



Goblins & Grub, Oct. 29

Games, goodies, and grub are in store for all children and their families **THIS Sunday, Oct. 29**, immediately following the worship service. Everyone is invited to stay for a light lunch and enjoy the children as they trek to booths throughout the first floor of the church. **Each child will receive their own Boo Bucket for carrying their "loot!"** There'll also be a cake walk! Last year's event was a great success, thanks to everyone's support and we hope this year will be just as grand. This is a great opportunity to reach out to families in the neighborhood and we hope the children will invite their friends. There is still time to volunteer to bring a cake for the cake walk and if you need suggestions for a low energy, simple booth, let Lisa know. We're here to help you help make this a fun and exciting event for our church's children and their families.



XYZ Potluck Lunch

Everyone age 55+ is invited to join us Tuesday, Nov. 7 at noon, for our monthly potluck luncheon. Our guest speaker will be our state representative, Derrick Graham.

Chuck's Column

In my sermon last Sunday I said that the perennial, universal truth that Judeo-Christian religion has brought to the stage of human history is the truth of incarnation. Unfortunately, too many Christians have limited incarnation to the historical Jesus. This, I think, is most likely an offshoot and consequence of our culture's heavy emphasis on individualism in American life. And yet clearly Paul said that we are the body of Christ and that the Christ (the Holy Spirit, God, the divine presence) dwells in each of us (Col. 1:27). Christ is not Jesus' last name. According to Luke in the book of Acts the man Jesus was anointed the Christ when God raised him from the dead (Acts 1:22-36). Christ is nothing less than the Divine presence dwelling in all reality. This is why Paul can talk about our participating in the Spirit of Christ. It is the cosmic Christ, the divine presence who fills all things (see Col. 1:15-20), who indwells us and fills all the universe. The very Spirit (divine presence) that indwelt/filled Jesus indwells us. Our job is to let go of our ego self, little self (what Paul calls "the flesh") so that the Christ self can fill our lives and flow out into the world (in our relationships, experiences, etc.).

We will be celebrating Advent in a few weeks. We are not just celebrating a historical coming once upon a time. That's part of it. We Christians see in the historical Jesus a definitive expression/incarnation of the divine who is our model and guide. But the Spirit of Christ that indwelt Jesus is the very Spirit that sustains our physical and spiritual lives. This is why I said this past Sunday that we know God through human relationships and experiences. God is hidden in the physical and the material.

The physical/material and the immaterial/ spiritual are one. So God is both hidden in the world and revealed in the world. That's the mystery and paradox of incarnation.

Some of you are probably thinking: This is too "deep" for me. Not at all. We just have to learn how to understand and appropriate religious language. Unfortunately, few of us were taught how to do this. The fact is, God did not just come once upon a time and God is not just "up there." God is right here right now. We just need eyes to see. God is speaking to us daily through our common relationships and experiences. Our part is to listen, to be tuned in, so we can intentionally and consciously live as the body of Christ in the world.

Grace and peace, Pastor Chuck

WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

6:00 p.m.

Adults: \$4.00 Children: \$3.00

Maximum per family \$10.00

November 1: Chicken

November 8: BBQ

November 15: Lasagna

Deacon of the Week Schedule:

October 29 Meredith Shouse

502-320-6740

November 5 Raymond Bailey

254-366-0652

November 12 Khamisi Campbell

502-229-8615

Many, many thanks...

Dear Immanuel Family,

Words cannot express our deep thanks for your encouragement and support always, but especially during these last weeks. Your cards, notes, kind words, food, hugs, and presence in our lives have lightened the load and constantly remind us how fortunate we are to be part of such a caring community of faith. You are the best!

Bennie and Sara League

FYI...The **new deacons** selected by the church body this year are as follows: Doug Bishop, Bruce Dungan, Sherri Henley, Rob Laurensen, Anna Mayne and Chuck Wolfe. We will have an ordination service for Sherri Henley on Sunday, November 12 at 6:00 pm. All are invited to share in this special service. A time of fellowship will follow.

Helping Hands Needed

We are painting one of our preschool Bible Study rooms and one of the rooms in the youth suite. We can use some willing hearts and steady hands to knock out these jobs more quickly and prepare these rooms to receive other upgrades. Paint alone will greatly enhance the appearance of these areas for our children and youth; however, there are other additions needed to improve these areas and provide a clean, attractive space for learning and fellowship. If you have any *used-but-still-in-good-condition* lamp tables, coffee tables, love seats, or couches you'd like to donate to the youth room, please see Lisa. Our youth will find a "creative" way to thank you for it!





Youth to Frisch's

All youth are invited to meet at Frisch's for breakfast at **9:15 on Sunday, Nov. 5**. Bring your school calendars so we can make plans for a mission project and other fellowship activities. Let Lisa know that you plan to come so we can provide transportation back to church.

Christian sympathy is extended to:

*John Bruce in the loss of his wife, Ann on September 24.

*Amy Foster in the loss of her dad, Don on October 16.

Box Tops for Education

We are still collecting Box Tops for Education that are found on some cereal boxes, zip lock bags, and other household products. When our children turn them in, the box tops are redeemed for much-needed items used by the schools. This is one simple way we can assist our kids' effort to participate in a project that benefits them and their peers. There is an envelope on Lisa's office door where you may deposit your collection of box tops.

Ecumenical Fall Food Drive

Sunday, November 12, 2017

12:30- 2pm

Emergency Community Food Pantry

102 Lakeview Drive

Bus Ministry

November 5 Bruce Dungan
502-875-4165

November 12 Joni Crowe
502-229-0624

November 19 Rob Laurensen
502-382-8579

Opportunities for IBC

Sunday, October 29

9:15 am Bible Study

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Lunch/Goblins and Grub

Monday, October 30

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday, November 1

5:30 pm Children's Music

6:00 pm Fellowship Meal

6:30 pm Prayer & Devotion/
Children's Formation

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, November 5

9:15 am Bible Study

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Church Council

Monday, November 6

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

6:00 pm Deacons

Wednesday, November 8

5:30 pm Children's Music
6:00 pm Fellowship Meal
6:30 pm Prayer & Devotion/
Children's Formation
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir