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In our gospel readings for August, we will hear stories of Jesus that will cause us to feel wonder and awe! When we allow ourselves to hear these stories anew, we can't help but see how miraculous the ministry of Jesus was. We see Jesus feeding more than 5000 people with five loaves and two fish! We will witness Jesus walking on the water after time alone in prayer. We will experience the instant healing of a daughter who was tormented. And then we will reflect on some less tangible miracles that nonetheless, cause us to wonder at the mysterious and generous workings of God! Things like Jesus allowing us to forgive in his name,

and Jesus teaching that he will have to suffer and die and rise again in order to fulfill his mission. All of these wondrous parts of Jesus ministry will be part of our learning this month in worship.

When we experience the miracles of Jesus in the Bible, it gives us a miraculous lens in which to see the world. Like Peter, our faith at times is weak. Still, Jesus gives us the gift of grace and allows us to share this gift with the world. Truly, that is the most important miracle of all.

There are all sorts of ways to think about miracles. We can imagine the miracles of Jesus. We can think about the ordinary wonders in creation and in the human experience. We can focus on the spiritual miracles that happen as a person learns and grows. Spiritual teacher Marianne Williamson teaches that a miracle is a shift in perspective from fear to love. Albert Einstein has a famous quote stating, *"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."* Jesus said, *"with God all things are possible."* (Matthew 19:26). How do you define a miracle?

What miracles have you experienced in your life? What miracles are you praying for, for our world and our collective future?

God of miracles, open our hearts to the wonder of this world. Bless us with awakenings of joy as we journey with you and those you have placed in our pathway. Amen

Worship in August with Immanuel

The Miracles of Jesus

Week 1: Jesus Feeds the 5000

Week 2: Jesus Walks on Water

Week 3: Jesus Heals the Canaanite Woman's Daughter

Week 4: The Miracle of Forgiveness

Week 5: The Miracle of the Cross and Resurrection

Youth and Family Ministry News

Vacation Bible School, August 3-7, 2020

VBS will look different than ever before, but we will still learn, play and grow in God's love together! We will offer a short in-person gathering Monday through Thursday at 10 AM for any families that are interested in attending. We will share the Bible story and discussion, dance along to a song or two, and do a couple planned movement activities. We will then break up and families can play (or do whatever you'd like!).

These meetings will happen each day at 10 AM at:

- Monday—Immanuel
- Tuesday—Mitscher Park
- Wednesday—Owen Park (option to bring your bikes and go for a trail ride!)
- Thursday—Oakwood Park (across from the mall)

We will also post a daily video on Facebook and YouTube and can send the entire curriculum to anyone who would like to participate at home. Just email Alyssa at familyministry@immanuelec.org.



Middle School Youth

Summer Stretch is coming! We will offer a modified version of our popular summer program for middle schoolers sometime during the week of August 17. Stay tuned for more information or contact Alyssa.



Fall planning is underway! Pastor Jamie and Alyssa are meeting to begin planning for Fall learning in the time of COVID-19. Please watch for important updates regarding our learning plans for each age group.

OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OUR IMMIGRANT NEIGHBORS



The JONAH Immigration Task Force has joined together with JONAH, AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities; with local ELCA representation) , El Centro de Conexión, (the local Latino organization) and St. Mary's Roman Catholic Parish to establish a fund, "Neighbors Helping Neighbors," to help our immigrant friends with basic needs—food, rent, energy assistance--- during the Covid-19 crisis. Immanuel Lutheran Trust Fund has provided seed money. These hard-working men and women have been disproportionately impacted by lay-offs because of the jobs that they had, and many are not eligible for any type of government assistance. JONAH members, faith communities, and others in the Chippewa Valley have asked how they could help our neighbors; this fund is the answer.

Bilingual interviewers will talk with the applicants, and the requests will be forwarded to an executive committee of constituent groups. St. Mary's, which has a Spanish language worship service and has thus established a relationship with many of these community members, will be the fiduciary agent for contributions and will disperse the funds.

The need is great. Right now the emphasis will probably be on food; once the rent moratorium ends, paying rent will become essential if these families hope to avoid being evicted. As we provide financial support, we also hope to begin to establish a caring community among our immigrant neighbors in Eau Claire.

If you would like to contribute, please send a check made out to St. Mary's Charitable Fund, specifying the Neighbor to Neighbor Fund in the memo line. The address is: 1812 Lynn Ave, Altoona, WI 54720.

If you have any questions or would like to become involved, please contact Ray Koch at 715-225-5907 or rk9561@charter.net.



Birthdays

01 Ben Lashley
 02 Keiran Tarpenning
 02 Isaac Jacobson
 03 Claudia Barquist
 05 Molly LoRusso
 06 Marvin Kaufmann
 06 Joan Pospishil
 06 Elizabeth Johnson
 08 Steven Buchholz
 10 Maddy Rosenberger
 11 Katie Pospishil
 12 Vanessa Rassbach
 14 Sarah Aiken-Felling
 14 Dan Strehlau
 15 Peggy Schwengel
 15 Marissa Neidermire
 15 Cheryl Ulberg
 17 Lorraine Stenzel
 18 Trista Wickware
 18 Katrina Hagen
 18 Rose Albano
 21 Dave Lehmkuhl
 22 Dan Borreson
 22 Becky Ihle
 22 Deb Kavanagh
 23 Troy Gilbertson
 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
 31 Benjamin Fox
 31 Sheridan Fox
 31 Miles Hungerholt

Anniversaries

01 Brad & Becky Carter
 03 Tim & Gay Fehr
 03 Bob & Becky Wilcox
 04 Jim & Cheryl Ulberg
 07 Justin & Roberta Liebergen
 09 Frank & Katy LoRusso
 10 Dave & Diane Christopher
 11 Casper & Melissa Haas
 14 Andy & Julie Benware
 15 Mark & Lois Helland
 16 Chris & Shauna Eilts
 15 Chris & Michelle Johnson
 21 David & Andrea Schaffer
 23 Bill & Peggy Schwengel
 23 Jim & Stephanie Fey

Noteworthy Tweet! Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

@PB_Curry

May John Lewis and C. T. Vivian Rest In God's Peace and may we, like them, rise up to claim the high call of love, never to cease laboring for a just and humane society and world, always showing compassion, and daily living humbly with God until all God's children are free.

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Heart for Luther Park

Heart for Luther Park is the camp's largest and most substantial fundraiser. This year the event will be held on Sunday, September 27 in the brand new Ministry Center!

The Immanuel Trust Fund awarded a grant to Luther Park's Building and Rejoicing Campaign, which is a capital campaign to fund the building of the new Ministry Center and make needed renovations to the current dining hall.

The new location of the Ministry Center and the addition of precautionary measures (following guidelines in place at the time of the event) means this day will look a little different than those in the past. Please see the poster below for the updated schedule of events. Watch the website, too, for updates—

www.lutherpark.org/heart-for-luther-park



**POSTPONED TO A
NEW DATE**

Luther Park Bible Camp's
Heart for Luther Park



Join us in the new Ministry Center:

11:00 AM	*Come and Browse! *Silent Auction Bidding Starts
11:00 AM	*Grilled Chicken Dinner *Pie and Ice Cream *Camp Store
12:30 PM	Live Auction of Quilts and Crafts (Silent Auction Continues)
3:00 PM	Raffle Drawing

Where Faith is Nurtured through Holy Play

Sunday, September 27th
2020 Fundraising Event

Event held at:
Camp's New Ministry Center
Luther Park Bible Camp
944 24 1/4 Street, Chetek
North of Chetek on Cty M
watch for the posted signs

715-859-2215
Website:
www.lutherpark.org



RAFFLE QUILTS

Every Ticket purchased is a winner
because you are supporting Luther
Park Bible Camp!



BEARS IN LUTHER WOODS
96 X 96 Made by Julia Accola
Valued at \$750.00
Quilt includes 2 matching pillow shams

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE
96 X 111 Made by Diana Thompson
Valued at \$2,500.00
Quilt includes a narrative for each block
(Based on Women of the Bible)

Support the year-round ministry of Luther Park by Purchasing Raffle Tickets for your chance to win 1 of 2 beautiful quilts. A Book of 5 tickets for \$20.00 Or 1 ticket for \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased through our online store by visiting our website lutherpark.org, camp store or at the camp office.



August 2, 10 AM
&
August 30, 10 AM



Zoom Holy Communion & Fellowship—August 9, 10 AM

Weekly Worship—Livestream every Sunday at 9 AM
on YouTube or Facebook

Vacation Bible School—August 3-7

CAW Board Meeting—August 4, 6 PM

Zoom Bible Study—August 19 and 26, 10 AM (***please note change in dates***)

SUP Yoga—August 11 and 25, 5:30 PM @ Mt. Simon

Council—August 18, 7 PM

Like most things, God's Work Our Hands (GWOH) will look different this year but it will go on! 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. There are several ways you can participate, and you can start now! We are collecting donations at the church for the following:

- Sleep in Heavenly Peace—twin bed sheets, pillows and comforters, fleece blankets for twin size bed
- Campus Harvest—leggings for female college students in need
- Cloth masks to donate to Lutheran World Relief and local places in need

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, September 27

We will celebrate GWOH during our livestream worship service, and there will be virtual and in-person service opportunities available that weekend.

God's work.
Our hands.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



Thanks to a grant from the Immanuel Trust Fund, generous financial contributions and donations of time and talent from members, we are now able to bring our worship services to you live from the sanctuary! This also opens up the opportunity for volunteers to help lead worship. ***If you would like to read lessons and prayers, lead hymn singing or learn to operate the A/V system, please contact the church office.***

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