

OCTOBER 2018 IMMANUEL NEWSLETTER



A Change of Seasons

Some thoughts from Pastor Scott

The long, hot days of summer are past and the bright, cool days of Fall are emerging with their oranges and yellows, their reds and browns. October means that it's time for me to cut down the hostas and plants in my garden, drain the water lines to my outdoor faucets, and hang up the Fall wreath on my front door. It's time to rake the leaves and clear the ground for the winter snows that are coming. I should store away my deck furniture, but I'll put it off until it's covered in snow, and then I'll probably say to myself, "What's the point?" It's the rhythm of life – predictable and comforting.

God gives us times and seasons to measure out our living. The animals are in on it, just like the plants and the weather. Seasons show God's eternal purpose in our world: birth, life, death, new birth...a world without end, until the sun burns out.

The church hallows time by ordering its life according to seasons. Last month, we began our Sunday School for children and adults and Fall worship schedule. This month, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday on October 28th and then, in November, we will remember those who have passed away who loved Jesus Christ on All Saints Sunday. We'll then thank God for His goodness on Thanksgiving Sunday on November 18th, celebrate Jesus' Lordship on Christ the King Sunday on November 25th and then head into the holiday seasons of Advent, Christmas and New Years.

These weeks ahead are a time for us to celebrate the change of seasons as we remember God's goodness and faithfulness. I look forward to celebrating it with you.

God is with us... *Pastor Scott*



COME, JOIN THE IMMANUEL CHOIR...

Immanuel's choir welcomes anyone who enjoys sharing the gift of singing. We are practicing at 9:45 a.m. Sunday mornings in the sanctuary, before worship begins. During October, the choir will be sharing a musical blessing with the congregation as our worship ends and our service to the world begins. If you'd like to join the choir, just come join us in the sanctuary and celebrate the gift of music and joy of singing together.

Immanuel October 2018 Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 5:45pm: Confirmation Supper and class for 7th & 8th graders 7:15pm: Women of the Word Bible Study at Immanuel	4	5	6
7 9am: Sunday School for all ages 10:15 am: Worship Pastor Scott at LCMC National Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa	8	9	10 5:45pm: Confirmation Supper and class for 7th & 8th graders	11	12	13
14 9am: Sunday School for all ages 10:15am: Worship – Roger Maxon and Pastor Scott sharing a message about Gideons and Camp Carol Joy Holling Bible Camp	15 7:00 pm Church Council	16	17 5:45pm: Confirmation Supper and class for 7th & 8th graders 7:15pm: Women of the Word Bible Study at Immanuel	18	19	20
21 9am: Sunday School for all ages 10:15am: Worship	22	23	24 5:45pm: Confirmation supper and class for 7th & 8th graders	25 7:30pm Nebraska Brass performs at Immanuel	26	27
28 9am: Sunday School for all ages 10:15am: Worship – Reformation Celebration	29	30	31 5:45pm: Confirmation supper and class for 7th & 8th graders at Sykes' (20707 Highway 77) 7pm: Haunted House and Hayrack Ride for area youth at Sykes' (20707 Highway 77)			

Special upcoming events at Immanuel:

Sunday, November 4th at 10:15am: All Saints Sunday worship

Sunday, November 18th at 10:15am: Thanksliving Sunday worship with teens from Teen Challenge sharing the message. Followed by lunch at 11:30am with teens from Immanuel sharing about their Spain trip

Wednesday, November 21st at 7pm: Thanksgiving Eve worship service



NEW CHURCH CONSTITUTION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY IMMANUEL

A special congregational meeting was held on Sunday, September 16th after our worship service to approve our new church constitution. A unanimous vote was cast to approve it.

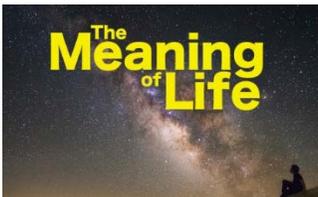
Thank you to Leroy Hanson, Ray Otto and Immanuel's Church Council (Doug Rudeen, Christie Bevington, Kathi Johnson, Janis Bible, Justin Badberg, Lisa Kaiser, and Ken Sherwood) plus Pastor Scott for their role in helping draft and edit this important church document that guides our church in how we carry out its mission.

An electronic version of the new church constitution was e-mailed to most members and printed copies were mailed to others. Additional printed copies are available on the credenza in Immanuel's entry area, if you wish to take one.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9 A.M. FOR ALL AGES AT IMMANUEL

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN is offered in the Fellowship Hall. Any children preschool through 6th grade are welcome to join us Sunday mornings for activities and learning more about God's love and plan for our lives.



FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS – THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES

Life can be a challenge. 7th graders through adults are welcome to join us in the church basement as we study the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes on Sunday mornings. Pastor Scott is walking us through this book that is loaded with wise teaching about how to live life and make the most of the time God gives us on this earth.

NATIONAL LCMC CHURCH CONVENTION OCTOBER 7-10, 2018 DES MOINES, IA



LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ) will hold its 18th annual convention in Des Moines, Iowa. One of the leading topics of discussion at our church's national assembly will be discussion about what training a pastor should have before serving an LCMC congregation. Pastor Scott will be attending this convention. If you have an opinion about this topic, please let Pastor Scott know before he attends so that he can convey Immanuel's position on this issue to the assembly.



The Nebraska Brass is coming to Immanuel – Thursday, Oct. 25th at 7:30 p.m.

We are privileged to host the Nebraska Brass in October as they share their gift of music with the greater Ceresco and north Lincoln community at our church. Tickets will be \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors (65+) and children are free.

Posters for this event are available in the entry area of the church for you to post around Ceresco, Lincoln, Wahoo and other communities. Please spread the word about this entertaining event at Immanuel.



**Youth Group Halloween Night Party!
At the home of the Jerry & Sharon Sykes
20707 Highway 77**

**Wednesday, October 31st at 7 p.m.
Haunted House and Hayrack Ride**

Teens in 7th through 12th grade, invite your friends to a scary good time at the Sykes' home south of Ceresco on Highway 77 on Halloween night. The Confirmation supper and class at the Sykes home will be at 5:45 that night. The scary fun begins at 7 when more youth arrive for a haunted house and hayrack ride. There's no cost for this event but let Pastor Scott know if you or your friends will be coming so we know how many teens to plan for (7th & 8th graders, we assume you'll be there already 😊). You can text Pastor Scott at 402.499.4444 or e-mail him at the church e-mail address at ilc.godwithus@gmail.com



**Baptism of Breckyn Allyse Eisenmann
Sunday, September 16th**

Immanuel celebrated the baptism of Breckyn on September 16th as she was welcomed into our family of faith. Breckyn's parents, Jason and Caitlin Eisenmann will be joining Immanuel soon.



**CAMP CAROL JOY HOLLING INVITES YOU
TO A SPECIAL EVENT OCTOBER 7th
4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sjogren Dining Hall
27416 Ranch Road, Ashland**

Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries

As members and friends of Camp Carol Joy Holling, you are invited to enjoy a delightful evening at Carol Joy Holling Camp. This includes dinner, guest speakers, and prize drawings. Jason Gerdes, the new camp executive director will be introduced and you can learn about Thrivent's partnership with Carol Joy Holling Camp. Camp supporters, volunteers and Thrivent members are all invited to attend this dinner event. Carol Joy Holling Camp is the local Bible camp that Immanuel financially supports. Roger Maxon, the camp's maintenance director, will be at Immanuel on October 14th to share more about the camp.



**Immanuel's Sunday
School "Kick Off"
Worship and Potluck
lunch at the Otto
family home
September 9th**



After days of rainy weather, we celebrated Immanuel's "Sunday School Kick-off" with a beautiful sunny day. Matt and April Otto and their children, Andrew, Reid and Alexa graciously opened their home and acreage for the church to have Sunday School activities, worship and a potluck lunch behind their home and in the machine shed.

It was a fun way to start our Fall season together and we thank everyone who shared food and our time together, as well as the Otto's for providing the location.

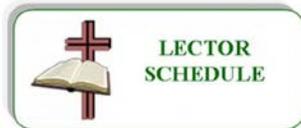
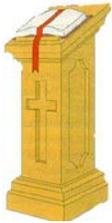




Prayer List

Jerry Eastin (Health - Congregation)
 Andrea Christensen (Health – J Christensen)
 Zach Creger (Health – J Boden)
 Raegan Love (Toddler cancer – Rudeen)
 Heather Lucht (Health – Hanson)
 Calvin Liess (Health – Fredrickson)
 Jason Arensdorf (Health – Fredrickson)
 Julie Hart (Health – Bible)
 Kim Pearson (Health – L Pearson)
 Kurth Deland (Health – Fredrickson)

Christ the King Lutheran Church in Dodge City KS. with Pastor Groethe
 The Ceresco Methodist & Covenant Churches



October Lectors

October 7- Jane Otto
 Oct. 14 – Hailey Drahota
 Oct. 21 – Suzy Fredrickson
 Oct. 28 – Janis Bible



October Lectors

Oct. 7- Ray & Jane Otto
 Oct. 14- Leroy & Barb Hanson
 Oct. 21 – Dean & Kathi Johnson
 Oct. 28- Jon & Janis Bible



October Food Pantry

Boxed Desserts
 Cakes, Brownies
 Cookies and Bars



October Acolytes

Oct. 7 – Jace Badberg
 Oct. 14- Reid Otto
 Oct. 21- Owen Kreikemeier
 Oct. 28- Isaac Fredrickson