



Immanuel

Lutheran Church

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Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

Psalm 107:1

Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 27
7:00 p.m.

Meister Eckhart, whose writings in the Middle Ages have inspired thousands and thousands, is famous among other things for these words:

“If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is ‘Thank You,’ it will be enough.”

Words that give us much to ponder.

Maybe we can begin by thinking what it means **not** to say those words-- and why we teach children it is so important to say them. Not to say “Thank You” is to miss out on the care and love of the Giver. To say those words is to receive more than the gift-- but also what is behind it.

Being thankful sets a tone of hope and optimism in **every** situation. It reminds us of the faithful God we have. “**T**hank You” begins with the sign of the Cross, where we see so clearly that the love of our God for us is beyond all measuring and absolutely certain.

Let me combine that thought with another. There is a sign on my office wall that I once bought at Cracker Barrel. It reads,

“A. S. A. P. - ALWAYS STOP AND PRAY”

In times of stress and at other times when our minds are pre-occupied with earthly matters-- and we may be feeling out of touch with our loving God, A. S. A. P. And before whatever else you may need to speak with God about, start with “Thank You....”

It’s always easy to continue with specifics about what we have for which to be thankful-- abundant physical gifts and an eternal treasure of spiritual gifts. “Thank You” opens the eyes of our hearts and souls as it whisks away all that clouds our sight. And we know again the joy of recognizing the presence for us of the God of everlasting grace and love.

Then, as one bottom line, please do join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Service of Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m.!



Pastor Bauman

From the Treasurer



In the September Voters Assembly, replacement of the Parsonage windows was distributed and discussed, and a motion was passed unanimously to replace all the windows in the house except the garage window with a budget of \$42,000.00. We have since received donations for the windows amounting to \$45,500.00, allowing selection of manufacturer and cost within the budget and donation amount. After consideration of the bids, the selection by Pella Windows was decided, and a contract was signed for replacement of all parsonage windows except the garage window and the high entry windows, as they are in good condition presently. The contract was for \$37,902.53 signed on October 15, 2024. Pella has come out and measured all windows on October 18th and are proceeding with fabrication for delivery late this year. Since the preparation for window replacement requires moving furniture out of the way for installation, extra helping hands would be appreciated. See John Moninger for coordination of help. The balance of the donations will be used to first improve the Parsonage facility further, and the rest sent to Immanuel's LLF foundation account for future use in all building improvements.

Immanuel's draft revised Constitution and By Laws was previously submitted to Northern Illinois District (NID) and have been since updated with NID's comments, and draft resubmitted to NID on October 9th. We are awaiting NID's approval and will hold a special Voters Assembly meeting after their approval to accept the revised Constitution and By Laws.

The Hurricane donations of \$240 received in September will be forwarded to Synod's Hurricane relief fund for their distribution.

David Schroeder

Treasurer



CHRISTMAS POTLUCK



The Fellowship committee is planning for our Christmas Potluck Luncheon on December 8th!

Come and enjoy great food and wonderful fellowship as we look forward to celebrate the season of anticipation of our Prince of Peace coming to us as a little child.

Bring your favorite dish to share. You can call the office at (630) 837-1166 to sign up or look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex in the next few weeks.

Hope to see you there!

Complimentary Trial Lesson (All Ages) Accepting Beginners and Advance Level Lessons are tailored to meet individual needs

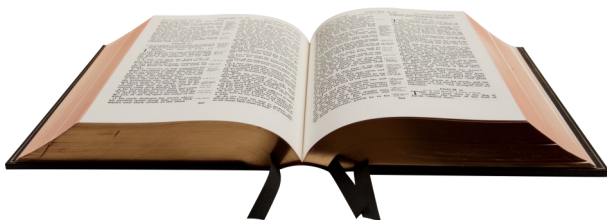
Jacqueline Peatry has appeared as soloist several times with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, both at Symphony Center and Ravinia Festival. She was invited to perform LIVE from Studio One at WFMT-98.7 radio. In addition, she was a distinguished faculty member of the American Conservatory of Music and Francis W Parker School. For a sampling of her artistry, view this YouTube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1yZZNuJbRZE>



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Sunday Bible Study



Come and join us on Sunday mornings for a Bible Study at 10:45. We are currently studying the books of Ezekiel. No experience is needed, We are discussing what our next study will be. It would be a good time to join!

CHRISTIAN HOPE IN A HOPELESS WORLD

My dear friends in Jesus,

As I write this, I've just returned home from a week of meetings with our partner church in India, the India Evangelical Lutheran Church (IELC). I had not realized it, but it has been over 50 years since the last sitting Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) president visited. That was the Rev. Dr. J.A.O. Preus II in the early 1970s. In the last decade, the Synod's relationship with the



IELC has been difficult, due in largest measure to internal lawsuits and divisions in the Indian church, but this was an incredibly hope-filled and eventful visit. I hope to share more about it in the near future, but for now, I would like to use this visit as a backdrop for some broader thoughts about our Christian hope in a world that seems increasingly hopeless, especially during this difficult election season.

First, we must acknowledge that what challenges our hope here in the U.S. pales in comparison to what our dear friends in India suffer — challenges that we can only imagine. We, as a Synod, have known of these challenges firsthand for over a century. In 1894, the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and Other States — now known as the LCMS — called the Rev. Theodore Naether to be its first official missionary. Naether arrived in India the next year and spent the rest of his life working tirelessly to spread the Gospel there. So, the first international mission of the LCMS is very special to us, but it is even more so to our sisters and brothers in India.

During my recent visit there, news came that in Ambur, Tamil Nadu, India, former LCMS missionary Alice Brauer had died. Born in India when her father, the Rev. Richard Brauer, was teaching at Concordia Theological Seminary, Nagercoil (CTSN), she moved to the U.S. with her family during childhood but returned to India as a medical missionary in the mid-1960s. She humbly sought out the poor, sick and needy and provided them with medicine, took them to receive treatment and shared the Good News of Jesus with them. She was an oracle of wisdom and knowledge about all things LCMS/IELC.

Alice knew the LCMS and IELC were meeting and had wanted to travel the long distance to CTSN, where the meetings were held, but her health prevented her from doing so. Yet I give thanks to God that she was able to die knowing that the relationship to which she had given so much of her life was back on track.

Who is my neighbor?

Over the course of my trip, bad news from around the world kept surfacing. During my flight to India, as I watched my plane skirt around Tehran on the in-flight map, I couldn't help but wonder if the lunacy of the anti-Semitism driving the war in the Middle East might spill over into domestic air travel. After my arrival, I began receiving texts from the Rev. Dr. Bill Harmon and the Rev. James Rockey, our beloved presidents of the LCMS Southeastern and Florida-Georgia districts, respectively. They shared news about the damage from Hurricane Helene, which turned out to be much worse than initially anticipated. On another call, my dear wife informed me of the rush to purchase basic goods because of the looming dockworkers strike on the East Coast (that strike has now been postponed).

And now we have received the sad news — which we had anticipated but hoped wouldn't happen — that the Lutheran Church of Australia has endorsed women's ordination. Out of the ashes we will support a new and faithful Australian Lutheran church.

Frankly, it was a relief at times to be in India, where things like transgenderism, biological males participating in women's sports and concomitant lunacies are barely on the radar screen.

One night during my stay, I woke at 3 a.m. to find clips from the vice-presidential debate coming up on my cell phone — specifically, the discussion of abortion. I was disgusted when one of the candidates, who belongs to a biblically unfaithful (non-LCMS) Lutheran congregation, expressed the summarily un-Lutheran and unbiblical ethical principle: "Mind your own business." As you, my friends, well know, we can't mind our own business when it comes to caring for our neighbor:

And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" And the Lord said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground." (Gen. 4:8–10)

Sadly, we don't have to look very far here at home to see our brothers' and sisters' blood crying out from the ground in the form of rampant sin against God's gift of life and His desired order for His creation.

Fear and foreboding

Speaking of home, I don't have to remind you that we find ourselves, very soon, facing another election. I heard recently that a pastor made a mildly positive comment about former president Donald Trump in a sermon. A long-time parishioner in that church has not been back in the pew since. This is just one example of the tension throughout our country. Politics are hot all the time, but right now they are white hot. Some lament how woefully absent politics and political recommendations are in the LCMS, and they want us to provide them. Others will read what I write here and think I'm way over the top just to mention it.

But some things need to be said. On issues of religious freedom (non-interference with the church's schools and institutions), abortion, medical ethics and transgenderism, there are clear biblical positions. In the U.S. today, it is also clear that the political right is closer to the church on these issues than the political left. Other issues — things like immigration, agricultural policy, labor policy, military policy (aside from the promotion of sexual aberration), taxation and the proper size of government — are arguable. Still, all of these issues have strongly related ethical questions, and we do well as citizens to consider those. Workers should be paid fairly, for example. People, including business owners, should not be taxed unfairly. The government should wield its powers justly, and citizens should abide by the law. **And we, who as citizens in a republic are both rulers and subjects, should exercise our right and duty to vote.**

Lest anyone begin to lose his mind reading this, let me point you to what Jesus says:

And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. (Luke 21:25–28)

Every Christian leader who has ever lived has beheld the turmoil around him and been convinced the end of the world is at hand: St. Paul. Augustine. Luther. C.F.W. Walther. I think it is too. But, my dear friends, Jesus has got this: "When you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God

is near” (Luke 21:31). “All things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose” (Rom. 8:28). Jesus says to us, when all this crazy stuff is going down, don’t be discouraged. Don’t give up hope. Don’t lose faith in Christ. In fact, the chaos is an indication that this life is short, its concerns transitory. Christ’s redemption, His “buying back” of the world from sin, death and the devil, is coming to a completion. This world continues until the last of the elect is brought to faith in Christ, and not one iota longer. What happens in this world is important. But it is not of ultimate importance; Christ is. Forgiveness is. Eternal life is.



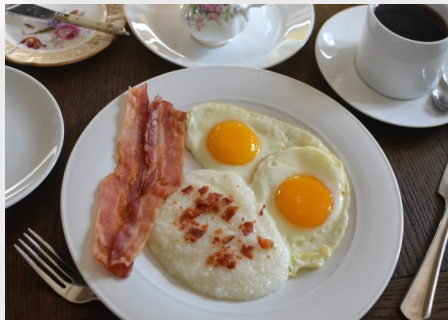
By **Matthew Harrison**

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If you’re like me, you may feel like you’re going to lose your temper over the foolishness that comes each election year. At times you’ll feel like you’re losing your mind over it all. But whatever you do, don’t lose Christ. Better yet, know that He will not lose you:

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one. (John 10:28–30)

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.



Breakfast Brunch Bunch

Mark your calendar and please join us for a short Bible study, breakfast and fellowship right after the Sunday service on Nov. 10th. Restaurant to be determined. Sharing life together is a healthy practice. Look forward to seeing you there!

November Birthdays

11/03 Kate Franzen
11/22 Jake Franzen
11/28 Ken Fredrick
11/30 Jackie Wlezen



Giving Tree 2024

By Lynn Zillmer Sponsor-A-Family Coordinator

It is again Christmas time, a joyous time when we gather together and celebrate our Savior come to Earth. God with us! Immanuel! It is in thankfulness for that act that He invites us to help those who may be struggling around us. We can be His hands and feet in this world.

Our Savior Jesus Christ was our gift and it is in this season that we are asked in these tangible ways to bless those around us as we remember all that has been given to us.

This year we again partnered with the Hanover Township Adopt-A Family program to provide Christmas gifts for a needy family.

Please look for our Christmas tree board in the Narthex coming in the next few weeks. It will have requests from the children of our adopted family. Purchase the gift and



Pictured above are the gifts donated for our Adopted family in 2023

return it wrapped with the tag that you took from the board attached to it. We will then deliver the gifts to the Hanover Township facility on Rt.59 mid December, and they will distribute the gifts to our family.

Altar Guild - Bev Bayes

ALTAR FLOWERS



Don't forget the Altar flowers when you have a blessing or special occasion or someone you want to honor.

Order forms: Hanging on the office door.

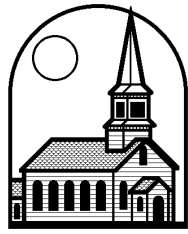
Two vases - \$40 or single rose \$8

Also, we want to remind you these are your flowers, and you may take them with you following the Service.

Bev Bayes will soon be taking orders for our Christmas poinsettias.

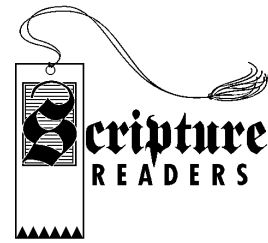
Please watch for inserts in the Sunday bulletins to order flowers to decorate for our Christmas Eve Service. You can take your plants home with you after the Service. Price TBD. Will post price as soon as possible.

November 2024 Schedules



Lay Minister Schedule

November 3 - Al Thilk
November 10 - Marty Sterrett
November 17 - Marty Sterrett & Dave Schroeder
November 24 - Gary Luper
Thanksgiving Eve - Dave Schroeder



Reader Schedule

November 3 - Al Thilk
November 10 - Sally Hover
November 17 - Dave Schroeder
November 24 - Al Thilk
Thanksgiving Eve - Dave Schroeder

If you would like to volunteer to serve, please call the office.

If unable to serve when scheduled, please try to find a substitute. Also notify the church office as soon as possible (630 837-1166 or immanuelbartlett@sbcglobal.net) Thank you!



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Hispanic Ministry Church

Sunday - 1:00 p.m. - 5:00:p.m.

Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Friday - 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight

The last Sunday of every month

1:00 p.m. - 6:30:p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday - 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

3 9:30 a.m. Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	4	5	6	7	8	9	2 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
10 Rev. Perry filling in 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Breakfast/Brunch Bunch	11	12 Board of Lay Ministry 7 p.m.	13	14 Board of Directors 7 p.m.	15	16 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties	
17 9:30 a.m. Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class 5:00 p.m. Surge	18	19	20	21 Service at the Oaks 1:30 p.m.	22	23 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties	
24 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Eve Service (HC) 7:00 p.m.	28	29	30 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties	