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Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River Amos 5: 24

Dear People of God,

This fall we will celebrate the Season of Creation! This will be our second year participating in this endeavor. What is it you may ask? Here is a brief explanation from the resources:

“The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home, the Oikos (House) of God. The Season “Celebration” begins 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. This year we will unite around the theme “Let Justice and Peace Flow” with the symbol of A Mighty River.”

The Season of Creation invites us to reflect, pray and act on behalf of creation with other Christians around the world. As Immanuel is a Church without Walls committed to justice and love of our neighbor, this truly fits into our vision of being Church in the world. The Season of Creation resources use the appointed readings of the church year. They focus on creation themes within them. So each Sunday we will hear liturgy, songs, and sermons that highlight care for God’s creation. There may be some opportunities for you to get involved as well through our Green Team or God’s Work, Our Hands service projects.

I look forward to celebrating this season with our Church! It will be a wonderful way to kick off our faith formation, music and ministry teams for the fall.

Please join us in person or online to celebrate God’s creation and work for justice and peace in this beloved world!

Pastor Jamie

You are invited to worship:

Sundays 9 AM - Wednesdays 6 PM

Sunday, September 3

*Sunday, September 10: Rally Sunday AND
Backpack Blessing*

Sunday, September 17: God's Work, Our Hands

Wednesday, September 20: WoW

Sunday, September 24: ABC Milestone

Wednesday, September 28: WoW



Rally Sunday

Join us on September 10 for our Annual Kickoff to the learning year! During worship, we will have a Blessing of the Backpacks for all teachers & learners who are headed back to school, so bring your backpack along. Following worship, we invite you to take some time to check out the classrooms, fill out registration paperwork, and share in fellowship, snacks & conversation with our Immanuel family.



God's Work Our Hands (GWOH) is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America—one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor. We do acts of service to deepen our experience with our community and to play a critical part in addressing community needs.

Join us on **September 17** for ways to serve our church and community:

- Provide meals for Beacon House, September 24 - September 30.
- Support the Lutheran Cemetery on Omaha Street by helping to clean up the property. More info to the right.
- Serve at Community Table the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Join us for
"God's work. Our hands."

A dedicated day of service in our community.



One of our upcoming GWOH projects will be packing blessing bags, which will be small bags you will keep in your car to hand out to those in need. You may drop off any of these items in the Narthex beginning Sept. 3rd: hats, gloves, socks, hand warmers, travel-size toiletries (dry shampoo, toothbrush), body wipes, rain ponchos, bottled water, non-perishable snacks (raisins, protein/granola bars), and monetary donations.



Immanuel is one of three ELCA churches that maintain the Lutheran Cemetery on Omaha Street.

On **Sept. 17** we will do a general clean up of debris. It's recommended to bring gloves and a rake/garbage bags.



Youth and Family Ministry News

Alyssa Engedal—familyministry@immanuel.org



Camp Create is excited to begin our eighth year! This day camp ministry for two-year-olds will begin after Labor Day, and will have classes Monday through Thursday mornings. Camp Create is a great way for two year olds to begin a school-like setting, in a warm, engaging, Christian atmosphere. Our motto is "Play, Learn & Grow in God's Love," and we spend each day doing just that! Talk to Alyssa if you have questions or would like to learn more.

Attention 6th – 8th graders! Confirmation is starting!

Our first night together will be September 13, which will be a sign-up and orientation night. **Please make sure to bring your confirmation student(s), your family calendar, and at least 1 parent or caring adult!**

Our regular WoW schedule will begin the following week (9/20).

The weekly schedule will be:

5:15 Fellowship and/or meal
6 pm Worship
6:30 pm Learning (Ages 3 - grade 12)



SHYN

SHYN (Senior High Youth Night) will begin for the year on Wednesday, September 20. All youth in grades 9-12 are welcome to attend. SHYN meets following WoW worship throughout the school year, in the Youth Room. We will spend this time together sharing highs & lows, enjoying fellowship together, planning events/retreats, and having Bible study.

Wow Meals

This year Immanuel will plan to provide a meal on the first Wednesday of each month. On the other weeks we will have an open fellowship/bring-your-own-dinner option. There will be an option to sign up to provide a meal or snack each week, as well as the option to sponsor any of the provided meals. We will post on Facebook weekly on Tuesdays with the plan for each Wednesday evening.

More details will be available at our orientation night. Or, talk to Alyssa if you have any questions or if you'd be interested in serving as a meal coordinator.



The **Material Witnesses Quilting** group would like to sincerely thank Scheels for their generous donation of \$500 through their "Scheels Gives Back Program". Through this kind act of giving, the quilters will continue their mission of making quilts to give for Immanuel Baptisms and to our elder members, Lutheran World Relief, and those in need in our community. We meet Thursdays from 12-4 pm if anyone would like to join us or stop by to see what we are working on!

Sing out with a joyful noise!!!

Immanuel Lutheran Adult Church Choir

Wednesday Rehearsals 7 PM

Sunday Worship - Warmup 8:30 AM/Service 9 AM

Director: Tammie Delveaux Rubenzer

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Our first rehearsal is on **September 6th at 7:00 PM** to prepare for Rally Sunday on September 10th which will be our first anthem of the season! Pass the word along! *For planning purposes, please let Tammie know if you will be joining the choir this fall.*

BEACON HOUSE WEEK



Unitarian Universalist and Immanuel Lutheran Church will provide evening meals from **Sunday, Sept. 24 through Saturday, Sept. 30. We will not be hosting meals or providing overnight assistance this week.** However, volunteers are welcome to serve and to share meals with the residents. Your coordinator will give you a count of adults and children that we can expect; 12 to 15 residents is typical. Meals are served at approximately 5:30 pm. Please plan to deliver meals

shortly beforehand. Sign up [HERE](#) if you'd like to bring the main dish or side dish.

Welcome Back!

The Malawi group returned safely back home! We all look forward to hearing more about their experiences and the friendships made!



Second Annual Knitting & Crocheting Project

Welcome back! Last winter we had a wonderful response to knit or crochet hats, scarves, mittens and such for community members in need. A total of 165 items were distributed through our own food pantry, The Community Table and the Warming Shelter downtown.

This year we will meet at church from 1-3 PM starting Monday, Oct. 2nd through Nov. 20th and again from Jan. 8th through Mar. 25th. All levels of ability are welcome. In addition, we will provide two teaching sessions for first-timers on September 18th and 25th, same time and place. Of course, you can always join us, but we'd like to take more time for instruction on those days. Some yarn and needles will be provided, but if you want to bring your own, that's great. If you would like to donate yarn, it should be worsted weight or thicker. If you are not sure, please check with me. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Hope you can join us!



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There is still time to register for **Lay School of Ministry (LSM)**. This educational ministry of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin (ELCA), assists lay people to a deeper Christian identity and participation in the mission of the whole church.

The curriculum and educational objectives of the Lay School of Ministry emphasize the baptismal vocation of all Christians. Courses are designed to help students develop a deeper understanding of the Bible, Worship, Spirituality, Christian History and Lutheran Theology, plus we are fortunate to have Greg Kaufmann and Dave Anderson as two of our instructors!

Classes meet once a month starting Sept 8/9 Friday night 7 - 10 pm and Saturday morning from 9 am - noon. During winter inclement weather, classes meet via Zoom. For more info or to register, [click here](#).



Immanuel Food Pantry - Weekend Kids Meals

Thank You Immanuel for your loving support as we continue to serve many families each Monday. Items most needed are protein: canned chicken or tuna and peanut butter; grains: cereal, pasta, rice and crackers; canned fruit and vegetables; easy prep meals, pasta sauce and entrees, soups; non-food items such as laundry detergent, toilet paper wipes, paper products. Sign up [HERE](#) if you'd like to help on Mondays!

Our partnership with Meadowview Elementary helps students in need with food assistance for the weekend. If you are able to pick up items from Feed My People on Wednesdays between 8:30 and 11 am and deliver to Meadowview, please sign up [HERE](#). Thank you so much!

Neighbor to Neighbor
Rummage Sale
Donation Drop off
September 8 9-3 pm
9 9-12 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church
 1804 Highland Ave Eau Claire, WI 54701
 Gently used household goods.
 Children's Winter Clothes

What Not to Donate:
 Mattress & Box Springs
 Upholstered Furniture
 Car Seats
 Tube TVs or Tube Monitors
 Printers or Copiers






Neighbor to Neighbor is hosting a rummage sale on Sept. 15 and 16 at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Please notice the items of what NOT to bring.

If you are able to help with any of the days, or have questions, please email neighbor2neighbor@nswi.org

RUMMAGE SALE

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR MINISTRY

SEPTEMBER
15 10-3 PM
16 10-1 PM

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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**TO FUND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
 HISPANIC STUDENTS AT
 UWEC AND CVTC**







Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped with keeping the church grounds so beautiful this summer! Mowing the lawn, pruning the bushes, picking weeds, and watering is so very appreciated!

Also, thank you to Kim and Suzi Sturz for working on the inside of our church! New paint in many rooms/areas and cleaning all of the carpets is a big job, Thank you!

A few pictures from Summer Ministries 2023



Thank you Alyssa Pastor Jamie and all of the youth that helped with VBS and Summer Stretch! It was a great summer!



2023 Youth Trip to Tennessee highlights...

Kaelyn Hansen: This was my third trip with the youth group! It was so much fun to be down in Nashville with the youth group and growing friendships. There were so many good times. I enjoyed this year's trip so much, fun day trips into Nashville and spending our last day at a water park and high ropes course.

Rylie Hansen: This was my second trip. I enjoyed getting to explore Nashville, as well as getting to know everyone in our group better. Overall, I had a very good time on this trip and I look forward to going on another trip next year!

Carter Chapman: This trip was meaningful to me because it was my last trip as a youth member. Even though it was hot, my favorite part of the trip was going to the water park and adventure park. This trip helped me grow as a person because I got to help people in need of food all throughout the Nashville area when we served at Second Harvest Food Bank.

Kylie Engedal: I really enjoyed the trip this year and how close I became with the people who went on it. We bonded over the week with the big lodge, service projects we did, and hanging out together! We did a service project at the Second Harvest Food Bank, where we worked in a very cold freezer packing boxes full of ready to eat food. At the State Park, a few of us got to explore a very cool cave that was close to our lodge. It was very muddy and our shoes were all brown. We got to do another service project by cutting branches on some hiking trails which was fun because we got to walk all the trails. To finish our trip, we went to a high ropes course and Waterpark for the full day, which was amazing! Overall I loved getting to know everyone in their own ways, and I can't wait to go next year!

Kaatya Modl: During our trip we had a lot of fun! We did so much stuff from being outdoors, to serving others, to going to the Country Music Hall of Fame. This trip was meaningful to me because I got to become closer with everyone, and got to learn more about God. Overall I had a really fun time!

Keiran Tarpinning: Our trip to Tennessee was amazing! The best part was helping at the food pantry and going on the high ropes course. Thank you so much for your support! I loved hanging out with this group and having fun in Tennessee!

Alexis Drier: Our trip to Tennessee was so exciting and fun! I remember going into the trip not knowing a lot about the rest of the group and leaving the trip with a lot of new friends. It felt good to help out other places that needed help not just in Wisconsin, working in the Tennessee food bank we all worked together as a team to organize and sort food for people who need it. Ultimately, a mix of fun and work was the perfect way to go on this trip!

Alizah Felling: I had a ton of fun on the Tennessee trip this summer. I loved the variety of activities and service projects we were able to do both in the park and out of it. My favorite thing that we did on the trip would have to be the ropes course, I have been on others and this one was longer and more challenging than those.



2023 Youth Trip to Tennessee highlights cont...

On behalf of our trip team, THANK YOU to the people of Immanuel for your support of our trip. Our time in Tennessee was meaningful and so much fun! We were able to serve at the State Park we stayed in, helping to clear overgrown parts of hiking trails to ensure they can be enjoyed by people of all hiking abilities. One of the trails we worked on was an ADA accessible trail which was new to the park just a few years ago and is paved so that people who use walkers and wheelchairs can enjoy time in nature, which we thought was really a neat feature of the park. Our other service day was at Second Harvest Food Bank in Nashville, which was a HUGE food bank and served a large portion of Middle Tennessee. While we were there, we served with two other church groups from Wisconsin! Our other time in Tennessee was spent exploring - we spent time at the State Park hiking, playing some intense (but friendly) games of kickball & Gaga ball, and having epic Nerf battles at our Lodge.

We also spent part of a day in downtown Nashville and walked around on Broadway and went to the Country Music Hall of Fame. Our last day was our adventure day, and we went to Nashville Shores. We spent the morning on a high ropes challenge course, then hit the water park for the afternoon. The week was a hot one, but everyone maintained positive attitudes and stayed hydrated. This was really a wonderful trip, and Andy and I were so happy with the way the kids worked together and supported one another. These trips are always fun and meaningful, but this one really felt especially so. The group didn't know a lot about what we'd be doing on this trip until the very end, but they all went in with a positive attitude and maintained that the whole time! As always, we know we couldn't do these trips without the support of the Immanuel congregation.

Now - get excited to send a group of new attendees to the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans!

--Alyssa



ELCA Youth Gathering 2024: Created to Be!

All youth who are currently in grades 8-12 are invited and encouraged to join us for our first Youth Gathering meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 pm. We will go over everything you need to know - what the Youth Gathering is, why you should go, and what the preparation/planning process will look like.



The 2024 Youth Gathering will be in New Orleans, LA next July and will be an awesome experience! In addition, there is a gathering for those with disabilities as well as a multicultural gathering that happens right before the full gathering. And, new this year there will also be a Young Adult Gathering that will happen at the same time -- talk to Alyssa for more details!

Looking ahead...



JONAH'S ANNUAL CELEBRATION
OCTOBER 8, 2023
BREWING PROJEKT
MORE INFO TO COME!



Mindset Monday starts in September!

Starting in September, Immanuel will host various opportunities on Monday evenings at 6:30 PM to share life and grow in faith!

Wholly Yoga on Sept. 18

Somatic Breathing on Sept. 25



The Immanuel Council met on Tuesday, August 15 at 7 pm.
The minutes can be found [HERE](#). If you would like a paper copy mailed to you, please contact the office: 715-832-7832.



SEPTEMBER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

02 Lois Helland
02 Bill Schwengel
03 Linda Hedding
04 Steve Johnson
04 Jodi Buchholz
04 Madeline LoRusso
05 Sue Waits
05 Deb Balts
06 Sue Luthy
07 Gabriel Ramlow
07 Robin Gullicksrud
08 Kaleb Engedal
11 Ed August
11 Scott Magnuson

11 Heather Hedges
12 Barb Lundeen
12 Lila Ramlow
16 Casper Haas
18 Hattie Hungerholt
19 Levi Felling
20 Gary Hedding
21 Amy Schlieve
26 Renee Strehlau
26 Alivia Hofeldt
27 Betty Gertner
28 Brian Bischel
29 Marilyn Pospishil
30 Trapper Carlson

04 Levi Felling & Sarah Aiken-Felling
16 Ray & Sue Koch
17 Andy & Alyssa Engedal
18 Scott & Gwen Magnuson
19 Gary & Joan Pospishil
21 Brent & Carol Sue Carlson
23 Matt & Kelsey Coyle
26 Faly & Lalao Rakotomahenina

*May God shower you with
countless blessings on your
birthday and/or anniversary.*

"And just like that summer falls into September. Happy September!" - Anonymous



September 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 9 AM Worship | 4 Labor Day Office and Food Pantry Closed | 5 Preschool Orientation | 6 Preschool Orientation Night 7 PM Choir Rehearsal | 7 Preschool Classes Begin Noon - 4 PM Material Witness | 8 7 - 10 PM Lay School in CF | 9 9 AM - Noon Lay School in CF |
| 10 RALLY SUNDAY! 9 AM Worship Backpack Blessing 10 AM Fellowship JOF SignUp & Activities | 11 4 - 5:30 PM Food Pantry Open | 12 9:30 AM H3 | 13 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Confirmation Orientation Grades 6-8 7 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NYG Trip Mtg - Grades 8-12 | 14 Noon - 4 PM Material Witness Quilting | 15 N2N Thrift Sale at St. John's | 16 N2N Thrift Sale at St. John's |
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***Home of Create-A-World Preschool and
Camp Create***

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a congregation of all ages and backgrounds gathered to worship God, walk with one another in our faith journeys, and reach out to the community with compassion. We welcome people new to our faith community and invite them to share our ministry.

Our roots run deep in the community, yet we seek to respond to our constantly changing culture. From our worship services to our preschool, we are dedicated to spreading God's word and living lives to reflect God's love for the world.

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