



Keeping it Civil

Thoughts from Pastor Scott

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. – Galatians 6:2

We are living in a time when many people have different viewpoints. It's a time when we, at Immanuel, have the unprecedented opportunity to model for our community what it looks like to disagree politically and love unconditionally.

This isn't a time for Christians to be pointing fingers or taking sides against one another. If there's a lack of unity in the church, the Will of God won't be accomplished through the church.

Your political candidate or candidates will win or lose based on how American citizens vote on November 3rd. But, the church will win or lose based on our behavior every single day between now and then and afterwards. We must not allow anything to divide us, and we must not allow anyone to divide us. Believe what you want to believe, vote for who you want to vote for, but don't you dare mistreat someone made in God's image. Let's fight for, struggle for, and sacrifice for the unity that our Heavenly King, Jesus, prayed for! "Heavenly Father make us one so we can influence many." So, this November disagree politically, love unconditionally, and pray for oneness.

Jesus didn't come to take sides. Jesus came to take OVER. We can't be first and foremost political party people. We must be Kingdom people – in God's Kingdom. Jesus' message was clear: He came to establish a new kind of kingdom and everyone is invited to participate in it. It's a disruptive kingdom that challenges us and the world's values. We are called by God to be stewards of His kingdom in our communities in Lancaster and Saunders Counties, in our nation and in our world. Jesus gives us a unity that makes us committed to meet for worship regularly – in person or online, to be committed to living virtuously, and being committed to compassionate action to share God's love with other through our words and actions. That "disruptive unity" in the early church was so counter-cultural that it changed the world. So this November let's put God's Kingdom of unity first so that our community, our nation, and our world is blessed through us.

God is with us.... Pastor Scott



Our church building is open again and everyone is welcome to return.

We continue to offer worship online by Zoom at 10:15 a.m. like we've been doing for the past months. Our permanent online Zoom link is <https://zoom.us/j/8780165113>

Please be patient as you log on to worship at 10:15 a.m. or the Adult Sunday School at 9 a.m. since Zoom now requires the "host" to let everyone in from an online "waiting room".



Sunday School for all ages (children and adults) is happening at 9 a.m. Children are gathering in the Fellowship Hall and adults are gathering in the sanctuary.

Suzy Fredrickson is leading the children and Pastor School will be leading a video and book series on "The Purpose Driven Life". Everyone's welcome to join in the fun and learning.



Please remember Immanuel's homebound members in your prayers:

Barb Basel (Barb is living with her daughter and son-in-law now)

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1760 County Road J – Wahoo NE 68066

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November 2020 Immanuel Calendar

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 Daylight Savings Time ends – turn your clocks BACK 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship at Immanuel and online with Communion. 11:25 am First Communion instruction with fifth and sixth graders ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	2	3	4 6 pm – Confirmation class at Immanuel	5	6	7
8 9 am Sunday School for all ages 10:15 am Worship at Immanuel and online with Communion	9 7:00pm Church Council meeting (OUR MEETING DATE AND TIME MAY CHANGE)	10	11 6 pm – Confirmation class at Immanuel	12	13	14
15 9 am Sunday School for all ages 10:15 am Worship at Immanuel and online with Communion	16	17	18 6 pm – Confirmation class at Immanuel	19	20	21
22 9 am Sunday School for all ages 10:15 am Worship at Immanuel and online with Communion CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY	23	24	25 NO CONFIRMATION TONIGHT 7 pm – Thanksgiving Eve worship service at Immanuel and online	26 THANKSGIVING DAY	27	28
29 9 am Sunday School for all ages 10:15 am Worship at Immanuel and online with Communion FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT	30	Dec 1	Dec 2 6 pm – Confirmation class at Immanuel	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5

Prayer List

Cindi Hahns Family (Strength and Comfort (Bible)
Lora Robinson (Health – Fran’s sister)
Bill Ridgeway (Hospital – Fredrickson/Otto)
Glen Otto (Health – Ray Otto’s Brother)
Florence EIDorado (recovering from COVID – Doug’s Aunt)
Laverne Hageman (Health – Fredrickson)
Ralph Black (Continued healing - Scott’s father)
Sharon Breitreutz (Health – Caitlin Eisenmann’s Grandmother)
Julie & Bruce (Jon & Janis’ Daughter & Husband)
Jo Ann Koepke (Health & Safety - Janis’ sister)
Christie Bevington (Health – member)
Andrea Christensen (Health – J Christensen)
Rob Bonow (Throat Cancer - Otto)
Mary Tvrdy (Health – Otto)
Heather Lucht (Health – Hanson)
Ron Weltruski (Bone cancer -Hedges)
Kim Pearson (Health – L Pearson)
Kelly Hamilton (Health – Bevington)
David Sinn (Cancer/COVID – Immanuel)
Shelly Hanneman (Rudeen)
Sydney Kenning (Strength & comfort)
Health & Protection of Everyone

NOVEMBER USHERS

Nov. - 1 Doug & Shawn Rudeen
Nov. -8 Jodi Boden
Nov. - 15 Scott & Shannon Black
Nov. - 22 Kevin & Gaylene Olson
Nov. - 25 Fran Freeman
Nov. - 29 Christie Bevington

NOVEMBER LECTORS

Nov. - 1 Shawn Rudeen
Nov. -8 Jodi Boden
Nov. - 15 Shannon Black
Nov. - 22 Donna Hansen
Nov. - 25 Fran Freeman
Nov. - 29 Crystal Haake

November Food Pantry

Items for Holiday Baking
Brown Sugar
Powdered Sugar
Granulated Sugar
Sugar, Sugar
Flour