



November 2020

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Caring For Our Community Through Christ

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Fellow Redeemed, happy November! I don't know about you, but I am glad to see the change of color in the leaves, to feel the coolness of the fall morning, and to taste the delicious food that accompanies a day of thanksgiving for all the many blessings our Lord gives to us so graciously, even during this time of Covid-19.

For us here at Immanuel, November is a busy time as well. The fall bazaar beautifully hosted by WinGS will certainly be a delight for ourselves and the surrounding communities. And let us not forget the Holy Divine service on November 1 where we celebrate both the Festival of All Saints (where we remember all the saints who have fallen asleep in the Lord this past year), and the Rite of Confirmation for Lukas Maloney, both of which will be in unison with the angels and archangels and all the host of heaven as we gather around the altar to receive the Lord's true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.



Finally, the church year draws to a close on November 22, where we invite you to celebrate with us Christ the King Sunday at our 10:30 service, followed by our Thanksgiving Day service at 10:00 am.

But don't let the end of the church year discourage you because on November 29, we will come together again and will celebrate the start of a new church year which begins with the season of Advent.

A note about Advent: Advent is the first season in the 'Time of Christmas.' The calendar of the Church begins with Advent (from the Latin *adventus*, which means "coming into"), a four-week period of preparation before Christmas. The Savior's birth is second in importance only to His resurrection on Easter Sunday. And this year for Advent, our theme will be *Jesse Tree* (see next page for more information about our theme from Concordia Publishing House).

I pray God's richest blessings to all of you during this joyous time of the year. May our Lord continue to watch over you and give you His love, grace, joy, and peace.

With a pastor's heart,

Pastor David

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Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod

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The office is normally open from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Please remember that the administrative assistant may be
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THE JESSE TREE IS THE JESUS TREE!

“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of
Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear
fruit.” (Isaiah 11:1)

Advent begins this month. It is a time to reflect,
pray, and worship the Christ who came, who comes,
and who will come again. Imagine a world some two
thousand years ago in the weeks before the birth of
the Babe of Bethlehem. People were busy doing
whatever it was that defined their lives at that
moment. For some, it was struggling against hunger,
fear, and desperation. For others, it was enjoying
their wealth and ease. For yet others, it was simply
dealing with the pressures of their lives. But for all,
the weeks we call, “Advent” were just days and
nights lived in darkness.

And indeed, it is a dark world. God had created the
world to live in union with Him. He breathed life into
the father of our race, Adam, a creature of dust. He
had formed Eve from the side of Adam and had
joined the two together and to Himself. How bright
the world must have been as Eden lived in harmony
with the Creator.

But darkness came. Those created and loved by God
rebelled against Him, bringing a darkness that
permeated all creation. Death had entered through
sin, and as the children of Adam filled the world,
they took with them the darkness of that dreadful
day in Eden when sin and death entered the world.

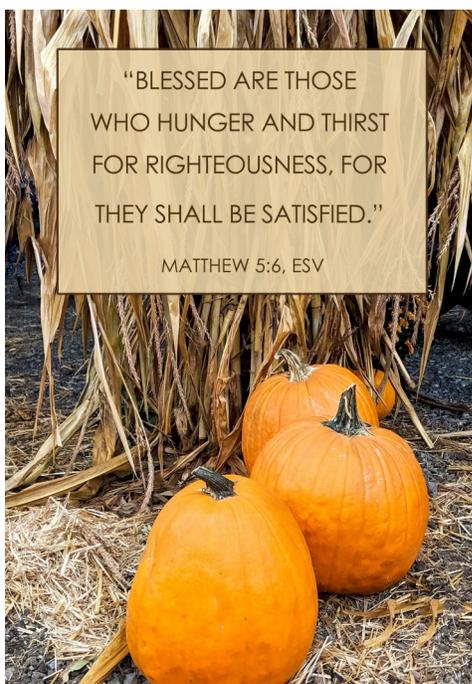
It was a world of darkness cut off from the source of
all light, the Creator. Yet a light was breaking into
the world. A young girl carried in her virgin womb a
Son. This daughter of Eve was about to give birth to
the One who would be the light of the world. This
infant would reverse forever the horror of
humanity's fall into sin and death and darkness. This
was the miracle of miracles: our human sister Mary
became, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the
theotokos, the mother of God, the bearer of the
Savior of the World.

No human eye could perceive it that night. All that
could be seen was a child. Yet this child would
forever destroy the darkness, for He brought life
into death, and His light was to be the light of the
world.

Every force of Satan would seek to put that light out. Herod would attempt to destroy Him by killing every male infant. Scribes and Pharisees would seek to silence Him as He spoke words of life. Failing to silence Him, they would seek to kill Him. Some thirty-three years after the first Christmas, the Babe of Bethlehem would be nailed to a cross. But this is what He had come to do. The Advent story, including the culminating Christmas story, is about a baby who had been born to die-yet not just to die but to be placed in the utter darkness of a tomb and on Easter morning to burst forth from the tomb. When the child of Mary rose from the grave, the light that began at Bethlehem shone so brightly that no one can put it out.

This Advent, we gather in the name of Jesus and consider His great story anew. The Jesse Tree is filled with symbols telling the story of Jesus from creation to His second coming. The story of the Bible, Old and New Testament alike, is the story of Jesus. He is the Seed of Jesse's tree, He is the Root of Jesse's tree, He is the Life of Jesse's tree, and He is the First Fruit of Jesse's tree. As the Church will sing with the angels on Christmas Day, "To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth" (LSB 383).

-From *Jesse Tree: Resources for Advent-Christmas* (CPH, 2020) Used with permission.



From the 
President's Pen

The Voter's Assembly met for our regular meeting after services on October 11th. The Budget was amended slightly to increase the Administrative Assistant's compensation and was then approved at \$186,875.85. We are grateful to our members for their support during this difficult year of COVID-19. Our income has remained at or above needed levels to cover budgeted expenses.

The following transfers were accepted by Immanuel:

Hugh & Joanne Smith
Linda Jefferson
Sharron Jamarik
Leslie Jefferson (pending paperwork)

Please welcome these new members when you see them or drop them a note.

Elections were held with the following positions filled for 2-year terms:

Evangelism – Darlena Butler
Recording Secretary – Lynn Short
Stewardship – Lynn Faulstick
Treasurer – Janice Isenberg

The Dembowski Estate is still dragging on in probate awaiting a ruling from the IRS.

Please join our worship services if you are comfortable doing so. If not, please join through the livestreaming on Facebook. Our Internet connection was not as stable recently, so if the feed stops, please standby until we can get reconnected.

NEW MEMBERS

On October 11, 2020, the Voters' Assembly met and approved the membership transfer of Hugh and Joanne Smith, Sharron Jamarik, Linda Jefferson, and Leslie Jefferson and her son Lukas Maloney to Immanuel Lutheran. Hugh and Joanne, Leslie and Lukas reside in Denton, Linda is from Easton, and Sharron currently resides in South Carolina.

Welcome everyone to Immanuel Lutheran Church! We are happy to have you worship with us and now to be members in the fellowship of our congregation. May God bless you as you continue in your faith journey.

Care and Compassion 2020 Angel Tree

For the last thirteen years Care and Compassion has sponsored a needy family for Christmas. We have decided to try to continue this program despite the restrictions we face during the Covid19 pandemic. Our 2020 Angel Tree will soon be in the narthex. There are "angel tags" that have the items the family would like for Christmas. If you would like to help this family, please select a tag, purchase and wrap the gift. Attach the angel tag to the gift and return it to church by December 15th (sooner, if possible). The toys are available in stores and online. The family we are helping this year has a single mother and 2 children – a girl age 7, and a 4 year old boy. If you are unable to shop but would like to participate by giving a monetary donation, please see or call Irene Wheatley – 410-310-2571. Thank you for helping Immanuel care for our community through Christ.



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Friday, October 25th was Pledge Sunday. During the service members and friends brought forward and presented their pledge. If you were not at the service, you can still mail your pledge card to Immanuel Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 39, Preston, MD 21655 to the attention of the Financial Secretary. Thank you for your pledge and may God's Holy Spirit fill each of us as we remember whatever one sows, so shall he also reap.

BASKETS FOR THE BAZAAR

WINGS will host the annual bazaar this year on November 14, with a scaled-down version of our usual event. With the current economy, we wanted our silent auction to center on themed or gift baskets from members of the WINGS and congregation. If you would like to put together a themed/gift basket, WINGS would welcome your contribution. Contact any WINGS members with questions.



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

(Please Note!)

Check upcoming bulletins and emails for the status of this year's Thanksgiving Service. Plans have not yet been finalized for the November 26, 2020 service.



JOY:FULLY LUTHERAN

1 THESS 5:16-18

REJOICE / PRAY / GIVE THANKS

Love, joy, peace

The fruits of the Spirit in Gal. 5:22–23 begin with these three: love, joy and peace. God’s Holy Spirit fills us with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These are given to us as gifts. We live in this fruit as the Spirit lives in us. Love originates in God’s love for us in Christ, and results in our love for others. Joy comes from trusting in the Good News of God’s love in Christ, and results in lives of joy in God’s grace. Peace is the gift of reconciliation and fellowship with the Almighty God through the forgiveness of sins, and results in our lives of peace as we forgive just as Christ has forgiven us. Find out more at joyfullylutheran.org.



THANK YOU

On behalf of myself, my family and the family of MaryLou Yopes Plutschak, I want to thank every-

one for your support, love and friendship during these difficult times. MaryLou was one incredible woman and I thank the Lord for our 25 years together. She loved our Church and took pleasure in volunteering and worshipping with all of you. I also thank all who assisted in the viewing and funeral. Many of our friends commented that the service was beautiful—especially the music and the pastor’s message.

I look forward to seeing her beautiful smile again in heaven.

Glen Plutschak

DONATIONS NEEDED

Dear Friends,

For many years, members of Immanuel have supported the Eastern Shore Hospital Center by providing Christmas gifts for patients who have no family or friends to provide presents. This is an ever growing issue, as 72% of the hospital population (up from 52% in 2019) has been deemed to be indigent for the coming 2020 holiday season. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, ESHC is asking for donations of money rather than purchasing gifts from the patients’ wish lists. Volunteer Services staff will use our donations to fulfill these patient wishes. All donations to the hospital are designated by state policy for direct patient benefit. If you would like to contribute, please take an envelope from the Christmas tree in the Narthex and return it to church by November 15th. Donations can be either cash or checks made payable to WINGS. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation, please make your check payable to ESHC Auxiliary.

If you would like to donate but are unable to make it to church services, please mail your donations to the church office by November 15th. Please mark Unremembered Patients on the envelope.

Thank you for your support of this effort. If you have questions please feel free to contact me.

In Christ’s Service,

Janice Isenberg
410-310-0315



Sunday November 1st

The Compassion Place at the Lutheran Mission Society

The Compassion Place – Lutheran Mission Society in Cambridge – wants to thank the generous people at Immanuel in Preston who continue to support us with donations and prayers.

The Christmas Shop at The Compassion Place – Lutheran Mission Society in Cambridge opens for business on November 2. Please stop by and check it out. If you find that you have Christmas items (lights, artificial trees, ornaments, linens, nativity sets, etc.) that you no longer need, please consider donating them to LMS. These items can be dropped off at the designated spot in the hallway of Geiger Hall.

We continue to receive requests for facemasks.

LMS's food pantry is fairly well stocked at this time. However, as we look forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas, we know that we will need instant mashed potatoes and canned sweet potatoes.

The Compassion Place is currently unable to accept donations of clothing, books and housewares. Thank you for understanding.

If you have any questions, need help getting your donations to church, or would like to give a cash donation, please contact Irene Wheatley – 410-310-2571.

“Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

Philippians 2:4.



SPECIAL FUNDS

MaryLou Plutschak Fund

Janelle Lewis
Carol Robinson
Milton & Donna Lane
Dicky & Irene Wheatley
Janice Isenberg & Lynn Short
Mr. & Mrs. Byrd Quimby
Mielke Brothers, LLP
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Jennifer Angelo
Diane Wampler
Dennis & Lynn Trice
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Rosemary Stacey
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Lynne Shostak
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The Karge Family

In Memory of MaryLou Plutschak

Jesse Ellis Fund

Barbara Wright

Church Beautification Fund

Dale & Marsha Kenton

Pastor's Grant Fund

Linda Jefferson



MaryLou Yopes Plutschak of Preston, Maryland, beloved wife of Glen E. Plutschak, passed away on October 2, 2020 after a private and courageous battle with breast cancer. She was born June 9, 1949 in Santa Ana, California to Mary Louise Leinberger Yopes and the late Paul Frederick Yopes. Her father was a Berkeley-trained engineer and geologist who traveled the world as a mining expert, settling back in the United States after meeting Mary Louise in Tustin, California in 1947.

MaryLou excelled in school-especially in reading - graduating from Bethesda-Chevy Chase Senior High School in 1967 as an "A" student. She went on to earn a B.A. and M.A. in Psychology at the University of Maryland. In 1972 she began her career with the Division of Parole and Probation in Prince George's County as a probation agent. MaryLou quickly rose through the ranks and was eventually promoted to Regional Administrator in charge of all operations and staff for the Eastern Shore of Maryland. She was known for her analytic skills and quiet, thoughtful approach to organizational issues, leading many strategic workgroups and committees. After 35 years of service she retired in 2008 with the highest commendations.

After her first marriage ended, in 1995 MaryLou married Glen Plutschak from Preston, Maryland. Glen also worked as a parole and probation agent in MaryLou's division before eventually being promoted to Regional Administrator for Central Maryland. Glen asked MaryLou to join him near his family farm in Preston and they made their home there. She grew to love the beauty of the Eastern Shore and its communities, and took special pleasure in tending the flowers, shrubs and vegetables in her extensive garden. MaryLou liked to read to Glen while traveling in the car -- and even as he drove combines and tractors. MaryLou and Glen loved to line dance, travel, and enjoyed cruises together in many parts of the world, often accompanied by family or friends.

After marrying Glen, MaryLou soon became a doting step mother to Glen's son Brad and his wife Heather,

and later the beloved "Mimi" to their children Hayden and Molly.

MaryLou was confirmed in Glen's church, Immanuel Lutheran, and volunteered there as a member of Women in God's Service (WINGS). She also played with the church hand bell ensemble. Having counseled adults as a parole and probation agent, after retirement MaryLou put her skills to work as a volunteer serving at-risk youth in foster care. As a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) she worked with children who had experienced abuse or neglect, and made assessments and recommendations for the supervising court. She also assisted an older adolescent, teaching him how to drive and pass the motor vehicle test, as well as how to open and manage a bank account.

In addition to Glen, Brad, Heather, Hayden and Molly, MaryLou is survived by her mother (Mary Yopes of Bethesda, Maryland), and three siblings and their spouses (Eric Yopes and Amelia Kaymen of San Francisco, California, Martha and Barry Lennon of Chevy Chase, Maryland, and Jennifer Angelo and Jack Mullen of Washington, D.C.).

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 1:00 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Preston with Pastor David Casey-Motley officiating. Interment followed at the Junior Order Cemetery in Preston. Pallbearers were: Eric Karge, Robbie Karge, Brad Plutschak, Hayden Plutschak, Eric Yopes and David Harper Sr.

The family would like to thank MaryLou's doctors, nurses and staff in Easton and at the University of Maryland for their dedicated efforts on her behalf, and the nurses and social workers at Compass Regional Hospice for their sensitive and thoughtful services. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the MaryLou Plutschak Fund, c/o Immanuel Lutheran Church, 242 Main Street, Preston, Maryland 21655, or to CASA of Caroline County Inc., 114 Market Street, Suite 100, Denton, Maryland 21629.



Sat., Nov. 14, 2020

9 AM - 2 PM

BAZAAR



Immanuel Lutheran Church
Main St. & Backlading Road
Preston, MD

**All Food Will
Be Take Out**

**FACE MASK
REQUIRED**

Crafts



Gift Items



Silent Auction



Produce & Plants



Book Table



MENU

Vegetable Beef Soup

Vegetable Crab Soup

Chicken Salad

**All MENU items will be sold
by the pint or quart**

Baked Goods

NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ALL SAINTS DAY 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service with Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	2 8:50am Nursery School 6:30pm Elder's Meeting	3 ELECTION DAY 8:50am Nursery School 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	4 8:50am Nursery School 6:45 p.m. Handbells 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon	5 8:50am Nursery School	6	7
8 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	9 8:50am Nursery School 7:00 p.m. Church Council	10 8:50am Nursery School 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	11 VETERAN'S DAY NURSERY SCHOOL CLOSED 6:45 p.m. Handbells 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon	12 8:50am Nursery School 7:00 p.m. WINGS	13	14 FALL BAZAAR 9 AM.—2 PM.
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22 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	23 8:50am Nursery School Board of Education 7:00 pm.	24 8:50am Nursery School 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	25 NURSERY SCHOOL CLOSED 6:45 p.m. Handbells 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon	26 THANKSGIVING DAY	27	28
29 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	30 8:50am Nursery School					

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL NOVEMBER 2020

Date	Usher	Lay Reader	Greeter	Assisting Elder	Kids Worship	Acolytes	Head Tellers
November 1	Mark Frase Windsor Meyer	Desi Casey-Motley		Dicky Wheatley		Zach Kirwan	Janice Isenberg Shelly Kapitan John Crampton
November 8	Mark Frase Windsor Meyer	John Crampton				Kalei Durando	Karen Lyons Jennifer Phillips
November 15	Mark Frase Windsor Meyer	Kate Frase		Mark Frase		Catie Casey-Motley	Dee Lambert Glen Plutschak
November 22	Mark Frase Windsor Meyer	Dicky Wheatley				Catie Casey-Motley	David Schmidt Kathy Schmidt
November 29	Mark Frase Windsor Meyer	Ruth Thomas				Zach Kirwan	Carol Frase Paul Nichols

NOVEMBER Birthdays

Margaret Bolyard	11/2	Leonard Slyter	11/13
Hadley Mellor	11/2	Alexis Beebe	11/18
Gail Karge	11/3	Kenny Miller	11/18
Dan Mitchell	11/3	Danielle Scudder	11/21
Gail Crampton	11/4	Dolores Slyter	11/22
Avery Ostermann	11/4	Lucas Morgan	11/23
Byron Mead	11/5	Samantha Greenage	11/25
Juliana Garcia	11/8	Ben Braband	11/27
Michael Lyons	11/9	Iris Rieck	11/27

NOVEMBER Anniversaries

Ed & Sabrina Schanken	11/19
David & Kari Edwards	11/22



Puzzle!

Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares. Then read down the second column to discover the sentence that begins and ends Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150.

FEAST
KHAKI
MOUTH
ESSAY
LLAMA
ORBIT
CARRY
UDDER
BRUSH
ITEMS
APPLE
LEARN
CIDER

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Answer:

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Answer: Praise the LORD!



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November 2020

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