

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*“EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE SHARE THE UNCONDITIONAL
LOVE OF CHRIST THROUGH SERVING OUR COMMUNITY”*

“God is With Us”

November 2016

Pastor's Message

Hello People of Immanuel,

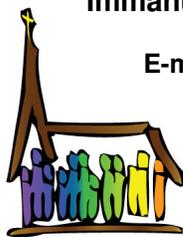
It's Thanksgiving month. We'll pause later this month to enjoy great food and time with our families – signs of all we have to be thankful for. A couple of weeks ago in church we read together the story of 10 people with leprosy who had been healed by Jesus. One of the ten returns to him to give heartfelt thanks for receiving this healing and getting his life back again. In my message that day I used this as a way to think about things we have to be thankful for that perhaps often don't occur to us. Things like color – how much better it is to not to live in a black and white world, but a colorful one. I talked about the almost infinite number of flavors we enjoy in the things we eat, taste, and smell. Turnips figured prominently into this discussion. You'll have to go online to view the message to know what I'm talking about :-). And I also mentioned the infinite variety within humans themselves – the way you take the same basic design for our faces, bodies, voices, and abilities. And yet you get billions of possible varieties all from the same

basic genetic code. So many miracles, and so much to be thankful for during this month of November and beyond! You can hear that message I shared on October 9 and see the visuals I presented with it by going to our website at: <http://www.ilclosaltos.com/sermons>

Speaking of technology, we have a very active Immanuel Facebook page with videos and lots of entries about what's happening at our church. I encourage you to visit it and register as a follower. Finally, in the area of technology, this month we will be releasing a brand new Immanuel pictorial directory. This was produced entirely in-house and is the product of many, many hours of diligent work by Kim Jackson, Judy Brosz, Jo Carlson, and Nancy Allgeier. Thanks to Kim and her team for their tireless work on this beautiful new project.

As I said before, so much to be thankful for. May your celebration this year and your entire life be characterized by a thankful heart for all of God's blessings.

Pastor David



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Sunday Worship Schedule

9am – Service with contemporary music

11am – Traditional service and hymns

Adult Education between services

Youth Group – 6:00 - 7:30pm

Holiday Boutique at Sunny View Lutheran Retirement Community

Friday, Nov. 4th , 12Noon to 5pm, and Saturday, Nov. 5th, 10am to 3pm

Join the fun atmosphere where there will be lots of opportunity to complete your holiday shopping while supporting Sunny View residents. The boutique will be on Friday, November 4, 12Noon-5pm, and Saturday, November 5, 10am-3pm. Sunny View is located at 22445 Cupertino Rd. (one block from Stevens Creek Blvd.) in Cupertino. A variety of vendors will be participating in addition to the Sunny View Auxiliary.



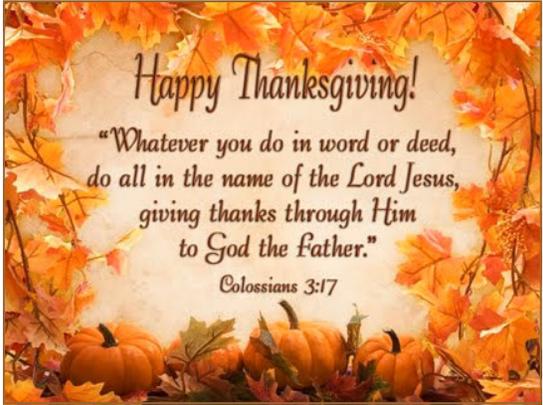
2017 Stewardship Vision

RIPPLES

Our impact reaches far

“Ripples” is the theme of our stewardship emphasis this fall, during which we discuss how to use our talents and resources to carry out God’s work in this world. With this theme we want to consider how the gifts we give often have a ripple effect, making an impact that reaches far beyond what we can see. Lives are changed, hearts are transformed, and God’s kingdom is built . . . one ripple at a time. We’ll explore this topic using skits, inspiring stories, and helpful information about Immanuel’s mission. Then on **Commitment Sunday, November 6**, you will have the opportunity to offer your 2017 pledge. Stewardship packets with a pledge sheet and other informative resources have been mailed out, and are also available in the narthex. Your participation in this congregation through your talents, gifts, and offerings assure that we will be able to grow Immanuel’s mission in the years to come.

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 6, 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.





Veterans Breakfast
Sunday, November 13th
between the 9 & 11am services in
the fellowship hall

Join us as we honor the veterans in our congregation and all veterans. Immanuel's Youth and Sunday School will be preparing and serving breakfast. Immediately following the 9am service everyone is welcome to enjoy the aromas and flavors of a hearty breakfast. For the folks who attend the 11am service, be sure to come to church early and participate.

Honoring All Who Served

Church Council Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2016

I. Pastor's Report

Pastor shared that Comcast is nearing completion with only the second WiFi box left to be installed in the Fellowship Hall. All other items such as TV access for the Fellowship Hall and full Internet access has been completed. On Sunday, Nov. 13, we will have a substitute pastor preaching, as Pastor David will be away for a continuing education event.

President No report

Vice President No report

Secretary No report

Treasurer Tom gave a full financial report including we are only down \$9K and should end the year close to the budget. Thanks to a large donation and Mexico donation from Trinity Lutheran (North Dakota), we are almost

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to our budget level. The mortgage has been reduced to \$264K. Endowment Fund doing well. Committees will be receiving their year to date budgets as their 2017 budgets are due Dec. 1st. Discussed rising costs such as insurance.

II. Old Business

Nominating Committee Winnie reported that the committee met and Jo Carlson will be helping them to recruit two new members for the 2017-2018 Council.

2017 Budget Tom reported that the Stewardship pledges will be in by Dec. 1 and the committee budgets as well, so the Finance Committee can finalize our budget for next year.

Endowment Fund Charter Documentation

Tom reported that in early December, the finance committee would be reviewing it.

III. Committee Reports

Evangelism Google ads showed interest peaked up during Sept. for Sunday School and Youth event searches. Pastor shared we have 13 kids in Confirmation. Lynn added that holiday ads would be in the Los Altos Town Crier this year, too.

Fellowship Lynn reported that Oktoberfest is this Sunday, Oct. 23, at 5pm.

Finance See Treasurer's report (in the council packet.)

Personnel Pastor talked about having Peer Reviews process again, perhaps in the January timeframe for the five staff members.

Property Jim Hayes talked about termite treatment options. Also, working through "Jerry's List".

Social Ministry Doug Daetz hosted a great event with the Muslim community. Kim talked about our participating in a Compassion Week where our members can make a difference helping others.

Stewardship David said it starts this Sunday (Oct. 23), continuing on Oct. 30; Pledge Sunday on Nov. 6. Theme is Ripples and how kind acts have a ripple effect and how our gifts can spread out through our community and into the world. Online pledging along with donations. Rich shared that we talked about envelopes and discussion about how to better illustrate to the congregation all of the components in running a church and how each family can help. A bulleted flyer will be created.

Weddings and Retreats Lynn reported we have two more weddings in November and two booked for this spring with others inquiring.

Worship and Music Winnie reported that in Advent will have church decorated on Sunday, Dec. 4 (same day as the craft fair); Sunday, Dec. 11, is the Children's Christmas Pageant with one combined worship service at 11am; Saturday, Dec. 24, there will be a 5pm family service, plus 7:30pm and 10pm services; Sunday, Dec. 25 there will be one service at 11am; Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017, there will be one service at 11am. Tom said we would present the staff gifts at Dec. 18. Kim said new directories would be distributed this week, which turned out great!

Christian Ed. No report

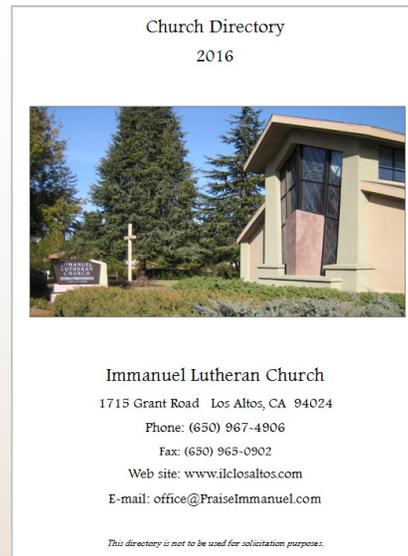
CAT (Children's And Teens) Lisa said their meeting is this Sunday (Oct. 23) and Parents Night Out is on Sat. Oct. 29 (along with the Pumpkin Party.)

IV. Closing Prayer and Announcements:

Pastor shared that long-time member Jerry Hall passed away and his memorial will be on Sat., Nov. 5, at 10am, followed with a graveside service. Pastor closed with the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Next meeting is on Nov. 15th; Lynn North has the devotions.

Pick up your copy of the new Church Directory beginning Sunday, Nov. 6th.



Get your copy of the new church directory beginning Sunday, November 6th, after church services.

Special thanks to Kim Jackson for all the time she spent in the last year working on the directory. Spearheading this project, she spent countless hours gathering photos from Immanuel members, taking pictures of folks after services, and creating the photo layout in the directory. In some instances, when no photo was available for a family or individual, Kim drove to their house to take the picture. This process took many weeks to complete. A job well done.

Worship Services in December

Sunday, December 4

Two Services: 9:00 and 11:00am

Sunday, December 11

One Service: 11:00am featuring
Sunday School Christmas Program
(Please note the start time of this service.)

Sunday, December 18

Two Services: 9:00 and 11:00am

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

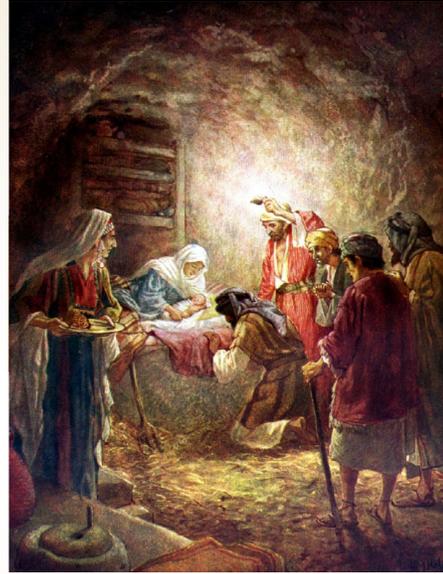
5:00pm: Immanuel Family Christmas Story and Carols

7:00pm: Pre-service Christmas jazz concert

7:30pm: Christmas candlelight service with
children's nativity

9:45pm: Pre-service Christmas classical concert

10:00pm: Christmas candlelight service



Sunday, December 25

One Service: 11:00am, Lessons and Carols (Please note the start time of this service.)

Sunday, January 1, 2017

One Service: 11:00am to welcome the new year. (Please note the start time of this service.)



Holiday Craft Fair at Immanuel Sunday, December 4, 10am–4pm

Participation is open to Immanuel Members

On Sunday, December 4th, from 10am-4pm, Immanuel is having a Holiday Craft Fair in the fellowship hall. **This is an open invitation to Immanuel members to let them know they are welcome to participate**, but need to register to be included. Please contact Kim Jackson at kim.jackson@comcast.net to let her know you are interested. An application will be provided with information. A donation of 10% of sales is requested, as this is a Youth Group Fundraiser to support their ministries.

Non-members are charged a table fee of \$25.



Youth Group

Youth group this year will be for all ages 6th grade through 12th grade. We invite all Confirmation students to stay after Confirmation class to enjoy the fun.

Nov. 6 All youth are encouraged to show up and help with Youth Dinner Theater planning.

Nov. 13 All youth are encouraged to show up and help with Youth Dinner Theater planning.

Nov. 20 All youth are encouraged to show up and help with the Youth Dinner Theater. Set up begins at 12:00 Noon for the evening's dinner theater.

Nov. 27 No youth group. Happy Thanksgiving!

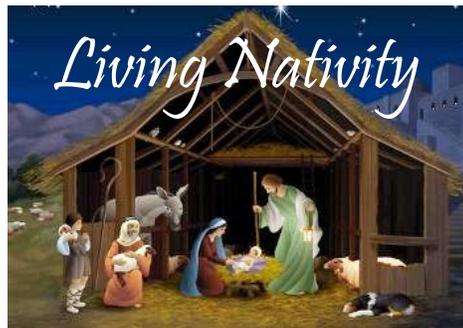
Youth Dinner Theater Sunday, November 20 5:30–8:00 p.m.

Each year the “Dinner Theater” is a lot of fun and it is one of the bigger fundraisers for the youth through the year for their mission trips. Your help and support is always appreciated and we look forward to your support again this year.

On November 20, the youth “Dinner Theater” will provide you, your family and your friends to a nice evening out and a tasty meal, complete with three courses! The dinner is suitable for people of all ages. In addition, we will entertain you with a live, fun, and dramatic murder mystery!! Prepare to have a good time and relax.

Living Nativity—Thursday, December 22 Sr. High Night *plus* Congregation Celebration, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Immanuel will be hosting a Living Nativity on Thurs., December 22 from 6-8pm. This is an outdoor festival that helps to visually demonstrate the Christmas Story and will include a manger scene, music, crafts for kids, food and a petting zoo. This is a good way for the church to reach out to the community and to share the gift of the birth of our Lord and Savior. You're invited to come and be a part of this great event. The Sr. High will perform the Nativity, and we will need people to sign up to bring snacks and Chili/Soup, help with Crafts for the young kids, and help with the petting zoo and music. Please sign up with Danny after one of the Sunday services (Dec. 4, 11, or 18) in the fellowship hall. This is a great outreach event. Please help Immanuel spread the Good News to our community!!!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Jeffrey Windham	Nov. 1
John Bortner	Nov. 6
Andrea Scheuerlein	Nov. 6
Roy Scheuerlein	Nov. 6
Allyson Carlson	Nov. 8
Jeff Hungerford	Nov. 8
Gary Walz	Nov. 10
Kassandra Davis	Nov. 10
Eric Scheuerlein	Nov. 14
Jim Zepp	Nov. 15
Brennan Dooley	Nov. 16
Morgan Neumann	Nov. 16
Danny Dye	Nov. 24
Becci Danford	Nov. 25
Robert Field	Nov. 27
Julie Hungerford	Nov. 27
Nellie Hungerford	Nov. 27
Leslie Matlick	Nov. 27
Peter Palmerson	Nov. 27
OnJoo Cater	Nov. 28
Dianne Ball	Nov. 29
Nathan Winant	Nov. 29
Joe Roark	Nov. 30



Anniversaries

Lynn & Larry North	Nov. 9
Linda & Joe Roark	Nov. 28
Priscilla & Steve Repetti	Nov. 30

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Return Service Requested

***We believe there is no person or created thing outside the active love
and grace of God shown to us so clearly in Jesus Christ.***

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