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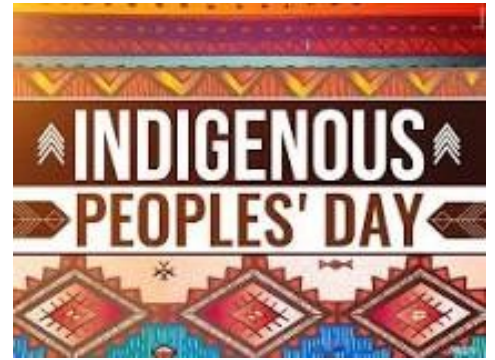
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Truth and Healing:

A service of the peoples, honoring Indigenous Peoples' Day

In honor of Indigenous Peoples' Day on Oct.9, all congregations of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin were invited to participate in a special service (sometime between Oct 8 and Nov 26). Immanuel will be celebrating this on Sunday, November 5th, with Pastor Sara Bishop preaching.



At our 2023 Synod Assembly, the congregations of the NWSWI decided that one Sunday per year should be set aside to honor our indigenous ancestors and current neighbors. It was also decided that all congregations should have a land acknowledgement that they regularly use as one method of education and a sign of respect for our tribal neighbors.

Immanuel is in the process of living into this shared vision of our synod. We hope that you will join us on November 5th for worship. Pastor Sara will stay after worship to answer any questions and help us in our continued discernment of what it means to be a faithful congregation in this endeavor.

The Truth and Healing movement in the ELCA is attempting to help congregations and members of European backgrounds to deeper understand the impact of colonization on our American Indian ancestors and current neighbors. We are charged with learning about the Doctrine of Discovery which gave Christians permission to kill or convert people as well as take their lands in the name of the Church. The ELCA and our synod, repudiated the Doctrine of Discovery. Still, we have a long way to go in acknowledging all the harm that was done and working for reparations.



This difficult work is essential in Christian call to love our neighbors and work for justice and peace in this world God gave us. Please prayerfully consider how we as a congregation can continue to learn and grow in awareness, advocacy, and activism.

God's peace,
Pastor Jamie

Looking ahead...

Christmas Eve

falls on Sunday this year.

There will be no worship at 9 am

*but there will be TWO afternoon services at
3 and 5 pm.*



1 Peter 4:10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

November brings a 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 19 to complete our Estimates of Giving. Estimates can also be completed prior to that time by using the link that will appear in the weekly email.

Thanksgiving baskets help families in need...

One important food ministry Immanuel initiates each year is helping 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.

Your support and donation is very appreciated!



The Green Team is excited to announce that we will soon enjoy Fair Trade coffee at Immanuel. The coffee will be purchased through Lutheran World Relief so although it is more expensive, it supports a wonderful mission. We will continue to have a basket for monetary donations during fellowship and this will be used to support the purchase of coffee through Lutheran World Relief. Remember when drinking your coffee you are supporting the mission and vision of Lutheran World Relief!

Join the Green Team! The Green Team will meet after worship the third Sunday of each month in Luther Hall. Grab a cup of coffee and join the conversation.

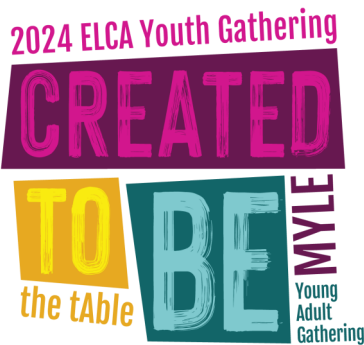
For more information, contact Sue Waits at 715-829-5762 or waitsr@charter.net.

Youth and Family Ministry Corner

Alyssa Engedal - familyministry@immananuelec.org

Attention Journey of Faith families - **Advent Celebration**

As always, the Christmas season is approaching quickly! This year's Advent Celebration will be on Sunday, December 17 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 in another way (such as reading a lesson or prayer or sharing special music) please let Alyssa know.



ELCA Youth Gathering 2024: New Orleans! We are officially registered as a group of 16 youth & 4 adult leaders, and are SO excited to dig into preparations and planning for this life changing event. We will be meeting monthly to develop relationships, bond as a team and use the curriculum from the ELCA to begin exploring the Gathering theme "Created to Be." Of course, another important part of trip preparations is fundraising, and we thank you in advance for your support! This month, we will be offering community fundraisers at Panera Bread (hopefully - details TBD!) and Panda Express, as well as serving snacks and Soup-To-Go after worship on Sunday, November 26. In December, we will be back at Panda Express on the 7th, and have a bake sale after worship on the 10th.

Community Fundraiser: Tell your friends! Eat at Panda Express any time on Thursday, Nov 2 and 20% of sales will go to our team. For us to get credit, you do need to either order ahead using our fundraiser code (362745) or bring in a flier or a picture of a flier and order in store. Paper flyers are available in the Narthex, or by request from Alyssa or the church office. Here is a link to the digital copy of the flier:

<https://www.community-fundraiser.com/fundraiser/events/promotions/509b1ce7-ee38-3d44-bc17-a1a549cb7766/en/landing>



Blessing Bags



Blessing Bag Project: On Wednesday, November 8, the high school youth group will be shopping for and assembling Blessing Bags, which will then be available in the Narthex for the congregation to pass out in the community. If you would like to donate funds or items to this project, please place them in the donation bin near the drinking fountain. Toothbrush/toothpaste, comb, socks, deodorant, protein bar, wipes, lotion, lip balm are a few examples of items needed.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING 2024 INTRODUCTIONS:

My name is **Lexi Drier**, I'm a junior at Memorial and I have 2 cute dogs! I'm excited to go on my third trip because I love the friendships and fun that develop over the week!

My name is **Kyelle Engedal** and I am in 10th grade. This is my 3rd youth group trip. I am most excited for meeting new people and creating new friendships

My name is **Rylie Hansen**. I am currently in 10th grade, and I am very excited about the upcoming youth gathering. This will be my third trip with the youth group.

Hi, my name is **Rylan**. I'm in 8th grade. This will be my first time going on a church trip. I'm so excited to meet new people and to be closer to God.

My name is **Isaac Jacobson** and I am 13 years old. I play baseball and basketball and run track for sports. I am looking forward to all of the new foods I will get to eat, because that is one thing New Orleans is known for. I am also looking forward to helping the community with work. Thank you to Immanuel for supporting me on this trip!

My name is **Elijah Drier** and I'm in 8th grade. I am looking forward to going to New Orleans because I want learn more about God, and be with people who want the same

Hi, my name is **Ava Petersen** and I go to Northstar Middle school in 8th grade. I'm looking forward to this trip because I want to learn more about God. It also sounds like a cool experience. Some of my hobbies are dance, running and I like to bake. Thank you for the support!

Hi my name is **Ashlyn Neidermire**, I am in 8th grade, and I go to Altoona Middle School. Some of my favorite things to do are hang out with my friends, go rollerblading, play volleyball, and I love Show Choir. I am super excited for the Gathering to be able to become closer to God, and to make many new friends and memories.

My name is **Alizah**. I am a sophomore at Memorial this year. I'm really excited to go on this trip because this is going to be my first ELCA Youth Gathering. In addition, I've always wanted to go to New Orleans because it seems like such a cool place with so much deep rooted culture.

My name is **Amber Calkins**, I am 13 years old and in 8th grade at Northstar Middle School. I enjoy reading and drawing. I am looking forward to this trip because I've never been to New Orleans and I've never been to a youth gathering. Thank you for your support.

My name is **Rowan Sean Tarpennig**. I am 13 years old and I am in 8th grade. I enjoy playing basketball, skateboarding and volleyball. I am looking forward to this trip because I can get to know my friends more and learning new worship songs and doing service projects, thank you for your support

My name is **Emma Calkins**. I'm a sophomore at North high school. Outside of school and work I like hanging out with friends and reading. I want to go on the trip because I think it'll be a fun new experience where I'll learn more about God and my faith.

Hi, my name is **Gavin Fiskars**. I am in 8th grade. I go to South Middle School and my hobbies are listening to music and making music. Why I want to go on the trip is because all my confirmation friends are going and also I get to visit a whole new state.

My name is **Ella Glynn**. I'm a sophomore. My hobbies include playing softball, volleyball, and hanging out with friends. I want to go on this trip because it's a good opportunity to learn more about my faith.

My name is **Gabriel Ramlow**, I am currently attending my junior year in school. I am looking forward to this trip to New Orleans because of the new connections with people and the music. I have been on trips similar to this before but nothing to this big of an event. I am very excited to get started on working towards our goals before we go next year!



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| 03 Easton Lutteke | 15 Helissa Bell |
| 06 Brock Stilp | 16 Laura Olson |
| 06 Bennett Stilp | 17 Darryl Petersen |
| 08 Brent Carlson | 20 Kitty Rahl |
| 08 Harrison Haas | 20 Justina Mbanali |
| 09 Landon Ivey | 21 Luke Rosenberger |
| 09 Sammy Zimmerman | 21 Addison Hofeldt |
| 11 Pastor Jamie Brieske | 23 Katy LoRusso |
| 11 Kaelyn Hansen | 28 Mary Bischel |
| 11 Rowan Tarpinning | 28 Marit Barquist |
| 13 Tammie Delveaux Rubenzer | 30 Karen Larson |
| 14 Julia Ramlow | 30 Madeline Dragseth |

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

HELP WANTED: FALL WORK DAY

The Fall Work Day will be on Sunday, November 5, starting at noon.

Projects include raking and removal of leaves from the lawn and around the church building. Other projects may include tree and brush removal on the back side of the building, clearing the roof drains of debris, and several indoor projects if there is enough help available. Bring a rake, work gloves and a smile!




ZIP UPDATE by Holli Jacobson

The Zomba Immanuel Partnership had a busy summer with our Daylily fundraiser and Malawi trip. The Daylily Dig was split into two weekends in July and August with shorter days, giving diggers a chance to recover and allowing late flowers to bloom, some which patrons may not have seen before. We had another successful year, with total donations just under \$10,000! Donations will be used for Malawi travel as well as support for ELCM causes.

In August, three Immanuel travelers, Linda Hedding, Laura and Gabe Ramlow, traveled with other synod members to Malawi. They met with ELCM leadership to discuss ongoing needs in Malawi, along with visiting families affected by Cyclone Freddy, a 5 week tropical cyclone with the longest recorded length and highest recorded severity ever worldwide. This storm destroyed communities and exacerbated the cholera problem many were facing. The travelers also celebrated moments of song, dance, worship and generosity with our friends in Malawi. Since returning, Laura Ramlow has led two Malawi Summits with the goal of creating groups to prepare for an upcoming 2024 trip of ELCM leadership to WI along with groups to support Malawi in meeting their goals of education, hunger relief, clean water, transportation needs and youth leadership amongst other things. If you are interested in joining ZIP or attending a Malawi Summit meeting, please reach out to Holli Jacobson at hcpitsch@gmail.com. Thank you, Zikomo!

NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			<p>1</p> <p>10 AM Bible Study 5:15 PM Meal 6 PM WoW 6:30 PM Learning 7 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NYG Trip Mtg</p>	<p>2</p> <p>PANDA EXPRESS Fundraiser Noon - 4 PM Material Witnesses Quilting</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:30 AM Funeral</p> <p>Daylight Savings Ends Turn clocks back 1 hour</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9 AM Worship Indigenous Peoples Sunday 10 AM JoF & Fellowship Dr. Michael Rehak Forum 12 PM Immanuel Fall Work Day</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Knitting 1 - 3 PM 4 - 5:30 PM Food Pantry 6:30 PM - H3</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:0 AM H3</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10 AM Bible Study 5:15 PM Meal 6 PM WoW Stewardship Wednesday 6:30 PM Learning 7 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Noon - 4 PM Material Witnesses Quilting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Veterans Day</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9 AM Worship All Saints 10 AM JoF & Fellowship Nate Aaseng Bible Study Revelations</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Knitting 1 - 3 PM 4 - 5:30 PM Food Pantry 6:30 PM - H3 & Mindset Monday Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 AM H3 6 PM CAW Board Mtg 7 PM Church Council</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10 AM Bible Study No WoW: Middle & High School Fun Night TBD 7 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Noon - 4 PM Material Witnesses Quilting</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9 AM Worship Stewardship Sunday 10 AM JoF & Fellowship Bible Study Revelations Green Team Mtg</p>	<p>20</p> <p>11 AM—1:00 PM Thanksgiving Baskets Pickup Knitting 1 - 3 PM 4 - 5:30 PM Food Pantry 6:30 PM - H3 & Mindset Monday Wholly Yoga</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 AM H3</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>NO Bible Study NO WoW NO Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Immanuel Serves at the Community Table</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Office Closed</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9 AM Worship 1st Day of Advent 10:AM JoF & Fellowship Bible Study Revelations</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Knitting 1 - 3 PM 4 - 5:30 PM Food Pantry 6:30 PM - H3 & Mindset Monday Somatic Breathwork</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30 AM H3</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10 AM Bible Study</p> <p>5:15 PM Meal 6 PM WoW 6:30 PM Learning 7 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p>		

Material Witnesses Quilting Group

By Becky Ihle

This fall the Material Witnesses Quilters shipped 18 quilts that were 60 X 80 inches to Lutheran World Relief and donated 13 quilts of various sizes to Helping Hands in our community. We will continue to make more baby quilts that were requested by Helping Hands for the Christmas season.

If you would like to support our ministry, we welcome gift cards to JOANN Fabrics or Walmart, OR monetary donations through Immanuel designated to Material Witnesses Quilting. We also welcome 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.



JONAH is proud to announce its 2nd Concert Fundraiser and welcomes the band Dead Horses - November 11 @ 7 pm @ Trinity Lutheran Church

Who are They? Dead Horses isn't a band in the conventional sense. Rather, it's an intimate folk-inspired conversation between two close friends. At its core, the participants are guitarist/singer Sarah Vos and bassist Daniel Wolff. The Milwaukee based pair's musicality, emotionality, and ambitions have sent them on a winding journey in music. They weave together a patchwork of classic and contemporary influences that span traditional roots, indie-folk, and other experimental musical idioms.

We hope you will join in hearing great music and supporting JONAH's work financially.
\$30 online at: <https://volumeonetickets.org/events/jonah-fundraiser-dead-horses-concert-11-11-2023>
or \$40 at the door.

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