



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Glorifying God. Impacting the Community.*

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## **We Are the Lord's**

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

<sup>8</sup> *For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.* <sup>9</sup> *For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living (Romans 14:8-9).*

Christianity is a matter of life and death and life again. In Christ, we are given the gift to live life to the full and then to lay life down again in confidence and hope that we will live again. We confess this each Sunday in our creeds: "I believe in the...resurrection of the body and the life everlasting" (Apostles' Creed) or "I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come" (Nicen Creed).-----

The Bible says that there is a time to live and a time to die (Ecclesiastes 3:2a). For some of the saints very recently, the time to die has come and gone. For the rest of us, the saints on earth, that chapter of our lives has yet to be written. We are reminded that our lives on this earth will be surpassed by eternity (2 Cor. 4:16-18). The best is yet to come. For Christ not only died, he came to life again so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Everyone baptized into Christ Jesus is baptized into his death and resurrection (Romans 6:3-4). We can be confident that because we have shared in his death, we shall also share in his resurrection. That eternal truth and promise gives us Christians certainty in uncertain time.

On the Last Day, every grave will be opened, and those who have died in Christ will be raised to share in his glory. In their flesh they shall behold him and their eyes shall see him (Job 19:25-27). In his cross and death Jesus has destroyed death. By his rising to life again, he has broken the bonds of the grave and defeated death and hell. Each of the saints who have fallen asleep in Christ will be brought with him on the day when he returns to judge the living and the dead.

Someone once said that the church is the only organization that does not remove its members because they happen to be dead. Christ is Lord both of the dead and the living. By faith we have come to know that he is the very life of all who trust in him, whether here on earth or there in heaven. All baptized believers are at one in him.

Christianity is the faith by which we live and in which we shall die and then be raised. This is the faith that sustains us in our brightest days and our darkest nights. This is the faith worked in us by the Holy Spirit through the Gospel in Word and sacraments. God cleanses us by the water and the Word so that we live before God in righteousness and purity now and forever.

*O Lord, the first and the last, the beginning and the end, as you were with us in birth, be with us through life, be with us in death and because your mercy will not leave us then, grant that we do not die without hope, but rise to life forever with you and in you, for you live and reign in the glory of the eternal Trinity, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

*Cambridge Bede Book*

In the Fellowship and Love of Christ,

Pastor Steve Deombeleg

# PANTRY UPDATE

**Private & Online Donations: \$ 294**

**Pending Grant Applications: 4**

**New Grants Written this Month: 1**

**Grant Awards: 0**

**PYHT Food Distributions & Activity:**

**In-Kind Food Donations/Food Rescue Received:**  
**16,650 lbs. through 9/1-9/18**

**PYHT Pop Up-Pantry Families Served: Saturday**  
117/426 Families/ Individuals Sept. 9th

**PYHT-Weekday Food Pantry:** 109 Families through  
9/18

**PYHT Food Relief Agencies & Ministries Served:**

Westchester Food Pantry, St. Paul-Oak Lawn, Downers  
Grove Soup Kitchen, Elmwood Park Community  
Church FP, Lyons Church, St. Matthews Soup Kitchen,  
Quinn Center, BEDS+, Village of Hillside, Lombard  
Food Pantry, Youth Crossroads, Inner City Impact,  
Fight2Feed, Concordia University Health Fair

**Volunteer Stipends Paid Out:** \$100, \$75 in Gift Cards

## NEWS:

### **Volunteers of the Month:**

Every week we receive kind thank-you messages from our food pantry participants, especially in regard to our volunteers, our ministry's biggest asset, I thank God for all of you! Thanks to Barb Arndt and Karen Sierawski for your pantry help this month, it's very much appreciated.

### **Concordia University Health Fair:**

Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> we attended the Heath Fair on River Forest Campus, promoting our ministries and passing out student survival pantry bags. The pantry & Garden had an opportunity to recruit volunteers.

Thanks, Tom, Carol, Ron & Jayne for attending the event and for the 7th-8<sup>th</sup> graders help making the pantry bags.

**Food Drives: This Holiday Season:** St. John's Lutheran Church-Mayfair/Chicago, Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church-Westchester, Hillside Public Library. The extra food is a great help during Thanksgiving & Christmas.

## **Fundraising:**

Fundraising for the Expansions Project, General Pantry Support, and Holiday Food Pantry are a never-ending activity. We will continue fundraising, especially for our Holiday Meal Giveaways. Right now, there are no added Holiday Giveaway Dates Scheduled because of lack of funding. Thanksgiving Food items will be given away during our regular Saturday pantry Dates in November & December with additional weekday distributions added, as usual.

## **Expansion Project Update:**

**\$14,848.84 has been spent on the deposits for the concrete and building, so far.**

A special appeal has been made to the Village of Hillside zoning commission, waiting for the results. Hopefully I will have some good news in time for the Voters Meeting. In the meantime, fundraising will continue so we can complete the project as soon as possible. Main Issues: Foundation Stem Wall Requirement, Allowing Metal Building Structure, Village Support, and building usage limitations.

Total Project Budget: \$178,150 Minimum Project Budget: \$158,000 Increase due to Village requirements \$29,000 **NEW PROJECT BUDGET \$207,150** Funds/Grants Collected to date \$55,000 (aprox.)

***Please pray for continued guidance and support of our expansion project!***

## **NEWS FLASH!**

On Tuesday, Sept 19th the Mayor of Hillside agreed to approve the PYHT Expansion project by amending the village ordinances that were obstructing the building of our pantry. This is wonderful news, Praise the Lord!

We thank God that there are very few additional costs, for hearing our prayers and allowing us to continue our services to the community and other church ministries. Glory be to God, while we impact the community!

## Faithful Stewards

By God's grace, we can acknowledge that *"every good gift and every perfect gift is from above"* (James 1:17), and we have been given the privilege and responsibility to manage all that He entrusts to us. In spite of our unworthiness, God has chosen us in Christ to become His stewards. God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, and He puts us in places such as schools, offices, fields, construction sites, and factories to be His stewards. Wherever we are placed, we are to be faithful in our stewardship.

We can say, "Stewardship is faith in action." Stewardship is our response to the faith that God gives us through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel. It is our whole-hearted response to God's redeeming love. Faith gives us access to God's endless source of power, and faith produces the works of love that we do in Christ. God's grace enables us to express our faith in the way that we live our lives. Through the continued reading and study of God's Word, and, through faithful attendance at the Lord's Table, we are nourished, strengthened, and sustained in our faith. God calls each of us to be faithful in our living, serving, witnessing, and giving.

Of all the gifts that God gives to us, money, for many, is the hardest to manage faithfully. Jesus tells us that we *"cannot serve God and money"* (Matthew 6:24). Our society focuses on having more and more so we need God's help to put Him first in our finances. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we become givers rather than takers. By God's grace, we are enabled to hold onto our money loosely, which empowers us to give generously to those in need and to God through our church.

## GOD WANTS US TO DEVELOP AND LIVE WITH AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).



## GOD'S STEWARDS HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED BY GOD WITH RESOURCES AND GIFTS TO MANAGE FOR HIM.

"What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it? (1 Corinthians 4:7).

**Stewardship Corner** Through faith, we understand that all that comes to us by grace is a gift from God. By grace we respond to God's call to be stewards of His creation (Genesis 2:15). God's grace not only gives us the privilege and honor to be stewards; we are empowered as stewards to use our gifts in service to others. Through faith we know that we are not to rely on our own power to do all that God asks of us. The Apostle Paul heard the Lord say, *"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness"* (2 Corinthians 12:9). Sufficiency in God means not being self-reliant. Only God is sufficient for us. He lavishes His grace on us, equipping us for every good work.





# MOVIE NIGHT

*The Chosen - Season 3*

Friday, October 6th & 20th

7:00pm Showtime  
Doors open at 6:30pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
2317 S. Wolf Road, Hillside



# ADULT VOLLEYBALL

**FUN, FAITH AND FITNESS  
SELECT FRIDAYS 7:00 P.M.**

@immanuelhillside



The Caring Network Annual Banquet will be Thursday, October 19th at 6pm at Drury Lane in Oak Brook. The special guest speaker is Dr. Benjamin Carson. Please see Randy or Michelle Weeks if you would like to attend.



Old Schoolhouse Community Garden

# GARDEN WORK DAY

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

SIGN-UP ONLINE



Garden Tools & Light Refreshments Provided

OSHCG  
4733 W. CERMAK  
HILLSIDE, IL  
9:00AM - NOON

OCT. 14, 2023  
END OF THE YEAR  
GARDEN CLEAN-UP



# FOOD PANTRY

No one turned away until food runs out.

**2ND SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 11:00 A.M.**

**Oct 14, NOV 11 & DEC. 9 2023**

NON-PERISHABLE DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF  
IN THE CHURCH LOBBY ON FRIDAYS AND SUNDAYS  
FROM 9:00 A.M. - NOON.

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
2317 S. Wolf Rd. Hillside, IL  
[www.immanuel-hillside.org/pyht](http://www.immanuel-hillside.org/pyht)

## IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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**ARISE, SHINE,**

FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME,

*and the glory*

**OF THE LORD**

*has risen upon you.*

ISAIAH 60:1

**Immanuel Christian Academy**



*Everything written in the Scriptures was written to teach us, in order that we might have hope through the patience and encouragement which the Scriptures gives. Romans 15:4*

### **Getting the Most Out of Your Daily Bible Reading**

As you read the Bible each day, allow the Scriptures to speak to you. This daily “dialogue “ between you and the biblical text will reveal new understandings about God, and about yourself.

## **October**

☐ 1 Psalm 14	☐ 17 Isaiah 5:1-7
☐ 2 Psalm 17	☐ 18 Isaiah 11:1-9
☐ 3 Psalm 26	☐ 19 Isaiah 25:1-9
☐ 4 Psalm 36	☐ 20 Isaiah 32:1-20
☐ 5 Psalm 37	☐ 21 Isaiah 33:1-24
☐ 6 Psalm 43	☐ 22 Isaiah 42:1-17
☐ 7 Psalm 53	☐ 23 Isaiah 56:1-12
☐ 8 Micah 1:1-16	☐ 24 Isaiah 58:1-14
☐ 9 Micah 2:1-13	☐ 25 Jeremiah 7:1-15
☐ 10 Micah 3:1-12	☐ 26 Jeremiah 23:1-8
☐ 11 Micah 4:1—5:1	☐ 27 Jeremiah 30:1-24
☐ 12 Micah 5:2-15	☐ 28 Jeremiah 31:1-22
☐ 13 Micah 6:1-16	☐ 29 Jeremiah 31:23-40
☐ 14 Micah 7:1-20	☐ 30 Deuteronomy 1:9-18
☐ 15 Isaiah 3:1-15	☐ 31 Deuteronomy 10:1-22
☐ 16 Isaiah 4:2-6	

**Set aside time** to read the bible on a daily basis.

**Find a quiet place** to read and reflect on each day's reading.

**Begin with prayer**, asking God for guidance and blessing.

## **A Month of Prayer**

The fellowship of prayer consists of caring people who pray daily for members in the church. Members and their families will be listed in alphabetical order each month. Please pray for both their known and unknown needs.

1. Rita Stallings
2. *Steele Family*
3. *Stewart Family*
4. *Swims Family*
5. Svec Family
6. *Thomas Family*
7. *Thurman Family*
8. Lisa Tipples
9. *Torres - Ortega Family*
10. Lance Turner
11. Wayne & Debbie Valentino
12. Thy & Sarah Vu
13. Patricia Washington
14. Marilyn Weeks
15. Randy & Michelle Weeks
16. Welch Family
17. Dorothy Westphal
18. *Whittaker / Stevens Family*
19. Philbert Wilcox Sr.
20. Philbert Wilcox Jr.
21. *Williams Family*
22. Brett Willis
23. Valerie Winston
24. *Woodruff Family*
25. *Wright Family*
26. *Youbas Family*
27. Tina Alicea
28. *Aguirre Family*
29. *Anderson Family*
30. Ron & Barb Arndt
31. Susan Arnold

**For the Record** - Nothing to report



## **October Birthdays**

01 - *Charlie Johnson (PreK)*  
 03 - *Thomas Skinner (5th Grade)*  
 09 - Ed Mulvihill  
 15 - Susan Redis  
 17 - Macey Railing

21 - Jacob Blair  
 21 - *Savannah Jones (1st Grade)*  
 22 - *Ester Garcia (2nd Grade)*  
 24 - *Paulina Aguirre (PreK)*  
 24 - Lucretia Hardy

27 - Julie Hadler  
 27 - Doretha Brown  
 28 - Steven Deombeleg (pastor's son )  
 29 - *Jessica Muskwe (5th Grade)*

# October 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am Worship HC 10:30 Fellowship 11:15 Bible Study	2   	3 4pm HOME Volley- ball Game	4 3pm Faculty Meeting	5   	6 NO SCHOOL 6:30pm Movie Night The Chosen	7   
8 - <b>Pastor Appreciation Sunday</b> 9:30am Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:15 Bible Study	9 NO SCHOOL   	10 4pm HOME Volley- ball Game	11 6pm - Stewardship Meeting	12 - Taffy Apple Delivery 6pm Elders Meeting	13 4pm Volleyball AWAY @ Brookfield 7pm Adult Volley- ball	14 9am - Garden Clean up Day 11am PYHT Food Distribution
15 9:30am Worship HC 10:30 Fellowship 11:15 Bible Study	16   	17 4PM Volleyball AWAY @ Itasca	18   	19   	20 - Volleyball Tournament @ Trinity Burr Ridge 6:30pm Movie Night The Chosen	21 - Volleyball Tournament @ Trinity Burr Ridge
22 9:30am Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:15 Bible Study	23   	24 4pm HOME Volley- ball Game	25   	26 4pm Volleyball AWAY @ Elmhurst	27 - Parent VS. Student Volleyball Game 7pm Adult Volley- ball	28   
29 - Reformation Sunday 9:30am Worship HC 10:30 Fellowship 11:15 Bible Study	30 School Picture Retakes  	31 - Reformation Day 	Nov. 1st 3pm Faculty Meeting	October is Pastor Appreciation Month		

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**RETURN REQUESTED**

**POSTMASTER: DATED MATERIAL**

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