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Greetings, High School families~

I hope this letter finds you doing well, and enjoying the last days of a most unusual summer. I pray that you have each been able to find moments of joy & peace, of fun & relaxation, of being still & being active. Of course, High School Ministry at Immanuel will look different this year than it ever has before, but some things won't change - you each matter and are loved and supported by God and your Immanuel family!

We are hopeful to be able to offer a hybrid style of worship & learning beginning in September. Below are some details on what this might look like:

Sunday mornings - Worship is streamed live at 9 am on YouTube (please subscribe to our channel!) Watch live or watch anytime that works for your schedule. Weather permitting, an outdoor worship service will also be offered each Sunday in September after Labor Day.

Wednesday evenings - Weather permitting, an outdoor "WoW Style" worship service will happen at 6 pm on September 16, 23 & 30 followed by a time of (outdoor) small group time for Middle & High School youth. In October, the worship service will move indoors & you can watch it live on YouTube at 6 pm. Also in October, if it remains safe to do so, we will offer once monthly small group (10 or less) gatherings in the building. (Each age group will be assigned a week.) Occasional Zoom gatherings will also be offered for each age group.

Synod Gatherings: Our Synod (the Northwest Synod of WI of the ELCA) is blessed with an amazing group of high school youth who serve on our Synod Youth Board. Typically a gathering of high school youth is offered each November at the Metropolis ("Godstock.") They made the wise decision to cancel this year's gathering, and will instead offer monthly Zoom gatherings. Watch for more information & dates on when this will happen.

Summer Trip: Next year (Summer of 2021) was supposed to be the next ELCA National Youth Gathering, however, that has been postponed until Summer 2022. I am hopeful to offer an alternative trip to Immanuel's high school students, however I do not know what that might look like at this time. Stay tuned for more information!

Like everything right now, all plans are subject to change. Please be sure we have your best contact information so we can keep you all informed. Check our Facebook page & website, too!

God's Peace,
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