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The **OUTREACH**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

November 3 - 24th Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Sunday

9:00 a.m.Worship/Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.Fellowship
10:15 a.m.Sunday School/Confirmation
10:15 a.m.Confirmation Parent Meeting

November 10 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship
10:00 a.m.Fellowship
10:15 a.m.Sunday School/Confirmation
11:30 a.m.Christian Education Team Meets

November 17 - 26th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship

NEW MEMBERS TO BE WELCOMED

10:00 a.m.Fellowship
10:15 a.m.Sunday School/Confirmation
11:30 a.m.Faith In Action Team Meets

November 24 - Christ the King Sunday

9:00 a.m.Worship/Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.Fellowship
10:15 a.m.Sunday School/Confirmation

November 27 - Thanksgiving Eve

7:00 p.m.Thanksgiving Worship @ Bethlehem

ALL SAINTS DAY

November 3, 2013 is All Saints Day. On this day we remember those who have died in the past year and their families.

We remember LeRoy Everson, Ed Jansen, Glenn Grahn, Lois Hedlund, Philip Miller, Hazel Kusler, and Linnea Johnson from our church family. Many of you have also lost loved ones in the past year.

We thank God for each one of these saints. May God bless our memories of them and keep all who have gone before us close. We will remember that just as Jesus was raised from the dead, so shall we be raised up.

Among "new saints," we also remember those who were baptized into Christ in the past year: Emma Kaehler, Natalie Gostynski, Harrison Litzau, Jacie Behrends, Kayden Fuchs, Tristan Binnall, Tyler Sing, Cody Blom, and Ladisla Popowski.

NEW MEMBERS

We will be welcoming New Members Sunday, November 17, during our 9 a.m. worship service. Cake and fellowship will follow the service.

New member orientation and lunch will be Sunday, November 10, at 11:30 a.m. Please contact the church office if you, or someone you know, would like to participate in the orientation.

THANKSGIVING EVE

This year's Thanksgiving Eve service will be a joint service at Bethlehem Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00 pm. Come gather with the faith community as we give thanks to God for the bountiful harvest, for daily blessings, and the gift of life itself.



OFFICE HOURS

The **church office** is typically staffed Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9 a.m. - Noon. & Fridays 9-11 a.m.

Pastor Christa's office hours are currently Wednesday and Friday from 9-noon, and Tuesday 8:30-10 a.m., or by appointment. Pastor Christa will be in the office many afternoons, but left those hours open for pastoral care, visitation, etc. Call her for any reason: 320-535-0641.

Please be aware that if an office staff member is working in the building alone, the doors will be locked. Please knock, or call ahead if you need to enter the building.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The Least of These...

The image of “the least of these” in Matthew 25 came to mind in the past weeks as I was reminded about how difficult it can be for us to connect and relate to those who are different from us.

Fourteen years ago, I began working in ministry as a youth director for 6th-12th graders at a Lutheran church in St. Paul. The church had a long standing youth ministry, so when I came in things were flourishing and growing and I was able to simply build on the firm foundation already laid. However, an interesting thing happened. Within six months, the faces of the “regulars” at youth group increased and changed.

A few of the students were not only different kids, but they looked and acted different. You see, the Goth style of dress (black clothing, dog collars, chains, black lipstick & nail polish, big holed earrings, etc.) was just hitting its peak at the time. So instead of high school students in jeans, t-shirts or polo shirts – there were many students that looked menacing, scary, and mischievous (yes, true comments that I heard from other members).

In reality, some of these students were some of the most committed Christian teens I had ever met. One of them, Josh, commented to me, “Sure, I dress like this because I want to be different; I want to be set apart – isn’t that what the word holy means anyways?”

“Jesus told us not to conform to the world around us – that’s what I try to do with my actions and words. Yeah – and maybe my dress, too (smirk). But I also do it because I don’t want to buy in to all the hype around clothing, labels, and stereotypes.

“Whenever I walk into a store or restaurant, all the adults’ eyes are on me, concerned that I am

the druggie or the kid with the messed up priorities and values. When in reality, at my school, it’s lots of the preppy kids with money who ‘look the part: together and respectable’ – it’s those kids who are doing the drugs and partying. Yet, no one questions them simply because of their outer look. Now that’s messed up.”

At sixteen, Josh was wise beyond his years about life, faith, and how the world works. When Josh became active in our youth group – initially he was shunned a bit because he was different. And I have to admit, my inner thoughts about him were judgmental, too. But soon, students were willing to look past the exterior and see Christ inside of Josh.

In the 25th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus speaks about the “least of these.” “Who are the least of these?” you might ask. Well, Jesus’ disciples and followers wondered the same thing. Jesus defined “the least” in the Parable of the Sheep & the Goats: “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me (v. 35-36).”

In the parable the sheep and the goats all ask Jesus, “When did we see you hungry, thirsty, sick, in prison, or without clothing?” Jesus replied to each, “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me,” and “Whatever you did NOT do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me (v.40 & v.45).”

Jesus tells this parable as an example of God’s judgment both in this life and the next. In essence, this is how Jesus explains how we will be judged... by how we treat our family, friend, neighbor, stranger, and yes, even our enemy.

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REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR NOV. 3!

**DECEMBER
OUTREACH
DEADLINE**

December Outreach **articles are due** in the church office on **Sunday, November 17.**

We will be **folding** the December Outreach Wednesday, **November 27,** at 9:00 a.m. Helping hands are needed.

WELCA NEWS

Congratulations to our Confirmands! Our young people sure grow up fast.

WELCA is looking for information to purchase drinking glasses for the kitchen. It seems like things just up and disappear over time.



WELCA will have a short business meeting November 10 either in the fellowship hall or the library. We need to talk over the cookie exchange, and start checking into a program for our Love Offering in February. Any ideas are welcome.

We need to talk about the idea of QUILTING again over the winter. We need more participation to move forward with this well-loved project. It's not that difficult if I am able to give it a try. You won't be turned away.

Serving Group 6 is up for keeping the kitchen spic and span for the months of November and December.

Enjoy your time with your family and friends during this Thanksgiving season. Blessings to all.

*Sisters in Christ, Linda Burns
WELCA Interim President*

WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST TIMES

Our Sunday Worship is broadcast on Channel #8 every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.

If you have a special request for a church service broadcast, please call 320.974.3388.

WEATHER-RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the event that Immanuel's worship services are cancelled, Q102 (102.5FM)/KWLM (1340AM) radio in Willmar will be where the cancellation is announced. You can also check "Operation Snow Desk" at www.yourq102.com

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WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY



The Women's Morning Bible Study meets at Peaceful Thymes at 9:00 a.m. Thursday mornings.

Immanuel's Website is New & Improved!

Visit the church website to view The Outreach, Weekly Bulletins & The Monthly Calendar.

**www.immanuelatwater.com
email: imman@frontiernet.net**

**Other Helpful Internet Links:
Prayer Ventures:**

<http://archive.elca.org/prayerventures/>

Synod Update:

<http://www.swmnelca.org/html/Synod%20Update.html>

GLLM Retreats: www.gllm.org



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

Find us at [Immanuel Lutheran - Atwater, MN](https://www.facebook.com/ImmanuelLutheran-Atwater-MN). We hope to use this site as a valuable outreach tool, and to post announcements and information. There are lots of great photos to see, and it is a great way to stay in touch with church events.

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SNOW REMOVAL

Immanuel is currently accepting bids for winter snow removal. Please leave your bid in the church office. Thank you!



CHOIR DATES

Immanuel's choir practices at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. We will be singing at the November 24 worship service, the December 22 service, and possibly the 11 p.m. candlelight service. We are always looking for more voices to join us!



UFFDA DAY

November 2nd at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Atwater. Coffee hour from 9 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Scandinavian Lunch from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Crafts, gift boutique, grab bags, baked goodies, lefse, Wayne's peanut brittle, quilts, and much more. Please join us for a morning of fun and fellowship.



UMC TURKEY DINNER

The United Methodist Church invites you to the Annual Turkey Dinner Sunday, November 3, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Atwater Community Center. Serving turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, and homemade pies. Everyone welcome!

2014 WORSHIP ASSISTANT SIGN-UP

During the month of November there will be sign-up sheets available in the Narthex of church.

Please consider what you can do to help out with our worship services.

Opportunities are available for lectors, communion assistants, ushers, or serving on the altar guild. You will be able to choose the Sunday your family greets if you sign-up. If you don't sign-up for a time, a date will be selected for your family to greet.

This year we are changing the usher numbers a little bit as it is hard to get 4 ushers per month. We are going to use 2 lead ushers per month, with the exception of March and April which are Lent and Easter. We will use 3 or 4 then. They will call upon members of the congregation to help assist them with offering on Sunday morning.

If you know when you can help out but don't think you will be in church those Sundays in November please feel free to call Deb Mickle 320-974-3320 and let her know when you would like to serve.

"But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you." 1 Samuel 12:24



Immanuel's Decorating Day Sunday, December 1 at 11 a.m.



Help us decorate Immanuel for the Advent and Christmas seasons...
and have some FUN in the process!

Come and enjoy cider, coffee, cookies, and carols!
Refreshments will be provided. Bring a snack to share if you'd like.
Enjoy fellowship with others in our faith community.
All ages are welcome...there are jobs for every member of the family!

CONNECT WITH PASTOR CHRISTA...

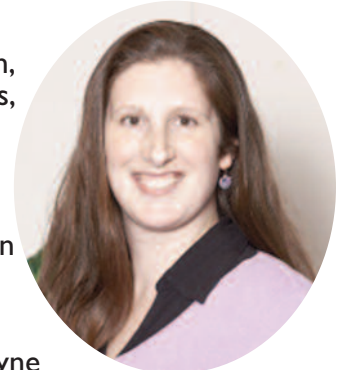
Brothers and sisters in Christ, I still look forward to hear about your longings for Immanuel – your hopes and dreams for God's work in and through this congregation, God's people and God's hands. I am also eager to hear your story... your challenges, struggles, blessings, and hopes and dreams. So – here are some ways to connect in the months ahead:

COTTAGE MEETINGS: Coffee and dessert and time to connect. We are looking for 10 HOSTS for our cottage meetings. These are gatherings in someone's home on an evening or late afternoon – time to fellowship, eat, drink, and dream about what God is up to here at Immanuel. Sunday, November 3

The **NOVEMBER** Cottage Meeting dates are: Sunday, November 3, at 3 p.m. at Rolayne Beerman's home; Sunday, November 10, at 3 p.m., at Immanuel; Tuesday, November 12, at 7 p.m. at Bob & Peggy Starz' home; and Tuesday, November 19, at 7 p.m., at Roger & Janet Rossell's home.

Sign-up and come to share, fellowship, get to know each other and DREAM together! It is our hope that all Immanuel members come to these gatherings of 8-10 people. Whether you've been here through all the transitions or been away for a while... join us! (More Cottage meetings in December).

HOME VISITS: If interested in having Pastor Christa connect with you at your home, please, call her #320-535-0641 or call the church office. Thanks! Looking forward to connecting!



SWEATER SALE FUNDRAISER

Do some of your gift shopping right here at Immanuel!

There are many great sweaters hanging in the Narthex, and all are just \$5 each! Great styles and colors! Great gift ideas!

All sweater sale money will benefit the youth of Immanuel.

CARD GAMES

Every other Wednesday starting November 6, enjoy playing cards at the Nutrition Site from 12:30 - 2:30 pm. Coffee and treats will be available. You can order a meal and eat at the Nutrition Site and just stay the afternoon for cards. See you there.



FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Do you like local area history? Do you ever wonder about certain families, buildings in town or in the country? We do! Maybe you can help us. We need people to help the Atwater Area Historical Society. Please call us with your stories at 974-8191.

PROJECT HOPE FOOD BACKPACKS

Immanuel is in charge of packing and delivering the Project Hope Food Backpacks during the month of November. We will be packing Wednesday, October 30, and Wednesday, November 13, starting at 6 p.m. Light supper served for all our volunteers. Please come and support our ACGC students who may not have enough to eat at home!



Saved By Grace, Called To Serve

Pastor's Message - From Page 3

Was Josh one of the least of these? He wasn't physically hungry or thirsty or unclothed – but he did hunger and thirst for the Living God and the community of God's people. He wanted to be free from the prison of our earthly stereotypes and ways we judge each other.

Fortunately for the congregation in St. Paul, the teens got over their issues of outer appearances pretty quickly. It did take the adults a bit longer. I always think – what would have happened if we had closed the door on Josh?

In this Scripture, Jesus looks into our hearts, our attitudes, and our actions towards those around us. Who are the least of these around us? Who are the least of these in your life? Is it truly someone in need of food, shelter, or clothing? Or is it someone in need of compassion, forgiveness, grace, mercy, or understanding? In what ways have you nourished Christ in someone around you? Or – in what ways have you refused to see Jesus within someone in your life or surroundings?

Was Josh one of the least of these? Absolutely! Yet – aren't we all?

That is the absolute, overflowing good news of the Living God in Christ Jesus! We are all the least of this – hungry, thirsty, naked, needy and imprisoned, and God in Christ feeds, nourishes, clothes, and FREES us with forgiveness, love, mercy, and grace.

As Martin Luther said, we are all beggars at the foot of God's door, at the foot of the cross. Now let's tell another beggar where we found bread.

**Peace,
Pastor Christa Forsythe**

PS: In John 10:10, Jesus said, "I have come so that you may have life and have it to the full (abundantly)!" God has provided so much in our lives... for many of us we are not the least of these because of the gifts and blessings God has given us. How can you give thanks to God and loved ones in your life in the month ahead? May your month be abundant and filled to overflowing – as you open your eyes to see all the abundance and blessing around you.

corner

Christian Education

biblecamp

Campers, please submit a few sentences telling us about your camp experience, as well as a picture or two, if you have some. Many of you have returned from camp already, but we haven't received any pics yet...hint, hint!

sundaySchool

Each week, the kids should be bringing a paper home with some notes about what they learned and some ways to share what they learned with family and friends.

Our PreK/K sections are large and high-energy! We have added a group opening time with music and some activities for them and they are enjoying that.

Sunday School offering will be collected at closing music.

bible camp fundraisers

The "Book Sale" Bible Camp Fundraiser continues. Anyone who has gently used books that you are finished with (including children's books) is encouraged to donate books for our sale. **Cost: \$1/hardcover, \$.50/softcover.** Thanks for supporting our campers, and thanks to all those who have donated and purchased books. We plan to continue this fundraiser as long as we have books to sell, so please check out the selection of books regularly!

1x1 pastortime

Connection Time with Pastor Christa - 6th-12th graders, Pastor Christa wants to connect with you and take you for coffee, ice cream - or whatever. So call or text her at #320-535-0641.

Christian Education Ministry Team Members

Harold Eisenbacher (*council rep*) ♦ Jaylen Rossell (*council rep*)
Barb Everson ♦ Janelle Eisenbacher ♦ Nick Rossell ♦ Shane Hagstrom

milestone ministry

At Baptism, parents make promises to God to raise their child in faith and teach them about God's love. Milestone Ministry is Immanuel's way to support parents in that promise. Our 1st & 2nd graders will be participating in a special milestone ministry event in November/December.



Next Milestone: 1st/2nd Grade Advent Logs

Sunday, November 24: During Sunday School, 1st/2nd graders will make Advent Logs & learn the Christmas story.

Sunday, December 1: 1st/2nd Graders receive their Advent Log and special prayer during worship.

confirmation classes

Confirmation groups will have regular class time (10:15 - 11:30 a.m.) November 3, 10, & 17. There will be no confirmation November 24 because of the Synod Youth Gathering in Willmar November 22-23.

Reminder about Confirmation Commitments:

20 Sermon Notes; 4 Activity Points; and 25 Service Hours are required per year. If you are unable to attend Confirmation, Pastor Christa must receive a phone call or text from your parents for it to be an excused absence. Thank you!

confirmation notes

We are still looking for one more female confirmation guide to help with our 7th-8th grade girls. Please contact Pastor Christa if you can help.

Important Dates:

November 10 - Confirmation Parent/Student Day. All parents are asked to attend confirmation class with their student. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

November 22-23 - Synod Youth Gathering. Required for confirmation class. We plan to leave at 4:30 p.m. Friday, and return around 1 p.m. Saturday.

December 4 - Make-Up Day for Confirmation if you missed any Sunday in November.

christian education calendar of Events

(watch for monthly updates!)

DATE	TIME - PLACE	EVENT
November 10	10:30 a.m./Sanctuary	Parents Attend Confirmation w/Students
November 13	6 p.m.	Project Hope Food Backpack Packing
November 22-23	4:30 p.m. Fri.-1 p.m. Sat./Willmar	Synod Youth Gathering (for Confirmation Class)
November 24	10:15 a.m./Sunday School Classroom	1st/2nd Graders Advent Log Project
November 24		NO CONFIRMATION CLASS
December 1	9:00 a.m./Immanuel	1st/2nd Graders Advent Milestone Ministry
December 4		Confirmation Make-Up Day

Youth Trip to Grand Slam Sports

Special thanks to our
chaperones/drivers...

Pastor Christa,
Shane Hagstrom,
and Melissa Litzau!



SEPTEMBER OFFERING

General Fund

First Sunday	.....	\$3365.00
Second Sunday	.....	2286.00
Third Sunday	.....	2152.00
Fourth Sunday	.....	1574.00
Fifth Sunday	.....	1218.00
Total	.....	\$10,595.00

Other Incoming Funds

Marv Otto Endowment Gift	....	22,319.00
Roast Beef Dinner	.....	3388.00
Thrivent	.....	25.00
Confirmation	.....	185.00

Building Fund

First Sunday	.....	\$165.00
Second Sunday	.....	0.00
Third Sunday	.....	0.00
Fourth Sunday	.....	75.00
Fifth Sunday	.....	0.00
Total	.....	\$240.00

Organ Replacement Project

First Sunday	.....	\$200.00
Second Sunday	.....	0.00
Third Sunday	.....	120.00
Fourth Sunday	.....	55.00
Fifth Sunday	.....	15.00
Total	.....	\$390.00

Per Sunday

Average Attendance (per Sunday)	.....	108
Avg. General Giving (per service)	...	\$2119.00
Avg. Building Fund Giving (per service)	.....	\$.48.00

Offering Needed

Per Sunday	.....	\$3253.00
Per Month	\$14,095.00

Income for 2013 (excluding Organ Project)

Thru September	\$98,946.00
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Needed for Remainder of 2013 ...\$60,402.00

2013 Total Budget\$159,348.00

**please note that these figures do not reflect all financial transactions*

THANKS TO EVERYONE

WHO HELPED WITH THE FALL FUN FESTIVAL! WE HAD ANOTHER GREAT EVENT! THIS EVENT HAS BECOME A GREAT WAY FOR US TO REACH OUT AND CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY. IT COULDN'T BE DONE WITHOUT ALL THE SUPPORT AND DONATIONS FROM SO MANY OF YOU!

Thank you for all the prayers, kind words, cards, and memorials given in memory of our mother and grandmother, Leone Hagstrom. It is all very comforting.

**God Bless,
John, Carla, Shane, & Josh**

I would like to say a special thank you to all who served as volunteers of our summer dining program. LSS has allowed us to return to the Senior Dining Center at the Community Hall.

Gerry Passmore, Summer Meal Coordinator

A heartfelt Thank You to our wonderful church family! Thank you for coming to our surprise 45th Anniversary Party. It was a total surprise! Thank you for the cards. We are blessed to have wonderful children. Thank you Lissa, Mark, Miranda, Erica, Carson, Steve, Robin, Hunter, Brooke, Susan, Dominic, Dominique, and Ladislia Mary Joyce.

Sincerely, Bruce & Elaine Wothe

Thank you to all of you for your Prayers, concerns cards, and calls while I am recovering from back surgery again. it is so nice to know so many people think of me.

Blessings from Above, Linda Burns

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Food For Kidz food packaging event in October. We had lots of amazing volunteers! Thanks also to Immanuel for donating cookies.

The event at the Atwater Community Center packaged 53,000 meals, and between October 16-23, close to 500,000 meals were packaged in our area at several different Food For Kidz events.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Roger & Jo Holm

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Atwater, MN

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - October 9, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robin Johnson, Jaylen Rossell, Pat Walsh, John Hagstrom, Harold Eisenbacher, Sue Bohn, Jacklyn Frericks, Deb Mickle, Chuck Stranberg, Pastor Christa.

Meeting called to order by Chuck Stranberg. Devotions led by Jacklyn Frericks. Minutes of the last meeting approved. Treasurer's Report approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 4th Street west of church is scheduled for re-building in the near future and the church will have a financial obligation. More information to come.
2. \$100 donation will be given to Food For Kidz for packaging meals for starving children at the Atwater Community Center Wednesday, October 16.
3. Pastor's insurance: Synod direction for Humana Insurance (family coverage). Gold Plan discussed and approved.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS: Full reports, if available, can be found in the Church Office.

Christian Education:

1. Hoping for some parent volunteers to help out with the very large PreK and K classes.
2. Confirmation banquet is set, food & stoles ordered.
3. Working on a plan for Christmas program and curriculum.
4. Pastor Christa will be talking to 5th/6th grade class about behavior, respect, etc.
5. Discussed options for meeting space and time for Confirmation class.
6. Opening music will be added for PreK-K class.
7. Epiphany party in January.

Building/Property:

1. Water fountain is leaking and repair will be scheduled.
2. Snow removal bids needed.

Finance/Stewardship: Simply Giving program form was included in October Outreach.

Worship & Music:

1. Communion will be at both Christmas services; new candlelight candles and holders to be ordered.
2. Will request 2 volunteers for ushering each month.
3. Worship assisting sign-up sheets will be out in November.

Evangelism/Faith in Action:

1. Working on promoting Fall Festival.
2. Project HOPE backpacks to be packed 10/30 and 11/13 at 6 p.m.
3. Possibly plan a Lenten service project for the congregation.
4. Church decorating December 1 starting at 11 a.m.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Christa submitted a report discussing confirmation and class schedule, strategies to get members to cottage meetings, Christian Education, visitation. Full report is available in the Church Office.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:

1. Wireless printer router will be obtained for computers in the office.
2. 10 doz. cookies will be donated for Food for Kidz event. Deb Mickle will pick up/deliver cookies.
3. Homecoming Concert was held on 9/27/13. The band "Children 18:3" from Morris, MN played.

Council & Ministry Team Schedule

Council Meets: November 13, 7 p.m.

Devotions: Sue Bohn

Worship & Music: Wed. Nov. 6 - 6 p.m.

Christian Ed.: Sun., Nov. 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Finance/Stewardship: TBD*

Property: TBD*

Evangelism/Faith in Action:

Sun. Nov. 17 - 11:30 a.m.

*Team Leaders, please notify the church office of your monthly meeting date and time so that information can be included in the Outreach.

CONFIRMATION 2013

On Sunday, October 27, four young people from our congregation affirmed their Baptism into Christ Jesus and publicly confessed their Christian faith and desire to follow Christ Jesus. This was an important step in their relationship with Christ and we rejoice with them.

The confirmands were: Erica Borchert, Logan Krug, Jonathan Nelson, and Kylie Rosenquist.

Note: Jonathan Nelson was unexpectedly unable to attend the Confirmation Service and will be affirming his baptism at a later date. Our prayers are with him!



60TH ANNIVERSARY

Please join in the celebration of Robert and Darlene Kirk's 60th Wedding Anniversary November 24th after worship in the church basement. Coffee and cake will be served until 11:15/11:30 a.m. Please share the news with friends and family so they can share in the celebration, too!



The Popowski Family and Pastor Christa - from Ladisla's baptism September 15.

BLOODMOBILE EVENT UPDATE

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile was hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church October 24 at the Atwater Community Center. Our goal was 95 pints, and we ended up with 101. We are excited to have exceeded our goal, and the day went very smoothly. Thank-you to everyone who brought food, and to everyone who worked at the bloodmobile. This is a great way to reach out to our community, and we couldn't do this without everyone's help. Thank you all again!

Sandy Walsh, Chair

WITH SYMPATHY

Myron Evenson

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Myron Evenson, who passed away September 18. His funeral was September 23 at Tripolis Lutheran Church, rural Kandiyohi.

May God bring comfort during this time of grieving.



FAMILY PHOTOS NEEDED

Thanks to all those who got their photos taken at Immanuel in September! We would love to include all our members in Pastor Christa's "Get-To-Know-You" book, so please, if you weren't here to get your family or individual picture taken, email a photo to us, so we can include you.

Pastor Christa would like to be able to put names to faces as she connects with all of you! The church email address is imman@frontiernet.net.



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Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

- 11-12 Corey & Lynn Buisman
- 11-13 Dan & Sandy Petersen
- 11-23 Don & Karen Soltis
- 11-24 Bob & Darlene Kirk
Andrew & Kristy Beerman
- 11-25 Gary & Tereasa Link
Kevin & Sherri Kelbing
- 11-30 Wesley & Carol Bosch

Please remember to notify the church office of any corrections that should be made to birthdays, anniversaries, names, addresses, etc., so we can keep our files updated. Thanks!

HOMEBOUNDED LIST

Please remember these homebound people with a visit, a card, or a special prayer to bring a little added sunshine into their lives.



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- 11-2 Taylor Frericks
Kern Kragenbring
Derek Hadley
- 11-3 Leroy Burns
- 11-7 Jolene Garberich
Teri Evenson
- 11-8 Mark Anderson
- 11-9 Lloyd Mahn
- 11-10 Quinn Eisenbacher
Krista Wallin
Melissa Anderson
- 11-11 Janet Rossell
- 11-12 Brent Garberich
Shawn Miller
Megan Passmore
- 11-13 LaVern Narragon
- 11-14 Andrew Beerman
- 11-15 Katey Rosenquist
- 11-17 Ailey Elton
- 11-18 Paul Hedberg
- 11-20 Janelle Eisenbacher
- 11-21 Nichole DeArmond
Joslyn Fluck
- 11-22 Doug Hanson
Geoff Hedberg
Liam Shultz
- 11-23 Erica Borchert
Gabrielle Lawver
- 11-24 Bob Kirk
Duane Aljoe
Levi Shultz
Jayden Anderson
- 11-25 Becky Link
- 11-26 Eric Heining
Logan Sherwood
- 11-27 Harlan Madsen
- 11-28 Joshua Hagstrom
RaeAnn Kragenbring
- 11-29 Sharon Goehring
Kincade Eisenbacher

NOVEMBER Birthdays

November *Assisting Schedule*

Ushers Harold, Gabriel Eisenbacher
Nick, Jaylen Rossell

Communion Assistants

Nov 3 Robin Johnson
24 Harlan Madsen

Lectors

Nov 3 Veda Stockland
10 Julie Madsen
17 Dennis Goehring
24 Brent Garberich

Greeters

Nov 3 Jon & Danita Hansen
10 Erick & Pam Narragon
17 Mark & Lissa Borchert
24 Lee Mickle

Acolytes

Nov 3 Jayden Anderson
10 Taylor Bolton
17 Teri Evenson
24 Ryan Peterson

Altar Guild

Brent & Jolene Garberich

Offering Counter

Sue Bohn

Coffee Hour Servers

Nov 3 John & Sharon Holm
Greg & Kim Holm
10 Sherri & Kevin Kelbing
Mike & Kelly Bolton
17 Jon & Danita Hansen
Mike & Amy Krug
24 Russ & Pam Peterson

December *Assisting Schedule*

Ushers Russ, Martin, & Ryan
Peterson, Don Anderson

Communion Assistants

Dec 1 Robin Johnson
22 Harlan Madsen
24 Sharon Cramlet
Connie Halvorson,
Dennis Goehring

Lectors

Dec 1 Harold Eisenbacher
8 Veda Stockland
15 Pat Walsh
22 Martin Peterson
24 Connie Halvorson
29 Rolayne Beerman

Greeters

Dec 1 Ernie & Shirley Frarck
8 Dale & Bethany Ehrenberg
15 Susan Bohn
22 Dennis & Sharon Goehring
29 Doug & Debbie Hanson

Acolytes

Dec 1 Skye Powers
8 Elizabeth Sherwood
15 Holly Hoekstra
22 Jaylen Rossell
24 Holly Hoekstra
29 Kobe Holtz

Altar Guild

Larry & Sheryl Stranberg

Offering Counter

Dean Nelson

Coffee Hour Servers

Dec 1 Jeff & Leslie Blom
Erick & Pam Narragon
8 Roger & Robin Johnson
Val & David Svor
15 Jane Hovey, Paula Pistulka
Anthony & Suzi Holtz
22 Lee & Deb Mickle
Sue Bohn
29 Brent & Jolene Garberich
Crystal & Matt Gomez