

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

“EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE SHARE THE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE OF CHRIST THROUGH SERVING OUR COMMUNITY”

“God is With Us”

September 2016

Pastor’s Message

Dear People of Immanuel,

Summer is ending. Kids have all returned to school, and fall will soon be upon us. With the beginning of school, I thought I’d share an item that fits that context well. I came across this recently. It’s called “The Parable of the Pencil.” Here it is:

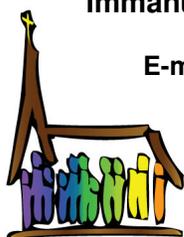
A pencil maker told the pencil five important lessons just after creating it:

- 1) Everything you do will always leave a mark.
- 2) You can always correct the mistakes you make.
- 3) What is important is what is inside you.
- 4) In life, you will undergo painful sharpenings, which will only make you better.
- 5) To be the best pencil, you must allow yourself to be held and guided by the hand that holds you.

I like this. It reminds us of some simple, essential facts in the life of Christian people. What we do and say makes a difference, because each of us can uniquely make our mark with the gifts we’ve been given. We need to give attention not just to what we are on the outside, but what we are continually becoming by God’s grace in our hearts. And you and I can have the greatest effect and know the most fulfillment in life when we allow ourselves to be guided by the hand of God.

See You in Church,

Pastor David



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Sunday Worship Schedule

9am – Service with contemporary music

11am – Traditional service and hymns

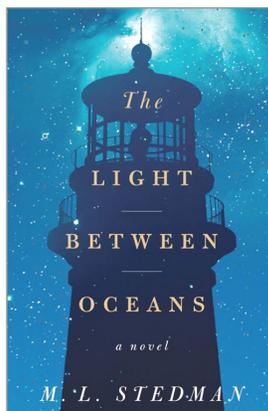
Adult Education between services

Youth Group – 6:00 - 7:30pm

The next “Immanuel Reads” Book Selection

Saturday, October 1, 5:00 p.m.

Martha Lambert found our next book, “The Light Between Oceans” by M. L. Stedman. “A gem of a book that you’ll have trouble putting down.” (Good Housekeeping); “A heart breaking exploration of right and wrong.” (Goodreads) The movie will be released Sept. 2, and it has been suggested that we go to see the movie as a group and then have the book review followed up by our most excellent potluck. We will meet on Saturday, Oct. 1, at 5:00 p.m. The book was published April 2013 and is available, but may be in more demand due to movie coming out. Terry Higgins can purchase a copy for you from Amazon (\$10.31 plus shipping.) If you’re interested in getting a copy, contact Terry at 650-968-6446 or email him at puckman2@gmail.com.



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Summer Finances

We are pleased to inform the congregation that our Immanuel Endowment Fund is becoming quite healthy due to a number of recent generous estate gifts. This is the fund we are building to help give Immanuel a strong future years from now. According to our charter, the principal of these funds cannot be touched, but it can generate interest income in years to come as the fund continues

to grow. In the meantime as often happens during the summer, supporting our general operating fund can be much more challenging. Mission and ministry have continued at a good pace this summer. But with vacations and summer activities, people are away and unable to give as much or as regularly as usual. As a result we’re operating at a pretty large deficit at the moment. Any gifts you can give to help make up your usual offerings, or give your church an extra boost as we complete the summer and come into the fall will be a huge help. Thank you for your continued support of Immanuel.

Healing Journeys Conference on Cancer at Immanuel

Friday, September 23, 7-9pm

www.healingjourneys.com

Mark your calendar for Friday, September 23, for a *free* mini-conference entitled, Cancer as a Turning Point™, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. It is designed to educate, inspire, connect, and celebrate all whose lives have been touched by cancer or any life-altering condition. The conference will feature Michael Finkelstein, MD, author of “Slow Medicine: Hope and Healing for Chronic Illness,” and Jonna Tamases, actor, performing “Jonna’s Body, Please Hold.”

Cancer, or any life-altering illness, can be viewed as both a curse and a blessing. If viewed simply as a disease of the body, it is experienced only as a curse. When we view illness in the context of the whole person (body, mind, emotions, and spirit), we see its transformative potential as an awakening for the soul and spirit. Only then can we see it as a blessing and utilize its gifts.

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In this conference you will learn how to

- Differentiate between curing the body and healing the person
- Explore illness as an awakening with transformative potential
- Rediscover the healing capacity of the human spirit
- Facilitate healing from within as an essential component of total health
- Experience the physical and emotional benefits of group support
- Discover the impact of psycho-social and spiritual beliefs on the immune system
- Facilitate networking among people and organizations with common goals and concerns

More information and registration at www.healingjourneys.org.

Church Security

We need volunteers to help with security checks on our doors each evening. Did you even know we did that? We do! We check to see that all exterior and interior doors of the Sanctuary and Fellowship/Office building are locked, all windows are shut and latched; certain inner doors are locked or shut for security and fire safety. We generally look around for lights left on or water left running in restrooms or kitchen and turn them off. This is needed because many groups use our church and may miss things on their way out. It also discourages vandals and animals from damaging our Church buildings. This is a very easy way to serve your church community. Please consider taking at least one evening a week. Call Nancy in the office at (650) 967-4906 to let us know that you can help us in this endeavor.

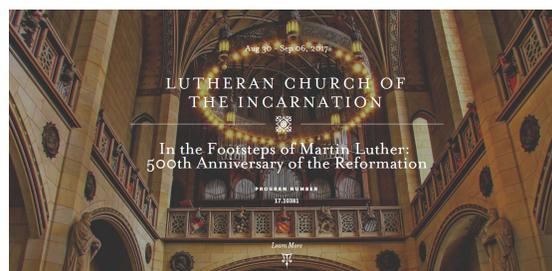
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Opportunity to Travel to Germany to Celebrate the 500th

Anniversary of the Reformation

August 30-September 6, 2017

Join Pastor Dan Smith and members and friends of the Lutheran Church of the Incarnation in Davis, California, for an important celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. We will visit sites associated with the life, times and events of Martin Luther to explore the visionary call for reform he made in the 16th century. We will be joining people from around the world marking this important event. Our program is being offered as a land-only program (you will make your own flight arrangements to and from Germany) which allows you to go early, stay longer, and shop for special airfares. We have created a program that includes several nights in the beautiful medieval town of Erfurt and several in Wittenberg – Luther’s town. We conclude our visit with an overnight in the exciting cosmopolitan city of Berlin. Join us to learn more about this visionary man and explore the people, places, and events of the 16th century. Space is limited and registrations are being accepted this summer. For program information and registration call 800-368-6757 ext. 128 at the Illume organization in Boston or visit: www.travelillum.com/trc/vks.



Church Council Meeting Minutes August 16, 2016

I. Officers Reports

Pastor's Report Mexico went well; Pastor was really impressed with the kids. Pastor flew down and back. There will be a presentation on Sunday, August 28th. He has been feeling much better and is pacing himself.

President's Report No report.

Vice President's Report No report.

Secretary's Report No report.

Treasurer's Report See attached.

II. Old Business

Handyman Update David, Tom, and Chad met with someone who was expensive and couldn't guarantee his time, so they felt he wouldn't work out. Tom is setting something up with another person. Jim Hayes has been doing a lot of the work himself. We may not need to hire someone for weekly hours.

Beautiful Church Pastor Duk Soo Kim of the Beautiful Church would like to worship Sunday mornings in the library from 9-10am, and Friday evenings from 7-9pm. They have some children that may join our Sunday School. He asked about bringing a piano, and David said no, but that they could bring a portable keyboard into the fireside room. He also asked about office space, and we don't have any available at this time. This would be on a trial basis until December 31st, and the price would be \$600/month. Kim asked if the payments could be setup as auto pay monthly.

III. New Business

- A. **Roberts' Rules Overview** Chad handed out Roberts' Rules to the new members.
- B. **Nominating Committee** Needs to be formed soon.
- C. **Endowment Fund** Martha Lambert pointed out that there is only one signer for the Scottrade Account, so another signer needs to be added. Tom moved that the Endowment Committee have two or more members of the committee as signers on all accounts; Dan seconded; passed unanimously.

IV. Committee Highlights

Evangelism Google results have been positive.

Fellowship BBQ (Church Picnic) is Sunday, August 28th, after the single (10am) service.

Finance Still working on a package from Comcast that will update the phone and internet and save us money.

Personnel: No report.

Property John Mora (landscaper) planted grass (in two areas of lawn that were bare.) He lost a set of keys. Discussion about having a lockbox instead of giving keys to the various workmen, etc. Looks like possible termite damage in Luther Hall; discussion about having a termite inspection.

Social Ministry Backpack drive ended; \$350 raised.

Stewardship No report.

Weddings and Retreats See attached report. Lynn passed around new brochure.

Worship and Music One service at 10am on Sunday, August 28th.

Christian Education Judy has been working on cleaning up the classrooms. There are some ongoing issues with the Green Chinese School sharing the space with Sunday School that we are working on.

Children and Teens The Mexico presentation will be August 28th. During the Mexico Mission Trip, they moved to a new compound, and it was right next to an orphanage, so they worked with the kids there. CAT will have their planning meeting this Sunday (Aug. 21.) There are a lot of new confirmation students this year.

V. Announcements & Concerns

Prayers for Lynn’s friend and her premature baby. Kim’s niece’s child has cleft palate and cleft lip; her friend had a premature baby; her neighbor’s son was bitten by a poisonous bug in South America and is very ill.

VI. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Next scheduled meeting is on Sept. 20th. Devotions will be led by Lisa Paulson.

**Sunday School Kickoff
& Kids’ Carnival**
Sunday, September 11
9:00–10:30am

Come join us for our annual
Sunday School kick-off. Where
kids Fly High in the Spirit!

- Games
- Ice Cream
- Face Painting
- Prizes



Summer Kidz Adventure Club

Children meet together on Sundays from 9:20 to 10:00.

Remaining Summer Sunday Schedule

Sept. 4: Prayer Boxes—Carla Schick

Sept 11: Sunday School Kick-off / Kids Carnival



September

CONFIRMATION 2016-17

Confirmation sessions for the new school year begin in September. All young people 7th grade and up are welcome to become a part of this fun and interesting group. Together we focus on the meaning of our faith, building relationships, serving others, and enjoying some great recreational opportunities. We anticipate a good sized class with at least 15 kids this year.

There will be an introductory meeting for parents and students on Sunday, Sept. 18, at 5:00 p.m. We anticipate holding our weekly meetings also on Sunday evenings. Weekly Confirmation time will be 5:00-6:00 p.m. Friends are welcome. For more information or to enroll your child contact Pastor David or Danny Dye.

Youth Group

Youth group this year will be for all ages 6th grade through 12th grade. We invite all Confirmation students to stay after Confirmation class to enjoy the fun.

Sept. 4th – No Youth Group

Sept. 11th – Welcome Night. Let's get all of the youth together for some fun, games, snacks and fun so we can meet the new youth and welcome everyone to the group.

Sept. 18th – Master Chef Night. Come and enjoy the challenge of how you get your food, the type of food and then what you are going to do with it. This is a fun and scrumptious event!!

Sept. 25th – Parent and Information Night. This will be a parent night to go over the

upcoming events for the school year, what we will be doing over the summer plus fundraising and other stuff. We encourage all parents and their youth 6th grade to 12th grade to attend.

Youth Night Out – The Ahrens have been gracious enough to let the youth come over to their house for some pool time, dinner and a movie. Information will be sent out on Shutterfly with more details.

Shutterfly – Shutterfly will be the main source of communication for the youth and parents. If you are receiving information now you are good to go, if you haven't then let Danny know so that you can be added to the list.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September

Birthdays

Gilda Seppeler	Sept. 1
Mark Hungerford	Sept. 7
Faith Peters	Sept. 8
Pam Stearns	Sept. 11
Sara Erhan	Sept. 11
Hanna Ford	Sept. 13
Karen Doris-Hampton	Sept. 16
Scott Davis	Sept. 17
Carla Schick	Sept. 17
Doug Daetz	Sept. 18
Mary Ann Kuenne	Sept. 18
Jan Ahrens	Sept. 19
Albrecht Baur	Sept. 19
Alex Munro	Sept. 20
Brad Munro	Sept. 20
Susan Munro	Sept. 21
Thomas Swail	Sept. 22
Terri Eli	Sept. 24
Petere Miner	Sept. 26
Robin Livengood	Sept. 28
A.J. Rossi	Sept. 29
Lois Kleinkauf	Sept. 30

Anniversaries

Gisela & Doug Daetz	Sept. 1
OnJoo & Dennis Cater	Sept. 12



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Return Service Requested

***We believe there is no person or created thing outside the active love
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