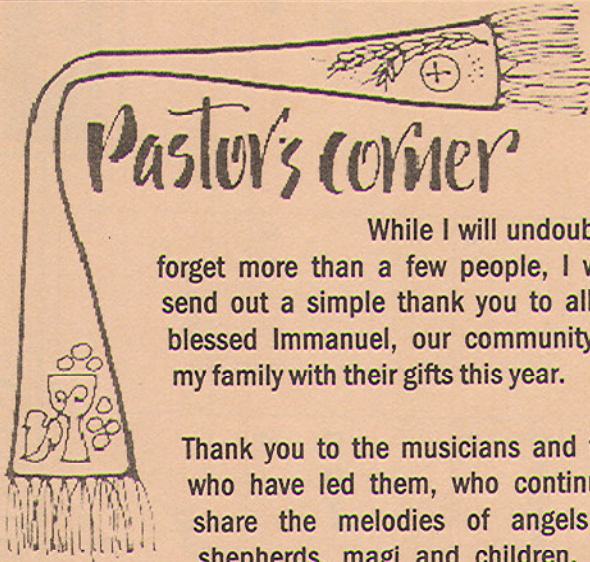


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Pastor's corner

While I will undoubtedly forget more than a few people, I would send out a simple thank you to all who blessed Immanuel, our community and my family with their gifts this year.

Thank you to the musicians and those who have led them, who continue to share the melodies of angels and shepherds, magi and children, kings and servants, young and old. You continue to live in St. Paul's words of encouragement, Be, "filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ (Ephesians 5:18b-21)."

Thank you to faith filled and faithful Parents, the Board of Education, the Sunday School and VBS teachers, and the Elders of Immanuel for your distinct roles in the forming of children, adults, members and non-members of Immanuel. You continue to live out Yahweh's exhortation, "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)."

Thank you to all who have contributed financially, physically, and spiritually through diligent prayer to the ministry of Immanuel. Yours is the voice of the Psalmist that asks, "What shall I render to the LORD for all his

benefits to me?" You know that your gifts are not nearly enough, yet as children of God, through Christ's work of salvation, you respond in thanksgiving, "I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people (Psalms 116:12-14)."

Thank you to the Trustees, to those who have blessed my family with food, money, and goods of all types. Elijah was once blessed in a foreign land by a poor widow. My family too came as foreigners, and through your God given gifts, you have fed, clothed, and accepted us as your family.

Thanks to all who fed the masses whether, 5,000, 50 or 5 before midweek services. Blessings, gratitude and peace, to the LWML and LLL as they have blessed missions outside the church, the altar guild who quietly colors the worship area, and to all who simply receive the gifts of word and sacrament never knowing that their presence has blessed those near them in worship.

Undying thanks to Jesus, who died that I might declare His excellencies now, and live and dwell with him forever.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

To God alone be the Glory

-Rev SA Meyer

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