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Join us for

“God’s work. Our hands.”

A dedicated day of
service in our community.



October 14th

9:30 AM Worship at Immanuel
Learning after worship

11:15 AM Worship at Trinity
Work in the community

2:30 PM Blessing and ice cream
at St. John’s Lutheran



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Stewardship of our money

And Jesus said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." --Luke 12:15

Jesus often uses words of caution when teaching about money. Jesus warns us of money's power to capture our souls and turn us from loving God first and most, and then our neighbors as ourselves.

Because we North Americans live in a wealthy culture, the temptation to love money more than God and neighbor may be worse than it was for the folks of Jesus' time. So, we need to take Jesus' warnings to heart and be sure to keep money in its proper place. Here are some ideas:

Develop gratitude: Be happy for (and with) what you have. Dwell on your blessings rather than your wants. Constantly entertaining thoughts of your unfilled desires leads to scarcity thinking and unhappiness.

Celebrate sufficiency: Learn to live on what you earn. Excessive debt corrodes our wellbeing by causing us stress and hunger for more. Strive to live without credit cards and make choices to help your income match expenses.

Embrace generosity: Our culture tells us that the more we have the happier we will be, but that's really not so -- once we have enough to meet our true needs. Miserly people tend to be miserable no matter how much they have, while generous people tend to be happy even if they have modest means. Giving generously is a spiritual discipline that breaks the power that money has to control us.

Good stewardship of our money helps us avoid the traps that Jesus warns about. Stewardship means managing our wealth rather than letting it manage us. Free from money's traps and lures and lies, we are free to love God first and then our neighbor as ourselves.

--Rob Blezard

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God's Work. Our Hands.

We have been talking a lot about the "God's Work. Our Hands" event. But what are the details? What do we do? And where do we go?

First, worship at Immanuel as usual at 9:30 AM with learning to follow on October 14th. After our worship, proceed to Trinity Lutheran for a worship service at 11:15 AM and to pick up bag lunches. Proceed to the worksite that you signed up for.

Second, serve at your selected site.

Third, at 2:30 meet at St. John's Lutheran Church for sharing "God Moments", a sending and ice cream treats.

The sign-ups are electronic and are available in the Narthex by Luther Hall doors.

If you are not able to volunteer of October 14th, consider making a donation towards the event.

Examples of projects:

Great projects for families with small children:

- Global Health Ministries, making bandages to ship overseas

- Veteran's Home, making paper woven placemats for Veterans to use on Veteran's Day.

Great projects for families with older children (upper elementary on up!) to do together:

- Sing in the Choir

- Boys & Girls Club

- Feed MY People

- Western Dairyland Crafts to sell for Affordable Housing

- Projects for the Elderly

The Heart of Service

God's Work. Our Hands

Serving others in Christ's love is something we can do anywhere. We can serve and love our families at home. We can serve the people we encounter in our school, jobs, and daily life. The heart of service is a spirit of caring for others and a willingness to help. In everything we do, we can do so with a spirit of service. Still, it always feels great to intentionally get out into the community and help others outside of our own walls. As Lutherans, we do so with the model of accompaniment. We walk alongside others knowing that we are all learning and growing. We all need help sometimes and we all benefit from giving help.

This month we will participate in the ELCA's day of service on Sunday, October 14th. What makes this year really special is that we are joining forces with other ELCA churches in Eau Claire. Eight Lutheran Churches (Immanuel, Trinity, Grace, Good Shepherd, University, Spirit, St. John's, and Hope) are teaming up for this city-wide day of service. In doing so, we hope to learn from one another as brothers and sister in Christ. We also hope the city of Eau Claire feels the impact of our service and faith. We hope our community recognizes the Lutherans as people who love and care for the city of Eau Claire. So please join us in making our presence felt in the community. You can sign up for projects online or call our office for help. If you are unable participate in this day of service, we ask for your prayers and support!

However you are called to serve, God is using you to spread love and joy in this world! Even small acts of kindness and generosity can make someone's day or even change someone's life.

Jesus said: "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

In Christ,
Pastor Jamie Brieske

Pastoral Care

Please call Pastor Brieske if you would like a visit, call the church office during office hours or the pastor's cell phone after office hours. We do not receive updates from the hospital about our members due to privacy concerns. Please leave info about the hospital and room number and your condition. If you text the pastor about a friend or loved one, please include whether or not you have spoken with the person or an immediate family member. It is always helpful to have as much information as possible. If a visit is requested the pastor will make every attempt to see you in the hospital or at home.

A Eucharistic Minister can bring monthly communion. Please contact our Care Ministries Coordinator, Janet Carlson.

Consider adding Pastor Brieske's cell phone number to your contacts or carry her card in your wallet in case of emergencies: 715-563-3145.



Music Café 2, Saturday October 20

You are invited to attend a relaxing and fun evening of music, performed by Steve Isaacson and the After Dark Quartet, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Luther Hall.

After Dark will share familiar tunes from the 1960's—1980's (some older) in the barbershop style. Steve, accompanying himself on guitar, will perform a set composed of some of his favorites from the acoustic singer/songwriter genre, along with some of his original compositions.

Refreshments will be available. There is no charge for this relaxing evening of familiar tunes and treats.

Family Ministry

High School Happenings

All Sr High Youth are invited to participate in “Godstock” - the NW Synod Youth Gathering! This year’s dates are November 9-11, 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!

Our Spook-tacular Halloween Fun Night is right around the corner!

This year’s party will be on Friday, October 19 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 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!



Blessing of the Blaze Orange

If you’re a hunter, mark your calendar for **Sunday, October 21st** 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 an adventure trip, full of hiking, rock climbing, rafting, and growing in faith and fellowship with one another. High school youth are eligible to participate – talk to Alyssa if you’re interested! Watch for ways to support the youth in this exciting adventure!

Camp Create & Create-A-World Preschools are having a thrift sale!

The sale will be on Thursday & Friday, October 4 & 5. 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!

Worship on Wednesday (WoW) is off to a great start!

A few calendar dates to be aware of – Wednesday, October 24 starting at 6:30 PM will be a popcorn & movie night for grades 6-12. (No meal/worship/JoF classes.) There will be NO WoW on Wednesday, October 31. Regular schedule resumes November 7!

Confirmation Service 4-5PM, October 17th

On Wednesday, October 17 the Confirmation kids have service night at Feed My People. The kids will be packing Weekend Kid’s meal bags for the schools in our district. These bags provide children who may not have access to food over the weekends.

IMMANUEL AND JONAH HOSTS MEXICAN CONSULATE

As we read in Deuteronomy 10: 18-19: "For the Lord your God...loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger for you were strangers in the land of Egypt," and in Matthew 25: 31-46: "...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

On Saturday, September 22, Immanuel became a "church without walls" as we welcomed the Mexican Consulate for the 6th time. Over 200 of our Hispanic brothers and sisters were able to make use of various services provided by the Mexican Consulate of St. Paul, Minnesota. In collaboration with the JONAH Immigration Task Force, El Centro de Connexion of the Chippewa Valley, the Immanuel Food Pantry, and Feed My People food bank we were able to extend a warm welcome to all who attended. A big thank you goes out to all of those who helped with providing snacks; serving; clean up; and for being such a welcoming presence. A huge thanks to Jan Carlson and her work with the Immanuel Food Pantry and Feed My People in providing fresh fruits, vegetables, and food items for over 70 children and 80 adults.

JONAH: YOU HAVE HEARD OF IT, BUT WHAT IS IT?

Since 2007, JONAH-Joining Our Neighbors, Advancing Hope-has courageously raised issues related to the environment, criminal justice reform, economic justice, immigration reform, and more recently affordable housing. JONAH is a grassroots interfaith-based organization committed to making our community a healthier, safer, and fairer place to live and work for all of our residents.

JONAH has established and fostered collaborations and relationships with the Eau Claire School District, Eau Claire Police Department, Eau Claire City and County Health Department, and various Eau Claire City and County Government agencies.

Please join us on Sunday, October 21, as we celebrate our 11th year of work in the Chippewa Valley with; "We All Do Better When We All Do Better". This is JONAH'S main fundraiser for the year and will be held at ECCT's The Oxford from 4:00 – 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$30 at the door or \$25 through Volume One Tickets, children under 12 are free. For more information see Ray Koch.

Share your gifts "Church without Walls"

Immanuel has many opportunities in our community within our walls, in our community at large or the world if you desire to be involved. In November we will be talking about Stewardship. It isn't just about money but also about the gifts you have that you might want to share. Whether it is to serve during worship, leading a Sunday School class, cleaning the kitchen, participating in a bible study, or praying. We also have opportunities to serve our neighbors beyond our walls; supporting the Immanuel Food Pantry, serving at the Community Table, serving at Beacon House or helping with Inclusive Ministry Church. Next year we will be sending a group of people from Immanuel to Malawi Africa to walk together with our companions in Christ.

These are just a few examples of ministries at Immanuel. Please reach out and "share your gifts" and serve. Look for the "Connect" booklets coming soon! We also welcome new ideas to serve in our community.

Sola Gratia

Grace Alone

Sola Fide

Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura

Scripture Alone

Food for More Challenge



This is our third year participating in the Food for More Challenge. The Food for Challenge is sponsored by Feed My People food bank from whom we purchase food for our pantry. For \$1 we can purchase \$10 worth of food.

The way the challenge works:

- During a 4-6 week period we raise money for our pantry.
- Feed My People will give us \$1 food credit for every \$1 we raise for our food pantry
- We keep all the money we raise to support our efforts for our pantry
- WIN=WIN!

Look for the display in the Narthex. Stay after worship on October 21 for a light brunch. If you write a check for this fundraiser, please note that this is for the Food for More Challenge in the memo line.

Assistant Ministers

07 Zan Degen
14 Kitty Rahl
21 Dave Langhus
28

Lectors

07 Youth
14 Mary Bader
21 Dave Langhus
28 Marc Likkel

Ushers

07 Dee & Don Schlieve
14 The LoRusso's
21 Cheryl & Jim Ulberg
28 Curt Carlson

Greeters

07 Youth
14 The Isaacson's
21 Richard Bresina
Bob & Linda Lodahl
28 Duane & Virginia Walsh

Bread and Wine

07 Marianna Gilbertson
14 The Neidermire Family
21 The Jacobson Family
28 The Tarpenning Family

Altar Care

07 Barb Lundeen
14 Melissa Tarpenning
21 Melissa Tarpenning
28 Kitty Rahl

Counters

Sue Luthy

Worship Leader Coordinators

*Interested in serving
during worship?*

Contact the coordinator below

or use Sign-up Genius

Assistant Ministers

Andrea Schaffer
715-514-7284

Lectors

Becky Wilcox
715-835-9784

Ushers and Greeters

Barb Hokanson
715-835-1524

Bread and Wine

Melissa Tarpenning
715-858-1190

Anniversaries

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

Save the Date!
Stewardship Sunday
November 11th

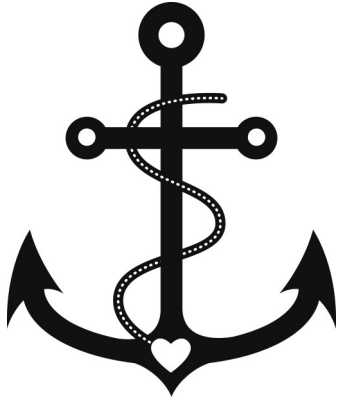
Birthday's

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Serving at Beacon House this week. Contact Curt Carlson 715-559-7888 to help. Serving families who are homeless. Still need meals and people to stay overnight.</p>	<p>1 5:30-7PM Food Pantry open</p> <p>6:30 PM H3</p>	<p>2 9:30 AM H3</p> <p>6:30 PM Wholly Yoga</p> <p>6:30 PM Immanuel Yarners</p>	<p>3 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>5:15 PM WoW Meal 6:00 PM WoW Worship 6:30 PM Learning 6:45 PM SHYN! 7:30 PM 9th graders/ Mentors 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4 9-11 AM Food Pantry open</p> <p>9 AM— 2PM Thrift Sale</p>	<p>5 9-11 AM Food Pantry open</p> <p>9 AM— 2PM Thrift Sale</p>	<p>6 8:30 AM Men's Discussion Group</p>
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<p>14 God's Work. Our Hand's Sunday 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Learning Serving out in our Community for the day!</p>	<p>15 6:30 PM H3</p>	<p>16 9:30 AM H3</p> <p>6:30 PM Wholly Yoga 6:00 PM Trust Fund 7:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p>17 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study 1:00 PM Ruth Circle 4-5 PM Packing @ FMP service project 5:15 PM WoW Meal 6:00 PM WoW Worship 6:30 PM Learning 6:45 PM SHYN! 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>18 9-11 AM Food Pantry open</p>	<p>19 9-11 AM Food Pantry open</p> <p>6:00 PM Trunk or Treat</p>	<p>20 8:30 AM Men's Discussion Group</p>
<p>21 9:30 AM Worship Blaze Orange Blessing 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Light Brunch Journey of Faith</p> <p>3:00 PM IM Church 4:00 PM JONAH Banquet</p>	<p>22 6:30 PM H3</p>	<p>23 9:30 AM H3</p> <p>6:30 PM Wholly Yoga</p>	<p>24 Serving at Community Table 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study Noon—Material Witness -Quilting</p> <p>6:30-8:30PM MS and HS Movie Night</p>	<p>25 9-11 AM Food Pantry open</p> <p>No school</p>	<p>26 9-11 AM Food Pantry open</p> <p>No School</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 Baptism and Reformation Sunday 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Cross + Gen project</p>	<p>29 6:30 PM H3</p> <p>No School</p>	<p>30 9:30 AM H3</p> <p>6:30 PM Wholly Yoga</p>	<p>31 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study Noon—Material Witness -Quilting</p> <p>No WoW</p> <p>7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>			



Anchored in Faith

Hurricane Florence

Hurricane Florence hit the North Carolina which continues to cause major flooding, damages along the eastern seaboard. Disaster Response's affiliate is actively present, collaborating with leaders and officials in the recovery efforts.

We invite you to stand by our neighbors on the Eastern seaboard during this time. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those left homeless or otherwise affected by this disaster for years to come.

Send your donation to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
Gift Processing Center

P.O. Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

(write hurricane response, United States or Lutheran Disaster Response, US in the memo line)

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