

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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Mission Statement

Our Mission is to Honor God, by sharing His love, living in Christ, and serving our community.



God is never more than a prayer away.

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Why? Why Me? . . . Why, God?

I have been hearing about a lot of sadness and concern lately. Some mutual classmates recently asked me to call one of my closest high school buddies even though we hadn't stayed in contact after becoming adults. My intuition was that something pretty serious had happened. When he answered the phone he sounded pretty distraught. His wife of 50 years had died from a brain tumor a few weeks prior.

"What I can't figure out," he said, "is why her?" We talked about all the good she had done in her life; she was a registered nurse, a beautiful wife and loving mother and had served her church and community. "But now she's gone." He could barely get the words out.

At Immanuel we have also been praying for several people who have had or will have surgery. While surgical procedures have improved over the years, surgeries are done for a reason. Sometimes they are done to make our life better like replacing a joint. But sometimes they are done to remove a cancerous growth causing us concern.

At those times we too ask the question "Why?" Why me? Why my spouse or someone in family?


I may not always understand God's plans for me, but I'll always accept them because His decisions are better than mine.



Earlier this week someone who had surgery and learned they had cancer posted the picture accompanying this article. What it says comforts us not by making the cancer go away but it acknowledges that God knows the answer to that "Why?" question. While he doesn't always share that answer we can be confident that his answer is better than our understanding.

We sometimes doubt and lash out at God. At those times it is good to pray,

"Father, I forget Your unalterable love. I forget the excruciating burden of Your Son who bore the world's pain and in doing so also cried out, "My God, My God—Why?"

See the entire daily devotion relating to the cover story here: <https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions/default.asp?date=20191018>

Are you looking for a daily devotion? Do you forget to read the daily devotion you have? Consider subscribing to The Lutheran Hour Daily Devotion. At the address above scroll to the bottom of the page for options to receive the Lutheran Hour Daily Devotion in your e-mail every day.

Pastor Larry Oliver

Scripture Readings For November

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FESTIVAL</u>	<u>1st READING</u>	<u>PSALM</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
Nov. 3	All Saints' Day* (Nov. 1)	Rev. 7:(2-8) 9-17	Psalm 149	1 John 3:1-3	Matt. 5:1-12
Nov. 10 (Prop. 27)	Twenty-second S. a. Pentecost	Ex. 3:1-15	Psalm 148	2 Thess. 2:1-8, 13-17	Luke 20:27-40
Nov. 17 (Prop. 28)	Twenty-third S. a. Pentecost	Mal. 4:1-6	Psalm 98	2 Thess. 3:(1-5) 6- 13	Luke 21:5-28 (29- 36)
Nov. 24 (Prop. 29)	Last S. of the Church Year	Mal. 3:13-18	Psalm 46	Col. 1:13-20	Luke 23:27-43
Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Day	Deut. 8:1-10	Psalm 67	Phil 4:6-20 or 1Tim. 2:1-4	Luke 17:11-19

Serving Schedule For November

Dates	Elder	Greeter	Reader	Server	Altar Guild	Counter
3-Nov	Gleaman Burks	Ralph & Debbie Graham	Velma Bariletti	Carmelita Moore & Jeanne Butler	Pat Douglas & Joanne Secrest	Ann Oliver
10-Nov	Jim Marshall	Velma Bariletti	Keith Moore	Greg & Patti Grill		
17-Nov	Keith Moore	Linda Tedisch	Caryl Anderson	Debbie Graham		
24-Nov	Gleaman Burks	Ralph & Lorene Gotta	Jeanne Butler	Voter's Mtg potluck		



November Birthdays & Anniversaries

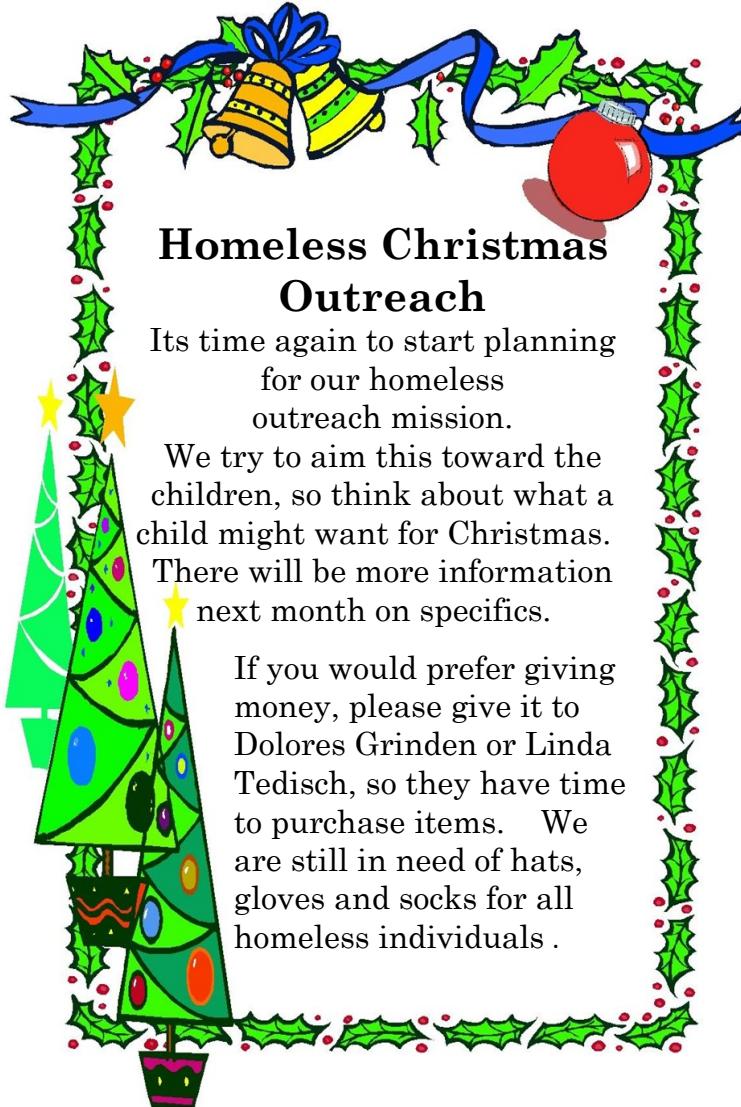
Keith Moore 11/6
 Waunita Marshall 11/19
 Leia Waldron 11/28
 Lorene Gotta 11/30

Anniversary

Jim & Waunita Marshall 11/8

ANNUAL MISSION EVENT

Immanuel Ladies Guild
Holiday Bazaar
 November 23,
 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
 Baked goods, craft items, elegant
 treasures, etc.
 and our luncheon.



Homeless Christmas Outreach

It's time again to start planning for our homeless outreach mission.

We try to aim this toward the children, so think about what a child might want for Christmas. There will be more information next month on specifics.

If you would prefer giving money, please give it to Dolores Grinden or Linda Tedisch, so they have time to purchase items. We are still in need of hats, gloves and socks for all homeless individuals.

Project CHRISTMAS BAGS

CHRISTMAS BAGS / OUTREACH

Immanuel has shown their love of sharing God's word by supporting the Christmas Bags / Outreach project. A big thank you to all. The goal is to fill 100 bags. We have received a number of contributions and feel so blessed. There is still a need for the following items:



Hard Candy, bags of nuts, oranges, apples, or snack size candy bars. We would certainly appreciate help filling the bags with all the goodies. We will announce a date for this fun event soon. The bags will be distributed to the Linn County Sheriff's Office and Albany General Hospital on Christmas Day in the afternoon. If you are interested in helping stuff or distribute the bags, please contact Roy Fender.

Join this Christmas Outreach event. You will be blessed by the joy of giving..

How can you help?

You can provide some of the items that we need for these bags.

Snack size candy bars (should be on sale after Halloween)

Hard candy

Candy canes

Sm bags of nuts

Bags of mandarins or apples (not needed until first of December.)

Coffee gift cards \$5.00-10.00 we need about 30 for sheriff's dept.

Or if you prefer you can provide some funds to allow us to purchase what is needed.

Also you could help stuff bags (date to be determined)

For more information contact Roy Fender

Submitted by Karen Bishopink

This appeared in the SVLC October Newsletter. We share it with their permission. little challenge for you 😊

There are 16 books of the Bible mentioned in the paragraph below. See how many you can find. (A minister found 15 books in 20 minutes but it took him weeks to find the 16th one. Let's see how much time it takes you.)

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu; kept people looking so hard for facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of our readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen names of books of the Bible in this paragraph.

When you have found your answers, submit your marked paragraph to the office. There may be a little something special for the first person with the correct answers

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am	1 NA Meeting 7:00 pm	2 Men's Meeting 9:00 a.m.
3	4	5 LWML 1:00 pm	6	7 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am	8 NA Meeting 7:00 pm	9
10	11  Veteran's Day	12 Elder's Mtg. 6:00 pm Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	13	14 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am	15 NA Meeting 7:00 pm	16
17	18	19	20	21 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am	22 NA Meeting 7:00 pm	23
24	25	26	27	28  Thanksgiving	29 NA Meeting 7:00 pm	30



ONGOING MEETING DATES:

Men's Monthly	1st Sat. 9:00 a.m.
Ladies Guild	1st Tues. 1 p.m.
Elders	2nd Tues. 6:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	2nd Tues. 7 p.m.
Ladies Bible Study	Thurs. 10 a.m.
NA Meeting	Friday 7 p.m.

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He was getting old and punchy
his hair was falling fast,
he set around the Legion,
telling stories of the past.

Of war that he once fought in
and deeds that he had done,
in his exploits with his buddy;
they were heroes, every one.

And though sometimes to his neighbors
his tales became a joke,
all his buddies listen quietly
for they knew whereof he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,
for ol' Bob has passed away,
and the world's a little poorer
for a soldier died today.

He won't be mourned by many,
just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary,
Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family,
going quietly on his way;
and the world won't note his passing,
though a soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth,
their bodies lie in state,
while thousands note their passing,
and proclaim they were great.

Papers tell of their life stories
from the time that they were young
while the passing of a soldier
goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution
to welfare over land,
some jerk who breaks his promise
and conscious fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow
who in times of war and strife,
goes off to serve his country
and offers up his life?



The politician stipend
and the style in which he lives,
are often disproportionate,
to the service that he gives.

While the ordinary soldier,
who offered up his all,
is paid off with a metal
and perhaps a pension, small.

It's not the politicians
with their compromise employees,
who won for us the freedom
that our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger,
with your enemies at hand,
would you really want some cop out,
with his ever waffling stand?

Or would you want a soldier-
his home, his country, his skin,
just a common soldier,
who would fight until the end.

He was just a common soldier,
his ranks are growing thin,
but his presence should remind us
we may need his like again.

For when countries are in conflict,
we find a soldier's part
is to clean up all the troubles
that the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor
while he's here to hear the praise,
then at least let's give him homage
at the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline
in the paper that might say:

**"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,
A SOLDIER DIED TODAY."**