmas Gifts for Bethany Home residents. Gifts do not have to be brand new if they are in good shape. There will be a basket at the bottom of the Narthex steps. Also, if anyone can donate 2 dozen cookies please let LoVaune Rasmusson know. All gifts and cookies need to be at the church by Monday, November 25.

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| 500 piece puzzles | Electric razors |
| Bead art crafts | Body pillows |
| Cross stitch kits | Canned pop |
| Painting supplies & canvas | (Pepsi, Diet Pepsi & Root Beer) |
| XL print word search books | Beer) |
| Cross word puzzles | Cookies |
| Chapstick | Candy |
| Spray perfume | Chocolates |
| Spray cologne | Slip grip socks |
| Lotion (Men & Women) | Men's pajamas |
| Body wash (Men & Women) | Men's undershirts (1x & 4x) |
| Body spray (Men & Women) | Gift cards to Kansas Buffet |
| Deodorant (Men & Women) | Gift cards to local business |
| Nail polish | (Wal-Mart, Dollar Store, |
| Clear nail polish | Lowe's) |

PLEASE DO NOT WRAP GIFTS. Bethany Home prefers to match the items to the resident. Thank you!



As Christians, we believe that we are freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor. How do we respond to God's call to do this? We faithfully steward the gifts God has so abundantly given to us. Stewardship, in its simplest form, is the practice of gratitude and generosity; giving thanks to God and faithfully using what God has entrusted to our care — our time, our talents and our treasures — to love and serve our neighbors.

Included in this newsletter is a pledge card for 2020. Please prayerfully consider how you can share of your financial resources next year and help Immanuel continue it's ministry of loving and serving our neighbors. Please return your pledge card on Sunday, November 24.

Grief & Loss Support Group Presbyterian Manor Chapel Tuesday, Nov 12 at 2:00pm

Are you dealing with grief or loss? You are invited to join others for conversation, light refreshments, and a brief Healing Service. NOTE: This group normally meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

At the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in August, voting members received the results of the ELCA's first major fund-raising campaign. Approved at the 2013 Churchwide Assembly, the \$198 million ["Always Being Made New" campaign](#) was a commitment to invest in the future of the church, deepen our relationships and expand ministries that serve our neighbors and communities here at home and around the globe. The 2019 assembly heard that in fact \$250 million has been raised in cash, multi-year commitments, and planned gift commitments! Thank you for your support!



Daylights Savings ends November 3.

Make sure to set your clock back 1 hour Saturday night before you go to bed!

Generations in Faith Together (GIFT) will meet Sundays at 10:00am. All ages are invited to participate in this education opportunity!



All Saints Sunday * November 3

8:30 am & 11:00am

Worship

Remembrance of all the Saints

Noon-3:30pm

Confirmation Class

Students, please bring your Bible and workbook!



Altar Guild

Wednesday, Nov 6 at 1:00pm

Decorate for autumn.

Wednesday, Nov 20 at 5:15pm

Please attend as we will not meet in December!

Wednesday, Dec 4 at 3:00pm

Decorate for Advent & Christmas.



Welca Group

Thursday, Nov 14 at 2pm at church

Anna Group

Wednesday, Nov 20 at 1:30pm at Pres. Manor

Elizabeth Group

Wednesday, Nov 20 at 6:15pm at church

Sun, Nov 10 * Noon-2pm

6-12th graders are invited for food, fellowship & fun! Bring \$2 for lunch.



Sat, November 23

2-3pm Live Nativity

6pm Parade of Lights

See more details on Page 2.



Congregational Lunch & Meeting
Sun, November 24

12:00pm Chili lunch fundraiser served by Youth Group

12:45pm Meeting begins



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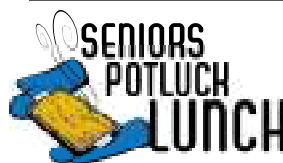
The December Messenger will be emailed on Nov 22. To receive your newsletter by email, contact [Mindy](#). For those who opted for print copies, they will be available for pick-up on Sunday, Nov 25. If you do not pick yours up that day, it will be mailed to you.

Do you have an article for the December Messenger?

Please send information to mindy@immanuelsalina.org
Deadline for the next newsletter is November 15.

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Senior Lunch

Mon, Nov 25 at Noon
Please bring a dish to share.
Table service provided.