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Galatians 6:2

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

by Pastor Gary M. Brown

Luther on the Duty of Citizens

In the Small Catechism of Dr. Martin Luther there exists a category called the Table of Duties. In the Table of Duties Luther lists the duties of Christians to their various relationships. It begins with Pastors, then Parishioners, and continues even to parents and children. But the one I would like to address is the duty of citizens. In this category Luther includes submitting to the authorities, paying taxes, and showing honor to the governing leaders. Luther urges prayers for those in authority for the good of those whom they govern. What is not included is the subject of this article. Luther does not include participation in the Democratic process of voting. It is not an oversight on Luther's part, rather this was not a form of Government with which Luther would have been acquainted.



November Readers & Ushers

November 1

Pastor George McGuire

Lawrence & Yulonda Boutte

November 8

Sam Thorington

November 15

Samuel Thorinton

November 22

Bob Gilbert

November 25

Pastor George McGuire

November 29

Suzanne Roberts

Please Sign up

However, were he to have written the Table of Duties today, I believe he would have included the responsibility of Christians to vote, and to vote as Bible believing Christians. I am certain about this because of his Two Kingdom Doctrine. He postulates that we are citizens of both the kingdoms (governments) of this world secondarily, but that we are citizens of the Kingdom of God above all things. Therefore we are to obey Governing authority except where it requires us to deny, or go against God's Word and Command. It is wrong to steal. Therefore it is wrong to vote for someone whose platform is to steal from others. It is the Job of the believer to honor God in every relationship including in your relationship as a citizen voter. So honor God and vote! You have three days! God bless you, and God bless America!



After the apostles had received the Holy Ghost, they went forth to all lands to preach the Gospel.



VICAR'S CORNER

This weekend I let the highschoolers vote on what the next subject would be for Sunday bible study. To my surprise they chose to take a look at the large catechism. Didn't know the small catechism had a sequel? The large catechism expands on what is written in the small catechism, and was given to the church so that the parents could teach the faith to their household and for pastors to instruct their flock.

It occurred to me that I never had to read the large catechism growing up. I wonder how many of us have never cracked it open or have only done so once or twice in our lives. For that matter, when was the last time that we picked up the small catechism? When we read the preface to both the large and the small catechism, Luther exhorts us to recite the catechism daily, and yet I find that to be such a rare practice even amongst theologians. Luther says himself that he recites the small catechism daily, and learns it as a small child would, because one cannot learn too much of it.

I know that life is busy, and this sounds like a large task to add to your daily schedule, but prayerfully meditating on God's word and what he has taught is something that Christians do. (Psalm 1:2) So this month I would encourage you to dust off one of your catechisms and, as Luther says, prayerfully meditate on it and learn as a child would. If you don't have one, pick up the little booklet in the Narthex that says "A Simple Explanation of Christianity", this contains the small catechism. I read through all of it this morning and it only took about 20 minutes.

I would love to hear from any of you who undertake this task with me this month. Having an intentional prayer life is an immense blessing, and one that I pray all of you would have.

God's peace, and I pray that God be with all of you this month as we get into the holiday season.

Vicar Tanner Gossman

November

Birthdays

- 2 – Nov Chuck Potucek
- 6 – Nov Suzanne Roberts
- 10 – Nov Joey Pfeifer
- 11 – Nov Todd Hungerford
- 12 – Nov Michelle Phillips
- 13 – Nov May Sowards
- 15 – Nov Gavin Hungerford
- 22 – Nov Andrew Dinkel
- 24 – Nov Karin McReynolds
- 26 – Nov Delilah Coffman
- 28 – Nov Wanda Semon
- 29 – Nov Beth Roberts
- 29 – Nov Brad Snyder
- 29 – Nov Patti Stump
- 30 – Nov Jay Nenninger
- 30 – Nov Andy Salazar

Wedding Anniversaries

- ♥ 2 – Nov Hal & Linda Smith
- ♥ 25 – Nov Wesley & Donna Hewitt

General Announcements

LWML– Will be holding their pie and cake sale on **Sunday, November 22nd.** Get your Thanksgiving dessert. Your generous donation will help Crafty Ladies with supplies

"God is your imaginary friend!" Many people could not defend their faith against statements like this. Could You? ***"…always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you…"*** (1 Peter 3:15). "Jesus never said He was God." "Noah couldn't put that many animals in the ark." If you would like to understand why the Bible is true and how to defend your Christian faith, join us at our Sunday Bible Study hour for a special class called "Systematic Theology." The class has begun. There is a workbook for this class, the church has purchased more workbooks and are available for this special class. I encourage you to take advantage of this weekly study, you will be greatly blessed as you learn to be a knowledgeable witness for Christ.

Fellowship Kitchen Helpers – We are looking for volunteers to help out in the kitchen during Fellowship time on Sundays. There are only a few members, who have been very dedicated, to provide this wonderful service to



Bible Study Opportunities:

- **Men's Bible Breakfast, Nov 14th & Nov 28th, 2026 at 9:00A.M.**
- **Bible Study on Thursday's at 10:00A.M. in the Friendship Hall.**
- **Sunday Adult Bible Study after service in the Friendship Hall.**
- **The Portals of Prayer are available in the Narthex for home study and daily devotions.**

"If you're going to believe in everything you read,

Then start with your Bible."

Quote From Faithimg.com

our congregation and those numbers are now waning. The current volunteers will be more than helpful in showing you all you need to know in how it is run and assisting you, so please prayerfully consider becoming a Kitchen Helper. *You will be a blessing and will also be blessed when you use your time and talents in helping out at the church in whatever capacity you can!* **Please contact Pam Germeroth if you are interested in helping in the kitchen.**

Updated Children's Busy Bags – are located in the tubs in the Narthex. Bags are filled with children's activities to be used during service. Please have your child take home stickers or sticker books if they like and return bags to tub in Narthex.

Men's Bible Breakfast – The next Men's Bible Breakfast will be on November 14, 2026 from 9am to 10:30am. All gentlemen are invited and are welcome to bring a guest.

Council Meetings – The Council meetings are open to the membership. Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The next Council meeting will be held on November 10, 2026. This is a good opportunity to voice concerns, present thoughts and ideas, and any other discussion concerning the affairs of Immanuel.

Crafty Ladies -Going forward, Crafty Ladies will meet once a month, on the second Monday of each month from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. The next Crafty Ladies Meeting will be on November 9, 2026. Any questions about the changes please call or text Lu Del Livingston at (505) 870-1495.

Sunday Adult Bible Study – We are having Bible study right after Sunday Service and Fellowship time in the Friendship Hall.

Communion – If you are not able to make it to the Communion Rail, you have a choice of using the Fellowship Cup or having the Communion Assistants bring communion to you in your seat. If you would like communion at your seat, please let the Communion Assistants know.

WELCOME CARDS – are located in the pocket of the chair in front of you. If you are visiting with us, or if you are interested in becoming a new member, please fill out the card and either place it in the offering plate, or place it on the rolling cart in the Narthex after service. (Guests and visitors are always WELCOME here at Immanuel.)

Becoming A Church Member – If you are not currently a member here at Immanuel Lutheran Church, and are interested in becoming one, please let our church secretary know. You can leave her a message in her mailbox, stop by the church office during the week, or you may call her at (520) 458-3883. We would love to have you join our church family!

Good Neighbor Alliance – There are baskets under the mail boxes in the Narthex, where we collect food, toiletries, and socks for the needy in our community. There is a list in the Narthex of their current needs. Some of the most urgent are: Cereal, Oatmeal, Breakfast Bars, Paper Towels, All Purpose Cleaner, Coffee, and Travel Size Shampoo.

Newsletter Item for
Lutheran Women In Mission (LWML)
November 2026

Upcoming events:

*** Sunday, Nov. 22nd**, before and after service, our annual pie/bake sale. Come and get your Thanksgiving dessert. Your generous donations will go to help our Crafty Ladies with their supplies. Love to bake, you are welcome to bring something to sell.

*** Ladies,(young and mature)** you are invited **Sunday,December 6th from 1pm to 3pm** to our annual ornament/cookie or candy exchange. Bring an ornament and a dozen or your best cookies or candies to share. Bring a friend.

*Our next meeting will be **January 11th, from 1pm to 2pm,** after Crafty Ladies.

Keep **Saturday, April 17th** open. We will be hosting our zone Spring Celebration, with a Bible Study, guest speaker from Lori's Place, and good food.

October 13, 2026 Council Minutes

ATTENDANCE-*Darlene Oetgen, Chuck Potucek, Debbie Dinkel, Bob Gilbert, Eddie Yarbrough, Yulonda and Lawrence Boutte.*
CALL TO ORDER-*6:35 pm by Chuck*
PRAYER-*led by Eddie Yarbrough*
MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER MINUTES-*1st by Bob, 2nd by Debbie, all approve.*
PASTOR BROWN'S REPORT- *He is absent. He gave us a paper report including his visitation contacts, Vicar's work, upcoming event Oct. 21 regarding our speaker, Jay Seegert, to speak on the subject of Dinosaurs and the Bible. "Reformation/Halloween at the Park, we will not have it this year and pastor would not be able to attend. He mentioned our Sunday School, Thursday Bible class and Saturday's Bible Breakfast. He asked us to check out our new website* ***grace2u.org*** *and help to identify any information that is missing. David Lobb has provided a back drop for our devotion "****Take Five with Pastor Brown"*** *which will be posted eventually online. It appears his vacation time will be spent helping Kim convalesce.*
VICAR TANNER'S REPORT-*Absent. Eddie said he has Greek/Hebrew classes. He has been enjoying teaching his high school Sunday School class. He continues to work with Pastor George. He will be reminded to submit any receipts he has for gas, insurance, etc.*
PRESIDENT'S REPORT-*Chuck says we have to get next vicar application in. Victoria will sit down with Pastor and Vicar regarding the application. He has been working with Victoria regarding our insurance. We need to post on our bulletin board the need for new officers. Chuck said he can keep being President.*
VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT-*not here yet.*
FINANCIAL SECRETARY-*Dawn is absent but left paper report of September Total-$20,617.25.*
TREASURER SECRETARY-*Debbie got with Sid and Bob regarding the proposed budget. Elders have approved a small raise for pastor. All the paperwork for* ***Voter's Meeting,*** *Nov. 15th, has to be in the member boxes two weeks before Nov. 15 meeting which is Nov. 1. It is* ***Pastor Appreciation Month*** *and a motion was made to give Pastor Brown a card with $500 on October 25 by Chuck. 1st by Bob and 2nd by Lawrence. All approve. Debbie said Chase Bank is closing all deposit boxes. Credit Union can provide one if needed.*
Discussion about putting Kim's insurance on Pastor's insurance.
If our fire alarm goes off there is a list of people they call. We have assigned names for fire alarm response, but we need to reassign more names. Debbie is working on it.
BOARD OF EDUCATION-*Yulonda like to reserve Dec 13th for* ***Children's Christmas Program.***
ELDERS-*A motion to find a professional cleaner for pastor's house. 1st by Eddie, 2nd by Debbie, all approved. Lawrence will gather estimates and email the council,.Eddie put together a 101 Elder's presentation to be viewed one evening prior to Nov to invite men who might want to be an elder.*
STEWARDSHIP-*Bob said we are down $3100 for September. It was a 4 Sunday month. November will be 5 Sundays.*
TRUSTEES-*Ken Mette is absent, but continues to heal.*
ALTAR GUILD-*Will not be doing lit candles for Christmas Eve. They will be buying batteries along with candles.*
LWML-*Absent*
APPROVAL OF ABOVE MINUTES-*lst by Eddie, 2nd by Bob. All approve*
LORD'S PRAYER SAID TOGETHER
ADJOURNED-*7:37 pm*

November 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Elder's Meeting 12:30pm	2	3	4	5 Bible Study 10:00am	6	7
8	9 Crafty Ladies 10:00am- 1:00pm	10 Council Meeting 6:30pm	11 **Veterans Day**	12 Bible Study 10:00am	13	14 Men's Bible Breakfast 9:00am
15 Voter's Assembly 12:30pm	16	17	18	19 Bible Study 10:00am	20	21
22 LWML Pie & Cake Sale	23	24	25	26 **Thanksgiving**	27	28 Men's Bible Breakfast 9:00am
29 Mite Sunday	30					

If you would like information, or an article put into the Newsletter, please send it to the office by the 15th of the month. If you do not see your birthday or anniversary included and would like to have it in the Newsletter, please notify the office to update our lists.