



November 2021

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Caring For Our Community Through Christ

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Greetings O Favored Ones,

November is always an exciting time in the church year. October ends with Reformation and then we sing praises and worship our Lord, thanking Him for all the saints who from their labor rest the 1st of November.

In November we wrap up the season of Pentecost, first with Christ the King Sunday (which is always the Sunday before the beginning of Advent), then with the celebration of Thanksgiving, on November 25th, where we thank the Lord for all the gifts, grace, peace, and blessings He has given us throughout the year. (Our Thanksgiving Day service with Holy Communion begins at 10:00 am.)

Finally, the month ends with the start of Advent, that time of the church year where we slow down and even pause, waiting with penitent hearts for the coming of God made flesh, born for us, who came to die so that we may live. It's not the angels proclaiming the birth of the Savior, or the journey to Bethlehem, not yet. We will get there. No, now is the time to wait, to prepare our hearts, knowing by faith that Jesus has come and will come again.

Speaking of Advent, our theme for Advent this year is, "Symbols of Salvation." We will be spending time looking at familiar Old Testament stories that point us to the "offspring of the woman who will come to crush the head of the serpent forever." What are some of the symbols of salvation found in the first half of God's Word that show us Jesus? I could tell you, but let's be honest, it'll be more fun to come and find out.

And, as Paul Harvey would say, "now, for the rest of the story." Let us not forget to remember in our prayers our veterans. If you happen to see one while you are out, thank them for their service. To all our veterans, Thank You! To honor them, CASA of Caroline County will be having a veterans day breakfast at Denton Diner on November 11 at 7:30 am. If you, or someone you know who is a veteran, would like to go, please contact Amy Horne at casacaroline100@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

Then, on that Saturday, November 13, our wonderful WinGS will be having their fall bazaar. Come by and grab you some delicious food prepared with love and peruse the wonderful assortment of items available to purchase and please don't hesitate to buy something that you like. Also, do not forget to thank the WinGS members who continue to serve our Lord joyfully in all they do.



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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod

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PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

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BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

The office is normally open from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Please remember that the administrative assistant may be
away from the office running errands during this time.

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Lastly, I wanted to take a moment to mention that I have been elected at our recent circuit forum (If you don't know what I am talking about, please ask! I would love to share it with you) to be the clergy delegate at our Synodical Convention in Milwaukee, WI from July 29-August 3, 2023. I have been a delegate before while a member of the Southern Baptist Convention, so I am familiar with some of the procedural things but never for the LCMS and the Delmarva Circuit. I'm humbled to be able to go and I thank you Immanuel for giving up your pastor for a week as I travel to Milwaukee (I have never been so if you have, please let me know what there is to do and where I should visit) to be your voice for such a time as this.

God bless you dear Saints. God loves each of you and so do I. Every day I give Him thanks and praise for calling me to be your pastor. I'm not perfect. I need a lot of grace, love, and forgiveness. But there is no other place I'd rather be than here with each of you. You really are the best church in the LCMS. Change my mind.

In Christ's Service and Yours,
Pastor David



\$405.00 was collected in free will offerings to give to the Southeastern District to help with the Hurricane Ida clean up and restoration. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need!





*From the
President's Pen*



The 2022 Budget was approved at the October Voters' meeting. The expenses have increased by 6%, or slightly over \$11,000. Please consider increasing your pledge for 2022 to keep us in a positive cash position.

The window repair/restoration was also discussed at the recent meeting, and additional funds will be needed to complete this much-needed project. Please direct your special gifts or memorials to the window fund as you are able.

The replacement heating units are on site, and final installation should happen soon as we are approaching colder weather. The Voters' approved payment from savings for needed funds for this project since some of the special funds we had planned to use were requested to be used for the windows.

We could use at least one additional person trained on running the Facebook live camera on Sundays. Let me know if you would like to volunteer. It is really very easy and any of the current volunteers can shadow you on a Sunday until you are comfortable.

Immanuel is still seeking to hire an Administrative Assistant. Contact the office if you are interested or refer a friend if you know someone seeking a part-time position.

No one has yet offered to be nominated for President or Chairman of the Board of Education. These are key positions on the Council, so prayerfully consider this opportunity for service.

Finally, the Southeastern District's 39th Convention will be May 9-13, 2022. Nominations are requested for the "Servant of Christ" recognition. Recipients can be any congregation, school, ordained minister, commissioned minister, or lay member who has:

Given faithful service as a member of LCMS and/or the Southeastern District;

Rendered this service in a humble and selfless spirit;

And bears witness to the Gospel in word and conduct.

Nominations must be returned by December 15, 2021, or e-mailed to kboyette@se.lcms.org

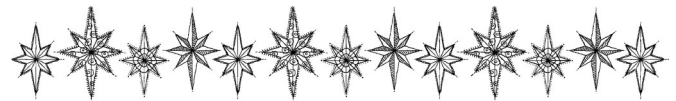
All for now,

See you on Sunday!

Ruth

STEWARDSHIP

Pledge Sunday may have passed but we are still accepting Pledge Cards. Feel free to put your completed Pledge Card in the plate at church or mail to Immanuel Lutheran Church, PO Box 39, Preston MD 21655, Attention: Financial Secretary. A special thank you to those who have pledged already. We as a church family can truly count our blessings!



Care and Compassion 2021 Angel Tree

For the last fourteen years Care and Compassion has sponsored a needy family for Christmas. Our 2021 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 12th (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 8, and a 5 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.

SPECIAL FUNDS

Stained Glass Fund

In Memory of Vera Worm

Tim & Vicky Jester

Ag Sturtz

Dale & Marsha Kenton

Lynn Faulstick

Vera Rieck

Mary June & Henry Jones

Tony & Jane Worm

Melva Jean Glessner

Al & Becky Turner & Family

Paul & Jackie Nichols

Rosemarie & Bob Stacey

Mark & Carol Frase

Lee North

Gina & Duff McConnell

Carville B. Leaf, Jr.

Connie Eskridge

Barbara Wright

Janice Isenberg

Olga MacDonald

Iris Rieck

Stained Glass Fund

In Memory of Victor Rieck

Barbara Wright

Janice Isenberg

Olga MacDonald

Stained Glass Fund

In Memory of Ronald Nichols, III

Iris Rieck

Stained Glass Fund

In Memory of Douglas Jefferson

& Albert & Marie DeMoss

Linda Jefferson

Stained Glass Fund

In Memory of The Rev. Bernard

Becker & Lorena Becker

Rev. Thomas & Sandi Becker

Building Repair Fund

The Estate of Leonard Rieck

From a Very Dear Friend . . .

Dear Christian Friends,

I'm so glad to hear that the Stained Glass Windows are being cared for. Those windows are an important asset of the congregation especially as they tell us about Jesus.

While serving at Immanuel I'd occasionally meditate on the windows. Over the years I would even take photos of the windows and now still open those photos to help me remember the Bible passages they represent. I've come to realize that my own faith can be summarized in those windows.

One window that many people usually didn't see was the one in the balcony. I would see this window from the chancel while leading worship. Jesus stands with people appearing in need. To the left is someone appearing older. To the right is a woman, alone, with two small children. At the feet of Jesus is a person I see as in distress needing the touch of Jesus but unable to even look at Him. Jesus is there for each of us — no matter what the condition of our lives may be.

The lesson of the Immanuel windows, including the balcony window, were lessons taught to me by my parents. Now that both of my parents have returned to our Heavenly Home, Sandi and I would like to make a contribution to care for the windows. Please accept this contribution to the Stained Glass Fund in memory of my parents.

The Rev. Bernard Becker

1925-2009

Lorena Becker

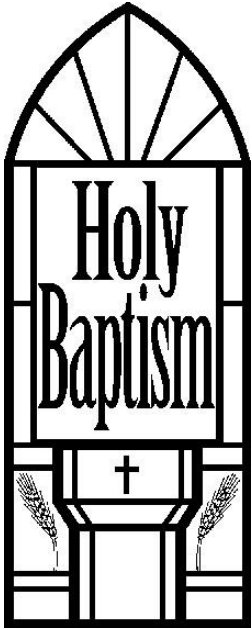
1927-2020

Thank you.

In the name of our Lord.

Thomas Becker

A Former Pastor of Immanuel



McKenzie Daniels, born April 4, 2019, was baptized on October 10, 2021 by Pastor David Casey-Motley. She is the daughter of Christina Vandame and Matthew Daniels. Jack and Donna Collins are her guardians. McKenzie's godparents are Jessica Gullion, B.J. Gullion, Megan Hall Raughton and Rick McCollister. Her grandparents are Teresa Daniels, Cheryl Knotts Czerny, and Raymond Vandame Sr., and her great grandparents are Ruth and Carl Knotts.



McKenzie Daniels and Donna Collins



McKenzie Daniels, Pastor David Casey-Motley, Donna Collins, Jack Collins

Connor James Gannon was baptized here at Immanuel on Friday, October 22, 2021. Born February 25, 2020, he is the son of David and Heather Gannon of Easton. Connor's grandparents are Chuck and Chris Caulk, and J.L. and Annette Gannon. His godparents are Katie Taylor and Jamie Lyons. Connor's older brother, Charlie, was also baptized here at Immanuel several years ago, and just recently attended Immanuel's Nursery School.



Pastor David Casey-Motley, Charlie Gannon, David Gannon, Connor Gannon, Heather Gannon



(l-r) Jamie Lyons, David Gannon, Connor James Gannon, Heather Gannon, Charlie Gannon, Katie Taylor



VICTOR HERBERT MARTIN RIECK

Victor Herbert Martin Rieck of Federalsburg passed away on Saturday, July 3, 2021 at the University of Maryland Shore Medical System at Easton.

Born on the family farm in Preston, Maryland on August 8, 1930, he was the son of the late Harry H. Rieck, Sr., and Eleanor Wittmer Rieck.

Growing up in Preston, he graduated from Preston High School in 1947. He attended the University of Maryland until June 8, 1951 when he married his high school sweetheart, Vera Williams. He then began farming until 1964 when he re-enrolled at University of Maryland and graduated with a bachelors degree in Agricultural Economics. His graduation was attended by his wife and five children. He continued his college studies at the University of Arizona where he received a Masters degree in agricultural economics.

He then began his teaching career at Miami-Dade Community College in Miami, FL where he became a full professor and was voted professor of the year three times. Upon retirement after a 25 year teaching career he returned home to Preston where he managed the family farm.

He was a lifelong active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church where he served in many capacities over the years including being a youth group leader, Sunday school superintendent and being a member of the senior and bell choirs. In his free time, he enjoyed traveling, wood working and watching the Baltimore Orioles.

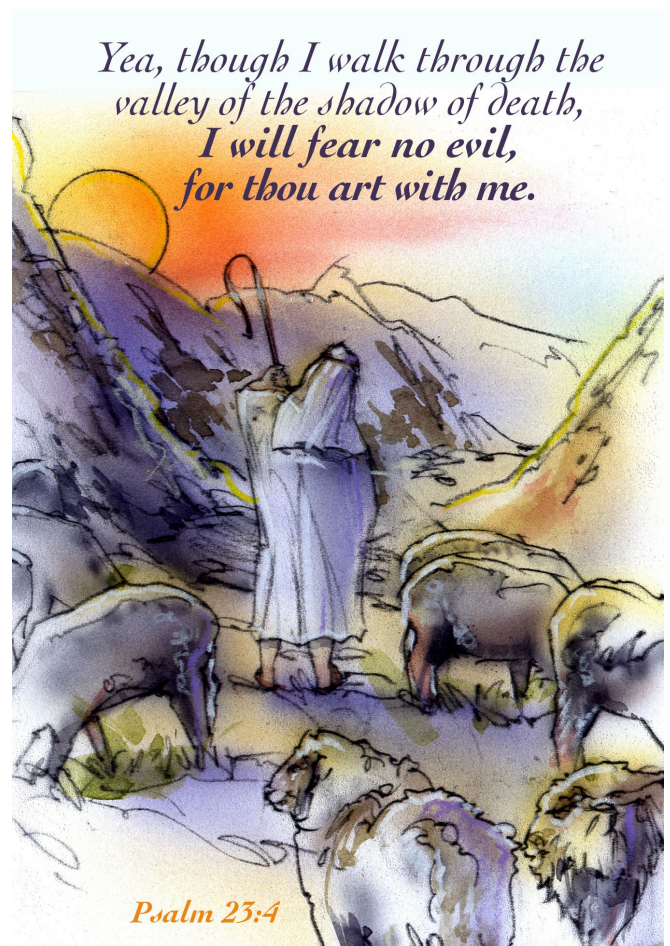
He is survived of his wife of 70 years, Vera Williams Rieck of Federalsburg, four children: Victoria Koelling (Rodney) of Austin, TX, Valerie Kepke of Okeechobee,

FL, Cheryl Peek (David) of Jacksonville, FL, and Vincent Rieck (Debbie) of Charlotte, NC; 11 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Esther Smith of Sebring, FL.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Victor Rieck, Jr. (Marty) and seven siblings.

A celebration of Victor's life and Faith in Christ was held on Saturday, August 7, 2021 at 12:00 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Preston with the Reverend David Casey-Motley officiating.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church - Stained Glass Window Restoration Fund, Post Office Box 39, Preston, MD 21655.





VERA PAWLOWSKY WORM

Vera Pawlowsky Worm of Preston, MD passed away on October 2, 2021 at UMMC Medical Center in Baltimore, MD. She was 97.

Born in Manhattan, NY, on March 27, 1924, she was the daughter of immigrants.

During the depression, her parents purchased a home in Tanyard and her childhood was shared between Brooklyn, NY and the Eastern Shore. She attended both Hog Creek School and Preston School. She graduated from public school in New York and proceeded to attend Business School.

It was in Preston that Vera met and married her husband, William F. Worm and was welcomed into his large farm family. They were married in Smithson Chapel and she became a homemaker and mother. Throughout her life she enjoyed entertaining, putting on parties for her large extended family as well as hosting visiting relatives, documenting with pictures and home movies. She loved driving and enjoyed planning and taking car trips with daughter Belinda and sisters-in-law Louise, Marge, Betty and Doris.

She was a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Preston, where she found her church family. She was a member of WinGS and spent many joyous years singing in the choir and playing handbells.

Vera loved working and served as court reporter of District Court for Caroline County for 17 years. Following her retirement she continued to work part time for Talbot County also as their court reporter.

Her later life was enriched by reading, gardening, feeding the birds and getting together with friends Linda, Ag, Becky, Janice, Gail and John for fun events, movies and game nights.

Vera was preceded in death by parents Frank Pawlowsky and Carmen (Carril) Pawlowsky, husband William F. Worm, and a daughter, Vera Belinda Worm. She is survived by daughter Shelly Kapitan (Larry) of Preston, sister-in-law Doris Worm, former

sister-in-law Ruth (Trice) Worm, many nieces and nephews, close friends and her two cherished cats.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Preston with the Reverend David Casey-Motley officiating. Memorial donations may be made to Dove Pointe, 1225 Mt. Hermon Rd, Salisbury MD 21804 or to Immanuel Lutheran Church - Stained Glass Window Restoration Fund, PO Box 39, Preston, MD 21655.



Our sympathies to Iris Rieck and family upon the death of her grandson, Ron Nichols III. Ron, who was baptized here at Immanuel, passed away on September 12, 2021 at the age of 39. A memorial service was held Saturday, September 25th at Framptom Funeral Home, with a fellowship meal following here at Immanuel.

Cindy (Rieck) Coverdale of Milford, DE, passed away on Sunday, September 12, 2021. She was the daughter of the late William H. Rieck, Jr., and Christine (LeGates) Rieck, and wife of Mike Coverdale. Cindy was baptized and confirmed here at Immanuel.

Tom Wilson, husband of recently deceased member Phyllis Wilson, passed away on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at Milford Center. For a number of years, Tom volunteered to administer our card outreach here at Immanuel, providing uplifting and encouraging messages to members and friends of Immanuel who were on our prayer list. We give thanks to God for Tom's service to Immanuel.

Kevin DeGroat, husband of member Donna DeGroat, passed away on October 12, 2021. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at the Framptom Funeral Home in Federalsburg.

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Ryan & Erin Andrew	11/9
Ed & Sabrina Schanken	11/19
David & Kari Edwards	11/22

Margaret Bolyard	11/2
Hadley Mellor	11/2
Gail Karge	11/3
Dan Mitchell	11/3
Gail Crampton	11/4
Avery Ostermann	11/4
Byron Mead	11/5
Lukas Maloney	11/7
Juliana Garcia	11/8
Michael Lyons	11/9
Leonard Slyter	11/13
Alexis Beebe	11/18
Kenny Miller	11/18
Gus Mellor	11/20
Danielle Scudder	11/21
Dolores Slyter	11/22
Lucas Morgan	11/23
Samantha Greenage	11/25
James Rieck	11/26
Ben Braband	11/27
Iris Rieck	11/27

ANDREW GORDON

IMMANUEL'S ADOPT-A-STUDENT

[A NOTE: Andrew Gordon is our new Adopt-A-Student from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. We support his education with a yearly donation to Concordia Seminary. If you would like to help us with sponsoring Andrew, please make your donations to the Jesse Ellis Fund (Special Funds). If you have any questions, or would like to send Andrew a note of encouragement, contact the church office for his mailing address.]

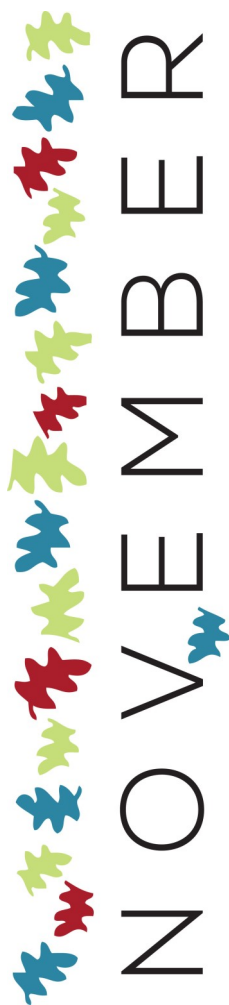
Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your support for me in my Seminary education. I am able to attend Seminary full time as a direct result of your kind generosity, and I really appreciate it. The first bit of my time here at Seminary has been wonderful. There is such a nice community here, my classes have been really informative, and I am constantly being challenged to grow more in my formation for the ministry. I ask for your prayers as I continue to follow God's calling for me.

Blessings,

Andrew Gordon





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:50-3:25 Nursery School 6:30 pm Board of Elders	2 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	3 8:50-3:25 Nursery School 6:30 pm Bell Practice 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon 7:40 pm Choir Practice	4 8:50-3:25 Nursery School 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study	5	6 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
7 ALL SAINTS' DAY 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Divine Service with Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg Daylight Savings	8 8:50-3:25 Nursery School 7:00 pm Church Council	9 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	10 8:50-3:25 Nursery School 6:30 pm Bell Practice 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon 7:40 pm Choir Practice	11 VETERANS DAY 8:50-3:25 Nursery School 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. WINGS	12	13 FALL BAZAAR 9 AM—1 PM
14 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	15 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	16 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	17 8:50-3:25 Nursery School 6:30 pm Bell Practice 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon 7:40 pm Choir Practice	18 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	19	20
21 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Divine Service with Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	22 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	23 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	24 NURSERY SCHOOL CLOSED 6:30 pm Bell Practice 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon 7:40 pm Choir Practice	25 THANKSGIVING 10 am Worship Service	26	27
28 1st DAY ADVENT 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	29 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	30 8:50-3:25 Nursery School				

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL NOVEMBER 2021

Date	Ushers	Assisting Elder	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Sound System	Camera Operator	Kids Worship	Greeter	Head Tellers
Nov. 7	Dale Kenton Rex Rosebrock	Mark Frase	Kathy Schmidt	Zack Kirwan	David Schmidt	Janice Isenberg	Rene Langwost		Janice Isenberg Shelly Kapitan John Crampton
Nov. 14	Dale Kenton Rex Rosebrock		Hugh Smith	Lukas Maloney	David Schmidt	Zack Kirwan	Rene Langwost		Karen Lyons Jennifer Phillips
Nov. 21	Dale Kenton Rex Rosebrock	Richard Wheatley	Catie Casey-Motley	Catie Casey-Motley	Rex Rosebrock	John Crampton	Rene Langwost		Dee Lambert Glen Plutschak
Nov. 25 Thanks-giving	Dale Kenton Rex Rosebrock				TBD	TBD			
Nov. 28	Dale Kenton Rex Rosebrock		Janice Isenberg	Veronica Phillips	Jim Harris	Ruth Thomas	Rene Langwost		David & Kathy Schmidt Julie Schmidt



Puzzle!

Complete each friend pair from the Bible, using the verses as hints. Then write the circled letters in order on the blanks below to complete Proverbs 17:17.

David & _____	2 Samuel 15:37
King Agrippa & _____	Acts 25:13
Naomi & _____	Ruth 1:22
Paul & _____	Acts 16:25
Joshua & _____	Numbers 14:6
Peter & _____	Luke 5:8-10
Job & B _____	Job 2:11
Elijah & _____	2 Kings 2:1-14
Zophar & _____	Job 2:11
Jonathan & _____	1 Samuel 18:1
Peter & _____	Luke 5:8-10
Jesus & _____	John 11:20
Jesus & _____	John 11:5
Timothy & _____	2 Timothy 1:1
Jesus & _____	John 11:5
Mary & _____	Luke 1:39-40
Job & _____	Job 2:11
Aaron & _____	Exodus 4:27

“ _____ ”

PROVERBS 17:17a

Answer: Hushai, Festus, Ruth, Silas, Caleb, John, Bilhad, Elisha, Job, David, James, Mary, Martha, Paul, Lazarus, Elizabeth, Eliphaz, Moses, A friend loves at all times.

PRAISE-FILLED petals

Create an interactive display of God's provision for a Thanksgiving centerpiece.



What you need:

- Colorful sheets of thin paper
- Scissors
- Black pen
- Dish of water

What you do:

1. From the paper, cut out various shapes and sizes of flowers and petals.
2. In the center of each flower, write a praise to God. Thank him for who he is and for answered prayers.
3. Fold petals inward, toward the center of each flower.
4. Gently place flowers on the water. Petals will slowly unfold to reveal the words.
5. Invite meal guests to participate in this centerpiece that blooms with thanks.



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The Grapevine
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