



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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All Thanks Be to God with Us!

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever” (Psalm 136:1). Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

People are quick to celebrate during moments of great success. That’s normal and we expect that. But for those in the spotlight it’s magnified many times over. Some examples are those receiving an award such as a Nobel Prize, professional sports teams winning a championship, a politician who wins an election, etc. It’s during these celebrations that they are often surrounded by others who share their experience. In these joyful moments they are quick to give thanks to those who have helped make those achievements possible. The names of those who had a positive impact on them, who truly made a difference in their lives, are shared publicly. They are in the spotlight. We are drawn into their experience and are made aware of those who had such an impact on their lives, it’s a very special moment. That’s what it’s like in the earthly realm.

In the month of November, we gather with family to share a delicious meal and “give thanks” for the many blessings in our lives. At Immanuel we gather with other believers the night before Thanksgiving Day to “give thanks” to God who graciously gives us all things, “The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing (Ps 145:15-16). Giving thanks to God is expressed through prayer and praise in the Divine Service. “I will give you thanks in the great assembly; among the throngs of people I will praise you” (Ps 35:18). The difference between our giving thanks to God and those who publicly thank others is obvious. We are set apart for the things of God (made holy and called saints). But God’s people are not in the spotlight, nor do we seek it. Instead, we thank God silently throughout the day or audibly for others to hear, “I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders” (Ps 9:1).

Giving thanks to God is beyond the scope of earthly thanks and praise. We thank God in all circumstances—the good, the bad, and everything in between—that’s not always easy, but it is God’s will for us (1Thess. 5:18). Ultimately, when we give thanks to God, He receives all the glory. The spotlight is on Him as we gather around Word and Sacrament celebrating His greatest achievement—sending His Son Jesus Christ who bore our sin and became our Savior by rising again from the dead for our justification. This is the greatest reason to give thanks to God. I look forward to worshiping with you each time we come together at Immanuel to pray, praise, and give thanks to Immanuel, God with us. Amen.

To God be the Glory!

Pastor Steve Deombeleg

Put Your Hands Together

A ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hillside

October/November 2025 News Report

PYHT Food Pantry Distributions & Activity

Grants Written: 0

In-Kind Food Donations/Food Rescue Recovery: 17,547

Food Ministry Service Events: 7 Events

Direct Families Served: Families Food Ministry Partners 126 Families/9 Agencies

PYHT Food Relief Agencies & Ministries Served: Westchester FP, Berwyn FP, St. Paul Oak Lawn, St. Lukes, Downers Grove Comm Kitchen, Pilsen Pantry, Elmwood Park FP, Chicago Heights FP, Rev. Nicks.

NEWS

Food Pantry Holiday Season Fundraiser is here.

Helping a family in need this season will be greatly appreciated! Turkeys (\$15) Full Meal Box (\$40), no price increases this year! Turkey Gift Cards (\$15) for Jewel-Osco will be given on Thanksgiving. With government programs terminated and employee layoffs, we anticipate an increase in number of families in need this season. We are grateful for all that God provides; there will be plenty of opportunity to serve others well into the new year. Please keep us in your prayers.

HELP NEEDED

Fundraising, Food Drives and other support for the pantry is increasingly difficult and competitive with our other ministries and school, especially around the holidays. Please consider making a recurring donation to our food pantry online, through REALM. A small monthly donation of 10 or \$25 or more can make a remarkable difference in our pantry sustainability and help cover the many expenses we incur each month.

God Bless our Volunteers! You are so appreciated! Thank you for your time and food donations!

HELP NEEDED

Saturday, November 8th @9:30am - PANTRY DAY!

Saturday, November 22nd @9:30am - Thanksgiving Giveaway

Saturday, December 13th @9:30am - PANTRY DAY!

Friday, December 19th @9:30am - Christmas Distribution



Immanuel Food Pantry will be hosting 2 special food distributions this Holiday, we expect to serve at least 200 additional families over Thanksgiving & Christmas. Please consider helping us offset the cost of our food purchases and helping a family in need!

Turkey \$15 or Full Meal Box \$40

Showing our Gratitude

God gives us His love, goodness, and mercy daily. He has given us victory over sin and death through His Son. Christ has given us the blessings of forgiveness of sins, justification, a new life, and an eternal hope. Because of His bountiful blessings, we should be compelled to show our gratitude. Do we? Could we, at times, be taking all that we receive for granted?

If Christ were to come into our homes in physical form, certainly we would express our thanks in tangible ways. Before He arrived, we would clean our homes thoroughly, and, when He arrived, we would make Him comfortable, run errands for Him, offer Him our best food, and give Him our time and attention. Since we don't have that opportunity, we show our gratitude in other ways.

One way that we express our gratitude is to give thanks throughout the day. When we see life and its blessings as gifts, we are prepared to offer our thanks. Our thanksgiving is demonstrated when we use the faith God has given us to live in obedience to His Word. God hears and sees our gratitude through the lives we live. When we generously share our time and money with others in Christian love, we show our thanksgiving for our gifts. Our giving reflects Christ's love in us. We express our thanks to our heavenly Father when we joyfully receive His gifts in private and corporate worship.

As stewards, we find that gratitude to God opens our hearts to receive more of God's love which enables us, in turn, to be more faithful with our time, talents, and treasures. In response to God's love, grace, and mercy, we give ourselves and our resources. When we acknowledge God as our creator and redeemer, Who is the core for everything good in our lives, we will serve the Lord faithfully out of gratitude for all His amazing blessings and gifts to us. Our gratefulness to God will enable us to experience joy in Him even during bad times because God promises to comfort and sustain us in all things. When we know that heaven awaits us, in Jesus, it changes the way we look at life here and now.

Through the eyes of faith, we understand that being thankful to God is the key to living life.

**AS NEW PEOPLE IN CHRIST,
WE FOREGO SELFISH
INTERESTS TO LIVE LIVES
OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE.**

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" (1 Peter 4:10).



**WE PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM
ALL BLESSINGS FLOW, AND WE
LIVE OUR LIVES IN GRATITUDE
FOR HIS GENEROSITY AND
GOODNESS.**

"O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 107:1).

Stewardship Corner

God is the ultimate supplier, and He provides for both our spiritual and material needs. Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the provision God has made for us in all ways at all times. As we list our blessings, we find that we have all we need and more besides. That "besides" is what the Apostle Paul addressed in 2 Corinthians 9:11: *"You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God."* And so, the cycle continues as the thankful heart responds in giving and sharing which results in more thanks being given to God! Have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!

SCHOOL GYM FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN



This fundraising campaign will help us raise the balance needed to complete our ceiling restoration. Your generosity will directly impact our students and community, ensuring ICA remains a vibrant, thriving environment for future generations.

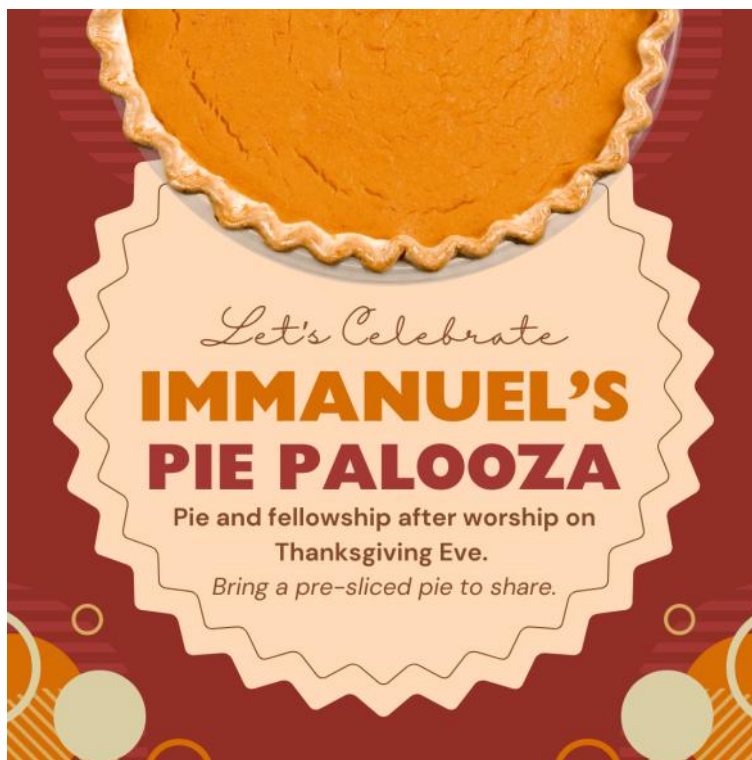


How You Can Help:

- ✓ Adopt a Tile
- ✓ Spread the Word

**Adopt
-a-
Tile**

Give Today!



**Turn everyday shopping
into fundraising dollars**



RaiseRight

Formerly ShopWithScrip

Shop with Raise Right Scrip fundraising is a no - selling program that enables families to raise money for their church or school. Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards. You purchase gift cards from your organization at face value, and your coordinator orders those cards from Raise Right Scrip at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for Immanuel. *Order Forms are in the church hallway or enroll and order online: www.raiseright.com/enroll/ Enrollment Code: 9D337C6F55761*

CARDINALS CARE SERVICE PROJECT LUNCHES FOR HOUSING FORWARD

The PTL is organizing a special project where our students will prepare lunches to donate to Housing Forward on 11/14/2025 and 2/27/2026. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to give back and show kindness in action!

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Bread (sandwich loaves)
- Turkey Deli meats
- Sliced Cheese
- Fruit Cups
- Snack items (granola bars, crackers, pretzels, chips) individually packaged
- Bottled water
- Sandwich bags
- Sliced Tomatoes
- Lettuce, chopped for sandwiches
- Pickles
- String Cheese



DONATION PERIODS:

11/12/2025 – 11/14/2025 and 2/24/2026 – 2/27/2026

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT.

P.T.L.

Everything written in the Scriptures was written to teach us, in order that we might have hope through the patience and encouragement which the Scriptures gives. Romans 15:4

Getting the Most Out of Your Daily Bible Reading

As you read the Bible each day, allow the Scriptures to speak to you. This daily “dialogue “ between you and the biblical text will reveal new understandings about God, and about yourself.

November - Thanks and Praise

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| ☐ 1 Psalm 8 | ☐ 17 Psalm 105:23–45 |
| ☐ 2 2 Chronicles 5:1–14 | ☐ 18 Psalm 106:1–23 |
| ☐ 3 Ezra 1:1–11 | ☐ 19 Psalm 106:24–48 |
| ☐ 4 Ezra 3:1–13 | ☐ 20 Psalm 107:1–22 |
| ☐ 5 Ezra 4:24–5:17 | ☐ 21 Psalm 107:23–43 |
| ☐ 6 Ezra 6:1–12 | ☐ 22 Psalm 135 |
| ☐ 7 Ezra 6:13–22 | ☐ 23 Psalm 144 |
| ☐ 8 Ezra 7:1–10 | ☐ 24 Psalm 145 |
| ☐ 9 Ezra 7:11–28 | ☐ 25 Psalm 146 |
| ☐ 10 Nehemiah 8:1–18 | ☐ 26 Psalm 147 |
| ☐ 11 Nehemiah 12:27–47 | Thanksgiving Day |
| ☐ 12 Haggai 1:1–15 | ☐ 27 Psalm 148 |
| ☐ 13 Haggai 2:1–23 | ☐ 28 Psalm 149 |
| ☐ 14 Psalm 113 | ☐ 29 Psalm 150 |
| ☐ 15 Psalm 118 | First Sunday of Advent |
| ☐ 16 Psalm 105:1–22 | ☐ 30 Psalm 34 |

Set aside time to read the bible on a daily basis.

Find a quiet place to read and reflect on each day's reading.

Begin with prayer, asking God for guidance and blessing.

For the Record

Deaths

Sharon Tiedt 10/16/25

Ed Lechelt, 10/25/25

Philbert Wilcox Sr. 10/29/25



November Birthdays

01 - Alicia Blair

02 - *Stiles Johnson*

03 - Leslie Iacovetti

04 - Christine Bost (Bell)

05 - Mike Mannella

06 - Daniel Stallings

10 - *Isaac Holston*

11 - Jacob Czubernat

12 - *Jahnnya Brantley*

14 - Susan Arnold

14 - *Mila Swims*

19 - Dorothy Ivers

22 - Olivia Deombeleg

24 - Thy Vu

26 - Dottie Simon

29 - *Jayceon Cruz*

30 - Tina Alicea

A Month of Prayer

The fellowship of prayer consists of caring people who pray daily for members in the church. Members and their families will be listed in alphabetical order each month. Please pray for both their known and unknown needs.

1. *The Brantley-Cruz Family*
2. Ruth Anne Brendemuhl
3. Doretha Brown & Rashaad Smith
4. The Burks Family
5. *The Cage/Thomas Family*
6. Joe & Lisa Chioda
7. *Coe / Brown Family*
8. *The Coleman Family*
9. The Czubernat Family
10. Detrall Dearbone
11. The Deombeleg Family
12. Laprika Duff & Jayla Pernel
13. *The Estelle Jeffries Family*
14. *The Everhart Family*
15. *The Friend Family*
16. *The Garrett Family*
17. Arlene Gasperich
18. Lisa Gasperich
19. *The Gerard Family*
20. *The Gipson Family*
21. Stella Gonzalez
22. The Hadler Family
23. Steve Hadler
24. Evelyn Haynes
25. Corinne Hein
26. *The Harris / Stines Family*
27. The Hempel Family
28. *The Henderson Family*
29. *The Hiner Family*
30. *The Honey Family*

The season of Advent begins on November 30th. As Christmas preparations get underway, watch for poinsettia order forms in the Sunday bulletin beginning in late November. The display of these beautiful plants is the final step in our Christmas decorating preparations.





November 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 <i>Turn back clock one hour before bed tonight Daylight Saving Time</i>
2 - All Saints Observed 9:30am Worship HC 10:30 Fellowship 11:00am Confirmation 11:15am Bible Study	3 MAP Testing →	4 5:30pm Day School Commission Meeting	5 9:30am Chapel	6	7 1pm Early Dismissal 6pm Dinner Auction	8 11am Food Pantry Distribution
9 9:30am Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00am Confirmation 11:15am Bible Study	10 Scrip Orders Due	11 - Veterans Day 6pm PTL Meeting 6pm Church Council Meeting	12 9:30am Chapel 3pm Pep Squad Practice	13 3pm JV Basketball Practice 6pm Elders Meeting	14 End of Trimester 3pm JV Basketball Practice 7pm Adult Volleyball	15 8am - Noon School Gym in Use
16 9:30am Worship HC 10:30 Fellowship 11:00am Confirmation 11:15am Bible Study	17 - Parent Teacher Conferences 3pm JV Basketball Practice	18 - Parent Teacher Conferences 3pm JV Basketball Practice	19 - Parent Teacher Conferences 9:30am Chapel 3pm Pep Squad Practice	20 - Parent Teacher Conferences 3pm JV Basketball Practice	21 Friendsgiving Lunch 4pm JV Basketball Game HOME 7pm Adult Volleyball	22 11am Thanksgiving Food Distribution
23 9:30am Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 am Voters Meeting	24 - NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	25 - NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	26 - NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie	27 - NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day 	28 - NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	29
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*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10*