

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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Mission Statement

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



As a man gets older he suspects that nature is plotting against him for the benefit of doctors and dentists.

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WELCOME TO THE NEW NORMAL

Another season of the year is upon us. For the first time in a couple of weeks the air was breathable and I was able to go for a walk. The last time I went for a walk it was summer and the temperatures were in the 90's. Today the air was much cooler and fallen leaves crunched beneath my feet in several places. The season of Fall is upon us.

But there is another change of seasons coming as well. For the past seven months have been in a season of being unable to attend worship services because of the pandemic. Ever since March we

in you will be offered a mask if you don't have one and a squirt of hand sanitizer. Masks will be required. I know you'd love to have a conversation with the people you haven't been able to talk to for six months but because we need to sit six feet apart, an elder will immediately usher you to the next pew in sequence beginning with seating at the front of the sanctuary. Please don't expect to be seated in your usual pew. I will conduct the entire service from the chancel to maintain proper social distancing. The service will be similar to the services we have



sat at home on Sunday morning, our living rooms became our sanctuary and we worshipped by listening to recorded services online. The good news is the Council has concluded that it is time to resume in-person services. **The first in-person service will be October 4th. We will begin at 10:30 AM as before.**

First and foremost, if anyone has concerns or does not feel comfortable attending these services please do not feel that you are somehow not OK if you choose not to attend. We understand your concern and honor your decision.

While everyone will be excited to hear of this new "season," these services will be somewhat different from the services we enjoyed before the pandemic began. Here is a brief description of what to expect.

First, we ask that you **please enter through the front door or ring the bell for the elevator if you need it.** As you come

been hearing online and will last about 35 minutes. Ann will play hymns on the organ or piano. We will not, however, sing because singing projects exhaled droplets much farther than speaking. The liturgy will be projected as before so there will be no need for a bulletin. **Communion will be served on October 4th and every first Sunday of the month thereafter.** It will be served in a manner similar to the communion services held last summer serving individuals and families together. At the end of the service you will be ushered back outside beginning from the back of the sanctuary.

Our thanks to Linda Tedisch for the work she is doing to assure we are following the guidelines set forth. More details will be coming as plans are solidified and we get closer to October 4th. If you have questions please feel free to call the office or Pastor Larry.

Scripture Readings For October

Date	Festival	First Reading	Psalms	Epistle	Gospel
Oct. 4 (Proper 22)	Eighteenth S. a. Pentecost	Is. 5:1-7	Psalms 80:7-19	Phil. 3:4b-14	Matt. 21:33-46
Oct. 11 (Proper 23)	Nineteenth S. a. Pentecost	Is. 25:6-9	Psalms 23	Phil. 4:4-13	Matt. 22:1-14
Oct. 18 (Proper 24)	Twentieth S. a. Pentecost	Is. 45:1-7	Psalms 96:1-9 (10-13)	1 Thess. 1:1-10	Matt. 22:15-22
Oct. 25 (observed)	Reformation Day (Oct. 31)	Rev. 14:6-7	Psalms 46	Rom. 3:19-28	John 8:31-36 or Matt. 11:12-19

Readers & Volunteer Schedule For October

October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTER
Priscilla Stratton	Debbie Graham	Ann Oliver	Linda Tedisch	Debbie Graham Linda Tedisch	Marv Jacob

If you can not participate on the date scheduled, please let Laurie or Linda Anderson know so we can schedule someone else in your place. Thank You For Volunteering!



November 3, 2020



October Birthdays

- Brigit Veith..... 10/12
- Dennis Secrest..... 10/20
- Sharon Yon 10/20
- Linda Tedisch 10/24
- Caryl Anderson..... 10/27

October Anniversary

Ralph & Lorene Gotta



Homeless Outreach

Please continue to gather items listed below and knit those hats. This is October which means its less than 3 months till Christmas. Dolores says we have \$150 at Resale from some our clothing donations.

- Hats
- Gloves
- Hand sanitizer
- Face masks (something new this year)

Monetary gifts as always

We thank you for helping out, especially during these stressful times. If you have items to drop off, please call the church to make sure someone is there. I work Tuesday thru Friday, 9 to 1.
Linda Anderson

GUIDANCE FOR WORSHIPPERS:

Stay home if your temperature is above 100 degrees, or you have a dry cough or lost your sense of smell.

High risk individuals (asthmatic, diabetic or compromised immune system) should determine the amount of risk that is acceptable for them or their family.

Wash your hands before coming to church.

Masks are required, if you don't have one, one will be provided.

Use hand sanitizer upon entering church.

Maintain a distance of 6 feet from other individuals, outside of your family, at all times.

No congregational singing until health experts advise otherwise.

All pew cards, pencils, Kleenex boxes and hymnals will be removed from the pews.

Please enter church by front door, 2nd street entrance, or use the elevator if needed, and exit through the same door.

You will be ushered in and out of the church after the service, like at a wedding, however at the end of service the ushers will dismiss from back to front.

No farewell at the doors.

Thanks Buzz and Sheila

Our security camera system has been upgraded from five to eleven cameras. We can now monitor all around the building including the parking lot across Madison Street. Our thanks to Buzz and Sheila Wheeler for covering the cost of the upgrade.

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