



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Glorifying God. Impacting the Community.

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Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,

October has arrived and we often remark, "I can't believe it's already October!"

Now that October is here it's also a time of transition, a time of change. Autumn began late in September, and the days are beginning to shorten, bringing less light which causes the beautiful change in the color of foliage. "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" (Ps 98:4).

Here at Immanuel, a time of transition also takes place. With the summer months and vacation season in our rearview mirror, we now shift to a more familiar schedule for worship and school activities. The return of church and school choirs elevates our worship experience. Special events this month at ICA include Pastor Appreciation Chapel (Oct. 15) and Trunk-or-Treat (Oct. 24), as well as our ongoing Diaper Derby fundraiser and a special Reformation Service at ILC (Oct. 26). These special services and events during the month of October unite us. As a community of believers in Christ we share life together in God's Kingdom, a Kingdom of grace, mercy, and peace.

This sharing of life includes our giving thanks and praise to God for all His blessings throughout the year. "Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!" (Ps. 150:1-2).

I would like to conclude by giving thanks and praise to God for all of you. ILC and ICA have shown such great love and compassion to me and my family during our time of grieving as my mother Dora was called to her heavenly home. God gave her a long life, and her suffering is now over. Many of you have experienced the death of a loved one and know firsthand what it's like to lose someone close to you. And you also know what it's like when God's people embrace you with His love. Words cannot express how God moves through His saints. I am reminded of the Apostle John's words, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God" (1 Jn 4:7). For this I give thanks and praise to God.

In the Fellowship and Love of Christ,

Pastor Steve Deombeleg

Put Your Hands Together

A ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church

PYHT Food Pantry Distributions & Activity

Grants Written: 2

In-Kind Food Donations / Food Rescue
Recovery: 31,588

Food Ministry Service Events: 8 Events

Direct Families Served: Families and Food
Ministry Partners 191 Families/ 7 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.

NEWS

LOOK AHEAD! 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.

HELP NEEDED

Fundraising, Food Drives and other support for
the pantry is increasingly difficult and competi-
tive with our other ministries and school, espe-
cially around the holidays.

Please consider making a recurring donation to
our food pantry online, through REALM. A
small monthly donation of \$10, \$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 appreci-
ated! Thank you for your time and food
donations!

Michael Lewis Co, the food vendor from the
airlines that we receive great donations from
will be volunteering with us over the Holidays!
What a great opportunity for us all as a minis-
try. Please pray and bless our upcoming events,
that we may bring Glory to God!

Important Dates

Saturday, October 11th

@9:30am PANTRY DAY!

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

Called to Be Ambassadors

In Webster's New World Dictionary, ambassador is defined as "the highest-ranking diplomatic representative of one country to another." An ambassador of the United States to another country holds a very prestigious position. This person speaks for our country. The honor of a country is in the ambassador's hands. The responsibility of an ambassador is to represent his/her country in a very honorable way.

By His grace, God calls us to be ambassadors for Jesus by representing and speaking on His behalf. We bring Jesus' message to the world. As important as it is to be an ambassador who represents a country, it is a much greater privilege and a much more significant responsibility to represent Jesus. The Apostle Paul wrote, "*All this is from God, Who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation...Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us*" (2 Corinthians 5:18-20). Just as Jesus sent Paul to be an ambassador, He is sending us. As ambassadors for Jesus, we share the Gospel with whomever God places in our paths.

God makes His appeal to unbelievers through us, and, therefore, it is imperative that we share the Gospel, which is the life-giving truth. We are to preach and teach the Word of God. We choose to be among those workers in the harvest field (Matthew 9:36-38) who share our testimonies of faith, always pointing others to Christ and His Gospel. As ambassadors, we share the good news that God has reconciled us sinners with Himself through His Son, Jesus. Because Jesus, Who knew no sin, took upon Himself our sins, we are made righteous in Jesus. We are called to take this life-saving message to our homes, neighborhoods, schools, places of work, and the entire world.

God not only gives us His marching orders; He empowers us to carry them out. What God expects He enables. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, God changes us into people who are up to the task of being ambassadors. As we spend time in God's Word and in prayer, we are emboldened to speak the Good News so that others may experience the joy and peace that God gives.

**WE NEED TO BE IN CHRIST
IN ORDER TO BE A SERVANT
OF CHRIST."**

"A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another: just as I
have loved you, you also are to love
one another" (John 13:34).



**HOW WE VIEW OUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH JESUS WILL DETERMINE HOW
WE SEE OUR PURPOSE IN LIFE.**

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the
Lord and not for men" (Colossians 3:23).

Stewardship Corner

1 Corinthians 3:9 reads, "*For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.*" By God's grace through the working of the Holy Spirit, we become fellow workers with Him. God blesses us with the privilege and the responsibility to be His fellow workers or stewards through whom He works. Through faith, we understand that we are caretakers or managers of God's amazing creation. We are guided and directed by God's will that comes to us through His Word. Through the indwelling Holy Spirit, we are willing to submit our will to God's will. We do not work for Him but with Him. We become His hands, feet, and mouth to the world.

Collect items
to help moms
in need.

- . Diapers: sizes newborn, 1-6
- . Pull-ups
- . Wipes
- . Lotion
- . Shampoo/ Soap
- . Formula



Meeting Needs & Saving Lives in Illinois
Through 7 Pregnancy Centers & 5 Baby Banks



Diaper Derby has begun! As a church, we will be collecting diapers, especially sizes newborn, 5, 6 & 7, pull-ups and wipes. Please leave donations by the table display in the narthex. Supplies benefit Caring Network's baby bank programs, providing material goods, parenting classes, and spiritual support to new parents in need. Questions? See Becky Lelingis.

**ADULT.
VOLLEYBALL**

**FUN, FAITH AND FITNESS
SELECT FRIDAYS 7:00 P.M.**

@immanuelhillside

**Fall
BACK**

November 2, 2025 2:00 a.m.

**TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR
BEFORE BED SATURDAY NIGHT.**

Gracious and loving God,

We give you thanks for pastor, Steve. He leads us, coaches us, nudges us, and prays for us on our paths of faith and ministry. Be with pastor as he prepares worship services, Bible studies, meetings, religion classes, chapel services and more.

Provide the opportunity for us to pause and appreciate the work all pastors do to support and care for us and the children of Immanuel. We appreciate how they walk with us, pray for us and hold us close during life's challenging times.

Guide our pastors during times of uncertainty, sadness and chaos. Help us to partner with them in the journey of ministry and sharing God's love to the world.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

As we continue to serve together in ministry, Immanuel Christian Academy is preparing for our upcoming Student Scholarship Dinner Auction, which will take place on Friday, November 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. This special evening helps raise scholarship funds to support families who desire a Christ-centered education for their children. Through your generosity, many students have been blessed with the opportunity to grow academically and spiritually here at ICA.

We humbly ask for your support again this year. We are seeking donations to make this event a success, whether through monetary contributions, gift cards, or donated items for our auction baskets. No gift is too small; every contribution helps us further our mission of providing quality Christian education rooted in faith and excellence.

If you would like to contribute, donations may be dropped off at the school office during the week. Thank you in advance for your prayers, and continued partnership in ministry.

Together, we are sowing seeds of faith that will bear fruit for generations to come.

With gratitude and blessings,

Carnita Nash, Principal



**TRUNK
or Treat**

**Friday
24
October**

Immanuel Christian Academy
2329 S. Wolf Rd. Hillside, IL
School Parking Lot
4:30 pm - 6:00pm
Please park in our church lot and walk over

Tractor Rides | Games | Festive Food

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!
It's Fun, It's Free!



IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

**STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP
DINNER AUCTION**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025
6:00 PM**

IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
2329 S. WOLF ROAD, HILLSIDE, IL 60162

Join us for a special evening filled with fellowship, dinner, and exciting auction opportunities—all to support student scholarships at Immanuel Christian Academy!

**TICKETS
\$50 EACH**

Proceeds directly benefit student scholarships—help us make Christian education accessible to every child!

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.

October - Pursuing Peace and Justice

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Psalm 52 | <input type="checkbox"/> 18 Deuteronomy 4:41–49 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Psalm 94 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Psalm 96 | <input type="checkbox"/> 19 Deuteronomy 5:1–22 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 20 Deuteronomy 5:23–33 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 1 Corinthians 11:17–34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 Deuteronomy 6:1–25 |
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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

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.

School families in italics

1. Lance Turner
2. Wayne & Debbie Valentino
3. *The Voss Family*
4. Randy & Michelle Weeks
5. Welch Family
6. Dorothy Westphal
7. Philbert Wilcox Sr.
8. Philbert Wilcox Jr.
9. Brett Willis
10. *The Whitaker / Stevens Family*
11. *The Wilson Family*
12. *The Woodruff Family*
13. *The Wright Family*
14. *The Williams Family*
15. *The Yi Family*
16. *The Afflack Family*
17. *The Aguirre Family*
18. Tina Alicea
19. Ron & Barb Arndt
20. Susan Arnold
21. *The Bankhead Family*
22. *The Barrett Family*
23. *The Baskerville Family*
24. Bell Family
25. Jennifer Bettin
26. Jeffrey Bettin
27. Karen Bimler
28. *The Bishop Family*
29. The Blair Family
30. Christine Bost
31. Bozzi Family

For the Record - New Members

Bill & Denise Scheitler

Rev. Steve and Dottie Simon



October Birthdays

01 - Charlie Johnson

03 - Thomas Skinner

07 - Damari Harrison

09 - Ed Mulvihill

10 - Azariah Coleman

16 - Ahnne and Joshua Barrett

15 - Susan Redis

17 - Macey Railing

21 - Jacob Blair

21 - Savannah Jones

24 - Paulina Aguirre

27 - Julie Hadler

27 - Doretha Brown

28 - Steven Deombeleg (pastor’s son)

29 - Jessica Muskwe



October 2025



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	<p>5</p> <p>9:30am Worship HC 10:30am Fellowship 11:15am Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>No School Fall Break</p>	<p>7</p> <p>4pm VB Game HOME</p>	<p>8</p> <p>We Wear Pink Day 9:30am Chapel XC Meet WCA</p>	<p>2</p> <p>VB Practice 5:30p.m. Day School Commission Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>4:30 pm VB Game AWAY Morton Grove</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Pastor Appreciation Sunday 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:15am Bible Study</p>	<p>13</p> <p>No School Fall Break</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Scrip Orders Due 9am 6pm PTL Meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30 am Pastor Appreciation Chapel 4pm VB Game HOME</p>	<p>16</p> <p>4pm VB Game HOME</p>	<p>9</p> <p>VB Practice followed by field trip to WCA for VB Game 6:00pm Elders Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>No School Fall Break 7pm Adult Volleyball</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Food Pantry Distribution</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:30am Worship HC 10:30am Fellowship 11:15am Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p> <p>MAP TESTING Progress Reports</p>	<p>21</p> <p>VB Practice</p>	<p>22</p> <p>We Wear Pink Day 9:30am Chapel 4pm VB Game HOME</p>	<p>23</p> <p>4:30pm Trunk or Treat 7pm Adult Volleyball</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Reformation Day Career Day</p> 	<p>18</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:15am Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:30 am. Picture Retake Day Science Fair</p>	<p>29</p> <p>We Wear Pink Day 9:30 Chapel</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Daylight Saving Time. Turn your clock back one hour before bed tonight.</p>	<p>25</p>

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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*