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Good Soil and Ordinary Time

By Pastor Jamie

“But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.” (Jesus, Matthew 13:23)

This summer in worship we will follow along with Jesus in Matthew’s gospel chapters 9-13. Here we will see Jesus heal people, call another disciple, send them out for mission, and teach his followers through parables including the story about the sower and the good soil. The summer months or ordinary time of the church calendar, center on the themes of discipleship, faithfulness, formation and growth.

Many of you may be starting your gardens and planting flowers right now! In the same way, spiritually we will be nourished and watered by God’s word in this ordinary time. We pray that God would allow our hearts and minds to be good soil. There are seasons of life when we need to move slowly and allow the work to be done under the surface. We may not see a lot of growth right away, but the roots of the plants are growing deep and strong under the ground. Then in God’s time, the fruit in our lives will blossom! I pray God will bless you with some slow and deep growth this summer.

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.” (Paul, Galatians 5:22-23)





JOIN us for Summer Worship at Immanuel every Sunday at 9 AM **except** for July 2nd and July 30. On those two Sundays, Immanuel will lead Praise in the Park, and no indoor service will be held (but will be livestreamed from Phoenix Park at 10 AM).

Praise in the Park will be held at the Labyrinth (across from JAMF) at 10 AM. This is a combined ELCA summer worship with Immanuel, Spirit Lutheran, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Trinity Lutheran and University Lutheran with Breaking Chains Praise Band. We hope to see you there!



Malawi Daylily Dig Fundraiser

This year's "early" daylily dig and fundraiser for Malawi will happen on Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15 from 9 AM - 1 PM. If you like digging in the dirt, admiring God's creation of beautiful flowers, and helping out for a great cause, you are hired! Much weeding and prepping the gardens is needed prior to July 14 so if you can help in June or July, contact Greg Kauffman at: gkauffmann@nswi.org.

A huge crowd is anticipated again this year and we are hopeful to top the previous year's amount of \$7,400! The address is: 5207 70th Street - Chippewa Falls WI



SAVE THE DATE: The "late" daylily dig and fundraiser will be held on August 4 and 5 from 9 AM - 1 PM.



Immanuel Serves At Beacon House

Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley operates the Beacon House shelter for families with children that are homeless, and provides supportive services to move families into permanent housing as quickly as possible. Volunteers are needed to provide meals. Immanuel will serve meals on Sunday, June 25 through Saturday, July 1. Sign up [HERE](#) if you would like to volunteer your cuisine talents and time! You are appreciated!



WORKDAY AT THE CHURCH

Immanuel Work Day!
When: Saturday, June 3
Time: 9 am - ?

Join your Immanuel Family to help with a few projects that need your help! On June 3rd, starting at 9 am, we will begin cleaning up the church property area and maybe some indoor tasks. The more volunteers we have, the faster we accomplish our projects! It is suggested to bring a pair of gardening or work gloves and a rake.

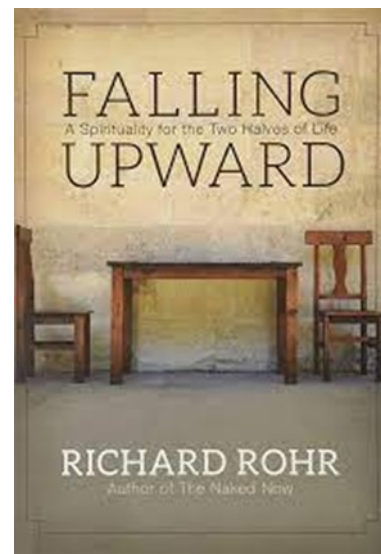
Summer Book Study!

Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life by Richard Rohr

"Most of us tend to think of the second half of life as largely about getting old, dealing with health issues, and letting go of life, but the whole thesis of this book is exactly the opposite. What looks like falling down can largely be experienced as "falling upward." In fact, it is not a loss but somehow actually a gain, as we have all seen with elders who have come to their fullness."

Join us as we look at the benefits of growing wiser! In addition to having discussions about the book, we will complete a faith timeline that examines the important events in our spiritual journey. We will ask the questions, 'what kind of legacy do I want to leave?' and, 'how do I want those who come after me to remember me?' Whether you are in the first or second half of life, this is indeed a class that could benefit a person of faith at ANY age!

Pastor Jamie will offer this class during summer Bible study time during the dates below. If you have a small group that would like to take this class at another time/day please contact Pastor Jamie and she would be happy to lead it! You can order your book at any online site! There is also an audio-book available. The questions will also be accessible for those who have not read the content.



Wednesdays at Immanuel at 10 am: June 7th, June 14th, July 12th, July 26th

Session 1: The Two Halves of Life - Intro and Chapters 1-3

Session 2: Stumbling Stones - Chapters 4-6

Session 3: The Big Picture - Chapters 7-9

Session 4: Falling Upward - Chapters 10-13

SUMMER FOOD PANTRY HOURS

Immanuel's Food Pantry hours remain open every Monday from 4 - 5:30 PM.

Besides canned goods and non-perishable food items, donations of personal hygiene items are always welcomed such as body wash, moisturizing lotion, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste/tooth brushes, sunscreen, baby wipes, and deodorant. These items are used to restock our Blessing Bags and outside Blessing Box. Monetary donations are also appreciated as well as "fuel only" gift cards from Kwik Trip. Items can be dropped off at the Immanuel office or by contacting Sandy LaValley at immanuelutheranec@gmail.com.



A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who has donated to this very important and much needed ministry!

If you are able to volunteer any Monday to greet and assist folks that visit our pantry, please sign up [HERE](#) and thank you!

Youth & Family Ministry News

Alyssa Engedal, Faith Formation Minister



Registration is still available, and Immanuel's Trust Fund is offering 50% Sponsorships! Use the code "ILEC23" at checkout to apply this discount. Immanuel will have youth at camp several weeks throughout the summer, and if you go during week 6 (July 16-21) you might even spot Pastor Jamie or Alyssa! Luther Park has information on everything they offer at camp on their website: www.lutherpark.org

Immanuel VBS:

Immanuel will lead Vacation Bible School the week of June 19! Registration is open now. More information and online registration forms can be found [HERE](#) on our website, or by contacting Alyssa Engedal. Paper registration forms are available in the Narthex. All are welcome - invite a friend! Registration closes on Sunday, June 11.



Youth Trip: This summer we have 12 youth participating in our Summer Trip to Tennessee coming up in July!

We are looking forward to exploring the Nashville area, serving at Second Harvest Food Bank, and enjoying the state park we will be staying at. We thank you for your support of this trip and look forward to sharing our experiences with you upon our return.

Summer Stretch

Summer Stretch: This Middle School Ministry, full of fun and service, will happen the week of July 10 from 9 am - 4 pm. We will end our week with a fun-filled day at Valley Fair! Detailed registration forms can be found online or in the Narthex. Cost is \$100, and scholarships are available.



Thrift Sale



It's Thrift Sale time! Drop off will be:
June 4 after worship
June 5 & 6 from 9 AM - noon
June 7 from 9 AM - noon and 4-7 PM.

**Actual Sale is Thursday & Friday:
June 8 and 9 8 AM - 3 PM**

Stop by to show your support for the youth summer trip team and the Immanuel ZIP team, and find some priceless treasures!

ELCA FAMILY FAIRFAX POOL TIME!

**Save the Date: Sunday, July 23rd
7 - 8:45 PM**

Family Fun Night at Fairfax Pool!
You and your family are invited to join Immanuel and the other Eau Claire ELCA churches for a fun night at the pool on Sunday, July 23rd! Donations towards the cost of the pool rental are welcome, but not required.

Top Ten

Great Things About the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

10. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

- + Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
- + World Hunger Appeal
- + Global Mission and YAGM
- + Lutheran Colleges & Seminaries
- + Women and Men of the ELCA

9. Synod Staff

Bishop

Rev. Laurie Skow-Anderson

Synod Ministers

Liz Bartsch - Administration

Rev. Randy Olson

Rev. Diane House (DEM)

Rev. Greg Kaufmann

Deacon Laura Ramlow

Rev. Sara Villarreal Bishop

Deacon Lidixe Montoya

8. Faithful Innovation

- + Help congregation listen to God and reconnect them with their call and purpose
- + Try new actions and experiments
- + Learn how to be church
- + Neighbor to Neighbor Ministry
- + Social Justice Resolutions

7. Lay School of Ministry

- + 2-year theological education
- + Continuing education
- + Scholarships
- + Themes
- + Develop a deeper understanding of the Bible, Worship, Spirituality, Christian History, and Lutheran Theology

6. Walking Together Event

- + Best Practices for Ministry
- + 30+ Workshops
- + Information & Inspiration
- + Collaboration & Networking
- + Training tools & resources for faith formation, worship, advocacy, social justice, music, preaching, congregational renewal, leadership, etc.

5. Lutheran Campus Ministry

UW Eau Claire

University Lutheran

Rev. Lori Ruge-Jones

UW Stout

Lutheran Campus Ministry

Sara Reed

UW River Falls

Journey House

Deacon David Behling

4. Bible Camps

Luther Park - Chetek
Luther Point - Grantsburg
Amnicon - South Range
Lake Wapogasset - Amery
Luther Park - Danbury

2. Calling a New Pastor

- + Guide and train call committees
- + Recommend Candidates
- + Ordain and Install Rostered Leaders

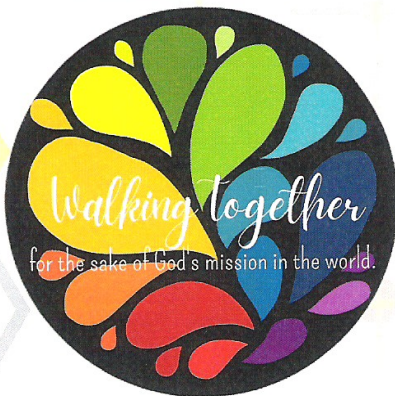
1. Malawi

- + Pastors' Academy
- + Service Learning Trips
- + Hospitality for Malawian Visitors
- + Permaculture Support
- + Congregational Partnerships
- + Wells & Feeding Centers

3. Candidacy & Seminary Students

Candidacy Committee
Interviews & Endorsement
Support & Collegiality

*Please feel free to duplicate for newsletters, bulletins or other ministry purposes.



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Happy Birthday



June

05 Cole Neidermire	20 Becky Ivey
07 Carter Chapman	20 Kimberlyn Sorvaag
08 June Reck	20 Abby Drier
11 Paul Ivey	21 Alyssa Engedal
12 Steve Isaacson	21 Brandt Brieske
13 Rachael Stilp	22 Jan Carlson
15 Andy Engedal	22 Matt Coyle
15 Hayden Malec	23 Madeline Benware
17 Alison Martin	25 Brad Carter
17 Shauna Eilts	26 Sandy LaValley
17 Rebecca Hedges	29 Nicole Tucker
17 Haeven Lashley	30 Becky Carter
18 Madeline Franko	30 Jordyn Ivey
20 Linda Aaseng	
20 Luella Calkins	

July

01 Samuel Pickett	
03 Donna Armstrong	
03 Melissa Tarpenning	19 Vic Lothe
04 Suzi Sturz	19 Lalao Rakotomahenina
04 Kyle Neidermire	20 Alyssa Hegde
06 Joseph Waits	21 Jim McCrady
06 Joshua Waits	22 Lorrie Feeney
07 Jim Ulberg	22 Jack Barquist
07 Nate Aaseng	22 Maija Balts
07 Kyelie Engedal	25 Lorrie Franson
10 Hailey Rassbach	25 Steve Thompson
11 Beth Jones	26 Sharon Beauchamp
13 Joseph Hedges	27 Elaine Schultz
17 Jerrine Kjenvet	28 James Olson
17 Lukas Olson	29 Alexis Drier
17 Gunnar Carlson	29 George Franko
18 Falynn Hedges	30 Bob Larson
	30 Andrew Johnson



June

03 Isaiah & Kimberlyn Sorvaag
 07 Curt & Jan Carlson
 12 Shel & Fern Satter
 12 Nathan & Amy Schlieve
 13 Trista & Blake Wickware
 16 Ryan & Rachael Stilp
 17 Chad & Jamie Brieske
 20 Mia & Kaylee Evergreen
 22 Dave & Melody Dragseth
 26 Dan & Renee Strehlau
 30 Brandon & Karen Gullicksrud



July

01 Keith & Kris Hanson
 11 Tom & Emily Prissel
 14 Darryl & Debby Petersen
 19 Dave & Donna Lehmkuhl
 21 Joel & Pam Woletz
 24 Steve & Karen Thompson
 27 Jerry & Carol Hanson
 27 Paul & Becky Ivey
 30 Bob & Linda Lodahl



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Thrift Sale



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Noon-4 PM Material Witness Quilting	2	3 WORK DAY 9 AM BRING RAKE & GLOVES
4 9 AM Indoor Worship Thrift Sale Dropoff after worship 10 AM Praise in the Park	5 9 AM - Noon Thrift Sale Dropoff 4-5:30 PM Food Pantry open	6 9 AM - Noon Thrift Sale Dropoff	7 9 AM - Noon AND 4 - 7 PM Thrift Sale Dropoff 10 AM Bible Study: <i>Falling Upward</i>	8 8 AM - 3 PM Youth/ZIP Thrift Sale	9 8 AM - 3 PM Youth/ZIP Thrift Sale	10
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18 9 AM Indoor Worship Father's Day 10 AM Praise in the Park	19 VBS @ Immanuel 4-5:30 PM Food Pantry open	20 VBS @ Immanuel 7:00 PM Council Mtg	21 VBS @ Immanuel	22 VBS @ Immanuel	23	24
25 9 AM Indoor Worship 10 AM Praise in the Park Immanuel serving at Beacon House	26 4-5:30 PM Food Pantry open Immanuel serving at Beacon House	27 Immanuel serving at Beacon House	28 Immanuel serving at Beacon House Immanuel serves at Community Table	29 Immanuel serving at Bea- con House Noon-4 PM Material Witness Quilting	30 Immanuel serving at Beacon House	

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Summer Youth Trip



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Immanuel serving at Beacon House Bonnie Weber Celebration of Life
2 9 AM NO Indoor Worship 10 AM Immanuel Hosts Praise in the Park	3 4-5:30 PM Food Pantry open	4 4TH OF JULY Office closed	5	6 Noon-4 PM Material Witness Quilting	7	8
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16 9 AM Indoor Worship Bless the Youth leaving for Summer Trip 10 AM Praise in the Park	17 4-5:30 PM Food Pantry open	18	19	20 Noon-4 PM Material Witness Quilting	21	22
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AUGUST 2023 VISIT TO MALAWI

For the first time since 2019, we will be traveling to Malawi to spend time with our partners in ministry! Eight travelers will depart on August 4 and return August 19th. While away, we will visit parish partners in Zomba and Chimvu (both in the southern region), see some of the newly built wells, take in some Malawian culture, and engage in important conversations with Bishop Bvumbwe and the ELCM staff about recent difficulties and future ministry we can do together. Please pray for this group as they prepare for the journey! More Malawi updates (as of May 2023) can be found [HERE](#).



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR THRIFT SALE

Where: St John's 1804 Highland Ave, Eau Claire WI

When: Sept 15th 10 AM - 3 PM and Sept 16th from 10AM - 1 PM

Organizing info: Sept 14th 9-3

Donations drop off days:

Sept 8th 9-3

Sept 9th 9-12

This is a fundraiser for scholarships for Latin American students at UWEC and CVTC.

Volunteers will be needed , donations of baked goods, and maybe a congregation who would be interested in organizing a silent auction. There is also an opportunity for extra fundraising for your own youth ministries by having a concessions stand.

Farewell (for now) and Best Wishes!

Immanuel has been blessed to have Grace Olson as our Office Ministry Coordinator since November 2021.

She will be with us until the end of July, and will then attend Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque Iowa where she will begin the Master of Divinity Program.

Immanuel will continue to be Grace's supporting congregation throughout seminary. Please keep her in your prayers during this journey!



Dearly Beloved,
Grace and Peace to you.

Sprout

Grounding One,
O Divine Flourishing,
with the plow of your grace
till me, soften me, aerate me.

Uproot my prickly vines
of fear and want.

Let the seeds of you
be buried in me,

break
open

in me.
Sprout mightily,

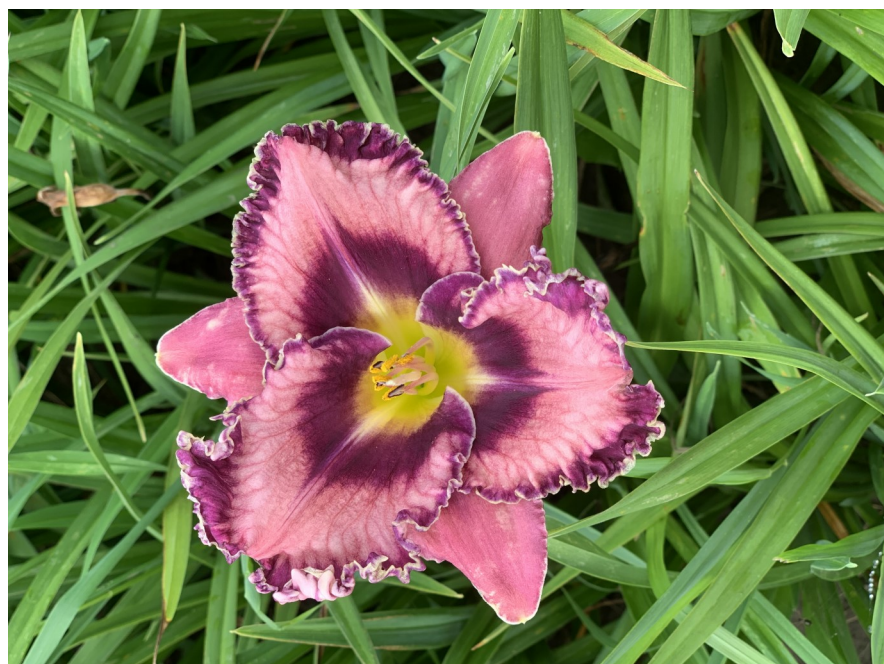
little green fingers, so strong,
feel your way through me

toward light,
toward fruit.

Let the great flourishing
begin.

Deep Blessings,
Steve

Steve Garnaas-Holmes
Unfolding Light
www.unfoldinglight.net



Immanuel Lutheran Church

At Immanuel we recognize that every person has a valuable story that carries infinite worth. We are called by Jesus to love expansively and make this unwavering pledge to welcome all people, without exception. We affirm the image of God in people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, relationship status, physical or mental ability, health status, and cultural or ethnic identity. In our church family we welcome all regardless of socioeconomic situation, addiction, imprisonment or anything else that too often divides us.



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