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Immanuel's Partnership with Washington Middle School

Immanuel has found many ways recently to fulfill our mission of helping Washington Middle School students learn the satisfaction of community service and to assist WMS students who are most needing our help.

On April 1, after school, Immanuel sponsored the first "Creating Across Generations" workshop at Missoula Manor. As part of the WMS Flagship Program, these workshops are bringing together residents of Missoula Manor and Washington Middle School students on Mondays after school to help each other create craft projects. Five students have signed up to participate, and each week Manor residents sign up to take part as well. There were six Manor residents at the first workshop which was led by Carol Fleharty and her daughter Kristen who taught the group how to make Scandinavian-style bookmarks. Carol and Kristen were assisted by Tove Elvrom, Nancy Melby, Judy Wellert, and Tudi



Smith. Both the Manor residents and the students had a great time! The students were very well-behaved and jumped right into the project. They were pleased with their creations, and, on the way back to Washington, one twelve-year-old exclaimed how proud he was to

have helped one of the Manor residents make her bookmark.

One of the ways we show Jesus' love to the students is to simply be a caring, trustworthy adult who listens to their life story with encouragement and without judgement. Twelve-year-olds reveal a lot of personal issues when they are in a non-threatening environment. It was touching to hear one of the boys talk casually about his complicated family situation. All his many siblings are in foster care, and he has never met his mother, but she calls him occasionally.



On April 8 Carol Karlsgodt will be leading the "Creating Across Generations" workshop teaching how to make fleece blankets, and on April 15 Tove Elvrom will lead a workshop on making cloth origami bunnies and paper Easter eggs. If these workshops go well, Immanuel will do more after school in the autumn term.

Recently, Immanuel members manned a table for two entire days at the Washington Middle School Community Service Fair and had the opportunity to tell all the WMS students about their opportunities to do community service work at Immanuel. Two WMS students came





to Immanuel and helped sort and pack Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief, AND six Immanuel members helped chaperone a group of 75 WMS eighth-graders as they packed 3700 packets of food at the Missoula Food Bank! Two of our members used a Thrivent Action Team grant to shop for food and toiletries to stock the shelves in Washington's Families in Transition room, where WMS families experiencing homelessness can find some supplies.

Immanuel is making a positive difference in our neighborhood, helping with a wide variety of needs.

To volunteer with our WMS team, please contact Judy Wellert (wellert2012@gmail.com).

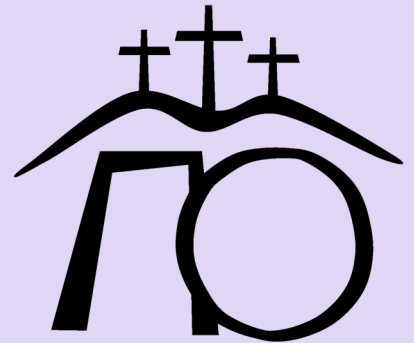


Family Faith Gatherings/Holy Week

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|  | <p>4:00-6:15 p.m. at Immanuel Families/grandparents w/children of all ages. Dinner provided.</p> |  <p>Intergenerational Service Project</p> |
| <p>April 7: Jesus is Risen</p> | | <p>April 28</p> |

April 7: Christ is Risen!

E is for Each of us. God loves everyone.
A is for A broken world, so God sent God's only Son.
S is for our Sins that Jesus took away.
T is for the Tomb where Jesus lay for 3 whole days.
E is for the Empty Tomb. The stone was rolled away.
R is for the Risen Lord. Jesus alive with me today!



A reminder to Confirmation students: For those signed up to help with the **Passion Play**, there will be a practice on **Saturday, April 13 from 1-3** and on **Sunday morning** before church at **9:00 a.m.** (Church is one service at **10 a.m.** that day).
 Thanks so much for helping out!



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 14, One Service, 10 am

Maundy Thursday, April 18, 7 pm

(Jesus gives the new commandment to "love one another as I have loved you." Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper and washes the disciples' feet. Stripping of the altar at the end of worship.)

Good Friday, April 19, 7 pm

(Christ's Seven Last Words, Prayers at the Cross)

Easter Sunday, April 21, 9 am and 11 am

This & That



Birthdays

Birthdays:

- 4/1 Brenda Hallas, Bea Happ, Bruce Kramer, Pam Sikkink
- 4/2 Kevin Boileau, Sandra Knutsen
- 4/3 Bethany Marks
- 4/4 George Beasley, Nancy Hogan, Levi Hollers
- 4/5 Aprille Jordan
- 4/6 Anna Redfern, Burt Stenslie
- 4/7 Carol Halldorson
- 4/10 Colter Murphy
- 4/11 Nancy Marks
- 4/14 Arthur Noyes
- 4/16 Cy Linsted, Jerome Maloney
- 4/17 Sherine Fernando
- 4/19 Pat Hogan, Kathy Schaller
- 4/20 Ann Bohman, Fay Wages
- 4/22 Larry Lambert, Nancy Wheeler

Anniversaries

- 4/24 John Swanson
- 4/25 Pat Swanson
- 4/28 Vanessa Kolberg
- 4/29 Kayla Crowe
- 4/30 Peter Redfern

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 April 10!

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
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 Funeral Coordinator—Nancy Marks
 Wedding Coordinator—Shirley Wanberg
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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 March 12, 2019

Members present:

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| Ike Marks | Pr. Molly Sasser-Goehner | Albert Melby |
| Gaynelle Stamm | TJ Johnson | Tom Thompson |
| Toni Johnson | Tana Lambert | Ray Smith |
| Linda Redfern | | |

7:00 PM: Devotions in the sanctuary. **Meeting called to Order at 7:20 PM.**
Minutes from February 12, 2019 council meeting approved.

Pastor's Report:

- April 7, 2019 New Member Sunday.
- April 14, 2019 is Palm Sunday, One Service, with increased number of musical songs and speakers.
- Thank you to church members who helped Nancy Wheeler her move and continue to support Pat & Rick Swanson & family by providing meals and support.

Accessibility Enhancement Project:

- Price Construction is ready for the Elevator to be installed. The Elevator company will be scheduling a date soon, in March.
- Dry walling is almost done.
- April 2019 construction will be completed.
- Nancy Marks has proposed a Draft Time Line for clean up of the church following construction.
- June 2, 2019 is proposed day to move the Preschool from the Fellowship Hall back to the lower level. May 24, 2019 is last day of Preschool.
- June 9, 2019 Family Promise will be housed at Immanuel.

Discussion/Action Items

Finance Committee Report: Tana Lambert

- February income was \$15,371 with expenses being \$20,086. Income less expenses in February was <\$4,715>. 2019 deficit is \$1,002 less than 2018 February deficit.

Washington Middle School:

- March 15, 2019, 12:30 PM, volunteers meet WMS students at the food bank and help make empower packs.
- Missoula Manor: April 2019 craft project with WMS students and residents at Missoula Manor.

Lenten Worship Services: 6:30 PM Wednesday evenings through April 10, 2019.

Christian Education Committee:

- FLBC Scholarship money will be requested from the Endowment Committee with council approval in the amount of \$5,000. A total of 17 scholarships were awarded last year. Families pay \$75 registration fee and scholarship monies go directly to FLBC.
- June 23-27, 2019 Vacation Bible school tentative dates.
- Background Checks: Those members who work with children may need to be ~~re~~checked and updated from initial checks. Please complete a form for background check and pay the \$30 processing fee if able.
- Family Faith Gathering was held March 10, 2019 with theme focus on Lent.

Worship and Music:

- The first Piano Recital request was received (May 2019) and a fee will be attached for the use of the church Sanctuary/Hemgren Room and piano.

Security Training:

- TJ Johnson will be organizing this for Fall 2019 at Immanuel for Immanuel members.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm

Linda Redfern fill in Secretary

BBLB/Clean up



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 for upcoming schedules.

Wednesday April 17. CLEANUP Immanuel: No formal program for the date, instead we will plan to meet at the church between 9:30 am and 3 pm to work on cleaning up the areas to be ready for Easter.

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!

CLEANUP- IMMANUEL!

As our remodel finishes up, there is much to do to get our building into tip-top shape. We've had a lot of opportunity to collect stuff and find treasures during the remodel (if you don't believe it, take a look at the basement under the sanctuary!)

It's time to get things cleaned up and we need your help.

Mark your calendars with these dates to come help.

- **Saturday April 13: 9:00 am- 3:00 pm** Come help get things cleaned up- inside and out. Will also need people to provide lunch for workers!
- **Wednesday April 17: 10 am- 2:00 pm.** Cleanup continued. (Again- need help with lunch)
- **Saturday May 18th: 8 am - 2:00 pm Yard Sale-** We will be moving items out of the church we no longer need and having a yard sale with proceeds going to the Accessibility Fund. We will need help with setting up, selling during the day and volunteers with trucks/trailers to haul things away at the end of the day. Start saving your own rummage sale items to donate if you wish.
- **Saturday June 1:** help moving preschool furniture to the basement.



MIC/FP/LWR Baby Care Kits



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

This year Family Promise is trying something different. Because they are short on sites but long on volunteers, several churches, including Immanuel, are volunteering to house the families for two weeks in a row. This benefits the families in they don't have to pack up and move, but can stay put. The site churches usually do the set up and take down, as we would usually do. Our new Family Promise coordinator, Marilyn Thorne, has been recruiting additional volunteers to prepare the meals, be evening and overnight hosts. At times there is a need for a few extra volunteers to fill spaces. Thanks to Dick and Nancy Solum, the Marks Clan, Shirley Wanberg and Sandy Knutsen for filling in over the last month. Be watching for an opportunity to help out. If you'd like to be on the list, let Nancy Marks know.

UPCOMING DATES FOR FAMILY PROMISE for Immanuel

Our dates to host Family Promise at Immanuel are listed below. See article elsewhere about cleanup and help with organization to be ready for our June rotation. (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)

LWR Baby Care Kits

Thanks to everyone who donated, counted, helped to pack Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We put together **45 kits** on March 11th with the help of volunteers from Immanuel and Washington Middle School. Thanks to Judy Wellert and Ron Marks for writing Thrivent Action Grants to help provide supplies for the kits.

We have plans to put together 15-20 more on **Wednesday April 10th at 12:15 pm.**

They will be delivered to the "ingathering" truck on Saturday May 11 to join other Lutheran congregations donated kits to be taken to Minnesota where they will be distributed around the world. .

Thanks to Deb Getz and Nancy Marks for organizing it all.



World Hunger/Women's Retreat

ELCA World Hunger

Usually during Lent, the service committee takes a free will offering to go toward one of the ELCA Global missions. This year, since we aren't doing the soup suppers, due to the renovation, we are taking a love offering+ during the Lenten service to support ELCA World Hunger. Piggy banks are also available to take home and fill with your change and **return on Easter Sunday** or you can also just write a check to Immanuel and note ELCA World Hunger on the memo line. Endowment will be matching funds to send to World Hunger.

Working with and through our congregations, in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, **ELCA World Hunger** is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. Thanks for your support!



Women's Spring Retreat
Time for God....
we have all the time we need

Women's Spring Retreat

April 26-28, 2019
Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

Register by **April 8** to get the **EARLY BIRD RATE** for the WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT. Motivating speaker, Fun, Fellowship, Service projects, Music, Great food (no cooking!) . Bring a friend along for a fun, restful, spirit-filled weekend with women of faith on beautiful Flathead Lake. Registration and more info at www.Impluchurch.org/womensretreat Questions? Contact Nancy Solum at 406-240-0023 or WomensSpringRetreat@gmail.com Sponsored by

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

Retreat Awareness Project

This year we will be learning about and supporting the Human Trafficking Task Force

- A portion of our Sunday offerings will go to the Human Trafficking Task Force and to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

Service Projects

- For service projects this year we will be making lunch bags for FLBC off-site campers and journals for on-site campers
- For more information about the Service Projects and how you can help-- go to www.Impluchurch.org/womensretreat

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; Sheet Rock in Christian Ed Director's office, and office painted; work room 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
- ⇒ Windows; Doors; Painting of new areas all levels

April Projects:

- ⇒ Continued interior work, painting, finishing; Trenching and French drains placed; Elevator to be placed in late April. Anticipated completion of Project 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, April 7
From 4:00 to 6:15 pm***

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