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# Reformation *Sunday*

Hello Immanuel family!

This October we will be finishing up the parables and teachings of Jesus about discipleship in Matthew's gospel and in our fall lectionary cycle. They will continue to inspire and challenge us in our faith. At the end of October we will celebrate Reformation Sunday.

The theme of reformation is particularly relevant to us in this season of change and uncertainty. Throughout the ages of the Christian faith, the Church has had to continually change and adapt to the movement of the Spirit and the changing times. Today is no different. The Church is called to speak a word of hope to a hurting world and offer the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Church is called to care for our neighbors, especially the stranger, the orphan, and the widow. The call is the same, and yet the way we go about living this out seems drastically different today. I hope you will join in me prayer and discernment as we move forward as a Church together.

Today we hope we are bringing a word of hope to you whether that message is in person or virtually! Please let us know how we as your church family can support you in your faith and spiritual life right now. Know that as your pastor, I pray for you often and hold you as beloved.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Jamie Brieske

## **A Blessing For Discernment** by Meta Herrick Carlson

Discernment is a sacred invitation  
to imagine  
what's still possible.

This creative labor does not begin with  
researched lists or binary choices.  
This is molten and moving.

In fact, it has already started!  
You are on the way,  
restless and paying attention.

You are more than the one thing  
you thought would be enough  
and wasn't.

There is a galaxy of fear and wonder  
exploding in the distance  
while your eyes adjust to this light.

What lies in wait  
while you remember  
the fullness of who you are?

# October Worship

## **Sunday, October 4th Matthew 21:33-46**

The parable of the vineyard owner's son

Prayer of the Day~

*Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## **Sunday, October 11th Matthew 22:1-14**

The parable of the unwelcome guest

Prayer of the Day~

*Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## **Sunday, October 18th Matthew 22:15-22**

A teaching about the emperor and God

Prayer of the Day~

*Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## **Sunday, October 25th Reformation Sunday Matthew 22:34-46**

Loving God and neighbor

Prayer of the day~

*O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## **Sunday Worship Livestream**

**9 AM on YouTube Channel**

**Sunday Outdoor Worship in the  
parking lot 10 AM**

**(weather permitting)**

**WoW Worship Livestream**

**Wednesdays 6 PM (weather  
permitting, October 7 service will  
be outdoors)**



# Youth and Family

**JOIN**  
**US for**  
**JOE**  
**Kickoff!**

Journey of Faith families are invited to join us on Sunday, October 4 during our outdoor worship for the official blessing & kickoff of our at-home Journey of Faith learning. I have created a New Testament Reading Challenge and put together a bag of supplies for each family, and look forward to getting started on this new learning adventure! I will also continue to send weekly emails with links to the children's bulletin for the week, as well as occasional other ideas for fun ways to incorporate faith formation into your family life at home. If you are unable to attend on the 4th, please contact me to arrange a time to pick up your supplies.

## Neighbor To Neighbor Scholarship Fundraiser

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As part of the Neighbor to Neighbor Ministry\*, we are funding the first scholarship for Hispanic students at UWEC. This is a way of building bridges between both communities - the ELCA churches and the Latin American people in the Eau Claire area. It is also a way to develop real and meaningful relationships between both groups without the charity-like approach, and a way to do some social justice that we, as Christians, are called to.

For that, we are hosting a Rummage Sale at Immanuel Lutheran Church parking lot on October 9th from 9-3pm and October 10th from 9-12pm.

So today, I am asking you for donations of stuff that can be sold that day, donations of your time to help organize this activity and other logistics needs. I am going to be receiving donations every Wednesday at Grace Lutheran Church, from 10am-2pm and the sale day at Immanuel at 8 am. Or you can drop off donations anytime at the Trinity-Norden church parsonage.

The activity is organized with the Latinx Students Association of UWEC.

If for some reason you cannot participate in this fundraiser but are willing to support us, you can donate directly to the UWEC Foundation account "Neighbor to Neighbor Scholarship".

Please feel free to contact me at [neighbor2neighbor@nswi.org](mailto:neighbor2neighbor@nswi.org)

Thank you for your generosity!

Bendiciones.

~ Lidix Montoya

Mission Developer for Neighbor to Neighbor Ministry

\*For more information about Neighbor to Neighbor Ministry, please go to our webpage: <http://nswi.org/neighbor-to-neighbor>





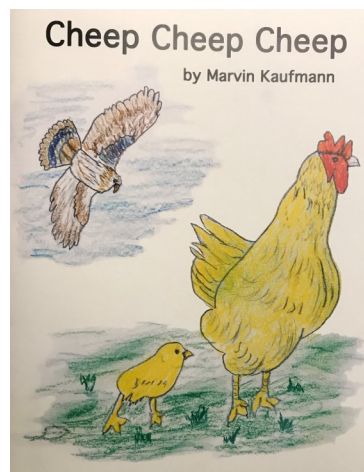
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- 27 Kailey Hanson
- 28 Keith Martin
- 29 Bob Wilcox
- 30 Alex Glynn



- 02 Dean & Pam Johnson
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- 14 Scott & Elizabeth Calkins
- 20 Brian & Mary Bischel
- 20 Bryon & Vanessa Rassbach

JONAH is VERY proud to announce that on October 11, 2020 at 4pm we will be having a virtual JONAH Public Meeting (our annual celebration is being rescheduled until April 2021). With JONAH updates, issue education breakout groups, opportunities to hear from you, a funding goal of \$5,000 during the event, and guest speaker David Shih with his talk “Asian American is Not a Culture” – it will be a positive, strong and informative evening!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! [Please register TODAY here](#) and share this widely!



Hi! I’m Marv Kaufmann, and I just finished writing and illustrating a children’s book about chickens. Pastor Jamie encouraged us in our Bible study to think of a way we could make a difference. I prayed about it, and decided that since I like art, I could write a children’s book! With the help of my grandson, we added a number of conversation starters that will encourage the young person with whom you are reading this book to talk about things that matter in their

lives. I know you’ll enjoy the story and pictures, and you’ll enjoy the conversations you will have with your children or grandchildren. The suggested donation is \$15, and the book is available at the church to pick up. Thanks!

Please stay safe and well during this COVID-19 pandemic, and don’t forget to tune in for our live Sunday worship!

**Will we be having in-building worship any time soon?**

The council has commissioned a team to create a plan for indoor worship at Immanuel. The council will then make the decision as to when and if this plan goes into effect. If you have any questions or suggestions, please reach out to the team. Members of the Comprehensive COVID Planning Team are: Karen Betzig-Lundberg, Sandy LaValley, Pastor Jamie Brieske, Kitty Rahl, Emilie Anderson, and Lang Jacobson. We will keep you updated as we continue in this discernment process.





## Caring Ministry Update

During these past months of the pandemic, the Caring Ministry team has been facilitating a Call Ministry, Eucharistic Ministry and Inclusive Ministry Church.

The Call Ministry started when we were no longer meeting in person at church with the purpose of trying to keep our Immanuel family connected. Volunteers were enlisted to make phone calls on a regular basis, checking in first with folks who we felt would be most at risk and would therefore be more isolated. In the early weeks the calls were more frequent but our callers are still reaching out. We started a Helping Hands group of volunteers facilitated by Dee Schlieve. The Helping Hands volunteers are ready and able to get groceries, medicines or necessary items if someone does not feel comfortable shopping at a store.

Eucharistic Ministry is an on-going ministry that creates a partnership with someone in our congregation that is homebound to share Holy Communion. Since being homebound looks a little different for most of us during the pandemic, the need is growing. As we continue to pursue what in-person worship will look like in the coming months, our higher risk population or others might not be able to come to church. The Eucharistic Ministry wants to meet the needs of members who will not feel comfortable meeting in-person but still desire to have a connection and receive the sacrament. Please contact Janet Carlson or the church office if you would like an EM partner or would like to become a Eucharistic Minister.

Inclusive Ministry Church is navigating this pandemic as well. IM church is a worship experience for people with abilities and disabilities that met the third Sunday of every month to enjoy an activity, worship and fellowship. Now that we are unable to meet in person, IM Church is finding other ways to connect with community. Immanuel usually leads IM Church two times per year, in May and September. This September IM church had a virtual worship that was posted to the IM church Facebook page for Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> - you can still find it there and watch this awesome service! We have a special treat from a local group, Hearts in Harmony, that shared a recording for our service. Thank you to Immanuel member Shauna Eilts and the entire group for sharing your gifts! The IM Church Facebook page is: IMchurchec

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A few weeks back I was reading the daily devotion delivered to my email inbox from the WELCA called *Daily Grace*. This particular devotion caught my eye, and I wanted to share the message. It was titled "Craving Community!" I am sure many of you, like me, are craving our Immanuel community. It might have been a relief to hunker down in the beginning of the COVID pandemic, but by now some of us might be feeling isolated and craving community.



For me, as someone who enjoys being social, isolation has not been a comfortable place.

I am lonesome for my family, my friends and my church family. I have been working full time again at Down to Earth, but the interactions with my customers are very different than pre-COVID crisis. My exchanges with customers are quick, where before I would spend more time chatting.

Getting back to the devotion I read. The writer suggested writing letters as a way to stay connected with community. What a coincidence for me as my niece who lives in Georgia just started exchanging postcards. I really enjoy opening my mailbox and finding a postcard from her. A wonderful welcome to all the junk mail that I receive!

This little activity of exchanging postcards is just one more way to be community when we can't be physically together. Think of someone in our church community (you can contact the church office for suggestions and/or addresses) or your own family and sit down and write a quick message or letter. Letter writing is really a lost art. Give it a try! I'm sure the recipient will really appreciate the gesture.

Blessings and missing you all!

Janet Carlson, Caring Ministry

# October 2020

Many thanks to those who used their hands to do God's work on this dedicated day of service!

"God's work. Our hands."

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>27 9 AM Livestream service 10 AM Outdoor service*</p> <p>God's Work. Our Hands.</p>	<p>28 4:00-6:30 PM Food Pantry open</p> <p>6:30 PM - H3 (Zoom)</p>	<p>29 9:30 AM H3</p>	<p>30 10 AM Sr Bible Study via Zoom</p> <p>6 PM Restoring Creation virtual service - Facebook and YouTube</p>	1	1	3
<p>4 9 AM Livestream service 10 AM Outdoor service*</p> <p>JoF blessing &amp; kickoff at both services</p>	<p>5 4:00-6:30 PM Food Pantry open</p> <p>6:30 PM - H3 (Zoom)</p>	<p>6 9:30 AM H3</p>	<p>7 10 AM Sr Bible Study via Zoom</p> <p>6 PM WoW outdoor Service* 6:45 PM Middle School &amp; High School small groups 7:30 PM 9th grade mentor meeting via Zoom</p>	8	<p>9 No CAW</p> <p>9 AM - 3 PM Neighbor to Neighbor thrift sale</p>	<p>10 9 AM - noon Neighbor to Neighbor thrift sale</p>
<p>11 9 AM Livestream service 10 AM Outdoor service*</p>	<p>12 4:00-6:30 PM Food Pantry open</p> <p>6:30 PM - H3 (Zoom)</p>	<p>13 9:30 AM H3</p>	<p>14 10 AM Sr Bible Study via Zoom</p> <p>6 PM WoW livestream service 6:45 PM Confirmation via Zoom</p>	15	16	17
<p>18 9 AM Livestream service 10 AM Outdoor service*</p>	<p>19 4:00-6:30 PM Food Pantry open</p> <p>6:30 PM - H3 (Zoom)</p>	<p>20 9:30 AM H3</p> <p>6 PM Trust Fund Board meeting 7 PM Council Mtg</p>	<p>21 10 AM Sr Bible Study via Zoom</p> <p>6 PM WoW livestream service 6:45 PM Confirmation via Zoom</p>	22	23	24
<p>25 9 AM Livestream service 10 AM Outdoor service*</p>	<p>26 4:00-6:30 PM Food Pantry open</p> <p>6:30 PM - H3 (Zoom)</p>	<p>27 9:30 AM H3</p> <p>6 PM CAW Board meeting</p>	<p>28 10 AM Sr Bible Study via Zoom</p> <p>Immanuel serves @ Community Table</p> <p>6 PM WoW livestream service 6:45 PM Confirmation via Zoom</p>	29	30	31

\*weather permitting



Many opportunities to volunteer!

- Read lessons at the livestream and/or outdoor service
- Sing hymns at the livestream service
- Food pantry greeter
- Provide special music for the livestream service

Contact the church office to volunteer. Thank you!

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