



## *Quarterly Caller 2024 November, December & January Issue*

### **Rejoice in the Saints!**

What usually comes into your mind when you hear the word "saint"? Perhaps you think of New Testament apostles such as St. Paul or St. John or St. Peter. Or maybe you think of certain especially devout Christians who lived in centuries long ago. Possibly, the word "saint" brings to mind the superstitious practice of actually praying to and calling upon such holy people in heaven for help or guidance. But regardless of what comes to your mind, it is clear that we usually use the word "saint" to apply to people in the distant past--certainly to people who have died and are no longer living among us.

But what we also rejoice in, then, today is that our destiny in Christ will be the same as theirs. Christ's life, death, and resurrection have assured us of that. We are not an isolated organization of people but saints in a long and majestic procession that stretches from the beginning to the very end of time. Having been given the eternal perspective of the eyes of faith, we can see that when our final day comes, we will by God's grace join the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven in unending joy.

And that's not all! There's still more! For we have not yet mentioned Christ's second coming and the resurrection. In the Old Testament, the prophet Isaiah spoke of this Last Day. He said, first of all, to God, "Your dead will live; their bodies will rise." And then to the departed saints, He said, "You who dwell in the dust, wake up and shout for joy!" God does not only save our souls but also our bodies. Because Christ conquered death on Easter morning, at His second coming our bodies will be raised new and immortal and imperishable, to be rejoined with our redeemed souls. We will then live in the fantastic beauty of God's new creation forever. Truly, how blessed we are to have been made to be the saints of God in Christ.

Therefore, fellow saints, fellow holy ones, as we await the fulfillment of God's awesome promises to us, let us set our hearts on remembering and heeding the words of the Psalmist: **"Fear the Lord, you, His saints; for those who fear Him lack nothing. A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all."**

For all the Saints!!!  
Pastor Reed

VOTERS MEETING SUNDAY OCTOBER 20, 2024 @ 1015  
IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, BROWNTON, MN

51 members present

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Mathwig

Pastor Reed opened the meeting with prayer

The meeting agenda was presented-MMSC to approve

The Secretary's minutes from the voters meeting on July 28, 2024, written by Secretary, Kathy Nordby, were distributed and reviewed. MMSC to approve.

The Treasurer's report was given by Donald Albrecht. The report was distributed and reviewed. Don reported that all roof repairs on the church building are done, the website update is paid. Budget for 2025 will increase by 4%. A lot of projects were completed but all the funding came from the Orlin Knick investments. MMSC to approve report.

The Trust Fund Treasurer's report was given by Lori Cacka. The report was distributed and reviewed. MMSC to accept report.

The Board of Deacons report was given by Pastor Reed. Membership changes: transfer out: Jill Jaskowiak, Zachary, Mallory, Morgan Chmielewski, Christian Chmielewski released to St John's Lutheran Church in Winsted, MN. MMSC to accept.

Letters of introduction were received from both seminary students Immanuel is supporting. One is a first-year student, the other is a second-year student. This is a second career for one of the students. Letters are available to review by members.

Tuition Reimbursement- 13 applications were received. These are being processed by the Board of Deacons. Dispersment of funds will occur in January. The estimated cost is \$5,750. Funded by interest from Orlin Knick investments. MMSC to approve report.

Board of Trustees Report given by Dave Geier. The new skylight was installed in the Narthex. The ceiling fan below the skylight needs to be replaced. All the downspouts are now connected to the city storm sewers - this project is completed. Gutters on the parsonage are replaced. The AC unit in the balcony was replaced. Jordon Wendorf/Nick Neubarth will be doing snow removal. All cushions on the church pews have been replaced. The old table and cushions have been removed from the building. Thank you to Jeff Ribar for getting bid to install fire extinguishers. Mulch was placed in the preschool outdoor learning center. A sealer was applied to the outdoor preschool sign. Future projects include rewiring church lights, replacing roof on education building, replace window in the bell tower, replace cement in the parking lot. Other project requests brought forward are replacement of outdoor sign on the church building and to hire someone to come in and wash the windows a couple times a year. MMSC to approve report

Board of Education Report-incorporated into the Office Managers report.

The Office Manager report was given by Mona Geier. Preschool classes started again in September. Mona has taken over the financial items/tracking for preschool. Reported that Vicki is submitting data/info with Parent Aware Rating process-results will be released in January. The website is up and running. German Dinner is next Sunday-Mona is handling the ticket process, advertising, and tracking expenses/receipts. Reported that to date the preschool students have sold 97 tickets. Assisted with the LWML Rally-printed bulletins, etc. The 2025 offering envelopes are being designed and ordered for availability by end of November. Some hymnals are being replaced. If interested in purchasing one for home use please let Mona know by October 23<sup>rd</sup>. MMSC to approve report.

**Old Business-none**

## **New Business:**

MMSC to approve/elect Alan Buckentin as Congregational Representative to the Circuit Forum in 2025 and as representative to the 2025 convention. MMSC to approve/elect Jerry Zaske as alternate for the 2025 convention.

Members appoint to the Audit Committee and as Chairperson: Curt Carrigan, Kay Husfeldt, Ginnette Schwarze. MMSC to approve

Board of Deacons will be researching salary for Office Manager and Custodian with other churches within our circuit

No other business was brought forward

MMSC to adjourn

Closed with prayer lead by Pastor Reed

Acting Secretary, Karen Buckentin



## **LCMS Stewardship Ministry Newsletter Article**

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**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

**Newsletter Article** – November 2024

November 2024 Stewardship Newsletter Article

Have you ever noticed how children emulate their parents? Children watch their parents, and they do what they see them doing. This is how they learn to speak. They watch the shape and form of their parents' mouths, and they try to make the same shape so that they can make the same sounds.

But children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, how they do and say most everything: and children try to copy it. This can be quite humorous when caught in the act. They do this even when parents don't want them to. Everyone has been in the uncomfortable, and sometimes rather embarrassing, situation where a child does or says what one of their parents have done or said...something that is not too flattering! Sitcoms thrive on this sort of thing. And it only works because of the truth that children emulate their parents. And they do it because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God by grace, through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan, "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins, and in exchange He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit, by which we cry out, "Abba, Father." We are born again, born from above, born of water and the Spirit, to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ, through Baptism. And since we are sons, we are heirs; heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace and mercy, because of His generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

And this is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to lead holy lives. We are strengthened to emulate the generosity of our heavenly Father by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven. More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received God our Father's gifts that we desire to give

ourselves. And His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As the Small Catechism teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

"Give us this day our daily bread. *What does this mean?* God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. *What is meant by daily bread?* Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like."

In other words, he gives us everything that we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds. Therefore, we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week, and set aside a generous portion of God's daily bread for His work in the church. Not because He has commanded us so to do. But rather because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry

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## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR CHURCH OFFICE**

- The website is progressing well. We've all been trained and have started posting articles. If you haven't had a chance to check it out yet, please do!
- The **German Dinner** was held on **Sunday, October 27th**. I managed the ticket process, advertising, and tracking expenses/receipts. The preschool students have sold **121 tickets**.
- Assisted with the **LWML Rally**, including printing bulletins and providing other support.
- The **2025 offering envelopes** are being designed and will be ordered for distribution by the end of **November**.
- Some **hymnals** are being replaced. I have ordered **28 hymnals** so far.

Aside from my usual weekly tasks, things have been going well in the office!

That's it for now. Until next time.

Immanuel Office Manager  
Mona Geier

## **Special Happening at Immanuel**

**Worship Service is on every Sunday at 9:00am.**

**Holy Communion is on the 1<sup>st</sup> and Last Sunday of the Month.**

### **November**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>** | All Saints Day Sunday

**November 12th** | 6:30pm – Deacon's Meeting

**November 20<sup>th</sup>** | 1:30pm – Wednesday Afternoon Service/ Holy Communion

**November 28<sup>th</sup>** | 9:00am - Thanksgiving

### **December**

**December 4th** | 7:00pm – Noah's Ark Advent/Xmas Program

**December 10<sup>th</sup>** | 6:30pm – Deacon's Meeting

**December 18th** | 1:30pm – Wednesday Afternoon Service/ Holy Communion

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** | 6:30pm – Sunday School Xmas Eve Program

**December 25<sup>th</sup>** | 9:00am – Xmas Day Service

## **A Message of Hope heard on The Lutheran Hour**

### A Message of Hope

Hear the Good News of the Gospel on the Lutheran Hour each Sunday at 9:00 am on KDUZ 1260 AM Radio. During the month of August, you will hear the following program topics on the 9:00 am broadcast:

### **November 2024 Sermon Schedule:**

#### **November 3**

##### ***"Working the System"***

*Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*

God's Law is a "system" that keeps the world from falling apart while also revealing our need for the Savior who lived, suffered, and rose for us. (*Genesis 33:8*)

#### **November 10**

##### ***"My Name Is Now Yours"***

*Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola*

God comes to renew us through His forgiving love, rename us in Baptism, and remain with us through His Word. (*Genesis 35:10-11*)

#### **November 17**

##### ***"Album-Worthy"***

*Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*

If everything you've ever thought or done were captured in photos, how many would you keep? Discover how God redeems even the snapshots that don't seem "album-worthy." (*Genesis 35:3*)

#### **November 24**

##### ***"Jesus Sees What's in the Heart"***

*Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe*

Jesus sees what's in our hearts, but what's in His heart? God saw that we needed a Savior. (*Mark 12:41-44*)

# Board of Education

## Upcoming Events:

On **November 10th**, the **Sunday School Board** will be sending an email with a link for parents to sign up their kids for the **Christmas Eve program**. Parents, please keep an eye out for that in your inbox!

In **December**, Sunday School will begin **Christmas program practice** on **December 1st** and will continue on the following Sundays leading up to **Christmas Eve**.

**Note:** We will also be seeking donations for the **Christmas bags** sometime in December, so please keep an eye on the upcoming Sunday bulletins for more information.

# Noah's Ark Preschool

700 Division St. P.O. Box 147 Brownton, MN 55312 320-328-5325

## Upcoming Events:

11/1 | NO School/Conferences

11/24 | Advent Festival

11/26-27 | Friendship Feast

11/28-29 | No School

12/4 | Christmas Program beginning at 7:00 pm

12/9-13 | Tot Shop is Open

12/19-20 | B-day parties for Jesus

12/23-1/1 | No School - Christmas Break

1/2 | School Resumes

## Advent Festival

On **Sunday, November 24th**, the preschool is hosting an **Advent Festival** at the **Brownton Area Civic Center**. There will be crafts available for purchase, each for a small fee, along with a table staffed by volunteers to help facilitate the crafts. The crafts will cater to a variety of ages, including adults.

Also on site will be the **Lefse group**, who will be making and serving fresh lefse!

This event is open to all preschool families and the public. I will be looking for volunteers to help facilitate the crafts, so please let me know if you or a family member would like to help instead of participating.

Additionally, I'll be collecting items for some of the crafts. The first item needed is **clean tin cans** with smooth edges and the paper removed. We're looking for larger cans, such as those for beans, tomatoes, or chunky soups—not the small soup cans. Cans can be sent to school or left in the box on the bookshelf outside of the classroom.

Stay tuned to our **Facebook page** for project details!

Vicki Herrmann

Noah's Ark Preschool



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### **Mission Statement of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Brownton**

*“Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church is a fellowship of believers in Jesus Christ seeking to nurture individuals and families in their Christian faith, teaching them a caring ministry to each other, our community, and the world by sharing the message of Jesus through word and deed.”*