

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

## September 2016

### Messenger



Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Called, Empowered, and Sent by God to Live, Love, and Learn God's Word  
Nuestra Declaración De Misión  
Somos llamados, autorizados, y enviados por Dios para vivir, amar, y aprender la Palabra de Dios  
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***Dear People of Immanuel:***

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)*

After a summer like we have had it is not hard to gladly and boldly proclaim this admonition from Paul to the Thessalonians, and perhaps even throw in some Philippians,

*“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.” (Philippians 4:4)*

Yes, it has been quite a summer of celebration and rejoicing, especially our 125<sup>th</sup> weekend celebration as the Holy Spirit called and gathered so many from across the country and across the years, all of us rejoicing in what God had done, and what God continues to do, right here in this place.

Some among us have had some health set-backs and transitions, though we remain grateful that we can lift them to the Lord in thanksgiving for their lives among us and call upon God’s healing hand. We also lost Jerry Howen, such a wonderful witness to our Lord and dedicated community member. While it is sad to see Jerry go, it is also joyous that we may commend him unto the never failing love and mercy of almighty God.

As we look forward to beginning another year of love and service to our Lord and neighbor might we do so remember this admonition from Paul, to always turn to our Lord rejoicing and giving thanks that no matter our circumstances, our Lord remains steadfast in his love for us. So let us pray and sing with the psalmist....

*It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,  
to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.*

*For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. (Psalm 92:1-4)*

*Pastor John*

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## **Scripture Readings**

### **September 4 - 16 Pentecost**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

### **September 11 - 17 Pentecost**

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

### **September 18 - 18 Pentecost**

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

### **September 25 - 19 Pentecost**

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

## **UPCOMING EVENTS and IMPORTANT DATES AT IMMANUEL:**

- **September 7<sup>th</sup>** – Choir practice begins: Men's group at 6:15 and choir at 7:00.
- **September 11<sup>th</sup>** – Church Council Meets
- **September 11<sup>th</sup>** – Rally Day *AND* "God's Work, Our Hands."

- **September 14<sup>th</sup>** – First day of Helping Hands, (after school program) at 3:50.
- **September 14<sup>th</sup>** – Wednesday night suppers begin.
- **September 17<sup>th</sup>** – WOI Retreat 10:00 – 3:00 in Parish Hall.
- **September 18<sup>th</sup>** – Congregational Meeting after second service.

## **Treasurer's Report**

2016 Budget: \$144,249.00

Monthly income: \$12,020.75

August Offering: \$8,593.08

Other Income: \$882.00

Total for August: \$9,475.08

To July 31<sup>st</sup> our expenses exceeded our income by \$2,356.41

SS: \$777.14

Campaign Fund: 11,462.34

Parsonage Fund: \$2,356.41

## **Sing for Your God**

Do you enjoy fun fellowship and singing? Please consider joining Immanuel's choir. We sing once a month and meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 (or 6:15 for the men's choir) beginning on September 7. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis or Nancy Workman.



## **HELPING HANDS**

Helping Hands is an afterschool program for elementary age youths in our community. We focus on servant projects and learning more about how Jesus shows His love for us and for all people. We meet on Wednesdays from 3:50-5:00, beginning September 14th. If you know of anyone who would like to join us, please invite them. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Workman, Shelley Culver, Jan Hunter, or Linda Anderson.



## WOI NEWS

- THANK YOU, THANK YOU to each of you who helped with the Women of Immanuel Rummage Sale. Thank you for the donations, the sorting, the pricing, and your presence during the sale. These projects would not succeed without your constant support.
- If you wish to help WOI fill personal care kits, items are 1 bath towel (52 x 27), 1 wash cloth (not white), 1 wide tooth comb, 1 toothbrush, 1 clipper and 2 bars of soap (bath size). A box will be in the Parish Hall for donated items. Kits will be delivered to Lutheran World Relief this fall along with quilts and school kits.
- **WHOLEHEARTED LIVING** - Saturday, September 17, 2016. The Women of Immanuel are sponsoring a retreat from 10:00 to 3:00 in the Parish Hall. Pastor Heidi Fish will present uplifting thoughts on living in the present with body, soul, and mind. Day will include lunch and a closing communion service.
- Raffle tickets on two quilts are for sale. "All Roads Lead Home" made by Carol Bennett Woodbury and a quilt pieced with African prints made and quilted by Linda Anderson are being raffled. Tickets are \$2.00 a piece or 12 tickets for \$20.00. Moneys go to support Women of Immanuel projects: Gifts to local charities, Lutheran World Relief supplies, support of the septic system fund, and general support for Immanuel. If you know of any local events that we could sell raffle tickets at please let Jan Hunter (592-2860) know.
- WOI Bible Study to meet at the home of Carol VanderYacht on Tuesday September 13th at 7pm.
- WOI Gather Discussion Group will meet at the home of Penny McInnis on Tuesday September 27th at 7pm.



### September Birthdays

9/1 Ron Bruland  
9/3 Linda Hoines  
9/3 Randy Carson  
9/4 Carol Bennett  
9/6 Santiago Tejada  
9/7 Jim Florence  
9/13 Sue Ohlswager  
9/14 Julie Goree  
9/16 Nancy Workman  
9/16 Tristan Goree  
9/18 Kara Swanson  
9/18 Dan Culver  
9/20 Lindy Swanson  
9/29 David Fjeld  
9/30 Renee Guernsey

### September Anniversaries

9/6 Jim & Pat Hawley  
9/27 Joanie & Ernst Hirt

### **God's Work, Our Hands, Sunday is September 11**

Visit [ELCA.org/dayofservice](http://ELCA.org/dayofservice)

for resources that include the 2016 version of the toolkit, bulletin inserts, posters and a new worship resource. There is also an updated study guide designed for congregations to discuss what it means to serve with a joyful heart. Congregations can register their day of service activities at <https://surveys.elca.org/scripts/rws5.pl?FORM=GWOH16SU>

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

October 15: FALL FESTIVAL

November 6 -ThankOffering Dinner

December 3 - Women of Immanuel Holiday Brunch

**September 4 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.**  
 Ass't. Min: Laura Hookham  
 Greeters: Muriel & Shelly Mike & Karen Brewer  
 Ushers: Mike & Karen Brewer  
 Com. Asst' Liza Okan  
 Reader: Michelle Pattison  
 Communion Set-up: Liza Okan  
 After Worship Prayer Teams:  
 1<sup>st</sup> Service: Dennis & Lois  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Michelle & Nancy

**September 11 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.**  
 Ass't. Min: Sara Murdock  
 Greeters: Pam Andrews Wes Murdock  
 Ushers: Wes Murdock  
 Com. Ass't: Michelle Pattison  
 Reader: Liza Okan  
 Communion set-up: Belia Estrada & Michelle Pattison  
 Flowers:  
 After Worship Prayer Teams:  
 1<sup>st</sup> Service: Jim & Carol  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Neil & Michelle

**September 18 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.**  
 Ass't. Min: Don Anderson  
 Greeters: Hunters Mike & Karen Brewer  
 Ushers: Mike & Karen Brewer  
 Com. Ass't: Linda Anderson  
 Reader: Dennis Workman  
 Communion Set Up: Val Henderson & Michelle Pattison  
 Flowers:  
 After Worship Prayer Teams:  
 1<sup>st</sup> Service: Helen & Lois  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Dennis & Joanie

**September 25 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.**  
 Ass't Min. Karen Harkness  
 Greeters: Freemans Jackie & Alice  
 Ushers: Jackie & Alice  
 Com. Ass't: Sara Murdock  
 Reader: Kim Roe  
 Communion Set-up: Sara Murdock  
 Flowers:  
 After Worship Prayer Teams:  
 First Service: Neil & Carol  
 Second Service: Clarice & Linda

**If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please call someone that you can either switch an assigned Sunday with or sub for you.**

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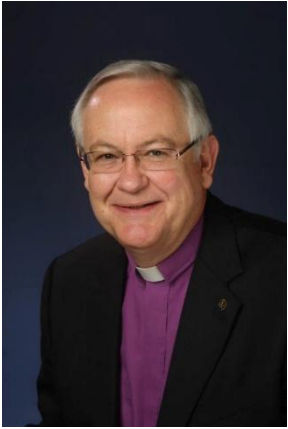


*Thank-you to everyone willing to serve in our worship services!*

**If you aren't already receiving your Messenger via email, please give Kim your email address and give it a try. You will receive your news sooner and save paper and stamps too!**

*And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.*

1 John 4:16 NIV



## Don't Miss the Gifts of Fall

The Rev. Kirby Unti,  
NWWA Synod Bishop

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...*

--Ecclesiastes 3:1

I love the summer! Summer comes with longer days and wonderful displays of sunshine. It is the season to sit out on the back deck with drink in hand and, when the sun sets, light the outdoor fireplace. Summer is when we launch the boat and spend time on the water. It is when we try to grab a week at Chelan and a few days at the beach.

I used to think that things slowed down in the summer. I am not sure this is true but summer time does have a different rhythm to it. There is something that is so kind about summer.

This is why I cling to summer and resist the fall. In the Fall the days grow shorter. The mornings are cold. It is hard to know what to wear. What works well in the morning needs to be shed in the afternoon. Fall is when the fog settles thick and some days it refuses to depart.

Fall does have its special gifts. The excitement of Husky Football and the return of the Seahawks. When I was a kid it meant new school clothes and listening to my corduroy pants make noise as my legs scraped together. And there is a smell in the air that happens only in the fall.

Fall colors compete with the burst of spring flora. It was my mother's favorite time of the year. It was one of the last joys she experienced in her life.

I like the crispness of Fall. It wakes one up without the piercing pain of winter. Winter is what I dread. It can be summed up in one word, dark. What makes it worse is you then have to add cold and wet. The three combined I don't find friendly. The best that winter has to offer is fresh fallen snow, a rare phenomenon in Puget Sound - and of course my daily ritual of gathering at the fireplace.

I count the days of winter hoping they will past. Unfortunately, the more I count, the longer winter seems. Each day brings a kind of effort with it. Winter is the longest season of the year. Winter hangs on and only reluctantly yields to spring. Spring is a season of delight. It begins for me on the first early morning when I hear a bird song. The birds are Spring's prelude. Spring is when I believe that life once again will mean me well. Spring is when death gives way to life and life abounds.

I thank God for the seasons, even winter. How boring life would be to live with but one season. There would be nothing to look forward to and nothing to overcome.

May you be blessed with a wonder-filled fall. For the church it is a time to be gathered again. It is a time to return. It is a time to regain our balance and enter the journey of another year.