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Immanuel Lutheran Church Annual Pledge Campaign

“Possession is nine-tenths of the Law—Giving is nine-tenths of the Gospel”

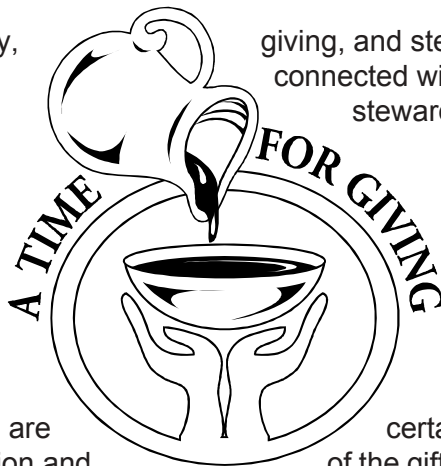
Jesus spoke often about money, thoughts on these topics were discipleship is reflected in good understanding of things.

November is always the month at opportunity to reflect on our have all been called to discipleship, as Like Jeremiah, the words God spoken “Before I formed you in the womb I consecrated you;” (1:5). God has had before anyone knew us.

If we are to be disciples, then we are named us to be stewards of his creation and unfaithful steward, these gifts are not to be hoarded, shared with God and with others. In scripture, God only requests 10% of the gifts he has given us, leaving 90% for His servants to enjoy, while everything over-and-above that 10% is referred to as an offering or sacrifice.

The Stewardship Committee would like to challenge each giving member of the parish to consider the tithe, 10 %, as requested by God. If you are unable to make such a commitment at this time, calculate what percentage of your gross or after tax revenue you do contribute to the mission of God’s church and make the commitment to increase that amount by another percent. So, if you are giving 2% of your income, try making a pledge of 3%. For most of us, that would be a pizza or a Starbucks’ coffee more a week. In perspective, it may not seem like much, but together with the congregation, such an increase would put the parish on a “black-lettered” year, rather than a “red-lettered” year, if you get my drift.

So, take to leap of faith. Many of your friends at Immanuel have made such a commitment, and they have found the move to be quite rewarding and important in their lives. Watch for the pledge notebook to come to your home this month. We would hope that ALL members would pledge. But if you do not wish to pledge, just move the notebook on to the next one on the list. Pledging information is known only by the Financial Secretary of the congregation.



giving, and stewardship, and most of the time his connected with discipleship. In other words, good stewardship and sacrificial giving, in Jesus

Immanuel in which we all have the discipleship and stewardship. We evident in the liturgy of our baptism. to him are still important for us today, knew you, and before you were born I His design on us as disciples long

certainly to be good stewards. God has of the gifts he has given to us. Unlike the hidden or enjoyed. More importantly they are to be shared with God and with others. In scripture, God only requests 10% of the gifts he has given us, leaving 90% for His servants to enjoy, while everything over-and-above that 10% is referred to as an offering or sacrifice.

Happy Giving!



2010 Youth Events Planned

The Youth Planning Committee is planning a host of activities throughout the winter. If you like the snow and/or the warmth of being inside during the winter months, we have activities planned for you.

January—Sledding party at the Gaudards' and/or Andersons'

January—Bowling in Traverse City—if anyone can beat the pastor's scores, he will pay for lunch for everyone.

February—Lock-in, either at Immanuel or maybe at Bethany Lutheran in Northport.

February—Sledding Party at Gaudards' or Andersons'

December, January or February—Bonfire at the Andersons' with hotdogs and s'mores.

December—so many things going on, we want the youth to participate with their families and enjoy the season together with their church family.

Christmas Giving Tree

This year the Adult and Family Ministries Committee has chosen to support Tendercare residents and certain Immanuel families with our Christmas giving tree. Watch for more information in the bulletin's newsletter and email notifications as we move closer to Christmas.

“Leelanau” Youth Food Hunt

Youth from across the northern half of Leelanau County will participate in the traditional food hunt to restock the shelves of Leelanau Christian Neighbors' Food Pantry on November 8th. With a year or two absence scattered through the last 16 years, the Christian youth of the Suttons Bay area have gathered food in the fall to help with the supply used by LCN for the poorer citizens of our county. Traditionally the youth have come from Suttons Bay, but a renewed interest on the part of churches in Leland and Northport have allowed us to change the name to LEELANAU Youth Food Hunt. What a pleasant surprise.



The youth of Suttons Bay will gather at the Suttons Bay Congregational Church at 3:00 pm on November 8th to divide up into groups and search the surrounding homes for food. Each group will be assigned a geographical area and they will be driven by adults to that area for the search. All groups will return by 5:00 pm to weigh their cache, and compare their efforts to the other groups. Pizza will be shared with all the groups, and the winning group will receive a special prize (edible of course). The day will end with the sorting of the food by the youth and storing it away in the LCN cabinets in the basement of the Congregational church.

Middle and high school youth are invited and encouraged to participate. We will need adults to volunteer to drive, and they can also share in the pizza. If anyone would like to bake cookies to share with the youth, feel free to do that, and have them at the church on the morning of November 8th. In the past we have collected more than 2,000 pounds of food. Can we beat that amount this year? If Immanuel can have 15 youth or more at the hunt, and the youth of all the churches collect more than 2,000 pounds, the church will pay for their bowling at a later date, in January. So, let's get together and give a real try, youth members of Immanuel.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Ever wondered what it must have been like to worship early in the life of our young nation, in the churches of early America? That is the theme for this year's Thanksgiving Eve Service on November 25th at 7:30 pm. You will hear the Thanksgiving Proclamation of the President, sing some “good ole hymns” of yesteryear, and prepare for a real “thanksgiving” celebration. Thanksgiving place mats will be handed out to those who participate to help them with their Thanksgiving prayer when they gather with family and friends the next day for turkey.

If you have never been to a Thanksgiving Eve Service, then plan to attend. It will be a real family affair. Join your family and friends at Immanuel for a quiet and early American celebration of the season. Oh, and bring a friend or neighbor too!





Christmas Setup Saturday

The Outreach Committee would like to invite the members of Immanuel to help set up for Advent and Christmas on December 5th. Advent actually starts on November 29th, but the season will begin in a very stark manner, in anticipation of the coming of the King. On December 5th, the trees will go up and the Christmas/Advent decorations that grace our building. Donuts and cider will be served to those who come.

The setup goes quickly when more people help, so plan to offer your hand to the committee and join us at 10:00 am on December 5th, and watch how the stark beginning of Advent is transformed to the colors and appearance of Christmas.

Who is 'Disturbing the Peace?'

Larry Miller has once again written an original script for our annual Children's Christmas Program which explores this question.

The program will be held Sunday, December 13 beginning at 5 pm. Please reserve this time and support our youth with your attendance. Parts for the program will be distributed November 8 during Sunday School.

A dress rehearsal will be held Saturday, December 12 beginning at 9 am. The kids will be served a light luncheon about 11:30 so they can be ready for pickup about noon.

To assure the success of this program, be sure to have your child in Sunday School and help them to learn their parts at home.

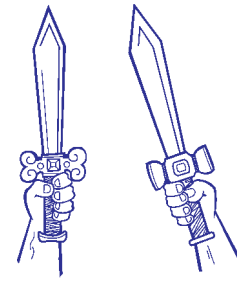


Christmas Invitation to the Community

—Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee of Immanuel is planning an insert for the Leelanau Enterprise to invite the community to our Christmas Eve celebrations. Christmas Eve services will include the Family Candlelight Service at 5:00 pm and the Choral Communion Service at 8:00 pm. Both services include the traditional candlelight service with the singing of the favorite, "Silent Night." The choir will sing a few songs during the late service, and a children's sermon is part of the first service.

The community will be invited to participate, so be at your best. What makes Immanuel a place people visit and stay to worship is the friendly atmosphere. Make sure you greet anyone you do not know and invite them to Sunday worship as well.



"On Guard" Playlet will be presented

A short playlet written by Larry Miller will be presented during sermon time at each of our services on December 6.

Members of Immanuel will become actors in this production exploring the comings and goings of characters surrounding the night of Christ's birth. If you'd like to help please contact Larry.

Daughters of Christ Christmas Craft Event



The Adult and Family Ministries Committee is planning a craft event for December 15 beginning at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided. Daughters of all ages are encouraged to participate. Bring a sister!

Sunday,
December 27
One Service
@ 10 am



Paul Feikert

member

Allan Crocker

choir member

Ray Kellogg

member

Ellen Garvin

member

Red Johnson

member

Ethan LaFermme

friend to Deb Nash

Bonnie Johnson

sister to member Carolyn Anderson

Diane Frest

member Jan Wander's sister

Don MacFarlane

friend to Tim Olson

Dawn Johnson

daughter-in-law to Laura Johnson

Tom Ganger

brother to friend Lee Grant

Dave Erickson

friend to Tim Olson

Shut-ins:

**Helen Bahle, Ruth Bernsen, Elvira
Dubay, Kathleen Johnston**

We will leave your loved ones names on the prayer list for approximately 4 weeks. If after that time you'd like to keep them on, please contact the office and update us on their status.

Condolences

to the family of Mary Smith
to the family of Margaret Stewart
to the family of Annette Taber

"Suttons Bay, We Love You!"

—Outreach Committee

Several times a year the Outreach Committee requests cookies from the members of Immanuel to take to different service and volunteer groups in Suttons Bay to show our appreciation for their work and commitment. We have shown such appreciation to the local fire house, the teachers and staff of Suttons Bay schools, Tendercare staff, and many, many more. In 2010 we want to say thank you to those who serve at the library, police, township and village offices. You will hear more on this in January. Plan to give some help to the committee by baking cookies in January so that recipients know that they are appreciated by the members of Immanuel.



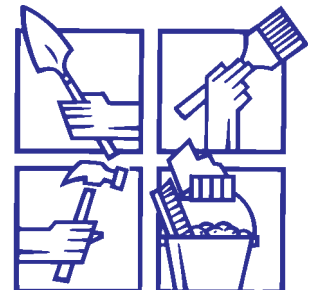
VBS—Thinking of Summer in the middle of Winter

The VBS Planning Committee has been working hard so far to plan the 2010 Vacation Bible School program. The theme for this coming year is "Fires of the Desert" and will attempt to include the experiences of Israel and Moses of the Old Testament. They will remember the fire of the burning bush that spoke to Moses, the column of fire that led them through the desert, the fire in the mountain when Moses received the Ten Commandments, and the fires the Israelites burned as they journeyed through the desert for 40 years. For now, the scheduled dates for VBS is June 14-17. Plan to send your kids to the program and all members are encouraged to volunteer to help. A program like this depends on the commitment of its members.

Things Need to Get Done 'Round Here

Several members of the Property Ministries Committee, along with the pastor, toured the buildings of Immanuel in September to see what needed to get done. The list is long and includes things like: painting the entrances and Great Room, painting upstairs bathrooms, painting the offices, choir room, and cry room, refinishing the entrance doors, and more. These are just the "inside" jobs that need our attention.

You will be hearing from this committee soon, after the first of the year, to get organized and get these tasks completed. Help from the members will be needed, to wheel a brush or paint-roller, make lunch and support the work of our volunteers.



November Birthdays

1-Kyrstyn Thornton
 1-Maritza Gardner
 2-Taylor Mentzer
 2-Robert Anderson
 3-Charlie Chamberlain
 4-Bob Graham
 6-Erin Harrelson
 6-Jim Orban
 8-Florence Banners
 8-Douglas J. Bonnell
 10-John Laubhan
 12-Angela Kuhlman
 14-Pat Aikin
 15-Kris Marin
 16-Aaron Ackley
 16-Kiana Stacy
 17-Shannon Mentzer
 17-Amanda Parkey-Stacy
 18-Sharon Andringa
 19-Garrett Jenks
 19-Ruth Christensen
 20-Doris Mayhew
 22-David Routzahn
 23-Patrick Harrelson
 27-Larry Miller
 28-Bob Krist
 28-Gene Gentges
 28-Sheila Lubovich
 29-Michelle Crocker
 29-Gregory Midkiff

Anniversaries

1-Owen and Leila Bahle
 2-Brent and Debra Windemuller
 5-Glen and Janet Taber
 5-Pete and Diane Marin
 8-John and Ruth Trotsky
 25-Lin and Mary McNett

December Birthdays

2-Noah Strugala
 2-Marcia Routzahn
 4-Bryan Laubhan
 6-Annabelle Ackley
 8-Eva Nelson
 8-Laurie Pluhar
 9-Joshua Crocker
 10-McKenna Decker
 11-Katie Gregory
 15-Carolyn Anderson
 15-Hannah Walton
 16-Myron Anderson
 18-Luther Stanow
 20-Emily Ferdinand
 20-Michelle Sorensen
 22-Brendan O'Hara
 23-Aaron Orban
 25-Kelly O'Hara
 29-Joe Taber
 29-Mya Sagan
 31-Will Hedrick

Anniversaries

2-Pat and Al Aikin
 6-Don and Ann Gregory
 13-Jim and Shirley VanHuystee
 18-Bob and Julie Krist
 28-Jerry and Evelyn Brandt

Sunday Flowers



November

1 - Glen & Janet Taber in celebration of their wedding anniversary
 8 - Diane Anderson in memory of Harold and Marge Jobe
 15 - Pete and Diane Marin in celebration of their wedding anniversary
 22 - Mark & Emily Miezio in celebration of Luella's first birthday
 29 - Bert and Julius Nelson in memory of Hilma and Julius Nelson's birthdays

December

6 - Don & Ann Gregory in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary
 13 - Don & Ann Gregory in memory of Luella Gregory
 20 - Jack Burton in memory of Nina
 27 - Myron & Carolyn Anderson in celebration of their daughter's birthday

Your donation of \$35 to Immanuel covers the arrangement's cost. If you'd rather order your own, please contact Liz Hartesvelt no later than the Wednesday before your Sunday. Please take your flowers and enjoy them after the 10 am service.



Prayer Chain

To start the emergency prayer chain call

Liz Hartesvelt
 or
 Laura Johnson



John and Ruth Treisky for mowing, mowing, and mowing!

Tim Olson for raking!

Our dedicated cleaning crews for their continued support. You save Immanuel between \$4,000-\$6,000 a year!

Susan and David Schmidt and Pete Marin for taking the wood left from the big Chinese elm tree out back.

Deug Bennell and Dynamite Landscaping for the great new landscaping work in front of our buildings

Paul Kuhlman for cleaning the windows and the bug marks in the west entrance.

Baby Pantry Mouse for making replacement high chair cushions and baby slings, sorting and hanging, cleaning, fixing the vacuum cleaner, switching seasonal clothing, serving as a purchasing agent requiring many trips to TC, and delivery of goods to the pantry, putting together two book cases for the toy room, making a traveling tri-fold bulletin board to encourage volunteerism and donations, attending monthly pantry meetings, applying for grants, and more.

Pastor Paul and Mary Travel to Honduras



On November 11th, Pastor Paul and Mary will be traveling to Honduras to represent the North-West Lower Michigan Synod of the ELCA at the Honduran Lutheran Church's Annual Assembly. The Lutheran in Honduras (Iglesia Cristiana Luterana den Honduras, ICLH) is making some very significant changes in its structure to become a church of mission and ministry. The synod Global Missions Committee wanted to show their support, so they asked Pastor Paul to "accompany" the church in its assembly. The ICLH is a companion church of our synod for the last several years. Evelyn and Jerry Brandt attended the last synod assembly where they were able to meet several representatives of ICLH who visited our synod with greetings from Honduras.

Mary and Pastor Paul will be visiting Honduras until the 15th when they return to Suttons Bay. They will share their finding with the Global Missions Committee on December 7th, but they hope to share the experiences with the congregation soon after their visit.



CROP Walk results

Thank you Crop Walkers!

Immanuel brought in \$2,950 for the September 27 Crop Walk. 25% will go to Leelanau Christian Neighbors Food Pantry. CROP Hunger Walks help to support the overall ministry of Church World Service, especially grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world. They help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, to technical training and micro-enterprise loans, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs—something CWS (Church World Service) has learned through some 63 years of working in partnership around the world.

General Fund status

through October 31

Income:	116,875.73	
Expenses:	145,854.82	Budgeted expenses: 152,801.10
	(\$28,979.09)	

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of

Mary Aler Smith

The Memorial Fund

The Smith Family
Mr. Mrs. Bill Cuson
Mr. Mrs. Larry Miller
Mr. Mrs. Thomas Butler
Mrs. Diane Anderson
Mrs. Hilda York
Mr. Mrs. Dale Coulston
Omena Women's Group
Mrs. Mary Woolford

The Leelanau Baby Pantry

Mr. Mrs. Glenn LaCross
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Mr. Mrs. Les Disch
Mr. Mrs. Bill Emmert
Dr. Mrs. Louis Hartesvelt
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Mr. Mrs. Kent Holton
Mrs. Janet Wander
Mr. Mrs. Rod Johnson
Mr. Mrs. Don Gregory

My First Christmas With Jesus

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below,
With tiny lights like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.
The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear,
for I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year!

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,
But the sounds of music can't compare with heaven's choir up here.
I have no words to tell you the joy their voices bring,
for it's far beyond description just to hear the angels sing!

I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart,
but I'm not so very far away; we're really not apart.
So be happy for me, dear ones, you know I hold you dear.
And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year!

I send you each a special gift from my heavenly home above,
I send you each a memory of my undying love!
After all, more precious than pure gold,
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other as my Father said to do,
For I can't count the blessings or the love He has for you!
So have a Merry Christmas, and wipe away that tear,
Remember, I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year!



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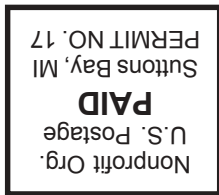
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Immanuel Lutheran Church



Immanuel's Staff
Rev. Paul E. Kuhlman, pastor
Mrs. Jennifer E. VerSnyder, secretary
Mr. David R. Schmidt, pianist/organist

*We are a living, growing family
serving God by sharing the word of
Jesus Christ with each other, our
community and the world.*

Calendar at a glance

- Nov. 8 Youth Food Hunt, 3 pm Congregational Church
- Nov. 10 Martin Luther's birthday, 1483
- Nov. 11 Veteran's Day
- Nov. 18 LCN Bd Meeting, 1 pm Bethany Lutheran, Npt
- Nov. 19 Council Meeting, 7 pm
- Nov. 22 Christ the King Sunday, last Sunday of the church year
- Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Service, 7:30 pm
- Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 29 1st Sunday in Advent

- Dec. 5 Christmas decorating, 10 am
- Dec. 6 2nd Sunday in Advent, playlet presentation during service
- Dec. 13 Children's Program rehearsal, 9 am
- Dec. 14 3rd Sunday in Advent, Children's Program, 5 pm
- Dec. 15 Daughters of Christ Christmas Craft event, 5:30 pm
- Dec. 17 Council meeting
- Dec. 20 4th Sunday in Advent
- Dec. 21 Winter begins
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services: 5 pm Family, 8 pm Choral
- Dec. 27 1st Sunday of Christmas, ONE service at 10 am