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*"Taking the five loaves and the two fish, Jesus looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full."
(Matthew 14:19-20)*

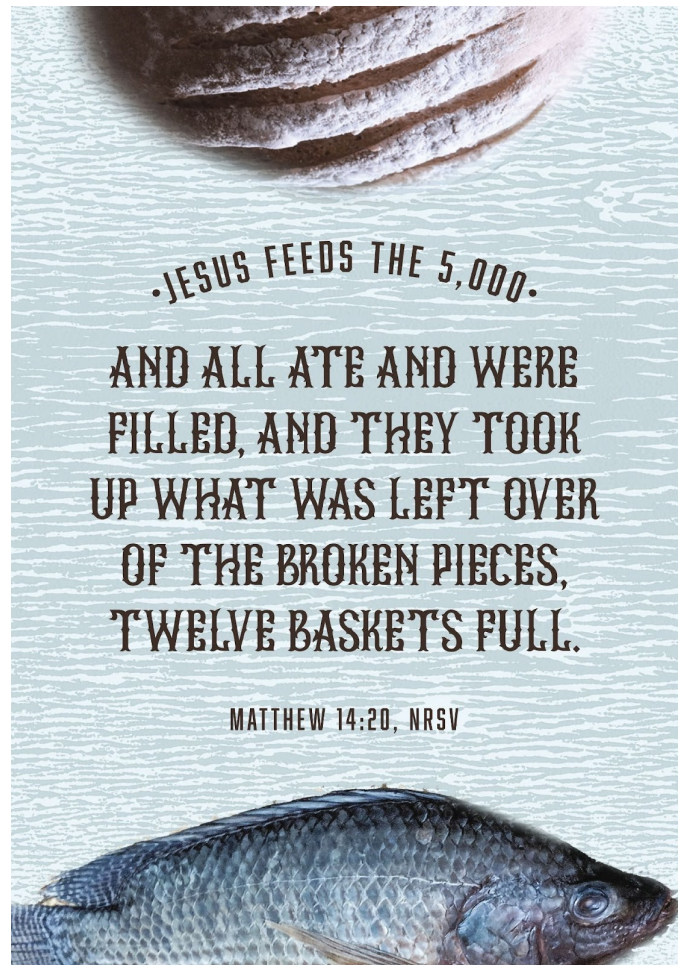
Happy August Church!

This month we will read some stories of Jesus' miracles starting with the story of Jesus feeding the 5000 in Matthew's gospel. The theme of abundance and leftovers seems perfect for August. August can be a time for enjoying the last days of summer with family and friends. Perhaps you can savor the warm weather and evening sunlight this month. Hopefully, there is more than enough time for you to enjoy a cup of coffee in the sunshine, or spend a day at the lake. May we all discover that Jesus' provision is enough for us, and more!

Here at church we will be slowing down a bit for this last month of summer. With VBS, Summer Stretch, and our HS Youth trip in the rearview it's a time for rest and renewal before the fall excitement. Alyssa was granted a sabbatical month in August by the council for her 10 year anniversary of ministry. I will be using some vacation time at the beginning of the month. Our office is in transition as we said goodbye to Grace Olson. Now we look forward to Dee Schlieve returning in September as our part-time office administrator! She will work with Sandy and the rest of the ministry team. Worship will continue as usual, but make sure you check our August office hours or make an appointment if you need to stop by the church for anything. Hopefully this will be a nice reset time for our ministry. If I learned anything from my sabbatical last summer, it is that rest time is needed and it is indeed holy time.

When Jesus fed the 5000, he used 5 loaves and 2 fish. That's often how I feel in regards to our ministry as the church. We give to Jesus what we have, even if it feels small, and somehow Jesus blesses it and shares it. Somehow with God, we have more to give than we ever imagined. So may you give some time to God and yourself and your family this August. You may be surprised what God can create! You may even have an abundance of leftovers to share.

In God's abundant love and peace,
Pastor Jamie





*We invite you to worship
at either location:*

9 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL

10 AM PRAISE IN THE PARK
ON THE RIVER @ PHOENIX PARK
(LAST ONE IS AUGUST 27)



Thank you, Grace!

Grace Olson, who has been our welcoming Office Ministry Coordinator, is moving to Dubuque Iowa next month to begin the Master of Divinity Program at Wartburg Theological Seminary. Her last day of work at Immanuel is August 27. We thank Grace for her service and contribution at Immanuel and extend blessings and best wishes as she embarks on this new adventure! Although we will miss her, we look forward to future visits as her home church.



Welcome back, Dee!

With Grace leaving for seminary, we are excited to announce that Dee Schlieve will return to the office beginning in September! She will retire from her career in the insurance industry and rejoin the Immanuel staff! We are thankful for her return as Office Ministry Coordinator!

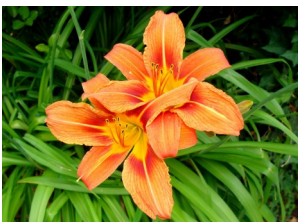


Due to a gap in office coverage during the month of August, the church office will have limited hours:

Mondays from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm & Thursdays from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

You may also schedule an appointment by contacting the office at 715.832.7832 or office@immanuelec.org

Thank you for your patience during the transition gap of Grace leaving and Dee returning!



The final two days of the **Daylily Dig** are Friday, August 4th and Saturday, August 5th from 9 am to 1 pm. Since not everyone wants to dig up plants, or even come out on a hot August day, this link will enable folks to be part of the 13th Annual Daylily Dig for Malawi! You may donate [HERE](#). Thank you!

Youth & Family Ministry News

By Alyssa Engedal familyministry@immanuelec.org



Camp Create is excited to be welcoming back our two-year-old friends this September! We offer two class sections - on either Monday & Wednesday or Tuesday & Thursday, with up to 10 children in each section. We are looking forward to another great year of playing, learning and growing in God's love.

Like always, summer has flown by! As I write this we are in the final preparations for our summer trip and we are so excited! This year, 8 youth and 2 adults from Immanuel will be participating, and we thank you for your continued support of the youth of Immanuel. By the time you read this, our trip will have come and gone, and we look forward to sharing our experiences with you in upcoming editions of the Image as well as in worship this September.

I hope that you have enjoyed some quality time with your families this summer and have enjoyed both a little rest and a little fun.



As we prepare to turn the calendar to September, here are a few highlights to watch for:

September 10: Rally Sunday, JoF Sign-Up Day & Backpack Blessing.

Bring your backpack to church for a special blessing and gift during worship. Following worship we will kick off our school year with some time for fellowship together as we reconnect with our Immanuel family. We will also have information and paperwork for the learning year for you to complete or take home.



September 13: Confirmation Orientation meetings:

6:30 pm - Grades 6-8

7:30 pm - ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting (grades 8-12)

September 17: Learning begins! GWOH

Our youngest learners (age 3) will be blessed during worship at our ABC Milestone, and receive their Spark Storybook Bible. Following worship we will have our first Journey of Faith classes of the school year. This is also God's Work Our Hands Day.



September 21: Worship on Wednesday (WoW) & Wednesday learning begins:

5:15 PM - Fellowship Meal

6:00 PM - Worship

6:30-7:30 PM - Learning for Ages 3 to Grade 12/SHYN

IMMANUEL TO HOST 10 TH ANNUAL MEXICAN CONSULATE VISIT

Immanuel, in collaboration with Immanuel’s AMMPARO ministry and JONAH Immigration Task Force, will be hosting the Mexican Consulate Mobile Visit for the 10th time on Saturday, August 26, from 9 am - 3 pm. This annual visit by the Mexican Consulate from St. Paul, MN, is an opportunity for our Hispanic neighbors to receive the services and support of the Consulate. The Consulate is the only source for such crucial documents such as consular identification cards, passports, and visas. Other services on hand will supply information on topics such as workplace safety, health care, immigration, and local services. If you would be available to help on August 26 in some capacity, such as serving refreshments or providing treats, or would like more information, please contact Ray Koch at rk9561@charter.net or call/text 715-225-5907.

The Immanuel Food Pantry will be open to assist families with food assistance while waiting to meet with the Mexican Consulate. If you are able to volunteer for any amount of time, please contact Sandy LaValley as sandlava1@gmail.com or Ph: 715-577-4638.



RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE FOR REVERAND GREG KAUFMANN

You are invited to an Open House at Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek from 1 - 4 pm, celebrating Greg’s 25 years of service at the Synod Office!. There will be a program at 2:30 pm. Please RSVP Liz Bartsch at lbartsch@nswi.org or Ph 715.859.6810.



The **Lay School of Ministry** is thrilled to celebrate its 30th year of preparing the people of God in our area to think more deeply and live more faithfully. How can you help us deepen our impact into the future?



If you have not participated or have not recently, the best way is to attend the lay school in 2023-2024. In Continuing Education we will bring back many favorite speakers from the past and revisiting themes that have animated us in the past. We encourage people to be in person September through November and April through May and then log on with Zoom through the winter months. However, we offer a reduced price (\$275) to those who only wish to attend in-person sessions; and will be set up so that one could attend all sessions on Zoom if that is what you require. Registration and detailed information can be found [HERE](#). Immanuel offers a scholarship through the Trust Fund. Contact the church office if you are interested in attending Lay School beginning September 8 and 9.

Celebrating 30 years!



Chippewa Valley Multicultural Festival

Presented by: Visit Eau Claire, JONAH of the Chippewa Valley, Eau Claire Area Hmong Mutual Assistance Association, Welcoming New Neighbors—NW WI Immigrant Resettlement

Sunday, August 20 @ Phoenix Park

1 - 6 pm

Music Performances, Food Trucks, Craft Vendors, Cultural Displays



**SAVE THE DATE FOR Neighbor to neighbor (N2N) Thrift Sale
Sept 15 and 16 at St. John’s Church - More Info to come!**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Noon-4 PM - Material Witness Quilting	4 9 am - 1 pm Fundraiser for Malawi Daylily Dig	5 9 am - 1 pm Fundraiser for Malawi Daylily Dig
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02 Keiran Tarpensing
 02 Isaac Jacobson
 03 Claudia Barquist
 05 Molly LoRusso
 06 Joan Pospishil
 06 Elizabeth Johnson
 10 Maddy Rosenberger
 11 Katie Pospishil
 12 Vanessa Rassbach
 13 Rylan Lutteke
 14 Sarah Aiken-Felling
 15 Peggy Schwengel
 15 Marissa Neidermire
 15 Cheryl Ulberg
 17 Lorraine Stenzel
 21 Dave Lehmkuhl
 22 Dan Borreson
 22 Becky Ihle
 22 Deb Kavanagh
 23 Alessa Eilts
 23 Bella Reuter
 24 Debby Petersen
 24 Curt Carlson
 24 Lauri Malnory
 25 Tyler August
 25 Sharon Lehman
 26 Benjamin Reuter
 28 Jan Lothe
 30 Karen Thompson
 30 Dana Ray
 31 Benjamin Fox
 31 Sheridan Fox
 31 Miles Hungerholt



01 Brad & Becky Carter
 03 Tim & Gay Fehr
 03 Bob & Becky Wilcox
 04 Jim & Cheryl Ulberg
 07 Justin & Roberta Liebergen
 09 Frank & Katy LoRusso
 11 Casper & Melissa Haas
 14 Andy & Julie Benware
 15 Mark & Lois Helland
 15 Chris & Michelle Johnson
 16 Chris & Shauna Eilts
 21 David & Andrea Schaffer
 23 Bill & Peggy Schwengel
 26 Larry & Barb Lundeen
 31 Vic & Jan Lothe



HIKE FOR THE HOMELESS

Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley - Beacon House
 Is sponsoring
Hike for the Homeless
 on Tuesday, August 15th,
 from 5-8 PM at
 River Prairie Center in
 Altoona.

The funds we raise during the Hike for the Homeless are vital to the continuing operation of our organization! These funds go directly back into programs and services that benefit our guests and help us provide them with all the love and support they need.



FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE

by Sandy LaValley

We continue to serve several families each week and are seeing an increased need for the following items:

- ◆ Gluten free pasta/noodles and bread
- ◆ Coconut, Almond or Oat Milk/Dairy free food items
- ◆ Shampoo/Conditioner
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
- ◆ Bars of Soap or Shower Gel



A BIG Thank You to the many volunteers who greet and assist families that visit our Food Pantry every Monday from 4 - 5:30 pm, and also those who graciously donate \$\$ and/or drop off items for the pantry!

You are very appreciated!

Looking Ahead...

Cemetery Cleanup

Lutheran Cemetery Cleanup on Omaha Street is scheduled for Sunday, September 17. TBD

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There are many ways you can serve:

- Read the lessons at worship
- Food pantry greeter
- Assisting minister
- Special music
- Sing in the choir or play handbells
- Usher/Greet on Sunday morning
- JoF teacher
- Coordinate Immanuel’s involvement in God’s Work Our Hands

Immanuel needs you! Sign up [HERE](#)



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