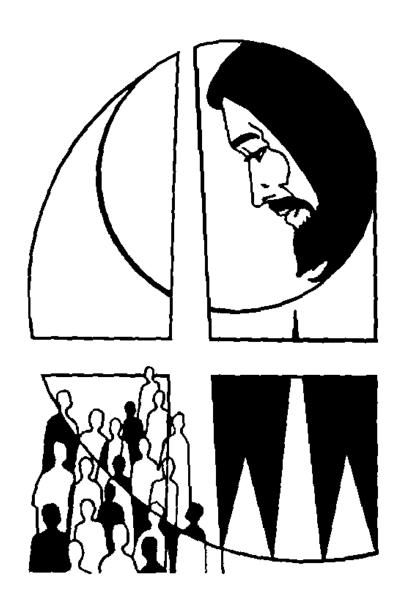
## All Saints Sunday



**November 6, 2022** 

#### IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# The People of Immanuel are Ministers of the Church The Rev Scott R. Lee, Pastor Kathleen Schneider, Director of Music

Please pick up your communion card and Fellowship cup on the way into the Sanctuary for Holy Communion.

PRELUDE (Prayerful time for reflection.)

#### **^MISSION STATEMENT:**

C: We of Immanuel are claimed, gathered, and sent by God to live Christ's example through worship, education, and service.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination. (Kneeling as able.)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.

Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

#### **^OPENING HYMN**

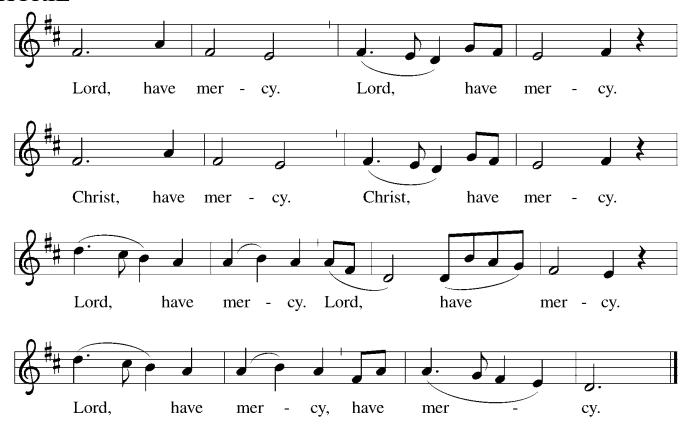
#### For All the Saints



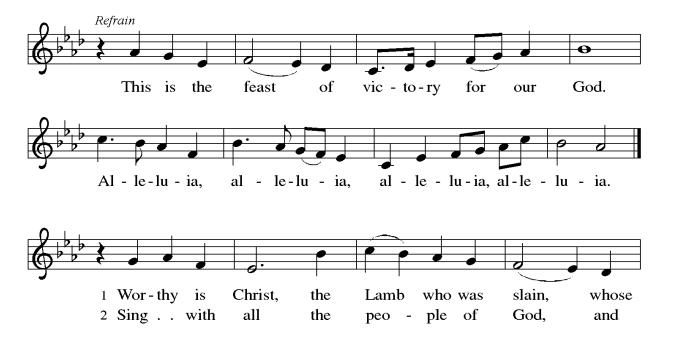
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

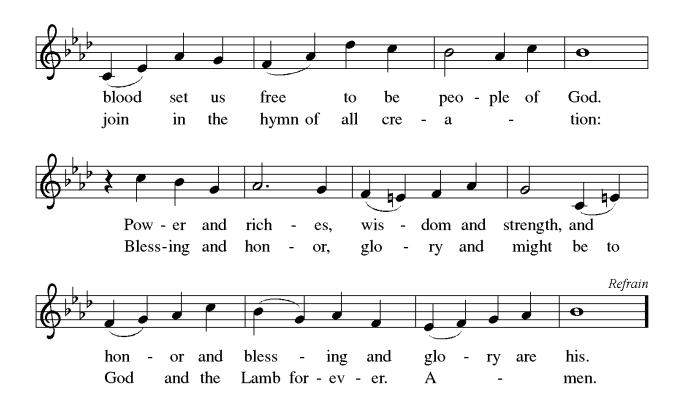
## C: And also with you.

#### **^KYRIE**



## ^HYMN OF PRAISE (verse 1)





P: The Lord be with you C: And also with you.

C. And also with you

P: Let us pray

#### ^PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### FIRST READING

Job 19:23-27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

<sup>23</sup>"O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

<sup>24</sup>O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!

<sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;

<sup>26</sup>and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,

<sup>27a</sup>whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Word of God, word of life: Thanks be to God

## PSALM 17:1-9 (Read responsively)

Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings. (Ps. 17:8)

<sup>1</sup>Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

<sup>2</sup>Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.

<sup>3</sup>Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

<sup>4</sup>I have not regarded what others do; at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.

<sup>5</sup>My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.

<sup>6</sup>I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.

<sup>7</sup>Show me your marvelous loving kindness,

O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.

<sup>8</sup>Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings, <sup>9</sup>from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

#### SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

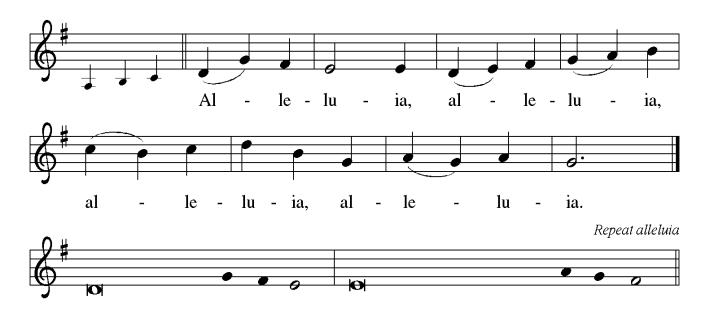
<sup>1</sup>As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup>not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup>He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup>But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup>comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Word of God, word of life: Thanks be to God

**^GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 



#### **^HOLY GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 6th Chapter

C: Glory to you O Lord

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

<sup>27</sup>But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON Pr. Scott Lee

**^HYMN** 

#### Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



#### **^NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvationhe came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Kneeling as able.)

Response: "Receive our prayer."

#### TIME OF REMBERENCE

Remembering **all the Saints** who have joined the Church Triumphant over the past year. *November 2021~ November 2022* 

Christina Nehr\* Paul Unger\* William Fisher, Jr.\*
Alex & Janice Narcavage Edith Ryan
Betty Wharton Caroline Harlan
Dee Luty Myrna Shuster

\*denotes non-member

We give thanks to God for the lives of these saints, that they were a part of our lives.

#### ^PEACE

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

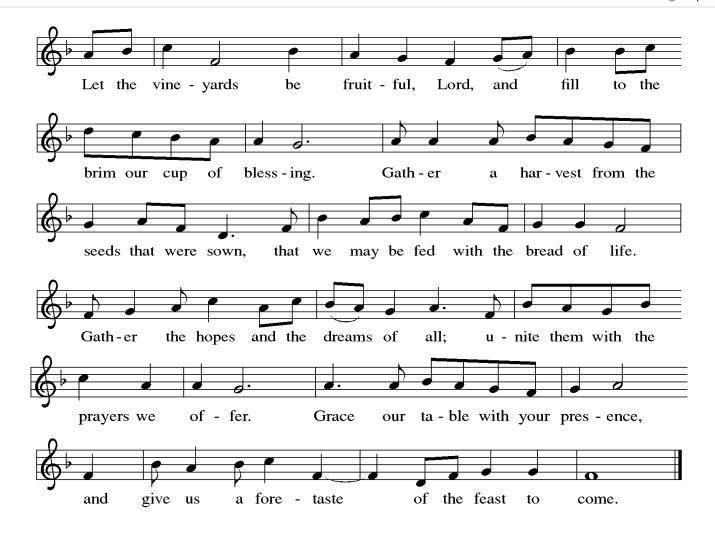
C: And also with you.

**P:** Let us share the peace.

#### **OFFERING**

We join other Christians in joyfully responding to God's goodness, through your personal giving. The ushers will pass the offering plates during this time. For those who don't feel comfortable passing the plates during Covid, we ask that you place your offering in the plates located at the front of the nave prior to the service, or after the service, in the plate on the table as you exit into the Hospitality area. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their supportive giving.

^OFFERTORY HYMN "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"



#### OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.** 

#### **+HOLY COMMUNION+**

#### **^GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

C: And also with you.

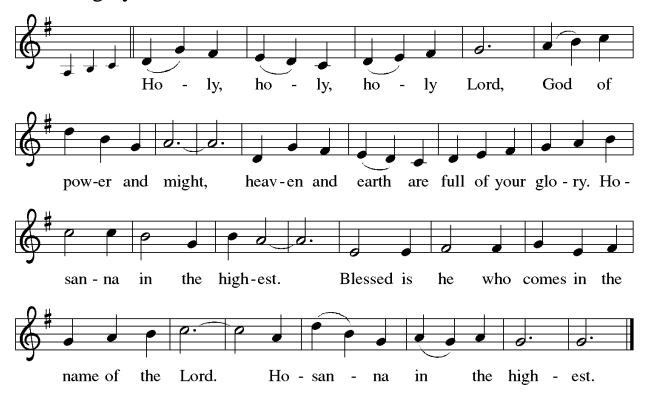
**P:** Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give thanks and praise.

**P:** It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION In the night he was betrayed.....

## ^LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken)

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.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P:** Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

C: Amen

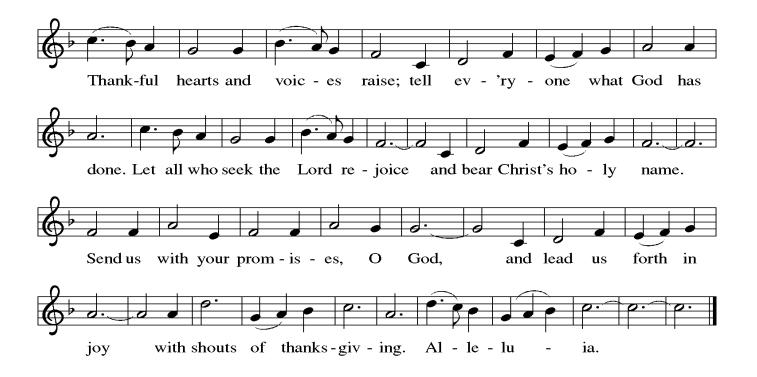
#### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to share the bread and wine of **Holy Communion**. Please pick up your communion card and "Fellowship Cup", an all-in-one wafer and juice set (the bread and wine) when entering the sanctuary. The pastor says "The Body of Christ given for you." and the assistant minister says, "The Blood of Christ shed for you." Open the top protective film to uncover the "body" (an unleavened wafer), place in your mouth then open the 2<sup>nd</sup> protective film to uncover the "blood" (100% grape juice) and drink. Please dispose of your cup in the receptacle provided when leaving the sanctuary. Sign the communion card and place it in the offering plate.

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

#### Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

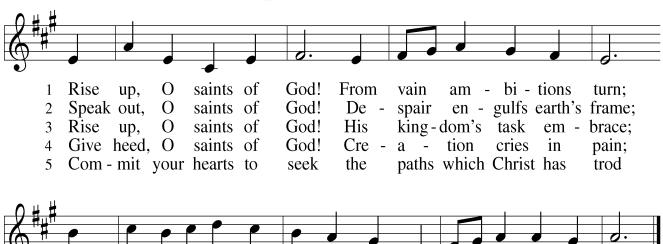
#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ^BENEDICTION/BLESSING

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, + bless you now and forever. Amen.

#### **^HYMN**

## Rise Up, O Saints of God!



Christ rose tri - um-phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn. as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, his word of hope pro - claim. re - dress sin's cru - el con - se-quence; give jus - tice larg - er place. stretch forth your hand of heal-ing now, with love the weak sus - tain. and quick-ened by the Spir-it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

#### ^DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

#### Thanks be to God.

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As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Norwood, commits to celebrating the love of God with ALL people as we are all made in God's image. Whatever your abilities, gender identity, sexual orientation, relationship status, race, culture, faith tradition or economic circumstance; whatever your past or present – you are welcome to share in God's love and our community.

#### **ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

Weekly Activities do not reflect building use by outside groups.

SUNDAY	<b>Education Hour</b>	10:00 AM
	Christian Ed Mtg.	12:00 PM
	Worship & Music Mtg.	12:00 PM
TUESDAY	Resource Mtg.	5:30 PM
THURSDAY	SM Crafting	6:00 PM
	Bible Study (Zoom)	7:00 PM
SATURDAY	Cars, Coffee & Christ	8:30 AM
	(St. Matthew, Woodlyn)	

**Sept. Income - \$7,595 Sept. Expenses - \$8,026** 

Acme/ShopRite Gift Cards! They are used like cash at any of the area stores. There is no extra charge for the certificates.

Our church receives 5% of the value of the coupons that you use. Help us help our church! See Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus for details.

## Graced by the Fruits of Our Labor

To what activity or person are you giving your best? Who or what is



getting most of your attention? Because of whom he is and what he has done and continues to do for us, God expects and deserves our best. God wants us, through the working of the Holy Spirit, to give it all we've got in

the way we live our lives so all people will discover Jesus as their Lord and Savior. God has chosen to work through us to serve and witness to others. The title for this Sunday's sermon is "Giving God our Best." May this Sunday be a blessing to you!

Supporting IMMANUEL's Mission with Our Generosity. We have 3 easy & virtual ways for people to donate to IMMANUEL. You will see on our Website and on our Facebook page "links" which you can click and make a secure donation. And here is a *QR code* which you can scan



with your smart phone. Thank You for your continued generous support!



**Half Century Fellowship Lunch Group** ~ Pack a lunch and join us on the third Wednesday of November, the 16th at noon for good company, conversation and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

**ZOOM** Bible Study for November moves to Thursday Nights! Our weekly virtual Bible Study continues on ZOOM! We are currently doing a series on "Advent". To help support the Christmas Bazaar's "Stromboli making" and to resolve a schedule conflict, for the rest of November and for December 1<sup>st</sup>, we will meet on Thursday nights at 7PM instead of Tuesdays. (We'll be off for Thanksgiving). We'll go back to Tuesday nights on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please see our web site for ZOOM connection information or see Karl McClellan or Fred Warner. All are welcome and we hope to "see" you there!!

We will be ordering **Poinsettia Plants** to adorn our Altar area at Christmas. If you would like to place a plant (s) in the Sanctuary, please see one of the Altar Guild members following Sunday service beginning Sunday November 13th through Sunday, December 4th. The cost per Poinsettia plant is \$8.00 each. Please use the envelope provided by the Altar Guild members for the completion of your order.



RAISERIGHT/SCRIPT GIFT CARDS ~ Starting your Christmas



RaiseRight shopping yet? Make it easy with gift cards and help Immanuel also. Immanuel is selling gift cards for just about every store

you may want. Immanuel will get a percentage back from sales. Forms are available on the table in the hospitality area or call the office and we will email you the form. Fill out form, make out your check payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church and hand in to Jeanne Warner or the office.

Dates that orders will be sent in for purchase will be Oct 30, Nov 20 and Dec 4. Please allow 2 weeks to receive the gift cards. Don't see a store you need, you can go on-line at www.raiseright.com and see if it is available and add to your list or ask Jeanne W. and she will check.

Looking for kitchen gifts for Christmas? Check out our on-line sale with



Pampered Chef. Immanuel will receive pampered chef. a percentage of all sales! Sale starts
November 7th for 2 weeks. Not computer

savvy? Information will also be available at the church. See Vicki, Colleen, or Jeanne W. for more information. Pampered Chef is a multinational multi-level marketing company that offers a line of kitchen tools, food products, and cookbooks for preparing food in the home. They also offer some products to help transport some of their products and gardening tools.



Christmas Crafting Nights Thursday nights at 6:00 PM through November. See Janice Kintsche for details.



Our **Christmas Cantata** this year will be on **Sunday**, **December 18**<sup>th</sup>. If you want to sing, join us. If you want to play an instrument, join us. All are welcome and encouraged. If you have questions or misgivings please call or text Kathleen at 610-731-6847.



**FALL UPDATE: Immanuel's Heating Oil Special Giving Campaign Continues!** Our sincere "Thank you" to everyone who has starting using our "OIL" envelopes found on the BRIGHT GREEN display in the Hospitality area (just remember to jot your envelope number on it). We will supply more envelopes on a monthly basis as they get used.

We asked you to prayerfully consider what *extra* you could give to help us with this and many have responded. If you have not already joined the effort you can start at any time! If you give virtually, you can also use the QR code in the bulletin and newsletter to give using the "General Fund" option.

We'll need to keep this effort, based on Aesop's Fable (The one about the "Ant and the Grasshopper"), going to help us through the heating season because the inflation in the cost of heating oil has really hit us hard. It has driven up our monthly budget by \$400 to a total monthly bill of approximately \$1700 a month. **Please help your church with this.** 



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