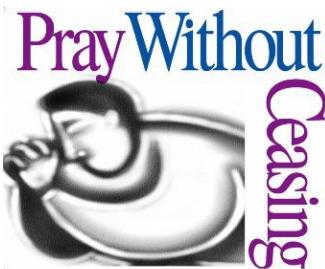




Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church

The Beacon November 2022



(Jesus prayed) "I ask not only on behalf of these (my disciples), but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

John 17:20-21

Dear Partners in the Gospel

In this Thanksgiving season, I would like to uplift John Maxwell's book "Partners in Prayer". As part of this book, Maxwell encourages us as Christians to contentiously pray for the Church. He basis this belief on Jesus prayer in John 17, a part of which I shared above.

Maxwell Shares, "Jesus' prayer for the Church is an excellent model for us to follow when we pray for the Church. He spoke with confidence, knowing His time had come, but secure in the knowledge that what He had begun would be continued through His body of believers - the Church. What Jesus desires for his Church is this: 1) That people would sense the Glory of God 2) That we would follow the Word of God 3) That we would be United in the Love of God 4) That we would go forth in the Mission of God 5) That we would experience the Joy of God."

I think that as Modern day Christians, we many times don't get what Church is suppose to be. It's not a judgmental institution that determines "the good from the bad people". It's not a social club that allows us to see our friends once a week. It's not a service station that only services it's "members" wants needs and desires, especially in the areas of (hatch, patch, match and dispatch). It's not a building.. a shrine to those who have gone before.

The Church in reality is where people meet God! It's the communal relationship between Jesus' followers and the world in a certain place at a certain time. The Church is not only a place, but is the body in which the Holy Spirit lives out God's love to the world. If we as modern day Christians view this institution as anything but the transformantional way God relates to God's people, we cheapen it as well as demean it's relevance in our world... it demeans God's continued revelation to the world. Maxwell encourages every Christian to constantly pray for the Church...

Pray for Believers to experience true worship

- ☐ Pray for an outpouring of God's glory in His Church, not only with their lips, but in their lives
- ☐ Ask God for a spirit of worship to manifest itself in your church
- ☐ Pray for a revival in the Churches across our nation and the world.

Pray that believers will know, accept, and obey the Word of God.

- ☐ Pray that God's Word be preached continually in the Church
- ☐ Pray for spiritual understanding and discernment among the people of God
- ☐ Ask God to make the people obedient to God's Word

Pray for Unity in the Church

- ☐ Pray for humility among the Church's leaders and body of believers.

- ☐ Pray that a spirit of humility and repentance will rise up among all believers
- ☐ Ask God to break down all racial, cultural, and denominational walls.

Pray for souls to be won to Christ

- ☐ Ask God to give your Church leaders a vision for reaching the lost
- ☐ Pray for workers for the harvest - for believers who will consistently share their faith
- ☐ Pray that local churches across the country would reach out to the lost in their communities

Pray for Joy in the hearts and lives of Believers.

- ☐ Ask God to reveal your Church's potential to your leaders and people
- ☐ Ask God to bring joy to your leaders and the people of the Church.

Pastor Sue and I pray for our Church daily. We pray that God would do with us as a congregation as God will, and that we would have the courage to follow God's will instead of our own petty wants and personal preferences. I invite you to join in that never ceasing prayer

Blessings and Peace, Pastor Tom

Immanuel-Trinity's Thanksgiving Dinner



Service of Remembrance **Sunday, November 20** **6:00 pm**

This annual service is an opportunity to remember our loved ones who are not celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas in this year. All are welcome whether your loss is recent or in the past.



Please join us...

***Thanksgiving Eve Worship
with Holy Communion on
Wednesday, November 23
at 6:00pm
Followed by a Pie/Dessert
Social***



ANGEL TREE UPDATE

Last month I had an article in the newsletter to ask for your help with purchasing gifts for children in need in our community. I have been in contact with the representative from the Salvation Army to get more details regarding the Angel Tree Ministry.

We will be getting the names in the first weeks of November. We will have plenty of time to make our purchases and get them back to Immanuel-Trinity. A tree with the name tags and the wishes of the children will be on display in the narthex. This year you will be able to choose the name of the child. I will be at the Saturday and Sunday worship services to write your name on my log sheet to keep track of who has each name and to answer questions you might have.

I pray that together we can make a child smile because we care about all of God's children. Thank you for helping with this ministry. You can contact me (Audrey Greenwood) at 920.923.2246 or email bobgreenwood@att.net.



Poinsettias and Non-Poinsettias in Honor or in Memory

- Only 25 poinsettias will be ordered for the Church. Cost is \$20 per poinsettia or \$20 suggestion for a non-poinsettia for the debt reduction. Deadline is Sun, Dec 4.

Envelopes to order poinsettias will be in the Narthex and outside the church office. Once our number of poinsettias are reached you can donate towards a "non-poinsettia". Poinsettias may be taken home after Christmas Day services or you may indicate if you wish them to be distributed to shut ins.



**Faith in Action is asking
for any new or gently used
winter apparel**

***Coats, Hats, Mittens &
Gloves***

**Donation box in church
November thru January.**

THANKSGIVING
Holiday Hours



**The Church office
will be closed:**

Thursday, Nov 24

November is:
TRIPLE S: SWEATSHIRTS SWEATPANTS SOCKS



Please place your donations in the boxes in the Narthex

We will be doing the Three Trees again.

More info to come in the December newsletter!



A full load of boxes for Lutheran World Relief



Thank you to our helpers who loaded them all up!



WELCA NEWS

WELCA would like to thank everyone for your help with our *Chili to Go* sale. We had orders for 88 quarts and there were a few extra quarts made. At this time we do not have profit figures to report – we are gathering all expenses and receipts. We will be reporting profits and where that money will go in December's newsletter. Thank you to all who ordered chili, helped to make it and helped to fill the orders on that Saturday and Sunday. We could not have done this without you.

Our Kits and Quilts were successfully delivered on Saturday, October 8th. We had 33 quilts in 8 boxes, 170 Personal Care Kits in 17 boxes and 10 Baby Care Kits in 3 boxes. Thank you to all the loving hands that put together all of these items and packaged them, weighed and labeled them to go to Lutheran World Relief to be distributed where needed throughout the world.

If you would like to help with this ministry there are directions for kits on the table near the Narthex or the quilting – Dorcas Circle – group meets every third Wednesday of the month starting at 8:30. Come and join us anytime. We are always accepting donations for supplies or shipping as well. Envelopes for that are on the same table with the directions. Thank you.

From your WELCA Board - Martie Schmalz, Marion Blakely, Audrey Greewood, Caryl Thielman,



Remember...
Daylight Savings Time ends
Sunday,
November 6th.



*No Confirmation, Spark
or Connect Classes*

**Wednesday,
November 23.**

November Birthdays



November 1

Jonah Long
Thomas Soukup

November 2

Jeffrey McAndrew

November 3

Michael Steinbrecher

November 5

Brooke Jurgensmier

November 6

Christina Schuette
LaVonne Waller
Mary Randall
Tammy Guse

November 9

John De Montmollin
John Dilling
Richard Hannemann

November 11

Keshia Lueck
Marion Blakely

November 13

Robert Kopf

November 14

Liberty Christian
Karla Wagner

November 16

Sara Gutman

November 17

Henry Grafton

November 18

Joyce Spannbauer

November 19

Terrence Bigsby

November 22

Richard Krause

November 24

Kailyn Lefebber
Lisa Triatik

November 26

Daniel Sing
Linda Karls
Thomas De Montmollin
William Faubel

November 27

Alyssa Stephenson
Cindy Taylor
Terry Long

November 28

Shar Raube

November 29

Patrick Hansen

November 30

Julia Naker

Of Lu Miller's birthday given by Susan Brennan.

