

The Lutheran Beacon

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

304 Spruce St., P.O. Box 466, Tower, MN 55790

October, 2019



Grace and peace to you my brothers and sisters in Christ! Welcome to Fall!

We have had some beautiful weather these last couple of weeks here in September as we have been saying goodbye to summer and welcoming winter! I hope you have had the opportunity to get outside and enjoy it! I know I have!

Seasons often bring about transition and change just naturally. The leaves turning beautiful shades of orange and red and even brown is breathtaking this time of year. The trees are in transition. The leaves will soon be all gone, the trees will be bare and the ground will be preparing itself to be blanketed with snow. Animals begin to hibernate for the long winter, but now they are going about collecting and stashing whatever they might need to make it through!

We are in transition at Immanuel as well. Our custodian of about three years, Jim Carlson decided to get back into retirement and so we welcome our

new custodian James Urick. James joined the staff in the beginning of August.

We are preparing to say goodbye to Jennifer, who has done an outstanding job in the Office Manager position. Jennifer has been working doubly hard to make sure we are set up and all things are in good order as she leaves our office. As of the time I write this article, we have not officially hired for the position, but we have interviewed.

Transition is hard. Change is hard. BUT.... If you do the good and hard work that leads into the change, it doesn't have to be. Jennifer will continue to help through guiding and training out new Office Manager into October. With your help, through patience, understanding, hospitality and grace this transition will go smoothly. Will there be bumps along the way? Yes, of course there will. But the good news is we live by grace not by judgment, or shame – just plain and simple grace.

As I told Jennifer, God has been working on this transition long before we even knew about it and so we allow for the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us, we allow for the time and space for God to provide. We allow change to transform us and make us new.

I know change is hard. Transition is hard. But together and with the Holy Spirit leading the way..... We've got this!

Let's celebrate change, transition and transformation together this fall through gratitude and thanksgiving as we watch the leaves continue to turn, the earth prepare for its long awaited covering and Immanuel to be lead as we lean into new staff, new faces, new life!

Happy Fall!

Pastor Liz



- 2 Katy Mayo
- 4 Aubri Aluni
- 4 John Aronson
- 10 Joyce Swanson
- 12 Brendan Chiabotti
- 13 Sheila Barsness
- 14 Orlyn Kringstad
- 16 Allison Maus
- 16 Cassandra Maus
- 20 Phyllis Hall
- 22 Lisbeth Buettner
- 23 Angela Dahl
- 24 Nancy Wagner
- 25 Marion Korpi
- 27 Marilyn Turnbull
- 28 Lance Dahl
- 30 Arne Hall
- 31 John Juhl



- 14 Mark & Cindy Zollar

Offering & Attendance

Date	Attendance	Offering
Sept. 1	65	\$1685.05
Sept. 8	101	\$4350.00
Sept. 15	78	\$1024.25
Sept. 22	90	\$1850.00

World Hunger \$186.01

Income & Expenses

August 2019	Income: \$10,757	Expenses: \$10,555
August 2018	Income: \$11,652	Expenses: \$ 9,934

October Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers-if you are able to help the church, there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Thank you.

USHERS

- October 6 Lloyd McIntire & John Aronson
- October 13 Daryl & Cheryl Lamppa
- October 20
- October 27

COMMUNION PREP

- October 6 Laurie Anderson
- October 13 Cheryl Lamppa
- October 20 Laurie Anderson
- October 27 Richard & Kay Hanson

LECTORS

- October 6 Paul Buettner
- October 13 Jim Carlson
- October 20 Howard Ankrum
- October 27 Faye Mobilia

*We sincerely appreciate our
Volunteers! Thank you!*

Council Notes

Immanuel's Church Council met on September 10th. Some of the highlights were:

- Faye Mobilia will be doing Blood Pressure Checks the 1st Sunday of each month following Worship.
- Windows for the church have been ordered and will be installed by the end of September/early October.
- The Council accepted, with regret, the resignation of Jennifer Herdman as Office Manager. Ads will be placed in local papers and bulletin seeking applicants for this position.

The next Council Meeting will be held October 8th at 1:00 p.m. The church minutes are available for viewing in a binder in the church office once approved.

Fall Tea & Luncheon

Join us at Immanuel on Saturday, October 5th at 1:00 p.m. for a "Sugar & Spice & Everything Nice" Fall Tea & Luncheon. On the menu is Chili served in a bread bowl with all the fixings and all things Pumpkin for Dessert. There will be raffle drawings and Missionary Shawn Johnson of Recycled Lives will be our Guest Speaker. Cost is \$15 at the door or \$12 in advance-contact Pastor Liz to sign up early. All proceeds will go to Recycled Lives General Fund to help carry out the ministry and activities set forth by the RL Board of Directors.

Quilting to Resume

Quilting will resume on Wednesday, October 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The Quilters will meet weekly October – May. If you are interested in joining the fun, please contact Penny Jackson at 651-238-3732.

Defensive Driving Training Course to be held at Immanuel

4-Hour Defensive Driving Refresher Course - 55 and Older

The 4-hour Defensive Driving Course Refresher qualifies participants to retain eligibility for their insurance reduction. This class is for those persons who have already taken the 8-hour Defensive Driving Course. This course must be taken every 3 years to remain eligible for an insurance reduction.

The class is being held at Immanuel Lutheran Church Thursday, October 19th from 9-1 in the fellowship hall. The instructor, Mary Madden, will be donating all the proceeds (\$14 is cost of class anywhere else) to Recycled Lives. This is a great way to get your refresher course in and support a great cause! Minimum donation is \$14 suggested is \$20+ (Cash or Checks written to Recycled Lives). There will be light refreshments available from 9-1 as well.

Signing up ahead of time is recommended, as we need a minimum of 5 people for the class to take place. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex, you can also call the church office to sign up or see Pastor Liz.

Monthly Blood Pressure Checks at Immanuel

Blood pressure checks will be offered here at Immanuel every 1st Sunday of the month after worship.

Lyme Disease Discussion

On Thursday, October 3rd, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Tower Civic Center, there will be a discussion on prevention, education and treatment possibilities of Lyme disease and multiple tick borne illnesses. Desserts and beverages will be provided. Please contact lvlymegroup@outlook.com

Goodbye from Jennifer

I just wanted to take a moment to say Goodbye and let you all know what a blessing it has been to work here at Immanuel. I will greatly miss it here. I have gotten to know so many of you while working here – such friendly, welcoming people! I will miss having coffee with the Quilters on Thursdays and also counting with the counters on Tuesday mornings. I will miss the random visits during the week. I will miss hearing the Choir singing at practice on Wednesdays. I will miss my weekly visits with John when he comes in to sign the checks – all of our chats about fishing. I will miss working with Pastor Liz, she is truly one of the best "bosses" I have had the pleasure of working with, always flexible so I could be with my kids when needed. Whoever takes over as the Office Manager will be very lucky to be in this position. I will be helping out as much as possible in October training in the person replacing me. I will be starting my new position at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Cook in October also, which is only 3 blocks away from my house and is my family's church. I could not pass up the convenience of this opportunity that I was approached with out of the blue. In closing, I just want to say that I appreciate everyone being so understanding and all of your kind words, gifts & well wishes. It was so nice to see so many of you at the Farewell get-together that was put on for me. You are all truly so kind. I will miss you. I will miss Immanuel. God Bless. ---Jennifer

WELCA News

Penny Jackson presented a program on her trips to Africa. She will share more with us at the October meeting.

In the Voyageur Lutheran Ministry newsletter there was a wonderful article on Herman Blasing. Herman was a Thrivent Representative that supported VLM in many ways. A large benevolence was donated to the camps from his wife. Then, Faye Mobilia shared how much her grandchildren loved their time at camp this summer. The newsletter stated many of the needs for the camps and the WELCA voted to send a \$100 gift to VLM.

There was also a newsletter from Current for Curran. They are in need of \$55,000 before November 1. Their suggestion is each congregation give one dollar for each member of their congregation and that would help them to reach their goal. Something for Immanuel to consider over the next several weeks.

The Sunshine committee sent many cards over the summer months. Birthday, Get Well, and Sympathy.

The Service committee served two funerals and has purchased needed items for the kitchen. Faye also gave a short update on the usage of the 100 cup coffee pot to ensure its working properly.

The Quilters will begin on the first Wednesday of October.

The Parish nursing has done many calls, visits, and given several prayer shawls over the summer, also.

The PENNY jar, by the organ, will be there for collection till spring. The money collected will be brought to the spring gathering and given towards Veterans.

Cheryl Lamppa also shared a short devotion, prayer, and a reminder that the God's gifts magazine asking for purchases over the holidays will be encouraged.

There were twelve women in attendance and would love that number to continue to grow. Part of our stewardship, gifts shared, GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS.

Voyageur's Lutheran Ministry

Upcoming Events

Sep. 21st - Fall Work Day at Camp Vermilion
Oct. 6th - Fall Festival at Camp Hiawatha
Oct. 11th - 13th - Paddle Building Workshop at Camp Vermilion
Oct. 25th - 27th - Quilting Retreat at Camp Vermilion
Dec. 8th - Celebration of Light and Music at Camp Hiawatha

Book Your Group Now!

Experience camp the fall, winter, and spring! Enjoy the fall colors, ice covered lake, or the first buds on the trees by booking a retreat, meeting, or gathering at Camp Hiawatha or Camp Vermilion. Call the VLM office to book your event.

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Deer River, MN

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Cook, MN

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Summer Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Liz Cheney

Office Manager: Jennifer Herdman

Education Assistant: Rebecca Bundy

Minister of Music: MaryBeth Reller

Custodian: James Urick

Members Who Are Homebound

Jim Charles (Birthday May 5)
4559 Shoreline Drive, Apt#304
Spring Park, MN 55384

Elsie Dahl (Birthday April 23)
Edgewood Vista
705 17th St. N., Rm. #134
Virginia MN 55792

Edith Eidelbes (Birthday March 21)
Edgewood Vista
705 17th St., Rm. #147
Virginia, MN 55792

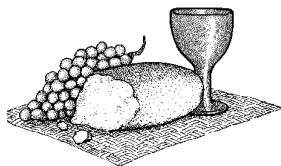
Ron Hujanen (Birthday November 25)
Cook Hospital & Nursing Home Room S-204
10 5th St SE
Cook MN 55723

Eileen Swanson (Birthday July 11)
Vermilion Senior Living
Tower, MN 55790

304 Spruce St.
PO Box 466
Tower, MN 55790



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*Please join us for worship with holy
communion every Sunday at 10:00*

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