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HELLO  
September  
2024



*Sunday Worship Services*

*9:00am Fellowship Hour*

*9:30am Bible Study*

*10:30am Worship Service*

"For I know the plans  
I have for you,"  
says the Lord.  
"Plans to prosper  
& not harm you,  
...plans for a hope  
& a future."

Jeremiah 29:11



**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
JULY 2024**

**RECEIPTS:**

**General Fund:**

Offerings	\$14,060.00
Budgeted Items	25.00
Non-Budgeted Items	62.86
Parking Lot	<u>4,750.00</u>
<b>TOTAL FOR MONTH</b>	<b>\$18,897.86</b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

**General Fund:**

Non-Budget Items & Special Designated	\$19,425.63
Capital Fund	162.81
	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL FOR MONTH</b>	<b>\$19,588.44</b>

This report shows exactly where Immanuel stands regarding budget expenses funded by weekly offerings.  
Our General Fund balance through July 2024 is \$88,016.44 compared to expenditures of \$116,208.65 leaving a deficit of \$28,192.21 for the year.



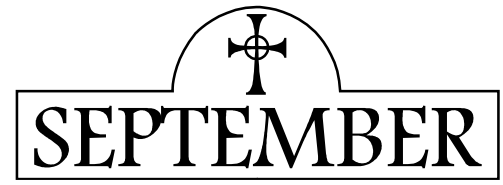
*Our Church Family Fall Festival will be Sunday, September 8, following the worship service. A simple lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and whatever else we can put together will be provided for a fair and equitable donation of your choosing. The proceeds support our youth ministries. Some enjoyable discussions and some entertaining games (bingo will be one) will also be a part. Please bring desserts for prizes.*

*Church Family Night begins its 4th all-year-around on Wednesdays this month. Dinner is at 5:30 with Bible Study or Bell Choir practice at 6:00 and a Wednesday Worship Time at 6:45. A meal donation (around \$4-5) is suggested, but not required. There is a main course, vegetable, salad, dessert and drink for each dinner. We also try to accommodate any dietary restrictions, if you alert us.*

*Our Sunday morning Fellowship time begins at 9:00 a.m. and we will be asking if that is still desired since very few attend. The total cost for doughnuts and cakes and coffee (and tea and hot chocolate with creamer and sugar) is about \$19 per week (mainly for the doughnuts). Donations have not met that expenditure, so we wonder if it is no longer a viable event. Originally started as a way to have early service and late service worshippers engage with treats provided by someone is obviously not an issue with one worship service. Please let an elder or Ron Schaulat know if it is still a desirable activity or if you have an alternative idea.*

**THANK YOU** to Chris Jackson, Marcus Hulings, Ron Schaulat, Byron Crouch, Trinidad Castaneda, & David Dittelmier our lawn crew for all the amazing work you do to keep our outside to keep the property looking **AMAZING**.

# Thoughts from Pastor September 2024



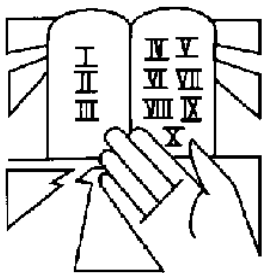
Dear Friends in Christ,

90 years; it was 90 years ago in 1934 that Immanuel was recognized as a member of The Lutheran Church Missouri-Synod. However Ron has found evidence that ministry in our neighborhood may have begun as early as 1926. I remember flying to Portland, Oregon in 2006 for my Aunt Mattie's 90th birthday. In 2006 I had been an ordained pastor for 16 years and I knew that 90 years is a special milestone, especially for people. It is also an historic milestone especially for churches. In Oklahoma City not only have a number of Christian Churches closed, but many of our fellow LCMS churches as well. Every Tuesday, I return from my chiropractor in Edmond by way of the Broadway extension and come to the church down 36<sup>th</sup> street, I past the flattened corner at 36<sup>th</sup> and Walker where the once proud First Christian Church with thousands of members once stood.

In my early years at Immanuel, Pastor Hall shared with me that the Oklahoma District in the 1970's gave Immanuel permission to leave our neighborhood and move to the suburbs, like our sister church Zion. But the members of Immanuel voted to stay the course at 36<sup>th</sup> and Indiana. Now, some 50 years later we are still here!

On **September 22**, we will celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; in those 90 years, Immanuel has survived a World War, wars in Korea and Vietnam and in the Middle East, we have survived the so-called white flight of the 70's, and now in 2020 we have survived Covid which has cost us about a third of our members. So come on **September 22** and celebrate with your fellow Christians all those who have supported and fought for Immanuel these last 90 years! May our cry be today the same as 50 years ago: "Stay the course!" Our preacher on that Sunday will be Joyce's son, the Rev. Paul Kaldahl, a native Oklahoman and former member of Immanuel.

September is an exciting month. On **September 4**, Immanuel will continue **Family Nite**. As always, there will be adult Bible Studies and, of course, Sara Cage will begin the **Handbell Choir**. I know last year's choir worked hard and did a marvelous job. If you think you might be interested just let Sara know and come and be ready on **September 4<sup>th</sup>**. Plus, don't forget the **food, fun, and fellowship** that will take place from 5:30 to 7:15 pm. If you have missed going to **Family Nite** make plans now to attend this year. We only grow in the Word by staying in the Word. We only find true Christian fellowship when we meet and eat and study with our fellow Christians.



On **September 8**, we will celebrate **Fallfest** with games and food and fun. September is that time of the year that we re-focus our schedules. The children have returned to school and our trips to the lake and other summer events begin to wind down. So, this September don't forget to add God to your fall schedule on both Sundays and on Wednesday nights.

Also, you might want to plan ahead for October. **LWML Sunday** will be **October 6** this year. As always, we will celebrate not only **the Reformation** on **October 27** but also **the Confirmation** of Lydia Cage and Alison Hogan. So, get ready for the fall! Be fed with the Word of the Lord in worship at

10:30am and in **Sunday School** and **Family Nite**. Have a blessed month!

In Christ Jesus,  
Pastor McMullin



## **DON'T FALL FOR IT! DON'T BE DECEIVED!**

Pastor's article notes our anniversary and how we maintain our presence in this area when others have departed or dissolved. Coupled with that is Saint Paul's admonition to the Ephesus church: *Let no one deceive you with empty words.....* (Ephesians 5.6a)

For almost 100 years, and formally 90, this congregation has tried to keep the truth of God's Word ---- His Law and His Gospel ---- at the center of our proclamation and worship. That is no small feat, especially when looking around at those who have given up or have fallen prey to the secular views of this world. Notwithstanding the formation and direction of the ELCA, other denominations have cratered to the ways of pagans and are more aligned with the ancient Molech cult than with Christianity. If all would keep true to God's Word, then God bless them; however, we see far too often a departure from the Word and true Christianity in favor of "inclusion". Don't be deceived! God does not change His word.

Let's not be timid here. Jesus has declared He is the only way, the truth and the life and no one comes to the Father (God) except through Him. (John 14.6) He stated: If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. (John 14.15) It's not that our congregation is the only place where God's Word is properly proclaimed ---- but we are surely one who does so and maintain His commandments, His word, even in the face of disparagement from others. We do not just give lip service to Jesus, but for 90+ years preach and stay with what He said and did. His atoning sacrifice on the cross for us. Praise God for this honor of service.

In Ephesians, Paul warns that those falling into deception then fall prey to the sons of disobedience and God's wrath will come upon them. (Eph.5.6b). Take no part in those works of darkness, Paul warns in 5.11. Walk not as unwise, but as wise since the days of this evil world (where sin manifests) are numbered. (Eph.5.15-16)

Churches which have fallen for gay "marriage" or support abortion have deviated from the Holy Writ. The destruction of children through abortion is now praised, applauded or encouraged by many in society. Woe to them! Such is precisely the Molech cult of the Old Testament. They are in darkness and have the empty words Paul warns against.

Paul's Ephesians letter (5.6-21) tells us to walk as children of the light and to have no part in those works of darkness. We can warn the disobedient about the Law and even proclaim the Gospel to them, or pray for them, but do not become a part with them to where we are then tempted to abandon God's Word. So, be forewarned, let no one deceive you.

May this congregation always give thanks to God the Father in the Name of Christ Jesus and continue to submit to one another in reverence to Christ. (Eph. 5.20-21). The 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary is just a number; what counts is whether we follow the One with the words of eternal life. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, the Holy One of God; our risen Lord and Savior.

---- Ron Schaulat, parish assisting minister



## *LWML September*

*\*9/22/24-Immanuel's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, WINGS is assisting with kitchen help, and clean up, volunteers are appreciated, everyone is encouraged to donate two potluck dishes.*



*\*Reminder, mites Sunday is the first Sunday of each month.*



*\*Messiah kick-off luncheon 9/7/24 @ 11:30am Olive Garden on Northwest Expressway. Please contact Martha Sands if you plan on attending at [martha0313@att.net](mailto:martha0313@att.net) if you plan on attending so she may have a head count.*



*Blessings,  
LWML/Wings*

*May the Lord direct your hearts  
Into God's love  
And Christ's perseverance.  
2 Thessalonians 3:5*

# 90<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary HISTORY

## **THE THEME VERSE:**

Exodus 15:2 (ESV)

The Lord is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my Father's God, and I will exalt Him.

## **THE CHURCH:**

In 1934, a few families from Zion Lutheran Church, with a family from a dissolved Swedish Lutheran Church, formed the nucleus of what is now Immanuel Lutheran Church. With help from Zion Lutheran Church members and other Christians, a wood frame chapel was built at Northwest 34<sup>th</sup> and Barnes, where the congregation worshiped until 1937. In 1936, lots at Northwest 36<sup>th</sup> and Indiana were purchased, and in 1973 the wood frame chapel was moved to that location. In 1940, a parsonage was built on the west side of the church. That parsonage would serve the Schmidtke family, the Streufert family, the Hall family, and the Steenbock family, before being demolished in 1998.

The congregation continues to meet in the little wood frame church until the current sanctuary was built and dedicated on February 21, 1954. Using a water tower air colling system, it was one of the first air-conditioned churches in Oklahoma City. After serving as a worship center and classrooms, the old wood frame church was finally torn down. Today, a memorial tree and marker that are dedicated to those lost in the 1995 Murrah Building bombing, rests on the site of the old church. In 1962, the fellowship hall and education wing were added, and in 1993, an addition was added to the northwest corner of the education wing, which included a new entry hall, a music room, a restroom, and a storage room. Through the years improvements were made, classrooms were remodeled, stained glass windows were added behind the alter and in the sanctuary and later in the classrooms. Many generations have added to the physical plant of Immanuel, yet the greatest gifts have always been Immanuel's people.

# CONCORDIA

## LIFE PLAN COMMUNITY

May 29, 2024

Ronald Schaulat  
Immanuel Lutheran Church 1800 N.W. 36th St.  
Oklahoma City, OK 73118-3229

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

On behalf of Concordia Life Plan Community and Concordia Community Foundation, thank you for your generous donation of \$500.00 on May 10, 2024 (Check 2568).

Your gift will support the Good Samaritan Fund, which provides benevolent care to Concordia life care residents who are facing the end of their finances, through no fault of their own, and need assistance to remain in their home.

Your generosity strengthens our mission of service, and sustains our commitment to excellence for those we serve. We thank you and hope to receive your continued support in the years ahead.

Blessings,



Kurt Primuth  
Executive Director, Concordia Community Foundation

Concordia Community Foundation is a not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code. Our EIN is 84-4257175. Please retain this acknowledgement for federal income tax purposes. All contributions made to Concordia Life Plan Community and Concordia Community Foundation are tax deductible as allowed by law. No tangible benefit was received in exchange for this donation. This gift is strictly a charitable contribution.

90 years!

## IMMANUEL'S 90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

On September 22 we will celebrate 90 years of God's blessings on Immanuel Lutheran Church. Pastor Paul Kaldaul will be the guest preacher at our 10:30 am worship service. Following service there will be a covered dish dinner. Please bring a dish to share with everyone.

The anniversary verse that was chosen is Exodus 15:2: The Lord is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my Father's God, and I will exalt Him. "ESV"



### Those in Need of Prayer



**Lois Hulings**  
**Jolene Keister**  
**Lon Keister**  
**Betty Mahan**  
**Bill Mahan**  
**Frank Martin**  
**Paula Montgomery**  
**Connie McCright**  
**Karen Dittelmier**  
**Susan Geurin**

**Brian** (nephew of Marcus & Lois Hulings)  
**Tim Reeves** (friend of Hulings)  
**Kim Parisse** (daughter of former member Kathy Parisse)  
**Leonard Mahan** (son of Betty & Bill Mahan)  
**Karen Rumsey** (niece of Ruthie Gable and wife of Pastor John Rumsey of Our Savior Guthrie)  
**Sharon Hoover** (co-worker of Laura Schaulat)  
**Liz Gonzales** (co-worker of Laura Schaulat)  
**Mya McCright** (daughter-in-law of Connie McCright)  
**Mary Ann Price** (Karen Dittelmier's sister)

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

### September Sunday Scriptures

If you are unable to worship in person with us, please follow along with us on YouTube at Immanuel Lutheran OKC or through our Facebook site. Below are the Scripture lessons for the month:

September 1	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	Ephesians 6:10-20	Mark 7:14-23
September 8	Isaiah 35:4-7a	James 2:1-10, 14-18	Mark 7:31-37
September 15	Isaiah 50:4-10	James 3:1-12	Mark 9:14-29
September 22	Jeremiah 11:18-20	James 3:13-4:10	Mark 9:30-37
September 29	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Tommy Jackson
6. Michael Hogan
8. Kenny Wilkerson
9. Rev. Lester Seto  
  
Chris Holt
10. David Dittelmier
11. Chuck Dixon
21. Nathaniel "Nate" Burks  
  
Mark Bohnenberger
22. Ronald Lee  
  
Mrs. Sara Hogan
23. Matthew Stillman
27. Maddie Holt
30. Rev. Frank Martin

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

9. Rev. Lester & Berni Seto (45)
12. Jim & Deborah Allen (26)
17. Clark & Ruthie Gable (62)

### FLOWERS FOR THE ALTER for 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service.

We would like to have fresh flowers for this celebration. If you feel led to donate towards this, please put altar flowers on the memo of your check or on the front of your envelope.

**90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY THANK OFFERING** will go towards capital improvements on the church property. Some of the projects we are working on or looking at pursuing at Immanuel to maintain our property and ministry along with the estimated costs associated with them.

Parking Lot - \$40,000  
HVAC in Sanctuary - \$30,000  
Floors in Basement - \$30,000  
Organ Replacement - \$50,000-\$100,000



# SEPTEMBER 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 LWML- Mites Sunday</b> FELLOWSHIP 9:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM WORSHIP W/Comm. 10:30AM	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> FELLOWSHIP 9:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 5:30-7:00PM – Church Family Night/ Supper	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> FELLOWSHIP 9:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM WORSHIP W/Comm. 10:30AM	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 5:30-7:00PM – Church Family Night/ Supper	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> FELLOWSHIP 9:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 5:30-7:00PM – Church Family Night/ Supper	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> FELLOWSHIP 9:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM	<b>30</b>					

*In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. Ephesians 1:7*

