

First Sunday in Advent

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*In response to the call of Jesus Christ,
we the people of
Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran
Church are committed to:*

***Celebrating** the excitement of God's
influence in life by being visible witnesses
of Christ and*

***Ministering** to the spiritual and physical
needs of our community and the world,
through our God given talents.*

**Welcome to Immanuel! Thank you
for worshiping with us today. Please
sign the worship welcome pad (red
binder) during the offering. Thank
you!**

Worship with Holy Communion

8:15 & 11:00 AM

Sunday School for all ages

9:30 AM

Grace @ 5 5:00 PM

The nursery is available for children in
kindergarten and younger following the
Children's Message .

Office Hours 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Monday ó Friday

FM hearing loops and **large print
hymnals** are available at the back of the
church. Please see an usher to assist
you. The church is equipped for hearing
aids with 5T0 (telephone) switches.

Invitation to Holy Communion

We welcome to the Lord's communion table all
baptized Christians who have been admitted to
the Lord's Table in their own church and
acknowledge the real presence of Jesus Christ in
the gift of his body and blood for the forgiveness
of sins and renewal of life. It is our practice to
offer white grape juice to those not desiring red
wine. Pre-filled white grape juice glasses are
next to the communion assistants. Please
indicate your desire for grape juice to the
communion assistant. Empty communion
glasses are deposited on the end of the front
pews. All who commune are asked to check the
"will commune" box in the red worship
welcome pad.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, setting III
is our order for worship today.

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Prior to the start of worship, please turn off
cellular phones, pagers or **watch alarms** that
may sound during the worship service.

**This week's Memory Verse is
John 14:1-2.**

**The November Memory Verse is
Matthew 5:1-12.**

The Service of Holy Communion
November 28, 2010 8:15 and 11:00 AM
First Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

PRELUDE *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star, BuxWV 223* ó Dieterich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#12 of 52 Great Verses - John 14:1-2 (Pew Bible, New Testament p. 112)

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Congregation: Amen

P: The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Almighty God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you, and against our sisters and brothers. Our words and deeds have not proclaimed your reign of justice and truth. We have failed to watch and pray for the signs of your advent among us. Forgive our sin, and come quickly to save us. Amen

P: In the advent of Christ, the dawn from on high breaks upon us with light and healing. Through Jesus Christ, God looks with favor upon you, and forgives you all your sins.

C: Amen

The Advent of Our God

1 The ad - vent of our God shall be our theme for prayer;
 2 The ev - er - last - ing Son in - car - nate stoops to be,
 3 Come, Zi - on's daugh-ter, rise to meet your low - ly king,
 4 As judge, on clouds of light, he soon will come a - gain,

come, let us meet him on the road and place for him pre - pare.
 him - self the ser - vant's form puts on to set his peo - ple free.
 nor let your faith - less heart de - spise the peace he comes to bring.
 and all his scat - tered saints u - nite with him on high to reign.

5 Before the dawning day
 let sin be put to flight;
 no longer let the law hold sway,
 but walk in freedom's light.


6 All glory to the Son,
 who comes to set us free,
 with Father, Spirit, ever one
 through all eternity.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt.
 Music: FRANCONIA, Johann B. König, 1691–1758, adapt.

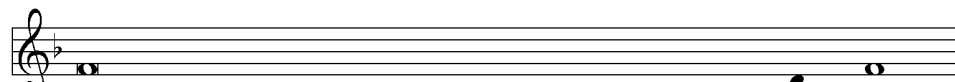
GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE



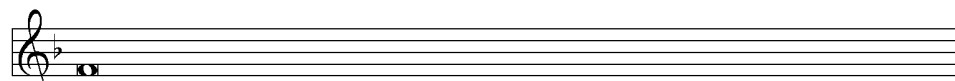
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



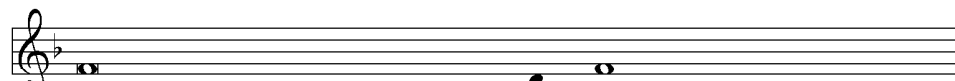
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



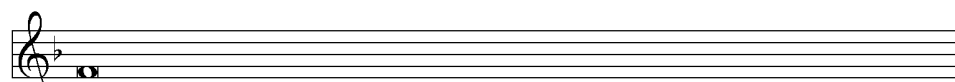
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



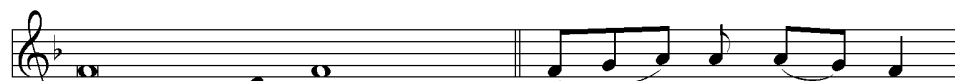
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen (Please be seated.)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00)**Presentation**

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

P: **Marcie Lynn Diegert**, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ? **Response: I do.**

P: **Courtney Ann Curtis**, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ? **Response: I do.**

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children Cian Jacob Diegert and Lucas Maeson Scott baptized into Christ? **Response: We do.**

P: As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life? **Response: We do.**

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture these persons in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? **Response: We do.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support name/s and pray for them in their new life in Christ? **Response: We do.**

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Congregation: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Congregation: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Congregation: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

Congregation: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Congregation: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Congregation: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen

Baptism

P: _____, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain _____ with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Congregation: Amen**

P: _____, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen

Welcome

Assisting Minister: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Assisting Minister: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Congregation: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father (vs. 3-4)

ELW #781

WORD

FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent Hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

(verse 1)

ELW #257

Psalm 122 (*Read responsively by whole verse.*)

I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

²**Now our feet are standing**

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³Jerusalem is built as a city

that is at unity with itself;

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,**

the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.

⁵For there are the thrones of judgment,

the thrones of the house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:**

"May they prosper who love you.

⁷Peace be within your walls

and quietness within your towers.

⁸**For my brethren and companions' sake,**

I pray for your prosperity.

⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God,

I will seek to do you good."

Prayer

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Advent Hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

(verse 2)

ELW #257

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Luke 21:25-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 21st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

At this time the children are invited forward for a message. The nursery is available after the message for children 5 and younger.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

LBW #27

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
those who set at nought and sold him,
cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

***OFFERTORY HYMN**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

☒ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Deacon/ Assisting Minister: Let us pray. God of abundance,

Congregation: we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Spoken*)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed rightí we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNE

Pastor: God fills the hungry with good things. **Congregation: We come with joy to the feast.**

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION Ushers will invite the congregation to come to the altar and receive communion.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Savior of the Nations Come
Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

ELW #263
ELW #246

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Deacon/ Assisting Minister: Let us pray. In this meal of goodness and mercy, O God, our mouths have been filled with your love and our tongues with shouts of joy. Now send us to gather the harvest of righteousness, that all those who sow in tears may come again to you in joy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

The King Shall Come

ELW #260

DISMISSAL A: Go in peace. Remember the poor. **C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE *Prelude and Chorale "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"* ó Hugo Distler
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Receiving Holy Baptism today are Courtney Ann Curtis, Marcie Scott Diegert, Lucas Maeson Scott and Cian Jacob Diegert. Baptismal sponsors for Lucas and Cian are Tammy Brandstetter, Wendy Pryor and Gary Cannon. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Join us each Sunday evening at 5:00 PM for our Grace@5 worship.** Grace@5 is a different worship service ó casual, informal, interactive and musically diverse.

**It's almost time to begin preparing for Jesus' birth!** Help get ready by attending The Advent Workshop on Sunday, December 5, 2010. At 3:00pm we will begin with arts and crafts to celebrate the Advent Season. After working hard on your preparations, you will replenish yourself with dinner at 4:30pm. Dinner will be a time to share fellowship with other members of the congregation as you have the luxury of choosing from many different soups, make yourself a sandwich, and then have some holiday cookies. Can't wait to see you there!

***O Come All Ye Faithful***

The SEEDS group invites you for a special Christmas worship on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm. The service will be held at Immanuel. We will collect warm mittens, scarves or socks for our December service project. Come, help us celebrate!

**IMMANUEL PRAYS:** Jim White, Randy Stachyra, Dan Klauck, Bev Milner, Bill Oad, Britni Fox, Laurie Reynolds, Cindy Weierman, Barb Shortz, Helen Tice, Ruth Rauber, John Geery, David Sweezy, Kressa Sweezy, William Dey, Melissa Hoke, Ed Vander Horst, John Fedkew and the grieving family and friends of Beatrice Belmont. To share a prayer concern or celebration, email [immanev@frontiernet.net](mailto:immanev@frontiernet.net) or call 585/872-5180. Members of Immanuel will raise your request in prayer. The full list of ongoing prayer concerns is available on the bulletin board outside the church office. For an email copy, please contact the church office.

## **Alternative Gifts for Christmas**

In an attempt to offer alternatives to giving things for Christmas, we have chosen two ideas which will give the gift of life to someone else! Purchase of a packet of cocoa mix, to which hot water needs to be added, will support building wells in Africa by Lutheran World Relief. Small decorated stones will help build schools for girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan. And small and large hand-thrown ceramic bowls will give the Webster Food Cupboard much-needed funds to alleviate local hunger. Each gift will be \$5 (larger bowls \$10) and will come with an explanation of the charity which will receive the donations. The alternative gifts will be available between services on the four Sundays in Advent. Plan ahead - get your gift list made of people you can honor with an alternative gift - and get ready for Advent shopping!

**Mittens, Hats, and Scarves Needed!!** Winter is barreling down from the North and hands, heads and bodies will need extra protection!! The Mitten, Hat and Scarf gathering will take place between November 28 and January 2 this year, with the intention of distributing the warm clothing in time for the cold weather. Instead of a tree in the upper hallway, mittens, hats, and scarves can be left in the blue box across from the elevator. They will be taken to House of Hope, Maggie's Kids, and Cameron Community Center before Christmas. Either store-bought or hand-made items are welcome. They do not have to be wrapped - just warm!!!



**YOU ARE INVITED to Wellness on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM!** Come and enjoy fun, food and friendship, with a program and a delicious lunch. Transportation is available by calling the church office by 10:00 AM on the Tuesday before. Do come and have a good time!!!

### **Schedule**

**Dec. 1 – Bring favorite holiday traditions, stories, recipes to share and enjoy an Advent sing-along**

**Dec. 8 – ‘Pet Assisted Therapy of Lollypop Farm**

ó Learn about this fascinating program and meet some of the animals

**Dec. 15 – ‘Don’t Be a Victim of Fraud Scams or Identity Theft’**

Lifespanø Jim Lynd, presenter

**Dec. 22 – No WOW due to holiday**

**Dec. 28 – No WOW due to holiday**

## Serving God and God's Church

|                                  | November 28, 2010                       |                                                  | Next Sunday, December 5, 2010                 |                                     |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                  | 8:15 AM                                 | 11:00 AM                                         | 8:15 AM                                       | 11:00 AM                            |
| <b>Deacon/<br/>Worship Asst.</b> | Tom Lombardo                            | Leslie Schwartz                                  | Tom Lombardo                                  | Bruce Kulp                          |
| <b>Reader</b>                    | Olivia Derleth                          | Wendy Pryor                                      | Kris Maier                                    | Jim Guderian                        |
| <b>Communion<br/>Assistant</b>   | Benjamin Derleth                        | Gary Cannon                                      | Ron Nohe                                      | Karen Holroyd                       |
| <b>Acolyte</b>                   | Alyssa Wicks                            | Patrick Miller                                   | Allison Barnes                                | Maressa Boyatzies                   |
| <b>Crucifer</b>                  | Allison Barnes                          | Andrew Miller                                    | Rebecca Barnes                                | Nicole Boyatzies                    |
| <b>Greeters</b>                  | Betty Tisa, Linda Belmont               | Tamie Miller                                     | Jeff & Bonnie Slack                           | Leanne Boyatzies, Jeanne Ludwig     |
| <b>Ushers</b>                    | Dave & Lori Derleth, Don & Jean Gardner | Janice Durand, Helmut Gunkel, Bill & Judi Bogart | Mike & Sue Herrman, Betty Tisa, Linda Belmont | Bill, Judi, Natalli & Corrin Bogart |
| <b>Nursery</b>                   | Sharon Diringner                        |                                                  | Carol Dittberner                              | Lisa Foster                         |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>               | Cheryl Davies                           | Delores Swanson                                  | Debbie Ast                                    | Carol Galskoy                       |
| <b>Counters</b>                  |                                         |                                                  |                                               |                                     |

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|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Members of Immanuel                      | Ministers                   |
| Paul E. Shoop (Residence 6 585/216-2167) | Pastor                      |
| John F. Beeg                             | Pastor Emeritus             |
| Dave Ekimoff                             |                             |
| Assoc. for Congregational Ministries     |                             |
| Barb Rafferty                            | Administrative Associate    |
| Thatcher Lyman                           | Director of Music           |
| Marguerite Manning                       | Handbell Director           |
| Isobel Davies                            | Grace @ 5 Music Coordinator |
| Ron Corey, Jr.                           | Sexton                      |
| Tom Lombardo                             | Congregational President    |

Don't forget to have your blood pressure checked the first and third Sunday of each month between services in the library.

Parish Nurse Leslie Schwartz (265-9229) is available for medical questions or concerns.

**Deb Huehn is the  
November shepherd.**

Please contact her (265-2266) if you know of a member in need of help or support.

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