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Immanuel Lutheran Church

United in faith and empowered by the Spirit, Immanuel **embraces, educates, and engages** our community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Immanuel means "God with us." Knowing this, the possibilities for Immanuel's ministries are unlimited. Immanuel's ministries focus on three pillars supported by the foundation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The pillars of **embracing**, **educating**, **and engaging** our community serve as guideposts and reflect our unity of faith. The strength of these pillars is based on three faithful relationships originated and strengthened by the Holy Spirit: First, God with us; Next, our interactions with Each Other; and Third, our outward interactions with our neighbors.

Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples (educate) of all nations (embrace), baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (engage), and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you (educate). And surely I am with you always (engage), to the very end of the age (embrace)."



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Pastor Ben's Corner

Unrealistic Plans!

Jeremiah 29:11

"' For I know the plans I have for you.' Declares the Lord, 'Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have been thinking a lot over the last several months about plans. Plans for moving to two services, plans for my youngest brother's installation as a pastor in Florida. Plans for the class I am now teaching. Plans for my family, celebrating milestone birthdays, where we will go on vacation, and the like. I am sure each of you has been planning a lot as well.

The problem with my planning is that it never seems to go according to plan. Our transition to two services on the one hand went better than I had hoped, and yet I found myself unsatisfied that the 2nd service went longer than we anticipated that 1st couple of Sundays, unwilling to accept subtle mistakes, and unwilling to forgive myself for what I could have done better.

I don't know how it is for you, but I often find myself accepting of other people's expectations while overwhelming myself with my own.

In the above passage from Jeremiah chapter 29, God paints a different picture. It is all about HIS plan for you and for me, not ours. Does that mean that our goals, our ambitions, our desires don't matter? By NO means! It is whether or not they are in line with HIS plans that matters, because the truth is, when we rely on our own abilities to do enough, when we expect everything to play out according to our plan, they fail. Even when they work out, if left to our own sinful selves, they fail.

Here is a personal example. When I was a senior in high school, I was doing very well during my wrestling season. To the point that my coach entered me in a tournament I didn't have to be in, just for more experience. I approached the tournament knowing that there was no reason I shouldn't win, and so I had an expectation that I was going to dominate my first match. Do you know what happened?"

Less than two minutes into the match, while trying to escape, my opponent latched onto the bottom of my leg, and I spun around, but my leg did not. I had torn my ACL. Determined that I would wrestle in sectionals, I tried to wrestle, causing me to tear through the majority of my meniscus. Ending my wrestling career, I still experience those injuries. Wrestling in college? No. Running without pain? No chance. And why? Because I didn't listen to my body nor what God was trying to tell me.

At the time it was devastating not to be able to continue wrestling or be as active as I would like, and yet I can look back now and see that God used my hard-headedness to move me away from my plans and towards His. I now see this time in my life as one of the greatest blessings outside of marrying my bride Anna, the birth of our children, and the faith the Holy Spirit has gifted me with. My plan had been set, and what I wanted to do was all lined out. What God wanted for me was yet to be revealed.

After this injury, I also made a choice to stay in Wisconsin in order to finish High School where I wanted to be. I missed time with my family because I had placed my plan above God's. And yet the truth is, God was at work in spite of my self-centered choices.

Had I continued to wrestle, I would not have switched my focus to being a pastor. Had I not torn my ACL, I would not have had a week with my mother that changed my life. Had I not failed in my endeavors, I would never have met my bride Anna, been blessed by 3 amazing children, or been given the privilege of being called your pastor. Would God have accomplished His plan regardless? Of Course!

And yet the truth is that it is always about His plan, even when ours get ruptured.

Respectfully yours,

Pastor Benjamin A. Braun

><>Pastor Ben Braun





WHAT IS OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD?

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Since 1993, more than 232 million children in more than 170 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love.

By filling ordinary shoeboxes full of toys and other fun items, you can be part of giving boys and girls what may be their first gift ever! Local churches in more than 100 nations hand out these Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts at festive outreach events where the Gospel is presented in a child-friendly way.





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October is Church Worker Appreciation Month GIVE THANKS FOR CHURCH WORKERS!

In His great love and mercy, God cares for His people through the men and women serving in church work vocations.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod thanks God for more than 11,000 faithful church workers who serve in congregations and schools across our Synod.

Your church workers need prayer. Pray for these workers and let them know you are doing so.

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now," writes St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (Phil. 1:3).

- For teachers especially we give thanks, who teach God's Word to our children, dedicate countless hours to the classroom, who love the children of God they teach and who live a life of service to Christ and His church.
- For all church workers, from pastors to deaconesses to directors of Christian education, parish music, family life and outreach, who teach God's Word and point us to Christ. Tell them "Thank you!" this month for all they do!
- Pray also for the harvest for those future church workers whom God will raise up to fill these sacred and joyful roles in His Kingdom. Whether as a pastor, director of Christian Education (DCE), deaconess, music director or educator, each and every church worker vocation helps proclaim the Good News!

Immanuel Lutheran Church

400 N Aspen Ave Broken Arrow, OK 74012 918-258-5506 www.immanuelba.org

Sundays

9am Traditional Divine Worship 10:30am Sunday School Classes for everyone 11:30am Modern Divine Worship

Church Ministry Staff

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Carrie Ann Swaim

Director of Youth Ministry

Chris Winston

Director of Music & Organist

Rebecca Winston

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Rachel McGrew

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BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

TUESDAYS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: "Pew Sisters"

This Bible study for women tells what God has done in the lives of real women in the church today.

This study is on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am in the church office conference room; hosted by Lynn Beaird.

WEDNESDAYS

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST: "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis. Lewis provides an unequaled opportunity to understand and share a powerful and rational case for the Christian faith. 6:30am on Wednesdays at Chick-fil-A, 71st & Garnett; hosted by Joe Kuhlmann. For more information, call the church office, 918-258-5506.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Gathered by Christ.

Author Christa Petzold empathizes and understands how Christians outside the physical church maybe be hesitant to return, yet she encourages them to come back and see the gifts Jesus gives through His Church. She brings light and emphasis to the ways Jesus sees His community of believers, founded securely on Him and His Word.

We meet at the church, 6-7:30pm, in the church office conference room. Study led by Mark D'Arcy.

"Love & Respect" Class: This Bible-based class is geared for couples. Cracking the communication code between husband and wife involves understanding one thing: that unconditional respect is as powerful for him as unconditional love is for her. Meet in Room #119 at 6:00pm. All materials provided.

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP: "Jesus Calling: Experience God's Presence"

This is an 8-week book study by Sarah Young. Join us on Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm, in the library. Hosted by Anna Braun.

Wednesday Bible studies continued on the next column

YOUTH BIBLE STUDIES 6-7:30pm

Middle School Boys & Girls (in separate classes) - Fruits of the Spirit - The fruits of the spirit describe the kind of character God wants us to embody. This study challenges our youth to not just learn about these traits, but to apply them to their everyday lives through the help of the Holy Spirit.

High School Girls -

Resilient Minds - Concern for mental health has exponentially increased in recent years. In this study we approach topics through a biblical lens, promote wellness in a positive and constructive way, and keep Christ as the focus as we look at our identity.

Fully Human - Flourishing Relationships - The quality of our relationships has a huge impact on our quality of life, yet many struggle to connect and remain connected. All across society, relationships are breaking down: friendships faltering, congregations and community groups thinning, families dissolving. But our relational brokenness is never beyond the hope and help of God.

High School Boys -

Lesser Known Books of the Old Testament - A deep dive study of the books we tend to gloss over; the minor prophets. This class is starting in Hosea and will move toward Malachi one book at a time.

Follow Me - Whether it's influencers, trends, or the constant pull of comparison and distraction, the world is discipling us often without our realizations. But Jesus offers a better invitation! Each lesson is rooted in Scripture and designed to guide students from cultural confusion to spiritual clarity.

THURSDAYS

BIBLE STUDY: Study of Heresies in the Church
Participants will be equipped with the tools necessary to expose false teachings and remain faithful to
God's Word. For men & women. Thursdays at
10:00am in the church office conference room;
hosted by Dan Kois.









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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES All classes begin at 10:30am

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Missionary Journeys of Paul – led by Pastor Ben; meet in the gym.

Simon Says – led by Pastor Spomer; meet in the multipurpose room

CHILDREN'S CLASSES:

3-5 year olds – Rm 110 2nd & 3rd grade – Rm 115 K & 1st grade – Rm 111 4th/5th/& 6th grade – 116

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES meet in Luther Hall - grades 7th-12th

SUNDAY CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes for all 4th, 5th, and 6th graders meet Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour, 10:30am.

If you would like to start Confirmation but are not in these grades, please let Todd Stevens know because we will be adding a class for those students. You can email him at

tstevens@immanuelba.org.

If you know of someone who could use this information, please forward it to them.

YOUTH MINISTRY

JOIN US FOR WINGS (aka youth group)

We meet regularly on Wednesdays. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us!

Wednesday WINGS schedule:

3:00-6:00pm: Fellowship and open gym

5:30pm: Supper

6:00-7:30pm: Bible Study

CONSECRATION SUNDAYS

October 5th, 12th, & 19th are the designated Sundays that we will bring our 2026 pledges

forward.
OWNING GOD'S VISION

ONE SERVICE SUNDAY on OCT 26

This month, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday with the Rite of Confirmation on October 26th at 10:00am.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS CLUB 6:00-7:30pm

JOIN US FOR BIBLE ADVENTURES, CREATIVE CRAFTS, MUSIC MADNESS, & EPIC GAMES! This is for all kids ages 3yrs to 5th grade!

Kids Club is a time to make new friends, have a blast, and grow closer to Jesus in a super fun way! So bring your energy and your smile! Parents: We've got a safe and welcoming space for your kids to shine!

Meet in the Gym & Multipurpose Room. Questions? Contact Todd Stevens at tstevens@immanuelba.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Join us in any of these fun, rewarding, and welcoming group. New to Immanuel?
What better way to get connected.
We'd love to have you!

For more information, please contact Chris Winston <u>cwinston@immanuelba.org</u> or Rebecca Winston

rwinston@immanuelba.org.

Schola Cantorum Children's Choir – Wednesdays at 5:30pm

Handbells – Wednesdays at 5:45pm

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Children's Chimes – Wednesdays at 6:45pm

Praise Band – Thursdays at 6:00pm (see Chris

Winston for scheduling details)

Orchestra – Thursdays at 7:00pm

Men's Choir – Sundays at 6:00pm (offsite)

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8 TICKETS / FULL TABLE PREMIUM TABLE SEATING 8

- Reserved Table for 8 (Premium Placement
- Prominent Acknowledgement in Program
- Company Logo & Link Posted Online
- Social Media Promotion Online

PRESTIGE

\$1500

6 TICKETS

- Reserved Tickets for 6
- Prominent Acknowledgement in Program
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- Social Media Promotion Online

ELITE

\$750

4 TICKETS

- Reserved Tickets for 4
- Acknowledgement in the Program
- Social Media Promotion Online

PREMIER

\$300

2 TICKETS

- Reserved Tickets for 2
- Acknowledgement in the Program

Tier 4 and up includes increasing sponsor recognition

DONOR

\$200

2 TICKETS

INDIVIDUAL SINGLE TICKET

\$60



Tickets & Donations

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What a fun and successful first WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS CLUB on September 17! We did a fun mosaic craft, sang songs with Mrs. Winston, a Bible study with snacks, then games in the gym. 22 KIDS!!













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STEPHEN MINISTRY

Are you experiencing a crisis, facing a challenge, or simply going through a tough time? A Stephen Minister can help.

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. After being matched with a person experiencing a life crisis, the Stephen Minister meets with that person—privately and confidentially—on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. The caring relationship lasts as long as the need for care exists.

Please contact the church office or check the box below the prayer request section of the attendance register to learn more about how Stephen Ministry can help you.

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

IMMANUEL BRAILLE MINISTRY

Lutheran Braille Workers is the largest Christian ministry in the world that provides Braille and specialized Large Print Bibles free of charge for people who are Blind or Visually Impaired.

Thanks to an army of volunteers and thousands of generous partners who financially support this ministry, Lutheran Braille Workers is able to get the Word of God into the hands of people who are Blind or Visually Impaired at no expense to them.

There are several Immanuel members that are involved in this ministry. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, we gather monthly to print and collate Braille books for shipment to foreign missions. The next meeting is Monday, October 20 at 9:00 a.m. at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Tulsa; 2250 E 71st St.

If you have any questions, please contact the Immanuel church office, 918-258-5506. Anyone is welcome to join.



Blood Services

BLOOD DRIVE HERE AT IMMANUEL MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

Time: 11:15am-3:00pm Location: Multipurpose Room A

Critical Need for Blood Donors

One person can help save hundreds of lives by hosting a blood drive. It's a rewarding experience.

Who Can You Help by Donating Blood?

Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

FALL FESTIVAL NEEDS CANDY AND YOU!

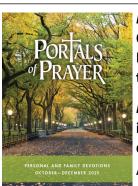
If you would like to donate candy for the Fall Festival, a collection box is in the narthex.

Since this is one of our biggest outreach events, we need quite a few volunteers to make this event a huge success.

For more information you may contact Todd Stevens at 918-258-5506, or at tstevens@immanuelba.org.



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PORTALS OF PRAYER Devotion Booklets October-December issue available now. Located in the magazine holder on the wall in the main hallway.

Portals of Prayer is a favorite of readers looking for ways to stay in God's Word with easy, daily devotions.

A great way to start each day, readings feature a Bible passage, meditation, & prayer in an

easy-to-read format.

Portals of Prayer is great for personal devotions and can be used to open church meetings or Bible studies. Portals of Prayer has been a source of strength and comfort since 1937.

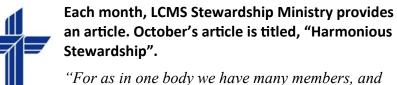
"THE LUTHERAN WITNESS"

Each month a new issue is available for you.

It provides stories & information that complement congregational life, foster personal growth in faith, & help interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective.

The October issue should be arriving soon!

(Located in the magazine holder on the wall in the main hallway.)



the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another" (Romans 12:4-5).

Go to lcms.org for the full article.





WHAT DO THEY DO? **They Bring Hope to Communities Around the World**

Lutheran Bible Translators partners with local leaders to create translation programs for the many communities who do not have access to God's Word in their native language. Your prayers and financial gifts enable them to provide the resources, tools, and the support local leaders need to make the Word of God more accessible than ever.

- Our Mission Lutheran Bible Translators makes God's Word
- accessible to those who do not yet have it in the language they
- understand best.

Our Vision Vibrant Christian communities, deeply rooted in God's Word, engaging fully in God's mission, in this generation.

Ways to be involved:

Pray – Become a Prayer Partner

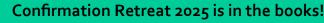
Give - Experience the joy in making a profound impact on the lives of countless individuals worldwide. By supporting Bible translation efforts, you become an integral part of their lives, enabling them to engage and grow with the Word of God in their own language.

Advocate – Spread awareness

Go to www.lbt.org for all the information.

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Immanuel Youth Ministry is hosting the Annual

Potluck & Pumpkin Dessert Contest!

Sunday, October 26 following Reformation/Confirmation Service

Bring a dish to share and a homemade Pumpkin Dessert to compete for Best Pumpkin Dessert!



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YOUTH MINISTRY PUMPKIN PATCH

Patch Opens Monday,
October 13 @3pm and runs daily
through Friday, October 31!



Sunday - Friday from Noon - 7p (or dark) Saturdays from 10am - 7pm (or dark)

Proceeds benefit Immanuel Youth Ministry.





OCTOBER 5th — LWM SUNDAY

Everything we do as Lutheran Women in Mission begins with Christ's message of repentance and forgiveness.

Mite Sunday: Mite boxes will be at the end of your pew, on the LWML information table in the Narthex or near the doors exiting the Sanctuary. Your Mite donations are greatly appreciated as Immanuel continues to strive to support this very needed mission-minded organization.

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Mark 12:41-43), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS.

Muffin Sunday: The ladies will have delicious muffins for everyone in the gym at the beginning of Sunday School. (No donuts on this day.) Come and enjoy muffins and hot coffee! In kind donations appreciated!

All ladies are invited and encouraged to join us at our next LWM MEETING on Sunday, October 19 at 3:00pm, here at the church.



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October 1

Emmett Oliver

October 2

Pastor Ben Braun Roman Rider

October 3

Jane Aussieker Patricia Heisterberg Madeline Nelson

October 5

Marlin Bence Cindi Hagans David Olinghouse

October 6

Larry Bundtrock Jimmy Dresher

October 7

Richard Fair Theresa Wild Jonathan Willis Jason & Allison Wright, 25 yrs.

October 8

Robin Armer Julie Thomas

October 9

Courtney Engelman Michael & Jill Cooper, 49 yrs. Bill & Dianne Hutchins, 43 yrs.

October 10

Tyson Caldwell

Denny & Keisha Huggins, 15 yrs.

Russell & Su An Phipps, 39 yrs.

October 11

Jack deFreese
Travis & Holly Nelson, 17 yrs.

October 12

Mark James Spencer James

October 13

Scott Hood

October 14

Joanne McIntyre Mary Sanford

October 15

Everest Clark Jerrilyn Eisenhauer

October 16

Chuck & Pam Clendenning, 43 yrs

October 17

Shawna Caldwell Kyle Seeman

October 19

Julia Myers

October 21 Judy Hutter

Eli Ratz Tyler Stolt Paul Tobben

Dennis & Ann Voss, 47 yrs.

October 22

James Beard James Holt

October 23

Ann Holt

October 27

Piper Willis

Chris & Kimberly Fleming, 13 yrs.

October 28

Phyllis Kindle Tammy Seeman

October 30

David Hood Chris Winston

October 31

Dan Kois

October Birthdays: 90+ YEARS!

Jean Dresher celebrating 91 years on October 2 Silver Morris celebrating 90 years on October 6.

October Anniversary: 50+ YEARS!

57 years: Earl & Rita Sweet — October 25





Carnival Games, Hayrides, Bounce Houses, & Trunk or Treat

Our Fall Festival is offered each year as an alternative to the traditional Halloween activities. This fun night is for Immanuel kids and their friends. Dress the kids in friendly costumes and get ready to have lots of fun! Bring your neighbors, family, and friends!