November INFORMER

A SEASON OF GRATITUDE

Immanuel
LUTHERAN CHURCH & CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!"
1 CHRONICLES 16:34

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"You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, witich through us will produce thanksgiving to God."
2 CORINTHIANS 9:11

FROM THE PASTOR

A Grateful Heart

November is a natural time to pause and give thanks. All around us, God's blessings are clear — from the gift of salvation in Jesus Chrict to the everyday blessings of family, church, school, and community.

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, may our hearts be filled with gratitude for God's goodness, and may that gratitude lead us to serve, give, and share His love with others.

Pastor Steve





THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Followed by Pie Fest in the Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 AT 7:00 P.M.



Join us for a fun evening of dinner, auction, and fellowship to support ICA student scholarships and student services.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 AT 5:00 P.M.



FOOD PANTRY

Serving our neighbors with food, care, and Christ's love.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 AT 11:00 A.M.



THE SOURCE OF EVERY BLESSING

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who dose not change like shifting shadows."

James 1:17

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GRATITUDE, PRAYER & BIRTHDAYS

30 Days of Gratitude & Prayer

Each day this month, take a moment to give thanks and lift these prayer requests to the Lord.

1. Lord, thank You for salvation.
2. Bless our families with Your love.
3. Thank You for faithful friends.
4. Help us resist temptation.
5. Teach us to trust Your timing.
6. Bless our church family.
7. Thank You for Your faithfulness.
8. Help us love as You love.
9. Give us wisdom through Your Word.
10. Grant us patience each day.
11. Guide us through uncertainty.
12. Thank You for hearing our prayers.
13. Help us share our blessings.
14. Guide us to use our gifts well.
15. Thank You for forgiveness.
16. Bless children and their teachers.
17. Remind us we belong to You.
18. Grow our faith through Scripture.
19. Fill our hearts with Your peace.
20. Help us serve in freedom.
21. Bless all who seek employment.
22. Protect those who serve others.
23. Thank You for the gift of life.
24. Holy Spirit, guide our steps.
25. Bless our loved ones and homes.
26. We thank You for every blessing.
27. Thank You for Your creation.
28. Be our refuge and strength.
29. Prepare our hearts for Advent.
30. Keep our hope in Christ.

November Birthdays

01	Alicia Blair
02	Stiles Johnson
03	Leslie Iacovetti
04	Christine Bost (Bell)
05	Mike Mannella
06	Daniel Stallings
09	Alyanna Carrera
09	Ru'e Clue
10	Isaac Holston
11	Jacob Czubernat
12	Jahniya Brantley
14	Susan Arnold
14	Mila Swims
14	Mia Karpierz
15	Fredreich Schulz
22	Olivia Deombeleg
24	Thy Vu
26	Dottie Simon
29	Jayceon Cruz
30	Tina Alicea

Happy Birthday!

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever!

— 1 CHRONICLES 16:34 —

FROM THE PASTOR

An Attitude of Gratitude

As we approach Thanksgiving and then, shortly thereafter, the end of 2026, we are reminded of the many blessings that God has given to us. The question that we should be asking is, "How do we begin to thank God for all that He has done and continues to do for us?" High on our lists of things to thank our Heavenly Father for should be our new lives in Christ. In spite of our sinful ways, God demonstrated His awesome love for us by sending His only Son to the Cross on our behalf. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we live as forgiven, redeemed people with the assurance of life eternal with Jesus. We certainly will also thank Him for our families as well as our material blessings. How blessed we are that God provides for all that we need to sustain our lives, and, through faith that He provides, He will give us life forever with Him.

I want to suggest another wonderful blessing for us that we should always give thanks for and that is God's faithfulness to us. As the prophet Jeremiah wrote, "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23). God's faithfulness to us never wavers, even though we vacillate in our faithfulness to Him.

Because of God's faithfulness to us, God has blessed us so we can be a blessing to others. Recognizing our blessings are so freely given to us causes us to want to share our blessings.

Through faith, we willingly "share with God's people who are in need" (Romans 12:13). "Christ's love compels us" (2 Corinthians 5:14 NIV) to respond to the needs of others, both physical and spiritual needs. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we become channels through which God works.

Those who are a blessing to others reflect and live with an attitude that is described as "an attitude of gratitude." To live with "an attitude of gratitude," means we truly understand that God is the source of all blessings. Understanding God's grace, love, and mercy, we are motivated to live lives which reflect our gratitude for what God is doing in our lives. Living with an attitude of gratitude moves our attention from daily frustrations and hardships to recognize the small and ordinary comforts, big and small. We will operate from a place of having enough rather than constantly chasing more to feel happy. Thankfulness becomes a daily habit.

With thanks to God in mind, let's join together on Wednesday, November 25th at 7pm for a special Thanksgiving Eve service followed by a time of fellowship. We call it "Pie Fest." May you all have a blessed thanksgiving with your family, enjoy some turkey, and possibly watch some football. Happy Thanksgiving!



In Christ, Pastor Steve

Immanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH & CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

November

BIBLE READING & MINISTRY NEWS



Spend time in God's Word each day and grow in faith, gratitude, and a deeper walk with Him.

- ☐ **Nov. 1** Psalm 100
- ☐ **Nov. 2** 1 Thessalonians 5:12–28
- ☐ **Nov. 3** Luke 17:1–19
- ☐ **Nov. 4** Colossians 3:12–17
- ☐ **Nov. 5** Psalm 136
- ☐ **Nov. 6** Hebrews 12:1–13
- ☐ **Nov. 7** Luke 18:1–8
- ☐ **Nov. 8** Romans 12:1–8
- ☐ **Nov. 9** Psalm 111
- ☐ **Nov. 10** Ephesians 4:25–32
- ☐ **Nov. 11** Matthew 6:19–34
- ☐ **Nov. 12** Philippians 4:4–9
- ☐ **Nov. 13** Psalm 103
- ☐ **Nov. 14** 1 Peter 4:7–11
- ☐ **Nov. 15** Luke 19:1–10
- ☐ **Nov. 16** James 1:16–27
- ☐ **Nov. 17** Psalm 107
- ☐ **Nov. 18** Micah 6:6–8
- ☐ **Nov. 19** Luke 10:25–37
- ☐ **Nov. 20** 2 Corinthians 9:6–15
- ☐ **Nov. 21** Psalm 145
- ☐ **Nov. 22** John 15:1–12
- ☐ **Nov. 23** Galatians 5:22–26
- ☐ **Nov. 24** Psalm 23
- ☐ **Nov. 25** Lamentations 3:22–26
- ☐ **Nov. 26** 1 Chronicles 16:8–36
- ☐ **Nov. 27** Romans 8:28–39
- ☐ **Nov. 28** Psalm 46
- ☐ **Nov. 29** Isaiah 40:28–31
- ☐ **Nov. 30** Matthew 11:25–30

CHURCH MINISTRY NEWS



FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Serving our neighbors with food, care, and Christ's love.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 AT 11:00 A.M.



THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP & PIE FEST

Join us for a special Thanksgiving Eve service followed by fellowship and pie!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 AT 7:00 P.M.



ADVENT SERVICES

Prepare your heart for the coming of Christ this Advent.

WEDNESDAYS, DEC. 2, 9, & 16

Advent Supper at 6:00 p.m. | Worship at 7:00 p.m.



ADULT VOLLEYBALL NIGHTS

Fun, Fitness and Fellowship!

FRIDAYS, NOV. 13 & 20

Rooted in Scripture

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Trusting God's Word

The Bible is the uniquely written and preserved account of God, His people, and the growth of His Kingdom. It tells us who God is. It tells us about the tragedy of sin which separates people from God. It tells about the assurance of forgiveness for all our sins and the eternal life we have by grace through faith in Jesus. It tells us about the call to discipleship that comes to all Christians. Through this one book, we grow to know the Father, His Son, and the Holy Spirit. I will highlight a few verses from Scripture telling us that God's Word has the full ability to change and transform us. The first verse refers to the fact that Scripture is given to us by inspiration from God the Holy Spirit: In 2 Timothy 3:16 we read, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." The next verse is a verse that describes the supernatural life and power of God's Word: Hebrews 4:12 reads, "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword…and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."



The following verse refers to the knowledge and wisdom that come from the Word of God: In John 14:26 we read, "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." The Word of God will last and stand forever both in this life and the life in Heaven. In Isaiah 40:8 we read, "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." Knowing that the words in the Bible are inspired and are divine truths, may we all spend time meditating on the words of the Bible so we can discern what God would have us learn and live out in our daily lives. "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." Isaiah 40:8

STEWARDSHIP IS GOD'S WAY OF ENRICHING HIS PEOPLE.

STEWARDS ARE TOOLS IN GOD'S HANDS TO DO HIS WORK.

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10).

"Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."
2 Corinthians 9:6

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

As God's people through faith in Jesus Christ, we are filled with the Holy Spirit and enabled to demonstrate our love in ways that honor Him. There are many ways that we can respond to God's love for us, all of which are aimed at thanking and praising Him for sending Jesus to be our Savior. First and foremost, we respond to God's love for us by placing Him above everything else in our lives. "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (Matthew 6:33). We can also respond to God's love for us by serving Him and His Church with our special talents, interests, and spiritual gifts (1 Peter 4:10)

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Church & School Fundraising

SUPPORT • GIVE • MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Join us in supporting the ministries of Immanuel Lutheran Church & Christian Academy!



Panera FUNDRAISER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026

4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Panera Bread
11215 Cermak Rd., Westchester, IL



Panda Express FUNDRAISER

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2026

10:00 A.M. – 11:30 P.M.

Dine at Panda Express and support Immanuel Christian Academy!



ICA STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP DINNER AUCTION

A ROARING '20's CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026

5:00 P.M.

TICKETS $50 EACH



Holiday Meal GIVING

Help provide Thanksgiving and holiday meals for families in our community.

$40 covers a complete holiday meal.

Your generosity supports student scholarships, student services, church ministries, and outreach to families in need.

Immanuel Christian Academy

School Events & Activities

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ICA



ICA HAPPY FEET RUN CLUB

Open to All Students!
Grades 1 – 4

A fun and active after-school club that encourages fitness, confidence, and school spirit!



BASKETBALL SEASON BEGINS!

Come out and cheer on our Cardinals!

NOVEMBER GAMES

Mon., Nov. 17	HOME Game	4:00 p.m.
Thu., Nov. 20	HOME Game	4:00 p.m.



School Worship Service

Friday, November 20, 2026

9:30 a.m. • ICA Gym

Join us as we gather as a school family to worship, give thanks, and be encouraged in God's Word.

♡ Faith • Fellowship • Athletics • School Spirit

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

November 2026 • MONTHLY CALENDAR

● Church & worship ● School & ICA activities ● Special celebrations

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 All Saints' Day 9:30 Worship	**2**	**3** Basketball practice 5:30 Day School Commission Mtg.	**4** 9:30 Chapel 2:30 Staff Meeting	**5** Basketball practice	**6**	**7** 5:00 Dinner Auction
8 9:30 Worship	**9**	**10** Basketball practice 4–8 Panera fundraiser 6:00 Church Council 6:00 PTL meeting	**11** Veterans Day 9:30 Chapel	**12** Basketball practice	**13** 11:30 School dismissal End of Trimester 7:00 Adult volleyball	**14** Gym in use 11:00 Food Pantry
15 Gym in use 9:30 Worship 11:00 Voters meeting	**16** Parent–Teacher Conferences	**17** Parent–Teacher Conferences 4:00 Basketball HOME	**18** Parent–Teacher Conferences 2:30 Run Club	**19** Parent–Teacher Conferences Basketball practice	**20** 9:30 School thanksgiving worship 4:00 Basketball HOME 7:00 Adult volleyball	**21**
22 9:30 Worship	**23** Thanksgiving break – no school	**24** Thanksgiving break – no school	**25** Thanksgiving break – no school 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve worship & Pie Fest	**26** Thanksgiving Day No school	**27** Thanksgiving break – no school	**28**
29 First Sunday of Advent 9:30 Worship Gym in use	**30** Panda Express fundraiser	**1** DEC Basketball practice	**2** DEC 9:30 Chapel 6:00 Supper in Fellowship Hall 7:00 Advent Worship	**3** DEC Basketball practice	**4** DEC 4:00 Basketball HOME game 7:00 Adult volleyball	**5** DEC

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