



THE MESSENGER

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Sunday Morning Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Live on Facebook

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MISSION: To inspire members to grow in loving devotion to Jesus Christ, caring concern for one another, welcoming outreach, and loving service to our neighbors.

VISION STATEMENT: Immanuel Lutheran Church will be known for welcoming hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity.

OCTOBER 2022



Pastoral Schedule for October 2022 (in-person)

Oct. 2, 2022	Pastor Dan Ward
Oct. 9, 2022	Pastor David Sprang
Oct. 16, 2022	Rev. Robert Garrels
Oct. 23, 2022	Rev. Teresa Foster
Oct. 30, 2022	Pastor Dan Ward

(Live stream on Facebook)

Please call the church office (231) 796-8273 in case of an emergency. The referral will be passed on to a leader of the church.



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Big Rapids, Michigan

Update on Building Changes, October, 2022

The Building Use Committee has not met formally, discussions continue. This is an on-going process, we will continue to use the meeting paperwork as it currently stands until revisions are completed. Other issues, including responsibilities of janitor, etc. are also being discussed.

The Conference Room has been occupied by SLD-Read, we must remove our cabinetry that will go into the area being readied for the new library. This is a very slow process.

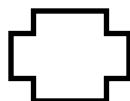
Relocation of the mailboxes/counter to the Fellowship Hall will commence as allowed by the Tuba Bach events, and may occur after the final concert. New doors are in place, locks have been changed, and new keys will be issued selectively. Thank you to Tim and his team for coordinating this project.

The Council approved the sale of two desks, we will offer them for sale to members initially, and subsequently advertise on Face Book Marketplace. The much-loved furniture from the conference room will be moved to the office area and used for our historical memorabilia. The books left in the fellowship hall have been boxed, they continue to be available free and we have extended their availability time to allow Tuba Bach attendees and others from the community to retrieve any they would like. Library books saved for the new library are either boxed or in book cases located in the Pastor's office. The Pastor's office will be rearranged to accommodate those requiring privacy.

Carol Zimmerman has been diligently working on placing historical pictures in ring binder albums for easy viewing, they are currently in the Fellowship Hall.

As we determine the best way forward, we intend to keep the congregation "in the loop." If you have any questions or would like to donate time/energy/ideas to this effort to keep Immanuel afloat, please do not hesitate to step up! We welcome your input and assistance.

Carol Wilson Jungck



Stewardship Appeal –The theme for this fall's stewardship appeal is from 2 Corinthians 9:11 (NLT) -*You will be enriched in every way so that you can always **be generous**. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.*

Pastor David Sprang, Assistant to the Bishop, will be with us on October 9 and provide a stewardship related message. On October 16 we invite you to bring the Estimate of Giving document with you to worship and join us in offering them to God as our expression of thanksgiving and joy for God's generosity to us.

In a recent daily devotion in the Christ in Our Home booklet and also in the second reading on September 25, Paul tells Timothy in 1 Timothy 6:18 "They are to do good, to be rich in good works, **generous**, and ready to share." We should all live by that guidance.

Resources from our North/West Lower Michigan Synod

1. Sunday sermons by our Synod staff will be available Sunday afternoons on the Synod YouTube.
2. On the same Synod YouTube homepage you can view the seminars on racial justice given by our Synod.

If you have a current email address, could you call the office and notify us for future mailings. You may also email Shirley at shirleyh403@gmail.com.

OCTOBER Readings Schedule (Readings from New Revised Standard)

October 2nd - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship - Pastor Dan Ward - In person
worship & live stream on Facebook.



Readings:

Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4
Psalm 37: 1-9
2 Timothy 1: 1-14
Luke 17: 5-10

October 9th - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship - Pastor David Sprang - In person
worship & live stream on Facebook.



Readings:

2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2: 8-15
Luke 17: 11-19

October 16th - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship - Rev. Robert Garrels - in
person worship & live stream on Facebook.



Readings:

Genesis 32: 22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3: 14--4:5
Luke 18: 1-8

October 23rd - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship - Rev. Teresa Foster - In person
worship & live stream on Facebook.



Readings:

Jeremiah 14: 7-10, 19-22
Psalm 84: 1-7
2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18
Luke 18: 9-14

October 30th - Reformation Sunday/21st Sun. after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship - Pastor Dan Ward - In person
worship & live stream on Facebook.



Readings:

Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3: 19-28
John 8: 31-36

YTD thru August 2022

Ministry Fund

Giving - \$75,896
Expenses -\$79,430

Building Fund

Giving - \$67,922
Mortgage Payments- \$64,356

IMMANUEL ACTIVITIES



If you were left off this list, or if a birthday or anniversary is listed wrong, please contact the church office.

5	Dawn Aardema
11	Barb Ballard
12	Shelly Snavley
13	Gunder Myran
	Chris Weber
14	Annoura Bowen
17	Dennis Schuberg
22	Toni Windquist
24	Jason Lindsey
25	Marcy Nelson



26	Roger & Sally Barr
31	Donald & Jacklyn Bowen

October 2022 Summary of Vision Committee Work

At its September 18 meeting, the Vision Committee discussed and/or acted on the following topics:

- Planning for congregational conversation on October 2.
- Communications, website, social media—Leah M. provides leadership
- Discussion on alternative futures for Immanuel.
- Scheduling of next ministry planning workshop—October 15 at the home of Sally and Roger Barr (expand attendance beyond the Vision Committee)
- Review of major themes for 2022-23 ministry growth action plan
 - Becoming a member-led church.
 - Expand congregational care ministry
 - Develop authentic, accessible Christian spirituality practices.
 - Develop social, racial, gender, economic, and environmental justice ministries.
 - Explore partnerships with other

churches.

Becoming a hybrid church (in-person and online/virtual ministries).

Expand Dump and Run ministry and other community outreach.

Develop as a community cultural center.

Redesign the committee and team structure.

Leadership development.

Facilitate facility upgrades and expand community use of facility.

150th anniversary planning.

Strengthen Immanuel's identity, branding, and marketing in community.

Formation of the Church Partnerships Team (first meeting held September 25).

Review of designated funds (Lee W.).

Lee W. is planning the annual "State of Immanuel" congregational conversation in January or February.



Ongoing prayers for: Jean Swarthout, Elaine White, Len Crystal, Nancy McReynolds

Healing & Health Concerns for:

Roger O'Dell, Judy O'Dell, Phyllis Obermier-Striho, Linda & Barry Borton, Bob Krueger, Lucy Fredrick, Marcy Nelson, Fred Zimmerman, Mary Sutherland, Alyssa Beeler, Beth Hamelund, and Joselyn Hayden.

Comfort:

Rev. Teresa Foster family (mother

Isabel passed)

Rev. Bob Garrels (daughter Julia passed)

Norwood (Woody) Neumann family

World Concerns Prayers:

Our President and Leaders of the Nation

Racism

Prayer of guidance for our neighborhood churches

People hurting, suffering, homeless

People in poverty (hunger, homeless)

Military troops in the U.S. and abroad

Victims of Human Trafficking

Victims of natural disasters here & abroad

Victims of shootings, bombs, terrorist groups

Victims of hurricanes, flooding, earthquakes, volcanoes, devastating tornadoes (Kentucky) and wildfires

North Korea, Iran, Syria, Puerto Rico, Islamic community in New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Ukraine

Families of the mass shootings in US

Shootings & Suicides in returning veterans in Military & their families (general PTSD) (22 suicides every day)

Wounded Warriors



PARISH NURSE

OCTOBER

Autumn is here and fall will soon be here! Take time to enjoy all the beautiful colored leaves of fall. **Fight FLU!** Remember to get your flu injection now!! It takes about two weeks for the vaccination to become effective. Check with your doctor to be sure you are a good candidate for the vaccination.

Our Health News for October:

October 4th is National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding. A National Health Reform Bill was passed recently in the U.S. House of Representatives. It would bring future help to those currently suffering from mental illness. The Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act would address a nationwide shortage of psychiatric beds and child psychiatrists and also create the federal position of assistant secretary for mental health and substance use disorders to be filled by a psychiatrist or psychologist and take over the responsibilities of the administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration. Hopefully this Act will be approved by the Senate before the end of the year.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of death among women. The cancer cells (malignant cells start with blood cells.) One in eight U.S. women will be diagnosed with breast cancer (249,660 women in one year—more than 40,000 will die from it). In men, 2,000 will be diagnosed in one year—approximately 440 will die from it. Get your screenings regularly; screenings help reduce the incidence of breast cancer.

October is Healthy Lung Awareness Month. The American Lung Association is the leading organization working to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease. The two lungs in a person's chest (respiratory system) are responsible for a person to breathe oxygen and exhale carbon dioxide. Some ways to keep lungs healthy include: 1) Avoid cigarette smoke, which may cause lung cancer or COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease), which includes bronchitis and emphysema. 2) Avoid second-hand smoke. 3) Get your house tested for radon gas. 4) Get your flu and pneumonia "shots" to stay healthy.

October is National Orthodontics Awareness Month. An orthodontist is a dentist who specializes in the branch of dentistry concerned with irregularities of teeth, malocclusion and associated facial problems. About 70% of children require braces (orthodontia) in order to achieve proper alignment and bite. Adults may also have orthodontia treatment. A new device, Invisalign Teen, is now available for use as well. See your orthodontist for more information.

October is National SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) Awareness Month. SIDS can usually

occur from 1 month to 12 months in an infant's life. Preventative advice includes: 1) Lay infant on his/her back until infant can rollover by his/her self. 2) Use a firm mattress (no soft toys or bedding within baby's reach. 3) No smoking around baby. 4) Keep baby near but not in your bed. 5) Breast feed as long as possible. 6) Immunize baby. 7) Use pacifier to put baby to sleep; remove when asleep. 8) Avoid over-heating baby. 9) Avoid honey until one year old. 10) Avoid cardiac or electronic respirators—not proved safe or effective.

Stay Healthy—Boost Your Flu IQ

1. Get the Flu Shot!
2. Do frequent hand-washing and dry them completely. Damp hands easily transmit infection-causing microbes to surfaces others may touch.
3. Stop touching your face.
4. Stay away from sick people, if possible.
5. Repeat—GET YOUR FLU SHOT!!

Blood Pressure Checks will be on Sunday, October 9th, directly following church service and before coffee and snacks.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" .1 Thessalonians 5:11

Love In Christ

Phyllis Lindsey, Parish Nurse

Update from Our Brothers Keeper Shelter is open year round, 24 hours a day. It does provide a place for individuals and families to work with staff to find housing, employment and referrals to other organizations that may be able to meet the needs of the guests. We currently have space for 15 men, 15 women and 3 special rooms for guests with children. From October 1, 2021 to June 15, 2022, we have served 203 adults and 44 children for a total of 247. We rely of many sources of funding including grants from the Salvation Army ESP program, Fremont Foundation, Mecosta and Osceola Community Foundations, and the many community donors who find it in their hearts to help others in need. This funding allows us to employ a trained staff as well as provide a secure facility.

A Note from Daggett-Gilbert Funeral Home – In years past, except for COVID restrictions, the staff at the Daggett-Gilbert Funeral Home in Big Rapids has invited people experiencing a loss to attend our "Service of Remembrance" for a time of comfort and encouragement.

This year's "Service of Remembrance" will be on Tuesday, October 4th, at 6:00 pm, at the Daggett-Gilbert Funeral Home facilities in Big Rapids.

Previous attendees have expressed how much they were encouraged and comforted by being together with others who have lost a loved one. The service includes music, a devotional, a candle lit in memory of their loved one, a rose to be taken home and a time for fellowship with refreshments served after the service. Contact us at 231-796-3611 if you have questions.

President's Ponderings



Our annual meeting will be coming up on **October 23**. It will be held in the fellowship hall following worship service that morning. Come and grab a snack & cup of coffee.

Church Council Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2022
Revised Sept. 14, 2022

Present: Dave Scott, Steve Neumann, Nedra Neumann, Phyllis Cousineau, Roger Barr, Carol Wilson-Jungck, Megan Smith and Mel Richardson.

Absent: Judy O'Dell and Tammy Lindsey

The Minutes from the August 10, 2022 were reviewed. Phyllis Cousineau moved approval. Motion carried. Finance Report: Nedra commented on the finances from her report. She said that the Herrick Scholarships were sent out. She also noted that we would not be doing the roof repairs now.

Parish Nurse Report: Phyllis Lindsey reviewed her monthly report. It was accepted.

President's report: Dave gave a verbal report and noted that the Tuba Bach program would have their wall up for the next six weeks.

Committee Reports:

Worship Committee: Carol Wilson-Jungck said that the Ambo would be moved from the right to the left side, and all who had reading to do would use it.

Social Concerns Committee: Roger talked about the support to the grade school. (Written report is in the council packet). He also mentioned that we would not support the Eastwood School fund raiser.

New Business:

Mary's printer is broken. We discussed getting a new one. Dave said he would get more information from Mary as to what would best serve her needs.

Phyllis Cousineau questioned whether or not we had a contract with the janitor. She felt he wasn't doing his job. We will investigate this.

The proposed budget for 2023 was reviewed. The council made some changes and Dave was going to return the revised proposal to the finance committee.

Next meeting will be October 9, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Barr, Secretary

Meetings in person this month

Tubabach concert **Sat. Oct. 1 at 7:00 pm**

Congregational Conversation **Sun. Oct. 2 following worship**

Tubabach concert **Sun. Oct. 2 at 4:00 pm**

Crop Walk **Sun. Oct. 2 at 2:00 pm**

Staff meeting **Tues. Oct. 4 at 10:30 am**

Worship & Music committee **Tues. Oct. 4 at 2 pm**

Tubabach concert **Sat. Oct. 8 at 7:00 pm**

Church Partners team meeting **Sun. Oct. 9 at 10:45am**

Tubabach concert **Sun. Oct. 9 at 4:00 pm**

Bible Study **Mon. Oct. 10 at 1:00 pm**

Staff meeting **Tues. Oct. 11 at 10:30 am**

Ministry Planning workshop **Sat. Oct. 15 at 9:00am**
at Roger Barr's home

Tubabach concert **Sat. Oct. 15 at 7:00 pm**

Tubabach concert **Sun. Oct. 16 at 4:00 pm**

Staff meeting **Tues. Oct. 18 at 10:30 am**

Shepherd's Hooks & Needles **Tues. Oct. 18 at Noon**

Annual meeting following worship **Sun. Oct. 23**

Staff meeting **Tues. Oct. 25 at 10:30 am**

Hymn Planning committee **Tues. Oct. 25 at 3:30pm**

Reformation Worship **Sun. Oct. 30 at 9:30 am**

Vision committee meeting **following Worship**

Social Concerns Committee Meeting Minutes **August 15, 2022**

Go and Do Likewise: We will support the Brookside grade school this year. We will donate the craft materials once used for Sunday school this week. They will have need of mittens, caps and other things throughout the school year. A collection box will be in the narthex for donations from the Congregation. Such things as Kleenex, hand sanitizer, surface wipes will be needed. A \$100.00 donation to the Eastwood school program was agreed on by the committee.

We discussed how we could inform the congregation about various ELCA programs. We thought of inviting speakers from these organizations to speak. It will be discussed with the council.

2022 Council Members

Dave Scott, President	(231) 250-5067
Tammy Lindsey, Vice Pres.	(231) 519-1212
Roger Barr, Secretary	(231) 972-8276
Nedra Neumann, Treasurer	(231) 796-0956
Judy O'Dell	(231) 823-2845
Melanie Richardson	(231) 357-0863
Megan Smith	(231) 287-7022
Carol Wilson-Jungck	(231) 670-3220
Phyllis Cousineau	(231) 796-9574
Steve Neumann	(231) 796-0956

Committee Council Liaisons

Roger Barr - Property committee

Megan Smith – Social Concerns committee

Carol Wilson-Jungck – Celebrate Immanuel (CIF), Healing Garden, Worship & Music

Dave Scott – Finance Committee, Property committee

Steve Neumann - Worship & Music committee

Tammy Lindsey - Stewardship committee

Mel Richardson - Worship & Music committee

Phyllis Cousineau - Healing garden

Judy O'Dell - Church Life committee, W/ELCA

Committees and Organizations

Celebrate Immanuel (CIF)

Bob Krueger, Chairperson (231) 796-2012

Christian Education

Church Life

Carol Zimmerman, Chairperson (231) 796-2152

Kitchen Coordinator

Irene Schuberg, Funeral lunch (231) 796-7814

Finance

Nedra Neumann, Chairperson (231) 796-0956

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Roger Barr – Gifts/Memorials (231) 972-8276

Nominating Team (2021)

Phyllis Lindsey (231) 795-6400

Shirley Hamelund (231) 796-7763

Steve Neumann (231) 796-0956

Property

Tim Vogel, chairperson (231) 796-3860

Healing Garden Min.

Carol Wilson-Jungck, co-chair (231) 670-3220

Heritage team:

Carol Zimmerman (231) 796-2152

Office Staff

Mary Larkin, Administrative Asst. (Tues.-Thurs.)

Shirley Hamelund, Office Asst. (Mon, Tues, Thurs.)

Phyllis Lindsey, Parish Nurse (schedule varies)

Intentional Faith Development

Social Concerns (Risk-Taking Mission and Service)

Roger Barr, Chairperson (231)972-8276

Lee Wolken –Habitat/Humanity (231)972-7756

Stewardship (Extravagant Generosity)

Lee Wolken, Chairperson (231) 972-7756

Bob Krueger (231) 796-2012

David Scott (231) 250-5067

Vision (and Ministry Leadership Network)

Gunder Myran, Chairperson (231) 972-7405

Lee Wolken (231) 972-7756

Nedra Neumann – Small Groups (231) 796-0956

Welcoming Hospitality

Welcoming

Phyllis Lindsey – Prayer circle (231) 796-6400

Dee Neumann-Prayer Circle (231) 796-8385

Webmaster- Mary Larkin (231) 796-8273

Women of the ELCA

Dee Neumann, co-chair (231) 796-8385

Shirley Hamelund co-chair (231) 796-7763

Worship and Music (Passionate Worship)

David Scott, A/V team (231) 796-4618

Dee Neumann, Altar Guild (231) 796-8385

Carol Zimmerman, Altar Guild (231) 796-2152

Millie Gillies, Choir (231) 796-2460

Readers (Volunteer)

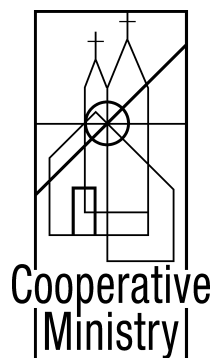
Ron Decker – Ushers (231) 796-2706

Bill Ballard – Ushers (231) 972-4413

Phyllis Lindsey, Worship Asst.
and Intinction Asst. (231) 796-6400

Dee Neumann, Weddings (231) 796-8385

Shirley Hamelund, Weddings (231) 796-7763





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