



Pastor's Message

Hello People of Immanuel,

Here are some things going on at church that I want to highlight for you:

Property development. The expansion and beautification of our church's patio area is nearing completion. If you haven't had a chance to see this yet, come to church and take a look—it's a stunning improvement. Except for a few finishing touches the project will be far enough along for us to enjoy as part of our Oktoberfest on October 7. Join us not only for the great dinner and activities, but to dedicate this beautiful area for service in our many ministries. (A special fundraiser to support its costs continues. More information in this newsletter.)

Christian Education. I will be teaching during our Sunday morning 10 AM Gathering Hour on October 21 (with a possible 2nd session on October 28 as needed). My subject will be on how we got the Bible, and what ancient manuscript evidence for the Bible exists to help us trust its reliability. A number of people in our gatherings have raised questions about the Bible's development, so I hope this is a topic you'll enjoy.

Stewardship. On October 28 and continuing into the first two Sundays of November we'll introduce a new stewardship program for the coming year under the title: "Growing a Church." More info will be coming on this later in the month. For now, as a preview, I'll just mention three gifts we can offer through our stewardship that we plan to focus on this year:

- **The gift of attendance** – Supporting Immanuel with your presence
- **The gift of invitation** – Supporting Immanuel by intentionally inviting others
- **The gift of offerings** – Supporting Immanuel with financial gifts and resources

Take a look in this newsletter also for other opportunities coming this month, such as our first ever Community Movie Night on October 21, and the celebration of Reformation Sunday on October 28. I'm enjoying the energy and inspiration among our people these days, as God blesses and leads us forward in our mission here. Thanks for your ongoing support and participation.

See you in church,
Pastor David



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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 AM – Service with contemporary music | **11:00 AM** – Traditional service and hymns
Adult Education between services | **Confirmation Class** – Sundays, 5:00 p.m. (Sept. – May)



Celebrate With Us at Our Annual Oktoberfest

**Sunday, October 7th
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

Our annual Oktoberfest will be held on Sunday, October 7th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We'll have German potato salad, sausages, beans, strudel, beer, music, and good conversation. Live music will be provided by Half Moon Bay Alpine Band. The cost is \$15 per adult and \$5 per child paid at the door that evening.

"Immanuel Reads" Fall Events

Join us and invite a friend, too!

Book Review: "Hannah's Dream"

**Sunday, October 21, 5:00 p.m.,
Fireside Room**

"Irresistibly touching, Diane Hammond's understated yet gargantuan tale of devotion and commitment poignantly proves that love does indeed come in all shapes and sizes", (Book list, starred review.) This is a light fun read and is hard to put down. Save the book review date for Sunday, October 21, beginning at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00, in the Fireside Room.

Movie Night: "Henry Poole Is Here"

**Saturday, November 10, 7:00 p.m.,
Fireside Room**

Rated PG. Film critic, Roger Ebert, said, "Henry Poole Is Here" achieves something that is uncommonly difficult. It is a spiritual movie with the power to emotionally touch believers, agnostics and atheists...it simply says that belief is real. And it's a warmhearted love story. Mark your calendar for movie night at Immanuel on November 10th. It will begin at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside Room with dessert and coffee following.



Immanuel would like to invite your child to this fun event. We host a Parents Night Out that allows you to drop off your child for an evening of fun, while the parents enjoy a nice evening out together. All Immanuel members and people from the community are invited. We'll provide the pumpkins and pumpkin carving tools. Also, we're looking for volunteers to help us during the Pumpkin Party for various things including set-up, helping with the activities, serving snacks, and clean-up among other things. Come to the party wearing a costume! This is a great outreach event for our community. We will need as many youth as possible to help out. Make sure to invite a friend and neighbor!

Beautifying/Enhancing Immanuel's Patio



As part of our effort to expand our activities and outreach, we are making modifications to the patio area. This project will effectively double the size of the patio space, providing a much larger and more functional area in which to hold gatherings, receptions, weddings, and meetings for youth and adults. The entire area will be enhanced with attractive pavers, beautiful landscaping, a fire pit, and additional seating.

The entire cost for the project is estimated to be \$35,000. We have received a sizable gift to help fund that, but other donations are needed and welcome. If you would like to make a donation, indicate on your gift that the donation is intended for the "Patio Project." Or for electronic gifts, set up a one-time gift through our online giving portal designated specifically for the patio project. Thanks for your support for this and other current efforts to grow Immanuel's ministry and outreach!

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COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT

SAT., OCTOBER 20

6:00 PM **FREE!**

We've been busy making plans for future events at Immanuel. One idea is the beginning of Free Community Movie Night once a month. Our first movie will feature Pixar's animation, "Inside Out", on Sat., October 20, at 6:00 p.m.

Admission is free and so is the popcorn! Bring a chair or blanket to sit on or use one of the chairs at church. Also, bring your favorite soft drinks and snacks to enjoy during the movie. This will be fun for the whole family. Invite your friends!



Stewardship 2018-19: "Growing a Church." A plant needs tender loving care, sunlight, water, and nourishing soil to grow. A church is very similar. We'll explore how we can grow our church and its ministries through this year's theme. More information will be coming soon!

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Council Meeting Minutes September 18, 2018

Council Members

Chad Stearns (President), Lynn North (Vice President), Tom Hampton (Treasurer), Lisa Paulson (Secretary), Judy Brosz, Dawn Dooley, Dan Johnson, Jack Knutson, Martha Lambert, Hannah Paulson, Jayne Riemer-Chishty, Jeannette Ring, Judy Schini, Rich Van Gaasbeck, Pastor David Schick

I. Officers Report

Pastor's Report

- Pastor David will be out of town October 9th through the 15th for personal time
- Pastor will also be out October 16th to 19th to attend a conference. We will move the next Council meeting to the 23rd to accommodate his schedule

President's Report - no report

Vice President's Report - no report

Secretary's Report - no report

Treasurer's Report - report attached (in council packet)

II. Old Business

Stewardship

- In planning phase. Pledge Sunday will be the November 11.
- Rich Van Gaasbeck will be working with Nancy on the questionnaire that is sent out to the congregation

Community Movie Night

- "Inside Out" will be the first movie on Saturday, October 20th
- Family Movie Night—Thoughts from Terry Higgins attached (in council packet.)
- Need to come up with a movie list for 4-6 months. Some can be thematic based on the time of year. Lisa will create a document for Nancy to send to the congregation and

create a suggestion basket to have in the Narthex

Property Development

- Patio is progressing really well and is scheduled to be finished before the Oktoberfest (October 7.) Fundraising for the patio is ongoing.
- The Arbor will be done before the outdoor service on the 30th of September.
- No update on the community gardens.

III. New Business

A. First reminder from finance for 2019 committee budget prep. Finance needs the budgets by December 1st.

B. Oktoberfest plans

1. Scheduled for October 7th, 5:00pm - 7:00pm
2. Cooking will be done Friday the 5th starting at 6:00; people are welcome to come help (good fun in the kitchen)
3. Youth will handle the tickets at the door
4. Patio blessing will happen the same night

C. Review of the Lenten Vision ideas Orange Card Results are attached for review

1. Following items from the list have been started
 - a) Dinner on Us
 - b) Spiritual Summits
 - c) Advertising has been ticking up, good exposure on Google, banners, local neighborhood newspapers, and facebook updates
2. Items we would like to push forward
 - a) Family game night was mentioned (have had a recent donation of games)
 - b) Community Service and Outreach to Human Need; looking for local opportunities to volunteer. Jeanette Ring mentioned Hope Services in Mountain View. Chad and Danny are looking into opportunities with Family Shelters. Dawn mentioned that the Methodist church in Mountain View takes

volunteers to feed the homeless. Jack is planning to visit Social Services.

D. Children's Ministry Coordinator position

- Looking for a replacement for Sam Repetti
- Danny has a couple of potential prospects

IV. Committee Highlights

Children and Teens

Confirmation orientation happened Sunday, September 16th. We will have 12 returning for 2nd year and 7, maybe 8 new attendees for first year. Danny is looking to fold this group into the Youth Group activities

Evangelism

- This Thurs., Sept. 20, is the next "Spiritual Summit"
- New Wedding ad in the local papers
- Adding a small ongoing ad in the Los Altos Town Crier on the Religious Services page

Fellowship

- Oktoberfest planned for Sunday, October 7
- We will skip the October "Dinner on Us" due to Oktoberfest

Finance

Endowment Committee Minutes included in council packet. Council needs to review before Council meeting.

Personnel No report

Property

- Fence repair around the parking lot has been completed.
- Good news...all the appliances and AC/heat are working

Social Ministry - above

Stewardship - above

Weddings and Retreats

Lynn is looking for someone to help with the weddings (wedding coordinator)

Worship and Music

- Meeting with the committee this week.
- Looking at when we will combine services this fall, considering the Sunday after Thanksgiving and the Sunday of Children's Christmas program

Christian Education

V. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next council meeting is on Tuesday, October 23; devotions by Dan Johnson.

**Third Quarter
Financial Announcement**

Fellow Members of
Immanuel Lutheran Church

At the Annual Meeting in February the congregation voted to approve a deficit budget to the tune of roughly \$46,500. Throughout this year we have been doing very well at reducing the impact of this negative budget, but the summer months have taken their toll on our offerings. In August we had our first occurrence of dipping into the negative real. This is probably due in two parts to early annual contributions at the beginning of the year, and less user income through the summer months.

The summer months have historically been bad for us, but we generally bounce back in late August or September. Unfortunately the month of September looks like it will also be a negative month bringing us to around \$10,000 in the red. Overall that is a great job of reducing the anticipated deficit that was approved by the congregation.

Even though we're approaching the annual Stewardship drive, please try to remember your pledges for this year and catch-up if you need to.

Yours in Christ

Tom Hampton, Treasurer



Upcoming Youth Events and Activities

Sunday, October 7 - Oktoberfest, 5:00-7:00 p.m. *Note: Confirmation class will meet at 4:30pm for a half hour then the class will help out during Oktoberfest.*

Sunday, October 14 - The Great Chef cooking challenge, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 20 - Bowling at Homestead Lanes, 20990 Homestead Rd., Cupertino, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Youth will need to bring \$20 which includes two hours of bowling and shoes. Please RSVP early to Danny Dye at dyedanny@me.com so we can reserve the lanes.

Sunday, October 21 - Pizza and games, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 27 - Parents Night Out and Pumpkin Party, 5:00-7:30 p.m. Parents Night Out allows you to drop off your child for an evening of fun at the church while the parents enjoy an evening out together. We'll provide the pumpkins and pumpkin carving tools. We will need as many youth as possible to help out. Wear a costume to the party and invite your friends and neighbors!

Sunday, October 28 - Lunch and movie after church, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 18: Youth Dinner Theater Each year the youth "Dinner Theater" is a lot of fun and it is one of the bigger fundraisers for the youth through the year for their mission trips. The "Dinner Theater" provides you, your family and your friends to a nice evening out and a tasty meal, complete with three courses! The dinner is suitable for people of all ages. In addition we will entertain you with a live, fun, and dramatic murder mystery. Your help and support is always appreciated and we look forward to your support again this year.

Saturday, December 22: Living Nativity Immanuel will be hosting a Living Nativity on Saturday, December 22. It's an outdoor festival that helps to visually demonstrate the Christmas Story and will include a manger scene, music, crafts for kids, food, and a petting zoo. This is a good way for the church to reach out to the community and to share the gift of the birth of our Lord and Savior.

Vacation Bible School 2019

After the great success of our VBS over the past few years, our youth have decided that they would like to do two weeks. They love the kids and recognize it is a great way to reach out to the community. We are still working on themes but wanted to get you the dates as early as possible so you can put them on your calendar.

VBS Week 1: July 8-12

VBS Week 2: July 15-19

Confirmation at Immanuel

Confirmation is a weekly gathering of young people, usually in 7th and 8th grades. In these gatherings we learn about faith, values, and life through discussion, learning exercises, play, recreation, and service. Confirmation has consistently been one of Immanuel's most successful and enjoyable programs for youth. We invite youth in your family to participate. Weekly Confirmation meetings usually take place on Sundays 5:00-6:00 PM.

Other youth activities such as outings, movie nights, and retreats are offered as part of the program. For more information contact

Danny Dye or Pastor David at:

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or

pastordavid@praiseimmanuel.com

**ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7TH,
CONFIRMATION CLASS WILL MEET AT
4:30PM FOR A HALF HOUR THEN
THE CLASS WILL HELP OUT
DURING OKTOBERFEST.**

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

October Birthdays

Katie Brosz	Oct. 3
Meg Boardman	Oct. 4
Rebecca Spradlin	Oct. 5
Marion Partney	Oct. 6
Arden Lee	Oct. 10
Filip-Maximilian Feller	Oct. 11
Bill Powell	Oct. 15
Michael Ball	Oct. 16
Carol Haywood	Oct. 18
Bev Robinson	Oct. 19
Maurice Hage	Oct. 22
Kurt Kuenne	Oct. 24
Steve Repetti	Oct. 24
Claire Berner	Oct. 25
Marisa Berner	Oct. 25
Kim Jackson	Oct. 26
Katrina Davis	Oct. 28
Mike Schini	Oct. 28
Diane Demo	Oct. 31

October Anniversaries

Kim Jackson & Bob Rossi	Oct. 2
Diane & John McCrillis	Oct. 6
Patty & Dan Johnson	Oct. 13
Robin & Rhett Livengood	Oct. 25
Jan & Brent Ahrens	Oct. 28

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***We believe there is no person or created thing outside the active love
and grace of God shown to us so clearly in Jesus Christ.***

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