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Immanuel Lutheran Church

September 2024

Seeking Peace Together

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."
~Jesus (*John 14:27*)

Happy September, Church! Welcome back to another exciting season of beginnings at church. Together we will celebrate the return to choir, education, and fellowship. I look forward to worshiping and learning alongside you.

Our world is truly in need of peace right now! It's in these troubled times that we lean into the promises of God in Jesus to be our peace. Our theme for the year will be *Seeking Peace Together*. Using the *Peace Table Storybibles* for JoF and this common theme for WoW and some Sunday morning sermons, we will have the opportunity to dwell in the scripture stories using the lens of peace.

Seeking Peace Together includes the subjects of Peace with Creation, Peace with Others, Peace with God, and Peace Within. All of these aspects of peace are important! Perhaps this too could be your personal intention for this program year? Let us pray together for peace for ourselves and for the world.

In Christ's peace,
Pastor Jamie



Metta Prayer

May all beings be peaceful.

May all beings be happy.

May all beings be safe.

May all beings awaken to the light of their true nature.

May all beings be free.

~*Buddhist tradition*

Youth and Families



Confirmation
NEWS

Orientation Information:

We will have a required orientation meeting for grades 6-9 on Wednesday, September 11. Grades 6-8 will meet at 6:30, and grade 9 at 7:30. Please make sure to bring your confirmation student(s), your family calendar, and at least one parent or caring adult!

Wednesday

Our regular WoW schedule starts on September 18!

The weekly schedule will be:

5:15 pm - Fellowship and/or meal

6:00 pm - Worship

6:30 pm - Learning (Ages 3 - grade 12)

WoW Meals -- Again this year, Immanuel will plan to provide a meal on the first Wednesday of each month. Individuals/Families are invited to provide a meal or monetary donation towards the meal for the remaining weeks. If no one signs up, you are invited to bring your dinner and enjoy a time of fellowship. We will post on Facebook weekly on Tuesdays the plan for each Wednesday evening. More details will be available at our orientation night. Or, talk to Alyssa if you have any questions or if you'd be interested in serving as a meal coordinator!

Journey of Faith KICK-OFF

Join us on September 8 for our annual kickoff to the learning year! During worship, we will have a Blessing of the Backpacks for all teachers & learners who are headed back to school, so **bring your backpack to church!** We will also be hearing from our ELCA Youth Gathering Team during worship on this day, and they will be serving Fellowship Snacks following the service. It will be a great way to reconnect and get excited about starting up the program year.



Camp Create is excited to begin our ninth year! This day camp ministry for two-year-olds will begin after Labor Day, and will have classes Monday through Thursday mornings.

Camp Create is a great way for two year olds to begin a school-like setting, in a warm, engaging, Christian atmosphere. Our motto is "Play, Learn & Grow in God's Love," and we spend each day doing just that! We do have limited spaces remaining, so please spread the word about our program. Talk to Alyssa if you have questions or would like to learn more.



SHYN (Senior High Youth Night) will begin for the year on Wednesday, September 18. All youth in grades 9-12 are welcome to attend.

SHYN meets following WoW worship throughout the school year, in the Youth Room. We will spend this time together sharing highs & lows, enjoying fellowship together, planning events/retreats, and having Bible study.

Food Pantry Update

First, thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who greet and assist those visiting our pantry each week and also to those that help receive and shelve large orders from Feed My People. Immanuel has a big heart, and I appreciate the monetary and food donations, gas cards and can openers.

Second, there continues to be a significant increase in weekly visitors. I am searching for more volunteers to help on Mondays from 4 - 5:30 pm. It goes by fast, and the patrons visiting are so very appreciative.

Please visit [HERE](#) to sign up or contact Sandy LaValley at 715-577-4638 for assistance.

Lastly, starting on the first Monday in October, I'd like to offer gently used (or new) winter coats, hats and gloves or mittens to our visitors to prepare for colder weather. If you are cleaning out closets and find any of these items that you would like to donate, please bring them washed to church on Wednesday, October 2 or Sunday, October 6. Thank you!

~Sandy LaValley, Food Ministry Coordinator

Holy, Healthy & Happy!

HHH (Holy, Healthy and Happy), is ready to start a new "year" of Bible study and discussion. There are two groups: one meets Monday evenings at 6:30; the other meets Tuesday mornings at 9:30. Participation via Zoom is also available.

The Tuesday group will spend a few weeks talking about Christian Nationalism. What is it? What does it mean to our faith? How should we address it? Then we will pick up *Freeing Jesus* by Diana Butler Bass for the rest of the Fall.

The Monday group will also be reading and discussing *Freeing Jesus*.

We will continue to pray and read Scripture each week.

YOU are welcome to join us! We look forward to new input! If you have questions, feel free to contact Alison Martin at 715-577-1291.

Knit Together

Fall is almost here and the knitters have decided to get an early start on winter projects. We'll continue to make hats and scarves for community needs, but we'll expand into making prayer shawls and maybe baby sweaters for LWR baby care kits. You choose your own project.

We'll meet at church every Monday from 1-3pm starting Sep. 9 through Feb. 24. Exceptions: Nov. 25, Dec 23 and Dec. 30.

Everybody is welcome to join in the fun, regardless of proficiency level. We can teach you to knit or crochet as we go. Needles and yarn are provided through the generosity of members and Thrivent.

LAY SCHOOL OF MINISTRY REGISTRATION

The Lay School of Ministry (LSM) is an educational ministry of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin (ELCA), which assists lay people to a deeper Christian identity and participation in the mission of the whole church.

The curriculum and educational objectives of the LSM emphasize the baptismal vocation of all Christians. Courses are designed to help students develop a deeper understanding of the Bible, worship, spirituality, Christian history, and Lutheran Theology.

Immanuel's Trust Fund pays the tuition for those members of the congregation enrolled in years one and two of the LSM.

Classes begin in September 2024. Please refer to the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Lay School of Ministry for information and registration. nswi.org/lay-school-of-ministry.

The 2024 15th annual daylily dig was dedicated to the memory of Diane Kaufmann, whose efforts as our Synod's first Companion Synod Coordinator led to this annual fundraiser. And this year it was, again, a huge success! Thanks to the hard work of many people, we raised \$8500 for Malawi. Thank you to those who spent countless hours weeding, digging plants, hosting visitors, told their friends about the event, made a donation or surrounded the effort with prayer.

~Greg Kaufmann and Tim Fehr



Our JoF students will be assembling baby care kits for Lutheran World Relief. You can help by donating items! **Take a tag (found in the narthex), shop and return your item(s) to church by Wednesday, September 25.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!



Could the Holy Spirit be calling you to join the choir?! New members are welcome anytime! The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 PM beginning September 4.

Our motto: *We welcome you when you're here, we miss you when you're gone, and we rejoice when you return.*

If you have questions, contact:
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We're All In - Celebrating New Neighbors

Welcoming Week is an opportunity for the Chippewa Valley to participate in a movement towards showcasing how we are a welcoming community for all, including immigrants. This effort is part of a national campaign, launched in 2012 by Welcoming America and its members. Welcoming Week provides individuals and communities the opportunity to proclaim welcoming values through events and local initiatives that foster mutual understanding between immigrants and non-immigrants, as well as deeper belonging for all. Watch for ways that you can participate!

<https://jonahjustice.org/chippewa-valley-welcoming-week/>



JONAH Justice



HALF-DAY COMMUNITY SINGING WORKSHOP

Saturday October 12
8:30 am-12 noon
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Chippewa Falls,



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024
7:00 - 9:30PM

Community SING!

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN,
1300 MANSFIELD ST.
CHIPPWEA FALLS, WI
Info: <https://bit.ly/mmc-Oct11sing>

PLUS A SATURDAY MORNING WORKSHOP

COME ONE, COME ALL!

Explore the riches of paperless singing and experience leadership practices and songs that build and strengthen community!



Sponsored by The Lay School of Ministry of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA * Our Savior's Chippewa Falls * Immanuel, Eau Claire * Our Savior's Menomonia * Spirit, Eau Claire * St. John's, Eau Claire * Trinity, Eau Claire

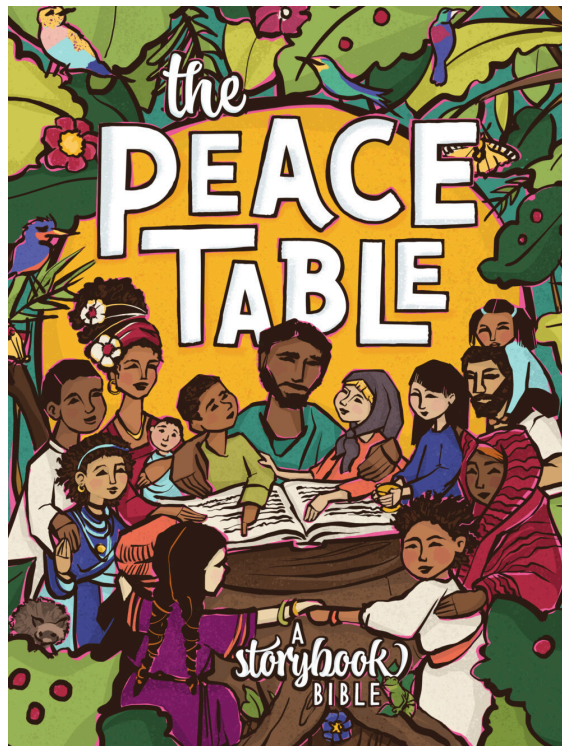
The Immanuel Trust Fund is a sponsor of this Music That Makes Community event. Check it out! You don't need to attend the workshop to participate in the Sing. Immanuel members attend for free, but you do need to register. Contact the church office if you would like to participate.



Pastor Jamie will meet with those interested in officially becoming members of Immanuel on Sunday, September 22, following the worship service. We will be blessing new members during the worship service on Sunday, October 6.

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; Pastor Jamie will be happy to meet with you another time.

Kim and Suzi Sturz are no longer working at Immanuel. We thank God for their 27 years of service to the church! We are grateful for their dedication and hard work. You can show your appreciation for them by sending a card to their home. Contact the church office if you need their address.



Order your own copy on Amazon or the Shine website!

<https://shinecurriculum.com/product/the-peace-table-a-storybook-bible/>

September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 9 AM	2 Labor Day - office closed	3	4 Preschool Orientation 5 PM Youth Gathering meeting 7 PM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	5 Preschool Classes start Material Witness Quilting Noon- 4 PM	6	7
8 Worship 9 AM Rally Sunday ELCA Youth Gathering Recap Backpack Blessing Fellowship 10 AM	9 Knit 1-3 PM HHH 6:30 PM	10 HHH 9:30 AM	11 Confirmation Orientation: 6:30 - 6th-8th grades 7:30 - 9th grade Choir 7 PM	12 Material Witness Quilting Noon- 4 PM	13	14
15 Worship 9 AM ABC Milestone JoF starts 10 AM Fellowship 10 AM Bishop Martin Halom Installation, Hope Lutheran, 3 PM	16 Knit 1-3 PM HHH 6:30 PM	17 HHH 9:30 AM CAW Board meeting 6 PM Council 7 PM	18 Bible Study 10 AM WoW Meal 5:15 PM Worship 6:00 PM Learning 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM	19 Material Witness Quilting Noon- 4 PM	20	22
22 Worship 9 AM JoF & Fellowship 10 AM New Member Orientation 10 AM	23 Knit 1-3 PM HHH 6:30 PM	24 HHH 9:30 AM	25 Bible Study 10 AM WoW Meal 5:15 PM Worship 6:00 PM Learning 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM	26 Material Witness Quilting Noon- 4 PM	27	28
29 Worship 9 AM JoF & Fellowship 10 AM	30 Knit 1-3 PM HHH 6:30 PM	<p>Save the date!</p> <p>Animal Blessing</p> <p>October 2</p>				