

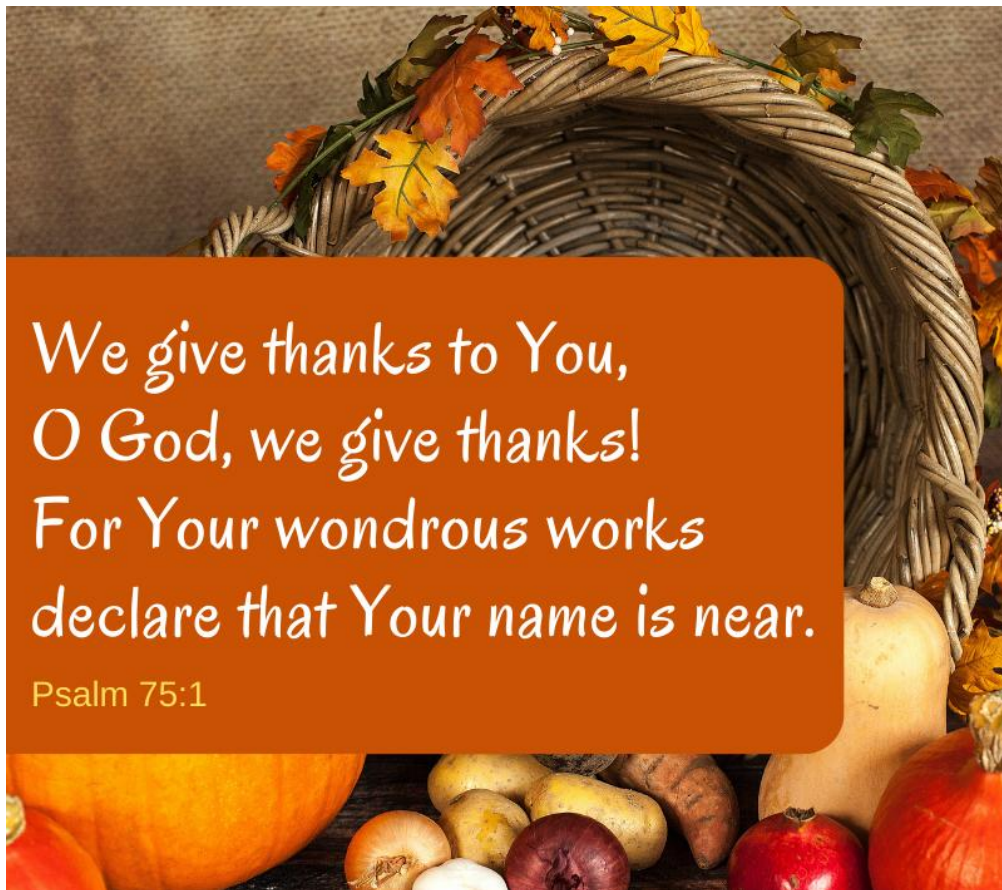


November 2026 Newsletter



THE MESSENGER

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - GREENWOOD, SOUTH CAROLINA



*We give thanks to You,
O God, we give thanks!
For Your wondrous works
declare that Your name is near.*

Psalm 75:1

A Prayer for November

Lord, thank you for the beauty of this season. As the leaves continue to fall, remind me that change can be good, and that letting go makes room for new beginnings. Fill my heart with gratitude for every harvest, every blessing, and every lesson learned. Help me rest in your timing, trusting that you are at work in every season of my life. AMEN.

A festive Halloween-themed poster for a community yard sale. The background features autumn foliage, pumpkins, a ghost, and a witch. The main title 'Spooktacular SAVINGS' is in large, stylized orange and black letters. Below it, 'COMMUNITY YARD SALE' is written on a wooden sign. The event details are presented in three columns: date, time, and location. A banner at the bottom encourages participation, and a footer states the purpose of the sale.

Spooktacular SAVINGS

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday
October 31st
HALLOWEEN

8 a.m.
to
12 noon

Episcopal Church of the Resurrection
(outside in the parking lot)
700 South Main Street
Greenwood, SC

Come Out & Get the Savings!

Lots of different items for sale!

Proceeds go to support the
Issaqueena Chapter
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Please remember to set your clocks back an hour.
Day light saving time ends on Sunday, November 1.



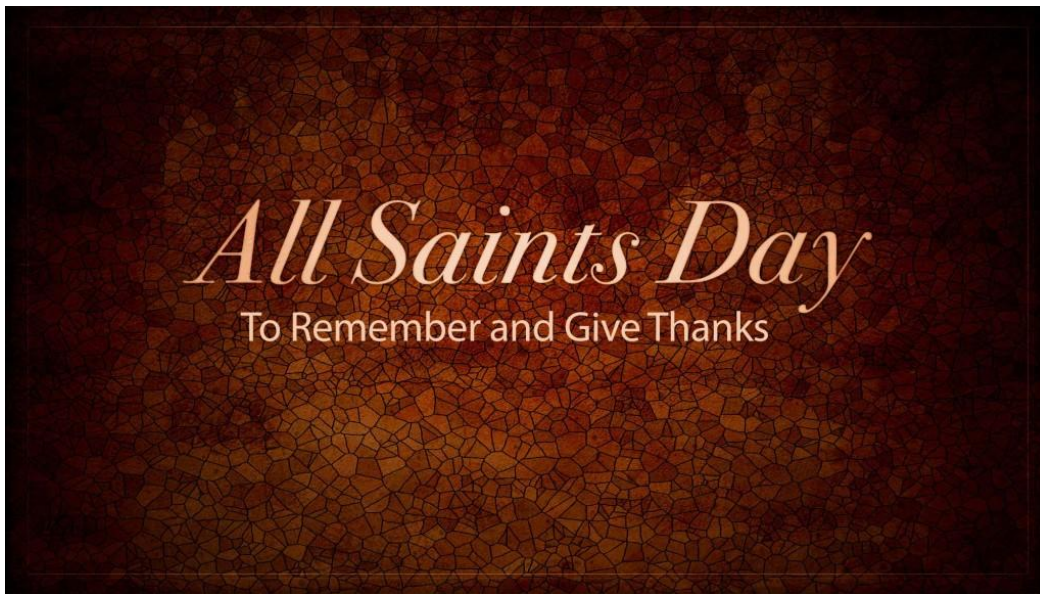
Pre-Election
**Community
Prayer Service**

Sunday, November 1, 2026 • 5:00 PM
Weston Chapel AME Church
805 East Cambridge Ave.
Greenwood, SC 29646

**All are invited to come together before the upcoming election.
Casual Dress.**

Prayer #1 Discernment & Clarity REVEREND QUINCY BAYLOR Tabernacle Baptist Church	Prayer #2 Healing & Peace for Our Country REVEREND CAROLINE DENNIS Westminster Presbyterian Church	Prayer #3 Peace & Unity REVEREND THESSA SMITH Trinity United Method Church
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Sunday, November 1



We remember ALL those who have passed including:

Gail Hawkins Bouknight

Donald Lee Bowling

William Spencer Franks Jr.,

Frances Herlong Floyd

Helen Beach Harrell

David Allan Kenzie

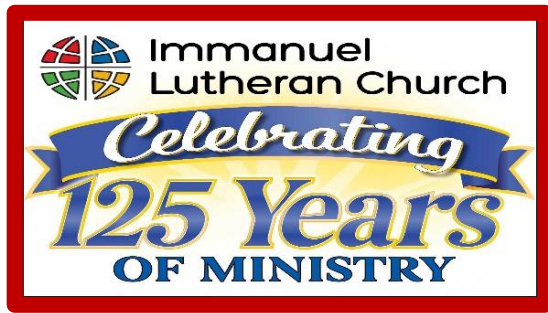
Lorraine Trueblood Moeller

George Lee Natvig

Stephen Carroll Presley

Brenda Strickland Sherrill

Nita Swygert Ward



Immanuel Lutheran Food Pantry History

The food pantry at Immanuel was started in the nineteen nineties as an emergency food source for anyone who came to the church seeking food assistance. Members of the church would bring nonperishable food items to the church and pack a few bags of food. The bags were left in the kitchen area and given out by the pastor or church secretary to anyone that came to the church requesting food.

After our 2003 church addition, there were more requests for food assistance. Church members continued to donate food and pack food bags. The bags were stored in a closet near the pastor's office and were still distributed by the pastor and church secretary to anyone coming to the church needing food assistance. This continued until 2010.

In 2010, Immanuel entered into an agreement with Golden Harvest Food Bank of Augusta, Georgia to participate in the United States Department of Agriculture and the South Carolina Department of Agriculture emergency food assistance program known as TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program).

Golden Harvest would deliver large quantities of USDA food products at no cost, only a small shipping fee. In addition, through Golden Harvest's Retail Sharing Program, Immanuel would receive additional food from local grocery stores and other retail stores at no cost.

This was the beginning of our present Food Pantry System of distributing large quantities of food each week per USDA and SCDA guidelines. The Food Pantry started opening two days a week and supplying large quantities of food to clients following TEFAP guidelines.

In 2020, Immanuel's food supplier was changed from Golden Harvest Food Bank to Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina out of Charlotte, NC.

Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina delivers large quantities of food to Immanuel each month. In addition, by participating in the Second Harvest Retail Sharing Program, Immanuel receives food donation every Monday, Thursday, and Friday from local grocery stores and retail outlets.

Volunteers from Immanuel and the Greenwood community unload, weigh -in, sort and pack the food for distribution to our clients. The Food Pantry is open for food distribution every Tuesday from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM and every Thursday from 11:30AM until 1:30PM. The Food Pantry serves 250 to 280 families each month.

Cile Davis, Food Pantry Coordinator

THANK YOU to those who serve!

November 2026 9 a.m. Sunday Service Calendar					
	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
Liturgical Color	White or Gold	Green	Green	White or Gold	Blue
Lector/ Assisting Minister	Kat Finbkeiner	Lianne Smith	Chandler Darling	Danny Kinard	Kim Leemhuis
Communion Assistants	Kat Finkbeiner Irene Price Carl Monson	Olive Divilbiss Ruth Divilbiss Nathan Shumate	Olive Divilbiss Ruth Divilbiss Nathan Shumate	Carl Monson John Kinard Danny Kinard	Sue Kaufman Kim Leemhuis Lynne Presley
Ushers	Erwin Finkbeiner Larry Cobb	Jean Boozer Wayne Boozer	Chandler Darling Alan Darling	Irene Price Leisa Hotchkiss	Jean Boozer Wayne Boozer
Altar Guild	Kat Finbkeiner	Carl Monson	Zeolean Kinard	Sue Kaufman Kim Leemhuis	Zeolean Kinard
Officer	Will Stroup	Will Stroup	Kevin Reeder	Kevin Reeder	Will Stroup
Soup Kitchen Leaders	Sandie Wanto	Dianne Pitts	Sue Kaufman Kim Leemhuis	Dianne Pitts	Sandie Wanto
AV Team	George Beveridge Jim Cochran	Ashley Starks Larry Hammond	George Beveridge Jim Cochran	Larry Hammond Ashley Starks	George Beveridge Jim Cochran
Council Member of the Day	Sue Kaufman	Courtney Christensen	John Kinard	Danny Kinard	Courtney Christensen

NOW THANK WE

Hymns and Masterpieces of Gratitude
Greenwood Festival Chorale



Sunday, November 15, 2026 4:00 PM

Stan Colbert, Accompanist
Paul Fleckenstein, Guest Organist
Steven Skinner, Artistic Director

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

108 East Cambridge Avenue ♦ Greenwood, SC 29646 ♦ 864-229-5814

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Greenwood Festival Chorale

The Greenwood Festival Chorale depends heavily on the generosity of organizations and individuals who believe that the arts are vital to the human spirit and the health of our community. Your tax-deductible donation* allows us to continue presenting programs that enrich the quality of life in Greenwood and surrounding communities.

As a contributor, you will receive recognition in this year's concert programs (unless you tell us otherwise). Business contributors may place an advertisement to appear in the program by filling out the ad placement form included in this packet.

Become a vital part of supporting the arts in the greater Greenwood area.

* The GFC is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Tax ID #14-1858858.

Contribution Categories

Friend: \$50 - \$149

Patron: \$150 - \$299

Benefactor: \$300 - \$499

Champion: \$500 and up

Gifts

Your gifts made *"In Memory"* create a legacy for loved ones who have passed away. Gifts made *"In Honor"* are the perfect way to celebrate special occasions that happen in your loved ones' lives, such as birthdays, anniversaries, etc. All categories will be recognized in the Fall and Summer concert programs.

Give your contribution and the form to a chorale member, or send your contribution with the form below to:

Greenwood Festival Chorale, P O Box 49775, Greenwood, SC 29649



Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Immanuel Lutheran Church Greenwood, SC			
2027 Proposed Budget: Agreed on by Congregation Council on 10/15/26			
Category	2026 Annual Budget		2027 Proposed Budget
Grand Totals	398,028		391,318
EXPENSE CATEGORIES			
<u>Worship</u>			
Worship: Altar Supplies and Flowers	3,000		500
Worship: Music Supplies	300		300
Worship: Worship Supplies	1,000		1,000
Worship: Instrument Repair and Maintenance	2,500		2,500
Worship: Continuing Education (Worship)	300		300
Worship: Supply Organist	800		800
Worship: Supply Pastor	1,500		2,500
Worship: Festive Music, Guest Instrumentalists, and Singers	8,200		<i>5000 + Thrivet Interest</i>
<u>Learning</u>			
Learning: Sunday School	250		250
Learning: Vacation Bible School	250		250
Learning: Youth and Children	250		250
Learning: Confirmation	100		100
Learning: Conferences, Retreats, and Missions	200		200
Learning: Day Camp Expense (Lutheridge/Lutherock)	2,000		2,000
Learning: Mission Trip	750		750
Learning: Devotional Books	1,500		1,500
Learning: Nursery	0		0
<u>Service</u>			
Service: Immanuel's Children (5280)	1,000		1,000
Service: Synod Apportionment	40,000		40,000
Service: GGUM/Emergency Assistance	1,000		1,000

Service: Synod Assembly	1,000		2,000
Service: Pastoral Discretionary Spending	1,200		1,200
Service: Matthew 25:40	2,500		2,500
Service: Kinard Manor	1,000		1,000
Service: Next Level Fitness	500		500
<u>Fellowship</u>			
Fellowship: Receptions and Meals	1,000		2,500
Fellowship: Fellowship Activities	250		250
Fellowship: Transportation	400		400
Fellowship: Bereavement	500		500
<u>Connections</u>			
Connections: Evangelism	2,500		2,500
Connections: Radio Broadcast	4,800		4,200
Connections: Welcome Packets, New Member, & Birthday Cards	800		800
Connections: Campus Ministries	500		500
Connections: Jail Ministry	100		100
<u>Payroll Expense- \$136,560 Total Package</u>			
Payroll Expense- Pastor: Pastor Base Salary	48,000		48,000
Payroll Expense- Pastor: Pastor Housing Allowance	44,900		46,758
Payroll Expense- Pastor: Pastor Social Security	14,993		15,262
Payroll Expense- Pastor: Pastor Pension, Health, & Life Insurance	24,540		24,540
Payroll Expense- Pastor: Pastor Auto Expense	1,000		1,000
Payroll Expense- Pastor: Pastor Continuing Education	1,000		1,000
<u>Payroll Expense - Staff (\$ 52,283 Total Package Dr. Will)</u>			
Payroll Expense - Staff: Organist	0		

Payroll Expense - Staff: Music Director/Parish Administrator	50,000		42,000
Payroll Expense- Pastor: Music Director/Parish Administrator Pension, Health, & Life Insurance	10,283		10,283
Payroll Expense - Staff: Sexton	7,700		7,200
Payroll Expense - Staff: Custodian	12,000		12,000
Payroll Expense - Staff: FICA - Employer Match	4,353		4,353
Payroll Expense - Staff: Medicare - Employer Match	1,012		1,012
<u>Administration</u>			
Administration: Paper	2,200		2,400
Administration: Postage	400		250
Administration: Office Supplies	400		1,000
Administration: Machine Service and Lease	6,500		7,500
Administration: Website and Software Subscriptions	2,000		4,500
Administration: Stewardship and Donor Envelopes	800		800
Administration: Payroll Management and Reporting	900		900
Administration: Treasurer Reimbursement	1,200		1,200
Administration: Bank Charges and Fees	0		0
<u>Maintenance</u>			
Maintenance: Capital Project Expenses	0		0
Maintenance: Custodial Supplies	1,500		1,500
Maintenance: Electricity, Water, and Sewer	25,000		21,000
Maintenance: Telephone and Internet	4,500		4,500
Maintenance: Property Upkeep	35,000		35,000
Maintenance: Insurance	12,000		12,000
Security	9,360		9,360

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will occur on Sunday, November 8, immediately following the 9 a.m. service. During the meeting, the 2027 budget will be voted on by the congregation and new council members will be elected.



Advent Lessons and Carols at ILC
Sunday, December 6 – 4:30 p.m.

The service will include music from The Immanuel Resurrection Ringers, choral anthems from Resurrection's Parish Choir and Immanuel's Chancel Choir as well as congregational carols with a string ensemble. There will be a free reception following the program.



Pecans from Matthew 2540 \$23 per bag

Each bag provides five days of school and two meals a day for our kids in Guatemala. Call/text Lynn Isenhower to order @ 864-993-6715 and mail her a check payable to Matthew 2540 or simplify the process and order online at www.matthew2540.net.

Varieties available are halves, dark chocolate, milk chocolate, caramel clusters and cinnamon pecans. They are perfect for gift giving, baking or just to treat yourself this holiday season. Gift cards available.



Please Join Us For The

Community *Thanksgiving* Service



Monday, November 23rd
at 7:00 PM

Main Street United Methodist Church
11 Main St N, Greenwood, SC 29646

Sermon by

The Reverend Jane Rogers Wilson "Janey"
of The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

*Ministers and several Greenwood Churches
will participate.*

Music by

Immanuel Resurrection Ringers,
Palmetto Girls Sing
and combined Choir from area churches

*Offering will be donated to
Greater Greenwood United Ministries.*



TURKEY DAY RUN



Become a Sponsor - Come join your Resurrection neighbors this Thanksgiving Day at the Race to Be Thankful! We need you to sign up to run/walk or volunteer to help register people, sell T-shirts, set up refreshments, or point the way on the course! Use the QR code to sign up. Contact Kim Russell at kimjer100@gmail.com or 864-344-8009 to help volunteer. We will give you a free T-shirt for your efforts!



Race to be Thankful List 2026

- Piedmont Family Dentistry, PA - \$1,000 - received 8/10/26
 - Allen & Cecily Hughes - \$500 - received 8/18/26
- John Cobb Construction LLC - \$250.00 - received 8/24/26
 - Sudie Moore - \$50.00 - received 8/26/26
- McDonald Patrick Poston Hemphill & Roper, LLC - \$500.00 - received 8/31/26
 - Noonie Fennell - \$300.00 - received 9/8/26
- Robin & Jeffrey Lanford - \$200.00 - received 9/28/26
- Dick & Sandra Daffin - \$100.00 - received 9/28/26



11/2 - Irene Price, Staci Setzler
 11/3 - John Davis
 11/9 - Nancy Nash
 11/14 - Juan Luna
 11/18 - Jean Boozer
 11/20 - Bill Gilbert and Joey Holmes
 11/23 - Carey Divilbiss
 11/25 - Kat Finkbeiner
 11/26 - Joe Pitts and Diane Sponenberg
 11/30 - Laney Kinard



11/15 - Russell and Julie Hobbs
 11/22 - Jim and Tiffany Johnson

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

October 2026

	<u>9 a.m.</u>	<u>4:30 p.m.</u>
<u>10/4</u>	60	NA
<u>10/11</u>	87	6
<u>10/18</u>	64	9
<u>10/25</u>	80	NA

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



The Divas are going to Senor Birds on November 12, at 6 p.m. Join us by signing up on the WELCA Board or texting JoAn Crowder at 864-942-9191. We love getting together for food and fellowship.



LMIM will meet Saturday, November 14, at 9 a.m. (Old Fellowship Hall)



WELCA will meet Monday, November 1
 1 p.m. (McCombs Meeting Room)



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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864-223-0590, Church Web Site: www.ilcgreenwood.com
office@ilcgreenwood.com

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

John Kinard, Congregation President

jkinard29@yahoo.com

Courtney Christensen, Congregation Vice- President

courtneychristensen@icloud.com

Dr. Will Cleveland, Parish Administrator / Director of Music

will@ilcgreenwood.com

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.**