



October 2026 Newsletter



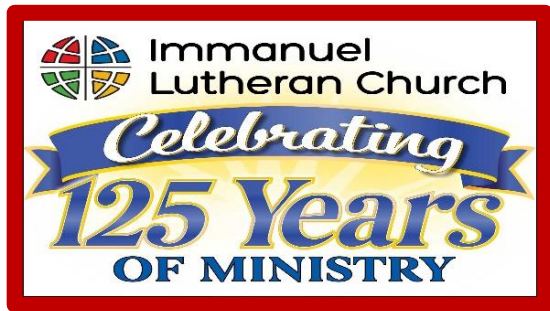
THE MESSENGER

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – GREENWOOD, SOUTH CAROLINA



A Prayer for Fall

O God of creation, you blessed us with the changing of the seasons. As we embrace these autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest. May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet remind us of the brevity of this earthly life. May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who gives us your breath of life. May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds remind us that you call us to follow your will. We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. AMEN.



As we celebrate our 125th year of ministry, we want to highlight each month a ministry or organization in Immanuel. During the month of October, we celebrate the organists and the choir members who have passed away. We tried to make this list as accurate as possible, and we apologize if a name was omitted. If you know of anyone missing, please notify Dr. Will or John Kinard.

Organists - Jane Craig, Mazie Dalton, Carol Johnson, Ruth Saine, Melissa Sizemore, Laura Jo Terry

Choir Members - Mary Butler, Carroll Clem, Leonette Ford, Chuck Klotz, Bob Koch, Martha McCombs, Frank Roof, Doris Sandberg, Bruce Sandberg, Frank Shealy, Muriel Taylor, Bob Wilson, and Macie Wilson

We offer special thanks for these saints who have provided special music to enhance our worship services over the years. Let us take time this month to celebrate their service.



During the month of October, the choir will sing special anthems as we welcome the assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Greg Brown on October 4 and our new Bishop on October 11.

Reformation also falls in October. We will be joining the Church of the Resurrection for a Hymn Festival, and there will be a special concert on Reformation Sunday afternoon.

Hymn Festival - Thursday, October 22, 7 p.m.

The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection
700 South Main Street, Greenwood

Reformation Concert - Sunday, October 25, 2 p.m.

Dr. Douglas-Jayd Burn, Organ and Piano
Immanuel Lutheran Church, 501 East Creswell Avenue, Greenwood

FREE receptions following both programs. Please stay tuned for more details about both events in upcoming weekly newsletters.

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Potluck Brunch Sunday, October 11, 10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Center.

RSVP to Dr. Will via email, phone, and/ or by including your name in the Friendship Register. Bring a "brunch" food item to share. The newly elected Bishop of the South Carolina Synod, The Rev. Wade Roof, will serve as supply Pastor for the 9 a.m. service. Council will meet with Bishop Roof after Brunch.



The Installation of The Reverend Wade Thomas Roof

Your prayers and presence are requested on **Saturday, October 24, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.** for the Holy Eucharist with the **Rite of Installation** of the Fifth Bishop of the South Carolina Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, **The Reverend Wade Thomas Roof, III**, at **St. Stephen's Lutheran Church**, 119 N. Church Street, Lexington, South Carolina 29072. **ELCA Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry** will deliver the sermon and preside at the installation. A reception will follow the service. ELCA pastors, deacons, and clergy of other traditions are invited to vest and should arrive by 9:30 a.m. The color of the day is red. The service will be livestreamed at scsynod.com/installation.

Wind Ensemble

Directed by Dr. Reed Gallo

Selections include:

*Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral, March and Procession of Bacchus,
Funeral March of a Marionette, Coronation March*

Tuesday, October 6, 2026, 7 pm

Lander University, Abney Cultural Center Auditorium, 320 Stanley Avenue, Greenwood, SC

Free and open to the public. For more information: music@lander.edu



SHRED e-waste day



Saturday October 24th 2026

@ St. Mark United Methodist Church

Bypass Campus
9am-12pm

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• THE SALVATION ARMY *Angel Tree 2026*

The Salvation Army Greenwood helps low-income families & those in financial crisis during the Christmas season. We serve families in Greenwood, Abbeville, Laurens, McCormick, and Saluda counties. Angel Tree offers Christmas gifts for children 0-12 years old whose families cannot otherwise provide gifts.

REGISTRATION:

All registrations will be *in person*.

At The Salvation Army (222 Pressley Street Greenwood, SC 29646)

Monday, October 12 - 10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Tuesday, October 13 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm; 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Wednesday, October 14 - 10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Thursday, October 15 - 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Friday, October 16 - 10:00 am - 3:30 pm (Extra hours by appointment)

At UC3 Resource Hub (929 Phoenix Street Greenwood, SC 29646)

Monday, October 19 - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday, October 20 - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesday, October 21 - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Required:

Children must be 0-12 years old.

To apply, have your photo ID, proof of **all** income for the household and **all** expenses for the household (including mortgage/rent, utilities, car, phone, etc.), and **birth certificate** for each child.

Applicant must have primary legal custody of the child (proof of custody may be requested).

Applicants must live in Greenwood, Abbeville, Laurens, McCormick, or Saluda counties.





Bach Went to Jail?

Step into a liturgical church on any given Sunday morning, and you may very well hear something by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

As a church music director for most of his career, Bach wrote much of the music for his choirs and churches, including over 400 chorales (many of which are sung as hymns today), some 200 cantatas (including one for every Sunday during the three-year liturgical cycle), and hundreds of solo and chamber works for voice, organ, harpsichord, strings, and other instruments. In fact, Bach was so

prolific, his music so influential, and his compositions so deeply theological that he is often called the “Fifth Evangelist.”

Bach is mainly associated with the city of Leipzig, where he was music director at St. Thomas’s Church for the last 27 years of his life, but he bounced around a bit before landing there in 1723. This restlessness got him in trouble with one of his bosses, Duke Wilhelm Ernst of Saxe-Weimar. Bach arrived in Weimar in 1708. He worked as court organist until being promoted to Konzertmeister (director of the orchestra) in 1714. When the old Kapellmeister (director of music) died in 1716, Bach expected to be promoted to the top post, but he was passed over for the previous Kapellmeister’s supposedly incompetent son. Furious, Bach demanded to be allowed to resign. His request was denied, but he had already accepted a job at the court of Prince Leopold of Anhalt-Köthen. Word got out that Bach was planning to leave against his boss’s wishes; he mouthed off a bit too much, and he was thrown in the “justice room” in the castle’s Bastille. After a month, Bach was released from jail and the duke’s service with a dishonorable discharge...and he happily went to take up his job in Köthen.

I’m currently working on a project to publish all of the compositions by Heinrich Grimm, who lived and worked in the same region about a century before Bach. This past summer, my archival work took me to Weimar, and our bed-and-breakfast overlooked the castle and Bach’s prison. The Bastille is a rather evocative blue and yellow building, set above the castle’s gatehouse. Unfortunately, the castle was closed for extensive renovations, so I didn’t get to view Bach’s cell, but I imagined him simmering and composing a few hymns and fugues back in November 1717.

It turns out Bach wasn’t the only bad boy of Baroque music: George Frederic Handel once fought a duel over who got to play harpsichord for an opera. But that’s another story...

Dr. Benjamin Dobbs
Furman University



October 2026 9 a.m. Sunday Service Calendar				
	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
Liturgical Color	Green	Green	Green	Red
Lector/ Assisting Minister	Danny Kinard	John Kinard	Bo Bowman	Karen Hammond
Communion Assistants	John Kinard Bo Bowman Lianne Smith	Lynne Presley Elaine Rosenbaum Irene Price	Sue Kaufman Kim Leemhuis Irene Price	Lynne Presley Sue Frantz Kat Finkbeiner
Ushers	Jean Boozer Wayne Boozer	Debbie Neuman Kevin Neuman	Elaine Rosenbaum David Rosenbaum	Lynn Isenhower David Isenhower
Altar Guild	Carl Monson	Carl Monson	Sue Kaufman Kim Leemhuis	Zeolean Kinard
Officer	Kevin Reeder	Will Stroup	Kevin Reeder	Will Stroup
Soup Kitchen Leaders	Sandie Wanto	Sue Kaufman Kim Leemhuis	Sandie Wanto	Dianne Pitts
AV Team	George Beveridge Jim Cochran	Ashley Starks Larry Hammond	George Beveridge Jim Cochran	Larry Hammond



Howard Bouknight and family wish to express their sincere gratitude for the service and reception last month for Gail Hawkins Bouknight. A special thank you to ALL that helped with the reception and planing of the service.

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES

from 9/20/2026

*These minutes are pending approval.

Opening Prayer - J. Kinard

Attendance - J. Kinard, C. Monson, MA Stroup, S. Kaufman, L. Smith, D. Kinard, S. Frantz, K. Finkbeiner NVSec.

Absent - M.E. Bowen, C. Christensen, L. Hotchkiss

August minutes - were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report - C. Monson, Budget Items are at 75%. Funds given through last Sunday - \$285,906.

Worship Committee - Advent on Wednesday evenings (3 weeks) - Council, WELCA and one other group to furnish soup/sandwiches in Fellowship Center.

125th Anniversary - Monthly emphasis on different groups at ILC.

Each group can furnish information to Dr. Will for inclusion in weekly Worship Bulletin.

October - Chancel Choir - honoring past choir members who are no longer with us.

November - Food Pantry Emphasis

December - Immanuel's Children

February - WELCA

*Campus Ministry TBD

Hymn Festival - 10/22, 7 p.m. The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Greenwood

Reformation Concert - Sunday, October 25 - 2 p.m. - Organ/Piano Concert,
Dr. Douglas-Jayd Burn, Guest Musician

Members Needing Care - Outreach to include meals, Home Communion, Agency Referrals, Visits

Indoor Facilities - Nave is in the process of "decluttering" and updating its appearance.

Elevator - Work is completed except for phone.

Dot Wise Room - please leave door open for access to drop-off needed items and for Sunday pick-up by Kinard Manor.

Financial Audit - has begun.

Nominating Committee - Sue Frantz, Mary Elizabeth Bowen, Courtney Christensen,
Nominations for New Council Members by end of October.

2027 Proposed Salary Increases - Tentative

Pastor Chris - 2% Increase

Juan Luna - Add \$50 per month for travel expenses

Sammie Hurley - Increase from \$100 per week to \$125.

Motion (DK) Second (MAS). Motion Passed.

If approved by Congregation these will begin in January – 2027.

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, November 8, after Worship
Proposed Budget for 2027 with election of new council members

Closing Prayer - J. Kinard

Respectfully Submitted,
Kat Finkbeiner - Non-Voting Secretary

Our Next Meeting

Sunday, October 11, after brunch with Bishop Roof.



Budget Meeting, Thursday, October 15, 1 p.m.



October Birthdays

10/13 Rob Christensen

Trey Morris

10/15 Laura Burke

Mary Butler

Ruth Divillbiss

10/16 Emilie Gilbert

Dianne Pitts

10/18 Terry Weeks

10/20 Marshall Gagne

Vickie Howells

Kaiah Wanto

Terri Bacon

10/24 Vicky Crawford

10/26 Tim Shrefler

10/27 Helen Harrell

10/28 Charles Hershey

10/29 Susan Hodges

Betsy McDowell

10/31 Bill Hogan

October Aniversarias

10/16 Bill and Nancy Hogan

10/19 Alan and Harriett Counts

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 2026

	<u>9 a.m.</u>	<u>4:30 p.m.</u>
<u>9/6</u>	55	8
<u>9/13</u>	77	7
<u>9/20</u>	80	6
<u>9/27</u>	84	7

*The numbers for the 9 a.m. service include registered online viewers.



Will meet at R Place Thursday, October 8, at 5:30 p.m. Sign -up on the WELCA board or text JoAn Crowder at 864-942-9191.



Don't be scared! The next roadside clean-up will occur on Saturday, October 31. Please meet at the church at 10 a.m. All supplies will be provided and no experience is necessary. Please email David Rosenbaum (dr_scarolina@yahoo.com) if you are available to assist or with any questions.



WELCA will meet Monday, October 5, at 1 p.m. (McCombs Meeting Room)



LMIM will meet Saturday, October 10, at 9 a.m. (Old Fellowship Hall)



Worship on Sundays - 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Nave)
Coffee Time and Adult Christian Education on Sundays – 10 a.m.
(Old Fellowship Hall)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

*Dr. Will works remotely on Tuesdays.

* Closed on Mondays

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Chris Christopher, Pastor

on leave until Monday, November 9

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Dr. Will Cleveland, Parish Administrator / Director of Music

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Juan Luna, Sexton

Samuel Hurley and Kristen Metts, Parish Custodians

SERVING THE CHURCH IN GREATER CAPACITIES

The Rev. Yehiel Curry, Presiding Bishop, ELCA

The Rev. Wade Roof, Bishop, South Carolina Synod



Please make sure you are registered to receive Immanuel's electronic communications and weekly newsletter by scanning the QR code. **Announcements for the Sunday bulletin and the weekly newsletter are due to Dr. Will by Wednesday each week at 10 a.m.**