

Hilltop Happenings

For October, 2026

Our mission is to welcome, accept and encourage all people as we follow Jesus.



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Services

Sundays 8:30 am - Devotional Service 10:30 am - Worship

Service Attendance in person / *online views as of 9/29/2026

8:30 AM 10:30 AM

August 30 Community Service at First Christian Church

September 6 11 101/222*

September 13 11 138/74*

September 20 8 98/108*

September 27 7 144/63*

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Just Pondering...

Another Oktoberfest has come and gone, complete with the schnitzel sandwich, chicken basil brat, Dairy Farmer Wives' ice cream and a few rounds of Sweet Caroline...so good, so good!

On the final day of the festival, I wandered up to the Abbey. Even before I got to the top, the crowds, the music, and the noise all fell away. Though I had only walked a few blocks, the quiet and spaciousness were absolutely profound. What a fabulous reminder to my spirit about the value of stepping away from life's bustle **in order to** be regenerated and renewed before stepping back in. So good, so good!

Details to keep you updated concerning our Shared Ministry Model...

- This fall we roll out Immanuel's own version of the Lay School of Theology for our first cohort of Faith Story Tellers.
- October 4th will be the first Listening Session, immediately after worship. This is your opportunity to bring your questions and/or come to listen to what your neighbors might be wondering.
- January 2027 will be the inaugural month for our Faith Sharing Model. Yes, Faith Sharing is coming to a Sunday morning near you!
- Moving into the new model, the Board of Deacons are making themselves available as intentional leaders around worship and spiritual life here at Immanuel. More information will follow about how you can 'Dial-a-Deacon.'

Your questions and curiosities continue to be welcomed and encouraged. You can bring them to me or our Council Exec Members, Lauren Lovelace, Ben Johnson, and Mary Miller. {And eventually, the Board of Deacons.}

In the meantime, I thank you for your warm and generous encouragement as we create this new approach to the way we unfold faith-life as community.

So good, so good!

Pastor Leah

Share Ministry Model

2027 Schedule

January ~ Pastor Patricia will be the on-call pastor

April ~ Pastor Joe will be the on-call pastor

July ~ Pastor Patricia and Pastor Joe will share the on-call task

October ~ Pastor Patricia and Pastor Joe will share the on-call task

Shared Ministry: An Invitation to Be Part of What Comes Next

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”
— 1 Peter 4:10

There is something exciting happening at Immanuel.

As we prepare to launch our **Shared Ministry Model** in January, I find myself thinking not only about what will be different, but about what this opportunity could make possible. We are finding a new way to carry forward the same faith, mission, and Lutheran identity that have shaped Immanuel for generations, while creating space for new people to lead, new voices to be heard, and new gifts to emerge.

At the center of this model, Pastor Leah remains our called pastor, primary ordained leader, and spiritual leader. This new rhythm gives her intentional space for renewal while ensuring that ministry continues through the support of other pastors, staff, Council, and lay leaders. It allows us to support a pastor we love while also developing leadership and strengthening our congregation from within.

But perhaps the most exciting part is what this asks of **all of us**.

One of the first steps will be our new lay leadership cohort. Nine members of Immanuel have already said yes to taking a new step in their faith journeys. Together they will study, learn, receive coaching and support from our pastors, and prepare to share their own stories of faith in worship. The cohort provides structure, guardrails, pastoral guidance, and a supportive group to learn from and grow alongside.

For some people, standing in front of the congregation and sharing a message may be an exciting leap of faith. For others, it probably sounds terrifying. Thankfully, shared ministry is about much more than standing at the pulpit.

Maybe your next step is joining a committee or Bible Study. Maybe it is helping with Sunday School, volunteering for a project, helping care for our building, or bringing forward an idea for something Immanuel has never tried before. Maybe it is inviting someone to church, increasing your financial support, or simply asking, **“Where could I help?”**

You don't have to have all the answers about theology, faithfulness, or worship life to become more involved. You just have to be willing to ask the questions, learn alongside others, and take a step—even a small one—along your own faith journey.

That is what I find so hopeful about shared ministry. It puts more ownership of Immanuel's future into the hands of the people who make up this congregation. **It is our responsibility to help make Immanuel the church we want it to be.** Our leadership, service, participation, ideas, and financial support are what will ensure there is a strong and thriving Immanuel for those who come after us.

We don't know everything we will learn from this new model, and I think that is part of what makes it exciting.

What gifts might emerge from people who have never considered themselves leaders? What new ministry might begin because someone was willing to say, “I could help with that”? What might we learn from hearing someone else's experience of faith? And where might God take Immanuel if more of us are willing to take one new step?

Peter reminds us to **“serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”**

Every one of us has something to contribute. As we begin this new chapter at Immanuel, I hope you will think about the gifts you have been given, consider where they might be needed, and find your own way to be part of what comes next.

Director of Visitation Ministry by Patty MacInnes

In the Church with Patty...

God's Work - Our Hands Day in the Fireside Room found 12 people knitting, crocheting, and beading. 92 Lutheran Rosaries, 13 wash cloths (donated to SACA) and 19 Pocket Prayers were made. Wayward beads, plenty of laughter, and lots of smiles made the time speed by. Thank you to all who participated.

From the Custodians' Closet by Andrew Bush

Stewardship in the Green Season: Honoring God's House

During the "Time of the Church," congregations actively gather to grow in faith. As a janitorial team, we view our work not just as cleaning, but as a vital ministry of hospitality. Scripture reminds us, *"But all things should be done decently and in order"* (1 Corinthians 14:40). A well-maintained sanctuary allows the Word to be heard without distraction.

This green season brings heavy foot traffic from fellowship hours and Sunday School. By scrubbing floors and deep cleaning classrooms, we care for the physical body of Christ. Our labor reflects Psalm 26:8: *"O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells."*

As we prepare your facility for the vibrant shift to Reformation Sunday, we take pride in keeping God's house pristine, welcoming, and safe for all who enter. Thank you and peace be with you all.

Stephen Ministries by Mary Miller



What is a Stephen Minister?

Stephen Ministers are lay congregational members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness or relocation.

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

Stephen Minister training is a Christ centered experience that equips participants with essential care and relating skills. Trainees learn how to listen to, care for, and walk with those going through difficult times in life.

Training is done by our Stephen Minister leaders using resources from the Stephen Ministries, St Louis.

Interested? Contact:

Mary Miller - maryndave55@gmail.com / 503-873-8036 or Patty MacInnes - ptyrose@juno.com / 503-428-4921

From the Kitchen by Audrey Nickodemus

Thank you, thank you to the kitchen cleaning crew! This month we cleaned up coffee urns and cups so they sparkle, plus the usual elbow grease which keeps our kitchen in tip-top shape.

Cleaning dates - All Mondays, beginning at 9 am

October 5 November 2 December 7 January 4, 2027

Pantry appliance update!

The kitchen *pantry* is home to 2 freezers and a second refrigerator – the pantry is the small room past the convection ovens. The church primarily uses the GE freezer, purchased in 2023. It has a built-in alarm in case of a power outage. That is the freezer with the extra cookies!

The second freezer is a Kenmore Elite, originally placed by the ASAP program over a decade ago. The refrigerator is a Saba 23, also placed by the ASAP program. Both appliances are of unknown age. Neither have a functioning alarm in case of a power outage.

We know this because there was an unusual power outage on the outlet used by these 2 appliances and they were off for several days. When discovered, there was food discarded from the freezer - meals cooked by the group We All Dine In Silverton.

A simple alarm system has been put in place for these 2 appliances in case of any future power outages. There is a sensor inside both the refrigerator and freezer. A monitor has been placed on the front of the Kenmore freezer with print instructions. This alarm system only applies to the 2 older units in the pantry.

The refrigerator alarmed once in the first 24 hours, but not since. Please contact the office, one of the trustees or myself if you hear the alarm. My number is 503-881-7993.

Rummage Sale Info

2026 Church Rummage Sale Friday and Saturday, October 2 & 3 from 9 am - 4 pm

To provide this wonderful and needed service to our neighbors, **we need your help!** We are asking if you can give some of your time to help us - maybe a morning or afternoon or a day or more. Men - we really need your help setting up and pricing tools, car stuff, camping gear, sports equipment, and helping with the furniture.

Schedule (September 30-October 3)

Wednesday	Finish displays and begin pricing.
Thursday	Finish pricing.
Friday	Doors open at 9am. Need cashiers, baggers, and a few people to keep areas organized/ help shoppers with their purchases.
Saturday	Same needs as Friday.

Please contact Shirley Smith (503) 991-4708, Joan Kelly (503) 689-7474, or the church office (503) 873-8656 if you have questions and especially if/when you have time to help us with this special event of service to our neighbors. Thank you for your donations and your time.

News from our Mission Endowment Fund by Mark Dickman

In our last episode, we announced we are hosting a **Legacy Sunday on November 22nd at Immanuel**. Why might you be interested?

- Well, **do you** (or people you care about, like elderly parents) have any retirement plans like IRAs, 401Ks, or other types of savings and investments? **Do you know you have options** for what will happen to what remains of those dollars on the day Jesus calls you home?
- **Do you have a deep love** for our congregation, or for any other worthy causes, that you would like to help live on and thrive, even after Jesus calls you home? **Could they benefit** now, or in the future, **from a special financial gift**?
- **Do you have a special concern** about a family member that you'd like to provide for, beyond your time on Earth?
- **Do you ever wish** you could find **an easier way to provide more** financial support to people and causes you believe in, **even before you die**?

Planned Giving can address any of these issues. **Planned Giving can help** make your giving/stewardship easier. **Planned Giving could help you increase the dollars** you have for gifts you'd like to make. Planned Giving could do any of these things **without creating worry** about whether **your nest egg will last long enough**.

Why not set aside an hour or so to attend our Legacy Sunday Lunch on November 22, with Pr. Kyle Merkle, Region 1 Gift Planner for ELCA Foundation, to learn more? We don't have all the answers, but we might be able to help you start on the path of **planning with intentional joy**, as we follow Jesus.

If you want more information RIGHT NOW, talk to Jim Brueckner (Emeritus), Mark Dickman, Duane Eder, Keith Haugen, Mary Miller or Traci Mosher. Continue to look for updates. "Stay tuned!"

Prayer Ministry & Condolences

The hungry. Foster kids. Those who battle addiction. All who serve our country, especially Tyler Guzman, US Navy deployed to the middle east.

Kenneth Adams, Phyllis Adams, Marie Arthur, Nettie Donovan Austin, Kris Anne Baker, Kristie Bernabo, Jessica Bradley, Kyler DeVore, Destiny Durbin-Wilson, Jamie Eby, Betty Faanes, Joann Faanes, Dan Funrue, Wayne Gwyn, Tracy Harris, Michelle Lisa Bradner Hegney, Dan Henderson, Mary Henderson, Rose Marie Howell, Lucy Hupp, Ruby Hupp, Ed Jacoby, Debbie Donovan Jasman, Alta Johnson, Dale Johnson, Dee Dee Johnson, Shana Lansidel, Tanya Lawton, Kathy Locke, Loretta Luciano, Johnny Mack, Delores McCoy, Shirley McHorse, Able Meyers, Shane Moore, Mark Morin, Gayle Budd O'Grady, Gayle O'Neil, Emilia Panes, Keri Peck, Marty Ronning, Lynette Rounds, Annette Shilinsky, Heidi Schindler, Nora Schliske, Lisa Smith, Debbie Smuckal, Nola Stark, Trevor Stevens, Lucas Taylor, Bonnie Thompson, Becky Tomlin, Linda Valencourt, Iliana Vaquera, Erica Winn, Haley Woods and Nora Woodward.

**If a name on the prayer list should be added or removed, please tell the office.*

Condolences to:

Carl Sullivan at the death of his brother.

The family of Barbara Renback on the death of Lanny Webb.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

Ministry Celebrations & Thank You's

☆ Community Worship Service at First Christian:

Total Raised for Elementary Schools was \$1402.24. This created checks for a little over \$280 for each of the 5 elementary schools we gave to- Mark Twain, Robert Frost, Butte Creek, Central Howell, and St Mary's (Mt Angel).

Total School Supplies collected for Middle School and High School was two full long tables worth of supplies or one full cart for each.

Total prayer in your hand shawls that were given out to teachers, staff, and students- Over 500 mini prayer shawls were given out.

How many attended worship service- 142 in person plus over 30 online.



☆ September's Noisy Offering raised \$320.31, purchasing 3048 pencils for Silverton & Mt. Angel School Districts.

☆ God's work our hands - 92 Lutheran Rosaries, 13 wash clothes for SACA, & 19 pocket prayer shawls.

Know a reason to celebrate, call 503-873-8656 or email office@immanuel-silverton.org to report 'who' and 'what'.

Like wildflowers, each member of our community comes together to create a colorful and thriving ecosystem. Thank you for helping foster such a nurturing environment.

-Bee, Lutheran Community Services

Loved receiving the thank you notes from; Lilli, Mira, Nora, Piper, Kate and Greyson. Each note touched my heart with JOY! Keep smiling and sharing your caring to others.

-Barbara Renback

Dear Immanuel Lutheran,

Thank you for your generous donation to Silverton Mainstay. It continues to help us build a community for adults with disabilities and mutual lasting relationships. Your donation makes a difference in our program every day.

-Silverton Mainstay

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you for supporting the essential work of Sheltering Silverton! Together, we are ensuring everyone in our community has a place to sleep, a warm dinner, and receive the care and connection they need to build a better future.

Community Events

(If you know of a community event that members of Immanuel might enjoy, we'd love to hear about it! Please get the details to the office.)

Suicide Awareness Walk - October 10

The Out of the Darkness Walk for Suicide awareness at Riverfront Park in Salem will be held Saturday, October 10. Check in at 10 am; walk begins at 11 am. Patricia Hughes will be walking again this year, and you are invited to walk as well. This event honors our love and loss over suicide deaths in our lives, and in the world. Contact Patricia if you want to meet up - patriciamakesjam@gmail.com

Habitat Gala - October 10

The Baker family has been selected for a Habitat for Humanity house in the new village in Silverton.

The Habitat for Humanity annual gala will be held on October 10 from 5:30pm-9:30pm at the fest hall in Mt Angel. Tickets are \$50. Please text Kris Anne ASAP at 503.545.9414 if you would like a seat.

The gala is also an opportunity to volunteer and earn sweat equity hours to count towards their Habitat home. Let Kris Anne know if you are interested in volunteering at the event. If anyone does work on Habitat houses, please email Trina Bauman at trina@nwvhabitat.org and let her know where you volunteered, how many hours contributed, and that you'd like them to count towards Kris Anne & James Baker's sweat equity hours. Up to 200 (half) of their sweat equity hours can be from family, friends, and community supporters.

Sheltering Silverton Fundraiser - November 8

Sheltering Silverton is hosting their annual Kinship Dinner fundraiser on November 8 at the Oregon Garden. 'At the Kinship Dinner we eat a simple meal, not unlike the meals our shelter guests enjoy, tell stories, hear sweet music, and connect around our shared commitment to our neighbors.' Event information can be found at www.shelteringsilverton.org/events.

Robert Frost 4th Annual Turkey Trot - November 26



Register to participate in the 5k course at 8:30 am or 1-mile fun run/walk at 9 am. Proceeds support the non-profit Robert Frost Parent Teacher Club, which supports their Title-1 school with classroom supplies, extracurricular clubs (Choir, Oregon Battle of the Books, Garden Club), and a field trip for each grade. \$25/adult, \$10/Age 6-18, Free/Ages 0-5

Ongoing Ministries, Reminders & Needs

Guest Sign-Up Sheet

If you are new (or nearly new) to Immanuel, please sign in on the sheet outside the first sanctuary door.

Christ In Our Home

Devotionals for October-December are available to pick up in the narthex.

Van Ministry Leader Wanted

We do not currently have an active van ministry. Let us know if you are interested in coordinating rides to church on Sundays.

Fund Raising for Youth Gathering

Our youth group is attending the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minnesota and is actively raising funds. Contact Kate Bush if you have odd jobs for them to do, and grab a blue bag from the gym to fill with returnable cans/bottles!

Tuesday Crew

Join a team of folks who lend a hand with odd-jobs and basic maintenance to keep our building and grounds tidy and welcoming. Tuesdays at 9:30 am.

Devotional Service

Pastor Leah hosts a devotional service on Sundays at 8:30 am in the Fireside Room.

Thirsty Thursday - Thursdays at 6 pm

Join us on Thursdays at Mac's Place!

SACA Sunday - Second Sundays

We accept food and monetary donations for our local food bank, **Silverton Area Community Aid** (*Improving lives by providing food, services, and access to community resources.*)

Coffee Hour Help Needed

Cookies, fruit or cheese/meats are welcomed for coffee hour! Sign up in the gym or see Pat Taylor.

Flowers for Sunday Church Services

Sign up on the chart on the bulletin board in the multi-purpose room to bring flowers.

Lost & Found

Will be donated to the rummage sale at the end of each month. Please check it regularly for any missing items.

Upcoming Ministry Events & Opportunities

ARK Update

ARK (formerly known as At Risk Kids) is now "Advocating & Resources for Kids".

September and the beginning of the school year has been BUSY! We've provided a few clothing items to a student in the special education program, specific shoes for a child with mobility concerns, and SO many snacks. If there is a need- we try to fill it.

We are so grateful for your support and the way ILC continues to show up for the vulnerable kids in our community.

Questions? Contact Bri Hupp 503-507-0873 or Brianahupp@gmail.com

Esther Circle - October 1

All women are invited to attend! We meet in the Fireside room for social time at 9:30, and will have Bible Study from *Gather* magazine at 10 am. Bring a friend and come to meet other friends! Contact is Lynn Gannon at (503) 329-2585 or lpma.gannon@gmail.com

Rummage Sale - October 2 & 3

HELP IS NEEDED! (See page 5 for details)

This is a big event and we would appreciate anyone who can volunteer. All proceeds go to Missions.

Shared Ministry Model Meeting - October 4

October 4, immediately following worship, is your opportunity to gather for information/questions about next year's Shared Ministry Model of Church Leadership.

Noisy Offering - October 4

Bring your change to service on Sunday, October 4! We will gather a 'noisy offering' during kids time the first Sunday of each month. October offerings will purchase hats and gloves.

Kitchen Cleaning - October 5

Join us Monday, October 5 at 9 am. All are welcome.

Quilting - October 7 & 21

Quilters get together every other Wednesday at 9 am in the quilting room in the basement. All are welcome!

Men's Fellowship Breakfast - October 12

The next men's fellowship breakfast will be on October 12 from 6:30-8:00 am. There is a new sign-up sheet in the narthex. All men are invited! See Andrew Bush with questions.

Coat Drive - Donations Due by October 25

The Elizabeth Ashley Hoke Memorial Trust is collecting new and gently used Coats for Kids and Families during the month of October. Distribution will occur October 29th from 9am-12pm at Adventist Community Services and from 9am-12pm and 2:30-4:30pm at Silver Creek Fellowship.

Emergency Preparedness Class - October 25

After service a preparedness class will be held in the fireside room; covering topics such as fire, flood, earthquake, gas leak, and active shooter. All are welcome to attend.

Dinner for Six - Fall

We have noted your ongoing interest and will re-establish Dinner for Six groups in the Fall. Please continue to sign up if you are interested in participating in the future.

The Gospel of John Bible Study - Wednesdays 10:30 am

We will meet for 21 weeks to cover the 21 chapters of John. October will cover chapters 3-6.

Optional: Purchase '*John for Everyone*' by N.T. Wright as a supplement. Pastor Joe Medley and Pastor Patricia Hughes are our volunteer leaders. Questions? Ask Patricia at patriciamakesjam@gmail.com.

New Members & Transfers - November 8

Are you interested, ready to celebrate being on this faith journey together? We will receive new members on November 8 during the 10:30 service. Please reach out to Pastor Leah if you have questions or are ready for a conversation. {503.302.7712}

Pause with the Pastor - Mondays

Pastor Leah will be at Little Leaf Coffee Shop in Silverton from 8:30-9:30 am on Mondays if you'd like to visit with her. If Mondays don't work for you, let her know when you would like to get together.

Autumn has come already, my oh my. The 'ber' months have begun - September, October, November, December.

Pondering on my back porch yesterday, the temperature was 68 not 86 degrees and the sunlight had come with a breeze. Trinity's church bells rang at 3 pm and I thought of my grandpa. Trinity's Pastor Henriksen asked Grandpa Hanson to be on the Windows Committee, to find and purchase stain glass windows for the first Trinity Lutheran Church building to be dedicated in May of 1919. I can see the steeple from my living room window and even some of the church windows Grandpa helped install. Going back in time is something I do easily and often. Such a joy to ponder.

Caught up in those thoughts, I soon realized why I had gone out on the porch to ponder in the first place. My church newsletter article is due at 3 pm tomorrow. Number 85, the beginning of the eighth year of Frosig Features.

As seasons come and go, seems the season for my computer and cell phone has come and should be gone. Well, they are more than 10 years old, but I don't want to let them go. I know them - and I know where they keep my stuff. So far, I have managed to learn how to operate my new desktop computer with Windows 11. That was a big accomplishment. However, I could not have done it without my computer Copilot.

And now it is time to retire my cell phone I call Oldie. This is painful. Oldie moved to Silverton with me. It's ridden in my purse and pockets on so many adventures. It's waiting for me on the kitchen counter every morning. And, poor little thing, it's fallen so many times. Back comes off, battery flies out, and yet when I pick up its pieces and put it together again, all is well. Who cares about the cracks in the screen or a little chip in its corner, Oldie is my pal.

In explaining this dragging my feet cell phone saga, that has lasted most of the summer, I was reminded that Oldie has been my companion through loving and loss and moving, through power outages and camping trips and long text messages. Plus, rainy days and lots of memories. Of course it is hard to part with, but when it was called a little 'Timex' spirit phone, I remembered this story.

My husband Kris had a Timex watch. He wore it all week, then being a Dane, he wore his made in Denmark watch on Sunday. Before I knew him, he had been the Pastor at Central Lutheran Church in Anchorage Alaska. Lots of snow in the wintertime. One day he was shoveling snow off the driveway. He had been working quite a while before he noticed his watch was missing. His wrist was bare, oh no Timex was somewhere under the snow. A quick search did not present Timex, and Kris was grieving already.

In the spring the snow melted, and one day there was Timex. Can imagine Kris' heart just skipping a beat when he saw his precious pal in the street right up against the curb in front of his house. And, ya know what ??? It was still ticking and showed the correct time of day.

One day at our house, maybe 15 years after living in the snow, Timex just came to the end of its life. Kris was sad, but to honor his pal Timex he put the watch in a pretty little box and buried the box under a rose bush in the backyard. The name of the rose bush was Timeless, of course.

Such a sweet story about a tender-hearted guy and his pal Timex. What is really great about sharing stories is what comes back to you through someone else's understanding. I am grateful for this comment:

Why this story matters. Because it's not really just about a watch. It is about loyalty, endurance, faithfulness, small miracles, honoring what served you well, and the quiet tenderness of a man who loved deeply.

And this - His tenderness still lives in the stories I tell.

Seasons come and seasons go, but stories told can last forever.

Enjoy the beauty of the changing seasons. The colors, the aromas of sugar and spice and all things nice, the gifts of time and of course share your stories.

Blessings to you, beloved.

Joy in Autumn



OCTOBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
EVERY SUNDAY: Devotional Service, 8:30 am Worship, 10:30 am Sunday School, 10:45 am Youth Group, 6-8 pm	EVERY MONDAY: Senior Exercise, 9:30-10:30 am YMCA in Gym, 1-4 pm Marion County Citizens Band Practice, 6:30-9 pm	EVERY TUESDAY: We All Dine In Silverton, 9 am-12 pm Staff Mtg, 9 am Tuesday Work Crew, 9:30 am YMCA in Gym, 1-4 pm, 5-8 pm	EVERY WEDNESDAY: We All Dine In Silverton, 9 am-12 pm Senior Exercise, 9:30-10:30 am John Bible Study, 10:30 am YMCA in Gym, 1-4 pm Rue Basketball, 7 pm	EVERY THURSDAY:  YMCA in Gym, 1-4 pm, 5-8 pm Thirsty Thursday @ Mac's, 6 pm	EVERY FRIDAY: Senior Exercise, 9:30-10:30 am Sax Quartet Practice, 1-3 pm YMCA in Gym, 1-4 pm, 5-8 pm	EVERY SATURDAY:
				1 Rummage Sale Set-Up (No Gym Use Activities) Esther Circle, 9:30 am Lion's Club Meeting, 2 pm	2 Rummage Sale, 9 am-4 pm 	3 Rummage Sale, 9 am-4 pm
4 Noisy Offering Shared Ministry Model Info Meeting, 11:45 am	5 Kitchen Cleaning, 9 am	6 Grief Recovery, 6-8 pm Deacon Meeting, 6:30 pm	7 Quilting, 9 am	8 Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-6:30 pm (No Gym Use Activities)	9	10 
11 SACA Sunday 	12	13 Grief Recovery, 6-8 pm Hospitality Meeting, 6 pm Trustee Meeting, 6 pm	14 Quilting, 9 am	15 Lion's Club Meeting, 2 pm Sheltering Silverton Meeting, 5:30-8 pm	16 	17 Farmers Market, 10 am-12:30 pm Gym Use, 2-8 pm
18 Stephen Ministry Info Mtg, 11:45 am Confirmation Glump #4, 12-4 pm	19 Council Meeting, 7 pm	20  Grief Recovery, 6-8 pm	21 Quilting, 9 am	22 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	23	24 Farmers Market, 10 am-12:30 pm Zenith Club Bingo, 7pm
25 Emergency Preparedness, 11:30 am	26	27 Lay School of Theology, 6-8 pm	28 Newsletter & November Calendar Published	29	30 	31 Halloween Farmers Market, 10 am-12:30 pm



- 1 Kyli Mosher
- 2 Mira Woodward
Nora Woodward
- 3 Bill Wilson

- 4 Phyllis Adams
- 7 Marlys Sanford
- 8 Manuel Borbon
Layla Powell
- 11 Susie Strand
- 12 Brenda Durbin-Wilson
- 12 Lorraine Kittinger
Denise Taylor Leland
- 14 Albertina Hudson
- 15 Audrey Nickodemus
- 16 Debra Sullivan
- 17 Martina Bielemeier

- 20 Kathy Henderson
Mike Murphy
- 22 Denise Childs
Neal Lucht
- 23 Julie Mackinnon
- 24 Carol Hogue
- 25 Jennifer Bielenberg
Carmen Bornzin
Keylee Haines
Tessa Sprauer
- 30 Donna Durbin-Wilson
- 31 Sharon Bogstad



- 4 Chris & Julie Woodward
- 9 Cliff & Ila Thompson
- 11 Manuel & Laura Borbon
- 16 Doug & Theresa Yancey

- 20 Joel & Donna Rue
Carl & Debra Sullivan
- 21 Mike & Sue Dickman

If you have a birthday or anniversary in October that is unlisted, please let us know !



SUNDAY FLOWERS PROVIDED BY:

- 10/4 Shirley Smith in memory of George
- 10/11
- 10/18 Neal Lucht
- 10/25 Sheldon Family

**Sign up on the bulletin board in the gym*

SUNDAY READERS:

- 10/4 Bob Knudtson
- 10/11 Jenny Hogue
- 10/18
- 10/25 Marsa Terrell

**Sign up in the narthex*

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Ways to Support Ministry at Immanuel

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2. MAIL checks to:

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3. CALL the office to pay over the phone via credit card.

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