

## HAPPENING NEXT MONTH!

December 5: ILCA Fine Arts Christmas  
Concert at 6:30pm, in the Sanctuary

December 6: Broken Arrow Christmas  
Parade at 10am, downtown.

Tulsa Lutheran Messiah

Sunday, December 7

Performances at 2:00pm & 4:30pm

Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church



Wednesdays in Advent at 6:45pm

December 3: Wednesday Advent Service,  
in the Sanctuary

December 10: Advent By Candlelight  
Service, in the gym

December 17: Wednesday Advent Service,  
in the Sanctuary

December 22: Blue Christmas Service,  
6:45pm



### Mark Your Calendar

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Holiday Craft Fair

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**Nov 30**

Hanging the Greens at  
9am

One Service at 10am

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### Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, shall bless us.  
God shall bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

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Church: 918-258-5506 / immanuelba.org  
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## Pastor Ben's Corner

### Being Reformed

#### 1 Peter 2:5

"You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

We just celebrated "Reformation Sunday last week. A Sunday set aside to celebrate the reformation sparked by Martin Luther's 95 Theses, on October 31, 1517. As I reflect on this celebration, I couldn't help but remember that the reforming power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ was a lifetime reformation for Martin Luther. I actually taught a class on this last year at Immanuel entitled, "The Development of Martin Luther's Theology". But the reformation was not just a movement that helped Christians rediscover the Gospel, it was a very personal reformation of the man, that would take place over the course of Martin Luther's life.

Just to highlight a few moments. Luther went from a law student caught in a Lightning storm promising St. Anne that if she saved him, he would become a monk to stating in the Smalcald Articles, regarding invoking the saint, that it is "neither commanded nor counseled, nor has it any warrant in Scripture." He went from, as a monk, spending hours in confession, working his fingers to the bone, and some even say, committing acts of self flagellation, in order to obtain God's love, to declaring, "This mystery of the riches of divine grace for sinners; for by a wonderful exchange our sins are now not ours but Christ's, and Christ's righteousness is not Christ's but ours."

The list could go on and on. At times, Luther would alter his theological stances in light of what the Word of God revealed. So what is the point? The point is simply this, Martin Luther did not go through a one-time reformation; rather, he was daily being reformed by the unchanging Word of God and the Gospel that it proclaimed.

The same is true for each of us. We are all, daily, to be changed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are to grow in our knowledge of who God has revealed Himself to be.

In 1 Peter 2:5 (quoted at the beginning of this article) we are reminded of the truth that we are "BEING built into a spiritual house". In other words, it isn't complete; our faith, our knowledge, our reliance upon the Grace of God is in a constant state of being reformed.

Here is a worldly example. When I attended my brother's and sister in-law's wedding in Jakarta, Indonesia, as they gave us a tour of their neighborhood, I couldn't help but recognize that almost all of the houses were under construction. When I asked my brother about this, he responded, "Oh, that is because the family isn't done yet; they are always adding onto the houses to make space for future generations." The buildings are always under construction, because the growth isn't done yet.

The same is true in the reformation the Holy Spirit brings our hearts into; it is always under construction. Our faith always has room to grow. That is why it is so vital that we as believers, study God's Word, that we not become content with the idea that "Well, now I know enough." Until God calls us to His side, rescuing us from death and condemnation, we don't know enough. We must be in a continual state of being reformed.

This becomes all the more pressing because, as we know, Satan doesn't stop attacking us once we are called to faith, rather, he doubles down on his efforts. That is why Paul says in Romans 12:2, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." In other words be reformed, so that this world does not seek to claim what Christ has already paid for. We are constantly being reformed and thank God, as He continually reforms our faith and draws us ever more into His Grace.

Respectfully yours,

*Pastor Benjamin A. Braun*

><>Pastor Ben Braun



## 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)."

**Basketball Season is underway!**  
**Come & check out our Immanuel Crusaders!**

**Friday, Nov 7: Middle School & High School Boys & Girls play here in the gym, starting at 4pm.**

**Tuesday, Nov 11: Crusaders play at Rhema starting at 4:30pm.  
(1367 E 71st St, Broken Arrow)**

**Friday, Nov 14: Games here in the gym starting at 4pm.**

**Go to [ilcanews.org](http://ilcanews.org) for all the dates/times for the games.**

## Immanuel Lutheran Church

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[www.immanuelba.org](http://www.immanuelba.org)

### Sundays

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

### Church Ministry Staff

Rev. Benjamin Braun  
*Pastor*

Todd Stevens, DCE  
*Director of Children's Ministry*

Carrie Ann Swaim  
*Director of Youth Ministry*

Chris Winston  
*Director of Music & Organist*

Rebecca Winston  
*Director of Vocal Music*

Tammy Seeman  
*Church Office Manager*

Garnita Kuhlmann  
*Church Office Receptionist*

### Immanuel Lutheran Christian Academy

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Twilla Berwaldt  
*Executive Director*

### Immanuel Lutheran Christian Academy Preschool

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Website: [ilcanews.org](http://ilcanews.org)

Keisha Huggins  
*Preschool Director*

Rachel McGrew  
*Assistant Preschool Director*

**A group of our preschoolers took a field trip to the pumpkin patch and apple orchard in Porter.**



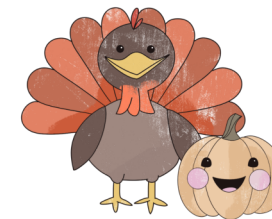
### NOVEMBER 2 is MITE SUNDAY

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.

### Congregational Voters' Meeting Sunday, November 16 at 10:30am, in the gym

This meeting will take place during the Adult Education hour. We welcome new attendees. As voting members, you must be 18 years or older and a confirmed member of Immanuel.



**The Church Office  
will be closed on  
November 27 & 28.**



### PLAY & PRAY GROUP

This group is for children from infancy through Preschool and their Parents / Grandparents / or other Caregivers are invited to join us.

We meet at 10am – see location:

Friday, Nov 7 – Church nursery room  
Saturday, Nov 15 – at the Jentsch home  
Friday, Nov 21 – Church nursery room

Bring your little ones for fellowship and fun and support as Christian parents and caregivers. Contact the church office for more information, 918-258-5506.

### MUSIC MINISTRY

COME SHARE YOUR TALENTS and be a part of one of our fun, welcoming groups as we help lead worship at Immanuel.

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)

For more information, please contact  
Chris Winston

[cwinston@immanuelba.org](mailto:cwinston@immanuelba.org) or

Rebecca Winston

[rwinston@immanuelba.org](mailto:rwinston@immanuelba.org).

**Please Join Us!**

## ONE SERVICE SUNDAY November 30

**9:00am Hanging of the Greens**  
We have 5 trees to decorate in the narthex. All the trees will be up and ready for trimming!

**10am Worship Service**  
Potluck in the gym, following service.

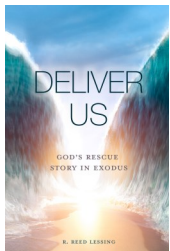
## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

**Reminder: We will not have Bible Studies on Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> due to Thanksgiving Break.**

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:**

**New study to begin on November 5.**

**We will study the book of Exodus, using the Bible and the book, "Deliver Us" - God's Rescue Story in Exodus.**

In "Deliver Us", Dr. Lessing offers an unique combination of Bible commentary and devotional reflection, applying biblical truth to our lives and inviting us to see how God uses His people's story for us in the book of Exodus. Book is available at Concordia Publishing House. **"6:30am on Wednesdays at Chick-fil-A, 71<sup>st</sup> & 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.**

*Wednesday Bible studies continued on the next column*

**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.**

**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. Please note: No Thursday Bible study on Nov 13.**

## LCMS Stewardship Ministry

## Newsletter Article – November 2025

*Pointing to the Rock of Ages*

*Not the labor of my hands Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone. (LSB 761:2)*

While the classic hymn "Rock of Ages" shows up in the *Lutheran Service Book* in the "Hope and Comfort" section, it can also teach us a valuable lesson about Christian stewardship. If that surprises you, stay with me on this one.

No Lutheran would ever dispute the fact that our work does not save us. Ephesians 2 makes it truly clear that we are dead in our trespasses and sins and would remain in that state until Christ raises us by grace. There is not a ladder on which we can climb out of the grave that our sins have dug for us. No blood, sweat nor tears will be able to rescue us. We all know this.

Our works do not save. Christ's work on the cross of Calvary does! He bore human flesh. He carried the burden of our sin to the cross. His body was beaten, bruised and bloodied for us. He has indeed atoned for us! This is more than enough reason for this hymn to be bouncing around in your head all day today!

But our work has a place. The place is in response to what the Father has done for us in Jesus. The Rock of Ages, who is Jesus, becomes the foundation on which our lives of faith are built. The Holy Spirit uses the means of grace to make us God's workmanship that Paul talks about in Ephesians 2:10.

Our workmanship does not display our power or prowess. Like the heavens declare the handiwork of the Creator, the works of a redeemed sinner point others to the salvation that is worked only by Jesus alone. Our work is a response to and reflection of a grace and glory that we ourselves could never accomplish or achieve.

We become stewards of the treasure that is the Gospel. When we faithfully support the work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with our financial support, we are doing the work which points to the One who alone atones. When we come alongside a struggling sister or brother for whom Christ died and we share the stewardship work of compassion and care, we en flesh the treasure of God's love and redemption. When we make it a weekly priority to arrange our schedule to be in the Lord's House with other stewards of the Gospel to receive again and again the Gospel's precious gift, we are stewards of the Body of Christ in the congregation that points even more people to Jesus.

We cannot do this. Jesus does it through us. We are simply stewards of this precious treasure!

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Stewardship Ministry

LCMS MISSIONARIES



**SERVING THE LORD IN SHINYANGA, TANZANIA**

**Letter from the Payne family-September 2025**

**Building One Another Up**

Dear Friends and Family,

*"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." 1 Thess 5:11*

Rev. Dr. Schumacher and Mrs. Schumacher have visited Shinyanga for 7 weeks. Their time here was so full; teaching to the seminary students and then their final week teaching 11 pastors from the SELVD who are preparing to continue their education by attending seminaries in other countries. The Payne family has all very much enjoyed the Schumachers stay in Shinyanga. It is so fun to witness people doing something they love, and they both love to teach! The greatest gift was observing how through their teaching they showed Christ's love to their students.

September brings the hot weather that will eventually bring the rains! Also, Dalton celebrated his 9th birthday. His birthday fell on the final day of teaching the 11 pastors, so Keah, Emelda, and Rory baked cupcakes the day before to share with everyone at tea time! Everyone was happy to celebrate with Dalton and help eat cupcakes!

The ongoing construction is making great progress. In October the SELVD will host the General Assembly for the Lutheran Church of Tanzania on their Seminary grounds. The Bishops from every diocese along with their Assistant Bishops and General Secretaries will come. The SELVD is trying to complete the classroom building and as much as they can before the assembly arrives. The SELVD is also putting in new sidewalks to each of the buildings.

Praise God for the many congregations and individuals who pray for, encourage and support us in so many ways, such as you!

God's Peace,

Rev. Bryan, Dcs. Keah, Rory & Dalton Payne



**News from Pastor Tiews  
September 21, 2025  
Sharing the Gospel in Germany**

**Dear Friends and Supporters...**

... of our ministry to Germany and across Eurasia! I think dear ol' Martin Luther would be absolutely stunned to see that roughly half a millennium after his rediscovery of the Gospel, Christian converts from Muslim lands would be proudly posing at the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, where Luther posted his 95 Theses in 1517. But that is exactly what happened when we led a group of 17 Iranian Lutherans from Hamburg last week to the city in which the Reformation started. I was amazed by how much they "got into" Lutheran history, as we toured the Castle Church (where Luther posted his 95 Theses), the "City Church" (aka St. Mary's, the church at which Luther served, alongside Johannes Bugenhagen), and saw his home, the former Augustinian monastery.

We had a most enjoyable and edifying three-day, two-night retreat in Wittenberg, one of the most important cities of Christianity, staying at the Old Latin School, the LCMS venue in the heart of town—literally a stone's throw away from the City Church. We had chapel and devotions every day, and our Iranian friends fortified their knowledge of Lutheran Christianity in the very place where it all started.

Dear friends and supporters, if you have never been to Wittenberg, perhaps you would like to join us next September, as we offer another opportunity to experience Persian (and other kinds of) ministry in Germany first-hand? Mark your calendars: the next Germany "FORO" is scheduled for September 23-29, 2026. And as always, all of this mission work would not be possible without the love and support of YOU ALL!

Thank you all for keeping the Tiews going out here on the mission field, and praise God for the many ways in which He is blessing His work that we are so privileged to do!

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Rm 115

K & 1<sup>st</sup> grade – Rm 111 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade – 116

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** meet in Luther Hall - grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

**SUNDAY CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

**Confirmation classes for all 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

**REMINDER: We will not meet for WINGS on November 26<sup>th</sup>, due to Thanksgiving break.**

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

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

**JOIN US FOR BIBLE ADVENTURES, CREATIVE CRAFTS, MUSIC MADNESS, & EPIC GAMES!**

**This is for all kids ages 3yrs to 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tstevens@immanuelba.org).

**REMINDER: We will not meet on November 26<sup>th</sup>, due to Thanksgiving break.**

**REMINDER:**

We will not have any Wednesday afternoon/evening activities on November 26 (Thanksgiving Break).

No Bible studies, no music rehearsals, no WINGS, & no Kids' Club.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

There is only **ONE SERVICE** on **SUNDAY November 30** at 10:00am.

**WE NEED YOU!**

The 2nd annual Boar's Head Christmas Festival is next month. We need cast members and volunteers in many areas. There is something for all ages!

Stop by the table in the narthex to see where you can help out!



# IMMANUEL'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
9:00AM - 3:00PM

Our Annual Christmas Craft Fair is just around the corner, offering unique, handmade holiday gifts, beautiful decorations, and festive fun!

CALL 918-688-6906 OR EMAIL [SFINN@FULLNET.NET](mailto:SFINN@FULLNET.NET)  
FOR INFORMATION ON BECOMING A VENDOR

Immanuel Lutheran Church and Academy  
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Broken Arrow, OK 74012

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- FREE Entrance
- Beautiful handmade gifts
- Holiday home decor
- Local vendors



Holy Baptism

## Immanuel Welcomes a New Member to the Church!

We thank our most merciful God & Father that He has granted a new birth in Holy Baptism for Millie Rose Threadgill, baptized on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, during the 11:30am service. Parents are Ben & Chelsea Threadgill.

*Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, who calls us by name and blesses us through the waters of Baptism. Thank You for this glorious gift. Amen.*

## Immanuel's 2025 Confirmands ~ October 26, 2025

*Whoever acknowledges Me before men, I will also acknowledge him before My Father in heaven.  
But whoever disowns Me before men, I will disown him before My Father in heaven.*

*Matthew 10:32-33*



Front row: Alice Thomas, James Lange, Amy Cromer, Liam Farlow, Pastor Ben Braun  
Second row: Todd Stevens, Director of Children's Ministry, Elizabeth Olinghouse,  
David Olinghouse, and Logan Lemaster

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL is coming soon!

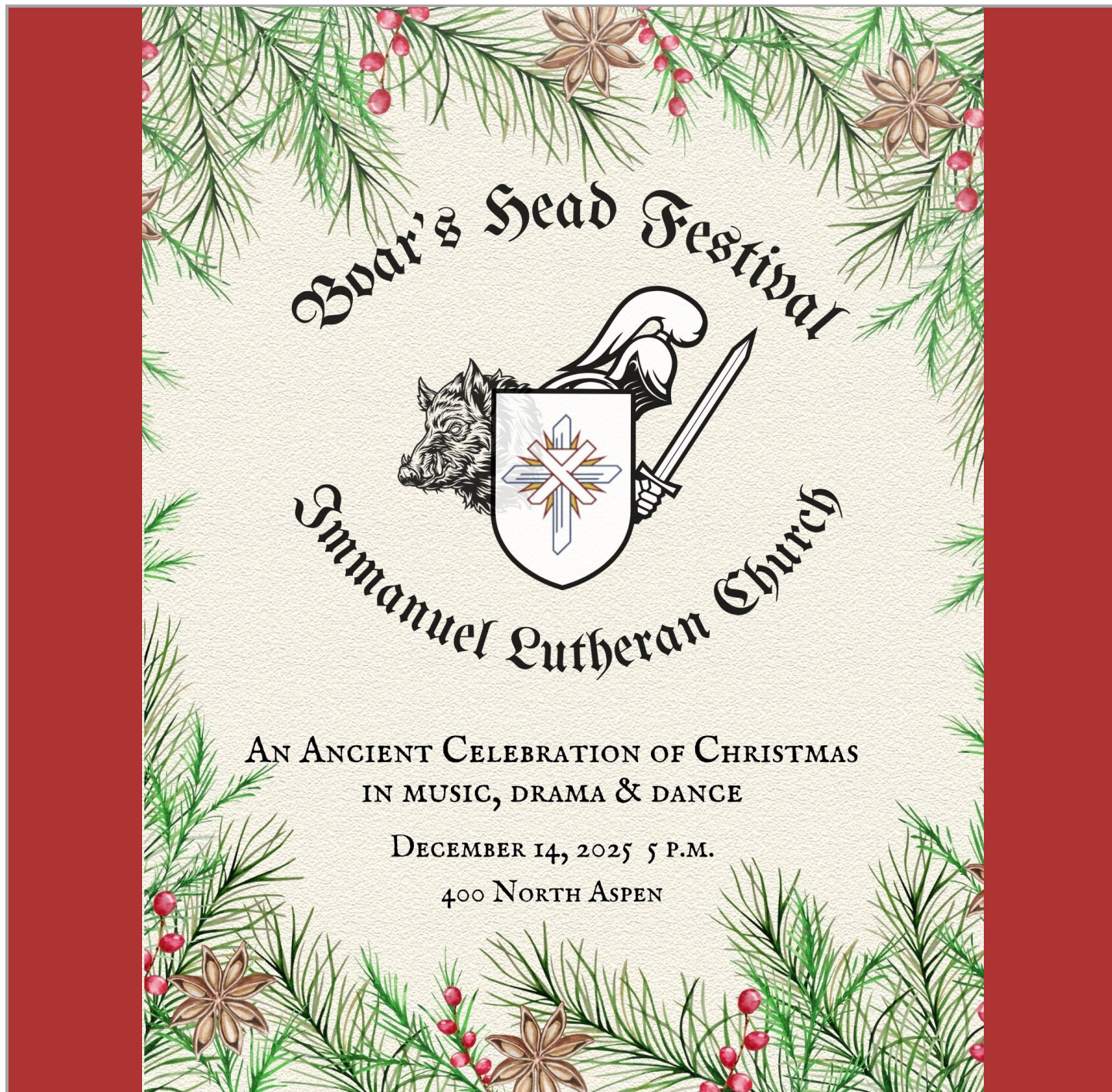
This big Christmas community outreach event was a great success last year, and we hope to make it even bigger and better this year. We need cast members and volunteers in lots of areas, so there is something fun for all ages to do to make it a success.

Most of all, don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors and attend the

**Boar's Head Festival on December 14th at 5:00!**

So, join your Immanuel family as we present to our community this ancient and timeless celebration of the death of sin and the coming of the Christ Child.

Questions? Email Rebecca Winston at [rwinston@immanuelba.org](mailto:rwinston@immanuelba.org).



# VETERANS DAY November 11th

**Please join us for our annual ILCA Veterans' Day Chapel at 9:00!**

Help us honor the veterans in your family

If you would like us to recognize your veteran during the service, please send us their name, branch, and photograph to [rwinston@icaba.org](mailto:rwinston@icaba.org) by THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6. Even if your veteran has been included previously, please submit them so we know you would like them included this year.



SEND THE LOVE OF JESUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD!

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Fill, pray, and return boxes & \$10 shipping by Sunday, Nov 16th  
Boxes will be set out mid October, or see Carrie Ann to pick them up earlier.

**WHAT BELONGS IN A SHOEBOX?**

YES	NO
• Stuffed Animal	• War Related Items
• Soccer Ball	• Candy
• School Supplies	• Toothpaste

**GIFT IDEAS**

**GIRL 2-4**



**GIFT IDEAS**

**BOY 2-4**



**GIFT IDEAS**

**GIRL 5-9**



**GIFT IDEAS**

**GIRL 10-14**



**GIFT IDEAS**

**BOY 10-14**



**GIFT IDEAS**

**BOY 5-9**





**THE ANNUAL IMMANUEL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR IS BACK!**

Lutheran Women in Mission is hosting the Craft Fair on November 8<sup>th</sup>, and we need your wonderful willing hearts and muscles to help make it a success.

On Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 8:00pm and Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am to 9:00am, vendors will be setting up their booths, and we **NEED** willing bodies to help assist them in carrying in their goods and tables. Providing this service to those who have rented a booth is not only a great help in manpower, but something that the vendors appreciate and will help with their continued participation in our Craft Fair in years to come.

We also will need 2 volunteers to man the welcome/check in desk Friday and Saturday during vendor check in and throughout the day Saturday to greet shoppers.

Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> we are in need of 2-4 volunteers from 9:00-11:00 AND 2-4 volunteers from 11-4 to help assist Vendors, getting them a snack, drink, or manning the booth to give them a comfort break. Immanuel always steps up when needed and we are grateful and blessed by your continued support.

There will be a table with a signup sheet in the Narthex.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

If you would like to order altar flowers, please call the church office, 918-258-5506.

Each floral arrangement is \$60, check payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church, memo: Altar Flowers. You may take your flowers home after the 11:30am service.



**LWML will host a Bake Sale table during the Craft Fair and your scrumptious baked goods are needed so that we can sell them to help fund our mission projects.**

Any and all home baked items are welcome, so get out that famous delicious recipe for your best cookies, pies, cakes, and desserts! Contact Carol Boatright or Carolyn Peterson to let them know you are donating your delicious delectables! ([maeboat@gmail.com](mailto:maeboat@gmail.com) and/or [maemaelyn@cox.net](mailto:maemaelyn@cox.net)) There will also be a signup sheet in the Narthex.



**A Big Thank You to Our Properties Board**

We're so grateful for the time, care, and dedication our Properties Board has given to improving our church kitchen — including the recent plumbing updates! Their behind-the-scenes work keeps our building running smoothly and supports all the ministries that take place each week. Your service is such a blessing to our Immanuel family — thank you for all you do!



**HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**

Stop by the sound booth in the Sanctuary and pick up a device.

This is a state of the art system and we have several options available for our congregation. There are 20 available (which means we are fully ADA compliant) in Ear Piece version and Loop (Induction for Hearing Aids) version.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE**

**The LCMS invites everyone to memorize a verse together each week.**

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. There is a new verse each week. Go to [www.lcms.org/worship/memory-verse-challenge](http://www.lcms.org/worship/memory-verse-challenge).

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

**August Monthly Update**

	August 2025	2025 YTD
Offerings Received	94,211	791,786
Total Income Received	106,400	907,932
Expenses	120,672	936,835
Surplus (Deficit)	-14,272	-28,903

**September Monthly Update**

	September 2025	2025 YTD
Offerings Received	96,950	888,736
Total Income Received	130,447	1,116,456
(includes \$20,000 transferred from MMA)		
Expenses	111,961	1,130,734
Surplus (Deficit)	18,486	-14,278

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

Immanuel Youth Ministry Presents

# Christmas Parents Night Out!


*Reserve a space for your little ones today!*

**Where:** Immanuel Lutheran Church & School  
Luther Hall (Northwest Doors)

**When:** Saturday, December 6th  
5-9pm

**Who:** Children in Grade 5 and younger

**Cost:** Free-Will Donation toward our 2026 missions & Higher Things Conference

Register Here 

Children may wear pajamas, bring a stuffed animal, and get ready for some fun! We'll have supper ready and then we'll play games, make a craft, have a snack, and end with story time!

Contact Carrie Ann with Questions: 918-258-5506 (office) or [cswaim@icaba.org](mailto:cswaim@icaba.org)

# November Birthdays

- |                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Kris Lettenmaier                | 16 David Chandler   |
| 3 Hannah Phillips                 | Les Heisterberg     |
| 4 Joe Kuhlmann                    | Teri Scott          |
| 6 Brian Aussieker                 | 17 Teddi Beard      |
| Frankie Barber                    | Terry McGrew        |
| Katie Heisterberg                 | Kaeden Swaim        |
| 7 Daniel Blythe                   | 18 David D'Arcy     |
| Rachel Lange                      | 19 Carter Caldwell  |
| 8 Rev. Dr. Arthur Spomer          | Ron Seeman          |
| 9 Sirrissa Hanewinkel             | 20 Heather Engelman |
| <b>10 Anne Siegmeier, 90 yrs.</b> | Patti Hawkins       |
| 11 Nancy Chandler                 | 23 Rick Lowry       |
| Piper Hanekwinkel                 | 25 Charlie King     |
| 12 LeeAnn Bruch                   | 27 Kathy Siftar     |
| JoAnn Dresher                     | Levi Smith          |
| 13 Evan Fleming                   | 28 Courtney Bence   |
| 15 Jackie Bence                   | Percy Francetic     |
| Greg Herzberger                   | 30 Heather Beaird   |
| Deborah O'Dell                    | Keisha Huggins      |

# November ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 John & Valerie Smith, 7 years  
 11 Brian & Jamie Aussieker, 24 years  
 16 Brett & LaDonna Griffiths, 43 years  
 19 Peter & Teri Ratz, 20 years

## Celebrating 50+ YEARS:

**Nov 8 Jerry & Phyllis Kindle, 56 years**

*May these couples continue to see each other as gifts from God and their marriage as an icon of Christ and His Bride, the Church.  
 May God implant in them His love that they might see each other with eyes of compassion and grace as they celebrate another year of blessings.*

## ACOLYTE MINISTRY

St. Andrew Society is an acolyte opportunity for youth grades 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

The word *acolyte* is derived from the Greek word *akolouthos*, meaning companion, attendant, or helper, who waits continually upon another: a follower.

The Acolyte ministry has its roots in the Old Testament of the Holy Bible.

Today, acolytes continue to assist the pastor through their service in lighting candles, being a part of the Gospel procession, collecting the individual cups during communion, and other duties as necessary. They are important participants in worship and perform vital tasks.

Immanuel's featured acolytes are Jane Aussieker & Ezra Clark.



## Tulsa Lutheran Messiah Sunday, December 7 2:00pm & 4:30pm Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, Tulsa

For over 100 years Tulsa area Lutherans have joined together to present portions of Handel's Messiah free for the community.

Chorus members, orchestra members and soloists are needed.

Please visit [tulsamessiah.org/musicians](http://tulsamessiah.org/musicians) to register or for more information.

### Chorus Rehearsals

(at Christ the Redeemer in Tulsa):

November 2, 9, 16, 23: 2:00-3:30pm

November 30: 4-5:30pm

Dress Rehearsal: Friday, December 5, 7:00-9:15pm

Please contact John Meinders at [jhmeinders@cox.net](mailto:jhmeinders@cox.net) with any questions.

## ILCA's ANNUAL BOOKFAIR IS THIS MONTH!

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/immuanuellutheranchrnacademy>

# THE WILD WEST BOOK FAIR

*Lasso up some good books!*



# NOVEMBER 14TH-21ST

\*OPEN BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL

\*LATE HOURS UNTIL 6PM THURSDAY

A group of our youth attended the JOY LCMS Oklahoma District Middle School Retreat at Camp Lutherhoma last month.



Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9



### 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, November 17 at 9:00 a.m. at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Tulsa; 2250 E 71<sup>st</sup> St.

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

### Immanuel LWM News

Lutheran Women in Missions will not hold a monthly meeting in November or December due to all the wonderful things going on at Immanuel during the holiday months so that we can serve and volunteer where needed. Meetings will resume in January when we hope you will make plans to join in and attend to help plan upcoming Mission events.

**Lutheran Women in Mission** is a vibrant organization with a purpose of sharing Christ with the world by funding local, national and international mission grants, sharing the Gospel with others, and focusing on growing each woman's relationship with her Lord and Savior.



**IMMANUEL'S LWM group** have submitted two Mission Grant Proposals: Shield of Protection-Safety for Every Child, and Youth and Children's Outreach Ministry Space Renovation. Each grant proposal is requesting \$15,000. These proposals will be voted on at the Oklahoma District Convention to be held in Edmond in April, 2026.

**Oklahoma District** has disbursed \$1,406,205.11 in Mission Grants from 1928 to 2025. There have been no Mission Grants awarded during that time period to Immanuel, Broken Arrow. Let's pray that these Mission Grants will be funded.