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Pastor's Pen

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.” Isaiah 9:2 ESV

Light pierces through the darkness, like a bright headlight on a dark night. A lighthouse acts as a beacon guiding sailors to safety. We live in a very dark world. Darkness is all around us. We see natural disasters and mass killings. The darkness of this world and the heart of man is evident. We live under the shadow of sin. This time of year the days get shorter and darkness looms. To our dark world God sends the light. The Savior came; Jesus was born among people who were formerly in darkness. Jesus is the Light of the world. He is the light no darkness can overcome. He defeats sin, death and the devil. This time of year and always we give thanks that God has sent Jesus to be our Savior. We give thanks for the harvest and all the blessings God gives to us. We will begin lighting Advent candles as we celebrate the light of Jesus coming into our dark world. The glory of Jesus shines brighter than the Sun. His light is so great it overcomes the darkness of our sin and grants us forgiveness. He makes us pure white and holy. He prepares us for our heavenly home.

At the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation we confess the message of our salvation comes from Scripture alone. God's Word provides the light to our darkness. His Word enlightens us and explains the Gospel, the good news of our salvation. The Word of God points us to our Savior. Jesus is our true and only light.

Pastor Doellinger

“We, the people of Immanuel-Terril, hold God's Grace & Love, His leadership of providing Bible-centered preaching, hearing & answering prayers, the Great Commission and His commitment to our personal salvation to be our core values.”

Church Officers 2017

- President**.....Dewey Torkelson
- Secretary**.....Lana Dallman
- Treasurer**.....Don Holmberg
- Financial Secretary**.....Larry Kelp
- Elders**..... Dennis Dallman, Duane Gunderson, Dale Langner
- Trustees**.....Don Schnell, Robert Von Ehwegen, David Luehring
- Fin. Committee**..... Orville Lewis, Brian Zelinsky, Connie Zelinsky, Jerilyn Von Ehwegen
- Evang. Committee**.....Harold Schnell
- Youth Counselors**.....Robert & Tammi Von Ehwegen
- Organist**.....Sandra Sykes
- Custodian**.....Tammi Von Ehwegen
- Newsletter**.....Sandy Langner



LWML Officers 2017

- President**.....Betty Von Ehwegen
- Secretary**.....Marilyn Lewis
- Treasurer**.....Lana Dallman
- Christian Growth**.....Mary Nelson
- Funeral Co-chairs**.....Glenda Von Ehwegen, Mary Nelson, Betty Von Ehwegen



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November Greetings!

Happy Birthday to:

8-Norma Jean Meyer
-Jeremy Moyer
17-Tim Von Ehwegen
24-Matthew Feldman
28-Ruth Zelinsky
-Phyllis Bielfeldt

Happy Anniversary to:

25-M/M Dewey Torkelson



DECEMBER GREETINGS!

Happy Birthday to:

5-Jeanne Rademacher
7-Edith Netsch
9-Roxie Von Ehwegen
12-Harlan Maas
-Marilyn Lewis
-Brittany Jepsen
14-Jean Martin
-Jerry Zelinsky
16-Ron Zelinsky
18-Donnis Sorbo
27-Wilbert Bielfeldt

Happy Anniversary to:

M/M Rich Von Ehwegen
18-M/M Larry Kelp
30-M/M Roger Nelson



Immanuel Lutheran LWML met in the church basement on Thursday, October 19th. Three members and Pastor Doellinger were in attendance. Pastor led our Bible study from the Lutheran Quarterly entitled, "Set Your Minds on Things Above" by Shari Miller.

President Betty Von Ehwegen opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected. The treasurer's report was reviewed with the balance of \$886.59. The report was placed on file for audit.

Committee Reports: We have been blessed with lovely altar flowers for the month of October. The changes for the linens on the altar in the next few weeks were reviewed. St. Luke's is collecting coupons for the military. It doesn't matter if they are expired. 2018 calendars are also needed.

Betty shared correspondence. There will be one more free will offering on Sunday, October 22 for St. Luke's Gifting Bazaar.

November 11th is the Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School's fund raiser. Mary Nelson made a motion to send \$50 in lieu of a basket. Motion was seconded and passed. We are still collecting for the Upper Des Moines Food Pantry this month.

Mary gave a devotion entitled "Jesus Came for Me!" for Christian Growth.

Betty thanked Melissa Doellinger for furnishing our lunch. Thursday, November 16th will be our next meeting with Betty as hostess. We closed with The Lord's Prayer and the common table prayer.

Pumpkin donuts and munchies were enjoyed.

Secretary, Marilyn Lewis

Thanks to everyone who donated food items & cash to Upper Des Moines Opportunity Food Bank in Spirit Lake. Thanks too, to those who helped & donated cookies to serve at St. Luke's Auxiliary meeting in October & for your donations to their "Gifting Bazaar".

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

-Psalm 100:4

Immanuel Lutheran Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, you may call or notify by email any person on this list. That person should then call the first person on the list to get the chain started. You may either call or email the prayer information. Our purpose is to pray for the need as soon as we are notified. This will be kept confidential and only included in public prayers of the church if requested. It is not necessary to give names if you prefer not to. We hope this prayer chain not only enhances the ministry of our congregation, but also helps you to grow in your faith and life in Christ.

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Betty Von Ehwegen...853-6552 or dandbvon@terril.com
Sally Hoppe.....332-8200
Roxie Von Ehwegen.....853-6551
Rebekah Schnelle...339-0793 or rsch51477@yahoo.com

We will be doing the "Manger of Love" during December again this year. Watch the later bulletins for suggested items for the Manger. Also, we will have our Poinsettia Patch during Advent! Anyone wishing to bring a Poinsettia may bring it to the church anytime during December and Betty will keep them watered and arranged for you.

November/December Readings....on Saturday, (or sometime earlier in the week) go over these readings in your devotions as you prepare for church. Pray for the worship service on the next day. Pray for Pastor and his sermon that God may speak to us through him. Pray for blessings on all the people who will worship and receive the Lord's Supper.

DATE	FESTIVAL	FIRST READING	PSALM	EPISTLE	GOSPEL
November 5 (observed)	All Saints' Day (Nov. 1)	Revelations 7: (2-8) 9-17	Psalms 149	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5: 1-12
November 12 (Proper 27)	23 rd Sunday after Pentecost	Amos 5:18-24	Psalms 70	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
November 19 (Proper 28)	24 th Sunday after Pentecost	Zephaniah 1:7-16	Psalms 90:1-12	1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
November 22	Thanksgiving Eve	Deuteronomy 8:1-10	Psalms 67	Philippians 4:6-20 or 1 Timothy 2:1-4	Luke 17:11-19
November 26 (Proper 29)	Last Sunday of the Church Year	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20- 24	Psalms 95:1-7a	1 Corinthians 15:20- 28	Matthew 25:31-46
December 3	1 st Sunday in Advent	Isaiah 64: 1-9	Psalms 80: 1-7	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 11:1-10 or Mark 13:24-37
December 10	2 nd Sunday in Advent	Isaiah 40:1-11	Psalms 85	2 Peter 3:8-14	Mark 1:1-8
December 17	3 rd Sunday in Advent	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	Psalms 126	1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24	John 1: 6-8, 19-28
December 24	4 th Sunday in Advent	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Psalms 89:1-5 (19- 29)	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
December 24 (Eve)	The Nativity of Our Lord	Isaiah 7:10-14	Psalms 110:1-4	1 John 4:7-16	Matthew 1: 18-25
December 25	The Nativity of Our Lord	Isaiah 52:7-10	Psalms 2	Hebrews 1:1-6 (7-12)	John 1:1-14 (15-18)
December 31	1 st Sunday after Christmas	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Psalms 111	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:22-40

Bible Study after Worship: Come join us for a study called "Christ Have Mercy: How to Put your Faith in Action." We will study the Scriptures along with LCMS President Matthew Harrison's book. Sessions include: The Bridge, The Crash, No One Here, Mercy in the City, & Courage to Be.

Children's Clothing Cooperative: Help is always needed to straighten & put out clothing at CCC located at the United Methodist Church in Terril. Our church is responsible for 2 times a month, 1st & 3rd weeks. Check with Pastor Doellinger if you'd like to help. Thanks!!

Please note the cut-off date for the Newsletter on the calendar. Remember to let us know if your address changes, if you'd like to add someone to our mailing list (college students?) or if you'd like to be taken off our mailing list. You can also let us know of any birthdays or anniversaries we need to add or change. Call **Sandy** @ 712.836.2544 or email: lngnfrm@mtcnet.net or you can leave me a note in my box at church or call Pastor/Melissa Doellinger at 712.853.6162, or email at pastord@terril.net. Thanks for your help!

Immanuel Lutheran Church Quarterly Voters' Meeting-- October 15, 2017

Chairman Dewayne Torkelson called the meeting to order in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Pastor Doellinger led the group in prayer.

Secretary Lana Dallman read the minutes of the last meeting. There were no additions or corrections and the minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Don Holmberg gave his report. Current balances are: General Fund-\$1071.31, Building Fund-\$698.48, Memorial Fund-\$4912.75, Annuities-\$46,923.98. We again needed to use \$3000 from the Annuity Fund to cover expenses in the General Fund. David Luehring moved to accept the report, Brian Zelinsky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Elders report: Dennis Dallman reported that the Elders did meet, but all information would be in Pastor's report.

Trustee report: Trustees had nothing to report. There was no Old Business.

New Business: The District is again asking for our commitment amount to missions. Our current commitment is \$6000. After discussion, Dale Langner moved and Dennis Dallman seconded the motion to again commit to \$6000 for missions. Motion carried.

Pastor informed us that there was now a local student in Ft. Wayne Seminary. He is Caleb Stoever of Christ the King. After discussion, Marilyn Lewis moved and Dale Langner seconded the motion to adopt Caleb as our seminary student. We will pay him \$1500 annually in 3 installments.

Dewayne Torkelson has been receiving information from the Synod about the congregational responsibilities for the LCMS convention in 2019 and the District convention June 24-26, 2018. In March of 2018 there will be a Circuit forum to: 1)Nominate candidates for Circuit Visitor for 2018-2021 district triennium; 2) To participate in the triennial process for determining the Synod's priorities; 3)Election of our circuit's delegates to the district convention. The Circuit forum consists of the Pastor and one lay member of each congregation. We are asked to submit any ideas or topics for the circuit forum. We will also need delegates (Pastor & one lay person for our District convention).

The group then had election of officers for the coming church year. There were no nominations from the floor. Ballots were passed out. Since all of the names on the ballot were running unopposed, Orville Lewis moved and Duane Gunderson seconded the motion to accept and elect all the names on the ballot without vote. Motions passed. The new officers are: Chairman-Dennis Dallman, Secretary-Lana Dallman, Elder-Dewayne Torkelson, Finance Sec.-Larry Kelp, Treasurer-Don Holmberg, Trustee-Rich Von Ehwegen, Evangelism-Harold Schnell, Youth-Robert & Tammi Von Ehwegen, Finance Bd-Orville Lewis and Brian Zelinsky.

Pastor's report: Third Quarterly attendance: 33 (2nd Quarter-41); VBS-12 Children (6 members, 6 non) 1-Funeral, currently have 7 shut-ins receiving visits, 2 Hospital visits, 12 Member calls, 7 Evangelism calls, 1 LWML Bible Study, 9 Circuit and other meetings, 1 Confirmation student. Pastor also discussed the Pastors' conference workshops dealing with reconciliation and church workers' health. Individual confession and absolution were also emphasized. Pastors' health and other problems were also discussed at the conference.

Thanksgiving Eve Service will be at 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve is on Sunday, so there will be a 9:00 a.m. service and a 6:00 p.m. service. Christmas Day service will be at 9:00 a.m.

Pastor also talked about evangelism in the community and possibly contacting the members of our community. He felt that the events we have held in the past have been good evangelism tools, such as the former coffee shop and the Veteran's Day supper.

Marilyn Lewis reminded us that on Veteran's Day this year the IGLLS will be having their fundraiser dinner & auction. If anyone wants to plan a Veteran's supper on another night, she has all the information. Jeri Nissen told Marilyn that there may be a Festival of Trees this winter. Perhaps an evangelism project could be a meal in conjunction with the Festival of Trees event.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Lana Dallman, Secretary

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NOVEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			1:00-2:00 pm-Office Hours	12-2:00 pm- Office Hours		Pastor's Day Off
			All Saints' Day			
5 All Saints' Day (obs)	6	7	8	9	10	11
Divine Worship/Holy Communion 9:00 am Bible Class 10:30-11:30am Daylight Svgs Ends Omelets @ Camp	12-2:00 pm- Office Hours	12-2:00 pm- Office Hours	1:00-2:00 pm-Office Hours	12-2:00 pm- Office Hours		Pastor's Day Off
		Election Day		4:30 Confirmation		Veteran's Day IGLLS Dinner & Auction
12 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost	13	14	15	16	17	18
Divine Worship/Holy Communion 9:00 am Bible Class 10:30-11:30am	12-2:00 pm- Office Hours	12-2:00 pm- Office Hours	1:00-2:00 pm-Office Hours	12-2:00 pm-Office Hours		Pastor's Day Off
				LWML 2:00 pm 4:30 Confirmation		
19 24 th Sunday after Pentecost	20	21	22	23	24	25
Divine Worship/Holy Communion 9:00 am Bible Class 10:30-11:30am	12-2:00 pm- Office Hours	12-2:00 pm- Office Hours	1:00-2:00 pm-Office Hours	12-2:00 pm-Office Hours		Pastor's Day Off
			Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Day		
26 Last Sunday of Church Year	27	28	29	30		
Divine Worship/Holy Communion 9:00 am Bible Class 10:30-11:30am	12-2:00 pm- Office Hours	12-2:00 pm- Office Hours	1:00-2:00 pm-Office Hours	12-2:00 pm-Office Hours		
				4:30 Confirmation St. Andrew, Apostle		



Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! --Psalm 95: 2

Please refer to weekly bulletins for corrections & additions to the calendar. Sunday bulletin information needs to be submitted to Pastor by Wednesdays. Thank you!!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
3 1 st Sunday in Advent	4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
Divine Worship/Holy Communion 9:00 am Bible Class 10:30-11:30am	12-2:00 pm- Office Hours	12-2:00 pm- Office Hours	1:00-2:00 pm-Office Hours Advent Service 7:00pm	12-2:00 pm-Office Hours 4:30 Confirmation		
10 2 nd Sunday in Advent	11	12	13	14	15	16 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
Divine Worship/Holy Communion 9:00 am Bible Class 10:30-11:30am	12-2:00 pm- Office Hours	12-2:00 pm- Office Hours	1:00-2:00 pm-Office Hours Advent Service 7:00pm	12-2:00 pm-Office Hours 4:30 Confirmation		
17 3 rd Sunday in Advent	18	19	20	21	22	23 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
Divine Worship/Holy Communion 9:00 am Bible Class 10:30-11:30 am	12-2:00 pm- Office Hours	12-2:00 pm- Office Hours	1:00-2:00 pm-Office Hours Advent Service 7:00pm	12-2:00 pm-Office Hours 4:30 Confirmation St. Thomas, Apostle		
24 4 th Sunday in Advent The Nativity of Our Lord	25 Christmas Day The Nativity of Our Lord	26	27	28	29	30
Divine Worship/Holy Communion 9:00 am Bible Class 10:30-11:30 am Christmas Eve Service 6:00 p.m.	Divine Worship 9:00 am	Cut-off for Jan/Feb Newsletter St. Stephen, Martyr	St. John, Apostle & Evangelist	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs		
31 1 st Sunday after Christmas	January 1, 2018					
Divine Worship/Holy Communion 9:00 am Bible Class 10:30-11:30 am	New Year's Day					
New Year's Eve						



*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"*

-Luke 2:13-14

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What is Happening at Your Camp?

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Ministry Advancement Director: Paul Golke (paul@campokoboji.org) Office Director: Kellie Jones (kellie@campokoboji.org) Bookkeeper: Karrie Mullenberg (karrie@campokoboji.org)

For more information about any of these camp events, please check out their website or call/email Doug, Lori, Paul or Kellie.

DISCOVER Campaign High Points: We truly give God all Praise & Glory!!

- \$1,500,000 Raised
- (2) \$250,000 Matching Challenges Met
- Over half of IDW Congregations involved
- Amazing response from Families-THANKS!
- Nearly all pledges have been fulfilled
- Opened spring of 2017
- Guests responding positively
- Versatility already being realized

What's Next: Camp leaders are reviewing the plan for Phase II. Look for more information in the months ahead. Prayers, input and support are appreciated.

November 18..... Make It Take It Fun Christmas crafts and/or decorations for either personal use or to give as gifts. Check out this new monthly program for the Discover Center. Each month will feature a different activity led by talented volunteers. Families and individuals are encouraged to take a few hours on a Saturday afternoon to come together and spend time together. A small fee will be charged to cover activity costs, between \$5 and \$10. **Join Us!**

December 4..... Help Decorate Camp For Christmas Join us as we take time to put Camp Okoboji into the Christmas spirit. There are many buildings to decorate, inside and out. A lunch is provided. Let us know if you can attend and help.

Stewardship November Newsletter Article—LCMS Website

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by the His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise, and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as (good stewards of His varied grace-1 Peter 4:10), we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's holy Word, as an offering. Thus, all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also offerings to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies, share with our family, neighbors, and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by the holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands, and He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing, and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for the celebrations of Thanksgiving, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. "For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance" (Matthew 13:12).



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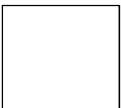
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Join us at Immanuel Terril for Divine Worship
with Communion every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
Bible Class following at 10:30-11:30 a.m.

November 22.....Thanksgiving Eve Service-7:00 pm
December 6, 13 & 20.....Advent Services-7:00 pm
December 24.....Divine Service-9:00 am &
Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols-6:00 pm
December 25.....Divine Worship-Christmas Day 9:00 am

Please join us for Worship!!! All are welcome!!

*As we continue to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation-
"It's still All About Jesus",
May your Thanksgiving & Christmas be filled with His Love, Joy & Peace!*



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