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CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Once-A-Month FAMILY GATHERINGS
for families/grandparents with children of all ages

Once-A-Month Intergenerational SERVICE PROJECTS
for Confirmation Students & the Entire Congregation

In 2017, we transitioned from the Sunday School/ Confirmation class model to intergenerational family based faith formation. We changed how we do children's and youth ministry to better meet the needs of families today. Through ***two group visioning sessions and 10 one-on-one conversations*** with parents, we learned our families experience these **pressures:**

- ⇒ Parents and children have few Christian peers, friends and neighbors.
- ⇒ Families are BUSY.
- ⇒ Both parents often work full-time and travel for work with few family members living near-by to help.
- ⇒ Kids have multiply opportunities for learning, sports, academics, etc. every day and night of the week.

Our families are seeking:

- ⇒ Deeper relationships and support among Christian parents and youth.
- ⇒ Opportunities to deepen intergenerational relationships with their children and older adults in the congregation.
- ⇒ For their kids to know God and stay connected to a church community.
- ⇒ To actively participate in Christian practices of prayer, service, worship, giving, and Biblical literacy from a Lutheran perspective.

FamilyNight
BRINGING GENERATIONS TOGETHER

Sunday, September 9
4:00-6:15 p.m.
for families/grandparents with children of all ages
@ the Marks House (3524 S 3rd St. West)

GREAT BIBLE RACE
CAMPFIRE, S'MORES & SINGING
Please bring a salad or side to share

RSVP to Sonja at sonja@imluchurch.org

See p. 2 for full schedule of dates

God's work. Our hands.

Sunday, September 23
10 a.m.-noon

There will be 2 worship services at 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Projects will start at 10 a.m. and continue through noon as necessary. Individuals may end volunteering at 11 a.m. to attend the worship service.

Join us for 3 service projects!

- Cleaning up the neighborhood—pick up trash
- Tying fleece quilts for Giving Tree
- Property & Grounds service projects (We will have lots do because of construction!)

Family Faith Gatherings

Family Faith Gathering Dates & Theme	Intergenerational Service Project
September 9: Great Bible Race @ the Marks House (3524 S 3rd St. West)	September 23, 10 a.m.-noon *Tying Quilts for Giving Tree Families*
October 7: Creativity	October 14 or 28
November 4: Kindness	November 18
December 16: Christmas Program	Giving Tree
January 6: Hospitality	January 13 or 27
February 3: Loyalty	February 10 or 24
March 3: Honesty	March 17
April 7: Adventure	April 7 or 28

Our THEME for Faith Family Gatherings this year is ***The Values Project*** by Beaming Books. The Values Project is a year-long initiative designed to equip families to raise children and youth who thrive emotionally, socially, and spiritually. It offers inspiration, practical ideas, family activities, and parenting tips from a network of seasoned parents and faith leaders, because it takes a village to raise a good human. Each month weôll explore a different valueï like honesty, loyalty, creativity, kindness, and more in light of Biblical stories and Godôs call.

Immanuel Christmas Program, Dec. 16

Middle School Retreat
Nov. 8, 6-9 p.m.
With 6 churches of Youth Pack

FLBC Jr/Sr High Ski Trip
January 12th-14th, 2018

Youth Quake March 15-17, 2019
KALISPELL, MT
Quake events are weekend retreats created specifically for youth in grades 6-12. Quake partners with youth leaders to encourage teens to become established in their faith, empowered for Christian living and enabled to live a life of ministry and leadership. Each Quake has about 100-500 participants.

This & That

Birthdays

Birthdays:

9/1 Amy Galipeau
9/4 Levi Hoover
9/5 Brittney Marcure
9/6 Hanna Nagy
9/7 Jim Peterson
9/8 Mindy Hammitt
9/13 Isabel Hartsell-Miller
9/14 Macee Martin
9/15 Craig Happ
9/17 Kinsley Long, Mark Mohorcich
9/18 Sherika Fernando
9/20 Judy Wellert
9/21 Helen Petroff, Dean Ross
9/22 Patty Orr
9/23 Leslie Boileau
9/26 Auverne Albert, Marisa Kramer
9/27 Luca Khomenko
9/29 Jerry Jacobson

Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

9/1 Mick & Sharon Hanson—50 years;
9/4 Briar & Heidi Diggs—42 years;
9/7 Jay & Debi Getz—44 years;
9/13 Ron & Nancy Marks—43 years;
Marvin & Tina Paulson—32 years;
9/16 Steve & Brenda Weber—41 years;
9/18 Dan & Lorrie Beaulieu—53 years;
9/19 Brenda & Brian Hallas—26 years;
9/27 Dick & Nancy Solum—32 years.

Special Anniversary Congratulations to Mick & Sharon Hanson on 50 years of marriage!

Naomi Circle

All women are invited to the monthly Bible Study that meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:45 am in Rm 208. This month join us on September 12!

immanuel staff

Pastor—Molly Sasser-Goehner
Director of Worship & Music—Allen Sasser-Goehner
Director of Christian Education—Sonja Wolsky
Administrative Assistant—Lynn Rhynard
Bookkeeper—Tudi Smith
Choir Director—Nita Smith
Preschool Teachers—Julie Sager, Wendy Deaton
Preschool Assistant—Melinda Brady
Custodians—Carrie & Mark Courter
Funeral Coordinator—Nancy Marks
Wedding Coordinator—Shirley Wanberg

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your 2018 church council

Ike Marks, President
TJ Johnson, Vice President
Linda Redfern, Secretary
Tana Lambert, Treasurer & Finance
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Toni Johnson, Christian Education
Albert Melby, Property & Grounds
Tom Thompson, Service
Mark Mohorcich, Stewardship
Gaynelle Stamm, Worship & Music
***Vacant*, Witness**
***Vacant*, Youth & Family**

Council Highlights

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Highlights
August 7, 2018

Members present: Ike Marks, Pr. Molly Sasser-Goehner, Albert Melby, Tom Thompson, Gaynelle Stamm Linda Redfern, Toni Johnson, Tana Lambert

6:00 PM: Council met in Nancy & Ronôs backyard for a picnic prior to the meeting. Thank you to the Marksô family for hosting the picnic! Ike for cooking the meat!

Meeting called to Order at 7:05 PM. Minutes from June 12, 2018 council meeting approved.

Pastor's Report:

*Much has been happening this summer- 4 baptisms, 2 weddings, VBS, Facility Enhancement.

*Godôs Work Our Hands Sunday- the official day is September 9, 2018 but Immanuel will celebrate on September 23, 2018. Service will include tying of quilts, area wide clean up and WA Middle school service.

*Pastor Molly and Allen will be gone August 12 ï 17, 2018.

*Endowment gave a $1,000.00 gift to FLBC and $5,000.00 in scholarships to campers who attended FLBC.

*August 26, 2018 there will be a blessing of backpacks during the worship service. Camp stories.

*Colter Murphy and Eamon Ormseth gave sermons on their time spent as YAGM volunteers.

Family Housing appeal-Casey Dunning:

Casey came to the council meeting and gave an overview of the Housing project. This is a joint venture between MIC and the YWCA to provide Emergency housing for homeless families (25 units) and victims of domestic violence (15 units). There is a steering team. Venture will go public March-April 2019. Curt Minor will be the fundraiser for MIC and Susan Ash will provide marketing through Partners Creative. Immanuel and 17 other churches will be asked to participate.

Accessibility Enhancement Project: The project has been slow due to secondary subcontractors.

*Plumbing has been removed upstairs across form the new office. *The concrete base for the elevator base has poured.

Discussion/Action Items

Finance Committee Report: (Tana Lambert)

June income was $19,657 and expenses were $20,764. Income less expenses in June was <$1,107>. Year to date deficit is <$13,995>. July income was $25,809 and expenses were $21,882. Income over expenses was $3,927. Year to date deficit es <$10,067>. Donation given by Geneva Van Horneôs family for use of the church will be put in to the general fund ï building use. Three laptops were purchased for Pastor Molly, Sonja and Allen, through the office fund and endowment.

Giving Summit Discussion: Ike Marks will meet with Pastor Molly later this month.

Washington Middle School Outreach: The team met in June and discussed who will be in charge of what activities over the coming school year. Judy Wellert will be in charge of Giving Tree. Judy and Tudi Smith will be in charge of food and toiletry drive. Jack Stamm the 8th Grade Food Bank event. Val will attend PTA Meetings. Carrol Karlsgodt will be in charge of Trivent Action Team. Flagship ï further discussion.

Safety Response Team: Members are: Julie Sager, Sonja Wolsky, TJ Johnson, Jim Steenbert, Al Melby, Ron Marks, Randy Long and Katanya Morse. This team met August 1, 2018. They recommended Educational readings and videos for council. Discussed current concerns and Immanuelôs next steps: Church Safety, Prevention awareness, Prevention access, Prevention alert, Prevention action. This **team will meet next Wednesday, August 22 at 1:00 PM**.

Projection- Difficulty reading projection: The bulb was replaced and many feel the projection is now easier to read.

Christian Education:

*VBS- was a big success!! A big Thank You to all who were involved. Immanuel carried the load: Ike and Kathie- meals, Nancy- projection, Allen- each night, Pr. Molly present, Kathy and Julie- music, Sonja and Toni in charge!!

Lynn ï will be out of the office August 16-17, 20-24 and 27, 2018.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm

Linda Redfern Secretary

Events

WOMEN AND JUSTICE: ONE IN CHRIST DRAFT SOCIAL STATEMENT STUDY

Wednesday, September 12, 6:30-8 p.m.

Additional sessions will be added if group desires.

The draft statement is available for download at ELCA.org/womenandjustice. Printed copies are available at the church. Participants will be invited to send their responses to the Task Force for consideration.

The draft begins with and is rooted in our common foundation, a confession of faith in the Triune God. From this certainty of faith flow 36 assertions, divided into five sections. These assertions claim Godôs intention of abundant life for all, confess sexism and patriarchy as sin, name the resources of Lutheran faith to address this sin, and articulate this churchôs work and its call to religious and secular partners. It closes with an expression of hope for justice, grounded in trust in Godôs promise of grace.

Draft social statements have no official standing as statements of the ELCA. They are a means to invite everyone to participate in the process toward the creation of an official statement. ELCA social statements are theological and teaching documents. They assist the ELCA and its members to reach informed judgments on social issues from a perspective of faith. They are intended to cultivate individual and community discernment, as well as to guide moral formation. They govern this churchôs institutional policy and teaching in its social witness and guide its work as a public church. Social statements are developed through an extensive process of deliberation involving the whole church and are adopted by a two-thirds majority of an ELCA churchwide assembly.

Quilting

Quilting begins Thursday, September 6 at 10 am. No experience needed!

Many quilt tops are sewn, and they need backs, pinning and binding. Anyone can open and close a large safety pin! That is most of the work that needs to be done this Fall to finish quilts for Christmas families. These quilts are given to women and children of the Carole Graham House and other needy families.

Join us Thursday, September 6 for cutting, pinning and having fun!

If you are unable to come on Thursdays, work can be sent home with you or a Saturday session can be scheduled. For more information call Carole 728-4412 or Judy 370-0254.

Men are also invited!

Montana Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) Fall Gathering

September 29, 2018
Registration 9-9:30 am
Shepherd of the Valley Church
301 N. Cherry Street, Townsend, MT

Featured Speaker—Margie Neugebaueer,
Licensed Professional Counselor,
Certified Coach,
Certified Grief Recovery

The Montana Synodical Womenôs Organization board invites you to a one day event which will include Bible study, personal growth, faith building, fellowship, and worship.

Theme: Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:8 You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be my witnessesé

Contact Judy Nakamura if youôre interested in attending. Questions: Connie Hausauer 406-248-3610

BBLB/Family Promise

IMMANUEL BROWN BAG LUNCH BUNCH

Come to our monthly Brown Bag Lunch Bunch. Itôs a great way to connect with other members and our community, Check out the topics for the summer!.

WHEN: Third Wednesday of the month
TIME: 12 noon- 1:00 pm (unless otherwise noted)
Check out www.imluchurch.org/lunchbunch for upcoming schedules.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming presentations:

Get ready for another great lineup for Brown Bag Lunch Bunch…. Starting in September.

September 19: Backroads of Montana

Join the crew of the popular Montana PBS program "Backroads of Montanaòfor backstories and a behind-the- scenes peek at how the show is made.

Photo: (l-r) Backroads of Montana producers Ray Ekness, William Marcus, Gus Chambers and John Twiggs

Coming in October: International Rescue Committee (IRC) in Missoula would like to share opportunities to help support refugees arriving in Missoula. Please join us at this presentation to hear about who the IRC is and the work they do. They will also discuss who refugees are, what volunteering entails, and how you can make an impact (volunteer roles, donating, in-kind donations, bus training, and much more!). Please join us and bring your questions about refugees!

Do you have an idea for a Lunch Bunch presentation? Contact Nancy Marks at mslamarks@gmail.com or 406-396-5494. We're always looking for something interesting to share!

FAMILY PROMISE/ MIC News…..

NEXT ROTATION

Our next rotation will be September 2-9 at Atonement. Thanks for your quick response to request for volunteers! It makes my life so much easier! One of the families, Jim and Ashli and son Harley will be having a new baby boy on August 29th. Prayers for them and thanks for any contributions you can make to their Baby Welcome Basket. Check with me (Nancy Marks) if you have questions.

Baby Care Kits

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The Service Committee is starting to collect items for the Lutheran World Relief **Baby Care Kits.** Summer is a great time to pick up items at garage sales! Help fill the crib with items to send to LWR and make a difference for children around the world! We are also looking for people to serve on this team to help put the kits together in the spring. Contact Nancy Marks or Debbie Getz if you'd like to help or have questions!

A Baby Care Kit from Lutheran World Relief is like a promise. It says to that baby, ñ*Your needs will not be neglected by this world. You matter to us.*" When you send Baby Care Kits, you provide encouragement by welcoming these little ones into an international community that cares.

Baby Care Kits are distributed as part of emergency and relief efforts, and they are also given out as part of LWR health initiatives to encourage women to seek prenatal care. One such initiative in Mali provided training for local prenatal health care workers, who were given Baby Care Kits to distribute when they assisted with births. These kinds of programs help more babies in rural, poor areas receive a healthy start in life. We hope you will join us in this effort!

Here are the items we need for the Baby Care Kits. Sizes 6-24 months:

For more info about LWR Baby Care kits go to https://lwr.org/get-involved/build-kits-of-care/baby-care-kits

• Lightweight cotton t-shirts • Long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet) • Top and pant sets • Receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square • Cloth diapers, flat-fold preferred	• Jackets, sweaters or sweatshirts with or without hoods • Baby caps • Baby socks • Hand towels, dark color recommended • Bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of gentle soap, in original wrapping • Diaper pins or large safety pins

Construction Update

UPDATE Accessibility Enhancement Project (AEP)

BUILD UP THE BODY

- ⇒ *Offices have been moved to the North Side of 2nd Level*
- ⇒ *New Windows in Music office on 5th Level*
- ⇒ *Power Grid Updated*
- ⇒ *South Side of 2nd Level copier work room, 2 ADA restrooms and storage area are framed in and wired*
- ⇒ *South Side Awning has been removed, concrete walkway removed; hole has been dug*
- ⇒ *Elevator pad has been poured and further elevator wall forms have been built and poured*
- ⇒ *Asbestos has been removed in former nursery and lower basement level*
- ⇒ *Footings prepared outside foundation*

- ⇒ ***September Projects:***
- ⇒ *Drywall 2nd Level copier work room , Plumbing in ADA restrooms 2nd Level, Pouring of cement outside walls; Continued outside construction*

- ⇒ *Financial Gifts continue to be contributed regularly, are much needed and appreciated!*

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vision and mission statement

vision:

Immanuel is called to be a caring, compassionate, and diverse congregation that is spiritually nourished through Jesus Christ and reaches out to the community at large.

mission:

share the love of Christ with all!

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Join us for the following:

TWO WORSHIP SERVICES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 9
9 am and 11 am

***Family Faith Gathering**, September 9,*
4-6 pm at Marks' home

***God's Work, Our Hands Sunday**, September 23*