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A Church Without Walls

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Sabbath as presence

When we begin our confirmation class at Immanuel on Wednesday nights, I pull out my basket and pass it around. All the phones go into the basket. It's a bit of a tradition now. The middle school youth quickly call each other out if anyone forgets to add their phone to the pile. We do this for obvious reasons. It's very hard to focus when you have your phone next to you, or even in your pocket. Sometimes I even throw my

phone in there, because to be honest, it's just as hard for me to resist the seductive pull of a ping or notification as it is for the kids. For an hour, we try to give each other the gift of presence.

One of the things I tried to develop over my sabbatical was the practice of doing one thing at a time. Somewhere in my life I lost this priority. Multi-tasking is the answer, our cultures beckons! You can do it all! You can have a job **and** raise a family **and** stay connected to the world **and** get fit **and** have a well-kept home **and** do community service. And, and, and.... Fill in the "ands" for yourself. Our phones are one way we are lured into doing more, more, AND more!

Walter Brueggemann in his book, *Sabbath as Resistance* writes, "Doing tasks of acquisitiveness while trying to communicate humanly is the true mark of the 'turn to commodity.' We all become commodities to one another, to be bought and sold and traded and cheated.... The Sabbath command is an urgent summons to break the pattern of the divided heart."

Tricia Hersey in her Nap Ministry, teaches that to rest is to return to our human state. Even neuroscience will tell us that we can't really multitask. We can just switch back and forth from tasks very quickly, which makes us very tired and stressed out. Our human state is a state of being present and focusing on mostly one thing at a time. Sabbath teaches us that kind of presence, and invites us to enjoy life with God and each other.

What times in your own life do you "pass around the basket" and throw your phone or other distractions in it? Either with your family or friends or just yourself and God? Let's make more room for doing one thing at a time together as a church family. Let's slow down and enjoy this life God gave to us!

In God's rest,
Pastor Jamie



Let your
GENTLENESS
BE EVIDENT
TO ALL.

THE LORD IS NEAR.

PHILIPPIANS 4:5, NIV



NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday 9 AM; Wednesday 6 PM

November 2: Worship on Wednesday (WoW)

November 6: All Saints Sunday

November 9: WoW

November 13: Stewardship Sunday

November 16: Stewardship Wednesday/WoW

November 20: Sunday Worship

November 23: NO WoW

November 27: Sunday Worship—1st Day of Advent

November 30: WoW



Hello! My name is Becky Carter and I am representing Immanuel's Church Council to announce our upcoming stewardship Sunday. Along with many other routines that were disrupted by the pandemic was ours of regularly taking time to reflect on the work God is doing here at Immanuel, the important ministries that we are a part of, and what each of us is called to give to support this congregation. We will be having a dedicated time on Sunday, November 13 and Wednesday, November 16, to complete our estimates of giving. Estimates can also be completed prior to that time by using the link that will soon be appearing in the weekly email.

Thanksgiving baskets help families in need...

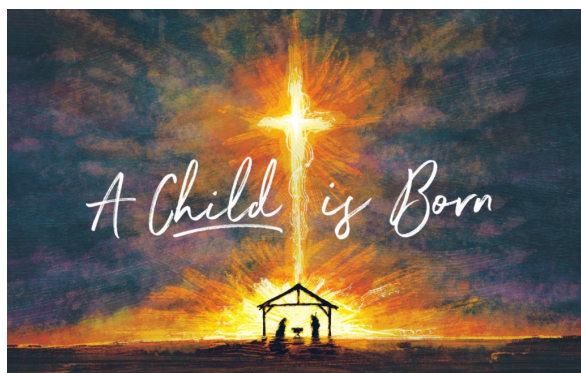
One important food ministry Immanuel initiates each year is helping area families in need enjoy a Thanksgiving meal by providing a turkey and all of the fixings! You can help by donating some of the "yummy fixings" that accompany the turkey! Click [HERE](#) To see the list of food items needed, or to make a monetary donation, OR call the church office at 715-832-7832.

Your support and donation is very appreciated!



Looking ahead...

Immanuel
Christmas Eve
Worship
4 PM



ELCA
Christmas Day
Worship
at
Grace
Lutheran
10 AM

Youth and Family Ministry News

Alyssa Engedal, Faith Formation

Attention Journey of Faith families!

As always, the Christmas season is approaching quickly! This year's Advent Celebration will be on Sunday, December 18 during our 9 AM worship service. We will begin preparations after Thanksgiving and are excited to share the story of Jesus' birth through a fun and engaging program this year! If your child is unable to attend this year's celebration, please let me as soon as possible, and they are still welcome and encouraged to attend the classes leading up to the program. In addition, if your child would like to participate by sharing special music, sharing a reading, serving as Acolyte or Crucifer, etc, please let me know.



Tennessee Bound 2023

Next summer's high school trip planning is underway! We're headed to Tennessee in 2023 - taking the trip we

had planned to take in 2020. We will be staying at Cedars of Lebanon State Park (located about 50 miles east of Nashville), and are excited to serve and explore the surrounding area. Get to know the team members by reading their introductions in upcoming editions of *The Image*, and be on the lookout for opportunities to support our trip financially - the first of which will be a bake sale on Sunday, November 20!

Material Witnesses Quilting Group By Becky Ihle

Thank you from the Material Witnesses Quilting group for your kind words about the quilts that were displayed and blessed in October. We sincerely appreciate the support from this congregation!

We have increased our production of quilts this year to send out to those in need thanks to this group of approximately 16 faithful people meeting Thursdays from 12 - 4 PM. We welcome new members anytime, so please feel free to join us.



Perhaps you would like to support our ministry in other ways such as gift cards to Jo Ann's or Walmart, monetary donations through Immanuel designated to Material Witnesses Quilting, or donations of 100% cotton fabric or sheets. Quilts are made for Baptisms at Immanuel, Lutheran World Relief, Palliative Care, dialysis units, Veterans, homeless children and adults, and Helping Hands to name a few.

ZIP Update by Holli Jacobson

This October, the Zomba Immanuel Partnership welcomed Deacon Laura Ramlow to our meeting. She shared news from the ELCM and discussed upcoming trips to Malawi. The synod plans to visit Malawi in July or August 2023 and ZIP is looking for a couple of representatives from Immanuel to participate. If this interests you, please contact the office to hear more. We welcome new members to ZIP at any time!

Chili Cookoff - Sunday, November 6

Our Chili Cookoff fundraiser for Malawi returns on Sunday, November 6, after worship. Do you have a favorite chili recipe? If so, consider being one of our chefs! A signup will be in the Narthex, or contact Holli Jacobson at hcpitsch@gmail.com. All chili will be served in single use compostable bowls. All freewill donations will go to the ZIP group for future trip fundraising.



Immanuel Green Team invites you to join them!

We invite you to get involved in the Immanuel Green Team. We meet the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Community Room, and are starting to introduce some collection programs for things that can be recycled in our community but can't go in the curbside blue bin. Items such as batteries, cords, chargers, and Christmas lights are a few items that can be recycled but often get thrown in the trash since they can't be recycled curbside. There are so many small things that we can all do that collectively make a difference!

We will start collecting used batteries at church. Look for a bin near the door where you can deposit them. The battery ends need to be taped over to prevent an accidental fire as they rub against each other. If you can do this, great! If not, the Green Team will gladly take care of it. Thank you for your contributions to preserving our planet! For more information, contact Sue Waits, 715-829-5762, or waitsr@charter.net.

Green Tips

Did you know only 5-9% of all plastic waste is actually recycled. Other plastic waste is incinerated, ends up in the landfill or is found as litter on land and water. Here are some easy ways you can reduce your plastic usage. Pick one and once you have that mastered move to the next item:

- ◆ Carry a reusable bag. If you forget your bags in the car when you shop, just put the groceries back in the cart and bag at your car (like you do at Sam's Club).
- ◆ Carry other bags for produce and refuse the plastic produce bags. You really don't need a plastic bag for those two lemons.
- ◆ Carry a reusable water bottle.
- ◆ Refuse the straw.
- ◆ Carry reusable fork and spoon so you can refuse plastic cutlery. Compact bamboo fork and spoon sets are sold at various stores and easy to carry in purse or backpack.





03 Easton Lutteke	14 Julia Ramlow
05 Rachel Isaacson	15 Carol Sue Carlson
06 Laiken Hall	15 Helissa Bell
06 Hannah Hall	16 Laura Olson
06 Brock Stilp	17 Darryl Petersen
06 Bennett Stilp	20 Kitty Rahl
08 Brent Carlson	20 Karen Betzig-Lundberg
08 Harrison Haas	20 Justina Mbanali
09 Landon Ivey	21 Luke Rosenberger
11 Pastor Jamie Brieske	23 Joy Becker
11 Kaelyn Hansen	23 Katy LoRusso
11 Rowan Tarpenning	28 Mary Bischel
13 Tammie Delveaux Rubenzer	28 Marit Barquist



05 Aaron & Jennifer Larson
 05 Ben & Jennifer Lashley
 09 Kim & Suzi Sturz
 13 Donovan & Nicole Tucker



In memory of
 two
 recently active
 members of
 Immanuel Lu-
 theran Church,
 Barbara Garnett

(nee Bloom), (1933-2022), and Lynda
 Hanson, (1942 - 2022), who died recently,
 two flowering crab apple trees have been
 planted in the boulevard on the north
 side of the parking lot.

Dear Father.

**Today I thank you for my church.
 While some might think of doors and windows,
 I'm praising you for spirits and hearts.
 the people whose lives you've intersected
 are remarkable through your grace.
 I can't praise you enough for the unique way
 you've blended the talents of individuals
 into beautiful masterpieces of joy.
 May we love one another to the fullest
 and be evidence of your ultimate love
 to advance the work of your kingdom.**

Amen.



<https://rachelwojo.com/prayer-thanks-church/>

Food Pantry and Blessing Box Update

THANK YOU to those that have dropped
 off items for the Food Pantry! This con-
 tinues to be a real need in our communi-
 ty and those using the Food Pantry are so
 thankful for the assistance! There is also
 a need for personal hygiene products,
 i.e., body wash and hair care.

Church Council Minutes

Due to space, the
 October and future Council minutes will
 be accessed [HERE](#) on the website once
 approved.

If you would like a paper copy mailed to
 you, please

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 AM H3	2 10 AM Sr Bible Study 5:15 PM Meal 6 PM Worship 6:30 PM Learning/SHYN Adult Somatic Practices w/ Sarah 7 PM Choir 7:30 PM Mentor Meeting	3 Noon - 4 PM Material Witness Quilting	4	5 Daylight Savings Ends Turn clocks back 
6 9 AM Worship All Saints Sunday 10 AM Learning and ZIP Chili Cookoff Fundraiser	7 4 - 5:30 PM Food Pantry Open 6:30 PM - H3	8 9:30 AM H3	9 10 AM Sr Bible Study 5:15 PM Meal 6 PM Worship 6:30 PM Learning/SHYN and Raising Good Humans Book Group 7 PM Choir	10 Noon - 4 PM Material Witness Quilting	11 Veterans Day	12
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