



**SEPTEMBER**

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# **2025 NEXUS**

## **Pastoral Reflections – “Being Bold and Courageous”**

Two church-going friends spent considerable effort trying to get their non-going-to-church friend to at least try out their church. The non-going friend stubbornly refused. Although they repeatedly invited this man, they knew pestering him would only cause him to dig in his heels and deny their request.

One Sunday morning, the non-going friend woke early, made a light breakfast and read his online news. After he finished reading, he realized he had no plans with a long day ahead of him. He then thought maybe this day was a good day to try out the friends church. He didn't want to make a big deal out of it, so he thought he'd sneak in, sit in the back and sneak back out. So after cleaning up both his breakfast and his person, he drove over to the church. He was able to sneak in without his friends seeing him. After finding a secluded spot near the back of the church, he observed and somewhat participated in the hour-long service.

Leaving the church he overheard people talking about going to a nearby pancake house for a substantial breakfast and coffee. This sounded good to him as he only had a lite fare for his breakfast much earlier.

Because he had made a bee-line out of church before many of the other members, he was quickly seated at a table when he arrived at the restaurant. Just after he finished ordering the crowd of church goers came into the restaurant. In the midst of the crowd was this man's two friends. The two church goers saw their friend sitting at the table with his hair combed and wearing his nice clothes.

They quickly and accurately concluded that maybe he had been to church.

Greeting him enthusiastically, one friend asked,

“Did you just go to our church?”

“I did.” the friend answered.

The other friend then said, “Wasn't the service wonderful?! The music and musicians were incredible!”

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## Pastoral Reflections...cont'd

The friend at the table said, "Yes, it was nice."

"Nice?!" said the other friend. "It was awesome! It was amazing! You had to be moved by it."

The friend again responded, "It was indeed a fine service."

The first friend persisted, "Are you kidding me? This was a class A worship. I think the pastor was on fire with his message!

Being polite, the friend at the table answered, "I did think it was a good service."

The second friend look confused. "You called it nice and fine and good. Is that all you can say about the church service?"

With a heavy sigh, the friend at the table said, "Look, I know you both love your church and that is wonderful.

But here's how I saw the events of the hour I was in your church: I saw a mild-mannered man standing up in front of mild-mannered people, simply encouraging them to be more mild-mannered."

When I first heard that story, I was shocked into silent contemplation. Is that what the church has become? Is it only and simply a mild mannered man standing up in front of mild mannered people encouraging them to be more mild mannered?

With all due respect – God forbid this?

Jesus was anything but "mild-mannered." Call Him "meek", Call Him "gentle." But don't insult Him by calling Him mild mannered. He stood eye-ball to eye-ball with the demon possessed. He waded through throngs of diseased, down-trodden and despairing people. He shouted down raging squalls and He marched on the sea. He addressed thousands at different times in His short three-year ministry.

He confronted both the intelligentsia as well as the ecclesiastical elite. He stood confidently before a governor and a king. Most impressive of all, He raged and waged a war against the prince of darkness and He won!

This is our Jesus! He vanquished our eternal enemy by dying in our place on Calvary's cross and He rose victorious over sin, death, the devil and even hell itself. I love what St. John says in I John 3:8 "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the work of the devil."

If Jesus shouldn't be described as "mild mannered," shouldn't the same be true of us who follow Him? Absolutely!

I'm not suggesting we should be reckless or aggressively violent or obnoxiously intrusive. But I do believe we should be bold in our witness of Jesus as Lord. We should be courageous in our faith-walk even in the presence of unbelievers. We even should be sacrificial in our loving, serving and caring for other people - - even those who don't look like us, sound like us or carry the same values.

We are not called to follow a mild-mannered Messiah. We are not called to be mild-mannered minions. We follow the Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe, Authority and Lover of all in heaven and on earth.

This autumn, lets re-adjust our thinking and actions to be bold, courageous and sacrificial in the power of Jesus' Holy Spirit.

I am yours in Jesus, with much love,  
Pastor William P. Yonker

*"Drawing all people closer to the person of Jesus Christ"*

## CHART NOTES...Jeanne Miller, R.N.

Have you ever walked into a room and forgot what you came for, or the 21<sup>st</sup> century version ...opened your phone and forgot what you were going to look for amongst your many widgets? How about seeing someone you have met multiple times but suddenly cannot remember their name for the life of you? Not to mention, the ever-confounding question of where you left the car keys or your glasses? If you are like me, this can happen more times on any given day than you care to admit. The piece of my family history that can make this even more worrisome is the fact that both of my parents had significant dementia at the end of their lives, adding the concern of potentially developing early onset dementia to the frustration of the immediate situation. You reassure yourself that everyone forgets bits of information from time to time but wonder, at what point does forgetfulness cross the line from normal aging to the onset of cognitive decline and/or dementia? Hopefully this article can shed some light on this question and either provide reassurance or lead to an open dialogue with your physician if there may be reason for concern.

The three cognitive disorders which can appear are mild cognitive impairment, dementia, and Alzheimer's disease in addition to mental changes, usually temporary, due to some other illness such as seen in delirium. According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), one way to distinguish between normal forgetfulness, which can occur more often in the aging brain, and a more worrisome condition is whether the forgetfulness interferes with the ability to maintain one's usual level of independence. For example, when one forgets how to get home from a common destination, has trouble following directions, becomes more confused about people, time and places, and starts to display the inability to take care of oneself by forgetting to eat or bathe, these are all signs of a more problematic memory loss. While use of memory tools such as calendars, following in a daily routine, making written notes to serve as reminders can all be ways to help combat forgetfulness, if you fear you are experiencing a decline in your memory or mental functioning that crosses the line beyond that normally encountered with aging, it is best to speak with your primary doctor who may prescribe medications that can help slow the progression of memory loss and/or may make a referral to a neurologist, a doctor who specializes in diseases of the nervous system. Also, it is important to make sure you are getting enough sleep, getting exercise, eating a balanced diet, limiting alcohol intake, and taking medications for diseases such as high blood pressure as these are all factors that can impair mental functioning. Your physician might perform some physical tests as well, such as collecting a urine sample for a urinalysis because a urinary tract infection (UTI), especially in seniors, can be completely without the usual urinary symptoms of burning and frequency with urination but instead, manifest with confusion, disorientation, and agitation. One example from my home healthcare days: I once had admitted a patient for home health care after a hospital stay for a UTI. Her UTI was discovered after she was found wearing her pajamas and slippers, knocking on her neighbor's door in the middle of the winter, as she was sure she had heard intruders in her house (she lived alone). Luckily, the neighbor she went to was a seasoned police officer who recognized she was delirious and was able to call one of her adult children so she could be brought to the Emergency Department. By the time I saw her several days later, she had no memory of these events, which is often the case, but her mental status was back to her baseline after several days of intravenous fluids and antibiotics.

## CHART NOTES cont'd...

Memory impairments exist on a continuum, as with many illnesses. The mildest form is called mild cognitive impairment (MCI). MCI exists when someone has more memory or thinking difficulties than their peers, according to the National Institutes of Health. While advancing age is an uncontrollable risk factor, other illnesses such as a prior stroke and diabetes can also play a role. MCI can be a road stop on the way to dementia and/or Alzheimer's but it can also be a static condition that does not progress beyond increased forgetfulness. The NIH estimates that only 10-20% of folks aged 65 years old and beyond with MCI will go on to develop dementia.

Dementia is a progressive neurodegenerative disease, meaning that memory and thought impairments progress over time to the point that the ability to safely care for oneself is impaired due to a neurological disease. Nerve cells in the brain lose their ability to communicate with each other due to a variety of possible causes such as tangling of the brain's nerve cells, decreased blood flow due to impaired circulation, or the development of plaques which impair nerve conduction. Alzheimer's is one type of dementia, the most common type for about 60-80% of dementias according to the NIH. Other types of dementia include frontotemporal degeneration, Lewy Body disease and vascular disease/dementia. One can even have a mixed dementia which involves having the diagnosis of more than one dementia type. Unfortunately, as dementia progresses, the most basic of abilities such as speaking, swallowing and walking become difficult, eventually leading to death.

The most important takeaway is to see a doctor as soon as memory or cognitive/problem solving issues are noted in order to determine the cause. As mentioned above, mental status changes such as increased forgetfulness and confusion may be due to a treatable physical ailment. If the doctor does suspect true dementia, medications may be started which can help slow down the progression of the disease. In addition, clinical trials abound which are addressing the treatment of dementias, partially due to the surge in the number of seniors making up the population as Baby Boomers enter their sixties and beyond. For more information, the Alzheimer's Association has a 24/7 helpline at 800-272-3900 as well as an informative website, [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).



# FEED MY LAMBS

## HOMELESS FOOD MINISTRY

### IMMANUEL - EAST DUNDEE



Check out the many opportunities for children and adults to serve.

#### COOK

Join us to cook on the following dates from 9-11am in the Immanuel church kitchen to prepare food for local homeless ministries.

- Saturday, September 13th
- Saturday, October 11th
- Saturday, November 15th
- Saturday, December 13th

#### SERVE

Join us to serve at the Vineyard Church Homeless Breakfast at 6:45am in Elgin to serve food to local individuals in need.

- Saturday, September 27th
- Saturday, October 25th
- Saturday, November 22nd
- Saturday, December 27th

#### AT-HOME SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in helping with odd jobs for us, like making sweet treats, you can find those opportunities by using the QR code. You can also email Alison at the address below.

Contact Alison Lyon at [a.lyon@comcast.net](mailto:a.lyon@comcast.net).



🎄 The **Giving Tree** is back!

Join us in sharing the love of Jesus with families in need in our community and beyond by participating in the Giving Tree. The Giving Tree will arrive on Saturday, November 1st and be up through Sunday, December 7th. It's easy to take part...

🎄 Take a Tag from the Giving Tree (*located near the Church Office*)

🎄 Purchase the item(s) listed on the tag

🎄 Return item(s) to Church by Sunday, December 7th

If you have any questions regarding the Giving Tree or how to get involved please contact Lindsay at [Lindsay.Laas@yahoo.com](mailto:Lindsay.Laas@yahoo.com) or (847)420-3979, or call/text Lisa at (847)767-1796.  
Thanks for your help and God's Blessings on your Holiday Season.

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Save the Date!

VETERANS DINNER

NOVEMBER 9TH, 2025

We'd love to display your memorabilia!

Watch for flyers & volunteer opportunities starting in October.

## Immanuel Lutheran School Update

As a new school year begins, we rejoice in the blessings God continues to pour out on Immanuel Lutheran School. This year's theme is "Let's make a Joyful Noise to the Lord" (Psalm 98:4), and the halls are already filled with the sounds of learning, laughter, and worship.

This fall brings many opportunities for our church and school family to come together. Mark your calendars for some special events: our HOME Cross Country Meet on September 24, our annual Walk-a-Thon on Friday, September 26, and the Faculty vs. Varsity and Alumni Volleyball Games on Saturday, November 1. Our teachers will also be attending the Lutheran Education Conference in St. Louis from October 2-4, and our upper grades will present the musical *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* on November 14-15. As always, everyone is welcome to join us for chapel each Wednesday at 8:45 a.m.

Please continue to keep our students, families, and teachers in your prayers as we walk together in faith during these busy and exciting months. We are grateful for your partnership in ministry as we share Christ's love with the next generation.

**SPIRIT WEAR:** If you are interested in wearing your support for Immanuel, think about buying some Spirit Wear.

Go to this site-- <https://stores.inksoft.com/ildspirit/shop/home>

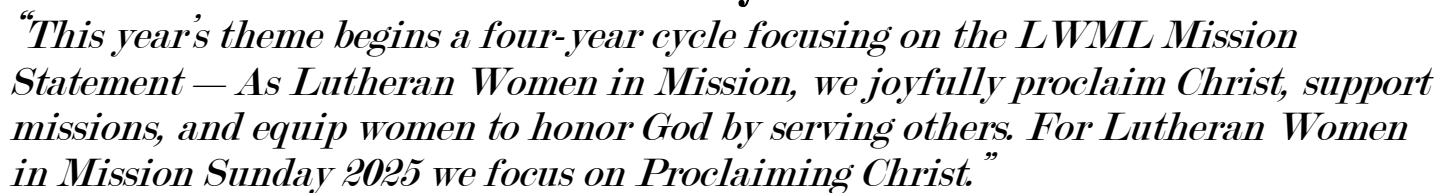


Spread the word about Immanuel. We would love to share Jesus with as many children as we can.

In Him, Kevin Becker, *Principal*

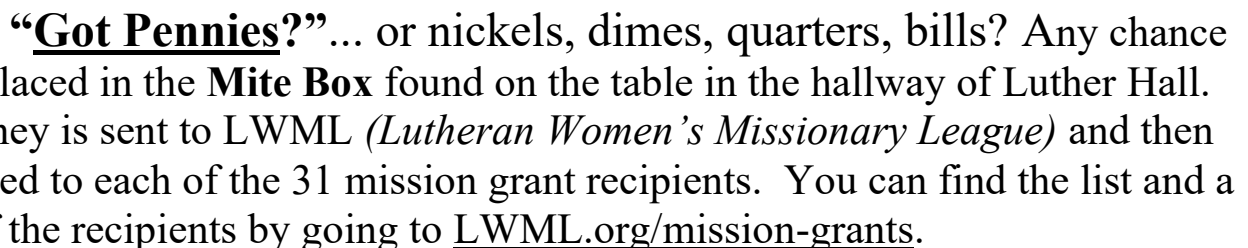


We are also collecting socks and underwear on October 2<sup>nd</sup> for the homeless.



**November 15-16 - Winter Hat Sale**

Speaker: Tammy McMahan from Ruth Project, an organization based in Elgin that supports families who foster.



## Greeting Card Ministry

This group is supported by the Dorcas Society but anyone can join. No experience necessary. All supplies are provided and lots of fun is guaranteed as women color, stamp, cut, and assemble these cards which will be sent to shut-ins and other members of our congregation on various occasions. Please join these ladies in Luther Hall on September 25, October 23, November 20 from 1-3pm. Questions? Call Cindy Meier at 847-269-1537

**"In Stitches"** loom/knit group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 12:30-2:30 in Luther Hall. No experience needed. Learn how to loom/knit hats for the homeless and cancer patients under the guidance of Pat Dzuiba. Knitters and crocheters are also welcome to join this group and share their craft. We will meet on September 11 & 18, October 9 & 16 and November 13. Questions? Call Pat Dzuiba @ 847-707-2407.

# WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES AT IMMANUEL

Join us as we kick off the '25-'26 Bible Study "school" year with a movie-themed book, *Watching Movies with Christian Eyes* by Susan Maluschka. We will take a look at different themes brought up in various movies and see what God's Word has to say about them.. The morning study begins Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>, and the evening study begins Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>. If you missed the start date, but would like to attend, please do so! We'd love to have you join us!

## Morning & Evening Options

**Morning, In-Person Study:** Meets every Thursday while school is in session from 8:30am-10:30am in Luther Hall.  
**FREE BABYSITTING OFFERED**

**Evening Study:** Meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday while school is in session from 7:00pm-8:30pm in Luther Hall.

Contact Alison Lyon at [alison.b.lyon@gmail.com](mailto:alison.b.lyon@gmail.com) or (630)709-6546 for more details.



# Memorials/Gifts

## GENERAL FUND

***In Memory of Daryl Wells*** (father of Lindsay Laas)

Ann Smith, Randy & Linda Liebert

***In Memory of Arlene Harvey (Mother of Tina Metz)***

Fred Holtz, Joy Huck

***In Memory of Marlene Moreen* - Mary Lichthardt**

## *In Memory of Barb Christopherson*

Joe & Linda Mason, Doug & Tina Metz, Kathy Hurley, Monica Moose, Nard Walsh, Steve & Brenda Bollman, Lauren Christopherson, Charlotte Stark, David & Kayla Paetsch, Andrea Pertzborn, Mike Buhrmann, Jill Shaw, Ross & Belinda Sanko, Margo Wilson, Michael Michalski, Barry & Barb Faga, Lori Martens, Dawn Koshiol, Hunt Family, Trey Fettes, Sandra Dillingham, John & Jan Bonkoski

*In Recognition of my Parents George & Nancy Deihs and their anniversary on 9/26/1953-Rebecca Ihrie*

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

*In Memory of Barb Christopherson* - Larry & Sandy Freeman

## FEARLESSLY FORWARD IN FAITH

*In Memory of Shirley Buss (mother of Rev. Allan Buss)*

Rev. Allan & Marie Buss, Josiah Buss, Connie Eller, Alex & Majore Hiatt, Naomi Buss, Jesse Buss

***In Memory of Suzanne Sundquist*** (mother of Rev. Gregg Bowen)

Rev. Allan & Marie Buss

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND

## *In Memory of John Shaw*

Chuck & Marilyn Koehlert, John & Jane Theis, Dave & Debbie Swanson, Tamara & Peter Nilsen

***In Memory of Daryl Wells*** (father of Lindsay Laas)

Randy & Linda Liebert

## *In Honor of Debbie Swanson's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

Dale & Gail Streeter

***In Memory of Suzanne Sundquist*** (mother of Rev. Gregg Bowen) - Kathy & Clay Huntley, Robert & Kathleen Papala, Doug & Tina Metz, Tom & Jeanne Miller, Dave Bartelt, Bill & Kay Gade, Mike & Melanie Seegers, Tiffany Gossamer,

Richard & Ursula Kasperson, Pam & Alan Miller, Bessie Papala, James & Bonnie Papala, Jon & Kris Bartelt, Ashley Cooper, Scott & Rhonda Nowakowski, Steve & Donna Steinberg, Susan Mazurowski, Martha & Doug Krieser

## FOUNDATION FUND

*In Memory of Ron Studt, Barb Christopherson, Mary Jo Siers, John Shaw, Fred Noverini,*

**Jani Bixby, Suzanne Sundquist** - Tom & Michele Mullen

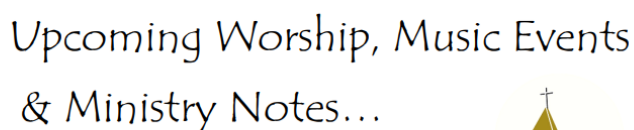
## COMFORT DOG

***In Memory of Jeff Hickey*** (brother of Gail Brocato), and my mom, ***Jackie Turskey*** - Ann Smith

*In Memory of Kevin Romer, & Stephen Lindbeck – Ann Smith*

***In Celebration of my son, Dan & his 39<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 3 - Ann Smith***

***In Memory of Susan Haubenstricker*** (sister-in-law of Pam Miller) – Gwen & Bob Gorman



FOR SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER / NOVEMBER



To all of our school families...to children back in the classroom, to teachers doing what they love, back at a place where Jesus is taught and shared in Word and example. AND to God's house...as children and families come together again in chapel & church as they gather for worship. We invite **all families** to come and be part of our worship - in our TRADITIONAL services (5 pm Saturday "COME AS YOU ARE" and our 8 am Sunday LITURGICAL ORGAN-LED services); or in our praise band/ensemble - led CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP service (10:30 am on Sundays).

**Holy Communion** is served at 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends for the Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 8:00 am services...and at the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at the 10:30. Communion is served at all 3 weekend services on any 5<sup>th</sup> weekends of the month. Also, for those away on the weekend or unable to worship with us live in our sanctuary, know that we provide **LIVESTREAM worship for all Saturday (5 pm) and Sunday (10:30) services**

...(Check out the Streaming Worship Services link on our Immanuel-ed.org CHURCH/SCHOOL WEBSITE, or catch us on our Immanuel FACEBOOK page)

IN **ALL THINGS WORSHIP** - we encourage you to come grow with us as together we grow in the Word because we know that when families gather in the Lord - by His AMAZING GRACE and by His promise... **great things happen!**

**Kids in Worship...** We hope

you will check out the variety of resources for children of all ages - to help engage them in worship. These worship resources are available each and every weekend in the back of church in our

“Kids in Worship” area.



## Upcoming SPECIAL WORSHIP / EVENTS ...

## JAZZ SERVICE...

Coming in September -- Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> -- in our 10:30 service.



Praise Worship with a ***Jazz / Gospel*** feel!!

**REFORMATION WEEKEND, Oct. 25/26 ... Sat. 5 pm / Sun. 8 & 10:30**

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm -- our 3<sup>rd</sup> year confirmand students continue on

their FAITH JOURNEY with this special service of confirmation, connection, and commitment.

**Thanksgiving Eve & Day...** Wednesday (11/26) night - 7 pm & Thanksgiving Day (11/27) - 9 am. Both with Communion.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

**Sound Board / Screens / LiveStream Technicians:** - training available

**Worship Aides, Assistants:** - help w/ bulletins, greeting, welcoming, etc

## IMMANUEL MUSIC?... Just Want to Find Your 'Place'???

in traditional or contemporary worship services...with choir, handbell, instrumental, praise ensembles???



Contact Bill Gade...(847.428.4477 x 227): [wgade@immanuel-ed.org](mailto:wgade@immanuel-ed.org)



# SEPTEMBER 2025

**Midweek Confirmation**  
**Wednesdays 5:30pm**

12-13	<b>Confirmation Retreat</b>	
14	Jazz Service	10:30am
16	<b>Board of Trustees</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
18	Emergency Planning Mtg.	4:00pm
18	MomCo.	6:00pm
25	Men's Club	6:00pm
26	<b>ILS WALK-A-THON</b>	
28	<b>VOTER'S MEETING</b>	<b>9:15am</b>
29	SMILE Ministry	6:00pm

**DISCIPLESHIP MAKERS**  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays 6:00pm

**Carl Fischer**  
CnKfischer@sbcglobal.net

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**Tuesdays 1:30pm**

## Tim Bishop

tebishop4288@hotmail.com

# OCTOBER 2025

02	Dorcas Meeting	12:30pm
02-04	<b>LEA Conference</b> -No School	
04-05	<b>LWML Weekend</b>	
11	Feed My Lambs	9:15am
12	<b>A.I.M. Class Begins</b>	<b>9:15am</b>
13	Columbus Day-Church Office Closed	
14	<b>MINISTRY MEETINGS</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
16	Emergency Planning Mtg.	4:00pm
16	MomCo.	6:00pm
21	<b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
23	Men's Club	6:00pm
25-26	<b>Reformation Services</b>	
	Saturday @ 5pm    Sunday @ 8 & 10:30am	
26	<b>CONFIRMATION SERVICE</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>

## GRIEF SHARE

**Tuesdays 7:00pm**

## Kathy Mittelbrun

katherinemittelbrun@gmail.com

## Women's Morning Bible Study

**Thursdays 8:30am**

## Alison Lyon

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## Women's Evening Bible Study

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 7:00pm**

## Alison Lyon

alison.b.lyon@gmail.com

## IN STITCHES

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 12:30pm**

## Pat Dziuba

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# NOVEMBER 2025

06	Dorcas Meeting	12:30pm
09	<b>VETERANS DINNER</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>
11	<b>MINISTRY MEETINGS</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
15	Feed My Lambs	9:00am
18	<b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
20	Emergency Planning Mtg.	4:00pm
20	MomCo.	6:00pm

## COUPLES BIBLE STUDY

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays 7:00pm**

## Maris Johnson

maris.johnson@sbcglobal.net

## 11/26 THANKSGIVING

**Eve Worship 6:30pm**

## 11/27 THANKSGIVING

## Day Worship 9:00am

