BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL !

Our annual Christmas Festival is back for its 3rd year! Don't miss being a part of this wonderful community event offered by our Immanuel family! We need you to continue growing this outreach event and making it more successful each year. Performers, musicians, hosts, bakers--there's something for everyone! Watch the Narthex for sign ups soon.

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Pastor Ben's Corner

Entrusted to Bless

2 Corinthians 9:8

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

Our stewardship theme for 2027 is " Entrusted to Bless". The focus of this is the idea that both personally and communally (as a congregation) we have been blessed by God. Blessed through His daily provision for all of our needs and, most importantly, through the provision of His one and only Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we have forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. I think we can all acknowledge that we have received blessings from God that surpass anything we could have ever hoped for.

Another aspect of this theme is the fact that we are entrusted with those blessings for God's purposes, and are therefore called to manage them according to His will and in ways that give glory to His holy name. We say it every Sunday, after the gathering of our tithes and offerings, when we speak together the words, "Thank you, Lord, for blessing us, so that we might be a blessing to others." It is an acknowledgement that the offerings that we bring are being offered for one purpose: to be a blessing to others, and not just any blessing, but specifically to bring the blessing of the Gospel message of Jesus Christ to all people.

After all, that is the ultimate blessing that has been entrusted to us. In the above passage from Paul's second letter to the church in Corinth, Paul makes abundantly clear the fact that God blesses us with His grace and that grace is sufficient for us. In other words, we don't need to add anything to it; the grace of God is enough. And yet he also makes clear that the grace entrusted to and for us is not to sit idly by; rather, it is to be the driving force behind all that we do, that we might "abound in every good work." We are entrusted with blessings in order to bless.

And that is the challenge before us, as individuals and as a community of faith, to view God's provision as a calling to bless the world. Just like in Jesus' parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), the manager did not bless his servants with his gifts so that they could burry them in a field, so too has Christ not blessed us with every good gift with every blessing we will ever need, so that we can bury it. Instead, he calls us to be driven by them in order to share them with those around us. And so let us always give thanks to God for what he has entrusted to us that we might be a blessing to others.

Respectfully yours,

Pastor Benjamin A. Braun

><>Pastor Ben Braun

Immanuel Lutheran Church & Academy

Monday, October 26
10:45am—2:00pm

Look for the Bloodmobile!

Walk-ins Welcome!

Our goal is 15 donations! We can do this!!

SCAN TO SCHEDULE

Our Blood Institute

"United in faith and empowered by the Spirit, Immanuel **Embraces, Educates,** and **Engages** our community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

August 2026 Monthly Financial Update

		2026 YTD
Offerings Received (General Fund)	$85,520	$720,301
Total Income Received	$112,866	$918,963
Expenses	$134,129	$1,012,384
Surplus/Deficit	— $21,264	$93,420

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:6

IMMANUEL'S ANNUAL

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, BROKEN ARROW

- Beautiful handcrafted gifts
- Holiday home decor
- Local vendors
- Festive fun
- Unique items
- FREE Entrance
- Food trucks

BECOME A VENDOR

Booths are available - $50 for 8'x10' and $90 for 8'x20'. Contact sfinn@fullnet.net for more information and/or a vendor application. Vendor applications are also available at the church office.

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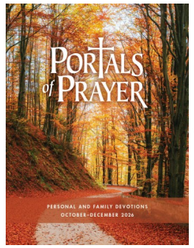


Pick up the PORTALS OF PRAYER Devotion Booklets

October-December 2026 available

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, and 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.

Pick up a booklet in the magazine holder in the main hallway, across from the school office.

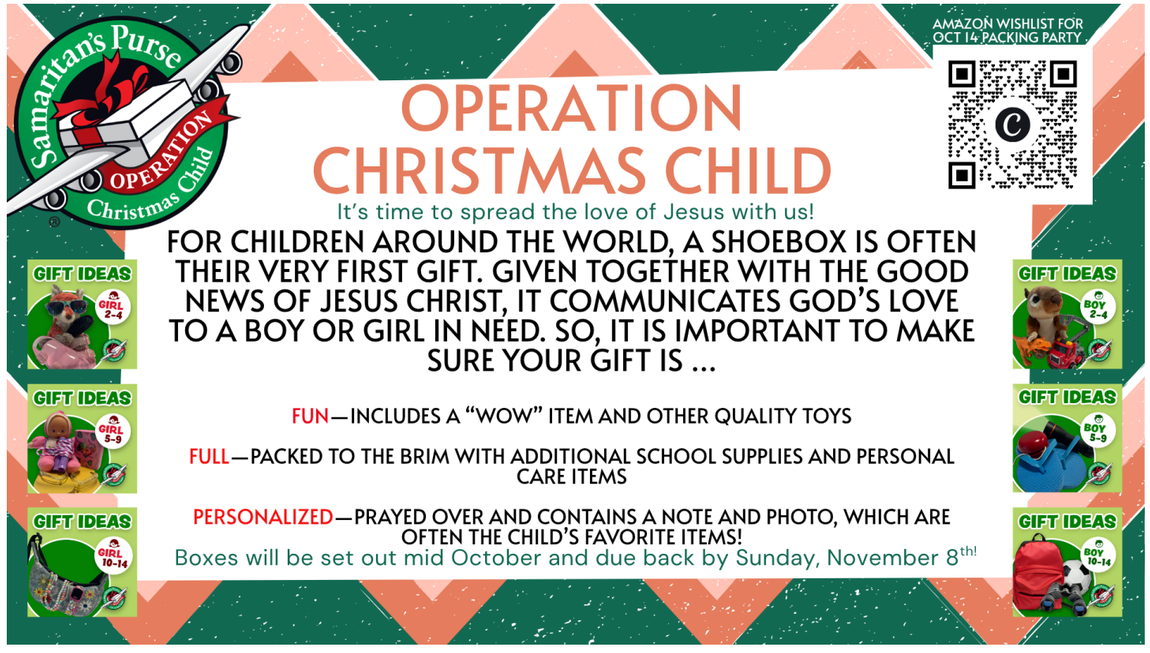
"THE LUTHERAN WITNESS"

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

Ladies of Immanuel...you are invited to join us at our next gathering on Tuesday, October 20th at 6:00pm, here at the church.

We share the Gospel with others and focus on growing each women's relationship with her Lord and Savior. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.



OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 4th, 11th, & 18th:
8:30am — Traditional Divine Service
10:00am — Education Hour
11:00am — Modern Divine Service

October 25th: One Service at 10:00am
Reformation Sunday with the Rite of Confirmation

SUNDAY EDUCATION HOUR in OCTOBER

All classes begin at 10:00am

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES:

- **"Lions, Legends, and the Living God"**
  A Study on the Book of Daniel
  Led by Pastor Ben Braun; meet in the gym
  This study will run through the end of October.

- **A Study of 1 Corinthians**
  Led by Pastor Spomer; meet in Multipurpose Room A

CHILDREN'S CLASSES:
3-5 year olds—Room 110
K & 1st grade—Room 110
2nd & 3rd grade—Room 115
4th grade—Room 124
5th grade—Room 119
6th grade—Room 117

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 Education Hour, 10:00-10:45am.

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS CLUB

for ALL KIDS AGES 4yrs to 5th grade!
6:00-7:30pm

Come and join us for Bible lessons, songs, crafts, snacks, and games!

Kids Club is a time to make new friends, have a blast, and grow closer to Jesus in a super fun way!

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.

We also offer Children's Chimes on Wednesdays at 6:45pm. Contact Lynn Beaird for more information at llbeaird@yahoo.com

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:
3:10-5:30pm: Fellowship and open gym
5:30pm: Supper
6:00-7:30pm: Bible Study

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 cwinston@immanuelba.org or Rebecca Winston rwinston@immanuelba.org.

Handbells – Wednesdays at 5:45pm

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays at 7:00pm

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)

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

TUESDAYS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: "God Loves Moms" by Christina Hergenrader.
The women we read about in God's Word were just regular women - like us. And they had the same insecurities and vulnerabilities that we all feel. This study digs deep into the stories of thirteen biblical women for a fresh look at how God reveals His grace through Christ for you. Written in an inviting, friendly tone, this resource is for mothers of all ages. **This study is on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am in the church office conference room; hosted by Lynn Beaird.**

WEDNESDAYS

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST: "Living Life Backwards"
We are discussing and learning how Ecclesiastes teaches how to live in light of the end — freeing us to live wisely, generously, and faithfully for God's glory and the good of this world. A book has been donated for each participant. **Please join us, 6:30am on Wednesdays at Chick-fil-A, 71st & Garnett; hosted by Joe Kuhlmann. For more information, call the church office, 918-258-5506.**

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP: "Everlasting" by Christina Hergenrader, and can be purchased on Amazon or CPH.
Anxious. Worthy. Ashamed. Nostalgic. Lonely. Secure. This is just a handful of emotions we observe in the Psalms-and in our day-to-day lives, too. In this women's Bible study from beloved author Christina Hergenrader, you'll be guided through 25 psalms, digging into their genres, perplex emotions, glimpses of Jesus, and more. While in this life we experience mountaintop moments, deep valleys, and everything in between, we can rest in God's everlasting love and grace. **Join us Wednesdays from 6-7:30 pm, in the library. Hosted by Anna Braun.**

YOUNG ADULT BOOK STUDY: *A Martyr's Faith in a Faithless World*
Stand firm when faith is tested. Learn how to face pressure, endure hardship, and keep trusting Christ to the very end.
In *A Martyr's Faith in a Faithless World*, Bryan Wolfmueller points to the witness of early Christians like Stephen, Perpetua, and Polycarp to show what steady faith looks like in real life. Through vivid story-telling and practical insight, he explores how faith grows not in comfort but in challenge--through opposition, suffering, and the everyday demands of family, work, and community. Anchored in Jesus' Parable of the Sower and the Bible's call to "put on the armor of God," this book shows how faith is tested from every side--and how God's Word takes root and endures. **We meet at the church, 6-7:30pm, in the church office conference room. Study led by Mark D'Arcy.**

THURSDAYS

BIBLE STUDY: Revelation
This study is part of the *LifeLight* Bible study series of in-depth studies of Bible books. The goal of *Life-Light* is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus Christ. For men & women. **Join us on Thursdays at 10:00am in the church office conference room; hosted by Dan Kois.**

Join us on October 25th at 10:00am to watch these Confirmands confirm the promises made at their baptism.

SEPTEMBER 2026
CHURCH ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

September 6th
8:30am service: 198
11:00am service: 78
Offering: $16,083.00
Online Giving: $11,246.72

September 13th
8:30am service: 223
11:00am service: 63
Offering: $18,086.66
Online Giving: $4,113.36

September 20th
8:30am service: 208
11:00am service: 72
Offering: $33,843.75
Online Giving: $7,087.99

September 27th
8:30am service: 216
11:00am service: 96
Offering: $13,145.81
Online Giving: (not available at the time of printing)

Confirmation Retreat: Faith, Trust, and New Heights at Camp Lutherhoma

Last month, our Confirmation students headed out to Camp Lutherhoma in Tahlequah for a retreat filled with preparation, reflection, and growth, both in faith and in fellowship.

Friday night set the tone as students gathered to review together, preparing for their Confirmation test the next morning. But before any pencils hit paper, Saturday began with something quieter and more foundational: a walk to "First Word," the rocks along the river, where students spent time in silence, reading God's Word, and simply taking in the beauty of His creation. It was a chance to start the day grounded, not in test prep, but in the Word itself.

After breakfast, the students sat down for their Confirmation test. We're proud to share that every single one of them passed, a wonderful testament to their hard work and the faith they've been building throughout their Confirmation journey.

With the test behind them, the focus shifted to teamwork. The group dove into the Group Initiative Course (GIC), a series of challenges designed to build trust, communication, and mutual support among the students. After lunch, they continued strengthening those bonds before heading to the Ropes Course where the real growth happened. One by one, students faced challenges that pushed them past what they thought they were capable of, cheered on by their peers every step of the way.

From quiet moments by the river to the courage found high on the ropes course, this retreat was a beautiful picture of what Confirmation is all about: growing in faith, leaning on one another, and discovering just how far God can carry us when we take that next step.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this retreat possible (especially Keisha Huggins for chaperoning), and congratulations to our newly tested Confirmation students!

Consecration Sunday—October 11th

As we prepare for Consecration Sunday on October 11th, we give thanks for God's many blessings and look forward with faith to all he will accomplish through Immanuel in the coming year. Consecration Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on God's generosity, renew our commitment to His mission, and prayerfully consider how we can support the ministries of our church.

During the weeks leading up to Consecration Sunday, we invite you to join us on a stewardship journey as we reflect on:

- Living Generously Towards Others (Philippians 2:1-4) - Sunday, September 27
- Whose Gifts Are They? (Matthew 21:41) - Sunday, October 4
- Reflecting the Generosity of God (Matthew 22:11-14) - Sunday, October 11

These reflections remind us that all we have comes from God and that He calls us to use our gifts, abilities, and resources to serve His kingdom, to bless others, proclaim the Gospel, and celebrate His gifts to us.

KEEP CONNECTED WITH CHURCH NEWS

The church website, www.immanuelba.org, has up to date information: the weekly announcement flyer, monthly newsletter, calendar events, Youth Ministry events, etc.

You can also download the church app: Immanuel Broken Arrow

Also, you can watch live on Facebook, YouTube, on our app, and on our website on Sundays at 8:30am for our Traditional worship service.

October is Church Worker Appreciation Month and October 11 is Pastor Appreciation Day!

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.

What a gift when congregation and church workers mutually encourage each other, so that the Gospel may spread and that faith my grow among us all (Romans 1:12).

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 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!
- 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.
- 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!

Play & Pray group is going to the Pumpkin Patch

Join us on Saturday, October 10th at 10am at Carmichael's Pumpkin Patch at 17137 S Mingo in Bixby. Admission is free for the petting zoo & the small maze. Huge selection of pumpkins, gourds, produce, jams, fudge & more.

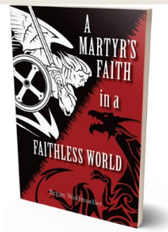
Play & Pray is for children from infancy through preschool, along with their parents and other caregivers. Please join us!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Fall Festival is one of our biggest outreach events and we need quite a few volunteers to make this event a huge success. Please consider helping out!

Use the QR code to sign up!

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



Young Adult Book Study

College Age Young adults (ages 18 - 25)

Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30pm in the church conference room.

Join us for (FREE) supper in Luther Hall at 5:30pm if you'd like!

No pre-reading required! We read and discuss together.

Use this link to get special $15 discounted tickets!

Last month, our Youth Ministry worked on a service project, assembling 15 “Boxes of Sonshine” for our college students.

A Prayer for Our College Students

Heavenly Father, open the minds and hearts of these students to learn what is fruitful for their life of service to You. And lead them to realize that all true wisdom, knowledge, and understanding come from You (Proverbs 2:6). In Jesus’ name. Amen.

COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR

FALL FESTIVAL

New This Year! Live Music!

Come enjoy live big-band music and dancing featuring the "Sounds of Music"! We'll also have brats and hot dogs available during the evening.

INVITE YOUR FAMILY & NEIGHBORS!

The kids will enjoy Carnival Games, Bounce Houses, Trunk or Treat, & Hayrides!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

5:00-7:00PM

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Braun and family

For Our Armed Forces

Immanuel's Visioning Process – pray for our Elders, Staff, our elected leaders, and for us as a congregation to know God's vision for us and that we will be inspired to pursue it.

Those with Health Concerns – Matt Hagans, Loretta Herzberger

Those with cancer – Allen Beaird, Michelle Craig, Donna D., Jill Duran, Carol Feagins, Earl Franklin, Mike Hays, Mark Holcomb, Allen Hufford, Holly Johnson, Lyle Johnson, Shirley Kirkpatrick, Jackie Oestreich, Jonathan Schultz, Gary Siftar, Carrie Ann Swaim, Theresa, Ellen Vester, Lois Wegner, Woody Wicker

Missionary work: Rev. Christian and Gudula Tiews serving in the Eurasia Region; Ben Helge serving in the Czech Republic; Josh Lange and family, working with CWEF in Shanghai; Bob & Chris Prouty serving in Australia; Rev. Jason and Anna Marie Steffenson will be serving in Italy. Rev. Bryan and Deaconess Keah Payne serving in Shinyanga, Tanzania.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank You, heavenly Father, for all Your created gifts, for the earth and skies that so wonderfully declare Your glory, and for work and family, food and shelter. Above all, gracious Father, I give thanks to You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus, my Savior. Through faith in His name, I have the hope and joy of knowing that I will live in Your presence forever. Hear my prayer in Jesus' name. Amen. *Portals of Prayer 2026*

1 Emmett Oliver
2 Pastor Ben Braun
Dana Christopher
Roman Rider
Braedon & Megan Fayard, 5 years
3 Jane Aussieker
Patricia Heisterberg
Madeline Nelson
5 Marlin Bence
Cindi Hagans
6 Larry Bundtrock
Jimmy Dresher
7 Theresa Wild
Jason & Allison Wright, 26 years
8 Robin Armer
Julie Thomas
9 Courtney Engelman
Bill & Dianne Hutchins, 44 years
10 Denny & Keisha Huggins, 16 years
Russell & Su An Phipps, 40 years
11 Jack deFreese
Travis & Holly Nelson, 18 years
12 Mark James
Spencer James
13 Scott Hood
14 Joanne McIntyre
Mary Sanford
15 Everest Clark
Jerrilyn Eisenhauer
16 Kary Schneider
Allen Shiever
Chuck & Pam Clendenning, 44 years
17 Kyle Seeman
19 Mary Bundtrock
Twila Lewis
Julia Myers
20 Emmett Hurst
21 Brenda Carter
Judy Hutter
Eli Ratz
Tyler Stolt
Paul Tobben
Dennis & Ann Voss, 48 years
22 James Beard
James Holt
23 Ann Holt
27 Chris & Kimberly Fleming, 14 years
28 Tammy Seeman
30 David Hood
Chris Winston
31 Dan Kois

Jean Dresher celebrating 92 years on October 2.

Silver Morris celebrating 91 years on October 6.

October 25: Earl & Rita Sweet, 58 years

ALTAR FLOWERS

Sign Up Now for any Sunday in 2026

You may **pick a Sunday in advance** to sponsor altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, or baptismal birthday.
Sign up on the table in the narthex or **online** for your convenience.

$65 Single floor arrangement or $75 Two wall arrangements

If you have questions, please contact the church office at **918-258-5506.**

Use the QR code to sign up:

MITE SUNDAY is October 4th (the first Sunday of each month)

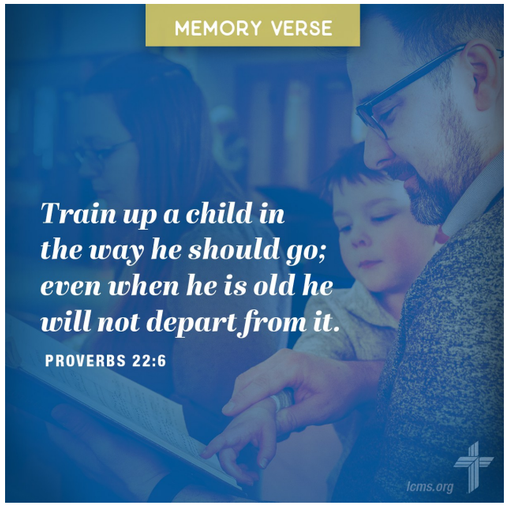
If you have spare change, you can drop it in the Mite Boxes located in the pews!

Inspired by the Biblical story of the widow's mite, these boxes are meant for regular contributions that help support district and national mission grants, as well as various Lutheran Women in Mission programs. Thank you for your donations!

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

The LCMS invites everyone to memorize a verse together each week for October.
It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God's Word. One beneficial practice is to memorize the Scriptures and, in so doing, to meditate on it.

Week of October 4, 2026
Proverbs 22:6



Week of October 11, 2026
1 Timothy 1:15
The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

Week of October 18, 2026
John 8:31-32
So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Week of October 25, 2026
Ephesians 2:8-9
For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.