

NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 2

All Saints' Sunday will have special moments.

We will remember, by name, all those Saints of Christ who have entered the Church Triumphant since our last All Saints' Sunday.

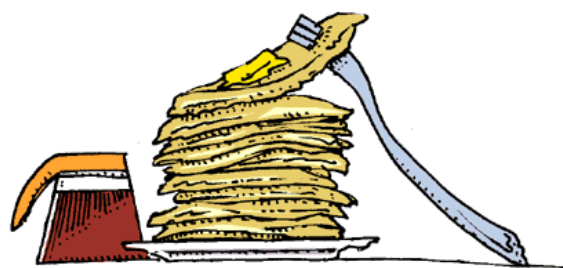


Thanksgiving Eve

Thanksgiving Service Schedule

This year's Thanksgiving service will be on **Thanksgiving Eve**, which is Wednesday, November 26th with service time at 7:00 pm. **THERE WILL BE NO THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP SERVICE, ONLY THE EVENING SERVICE THE NIGHT BEFORE THANKSGIVING DAY.** So again, Wednesday, Nov. 26th Service @ 7:00. Hope you and all your family can make it!

There are NO Midweek classes scheduled for Wed. Nov. 26.



Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Between services

Sponsored by our Men's Club

Free-will offering proceeds will go toward a project yet to be determined.



*By One Hour
Saturday, November 1*

Everything Good!

For Saints Great and Small

The saints of Christ are, simply, his brothers and sisters. The saints are fellow heirs with Christ in the inheritance from God the Father. The saints of Christ have been made his brethren through the death and resurrection of Christ. Martin Luther speaks of the saints in saying, “**We rightly honor the saints when we recognize that they are held up before us as a mirror of the grace and mercy of God**” (Luther’s Works, Vol 40). The lives of the saints, whether famous throughout the Christian Church or known only to you, are examples to us of faithfully following our Lord Jesus. St. Martin of Tours, whose commemoration day is later this month on November 11, is one such example of faithfulness to Christ.

Martin was born into an unbelieving family in 316AD in present day Hungary. His father was an officer in the Roman army. After being transferred to Lombardy, Martin grew up to adulthood. He began attending church at the age of ten, against his parents’ wishes. As the child of an officer, Martin was conscripted to the cavalry. When he was eighteen, he was stationed in present day France. While riding one winter’s day, he noticed a beggar shivering on the roadside. Martin used his sword to slice his cloak in two and give one piece to the beggar.



After his time in the cavalry, Martin studied with Hilary of Poitiers. He joined in the orthodox resistance to Arianism (Arians taught that Jesus was god-like but not truly God). Eventually, he became the bishop of Tours. He set about abolishing idol worship, tearing down many idolatrous temples. After demolishing one, Martin desired to chop down a tree which was also worshipped. The heathens consented only if Martin would stand in the path of its fall. He agreed, and the tree miraculously missed him. This sign convinced the crowd to convert to Christianity. After a long life in service to Christ, Martin died in 397AD.

Many years later in 1493, a German couple named Hans and Margaret Luther brought their one-day-old son to church for his baptism. Being St. Martin’s Day, they named their child in honor of this saint: Martin Luther.

You may not personally know saints as famous as Martin (either one). You do know saints who have passed on the importance of Jesus to you. In remembering the saints that God has given to you, thank him for the time you were gifted with them and for a faith shared with them. You have the certain promise of being reunited with Jesus Christ, with Martin of Tours, with Martin Luther, and with all Christ’s saints in the resurrected eternal life.

Pastor Sam Handschke



Everything Good!

WHAT IS THANKFUL?

"Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58

November is a month of remembering – all the saints that went before us, military personnel who served our country and being grateful for all the blessings that have been bestowed on us over the past year. One of the most precious gifts I have been given was from my parents – my faith. Admittedly, I probably wouldn't have said that 25 years ago. Lately though, I've been thinking about all the saints back home who surrounded me as I worshipped at Immanuel Lutheran – family, friends, pastors and teachers.

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love and still is our today.

What prompted much of this was a book that I read recently, "God In A God-Forsaken Land." I still keep in touch with people back home by means of Facebook. Some of them still attend worship in a number of country churches that are strewn about the rural area. One day, a member of St. James Lutheran in Effington Township posted, "This book is about us!" Someone from Ebenezer Lutheran, nine miles down the road in Leaf Valley Township, commented on it as well. That was enough to pique my interest, as I was the organist for about a year at St. James when I was a junior in high school. I still have relatives at Ebenezer – played for a cousin's wedding there a few years later. So I ordered the book.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace and guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills in this world and the next!

I couldn't help but think about Zion Lutheran, North Effington Township, about eight miles northwest of town, where my grandmother was confirmed at age 12. It also brings to mind Immanuel Lutheran, my home church in Parkers Prairie, which began in 1903. It so happened a certain Pastor Schilke stopped at the farm of my Great-Grandfather Ost while on his way home from services at Mt. Calvary Lutheran in West Miltona Township. The two began visiting and agreed it would be nice if there were a Lutheran Church in Parkers Prairie. So services began at the Methodist Church in town at 3:00 pm every third Sunday. Everyone was to bring five cents for the offering so that \$1.50 could be paid for rent. Great Grandpa Ost, along with four others, was a Charter Member of Immanuel. The constitution, written in the German language, was adopted on January 23, 1905. The five men signed according to age.



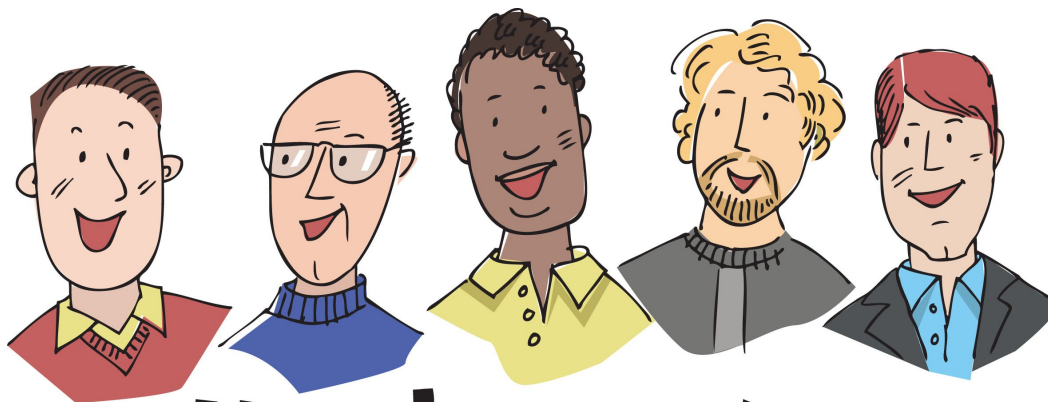
All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given.
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven.
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Everything Good!

The amazing thing is that all those little country churches, in addition to a few more, are all within 20-25 miles of my home parish, Immanuel Lutheran – and – are still operational. Some are flourishing, others not so much. My cousins, fourth generation dairy farmers, regularly attend Trinity Lutheran, where Dad was raised. My home parish, Immanuel, has grown to about 700 baptized members. The building, with its tall steeple, has been remodeled and added to quite a number of times. There are memories galore – Christmas Eve services, Mission Festivals, Walther League, Sunday School programs, programs and choir rehearsals, weddings, funerals – including both sets of grandparents and my folks. Every time I step into the sanctuary, I truly feel at home. It will always be my home. Thankful.



Karen Lindbloom



Meh's Group

Breakfast Fundraiser

November 16, 2025

Project for funds to be determined.

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Worship is Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00 PM

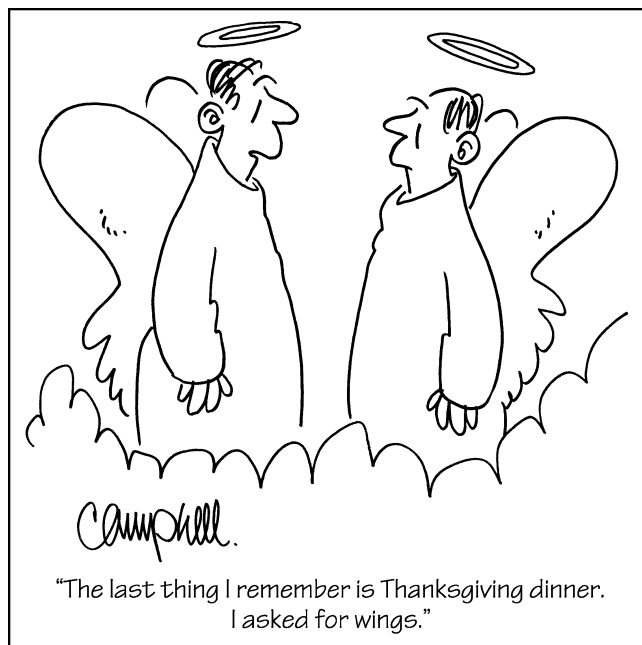
Official Acts

Baptisms

Conrad Nielsen McCue

Deaths

Lee DeJabet
Susan Sizemore
Ray Merriman



Deadline for
the December
newsletter is
November 17.

Everything Good!

Our usher teams are in need of additional members. All teams could use help but those most in need are:



January/May/September	8:30 service
February/June/October	11:00 service
March/July/November	11:00 service
April/August/December	8:30 service

Please prayerfully consider becoming part of one of our teams. Any confirmed member may be an usher. If interested call the office (224-2216) or contact Bill Dunn (605-222-1805). We would be glad to get you on a team.



What is "Souper" in "Chili" Weather?

2nd Annual Soup/
Chili competi-
tion! This competi-

tion will take place on November 9th, 2025 after the late service. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. Please

prepare one large crockpot of your award-winning soup/chili to be judged and then shared by

our congrega-
tion. Prizes will be
awarded. Congrega-
tion is requested to
bring a dessert.



FOREVER YOUNG THANKSGIVING POTLUCK



POTLUCK DINNER
FOR SENIORS

**Thursday,
November 20 at noon**

This event is for those members 55 years old and older who are retired or semi-retired.

We will have the turkey, dressing, and mashed potatoes and gravy catered.

Bring some of your favorite Thanksgiving foods and desserts to share.

**Always good food and great company!
Please join us November 20 at noon!**



You shall
eat your fill and bless the
LORD your God for the
good land that he has
given you.

Deuteronomy 8:10

Everything Good!

Faith Lutheran Daycare News

October was a wonderful month including the weather. We were able to be outside so much more to enjoy the fall season. We are excited to get into the holiday spirit and teach the meaning of them to the children. We are always looking for new ideas or supplies to help the teachers achieve this. We are in need of 2 more teachers if you could help pass the message that

would be awesome!! In the spirit of thankfulness, we want to express just how thankful we are to be able to utilize the amazing spaces within this church. The mission of this daycare is so important to us and being able to use this space is undoubtedly one of the many things that makes it that much easier for each of us to come in and set up an environment that is welcoming, safe, and Chris-

tian-oriented. With this being said the daycare office is always open and we are happy to give you a tour and answer any questions. Thank you!

Happy Thanksgiving!
Kim Jensen and Mandy Vogel

November




Faith Lutheran Preschool News

A blessed Thanksgiving to all of you! I pray that you are able to give thanks for the many blessings in your life. I am thankful for my wonderful job here at the preschool. Some of my blessings are the children and staff here at school, they bring such joy to me.

During the month of October, the kids got to go on a walk and find different fall things outside, they had lots



of fun finding leaves that had changed colors!!

We also learned about fire safety during fire prevention week.

We carved pumpkins and got to see all the seeds inside.



During the month of November, we will be working on the letters T, N and G along with the numbers 8, 9 and 10. The kids will get to bring their favorite bear from home for the week we work on the letter B. We will work on square and brown for this month also.

The board of Early Education will be holding a bake sale in the month of November; they will have a free will donation with the proceeds going to the preschool and daycare. If you would like to bake anything to donate, please have it to the church Saturday, November 22nd, and mark it for the Early Ed bake sale. We will be selling between services Sunday, November 23rd.

The kids are loving Bible Story time, they especially like when we go to the sanctuary and meet with pastor to talk about our bible story. Our bible lessons will be all about prayers this month.

It is great to be able to tell the children the story of the first Thanksgiving and the real reason for the holiday, thanking God for all that he gives us. God's blessing to all of you.

Kelsey Kampfe, Director/Teacher

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LWML COUNTRY FAIR 2025



Front row L-R: Karrie James, Cindy Fiechtner, Lurene M. Denke.

Chair row: Charlotte Hiller, Sue Anez, Donna Gohl, Kathleen Monfore, Clareen James, Lois Erbe.

Middle row: Loretta Jochim, Renee Knapp, Sandy Bales, Lavonn Peters, Amara Schulz, Janice Deal, Luann Zuercher, Helen Kiepke, Dawn Koch, Mauna Wipf.

Back row: Jeannie Mertz, Kristy Deal, Sabrina Johnson, Dorothy Liegl, Melissa Neyhart, Molly Banuat, Doreen Miller, Liz Okroi.

Not Pictured: Jan Larson, Gloria Welk, Bernadine Hinckley, Deb Bontje, Ralph Fisher, Darin Charlson, Dale Knapp, Ron Nelson, and all others who helped set up and take down.

Thank you for serving the Lord!



Everything Good!