IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

"God is With Us" **October 2017**

Pastor's Message

Dear Friends of Immanuel Lutheran Church,

This year, with Christians in all parts of the world, we have been including in many of our activities and worship gatherings the theme of anniversary. We join not only churches, but many secular institutions and thinkers who have been reflecting on the significance of the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. The actual recognized date for that takes place this month on October 31, the day in 1517 when a small act of protest planted the seeds for a worldwide movement, and gave us the foundation for how we think and live in the modern era. We will be marking that anniversary with a "Reformation Festival" on Sunday, October 29. We'll have a single festive service using a wide variety of music, multimedia, and presentations to help us connect with and celebrate such a singular moment. That will be followed by a lunch, and accompanied by a variety of activities for children and adults. I think you'll find the day fun, inspiring, and informative.

But there is one more thought that we should add to such an observance. And that concerns a

saying, *semper reformandum*, which is a Latin phrase that means "always reforming." *Semper reformandum* is a way of emphasizing that an anniversary should to be more than merely looking back at something that once happened 500 years ago. The only real reason to celebrate something like this is to ask what such an event still suggests for our future! Reformation is not a one-time event, but enables a way of thinking in which we are always becoming new, always learning, always growing. Good advice for us who live in such challenging and changing times.

Therefore, as we move into the final months of this year and prepare to enter the year beyond, there are questions I want us to think about:

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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

- What new ministries, activities, and worship opportunities do we need to forge to be relevant in our future?
- How can we reach and meet the needs of people of all ages and backgrounds, especially living in such a diverse area?
- What new mission efforts might we engage in to address the pain and problems of the neediest in our world and truly make a difference?

I and the leaders of this congregation invite you to be a part of this conversation, and to offer your creativity and participation. With prayer and faith together can work together to fulfill the original promise the Reformation in our own time.

Semper Reformandum,

Pastor David

The Ladies Evening Circle...

...will meet on Tuesday, October 24, 7:00 p.m., in the Library at church. Judy Brosz, with baking by Tom Brosz, and Ruth Ann Johnson will be hostesses. Contact Ruth Ann for more information at 408-736-1665 or raj1036@att.net.

Church Council Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2017

Council Members

Chad Stearns (President), Lynn North (Vice President), Tom Hampton (Treasurer), Lisa Paulson (Secretary), Dawn Dooley, Jim Hayes, Kim Jackson, Dan Johnson, Jack Knutson, Martha Lambert, Jayne Reimer-Chishty, Jeannette Ring, CJ Stearns, Rich Van Gaasbeck, Pastor David Schick

I. Guest Speaker

Danny made a proposal for a Children's Ministry Position. Job overview attached. Lynn North motioned to approve the hire of a children's ministry coordinator at $500 per month, beginning October 1st. Jeannette seconded. Unanimously passed.

II. Officers Reports

Pastor's Report

1. Made the presentation about his sabbatical trip.
2. Have a good group of families interested in starting confirmation

President's Report N/A

Vice President's Report N/A

Secretary's Report N/A

Treasurer's Report Report attached (in council packet)

III. Old Business

Reformation Planning: the last Sunday in October, the 29th. Agreed that we would put together.

IV. New Business

A. Endowment Committee Member. Martha moved that we accept Rhett Livengood as the interim member of the Endowment Committee. Lynn North seconded. Unanimously approved.

B. Recognition for Giving discussion ensued. Tabled until next meeting.

V. Committee Highlights

Evangelism have some ads running in local papers. Jeannette offered some ideas.

Fellowship Upcoming events; Oktoberfest (Oct. 1) and Reformation event (Oct. 29.)

Finance Tom gave his first request for budget information from the committees

Personnel N/A

Property

1. New vertical blinds being installed in the fireside room tomorrow (Sept. 19.)
2. New lights installed outside by October 1st.

3. New mats for outside exterior doors
4. Lisa to bring a proposal for the Sunday School chairs the next Council Meeting

Social Ministry already covered

Stewardship starting to ramp up activities for this year.

Weddings and Retreats (report attached in council packet.)

Worship and Music
1. In October they will be planning for the upcoming holiday season.
2. Interim Music director (Joe Roark) is working well.
3. Winnie wanted to say that the combined services this summer were well received.
4. Upcoming concert on Sat., October 14th, at 7:30pm: Adam Schulman / Larry Vuckovich Piano Duo

Christian Education Sunday School Rally day (Sept. 10) went well.

HAPPY 500TH ANNIVERSARY!

Join us for a Reformation Sunday festival on October 29.
The morning will include a festive combined worship service at 10:00 a.m., presentations, lunch, and activities for all ages.

Children and Teens Combined church youth programs are going well.

VI. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next council meeting will be October 17; devotions by Dan Johnson.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, October 20, 9am-2pm

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at Immanuel on Friday, October 20, 9am to 2pm, in Fellowship Hall. Give blood. Help save lives.

Holiday Craft Fair at Immanuel
Sunday, December 3rd
10am–4pm

Participation is open to Immanuel Members

On Sun., Dec. 3, from 10am-4pm, Immanuel is having a Holiday Craft Fair in the fellowship hall. This is an open invitation to all who are interested in participating including Immanuel members. Anyone who wants to sell their crafts at this holiday fair must register with Kim Jackson. Contact Kim at kim.jackson@comcast.net to let her know that you want to participate and she'll send you an application. 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.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

presents

Adam Shulman/ Larry Vuckovich Duo

Saturday ✦ October 14 ✦ 7:30 pm

This is a refreshing and seldom heard format in which Larry has had some memorable experiences. He played with a successful two piano quartet Powder Keg with Vince Guaraldi and with other noted pianists like Lou Levy, Buddy Montgomery and Hod O'Brien. This evening's piano duo will feature the young acclaimed Bay Area pianist, Adam Shulman, with whom Larry has excellent chemistry.

Adam leads his own groups and plays with a plethora of Bay Area top musicians like Marcus Shelby, Anton Schwartz and Patrick Wolff as well as internationally known artists. As a student at UC Santa Cruz, he studied with the great pianist Smith Dobson and the trumpeter/arranger Ray Brown. He received his degree in classical performance under the tutelage of the Russian pianist Maria Ezerova.

Larry, who was born in Montenegro, continues to tour nationally and internationally, including an appearance with his Jazz-Latin quartet at Lincoln Center's Dizzy's Club Coca Cola. Larry also performs at major Bay Area venues such as Yoshi's, SFJazz Center, Monterey Jazz Festival and Bach Dancing and Dynamite.

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Children's Ministry Coordinator

At our last council meeting, council approved a position for Children's Ministry Coordinator. We are excited about having this position to help our young members become more involved. We are also excited to announce that Samantha Repetti has accepted the position and starts October 1st. Please make sure to welcome Sam when you get a chance. We look forward to her smile and energy brightening our church.

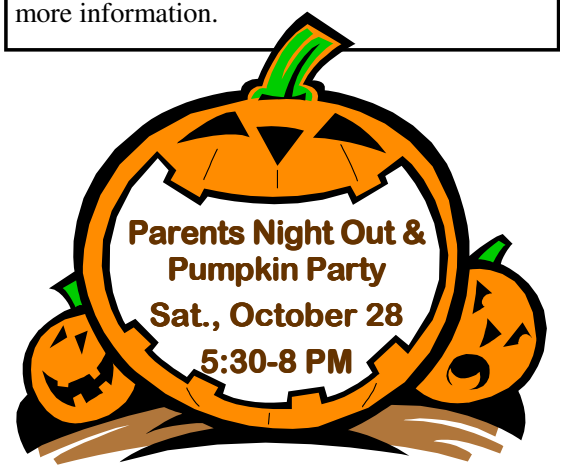
National Youth Gathering 2018

Immanuel will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, June 27-July 1, 2018. The Gathering is a 5-day event that happens every three years, involving inspirational speakers, fun, music, interactive learning, and a hands-on effort to share God's love through serving others. We hope you will join us along with around 30,000 youth and their adult leaders from around the country! It is open to youth in grades 8-12. Please see Danny for more information and to register with a $150 deposit by November 12.

Youth Multi-Church Picnic

Sunday, October 22, 12 Noon

In addition to our own youth gatherings, Immanuel is now holding great events together with youth groups of other churches in our area. Our next youth multi-church event will be at Immanuel, October 22, 12 Noon. There will be food, activities, games and fun. All kids in grades 6-12 are invited. Contact Danny for more information.



Immanuel would like to invite your child to this fun event. We host a Parents Night Out that allows you to drop off your child for an evening of fun, while the parents enjoy a nice evening out together. All Immanuel members and people from the community are invited. We'll provide the pumpkins and pumpkin carving tools. Also, we're looking for volunteers to help us during the Pumpkin Party for various things including set-up, helping with the activities, serving snacks, and clean-up among other things. Come to the party wearing a costume! This will be a fun event. Make sure to invite a friend and neighbor!

Compassion Week—October 2-8

October 2–8, Compassion Week, is sponsored by Los Altos United Methodist Church with more than 100 projects. LAUMC is happy to have other faith communities participate in Compassion Week.

Kim Jackson has participated in the "Sewing for the World" project for the past three years. This year it takes place all day and evening on Wednesday, October 4. Kim can tell you more about it; contact her at kim.jackson@comcast.net

Look at the following links for more information:
www.compassionweeklosaltos.org
www.laumc.org/compassionweek

Looking Ahead to November

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 5, 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
October

Each month in the newsletter we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries of members at Immanuel. As the year progresses, if you do not see your (or your family members) birthday or anniversary listed, please let the office know. This is especially addressed to our newest members. We don't want to leave anyone out!

Birthdays

Katie Brosz	Oct. 3
Meg Boardman	Oct. 4
Rebecca Spradlin	Oct. 5
Marion Partney	Oct. 6
Arden Lee	Oct. 10
Bill Powell	Oct. 15
Michael Ball	Oct. 16
Carol Haywood	Oct. 18
Bev Robinson	Oct. 19
Maurice Hage	Oct. 22
Kurt Kuenne	Oct. 24
Steve Repetti	Oct. 24
Claire Berner	Oct. 25
Marisa Berner	Oct. 25
Kim Jackson	Oct. 26
Cheryl Bartholomew	Oct. 27
Katrina Davis	Oct. 28
Mike Schini	Oct. 28
Diane Demo	Oct. 31

Anniversaries

Kim Jackson & Bob Rossi	Oct. 2
Diane & John McCrillis	Oct. 6
Patty & Dan Johnson	Oct. 13
Robin & Rhett Livengood	Oct. 25
Jan & Brent Ahrens	Oct. 28

Zur Reformation (to the Reformation) 1517-2017

(Melody: "Du, Du liegst mir im Herzen")

1. Nun, nun möcht' ich erzählen
(Now, now I wish to tell)
was im Jahr 1517 geschah
(what happened in the year 1517)
als man in Wittenberge
(when one in Wittenbergen)
Martin Luthers 95 Thesen erst sah!
(first saw Martin Luther's 95 theses!)

Refrain: Ja, ja, ja, ja, Martin Luthers Thesen erst sah!

2. Der strenge Mönch, Martinus Lutheri,
(the strict monk, Martinus Lutheri)
so wurd' er genannt,
(that's what he was called)
wollt' nur die Kirche reformieren,
(only wanted to reform the church,)
doch in Worms, Papst und auch Kaiser
(but in Worms the pope and also emperor)
hiessen ihn "vogelfrei*, verbannt!"
(declared him "free as a bird, banned!")

* vogelfrei meant that anyone could kill him

Refrain: Ja, ja, ja, ja, hiessen ihn vogelfrei, verbannt!

3. Doch, doch Kurfürst Friedrich der Weise
(But, but elector Frederick the Wise)
der zu Luthers Meinungen stand,
(who supported Luther's ideas,)
rettete den mutigen Reformator,
(rescued the courageous reformer,)
entführte Martin in sein Sachsenland.
(kidnapped Martin and brought him Saxony.)

Refrain: Ja, ja, ja, ja entführte ihn ins Sachsenland!

4. Dort, dort nun auf der Wartburg*
(There, there now in the Wartburg)
verkleidet als "Junker Jörg" er nun blieb,
(disguised as "Peasant Jörg" he now remained,
und in 11 Wochen eine Bibelübersetzung†
schrieb,
(and in 11 weeks wrote a translation of the Bible,)
aus dem Griechisch in die deutsche Sprache
(from the Greek into the German language
die dort jeder verstand,
(that everyone there understood)
verkündete er Gottes Liebe und Gnade
(he declared God's love and grace)
für alle Menschen im ganzen Land.
(for all the people in the whole land.)

Refrain: Ja, ja, ja, ja für Menschen im ganzen Land.

* Wartburg, a strong fortress/castle ("ein feste Burg") near the town of Eisenach

† New Testament only in 11 weeks

5. Bald, bald konnte er "die feste Burg" verlassen
(Soon, soon he could leave "the mighty fortress)
und auf seine Beschützer vertraun'.
(and trust his protectors.)
Verliess für immer das Augustinerkloster
(left forever the Augustinian monastery)
und verhalf zur Freiheit vielen Nonnenfraun.
(and helped free many nuns.)
Unter ihnen war eine "Katharina von Bora",
(among them was one called "Katharina von Bora",)
edel, mutig und klug, die auf ihn vertraut',
(noble, courageous, intelligent, who trusted him,)
im Jahre 1525 wurde sie seine Braut.
(in year 1525 she became his bride.)

Refrain: Ja, ja, ja, ja wurde sie seine Braut.

Nun, hebt eure Gläser su Gottes Ehren und Seinem Sohn,
(Now raise your glasses in honor of God and His Son,)
auf Katharina und Martin Luther und unsre Reformation!
(to Katharina and Martin Luther and our Reformation!)

Refrain: Ja, ja, ja, ja auf unsere Reformation!

A poem/song shared by Gisela Daetz at the Oktoberfest celebration on Sunday, October 1st.

NOTE The complete song with additional verses is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway by the office.

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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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