

# GRACEVINE

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*God's Purpose for Immanuel Lutheran Church is to WELCOME and EMBRACE one another in God's love, and to SERVE and SEEK JUSTICE for those in need.*

November 2017

## Pastor's Message



Immanuel Lutheran Church will host an ecumenical Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Chadron Community Hospital Hospice is hosting an Annual Remembrance Program with an educational session on Sunday, November 12 at 1:00 p.m. at the Country Kitchen banquet room. Dr. Russ Seger will provide helpful tips on "Grief and the Holidays" followed by a special Ceremony of Remembrance. Following the program we will hold a candlelight ceremony with memorial slide show. Grief can still be strong for many years and everyone should feel welcome to attend.

This year, the month of November begins with the Feast of All Saints on November 5 and ends with Christ the King Sunday, the last day of the liturgical year, on November 26.

In the United States, Christians also celebrate Thanksgiving in November. It is appropriate that this month's prayer practice is gratitude.

There are many ways to practice being grateful:

At the beginning of the day, as you make your list of what the day will bring, you can take a moment to thank God for the tasks before you and

the ability to work on them. Thank God for the relationships you have with the people you will see today.

In the evening, as you prepare to go to bed, take time to remember your day and thank God for what the day brought.

A gratitude journal is a way to record your thoughts. This does not have to be anything fancy (although you can purchase a journal specifically for this purpose). But a simple spiral notebook works just as well.

Sit quietly with your hands cupped together in a bowl shape. Imagine God filling your cupped hands. What is it that you are holding? What are you grateful for? What can you offer back to God?

As you gather around the Thanksgiving table, give each person the opportunity to give thanks aloud. Be specific. You might talk about what each person at the table means to you. You might talk about an event from the past year.

To live in gratitude means that you become able to look at what you have, rather than what you lack. You may begin to notice the abundance of your life, rather than scarcity. You may begin to notice a change in how you relate to your possessions. You may begin to notice how you relate to people.

What are you thankful for?

## Stewardship: Karen Rupp

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Hopefully by now you have received your stewardship packet for 2017. You may have picked it up in church on Reformation Sunday or received it via snail mail.

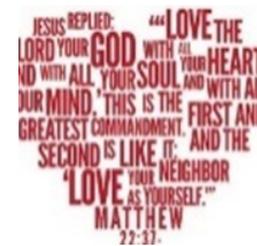
*Please* take some time - carefully consider what financial commitment you are able and willing to make for the coming year, complete the commitment card and bring it to church to place in the 11/19 collection or mail it in.

*Also* complete the *Time and Talents Survey*. Knowing our interests, skills, and passions helps us get to know you better and provides a valuable resource to help us know on whom we can call when assistance is needed in the various ministries of our congregation.

On 10/29 Reformation Sunday we celebrated the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's posting the 95 Theses initiating the movement into reforming.

Following worship, we shared a brunch and watched a PBS video

which helped us better understand Martin Luther's time and culture and impact on history. We continue our journey of reforming and living into God's purpose...knowing God's plan for reconciliation of all creation with God's self. We are called to live into our call to be the best caretakers we can be of all God entrusts into our care.



## Secretary's Report: Sharon Thurlow



Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes for October 10, 2017.

Those in attendance were Pastor Ann, Karen Rupp, Kim Bradley, Kit Watson, Laurie Schmidt, Denise James, Sharon Thurlow, Robyn Baquet, Yvonne Moody, and Hannah Norgard.

Absent were Uati Paopao and Barb Landen.

The minutes were approved as presented with a move to

accept from Karen Rupp and a second from Laurie Schmidt.

The treasurers report was approved as presented with a move to accept from Laurie Schmidt and a second from Yvonne Moody.

Pastor Ann has been active with pre-marriage counseling with two couples, funeral planning with the Winteer family, Birthday Coffee, Council meeting and Mutual Ministry meeting. Looking toward to Reformation Sunday activities.

Nine congregation members

were in attendance to make short work of clearing the backyard for Ron Winteer. Thanks to all.

A celebration for Reformation Sunday is being planned for that date. Council will be providing a meal followed by a movie about Martin Luther.

Kit reported that Fall Feast planning is moving forward.

We are also starting to look at and plan for activities for Advent and Christmas festivities.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kim Bradley

**Treasurer's Report  
October 2017**

|                                       |    |           |
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| Beginning balance October 1, 2017     | \$ | 3,342.38  |
| Income                                |    |           |
| Weekly Offering-includes VANCO        | \$ | 10,806.32 |
| MIF Interest                          | \$ | 96.09     |
| Interest                              | \$ | .24       |
| Total Income                          | \$ | 10,902.65 |
| Expenses                              | \$ | 10,616.10 |
| Ending balance as of October 31, 2017 | \$ | 3,628.93  |

**Worship:** Hannah Norgard

A great big "Thank You!" to all who helped and lent their time to services in October!!

Ron Bairn, Broc Berry, Raeleigh Bridges, Lisa Briggs, Julie Duncan, Troy and Maggie Gregory, Laurie Harris, Bill Huntington, Ted and Mary Kienitz, Bill and Joan Lemen, Alivia Long, Maddy Nygren, Karen Rupp, Tony Serbousek, Tracy and Shannon Shuck, Jeri Simonton, Bev Stitt, Sharon Thurlow, Leila Tewahade, Ruby Tewahade, the Tewahade Family, and Ron Wineteer.

**Social Ministry:** Barb Landen

We served 25 meals at Closer to Home on Monday, October 16. Our Shepherd's pantry served 25 adults and 16 children in October Thank you for your donations. Please continue to support Closer to Home and Our Shepherd's Pantry with your donations and prayers.



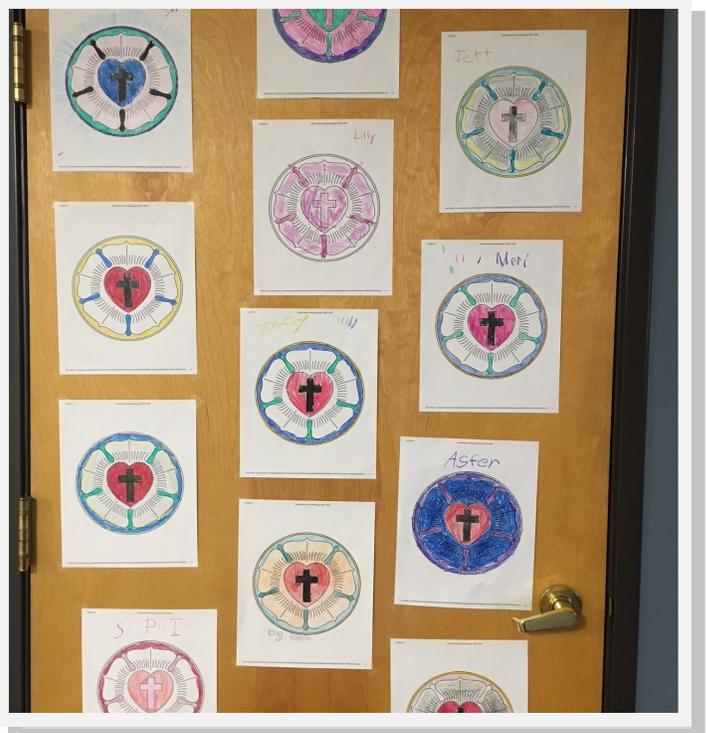
### Church Happenings:



**Angeline Roach experienced the joy of baptism on October 22, 2017.**



**Wednesday School children colored Luther Roses (right) and made Martin Luther cookies to celebrate Reformation Day. During the Reformation Sunday service on October 29, children enjoyed learning by looking at Reformation Day buttons. Afterwards we celebrated with a special brunch and a movie about Martin Luther.**



Fellowship: Kit Watson

# FABULOUS FALL FEAST

*Featuring Family Favorites & More*



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Leave Full  
And Bring Your Friends!!!!



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
747 Ann Street

NOVEMBER 12, 2017  
11:00 TO 1:00

ADULTS - \$10  
STUDENTS - \$5  
COLLEGE STUDENTS - \$5  
KIDS (5 & UNDER) - Free

FOR MORE INFO,  
PLEASE CALL 432-5408

*Non-perishable food donations will be gladly accepted  
to benefit our Shepherd's Pantry*



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## Church Council Members

**President**– Robyn Baquet

**Vice President**– Denise James

**Secretary**– Sharon Thurlow

**Treasurer**– Kim Bradley

**Building & Grounds**– Uati Paopao

**Education**– Yvonne Moody

**Evangelism**– Laurie Schmidt

**Fellowship**– Kit Watson

**Social Ministry**– Barb Landen

**Stewardship**–Karen Rupp

**Worship**– Hannah Norgard

**Youth/Young Adult**– Leila Tewahade

**Pastor**– Ann Sundberg

## Other Staff:

**Financial Secretary**– Lorrie Bauer

**Custodian**– Melissa Churchill

**Church Secretary**– Amy Jones

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