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Sabbatical Musings

Greetings congregation! Thank you to everyone who asked about my sabbatical or prayed for me in my absence. Thank you to the entire congregation for supporting me in this time of rest. How was it, you may ask? I'm grateful to say it was wonderful! It was time well-spent centered on family, fun, and the outdoors. Still, I continue to process what this sabbatical meant to me. I know it was important, and as the weeks and months pass I think I will better understand the role this time of rest played and will continue to play in my life and ministry.

I have already shared some stories from my summer during worship, and I will continue to do this going forward. You will get bits and pieces of what I learned and what I am reflecting on as we move forward together.

Ideally, a sabbatical should remind us, as one pastor noted, that rest is not a privilege but a human need. Rest should have a regular rhythm within our lives. As *Burnout* authors Emily & Amelia Nagoski discovered, 42% of our day should be some form of rest. As our scriptures teach us one day a week should be devoted to rest, especially rest that includes spiritual nourishment and community.

As I sit in the busyness of September, I hope that my sabbatical can bring a sense of sabbath into my regular routine. I hope that you, too, can find what that means in your own life. I would like to continue to explore this together. I plan to do a sermon series & conversations on Sabbath to help us do this. Watch for this sometime in the coming year!

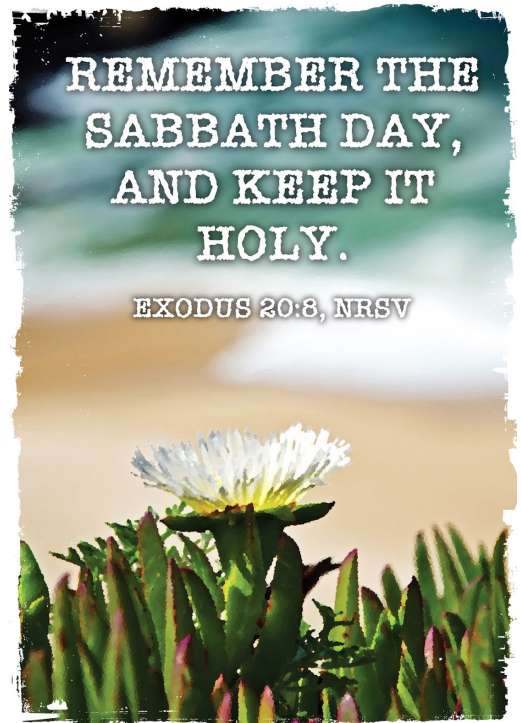
In the meantime rest in these wise words of Sabbath from Barbara Brown Taylor:



"At least one day in every seven, pull off the road and park the car in the garage. Close the door to the tool shed and turn off the computer. Stay home not because you are sick but because you are well. Talk someone you love into being well with you. Take a nap, a walk, an hour for lunch. Test the premise that you are worth more than you can produce - that even if you spent one whole day being good for nothing you would still be precious God's sight- and when you get anxious because you are convinced that this is not so, re-

member that your own conviction is not required. This is a commandment. Your worth has already been established, even when you are not working. The purpose of the commandment is to woo you to the same truth."

In God's grace and rest,



Come join us...



OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays 9 AM - Wednesdays 6 PM

October 2: Worship - 140th LSS Anniversary
October 5: Worship on Wednesday (WoW)
October 9: Worship, Learning, Book Group
October 12: WoW, Book Group
October 16: Worship - New Member Blessing
October 19: WoW
October 23: Worship, Learning, Fellowship
October 26: WoW
October 30: Worship, Learning, Fellowship

Raising Good Humans (by Hunter Clarke-Fields) Book Group

Join us for Raising Good Humans! We will be meeting 1x/month to discuss 1-2 chapters in this book and you can choose either a Sunday or Wednesday session (the sessions will involve the same exercises/discussion for the month). This book is a great way to look at personal parenting practices, the 'why' behind why we do those practices for each of us, and how to do what we 'aspire' to do as parents rather than what we may have been doing. It involves reflection, mindfulness and being intentional with exercises in the book. We will break down some of these practices/exercises and complete them within our book group. This book combines a great deal of information from a wide variety of sources and leading experts in psychology, mindfulness, and parenting. You can order the book online!

Melissa Haas will be facilitating this book group. She is a pediatric occupational therapist and licensed clinical social worker. She has two children of her own and has found this book to be a GREAT compilation of resources. Many of the ideas and resources in this book are ones that she's explored and learned about while making her own missteps and corrections in parenting and working with children.

All parents, potential parents, grandparents and even those who support parents (directly/indirectly) are welcome to join this group.

For those who join the group, we are asking them to complete a google survey [HERE](#) prior to the first group meeting.

Fall Dates:

Sunday, 10/9 10 - 11 AM

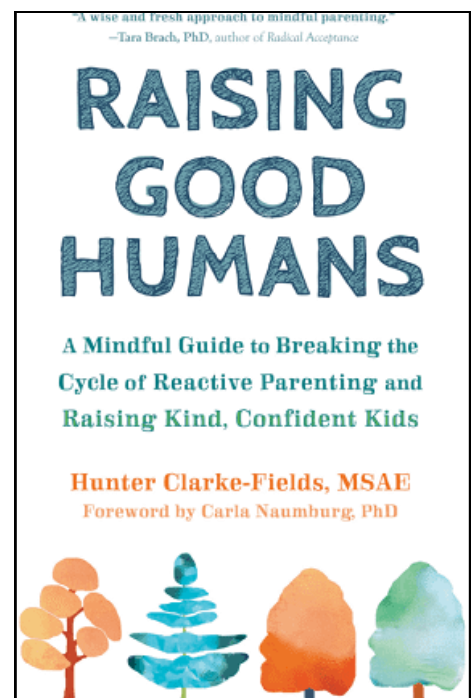
Sunday, 11/13 10 - 11 AM

Sunday, 12/11 10 - 11 AM

Wednesday, 10/12 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Wednesday, 11/9 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Wednesday, 12/14 6:30 - 7:30 PM



Youth & Family Ministry News

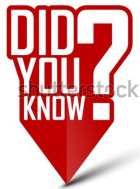
Alyssa Engedal - familyministry@immanuel.org

Join us for our Halloween Spook-tacular! Immanuel and our friends at Create-A-World Preschool will be having an outdoor Halloween party for the whole family on Sunday, October 30 from 3 - 5 PM. Bring your own pumpkin(s) to carve or paint, and we will have a variety of family friendly Halloween activities for you to enjoy. We will end the night with Trunk or Treating at 4:30 PM. If you'd like to join us and pass out candy, please enter through the driveway on Golf Road and arrive by 4:15 PM to get set up! If you are unable to attend, but would like to donate candy for the event, you can drop it off in the church office anytime.



How are funds raised for Immanuel's Youth Group spent?

As you may know, Immanuel's youth group fundraises throughout most of the school year to be able to go on a summer trip together each summer. Ever wonder where all that money goes? Here's a glimpse at our expenses from last summer's trip, to the Tri-Synod Rebound Gathering and camping in South Dakota:



Gathering Registration - \$5,225

Food for the week - \$1800

Campsites - \$400

Gas - \$950

Vehicle rental - \$1800

Parking, firewood & other incidentals - \$150

Mileage (paid for the non-rented vehicle) - \$500

A week together growing in God's love & in fellowship together - PRICELESS (but also, over \$10,000!). Each participant pays a deposit, but the rest of our trips are paid for through our fundraising efforts. We appreciate your ongoing generosity which makes these life changing and faith forming trips a possibility for Immanuel's youth!



Create-A-World Preschool News - by Katy LoRusso

We are off to a great start at preschool! We have a few spots open for our Mon/Wed/Fri 9 AM - 12 PM class with an Immanuel Day Camp Ministry addition of 'Lunch Bunch' on Wednesdays from 12 - 1 PM this year. Please spread the word!

In October we are holding two events. The first one is a FUNDrive clothing and small household item donation fundraiser. **This is to help us secure much needed new playground equipment!** If you can donate, we will be collecting bags of clothes and boxes of small household items during the week of October 30th. These items will then be taken to Savers who will pay us \$ for every pound donated. Please contact Katy (715 533-3029) to coordinate a drop off or pick up or use the Sign Up Genius link [HERE](#).

Note: Monetary donations are appreciated if you don't have any items to donate! Thank you!

The other event we are holding is a Family Fun Halloween Spook-tacular in conjunction with Immanuel on Sunday, October 30th. A fun and busy month for our preschool!





October 2: Lutheran Social Services 140th Anniversary Celebration!

Your generosity and prayerful support of Lutheran Social Services of WI & Upper MI has helped to make a profound difference and you are invited to join the celebration at a special event on Sunday, October 2nd from 9:00 - 11:30 AM. LSS began in 1882 in Wittenberg, WI when Pastor Homme's dream of offering much needed services became a reality. 140 years later that legacy continues and thanks to you there are programs in every county in WI and several in Upper MI. Join us for a taste of yesteryear and a glimpse into the future as we celebrate the history and impact of your gifts with a time of fellowship at Immanuel! Come and see firsthand how children, families and communities have found healing and a path to sharing their God-given gifts with the world.



October 16: JONAH'S 15TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION 6 - 8 PM



We are excited to celebrate 15 years of making social change happen for the betterment of all. We will have innovative speakers on our issues from outside of our area (to inspire what is possible), meet and greet the task forces (learn about what they are doing), participate in a cupcake walk fundraiser, eat, drink and hear contemporary music.

THIS IS A HYBRID EVENT – you can participate in EVERYTHING via Zoom! Even the cupcake walk is zoom friendly. (the snacks and beer, however, are not)

Tickets are \$35 for in person and \$15 for Zoom. Purchase your tickets [HERE](#) or contact Sue Waits or Ray Koch to avoid processing fees. Consider purchasing a scholarship ticket for someone when you purchase.

October 19, 2022 - 6:30 PM The Immanuel Green Team is off and running and we would love to have you join us as we learn ways we can individually and as a congregation take care of creation. We meet the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 19th. Come find out what it is about or contact Sue Waits at waitsr@charter.net or 715-829-5762.

Green Team News by Sue Waits

Fall Arts & Music Celebration - Oct. 30



Join in the fun on October 30th from 1 - 4 PM for the first annual **Fall Arts & Music Celebration** at Hope Lutheran Church, 2226 Eddy Lane. Local artists will display and/or sell their work and choirs from several Lutheran churches including Immanuel will be performing from 2 - 3 PM. Immanuel artists are invited to participate! Please contact Holli Jacobson at 608-250-9122 or hcpitsch@gmail.com ASAP to confirm your interest!

Art viewing : 1 - 4 PM

Choir Concert: 2 PM

Refreshments and desserts will be available. Concert is a free will offering to support the ELCA's Neighbor to Neighbor Program. Come and admire awesome local artwork. Some for sale and some for viewing: Woodcarvings, Rosemaling and Folk Painting, Jewelry, Batik, Pottery and Sculpture, Photography and Stained Glass.





03 Nicole Cox	18 Lauren Fey
03 Thatcher Carlson	21 Kim Sturz
05 Thom Hokanson	21 Tania Riske
07 Mike Calkins	21 Cashton Hungerholt
08 Kris Hanson	22 Mark Malnory
09 Gary Pospishil	23 Kelly Kavanagh
10 Emily Prissel	24 Jaiden Ivey
11 Lillian Reck	25 Dave Dragseth
13 Sue Barquist	27 Kailey Hanson
14 Andrea Schaffer	28 Keith Martin
15 Shelley Borreson	29 Bob Wilcox
15 Calvin Dean	30 Alex Glynn



02 Dean & Pam Johnson
12 Chad & Amy Drier
14 Scott & Elizabeth Calkins
20 Brian & Mary Bischel
20 Bryon & Vanessa Rassbach

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED ELECTRONIC GIVING?

There are several ways to support Immanuel with your weekly/monthly/yearly/special occasion offering:

1. Go to Immanuel's website under "Who We Are " then click on E-Giving to see all of the ministries you can contribute to. Click [HERE](#) to go directly to the link.
2. Contact Sue Luthy for assistance in setting up E-Giving at 715-835-8723.
3. Set up online giving directly with your bank.



Immanuel is very grateful for the many ministries we are able to provide in serving our neighbors, community and beyond. We could not do this without your help! Thank you!

Upcoming Stewardship Sunday on November 13th



Immanuel continues to serve the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Community Table, 320 Putnam Street. To volunteer, please contact Peggy Blomenberg at 715-456-3350.

Church Council Minutes

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

If you would like a paper copy mailed to you, please contact the office at 715-832-7832 or Office.immanuelec@gmail.com



Handbells Update!

Handbell choir starts fall rehearsals Saturday,

October 1, from 1 - 2:30 PM.

(note change of time)

We plan to play in church the first Sunday of each month (except January) and rehearse once or twice per month.

New and returning players are welcome. If you're new to our group, call or text me so we know you're coming:

Peggy Blomenberg, Organizer
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2 9 AM Worship 140th Anniversary of Lutheran Social Services 10 AM LSS Reception & Learning	3 4:00-5:30 PM Food Pantry Open 6:30 PM - H3	4 9:30 AM - H3	5 10 AM Bible Study 5:15 PM WoW Meal 6 PM Worship 6:30 PM Learning 7 PM Mentors, SHYN and Choir Practice	6 Noon - 4 PM Material Witness Quilting	7	8
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Please consider serving:

Sunday Usher
Reader/Lector
Asst. Minister
Sunday Snacks
Food Pantry Greeter
Weekend Kids Meals Delivery

Sign up [HERE](#) or call the church office.



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