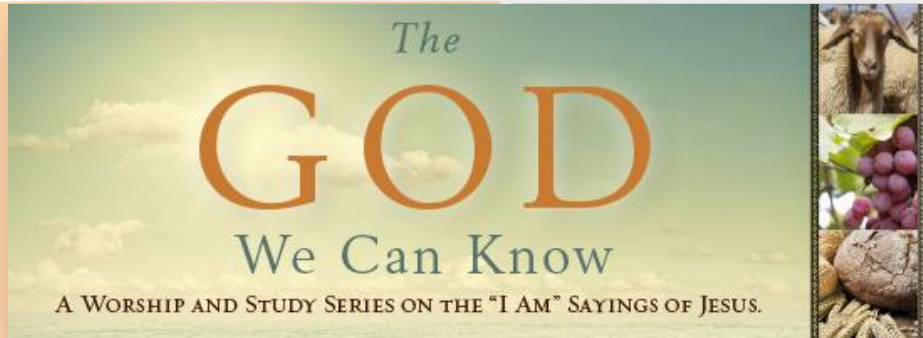


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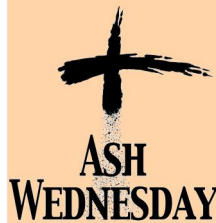
**Wednesday "I AM" Study: 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

(March 13, 20, 27 April 3, 10)  
OR

**Sunday "I AM" Study: 10:10 a.m.-10:45 a.m.**  
(Sundays-March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14)

Can't attend a class? Take the e-class at  
<https://urelearning.upperroom.org/p/god-we-can-know>

**March 6, 6:30 p.m.-7:15 pm.**



We mark our forehead with a cross of ashes as a sign of repentance and mortality. "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." Returning to God's mercy and grace we make our way through Lent, 40 days to practice repentance, fasting and prayer, sacrificial giving, and works of love.

**Wednesday Worship  
6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

March 13, 20, 27  
April 3, 10



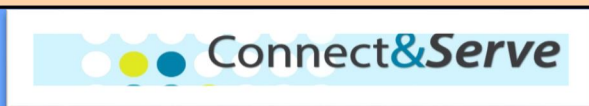
# Family Faith Gatherings



**4:00-6:15 p.m.**  
at Immanuel  
Families/grandparents  
w/children of all ages.  
Dinner provided.

**March 10: Honesty**

**April 7: Adventure**



**Intergenerational  
Service Project**

March 17

April 7 or 28



## March 6: The Practice of Lent

Lent means *ō*lengthen. Lent is 40 days to mark Jesus' journey to the cross and his Passover from death to life.

In the Bible:

- Noah and the animals were on the ark 40 days and 40 nights.
- Moses was on Mt. Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights when God gave the 10 commandments.
- The Israelites wandered in the wilderness desert 40 years before reaching the promised land.
- After his baptism, Jesus prayed, fasted, and was tempted in the wilderness for 40 days.

During Lent Christians do more things than we usually do to grow in faith including: repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving, and works of love.

### Brinner

#### Breakfast for dinner

Start the week of Lent by having a pancake supper. This marks the ancient tradition of eating all the fatty and sweet things in the house before the more simplified life and food habits of Lent. Usually this is the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday (March 5), but it could be done any time in the first week of Lent (March 3-9).

## Lenten Activities for Families

Use less or eat a simple meal and place the difference in a "giving jar" to be given to a recipient of choice. What do you want you children to learn about consumption and waste, restraint and meaningful giving, and mindfulness of others' needs? The reality of life is that sadness, pain, and disappointment exist, even for children. How can we use Lent and the culmination in Easter to teach our children that "God holds all things in his hands."

**Prayer** - Jesus went into the wilderness after he was baptized to pray. Explore various forms or prayer with your family and understand that prayer is a way to deepen our relationship with God.

**Forgiveness** - Take these 40 days and become intentional about what it means to forgive and be forgiven. Let your children know forgiveness teaches us to look beyond the hurt, and concentrate on healing.

**Renewal** - Talk about how God gives us second chances to start over which gives us another chance to get on the path toward God. **Sacrifice** - How can we think of sacrifice as being more than giving up material things? Jesus's sacrifice teaches us to give our lives to each other.

### Other Ideas:

Attend Ash Wednesday Worship.

List 40 deeds you can do as a family.

Plant Seeds ó watching things grow is powerful.

# This & That



## Birthdays

### Birthdays:

3/5 Margaret Gall;  
 3/6 Heather Mumma;  
 3/7 Gabriel Hartsell-Miller;  
 3/8 Brittany Gall, Ron Gall;  
 3/9 Haywood Brown, Katie Ward;  
 3/10 Ike Marks;  
 3/11 Adrian Kolberg;  
 3/12 Vivian Milch;  
 3/13 Kaye Ebelt; Jaime Long;  
 Anne Steenberg;  
 3/14 Nancy Solum;  
 3/15 Levi Diggs;  
 3/16 Gary Botchek; Carole Graham;  
 Bernard Khomenko; Jim Nelsen;  
 3/17 TJ Johnson; Molly Sasser-Goehner;  
 3/18 Laine Botchek;  
 3/19 Carrol Karlsgodt;  
 3/20 Christi Gardner; Linnea Kahler;  
 3/21 Linda Fernando;  
 3/24 Tina Paulson;  
 3/25 Zach Paulson;

## Anniversaries

3/28 Keli McQuiston;  
 3/29 Leo Sasser-Goehner;  
 3/30 Darrell Haag; Mike Wellert;  
 3/31 Sara Petersen.

### Anniversaries:

3/3 George & Donna Boileau, 61 years;  
 3/7 Liz & Levi Hollers, 8 years;  
 3/14 Swede & Betty Ann Gustafson, 55 years;  
 3/18 Mark & Holly Mohorcich, 24 years;  
 3/24 Melanie & Richard Graham, 46 years;  
 3/31 Bill & Helen Evans, 35 years.

**Special Anniversary congratulations to Swede & Betty Ann on 55 years of marriage and to Bill & Helen on 35 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 March 13!

### 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  
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### your 2019 church council

Ike Marks, President  
 TJ Johnson, Vice President  
 Judy Wellert, Secretary  
 Tana Lambert, Treasurer & Finance  
 Vacant, Fellowship  
 Toni Johnson, Christian Education  
 Albert Melby, Property & Grounds  
 Tom Thompson, Service  
 Ray Smith, Stewardship  
 Gaynelle Stamm, Worship & Music  
 Vacant, Witness  
 Vacant, Youth & Family

# Council Highlights

## Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Highlights February 12, 2019

**Members present:** Ike Marks, Pr. Molly Sasser-Goehner, Albert Melby, Gaynelle Stamm, TJ Johnson, Tom Thompson, Toni Johnson, Tana Lambert, Ray Smith, Linda Redfern, Nancy Marks (guest)

**7:00 PM:** Devotions in the sanctuary. **Meeting called to Order at 7:22 PM.**

Minutes from January 8, 2019 council meeting approved.

**Nancy Marks:** Time and Talent Survey Responses were tabulated by Nancy and given to council chairs in a printed format. Nancy also explained how to find the data on line.

### **Pastor's Report:**

-February 24, 2019 is Camp Sunday.

-New Members will be received in March 2019.

-Synod survey was sent to all congregations. Discussion took place and it was decided that the survey would be emailed to members with hard copies available for those who want them.

-Lenten format was discussed and it was decided that worship will begin at 6:30PM with class at 7:00PM.

Soup suppers **will not** be served 2019 due to construction and a lack of space. Ash Wednesday is March 6, 2019.

### **Accessibility Enhancement Project:**

-Construction continues. Elevator will be installed in March. Estimated completion April 2019.

### **Discussion/Action Items**

#### **Finance Committee Report:**

-January income was \$18,611 with expenses being \$19,841. Income less expenses in January was <\$1,231>. 2019 deficit is \$2,951 less than 2018 January deficit.

-The new copier was purchased and installed.

#### **Washington Middle School:**

-Food Bank: Volunteers needed March 15, 2019 to meet WMS students at the food bank and help make em-power packs.

-Baby Care Kits: Invite WMS students to put together kits March 21, 2019.

-Missoula Manor: April 2019 craft project with WMS students and residents at Missoula Manor.

**Annual Meeting:** Was held January 27, 2019 12:15 PM.

#### **Christian Education Committee:**

-Preschool Move: The preschool will move to its original space in the basement at the end of the school year. Cleaning, painting touch-ups and wallpaper to be done before move.

-Vacation Bible school 2019: Tentative dates June 23-27, 2019.

-Background Checks: Updating of background checks will be done soon.

-Family Faith Gathering was held February 3 and Inter-generational Service Project will be Feb. 17.

#### **Worship and Music:**

-Considering how to improve clarity of Pr. Molly's sermons for those with hearing aids.

-Celebrating Godparenting Sunday on March 10, 2019.

#### **Service Committee:**

-Washington Middle School discussed (see above).

-Family Promise Update: Dates 2019 are January 6-13 at Atonement. June 9-16, July 21-27 & July 28-Aug 4, October 13-20 and October 21-27 at Immanuel.

-Time & Talent sheets discussed. Soup suppers for Lent discussed.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm**

Linda Redfern, Fill in Secretary





## IMMANUEL BROWN BAG LUNCH BUNCH

Come to our monthly Brown Bag Lunch Bunch. It's 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](http://www.imluchurch.org/lunchbunch) for upcoming schedules.

**Great fun at the "Valentine Gala"** Not only did we have great treats and wonderful fellowship but we created some fun valentines to honor the great work of our Immanuel Staff! Never too old to be crafty.



**Wednesday March 20. Missoula Works & Recycling Works:** Come learn about Missoula Works and Recycling Works. Missoula Works is a social enterprises that Missoula Interfaith Collaborative has created with the mission is to provide employment opportunities, both temporary and permanent, for the long-term unemployed in the Missoula community. They include Missoula Works and the Get it Done crew- and also a new program called Mama's Promise! Recycling Works Inc. was created to get more useful stuff out of the landfill, specifically focusing on bottles, jars, and organics.

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



## Community Service Fair

The following congregation members took turns talking to Washington Middle School students at the Community Service Fair held in WMS's new gym on February 4 & 5. The Fair was an opportunity to describe Immanuel's hands-on service projects to hundreds of students and invite their participation. We were well represented by Jack Stamm, Valerie McNair, Tom Thompson, Carrol Karlsgodt, Tove Elvrom, Laurie Swanson and Judy Wellert.

## Sewing = Scraps

Your fabric scraps would be welcome as plans are made for our **Immanuel Lutheran** and **Washington Middle School** Flagship project.

In April, crafts will be shared with residents at Missoula Manor and WMS students. One week will include an **origami fabric bunny**.

The bunny is made from a square of material that can be 12-16 inches wide.

Fabric can be brought to church and given to Tove Elvrom. Please ask or call Tove at (406) 802-4793.



## Adult Spirituality Retreat April 28-April 30

\$260/person (entire event)

Commuter Rates: Sunday \$30

Monday \$195, Tuesday \$30



*Come to the retreat expecting God to find you.* Bring your Bible, something to write on/in, and yourself! Enjoy the teaching of Fr. Ganz as well as plenty of time for relaxation, hiking, worship and great conversations. Plus great food and accommodations! Fr. Rick Ganz, SJ (Jesuit, member of the Society of Jesus) is the founder and director of Faber Institute based in Portland, OR. He is a widely sought-after speaker on religious and spiritual topics, and a retreat master and spiritual director. Fr. Ganz has been a featured speaker and retreat leader at ELCA events across the country. *Retreat begins with dinner on Sunday and ends with lunch on Tuesday. Contact [office@flbc.net](mailto:office@flbc.net) or 406-752-6602 to register.*



## FAMILY PROMISE WELCOME KITS Off to a good start!



**The** Family Promise Coordinators have been working to put together Welcome Baskets to deliver to families when they move into their new places to help offset some of the costs of moving in. We got to deliver our first set of baskets to Mike and his family in early February. Immanuel Lutheran (using a Thrivent grant) and Atonement Lutheran collaborated to purchase items for their Cleaning Kit. Immanuel's Endowment and a member of St Anthony's also provided gift cards to help purchase items they need. Kits were also provided by other churches. These included the Toiletry Kit provided by Blessed Trinity Catholic Community, Bathroom Kit by Spirit of Peace, and Kitchen Kits provided by First Presbyterian, Limitless Ministries and St Paul Lutheran Churches. The Missoula Quilt Guild group Quilts for Kids also donated fun quilts for the kids. Families are also connected to River of Life Church in East Missoula to get furniture and household goods. One coordinator stated it perfectly, "This just feels so right to be able to help these families get off to a good start." Thanks to all who contributed and made this family feel loved and welcomed.

### UPCOMING DATES FOR FAMILY PROMISE

Our dates to host Family Promise at Immanuel are listed below (note we will house the families at our church over a 2 week time period and will be getting additional volunteers to provide support for July and October rotations.)

- ♦ June 9-16 (with Atonement)
- ♦ July 21-August 4 (with Atonement and added volunteers)
- ♦ October 13-27 (with Atonement and added Volunteers)

# MIC/FP cont'd



## ~Mama's Promise~



*Mama's Promise is a new collaboration brought to you by Missoula Interfaith Collaborative (MIC) and Missoula Works. It is a jewelry line based in our Family Promise program which gives homeless mothers with newborns a creative outlet and an opportunity to earn income. This endeavor simultaneously gives them the time and space to bond with their infants and to physically heal. This social enterprise was inspired by two motivated mamas who wanted to find a way to provide for their families. Proceeds from this purchase will help them in doing so. [Check out our Etsy page!](#)*

*Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or comments you may have.*

## MIC Thanks

*"Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, We do not say it enough, thank you! Thank you for your continuous support in 2018. Your donations ensure that we can continue to run our programs month after month. We are doing this together, thank you!"*

*With Appreciation, All of Us at M.I.C."*



## Giving Tree

## More Thank You Notes

From families supported  
by the Giving Tree

ōThank you all so much for the gifts. They will be put to good use! Merry Christmas! Happy New Yearö  
- The Warden Family

ōThank you for helping my family and I with gifts. Appreciate it. Thank you so much.ö - Phylicia & Kids

ōThank you so much for making my Christmas so awesome!! I am grateful for all of you that made a smile on my face and for helping us. Thank you so much for the boots, coat, and baby boy presents.ö - Tonia and my unborn son.

ōThe gifts were beautiful. The service was great, and my kids and I are very thankful. God bless.ö  
- Mary and Kids, Louie, Mali, Loukas

ōThank you for the Christmas gifts. It helped a lot to give my baby a good first Christmas. I am so very thankful for everything.ö - Aletha

ōThank you very much for all the gifts this year! I loved my bathroom rugs. God bless you all!ö  
- Jenna, Bridger, Nevaeh

ōThank you so much for all of the Christmas presents! With your help we truly did have a beautiful Christmas. We really appreciate it. The quilts were beautiful. Psyllus loves his hot wheels track & his fire truck! My makeup mirror is just what I needed. God Blessö - Rashelle & Psyllus



## Baby Care Kits



## Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits

Bringing a baby into the world can be a difficult and scary thing for a mother living in poverty. Keeping a new baby healthy, clean and comfortable takes a lot of resources. The items included in a Baby Care Kit provide the basics a family needs to care for their new members in the way they hope! Worry will always be present for all parents, but having some essentials allows them to enjoy and get to know their little ones and introduce them with pride to the world.

Immanuel's goal is to put together **75 kits**.

**ITEMS NEEDED** to complete the Kits. Sizes 6-24 months

**To Purchase** -new or in good condition

- Lightweight cotton t-shirts
- Long sleeved tops (to match with pants for sleepers)
- Receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52ö square
- Hand towels, dark color recommended
- Bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of gentle soap, in original wrapping
- Cloth diapers, flat-fold preferred
- Baby socks
- Diaper pins or large safety pins



## Do you like to sew, knit or crochet?

- Make diapers from T-shirts or flannel/flannel sheets (pattern provided)
- Make sleepers from T-Shirts (pattern provided)
- Make blankets up to 52ö square  
⇒ medium weight cotton or flannel or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn.

**Check the chart** in the Hemgren Room or on Facebook to see our progress!

**Are you a Thrivent member?** Let Deb Getz or Nancy Marks know if you are willing to write a Thrivent grant to purchase some of the items (diapers, pins, socks or other items on the list)

**DEADLINE FOR ITEMS: Wednesday, March 20**

**Mark your calendars to come help PUT BABY CARE KITS TOGETHER**

## Thursday, March 21

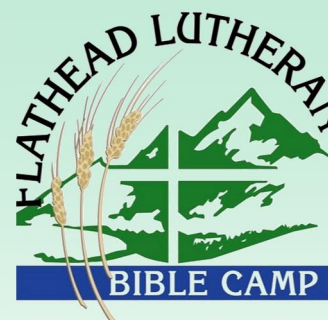
**2:45 - 4:00 pm**

## Immanuel Lutheran Church



# Retreats

## Men's Retreat March 15 & 16, FLBC



Join the retreat for spiritual renewal, learning, great food, fellowship and fun! Rev. Seth Nelson of Faith Lutheran in Ronan will be sharing his spiritual journey and the topic of his recently published book, *"The Church Unknown: Reflections of a Millennial Pastor"*. Fee is \$80 in advance, \$85 on the day of the event. Registration begins on March 15th at 4 pm.

Contact Pastor Chris Flohr (549-4141) at St. Paul Lutheran Church or Don Spritzer (549-5582) for further information.



## Women's Spring Retreat

April 26-28, 2019  
Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Plan now to attend the *WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT*. Motivating speaker, Fun, Fellowship, Service projects, Music, Great food (no cooking!)

• Bring your friends, daughters, mothers, granddaughters (14 and up) along for a fun, restful, spirit-filled weekend on beautiful Flathead Lake. Registration is open. Check out [www.Impluchurch.org/womensretreat](http://www.Impluchurch.org/womensretreat) for more details, to get on our mailing list and to register! Hope to see you there!

• A limited number of scholarships for the Women's Spring Retreat are available for Immanuel women. Check the bulletin board in the Hemgren room or contact Nancy Solum ([dnsolum@bresnan.net](mailto:dnsolum@bresnan.net)) or 406-240-0023 for more information. Thanks to Immanuel's Endowment for their support of these scholarships!

• Sponsored by Women of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) Five Valleys and Great Divide Cluster.

# Construction Update



## UPDATE Accessibility Enhancement Project (AEP)

- ⇒ Offices 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 framed in and wired
- ⇒ South Side Awning removed, concrete walkway removed; hole dug
- ⇒ Asbestos removed in former nursery and lower basement level
- ⇒ Elevator pad and elevator wall forms have been built and poured; weatherproofed and backfilled
- ⇒ Sheet Rock has been installed, taped and sanded in 2nd Level copier work room; Work room has been painted
- ⇒ Sheet Rock in Christian Ed Director's office, and office painted
- ⇒ Former nursery electrical and framing; Rough in plumbing 2nd level restrooms;
- ⇒ Floor joists installed; Outside framing 5th Floor; Sheeting on the floors; Sheeting on the elevator shaft

### March Projects:

- ⇒ Continued interior work, drywall, insulation, windows; 2nd floor work room completed; Elevator to be placed in March, Anticipated completion of Project April/May 2019
- ⇒ 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!**

***Faith Family Gathering—Sunday, March 10  
From 4:00 to 6:15 pm***



***Ash Wednesday Worship, March 6, 6:30-7:30 pm  
Wednesday Worship 6:30-7:00 pm (starting March 13)  
Wednesday “I AM” Study 7:00—8 pm  
(starting March 13)***

***Sunday Morning “I AM” Study 10:10 am-10:45 am  
(Sundays, March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14)***