

NOVEMBER 2018 IMMANUEL NEWSLETTER



For All The Saints *Some thoughts from Pastor Scott*

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. - Hebrews 12:2

During the month of November, our thoughts literally turn heavenward. On November 4th, Immanuel will celebrate a time when we rejoice in the hope we have as Christians that those who die in the faith still live in Christ. As the month of November continues, we start to move into a time of the church year in which we hear Bible readings about the end of time and the return of Christ.

The Bible says we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses in the faith (Hebrews 12). During Sunday morning worship, this is literally true. We are seated with Christians all around us. Consider one group of Christians in particular – our senior members. Some of our senior members may not physically be with us on Sunday. They may be homebound, in a hospital, or in a care facility; but that doesn't mean they are any less with us in the faith of Christ. These members are truly saints whom we should desire to emulate and respect.

We have living saints among us who emulate faithfulness to Christ on a daily basis. Our senior members are fellow Christians who have seen life, lived through what many of us are just now going through, and have come out the other end sustained by faith in Christ. We should strive to be like these living saints. After all, as Christians, shouldn't we want to live lives of faith right now in this world, and ones that will be celebrated for all eternity with our living Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord, the author and perfecter of our faith?

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 November, 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 November 2018 Calendar

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
4 9am: Sunday School for all ages 10:15am: All Saints Worship	5	6	7 7:15pm: Women of the Word Bible Study at Immanuel	8	9	10
11 9am: Sunday School for all ages 10:15 am: Worship	12	13	14 5:45pm: Confirmation Supper and class for 7th & 8th graders 7:00 pm: 100 Year Anniversary Committee Meeting	15	16	17
18 9am: Sunday School for all ages 10:15am: Thanksliving Worship with Adult Teen Challenge 11:30am: Thanksliving Lunch – Program “Spain Trip” with Aaliyah, Ellissa & Logan	19	20	21 NO CONFIRMATION CLASS TONIGHT 7pm: Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service	22 THANKSGIVING DAY 	23	24
25 9am: Sunday School for all ages 10:15am: Worship	26	27	28 5:45pm: Confirmation supper and class for 7th & 8th graders		30	Dec 1

Special upcoming event at Immanuel:

Monday, December 24th at 7pm: Christmas Eve Worship



THANKSLIVING OFFERING NOVEMBER 18

This year, Immanuel's Thanksliving offering will go to the ministry of Adult & Teen Challenge of the Midlands which is a faith-based organization that helps individuals of all ages overcome life-controlling problems and addictions. It has three sites: the Men's Induction & Training Center in Colfax, Iowa; the Men's Re-entry Center in Omaha; and the Blue River Women's Center in Beatrice. The directors of the programs plus some adults who are currently living in the centers will be sharing their testimonies during Immanuel's Thanksliving Worship Service on Sunday, November 18th.

Adult & Teen Challenge of the Midlands works with adults. Most adults who arrive at their doors bring with them a tragic history of substance abuse and other life-controlling problems. With a focus on the practical applications of Christian teachings, adults not only learn how to change deeply entrenched, self-destructive behavior but to discover a new identity in Christ Jesus that makes these changes possible. Adults who come to the program not only receive a holistic approach to recovery from life-controlling problems, but acquire a new value system that honors family, takes responsibility for community, cultivates a positive work ethic, and helps them become productive, healthy members of society.

For more information, please go online to www.tcmid.org



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS OF IMMANUEL

Sunday, October 21st we had a reception for those who have recently joined Immanuel. Pictured below are (from left to right): Pastor Scott, the Anstey family - Keaton, Josh, Kaily and Sawyer; the Hedges family: Eli, Ethan, Rachel and Jared; The Eisenmann family: Caitlin, Breckyn and Jason; and Donna Hansen. Welcome to the Immanuel family of faith!



792 Attended Annual LCMC Gathering in Des Moines in October

A total of 792 members of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ joined together October 7-10 in Des Moines, Iowa for the association's 18th Annual Gathering and Convention. The total included 474 delegates, 275 church members, 22 seminarians, 11 guests, and 11 members of the LCMC staff and Board of Trustees. Pastor Scott attended as a delegate from Immanuel.

In addition to daily speakers and worship, participants enjoyed table discussions, fellowship meet-ups, networking opportunities, breakout sessions, and a vendor area.

The next LCMC Annual Gathering will take place **September 29-October 2, 2019** in **Omaha, NE**. Be sure to mark the dates on your calendar since this gathering is close to Ceresco.

SHARON SYKES HOSTED OUR HALLOWEEN PARTY ON OCTOBER 31st

Immanuel's members and friends had fun at the home of Sharon & Jerry Sykes on Halloween night. Following the Wednesday evening Confirmation class, we had a pot-luck supper and then toured the "haunted house", decorated cookies, had a hayrack ride and other activities. Thank you to Sharon for generously opening her home and treating our church family to an evening of laughs, screams and a good time.





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)

Bob Dittrich (Health – Congregation)

Krystal Weaver (Health – Tilson)

Jon Bible (Health – Bible)

Joel Wilson (Health - Congregation)

Sandi Wendell (Health – Wilson)

Chris Vesely (Military Duty – Badberg)

Blaine & Jessica Kaiser (Safety while traveling for a year – Kaiser)

Faith Lutheran Church in Humboldt S. Dakota

The Ceresco Methodist & Covenant Churches



November Lectors

Nov. 4- Shawn Rudeen
Nov. 11 – Kevin Olson
Nov. 18 – Kristy Badberg
Nov. 21 – Fran Freeman
Nov. 25 – Ray Otto



November Usher

Nov. 4- Doug & Shawn Rudeen
Nov. 11 – Fran Freeman
Nov. 18 – Justin & Kristy Badberg
Nov. 21 – Leroy & Barb Hanson
Nov. 25 – Christie Bevington



November Acolytes

Nov. 4- Wyatt Hanson
Nov. 11 – Mason Kreikemeier
Nov. 18 – Jason Badberg
Nov. 21 – Reid Otto
Nov. 25 – Owen Kreikemeier



November Food Pantry Food For Holiday Meals

**Yams, Vegetables,
Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing
Roll Mixes, Pie Fillings
Cookie Mixes**