

Immanuel Evangelical Church November, 2025



EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION



November 2nd Celebrating



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



Welcome new member!



We welcomed Theresa Duenes as a new member of our church family on October 19. What a joy that God brought you to us!

Church Christmas decorating set for Nov. 23



Join us on Sunday, November 23 to decorate our church sanctuary for the 2025 Advent Christmas season. Lunch will be served after worship sponsored by the Worship Committee. After that, we need volunteers of all ages to set up Christmas trees, hang garland, and place the Nativity scene. We'll be decorating a brand new Christmas tree in the sanctuary that was just purchased this year. The more hands the merrier! Thanks in advance for your help!



Community Thanksgiving Worship

Thursday, Nov. 20 at 7:00 pm
@ Immanuel Evangelical Church

Rev. Bo Magehee preaching
from Hope Unlimited Church

Rev. Ron Shifley
Senior Pastor
Office 979-793-6282
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Organist/Pianist

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Mon-Fri 9:00 am -- 2:30 pm

Ron's Ramblings

Giving thanks with “Gratitude”

One of our junior and senior high Youth Fellowship’s favorite songs to sing during our worship time on Wednesday night’s is “Gratitude” by Brandon Lake.

It goes like this...

“All my words fall short
I got nothing new
How could I express
All my gratitude?...

So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a
Hallelujah, hallelujah
And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing
Hallelujah, hallelujah

I've got one response
I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide
I will worship You

So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a
Hallelujah, hallelujah
And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing
Hallelujah, hallelujah”

You may have seen this song performed if you watched the Charlie Kirk memorial service in September. It’s definitely popular among teens and young adults around the country. Currently “Gratitude” sits at #3 on the CCLI’s Top 100 praise songs and hymns being sung in churches around the USA.

I think what makes Brandon Lake’s song, “Gratitude” so popular is that it expresses the desire of the heart to say thank-you to God. Sometimes, when we rejoice in a blessing we have received, there is nothing that we can do but just enter into a time of spontaneous worship.

King David shares that sentiment when he penned the lyrics to Psalm 100:1-4, “Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his

pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.”

Psalm 100 is often used around the Thanksgiving Day holiday as a Psalm reflecting our thanks to God for all the blessings.

I know through the years, when I’ve gathered with family around the Thanksgiving table to share a word of thanks, a word of “gratitude” for all that God has blessed me and my family with during the past year, “my words fall short [and] I got nothing new” to say to God. I wonder, like Brandon



Lake, “how could I express all my gratitude?” A simple prayer over the turkey dinner seems inadequate. Even counting your blessings, like the old gospel hymn suggests, and “naming them one by one” feels quaint.

Maybe instead of trying to make a list of blessings, or fumbling over a prayer before we carve the turkey, we just take time to spontaneously give God some

praise. Thanksgiving is about giving thanks to God after all. Why can’t we do it with the song of our hearts? David is right, on Thanksgiving (and any day for that matter) we ought to “worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs... give thanks to him and praise his name.”

Oftentimes, the “Doxology” is my go-to song of praise when I want to offer God praise. You know the words...”Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

I think this year, I may just let the Spirit lead me to be a bit more expressive and share some “Gratitude.”

“So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a
Hallelujah, hallelujah...”

However you do it, make sure that your family Thanksgiving celebration is more about praising God than the turkey, stuffing and football. Can I get an Amen?

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POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

The Women's Guild is offering you the opportunity to order a poinsettia plant to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. These may be purchased in honor of and/or in memory of your loved one(s). Recognition will be printed in a special handout at our Christmas Eve service.

There will be 40 plants available. Please place your order early if you want a plant and remember to pick up your plant after the Christmas Eve service.

The cost per plant is \$15.00.

Please make checks payable to: IEC Women's Guild

Deadline: November 23, 2025

NAME

PHONE

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

NUMBER OF PLANTS: AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

Contact: Roxy Graeber (281) 239-4223 or Barbara James (979) 533-2590

Can be mailed to:

Immanuel Evangelical Church
Women's Guild
P. O. Box 505
Needville, Texas 77461-0505

PRAYER LIST

Mark Paweleck		Harvey Mager
Karen Zurek		Joyce Christ
Vida Arlitt		Barbara Sims
Tommy Lovel		Cheryl Mohr
Keith Warncke		Barbara Schroeder
Tommy Gaskamp		Erna Thielemann
Brandon Beck		Clarence Thielemann
Byron Wittenben		
Cindy Schulze		
	Sue Hurta	
	Cecil Tielke	
	Cecelia Blinka	
	Charlie Griffith	
	John Spears	

PRAYER LIST GUIDELINES
It is an **honor and privilege to pray** for the needs of those on our prayer list. Prayer requests will be listed for six weeks unless the church office is notified. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. We look forward to sharing in both your concerns and your joys!

****Please update the office if still needing prayer.**



3	ROBERT & ALICE HALLGREN
6	JOE & JEWEL LOVEL
8	ROBERT & CONNIE GORKA
18	BRUCE & BECKY OBERHOFF RALPH & JOAN WENDT
19	STEVE & CYNDI DIEHL
25	JOHN & DEBBIE STERN
29	WADE & JESSICA GRIFFITH

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES



Steven Britt went to be with the Lord on October 6, 2025. His memorial service was Friday, October 18 at 10:00 am at Immanuel. Pastor Ron officiated.

Please continue to pray for his family.



1	Diane Johnson	16	Ralph Wendt Ronald Richter
3	Amanda Raska	17	Laverne Peters Roxy Graeber Evan Hunter Otto Jessica Griffith Daniel Zwahr
4	Keith Warncke		
7	Cadey Chapman		
8	Kendall Weidemann Micah Zatopek Waylon Fuchs	18	Sharon Hedt
10	Darrel Kramer	19	Joe Lovel Sandra Wendt Otto Sommerfeld
11	Mandi Richter Ryder Stasney	23	RayLynn Svatek
12	Robert Eversole Kathy Bacica Skylar Finley Gerrit Gadway	24	Roger Richter
		25	Keriann Bosse
		27	Suzanne Mikeska Barbara Sims
13	Adam Smith		
14	Gene Roberson	28	Nancy Wendt
15	Justin Klemstein Sandra Eversole Denis LaRoche	30	Bradley Kostelnik Deborah Lindemann
		31	Dale Warncke

A full menu of classes for all ages



Children's Sunday School |Sundays 9:00 am
Grades: preschool to grade 6
November Adventure: "Noah's Ark"



Teen Sunday School Class
Sundays at 9:00 am Food Pantry Classroom
Teens grades 7 to 12 invited!



Adult Sunday School Class
Sundays at 9:00 am Library Classroom
Adults of all ages invited!



House of David
Watch Party
Sundays at 6:30 am
Library Classroom

Teens and adults of all ages invited!
Bring a snack to share. Popcorn provided

Preschool Sunday School
during worship

Kids will be released to the
Preschool class following the children's message.



Fellowship Hosting -
Finger Food and Family Fun
November 9th following service
Table games for adults and children
Congregation to bring only finger foods
(examples: sandwiches, chips, fried chicken,
pigs in the blanket, cookies, brownies, etc), an-
ything you can eat with your hands.

Catacombs teens compete in Karaoke singing contest



A number of teens took part in a Karaoke singing contest during Catacombs on October 3. Our own Gage Dutra was one of the top three winning contestants who walked away with Simple Simon’s Pizza gift cards. Congratulations!

Kids and teens participate in activities during OMP



Our churches kids and teens were entertained with a number of activities during Open Marketplace on October 12 including face painting, sand art and carnival games. The entertainment was provided by the Christian Education Committee.



Children’s Christmas Program Rehearsals
begin Sunday, November 30 at 9:00 am
(Christmas Program will be held
Sunday, Dec. 21 during worship)

November Happenings						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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2 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Sunday School 9:00 am Worship/Communion 10:15 am House of David Watch Party 6:30 pm	3	4 L&B 8:30-2:30 pm L&B Board Meeting 5:00 pm	5 Children's Fellowship 4:00-5:30 pm Bell Choir 5:30-6:00 pm Youth Fellowship 6:00-8:00 pm	6 L&B 8:30-2:30 pm Evangelism 4:00 pm Christian Education 6:30 pm	7 Sr. Citizens 11:00 am Catacombs 8:00-11:00 pm	8
9 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Finger Foods Luncheon 11:30 am House of David Watch Party 6:30 pm	10	11 L&B 8:30-2:30 pm Fellowship 2:00 pm	12 Food Pantry 9:30 - 12:00 pm Children's Fellowship 4:00-5:30 pm Bell Choir 5:30-6:00 pm Youth Fellowship 6:00-8:00 pm	13 L&B 8:30-2:30 pm Missions Committee 6:00 pm Worship Committee 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm	14 Sr. Citizens 11:00 am Catacombs 8:00-11:00 pm	15
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23 Christ the King Sunday Sunday School 9:00 am Worship / ABC 10:15 am Christmas Decorating with Lunch 11:30 am 30 First Sunday Advent Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving HAPPY THANKSGIVING	28 Sr. Citizens CLOSED Catacombs CLOSED	29

Missions/Outreach

NOVEMBER MISSIONS

The Mission offering for November will be to sponsor a child from the **NMA Angel Tree** which will be put up by November 16. These angels will sponsor a child for the Needville Ministerial Alliance Christmas Toy and Food Distribution. The angels will have boy or girl and three choices of a gift chosen by the child. The total amount of gift(s) suggested is \$25. You will wrap the gift(s) and put the code number on the gift. **All gifts are to be turned in to Immanuel by December 14.**

Another way to support Missions for November is to donate food items for the Christmas food baskets. Items requested are listed below.



No canned items please because we will get plenty of those from the schools. Put food items in the clear crates at both entrances to the sanctuary. **These food items also need to be brought to the church by December 14.**

Thank you for supporting our Mission projects.
Mission Committee: Debby Wendt (Chairman), Sandra Zacek, Dale Oberhoff, Elisabeth Leus, and Sharon Roberson

NMA Grocery List of Donations for Christmas Food Distribution

Hamburger Helper
Stuffing Mix
Instant Potatoes
Peanut Butter
Canned Pasta
Cake Mix & Icing
Canned Fruit

Mac & Cheese
Cornbread Mix
Canned Sweet Potatoes
Jelly
Cranberry Sauce
Jello/Pudding
Breakfast Items (cereal, oatmeal,

Wreaths Across America



Donations being accepted.
Each wreath costs \$17.

Help decorate the graves of veteran church members and other veterans buried in Immanuel Evangelical Cemetery & the Needville Public Cemetery during the Christmas season.

Our goal is to place a wreath on every Veteran's grave in Needville. Donations can be made online using the QR code above, put in the donation jar at front of the sanctuary or give to Kim March. Contact Bill at 346-843-9716 if you have any questions.



Dedication Service Saturday, Dec. 13 at 10:00 am at IEC Cemetery

Helping orphans in Ukraine



Hope Now Ministries (a global mission our youth fellowship supports) recently shared beginning of the school year goody bags with the orphaned students at the Shkola Orphanage in Ukraine.

Please continue to lift the kids and teens ministered to by the orphanage and Hope Now Ministries in your prayers as Ukraine continues to be under siege by Russia in the ongoing war. If you'd like to help the youth fellowship support this vital mission, monetary donations can be made and given to the church office.

Leaps & Bounds celebrates "Blessing of the Pets" October 2



Our Leaps & Bounds kids celebrated "Blessing of the Pets" on October 2 as part of St. Francis of Assisi/World Day for Animals. Kids and their parents brought in their favorite pets (dogs, cats, and photos of cows, etc) to be blessed by Pastor Ron using our church's antique baptismal font. Kids recounted the story of Creation from Genesis chapter 1.

Thank You!



Our Leaps & Bounds staff would like to thank everyone who participated in their recent Tamales Fundraiser. We appreciate your support!

Leaps & Bounds learn fire safety



Special thanks goes out to the Needville Fire Department for coming out to teach our L&B kids the basics of fire safety!



**Leaps & Bounds
Thanksgiving Feast
Thursday, November 20 at 11:30 am**

28th Annual OMP Recap

OCTOBER 12, 2025 @ Columbus Club Hall!



2025 Open Marketplace Report

Linda and I would like to thank EVERYONE for your support in making Immanuel's OMP a success this year. This was accomplished because our Immanuel family came together to create a wonderful day of good food, fun, fellowship, and community support by being willing to do things a little differently and lending a hand wherever needed. We received many compliments throughout the day from community members.

Special thanks to our committee members: Auction (Shirley Hlavaty & Kim Hull), Country Store (Roxy Graeber, Ann Chambers, Sharon Hedt, Sheila Elster, Wendy Todd, Diane Johnson, Glynis Cavey, & Barbara Sims), Meal Line (Sandra Zacek), Desserts (Shirley Richter), Basket Raffle (Shelley Fletcher, Brandi Schwaiger, and Lesli Wuthrich), Set-Up & Take-Down (Dale Oberhoff), Publicity (Debby Wendt), and Helpers (Deborah Lindemann & Brian Zwahr).

The OMP Committee was supported by MANY other people, too numerous to name each person. Whenever we asked for help, you responded with a smile and a 'yes'! Some of you sold or bought raffle and/or meal tickets; donated desserts for the meal; served in the meal line; donated baked goods, canned goods, or plants for the Country Store; helped set-up or take-down; donated baskets for the Basket Raffle; donated gift cards for the Raffle; donated items or money for the Auction; or bid on auction items.

We apologize ahead of time if we leave anyone out

of the next group (it is not intentional). Pastor Ron provided a hymn & prayer mini-worship at the hall. Scott McElrath donated his time as auctioneer. Denis LaRoche donated his time to help Scott with the auction, provided the sound equipment, and helped with the raffle drawing. Sandra Dorr, Sharon McElrath, & Patsye Roesler assisted with the auction. Bill March & Jeff Chapman donated their services as security. Delbert Wendt, Pam Sullivan, & Tammy Miller sold meal tickets at the hall. Aaron & Hailey Leus, Mark Paweleck, Michael Richter, Mark Gadway, & Dale Oberhoff sold raffle tickets at the hall. Cliff Carson handled all of the trash at the hall. Christian Education committee members provided and supervised the children's activities. MANY of you stepped-up and helped wherever there was a need.

The Presbyterian church allowed us to use their raffle barrel again this year. The Methodist Church donated an auction item and a basket for the basket raffle. Leaps & Bounds, with the help of their students' parents, donated a very nice basket for the auction. Great community support was evident the day of our event at the hall.

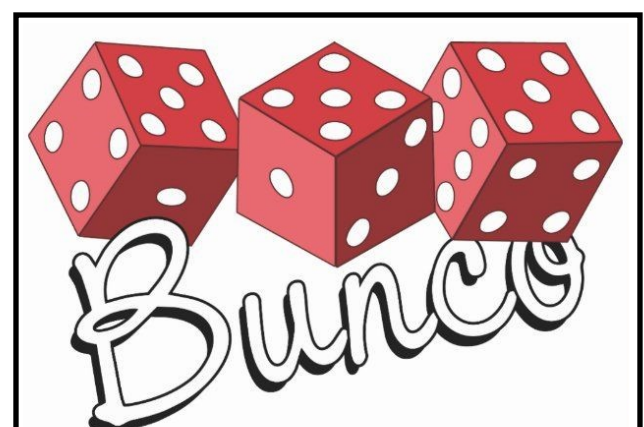
As you can see, it takes many hands to have a successful fundraiser. We are so proud to be a part of a church family where everyone is willing to donate their time and talents for this annual project.

Linda Griffith & Sharon Roberson-2025 OMP Co-Chairs



The Women's Guild is accepting order of poinsettias to help decorate the church sanctuary for the Christmas season. Poinsettias are \$15.00 each and the deadline to order is November 23.

Order forms are available on the back page of this month's newsletter and forms and payment can be turned in to the church office or given to Roxy Graeber or Barbara James.



The Women's Guild would like to invite all women of the church to join them for an afternoon of fun and fellowship as they enjoy Bunco on Friday, Nov. 21 at 2:00 pm.