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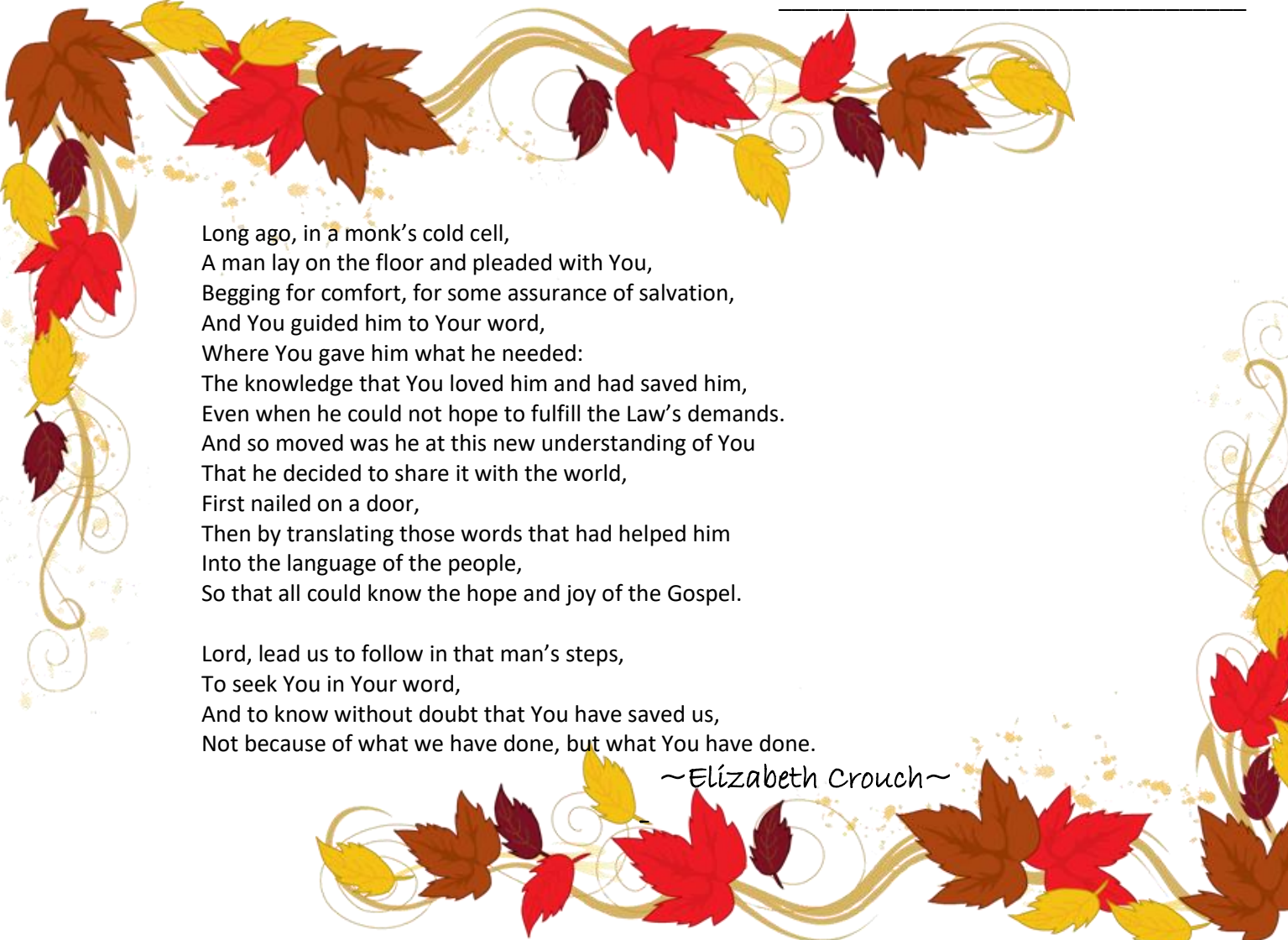


Sunday Worship Services

9:00am Fellowship Hour

9:30am Bible Study

10:30am Worship Service



Long ago, in a monk's cold cell,
A man lay on the floor and pleaded with You,
Begging for comfort, for some assurance of salvation,
And You guided him to Your word,
Where You gave him what he needed:
The knowledge that You loved him and had saved him,
Even when he could not hope to fulfill the Law's demands.
And so moved was he at this new understanding of You
That he decided to share it with the world,
First nailed on a door,
Then by translating those words that had helped him
Into the language of the people,
So that all could know the hope and joy of the Gospel.

Lord, lead us to follow in that man's steps,
To seek You in Your word,
And to know without doubt that You have saved us,
Not because of what we have done, but what You have done.

~Elizabeth Crouch~

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
FINANCIAL REPORT
AUGUST 2024**

RECEIPTS:

General Fund:

Offerings	\$9,255.00
Other Income	242,990.40
Budgeted Items	0.00
Non-Budgeted Items	72.67

Capital Fund:

Parking Lot	<u>1,300.00</u>
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TOTAL FOR MONTH \$253,618.07

EXPENDITURES:

General Fund:

Non-Budget Items & Special Designated	\$15,016.01
Capital Fund	84.13
	<u>0.00</u>

TOTAL FOR MONTH \$15,100.14

This report shows exactly where Immanuel stands regarding budget expenses funded by weekly offerings.

Our General Fund balance through August 2024 is \$97,271.44 compared to expenditures of \$131,224.66 leaving a deficit of \$33,953.22 for the year.



OKTOBERFEST 2024 -----

Join us for another year of our annual German-style food Oktoberfest event, this year being held on Sunday, October 20. We plan to feast with bratwurst, another style of wurst, a curry wurst, sauerkraut, German-style potato salad, Braunschweiger appetizer, chocolate cake, apple cake and perhaps another delicacy (we are working on a spaetzle recipe). While we appreciate all donations, based upon current costs of dining, a \$10-\$12 per plate amount is recommended, but depending upon your ability to pay. ALL PROCEEDS will go to the charitable recipient as a way to share the joy and celebration. Any questions, then please contact Ron Schaulat or leave word at the Church office.

The recipient for our German Food Oktoberfest this year is the ministry of Rev. Dr. Christian Tiews, missionary through The LCMS in Germany. Dr. Tiews was serving in Oklahoma and now works in Germany reaching out to residents and those who immigrated and speak Farsi (a Middle Eastern language). This is a wonderful project for us to assist in foreign mission work. Plus there is a connection for a German-style dinner to evangelize those in Germany. More information will be available at the dinner.



Church Family Night continues with **dinner, bells and Bible**, and Wednesday worship, beginning at **5:30 every Wednesday** in October. This is the 4th year for our continuous weekly gathering. Dinners provide a way for nutritious food plus time together for discussion and sharing. The bells are a wonderful addition to Sunday worship and a relaxed Bible study for those who enjoy hearing about and talking about the faith. Then, we take time to sing praises to our gracious God and hear more about Him. We are done about 8:15, so there is plenty of time to finish evening work afterwards. Come and enjoy this opportunity!

Thoughts from Pastor October 2024



Dear Friends in Christ,

Before we get into October, let me comment a bit on our 90th Anniversary celebration on September 22. It was so good to see so many of our former members and Pastor Kaldahl preached a wonderful sermon. If health or other commitments kept you from coming remember that you can always watch a rerun of our service on our YouTube feed at **Immanuel Lutheran Church OKC**.

Now for October, I love cooler temperatures (we hope), beautiful fall weather, and great football (or not so great). October is also a busy, busy month for Immanuel. Two of the Sundays in October have extra events with them. On **October 20**, we continue the long tradition of **Oktoberfest**. Why wouldn't you be excited by good German food, fun, and fellowship? **Sunday, October 6**, we will honor and celebrate the great mission work done by the ladies of **LWML** with **LWML Sunday**. A number of services organizations of the Lutheran Church Missouri-Synod have done noteworthy mission work through the years, but no one has done a better job of getting mission dollars (or mites!) to the point of need than the ladies of the **LWML**. Come, then, and join your sisters in Christ as we thank God for each of them and for the wonderful work that they do for their Lord.

It wouldn't be October in the Lutheran Church without remembering the **Reformation** on **October 27**. We both remember and honor **Dr. Martin Luther** and his brave stand against those who would place the teachings and doctrines of men over or equal to the doctrines of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures. From Luther's intense study of the Bible, came the main tenets of the Reformation—**Solo Scriptura, Solo Gratia, Solo Fide**—Scripture alone, by faith alone, by Grace alone.



MARTIN LUTHER'S COAT OF ARM

Your church body, The Lutheran Church Missouri-Synod, is now one of the few worldwide Lutheran church bodies that still faithfully follow the teachings of **Martin Luther** and the **Reformation**. October gives us the opportunity to once again re-visit those teaching that make us Lutheran. This month, especially, but every day of the year, we thank God for giving us His Holy Scriptures, to know and to learn and to follow—to help know His will for our lives and our church.

This year, **Reformation Sunday** will also be **Confirmation Sunday**. My last confirmation class includes two very bright young ladies, Lydia Cage and Alison Hogan. Lydia and Alison both began studying the Catechism in January of 2023 so that they would be finished before January 1 of 2025. My message to them on that Sunday is one that I have proclaimed every Reformation Sunday. Always be proud that you are a faithful Lutheran. Luther's battle was generally with other Christians. However, our battle today is even greater. We are now living in a Post-Christian America. As faithful Christians we are being attacked every day when we stand up for the Bible as God's Holy Word. We are belittled and berated as "old fashioned" and out of touch with the modern world when we declare God's Ten Commandments to be just as valid today as when Moses received them. Yet, through it all, God has promised to be faithful to His faithful children. After two years of study, I know that Lydia and Alison will be numbered in that group. Have a blessed month!

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor McMullin

REFORMATION NOW MORE THAN EVER.

It is relatively easy to draft an article on the Lutheran Reformation for the month of October in a Lutheran church. But something caught my eye this past month which caused me to pause and wonder if the Reformation is more needed in this 21st century than it was in the 1500s --- the time of Martin Luther himself.

The Roman Pontiff speech of September 13 in Singapore is alarming: *“One of the things that has impressed me most about the young people here is your capacity for interfaith dialog.....if you start arguing [superiority of my religion as the sole truth] where does this lead? ... All religions are paths to god...they are like different languages that express the divine.....There is only one god, and religions are like languages, paths to reach god. Some Sikh, some Muslim, some Hindu, some Christian.....interfaith dialog among young people takes courage. The age of youth is the age of courage.....have courage to move forward and to dialog.”* Excerpt from [Apostolic Journey to Singapore: Interreligious Meeting with Young People in the Catholic Junior College \(13 September 2024\) | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#)

I disagree. Interfaith dialog is NOT courageous when and where Christians, be they young or old, capitulate and deny God, YHWH, as He has revealed Himself in the Holy Scriptures. That is foolish! That is heretical. That refuses to stand up for God and His Divine Word.

There is one God. YHWH. Sikhs and Hindus and Muslims would disagree with the Christian (and formerly Hebrew/Jewish) view of God as they reject the Holy Bible we profess as the inspired Word of God. See 2 Tim. 3.16-17; 2 Peter 1.21; Heb. 1.1-2; John 20.31, *et al.* And the Muslim, the Sikh, the Hindu, the Buddhist, and other religions are not on or even seeking the paths to the same god. Some have no god at all but themselves. Leaders of those groups would not agree with this Pope. There is only one path, ONLY ONE, not several.

It is stunning and disgusting that there was no mention in the presentation of Jesus the Christ, the Savior of the World. To ignore Jesus and His Words disparages the cross, the suffering of Jesus for us and even for others who fall prey to false religions. It pretends another ‘savior.’

Jesus Christ is the only way, the only truth, the only life; the only path to God the Father. John 14.6. He is the only redeemer of the world. We must never give that truth up or deny it. For then we are like pagans and fabricate a god of our own, not the Creator of all.

Dialog is fine. But dialog whereby the truth is corrupted and then denied (i.e., no Jesus) is no defense and is conceding just the opposite of what He has said. God tells us to listen to Jesus. Matt. 17.5. Jesus tells us to tell what He commanded. Matt. 28.20. We must never give up the Scriptures for some feigned unity of people. It is Jesus’s way (and thus ours).

Apparently, Luther was correct, the church in Rome does need reformation; a return to the Bible.

---- Ron Schaulat, assisting parish minister



Daily Prayer Walk

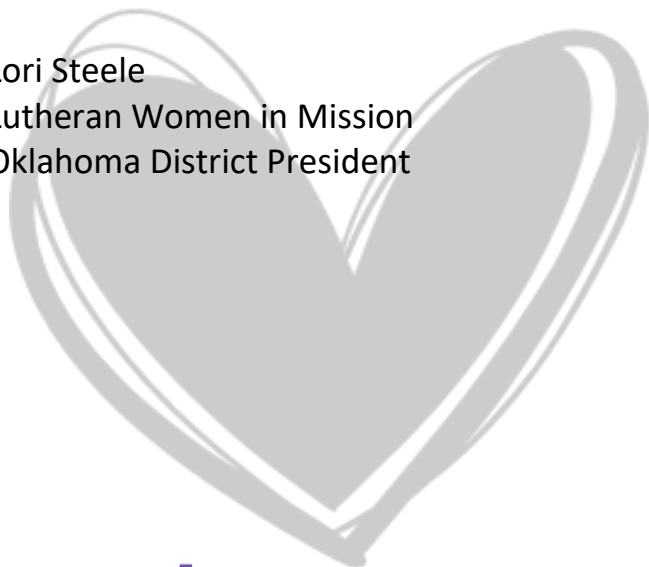
Last year our group had its first “annual” Fall retreat. Many women commented that the highlight of the retreat was the prayer walk. Away from the hustle and bustle and responsibilities of everyday life we were able to walk quietly in the woods and reflect on the wonderful love of our Lord.

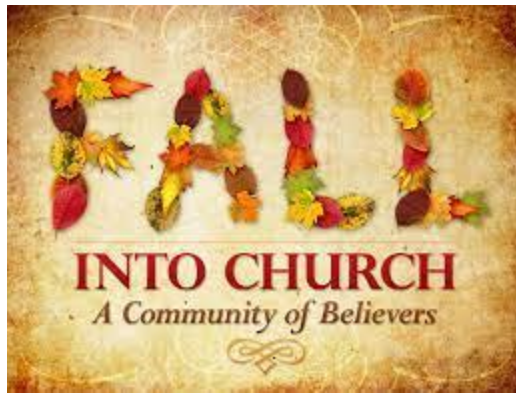
I'm reminded of the old Gospel song, "Just a Closer Walk with Thee." According to Google, “circumstantial evidence” suggests that this song dates back to southern African American churches of the nineteenth century, or possibly even as far back as prior to the Civil War as slaves working in the fields were known to sing a song about “walking by the Lord’s side.” The lyrics of the song allude to James 4:8a, Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

Look up the words to this song and take a walk with the Lord today.

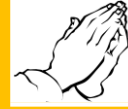
1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (NIV), Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

Lori Steele
Lutheran Women in Mission
Oklahoma District President





Those in Need of Prayer



Leonard Mahan (son of Betty & Bill Mahan)
Karen Rumsey (niece of Ruthie Gable and wife of Pastor John Rumsey of Our Savior Guthrie)
Matt & Mya McCright (son & daughter-in-law of Connie McCright)
Tim Reeves (friend of Hulings)
Marianne Price (Karen Dittelmier's sister)
Valerie (also sister of Karen Dittelmier)
Liz Gonzales (co-worker of Laura Schaulat)
Annette Sharp (friend of friend of Lois Hulings)
Tom Hill (friend of Hulings)
Sharon Hoover (co-worker of Laura Schaulat)
Sarah Davidson (Jim Davidson's sister)

Betty Mahan
Bill Mahan
Connie McCright
Lon Keister
Karen Dittelmier
Frank Martin
Jolene Keister
Cindy Jackson

"God is the Father Who is full of mercy and all comfort. He comforts us whenever we have trouble..."
II Corinthians 1:3-4



October Sunday Scriptures



If you are still unable to worship in person with us, please follow along with us on our website ILC-OKC.com. To help, here are the Scripture lessons for the month:

October 6	Genesis 2:18-25	Hebrews 2:1-13	Mark 10:2-16
October 13	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	Hebrews 3:12-19	Mark 10:17-22
October 20	Ecclesiastes 5:10-20	Hebrews 4:1-13	Mar 10:23-31
October 27	Revelation 14:6-7	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36
October 29	Revelation 14:6-7	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2. James (J.D.) Nees
4. James McMullin
14. Mrs. Cindy Jackson
17. Mrs. Lois Hulings
20. Robert Hansen
23. Mrs. Nelda Johnson
Timothy Geurin
24. Garrett Dittelmier
27. Albert Valouch
30. Mrs. Laura Schaulat

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2. Jim & Brenda Davidson (31)
5. Jerry & Susan Geurin (32)
20. Robert & Monica Hansen (7)
26. Mac & Jill McAlister (33)
27. Michael & Sara Hogan (17)

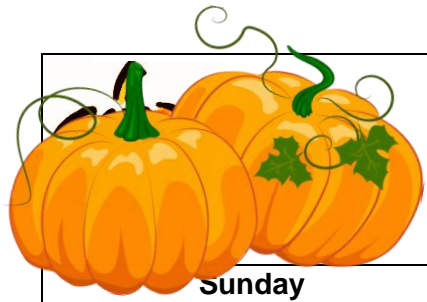
*Happy
Anniversary*

SUCCESSFUL EVENT

Immanuel Lutheran Church celebrated 90 years of God's blessings on September 22, 2024, with a special worship service attended by 78 and a delicious covered-dish dinner attended by 85. It was a wonderful day of being fed from God's Word, feeding our bodies, fellowshiping with fellow Christians, being blessed by our handbell choir, and singing praises to our Lord. We thank Pastor Paul Kaldahl, son of Immanuel and of our own former choir director, Joyce Kaldahl, for a wonderful sermon for this special occasion. We wish more of you could have celebrated with us.

Sincere thanks to ALL who helped make with event so special. We truly appreciate how you all worked together to accomplish what needed to be accomplished. It would not have been possible without you.

*90th
Anniversary*



OCTOBER 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 LWML SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP 9:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM WORSHIP w/Comm 10:30AM	7	8	9 5:30-7:00PM – Church Family Night/ Supper Handbells	10	11	12
13 FELLOWSHIP 9:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM Council meeting 6:45PM	14	15	16 5:30-7:00PM – Church Family Night/ Supper Handbells	17	18	19 Oktoberfest set up 9:00 am
20 FELLOWSHIP 9:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM WORSHIP w/Comm 10:30AM <i>OKTOBERFEST</i> following service	21	22	23 5:30-7:00PM – Church Family Night/ Supper Handbells	24	25	26
27 REFORMATION SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP 9:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM	28	29	30 5:30-7:00PM – Church Family Night/ Supper Handbells	31	27	28

*“Come to me all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest.”
 Matthew 11:28*