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## **Trunk or Treat**

**October 11 from 1 – 2:30 PM**

We are having the annual Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 12 from 1 – 2:30 PM. Romick Railway and a Bounce House will also be here for the kids to enjoy that day. Please sign up in the narthex to volunteer, or to have a car or truck here to pass out candy and invite your friends and family to come that day and let the kids have some fun.



## October

| <b>Greeters</b> | <b>East Doors</b> | <b>North Doors</b> |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>10/4</b>     |                   |                    |
| 8AM             | Volunteer         | Volunteer          |
| 10:30AM         | Pam W.            | Jan S.             |
| <b>10/11</b>    |                   |                    |
| 8AM             | Volunteer         | Volunteer          |
| 10:30AM         | Diane L.          | Tim P.             |
| <b>10/18</b>    |                   |                    |
| 8AM             | Volunteer         | Volunteer          |
| 10:30AM         | Brad & Sarah S.   | Anna R.            |
| <b>10/25</b>    |                   |                    |
| 8AM             | Volunteer         | Volunteer          |
| 10:30AM         | Laura & Mike B.   | Denny & Sharon P.  |

### October Ushers

|         |                   |
|---------|-------------------|
| 8AM     | Tim P., Howard W. |
| 10:30AM | Joe B., Brad S.   |

### October Birthdays

|    |                    |
|----|--------------------|
| 7  | Kevin Ragless      |
| 13 | Jason Winters      |
| 13 | Pam Winters        |
| 14 | Greyson Barnhisel  |
| 17 | Tyler Baker        |
| 17 | Ryan Travoli       |
| 18 | Kim Wilcox         |
| 18 | Sarah Weihrauch    |
| 21 | Hope Davis-Numbers |
| 23 | Grant Insley       |
| 25 | Leo Schumaker      |
| 28 | Howard Wilch       |

*If you have a birthday or anniversary that is not listed, we apologize. Please notify Heather Davidson of the date @ [office.immanuelfindlay@gmail.com](mailto:office.immanuelfindlay@gmail.com).*



### October Anniversaries

|    |                      |
|----|----------------------|
| 5  | Scott & Eldeen Rose  |
| 16 | Austin & Anna Etzler |

### November Anniversaries

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| 3  | Wayne & Shirley Sheperd |
| 26 | Josh & Angie Clifton    |
| 27 | Tony & Christine Fleck  |

## November

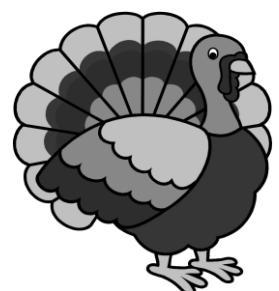
| <b>Greeters</b> | <b>East Doors</b> | <b>North Doors</b> |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>11/1</b>     |                   |                    |
| 8:00            | Howard & Nancy W. | Volunteer          |
| 10:30           | Kay M.            | Deana H.           |
| <b>11/8</b>     |                   |                    |
| 8:00            | Bob H.            | Volunteer          |
| 10:30           | Helen R.          | Jim & Jamie T.     |
| <b>11/15</b>    |                   |                    |
| 8:00            | Karl & Lynn F.    | Volunteer          |
| 10:30           | Volunteer         | Becky F.           |
| <b>11/22</b>    |                   |                    |
| 8:00            | Volunteer         | Volunteer          |
| 10:30           | Jan S.            | Pam W.             |
| <b>11/29</b>    |                   |                    |
| 8:00            | Volunteer         | Volunteer          |
| 10:30           | Tim P.            | Diane L.           |

### November Ushers

|       |                  |
|-------|------------------|
| 8:00  | Don L., Nate W.  |
| 10:30 | Sam P., Denny P. |

### November Birthdays

|    |                 |
|----|-----------------|
| 1  | Deidre Recker   |
| 2  | Linda Weihrauch |
| 3  | Chad York       |
| 5  | Mike Schaible   |
| 5  | Kay Flick       |
| 6  | Emery Hall      |
| 7  | Andy Cole       |
| 11 | Stacy Lentz     |
| 13 | Drew Insley     |
| 18 | Tom Reamsnyder  |
| 20 | Dave Ragless    |
| 22 | Andrew Krueger  |
| 24 | Brad Sorn       |
| 25 | Deborah Brumley |



# October 2026

| Sunday                                                                                    | Monday                                     | Tuesday                                    | Wednesday                                                | Thursday                   | Friday | Saturday                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                           |                                            |                                            |                                                          | 1<br>7PM Zoom Bible Class  | 2      | 3<br>9AM LWMS Rally,<br>Jenera             |
| 4<br>8 & 1030AM Worship<br>9:15AM Sunday School<br>6:30PM Confirmation                    | 5                                          | 6<br>6:30PM Elders                         | 7<br>10AM Bible Study<br>4:30PM Adult Choir<br>Practice  | 8<br>7PM Zoom Bible Class  | 9      | 10                                         |
| 11<br>Holy Communion<br>8 & 1030AM Worship<br>9:15AM Sunday School<br>6:30PM Confirmation | 12                                         | 13<br>6:30PM Church<br>Council             | 14<br>10AM Bible Study<br>4:30PM Adult Choir<br>Practice | 15<br>7PM Zoom Bible Class | 16     | 17<br>9AM Men's Breakfast<br>& Bible Study |
| Trunk or Treat<br>1-2:30PM                                                                |                                            |                                            |                                                          |                            |        |                                            |
| 18<br>8 & 1030AM Worship<br>9:15AM Sunday School<br>6:30PM Confirmation                   | 19<br>Pastor's Conference,<br>Florence, KY | 20<br>Pastor's Conference,<br>Florence, KY | 21<br>10AM Bible Study<br>4:30PM Adult Choir<br>Practice | 22<br>7PM Zoom Bible Class | 23     | 24                                         |
| 25<br>Holy Communion<br>8 & 1030AM Worship<br>9:15AM Sunday School<br>6:30PM Confirmation | 26                                         | 27                                         | 28<br>10AM Bible Study<br>4:30PM Adult Choir<br>Practice | 29<br>7PM Zoom Bible Class | 30     | 31                                         |

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b><br>8 & 10:30AM Worship<br>9:20AM Sunday School<br>Preschool singing & Open House<br><br>4PM Area Reformation Service, Bowling Green<br>6:30PM Confirmation | <b>2</b>                                    | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b><br>10AM Bible Study<br>3:15PM Education Bd.<br>4:30PM Adult Choir Practice<br>5:30PM Evangelism Bd. | <b>5</b><br>7PM Zoom Bible Class  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>                                       |
| <b>8</b> <i>Holy Communion</i><br>8 & 10:30AM Worship<br>9:20AM Sunday School<br>6:30PM Confirmation                                                                | <b>9</b>                                    | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b><br>10AM Bible Study<br>3PM Education Board<br>4:30PM Adult Choir Practice                          | <b>12</b><br>7PM Zoom Bible Class | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b>                                      |
| <b>15</b><br>8 & 10:30AM Worship<br>9:20AM Sunday School<br>6:30PM Confirmation                                                                                     | <b>16</b><br>6:30PM Church Council          | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b><br>10AM Bible Study<br>4:30PM Adult Choir Practice                                                 | <b>19</b><br>7PM Zoom Bible Class | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br>9AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study |
| <b>22</b><br>8 & 10:30AM Worship<br>9:20AM Sunday School<br>6:30PM Confirmation                                                                                     | <b>23</b><br>No preschool or MDO this week. | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b><br>10AM Bible Study<br>No Choir Practice<br>7:00PM Thanksgiving Eve Service                        | <b>26</b><br>Happy Thanksgiving!  | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>                                      |
| <b>29</b> <i>Holy Communion</i><br>8 & 10:30AM Worship<br>9:20AM Sunday School<br>6:30PM Confirmation                                                               | <b>30</b>                                   |           |                                                                                                              |                                   |           |                                                |

## Upcoming Events

### Lutheran Women's Missionary Society

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society rally will be Saturday, October 3, at Trinity in Jenera. Come and hear Pastor Dave Bostedt, former missionary to the Apache's in Arizona, speak on our synod's work there. Business meeting is at 9:30, devotion at 10:00 AM, the presentation is at 10:30, followed by lunch.

Pastor Bostedt will also lead worship and Adult Bible Study at Immanuel on Sunday, October 4. Come and hear how our synod missions are spreading the good news of Christ to the Apache nation.

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### Trunk or Treat

October 11 from 1-2:30 PM we will hold our annual Trunk or Treat. If you would like to open your trunk full of candy up to the little ones of the community there is a sign up sheet in the narthex. If you would like to donate additional candy in case we run out, drop it in the kitchen on the counter. Thank you!

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### Adult Bible Study Options

Sunday - Adult Sunday School  
Jonah @ 9:20 AM

Wednesday - Adult Bible Study  
1 John @ 10:00 AM

Thursday - Zoom Only Bible Study  
Life of Moses @ 7:00 PM

Youth Sunday School (ages 3 & up)  
Sunday Mornings @ 9:20 AM  
meets in the Education Wing

## Preschool Open House

Are Singing at Immanuel on November 1.

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### Joint Reformation Service

Abiding Word Lutheran Church  
In Bowling Green on November 1  
@ 4:00 PM

Meal to follow

Area WELS and ELS churches will hold a Reformation Service at Abiding Word Lutheran in Bowling Green on Sunday, November 1 at 4:00 PM. There is a meal following. If you can attend the meal, please sign up in back. Main course provided by Abiding Word; Immanuel members are asked to bring a side dish if possible.

"To be a Christian without prayer is  
no more possible than to be alive  
without breathing"

*Martin Luther*

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### Trinity School Children

Are Singing at Immanuel on November 15.

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### Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 25 @ 7 PM  
Come and prepare your spirit for  
Thanksgiving Day. Take a few moments  
before the rush of the holiday season to  
give thanks for your many blessings.

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**Appreciated Assets** - *something to think about as we near the end of the year.*

Did you know that if you were to donate appreciated securities (e.g. stocks, bonds, mutual funds) you may save on taxes? For example, if you were to sell an asset yourself, you have the burden of paying capital gains taxes on the sale. This tax can be completely avoided by donating the asset to charity. This means that the charity (Immanuel) receives the full value of the gift as capital gains are not paid by non profit organizations. A secondary benefit of donating securities is that you are able to take the tax deduction for the full amount of the gift.

As you begin to think about your 2026 income taxes, keep in mind that charitable donations may provide you with some tax advantages. If you would like more information on planned giving, feel free to contact anyone on Immanuel's Planned Giving Committee (Jim Travoli, Tony Rettig, Bob Beach).

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### **\*Greeters \* Ushers\* \*Clickers\***

The Board of Worship is asking those who are not currently serving as Ushers, Greeters or Clickers to prayerfully consider helping in this way.

**Ushers** are assigned for a month-long period and it is usually about 3 months a year (not in a row). They try to reach out ahead of time and see if some months work better for you than other months and what service you prefer to attend.

**Greeters** are rotated weekly and usually it is about one Sunday per month.

**Clickers** are about once a month, but if we get more people willing to click, it would be less than that.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to sign up to be put on the schedule for 2027. If you have questions please contact: Heather Davidson in the office, or a member of the Worship Board.

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### **Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Ohio (Or the LSGOO)**

The Preschool is participating in a state scholarship program this preschool year, Immanuel has been able to provide over \$15,030 (last year) in scholarships from this program to school families needing additional assistance. This school year (as of 9/16/2026) we have provided 10 scholarships totaling \$14,220. And yes, there are still dollars available!

(THANKS!) If you (the donors) are not taking advantage of the excellent opportunity to direct a portion of your Ohio tax liability directly to our school's ministry, please check out

[www.lsgoohio.org](http://www.lsgoohio.org) or talk any member of the Immanuel LSGOO committee.

Remember: Up to \$750/individual or \$1500/filing jointly can be directed to this program with a one-time or recurring payment!

(There are instruction sheets at the church if you are interested in donating.)

Immanuel LSGOO committee members:  
*Don Lucas, Howard Wilch, Don Baker*

## Preschool News

The preschool theme this year is S'more of Jesus! The teachers really appreciate all the help preparing the crafts for the students!

Please pray for our teachers and also pray for these precious little children. Pray that the Lord bless their families, and that they have a fun-filled, happy and healthy school year.

November 1, at the 10:30 AM service the preschool students and their families are invited to come and sing at the late service. A light luncheon will follow in the education wing for Immanuel members and the preschool families. A sign-up sheet will be put out in mid October. Preschool students artwork will be displayed in the education wing that day. We are looking for a few (2-3) people to watch the preschool students during the 10:30 AM worship service in the preschool room.

**Pictures:** S'more making crafts, musical shares...but sharing when a chair is removed, Mr. Potato Head, and a giant puzzle collaboration.



*"The mission of our Immanuel family is to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus our Savior, and until He returns, to share our certainty of getting to heaven through Him."*

### What is Halloween?

Halloween is not a religious holiday (though it had Christian origins). In our country, it's pretty much a non-religious celebration for kids.

"Halloween" means "All Hallows' Eve," the night before All Saints or All Hallows Day. Christians for many centuries used Nov. 1 as a day to thank God for their friends and relatives who died and are now in heaven. I read that the custom arose of giving cakes to the poor on the evening before All Saints Day, which over centuries may have turned into giving candy to kids--just like the custom of giving gifts to the poor at Christmastime turned into our custom of giving Christmas presents to family and friends.

Over the centuries some Christians adopted wrong ideas about All Saints Day, tied in with the Roman Catholic teaching of purgatory. The church taught that when we die we don't go to heaven, we go to purgatory to pay for our earthly sins. They thought they needed to pray for their dead relatives, or even do good deeds or give money to the church, to get them out of purgatory into heaven.

That led some to think that the spirits of dead people were around on earth, which is completely false. And I'm sure some of those people were influenced by pagan ideas.

I think that most people today view Halloween secularly, and don't think it really has anything to do with ghosts or spirits. Of course, we Christians know that ghosts aren't real. So we can celebrate Halloween without fear. I would discourage scary costumes, for various reasons; but it's okay to go trick-or-treating.

Halloween might even be an opportunity to talk to friends about what happens when we die, and why we know we'll be going to heaven: because Jesus lived and died for us. Since Jesus rose from the dead, not as a spirit but with his glorified body, we know that on Judgment Day we will rise with our bodies to live on a new, perfect earth. If someone was concerned about ghosts or evil spirits, they may want to avoid Halloween. But I would be sure to tell them that there are no ghosts; people who die go to heaven or hell, and for Jesus' sake we are confident we'll go to heaven. And we don't need to worry about any spirits: God is stronger than the devil, and God protects us from him. We need to keep looking to Christ and be certain of his protection. Then we won't worry about such things.

--Pastor Bob Krueger

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