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Stories of Faith Worship Series October 2019

**Stories of Faith, Stories of Migration
By Pastor Jamie Brieske**

In October we are continuing our Stories of Faith series. This worship series highlights stories from the Hebrew Bible, and reminds us of how we find ourselves in the collective wisdom of our faith tradition. As I read through the first two stories for October, The Ten Commandments and Ruth, I was struck by the prominent role that migration plays in these stories and in many stories throughout the Hebrew Bible. From Abraham and Sarah sent out by God, to Moses leading the people out of slavery into the promised land, to the time of the prophets when Israel is forced into exile, migration plays a significant role in stories of our faith.

The book of Ruth tells a beautiful and haunting story of a young woman who loses everything yet chooses in faith to follow her mother-in-law Naomi. Ruth, the Moabite, a foreigner, returns to Bethlehem, the home of Naomi. Here she makes a way for herself and Naomi. Where there was only grief at the loss of their sons and husbands, Ruth's courage brings new life and a hopeful future. Although she is a foreigner, Ruth weaves her way into the lineage of King David and ultimately, Jesus.

Ruth's story, along with the other migration stories, reminds us that God often uses the outsider to accomplish the divine will. Those whom the world may judge to be less than, are seen as worthy in God's eyes. This theme of God showing hospitality to the stranger returns in bodily form as Jesus who welcomes outcasts and eats with so-called sinners. God's abundant and gracious Spirit is lived out in Jesus' ministry to bring healing and freedom to all people.

All of us were once outsiders. All of our families were once immigrants. This truth reminds us to show compassion to those who are in the midst of their migration journey. In our neighbors who have recently migrated, we can see the face of Ruth who left her homeland in search of a better life. We can see in them our own story of migration. And if we look close enough, we can see the very face of God.

And Ruth said, "*Entreat me not to leave you, or to return from following you: for where you go, I will go; and where you lodge, I will lodge: your people shall be my people, and your God my God.*" (Ruth 1:15-16)

Sunday, October 6th 2019

Hear O Israel, The Ten Commandments

Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9

Thank you, gracious God, for the gift of this new day. Awaken me to your abiding presence; open my eyes to your creation; open my ears to your promises; open my heart to the needs of others. Fill me with your Spirit and guide me this day in works of kindness, justice, and mercy. I ask this in the name of Jesus, the light and life of the world. Amen.

Sunday, October 13th, 2019

Ruth, Ruth 1:1-17

God of the people, your servant Ruth showed great love when she clung to Naomi. Teach us to show great compassion, and to turn to you when we are in need. You are our clothing; for you wrap us in love and embrace us. You are our maker, our lover, our keeper. Teach us to believe that by your grace all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well. Amen.

Sunday, October 20th 2019

David Anointed King

2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5

Holy One of Israel, King David worked hard to return the Ark of the Covenant to Israel so that the people could honor you in your house of worship. Receive our praise in this house of worship, as we rejoice in your presence. Let your Spirit fill our hearts and homes. Amen.

Sunday, October 27th, 2019

Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34

John 8:31-36

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 78: 1-4)

We gather together to remember,
to once again tell the wonderful stories of our God—
stories we have heard many times before,
and passed down from generation to generation;
stories of faithfulness and love,
of mercy and compassion,
of miracles and new life.

We tell these stories over and over so that we don't forget.
We tell these stories to remember who we are—people of God.
We tell these stories so that our children and our children's children
can also come to know and love the God we serve.

Youth and Family Ministry

Godstock 2019 - Finding Strength in the Storm

All Sr High Youth are invited to participate in “Godstock” - the NW Synod Youth Gathering! This year’s dates are November 8-10, and the gathering is at the Metropolis hotel. There will be an awesome band, engaging speakers, and hundreds of kids! Please register early so Alyssa can reserve the appropriate number of hotel rooms. I hope you can join me for this fun weekend!

“Don’t panic, I am with you. There’s no need to fear for I am your God. I will give you strength, I will help you, I will hold you steady, and keep a firm grip on you.” ~Isaiah 41:10



Our Spook-tacular Halloween Fun Night is right around the corner! This year’s party will be on Friday, October 18 at 6:00 pm. As always, it will be a costume party (grown-ups can dress up, too!) and we will once again include Trunk-Or-Treating. What’s Trunk-Or-Treating? It’s just like Trick-Or-Treating...but we go around the parking lot from trunk to trunk instead of

around the neighborhood from house to house. You’re welcome (but not required) to decorate your trunk for this event! Please provide candy to pass out, or talk to me ahead of time & I’d be happy to get some for you to pass. Also back by popular demand is the Spooky Trail! Of course, we’ll also have lots of food (it’s a potluck – please bring something to share), crafts, and games for all. Donations will be accepted and will go to the High School Youth. Sign up in the narthex, or talk to Alyssa if you have any questions!

If you’re a hunter, mark your calendar for Sunday, November 10, when we will be celebrating the “**Blessing of the Blaze Orange.**” This milestone blessing will be during worship and is intended for ALL hunters – feel free to wear orange!

Our summer trip planning has begun! Next summer’s trip will be a Service Trip, full of serving our neighbor and growing in faith and fellowship with one another. Current youth in grades 8-12 are eligible to participate – **please join us for our first meeting on Wednesday, October 9 at 7:30 pm** to find out more information.

Create-A-World Preschool is having a thrift sale! The sale will be on Friday, October 12. Donations can be dropped off during office hours Monday – Wednesday, or by special appointment through Katy LoRusso or Alyssa Engedal. **Please spread the word, donate & shop the sale to support our preschool ministries!**



More Reflections from the Colorado Youth Adventure Team

Mercedes Isham: The youth trip to Colorado this past summer was so much fun. I tried a lot of new things with the help of our guides and others on the trip. We prayed every day for safety and fun and every day that’s what God provided. Not only did my bond with God strengthen, but also my bond with all the wonderful people that went on the trip. Thank you to all of the people who helped make this trip happen.

Natalie Forrest: Our trip to Colorado was one of the best trips I’ve been on. You hear everything about the Lord’s creation, but seeing it in person and spending a week in it is life changing. The sunsets were unbelievable, and so was the experience. My faith was changed in so many ways from the nature and view. It was absolutely amazing!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October Birthdays

01 Gretchen Carlson	18 Lauren Fey
03 Roberta Liebergen	18 Neela Wickware
03 Nicole Lietzke	21 Kim Sturz
03 Thatcher Carlson	21 Tania Riske
05 Thom Hokanson	22 Mark Malnory
07 Mike Calkins	22 Casey Schumacher
07 Gracelyn Odell	23 Kelly Kavanagh
08 Kelly Olson	24 Jaiden Ivey
08 Kris Hanson	24 Jameson Schumacher
09 Gary Pospishil	25 Dave Dragseth
09 Austin Liebergen	27 Kailey Hanson
10 Emily Prissel	28 Keith Martin
10 Bridget Jones	29 Bob Wilcox
13 Sue Barquist	30 Alex Glynn
14 Andrea Schaffer	30 Bryan Bahnub
15 Lynda Hanson	
15 Shelley Borreson	
15 Calvin Dean	
15 Hudson Liebergen	
17 Sam Woletz	
18 Colleen Manning	

October Anniversaries

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



CHURCH WORKDAY

Saturday, October 12, 9:00 AM

Many hands make light(er) work! Projects for this work day include repair work on the flower bed in the front of the church and tree trimming. **Please consider volunteering to help.** Come when you can, leave when you need to. Questions? Contact our Property Committee chair, Bill Schwengel, 715-559-8100.



12th Annual Celebration: Homegrown Justice

Come celebrate 12 years of JONAH work in the community and financially support the next year of work!

JONAH has done so much this year and we are excited to celebrate with you! We are growing as more and more people want equity, discover that they have the power to participate in the decisions that affect their community, and understand that together we are better! Please help us continue this growth by supporting us at our annual fundraiser.

Sunday, October 27, 4:00 - 6:30 pm at The Oxford

- Hear from great speakers on various issues (David Liners from WISDOM, Zach Pappas from Earthbound Environmental, Susan Wolfgram on Affordable Housing, and John Wagner on Child Poverty)
- Meet other people concerned about social justice
- Enjoy delicious appetizers (catered by Bijou Bistro) and dessert
- Peruse and purchase quality items in our silent auction
- Enjoy live music (Justin Jay Arnold and others)
- Receive our newly printed yearbook
- Screen our two new promo videos
- Learn how you can take action on these issues
- Celebrate 2 new congregations to join our membership

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST!

TICKETS:

1. In advance \$25 (contact cvjonahorganizer@gmail.com or a JONAH rep)
2. Online for \$27 (tba soon)
3. At the door for \$35.

Want to come but need a scholarship? Contact cvjonahorganizer@gmail.com

Worship Leader Coordinators

Interested in serving during worship?

Contact the coordinator below or sign up through the Immanuel web page, <https://www.immanuelec.org/community/volunteer/>

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Barb Hokanson

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	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Assisting Minister	Dave Langhus	Marianna Gilbertson	Dave Lehmkuhl	Marianna Gilbertson
Lector	Joan Pospishil	Marc Likkel	Joan Pospishil	Marianna Gilbertson
Ushers	Ray & Sue Koch	Please volunteer	Steve Mikelson & Dave Langhus	Dave & Donna Lehmkuhl
Greeters	Larry & Barb Lundeen	Erv & Linda LaFave	Joel & Pam Woletz	The Haas Family
Counters	Sue Luthy & Emilie Anderson	Sue Luthy & Emilie Anderson	Sue Luthy & Emilie Anderson	Sue Luthy & Emilie Anderson



New Member Orientation & Blessing

We will be blessing new Immanuel members during the worship service on Sunday, October 13. Pastor Jamie will meet with those interested in officially becoming members on Sunday, October 6, following the worship service. Please contact the office (715-832-7832 or office@immanuelec.org) if you plan to attend this orientation. Also contact the office if you would like to become a member but can't make the meeting.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 AM H3 6:30 PM Knitting	2 10:15 AM Sr Bible Study Noon—Material Witness Quilting 5:15 PM WoW Meal 6:00 PM WoW Worship 6:30 PM Learning & SHYN 7:30 PM Mission Trip Mtg 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	3 9-11 AM Food Pantry open	4 9-11 AM Food Pantry open	5
6 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Learning, Fellowship, Book Group, New Member orientation	7 5:30-6:30 PM Food Pantry open 6:30 PM - H3	8 9:30 AM H3	9 10:15 AM Sr Bible Study Noon—Material Witness Quilting 5:15 PM WoW Meal 6:00 PM WoW Worship 6:30 PM Learning & SHYN 7:30 PM Service Trip Mtg 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	10 9-11 AM Food Pantry open	11 9-11 AM Food Pantry open 9:00-2:00 CAW Thrift Sale	12 9:00 AM - work day @ Immanuel 8:30-9:45 AM Men's Group
13 9:30 AM Worship New Member Blessing 10:30 AM Learning, Fellowship	14 5:30-6:30 PM Food Pantry open 6:30 PM - H3	15 9:30 AM H3 7:00 PM Council Mtg	16 10:15 AM Sr Bible Study Noon—Material Witness Quilting 4:00 PM Feed My People Kids' Meal packing 5:15 PM WoW Meal 6:00 PM WoW Worship 6:30 PM Learning & SHYN 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	17 9-11 AM Food Pantry open CAW Father's Pumpkin Night	18 9-11 AM Food Pantry open 6:00 PM Family Fun Night Halloween Party!	19
20 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Learning, Fellowship Katie Pospishil - adult learning 3:00 PM Inclusive Ministry (IM) Church @ Lake Street Methodist	21 5:30-6:30 PM Food Pantry open 6:30 PM - H3	22 9:30 AM H3	23 10:15 AM Sr Bible Study Noon—Material Witness Quilting Immanuel serves @ Community Table 5:15 PM WoW Meal 6:00 PM WoW Worship 6:30 -8:30 PM Middle & High School movie night 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	24 9-11 AM Food Pantry open	25 9-11 AM Food Pantry open	26 8:30-9:45 AM Men's Group
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Home of Create-A-World Preschool and Camp Create

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a congregation of all ages and backgrounds gathered to worship God, walk with one another in our faith journeys, and reach out to the community with compassion. We welcome people new to our faith community and invite them to share our ministry.

Our roots run deep in the community, yet we seek to respond to our constantly changing culture. From our worship services to our preschool, we are dedicated to spreading God's word and living lives to reflect God's love for the world.

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