



## THE MESSENGER

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

**Office Hours: Monday-Thursday – 9:00 am to Noon and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm - Closed on Friday**

Office Staff: Mary Larkin, Administrative Assistant is in the office Tuesday – Thursday 9 am – 4 pm. Shirley Hamelund, Office Assistant is in the office Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9 am – 4 pm. The Church office is closed on Friday.

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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.

## SEPTEMBER 2022



### Pastoral Schedule for September 2022 (in-person)

Sept. 4, 2022	Rev. Teresa Foster
Sept. 11, 2022	Pastor Dan Ward
Sept. 18, 2022	Rev. Robert Garrels
Sept. 25, 2022	Pastor Marcia Schultz

**(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**

#### **People are asking, “what is going on in the Church and why aren’t we being told about it?”**

Work is being done on the building use committee paperwork, with the majority of background information being gathered. Sometime in September the committee will meet and discuss how best to move forward with appropriate paperwork.

The Conference Room has been occupied by SLD-Read, painting touched up, and carpet cleaned, allowing our renter to move files into the room. We still must remove our cabinetry that will go into the area being readied for the new library.

The proposal for updates in the narthex was approved by the council, so we will proceed with relocating the counter and mailbox from the narthex to the area designated in the fellowship hall for this purpose. Thereafter, the painting will be done, followed by refurbishing of the tiled area between the closets and the current location of the counter, which will be carpeted.

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. Beginning in early September, the books left in the fellowship hall will be boxed and distributed to appropriate organizations. Library books 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.

Thanks to Carol Zimmerman, who assisted with sorting through historical paperwork and pictures, and to Shirley, who is making available various items to interested congregation members to view/discuss/reminisce.

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

#### **From the Synod newsletter July 26, 2022**

**The CDC is currently monitoring the spread of the BA.5 omicron subvariant, which is now the most prevalent coronavirus strain in the US. The BA.5 variant is more transmissible than previous strains. The CDC continues to recommend getting vaccinated, getting tested if you experience COVID-19 symptoms, and wearing masks in areas with high transmission rates.**

#### 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](mailto:shirleyh403@gmail.com).

## **SEPTEMBER Readings Schedule** (Readings from New Revised Standard)

### **Sept. 4th - 13th Sunday after Pentecost**

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



#### **Readings:**

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14: 25-33

### **Sept. 11th - 14th Sunday after Pentecost**

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



#### **Readings:**

Exodus 32: 7-14

Psalm 51: 1-10

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Luke 15: 1-10

### **Sept. 18th - 15th Sunday after Pentecost**

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



#### **Readings:**

Amos 8: 4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Luke 16: 1-13

### **Sept. 25th - 16th Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30 am Worship - Pastor Marcia Schultz - in person worship & live stream on Facebook.



#### **Readings:**

Amos 6: 1a, 4-7

Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Luke 16: 19-31



### **YTD thru July 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.*

4	Todd Aardema
	Tom Pennington
	Neil Perdue
6	Steve Neumann
7	Ron Decker
8	David Misoni
9	Helen Engstrom
	Danielle Metzger
14	Don Schuberg
16	Roger Barr
	Irene Schuberg
21	Bette Jo Brown



1	Craig & Toni Windquist
5	Fred & Carol Zimmerman
10	Tom & Diane Manor
26	Jim & Phyllis Lindsey
	Craig & Sherrie Hamelund

## New Address:

**Bob & Beth Krueger**

**1990 Dunlin Court NE**

**Grand Rapids, MI 49505**

**Bob cell: 616-450-1762**

**Beth cell: 616-460-2888**



**Ongoing prayers for:** Jean Swarthout, Elaine White, Len Crystal, Woody Neumann, 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, Mel Richardson, Mary Sutherlund, Alyssa Beeler, Jeremy Sarns, Julia Garrels Borgeson, Beth Hamelund, and Joselyn Hayden.

**Comfort: Rev. Jon Fleming family (United)**  
**Rev. Teresa Foster family (mother Isabel passed)**

## **Prayers for our Community churches:**

St. Andrew's Episcopal, Augustana Lutheran in Tustin, St. Paul's in Reed City, United Church, St. Peter's Lutheran, First United Methodist Big Rapids, Immanuel Lutheran in Big Rapids (All have had their share of problems with Leadership/Pastors serving the churches these past few years).

## **World Concerns Prayers:**

Our President and Leaders of the Nation  
Racism  
Prayer of guidance for our neighborhood churches  
People hurting, suffering, homeless  
Concern for the Coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading in the US/Foreign Countries and people suffering losses during Covid-19 Pandemic  
People in poverty (hunger, homeless)  
Military troops in the U.S. and abroad  
Wounded Warriors  
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



## PARISH NURSE

### SEPTEMBER

Summer school vacations are over!!! All schools including colleges are back in session and the fall season is here. Enjoy all the leaf color changes! Welcome to everyone worshipping with us at Immanuel!

Our Health News for September:

September is National Backpack Safety Month. Many children wear backpacks going to and from school. If the backpack is too heavily packed and more than 5-10% of the child's weight, it can cause back problems. Also the backpack should not hang more than 4 inches below the child's waist. It is best to have two shoulder straps on the backpack rather than one. Happy Safe Backpacking!

September is National Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD) Month. ADHD is the term used to describe children, adolescents, and some adults who have difficulty paying attention, are easily distracted and often impulsive in their behavior. Special education teachers, speech and occupational therapists are trained to effectively deal with these persons. In some states Registered Nurses are also involved in the care of these individuals. Medication may be used to treat some of the symptoms, depending on what they are.

September is National Blood Donor Awareness Month. Donating blood makes a big difference (sometimes life or death) in the lives of others. In order to donate blood, one must be at least 17 (16 with parental approval) years old, be healthy and currently feeling well, and weigh at least 110 pounds. Generally one pint plus two test tubes are collected and labeled with your name and contact information. The blood is then transported to the American Red Cross and stored in iced containers until ready to be tested and stored ready for use.

September is Head Lice Observation Month. Head lice are very contagious and usually effect children from 3-17 years old—although members of the household can be affected too. Even though the bites of lice (usually in the scalp) don't cause disease, they do cause itching, which can lead to open sores and then infected areas. Treatment needs to be for those affected and the home to open sores and then infected areas. Treatment needs to be for those affected and the home environment. Check with our physician and/or pharmacist for the proper medication or pesticide.

### **Mother's Lifetime Recipe**

Two heaping cups of patience, 1 heartfelt of love, 2 handfuls of generosity, dash of laughter, 1 headful of

understanding. Sprinkle generously with kindness, add plenty of faith and mix well. Spread out over a period of a lifetime and serve everyone you meet.

Blood Pressure Checks will be given when needed.

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Creator of the heavenly luminaries" . . . . James 1:17

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.

### **Social Concerns**

Immanuel's annual Dump & Run project was the feature story on the Living Lutheran website this past Wednesday. Social Concerns Committee members Roger Barr and Leah Monger were interviewed last week by a freelance writer who produced the story. Read the article at: <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2022/07/recycling-to-serve-the-neighbor/>.

**The Social Concerns Committee is supporting the Brookside Grade School with needed supplies throughout this year. To start we are donating art and school supplies that have been stored downstairs. Through the coming months there will be a need for Kleenex, surface wipes and sanitizer. There will be a collection box in the narthex if you would like to donate to this project. As winter approaches there will probably be a need for mittens, caps, etc.**

## **President's Ponderings**

Our annual meeting will be coming up on **October 23**. There are several slots open on the Congregation Council, including mine, so I encourage you to prayerfully consider running for the Council. These are important times for our church. Will you be willing to serve?

In Christ,  
Dave

Church Council  
Meeting Minutes  
August 14, 2022  
**Revised August 21, 2022**

**Present:** Steve Neumann, Nedra Neumann, Phyllis Cousineau, Roger Barr and Carol Wilson-Jungck, Tammy Lindsey  
**Absent:** Megan Smith, Dave Scott, Melanie Richardson, Judy O'Dell

The Minutes from the July 10, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved

Finance Report: Nedra commented on the finances from her report. The report was approved.

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

### **Committee Reports:**

Vision Report: Carol Wilson-Jungck reviewed what happened at the last meeting. No formal report was submitted.

### **New Business:**

A letter received from the Mid- Michigan Action Agency was discussed and referred to the Social Concerns committee. This was related to a back-to-school bingo fund raiser.

Carol presented the bids on revising the narthex. It will cost Approx. \$6000.00 Carol then moved approval of the Project. Phyllis Cousineau seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

**Herrick Scholarship Applicants:** Jackson Hamelund, Reid McCoy and Jason Stockmeyer, were nominated for scholarships. The Council approved all three.

Next meeting will be September 13, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roger Barr, Secretary

## **Meetings in person this month**

Church Office closed **Mon. Sept. 5th (Labor Day)**

Staff meeting **Tues. Sept. 6th at 10:30 am**

Worship & Music committee **Tues. Sept. 6 at 2 pm**

Tubabach concert **Sat. Sept. 10 at 7:00 pm**

Council meeting **Sun. Sept. 11 at 10:45 am**

Tubabach concert **Sun. Sept. 11 at 4:00 pm**

Bible Study **Mon. Sept. 12 at 1:00 pm**

Staff meeting **Tues. Sept. 13 at 10:30 am**

Shepherd's Hooks & Needles **Tues. July 13 at Noon**

Tubabach concert **Sat. Sept. 17 at 7:00 pm**

Vision committee meeting **Sun. Sept. 18 at 10:45 am**

Tubabach concert **Sun. Sept. 18 at 4:00 pm**

Staff meeting **Tues. Sept. 20 at 10:30 am**

Welca Conference Retreat **Sat. Sept. 24, 9:30-4pm**

Tubabach concert **Sat. Sept. 24 at 7:00 pm**

Tubabach concert **Sun. Sept. 25 at 4:00 pm**

Staff meeting **Tues. Sept. 27 at 10:30 am**

Shepherd's Hooks & Needles **Tues. Sept. 27 at Noon**

Hymn Planning committee **Tues. Sept. 27 at 3:30pm**





## **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

Nedra Neumann, Treasurer (231) 796-0956

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)

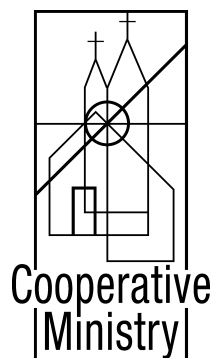
Ron Decker – Ushers (231) 796-2706

Bill Ballard – Ushers (231) 972-4413

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