

# the immanuelite

celebrating 123 years of ministry

## Thriving Beyond Covid Scripture Based Study

Sign up at [imluchurch.org](http://imluchurch.org) or call the office.  
Select only one day and time to attend.

**Sunday, SEPTEMBER 12** in person  
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 15**  
in person  
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. OR 7– 8:30 p.m.

**Sunday, SEPTEMBER 19** in person  
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 22,**  
ZOOM only, 7-8:30 p.m.



These Bible studies will help us connect with each other and share our worries and hopes for the future. Responses will be used to help shape IMLU's next Strategic Plan. This is a Scripture based study to help churches release the burdens of the pandemic, promote deeper faith in the Spirit's power at work in their midst, and help congregations get in the right frame

of mind to navigate challenges and come out stronger and more vital than before. The resources have been downloaded by 450 leaders from 41 states, the District of Columbia, 4 countries, 5 expressions of Lutheranism in North America, and 6 ecumenical partners!

## Drinking Deeply from the Psalms



## August Worship Theme: Psalms August 8, 15, 22 at 10 am

The book of Psalms is a conversation with God about what matters most. In life we move through a pattern of ups and downs. Scholar Walter Brueggeman describes three types of Psalms. Orientation Psalms are for when life is stable and the world seems trustworthy; faith is important and satisfying (Psalms 1, 24, 113, 104). Disorientation Psalms are for when the bottom drops out and tradition seems like a lie; these are words of lament, protest and complaint (Psalm 13, 69, 86). Reorientation Psalms are when faith in God's trustworthiness and creation are found again; new life comes where none had been expected. We

realize that God has lifted us out of the pit, and we are in a new place full of gratitude and awareness about life and God. (Psalms 27, 30, 40, 146). Which state do you find yourself in today? Match your life with your faith: read one of the psalms above and join us for worship in August.

# Intern Pastor/Blessing of the Backpacks

## WHY an Intern Pastor?

**Hosting Immanuel's FIRST EVER INTERN PASTOR is an HONOR and an OPPORTUNITY.**

Do you remember practicing an instrument or a sport or even your first day on a job? You knew a lot more and could do a lot more after a year on the job than on the first day. That's the idea of an internship for future pastors. We offer a supportive and safe place for them to practice how to be a pastor, to try new things and to fail. We are the intern pastor's teammates - cheering her on, encouraging her, letting her visit us, lead us, preach to us, and teach us in a truthful, kind and forgiving environment. She will be deeply shaped by her time at IMLU for wherever the Spirit will call her next in church and ministry.



## Installation of Intern Pastor Rebekah August 22 at 10 a.m.

Mark your calendar and prioritize this date! Please come to church on Sunday, August 22, to give a BIG Immanuel Welcome to Intern Pastor Rebekah. Her first day in the office will be August 17.



## Blessing of the Backpacks August 29 at 10 a.m.

Students, teachers, and faculty are invited to bring a backpack or other sign of their participation in education, to receive prayers and blessings for the coming year.



# This & That

## Birthdays



### Birthdays:

- 8/2 Spencer Long;
- 8/3 Dick King;
- 8/5 Jim Steenberg, Randy Long,  
Ron Marks;
- 8/7 Marilyn Hall;
- 8/10 Bobbi Prange;
- 8/11 Gaynelle Stamm;
- 8/14 Nancy Melby;
- 8/17 Danesa Khomenko;
- 8/18 Melissa Voller;
- 8/20 Nate Sager;
- 8/21 Cheryl Galipeau;
- 8/22 Nicholai Khomenko;
- 8/23 Carolee Stuberger, Shirley Wanberg;
- 8/25 Jarl Leirfallom;
- 8/26 Tanner Diggs;
- 8/27 Addy Mohorcich, Call Fuss,  
Laurie Swanson;

## Anniversaries

- 8/29 Erik Marks;
- 8/31 John Prange

### Anniversaries:

- 8/6 Tim & Sonja Wolsky-27 yrs;
- 8/8 CeeJay and Kiersten Brown-12 yrs;
- 8/10 Mike & Judy Wellert-47 yrs;
- 8/11 Dean & Marilyn Hall-42 yrs;
- 8/14 Andy & Katanya Morse-6 yrs;
- 8/21 Mark & Susannah Murphy-38 yrs;
- 8/23 Leigh Addison & George Beasley-24  
yrs;
- 8/26 Sam & Linda Redfern-32 yrs;
- 8/31 Curtis & Laura Thompson-24 yrs.

### Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle Bible Study group will  
not be meeting in August.  
Join us in September!  
Happy Summer!



### 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—Kris Fisher  
 Custodians—Carrie & Mark Courter  
 Funeral Coordinator—Nancy Marks  
 Wedding Coordinator—Shirley Wanberg  
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### your 2021 church council

Ike Marks, President  
 Georgia Cobbs, Vice President  
 Audrey Thornton, Secretary  
 Tana Lambert, Treasurer  
 Vacant, Fellowship  
 Vacant, Finance  
 Toni Johnson, Christian Education  
 Albert Melby, Property & Grounds  
 Tom Thompson, Service  
 Ray Smith, Stewardship  
 Marilyn Hall, Worship & Music  
 Vacant, Witness  
 Vacant, Youth & Family

# Council Minutes

## Church Council Highlights, July 27, 2021

Members met at the UM at 6:30 P.M. for a potluck and meeting. Devotions led by Ike Marks - A summer devotion. Meeting called to order at 7:16 P.M. Council Members Present: Toni Johnson, Ike Marks, Tom Thompson, Georgia Cobbs, Marilyn Hall, Audrey Thornton, Pastor Molly, Ray Smith; Absent: Tana Lambert, Albert Melby.

### Pastor's report

- Ron Marks will preach this Sunday (August 1st).
- Pastor will be gone August 8th (Sub John Brock) and 13th Pastor Greg
- The Intern starts August 17th. Extend hospitality to her by inviting her to dinner or for coffee.
- John Lund and Pastor will meet July 29th to discuss how they'll share the Intern duties.
- Need to get her office space coordinated. Need to figure out office hours for her.
- Baptized Al and Nancy Melby's grandbaby.

### Finance

- Income less expense- (\$5,562.78)
- YTD Income less expense - (2,702.66)

### Property/Grounds

- No official report
- Ray shared that the Luther oak is putting on new leaves and the roses had flowers and a bud that a deer ate. The Totem spruce has been planted and seems to be doing well.

### Christian education

- ZVS - mega thanks to Sonja for all her organizational skills. Nine kids not all from Immanuel. Kathy Schaller helped to put together activity packets.
- Popcorn Olympics had to be canceled due to various reasons.
- August 18th TieDye activity planned for youth and family.
- August 29th Blessing of the backpacks.
- FLBC - no reports from campers.
- No preschool update.
- After fair there will be work on the Faith Family Gatherings

### Service

- No report

### Stewardship

- Put together six month letters that will be going out shortly.

### Worship and music

- Additional audio equipment for the hard of hearing is in research now. The church does have a system per Ike.
- Communion assistant people will be reduced to one since we're only doing one side at a time.
- Keeping an eye on the Covid numbers for how we will continue to have services. The rules will be reviewed next month.
- All the fellowship pots and pans will need to be cleaned.

### New/Old Business

- Strategic planning - Nathan Swenson Reinhold Sat Sept 25th 9-12 via Zoom to help us get the planning kicked up.
- Thriving beyond Covid - Talking about how the church managed during Covid. Brainstorming for moving beyond Covid. These wouldn't be one-on-one's but a group type of program. Sessions Sept 12, 15 and 22 sign up for one at least. Some in person at the church and one via Zoom. Nancy will make a sign-up Genius. Please make sure there is at least one council member at each meeting to take notes.
- Parking lot lady is allowed beyond the basketball hoops. If she feels inclined to offer a donation that will be fine but we won't charge her anything.

Motion to adjourn by Georgia Cobbs with a second by Toni Johnson. Motion passed.

**Next Council Meeting is September 14, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted by: Audrey Thornton Secretary

# Bazaar



## Christmas in July! THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who volunteered, cooked, crafted and shopped at our first Christmas in July Craft Fair and Bake Sale! It was well attended and provided an opportunity to connect with our community and each other! A special thanks to Laurie Swanson for leading the team! (and to Nancy Marks for mentoring her) Proceeds will go to support Immanuel's Outreach Efforts.



## RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS:

Congratulations to the winners of our Raffle:

- **Baby Basket:** Val McNair
- **Wine Basket:** Rick Swanson
- **Quilt:** Nancy Sasser



**Drawing  
July 25  
Need not be  
present to win**

## RAFFLE

**Tickets  
\$2 each or  
6 for \$10**



*Proceeds to  
support  
Immanuel's  
Outreach  
Ministries*

# Family Promise



of Missoula

a program of Missoula Interfaith Collaborative

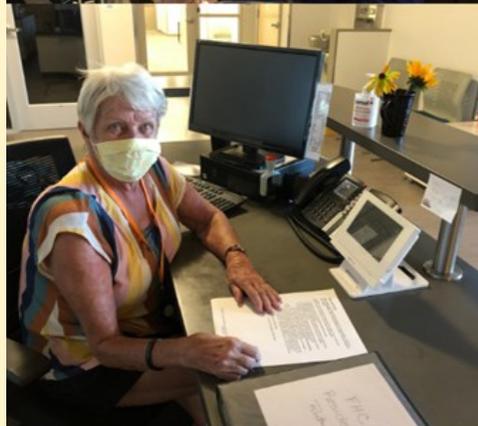
## Family Promise

By Nancy Marks

Thanks to all who volunteered at the Family Housing Center for Family Promise in July! What a joy to have such willing volunteers come help with meals and overnights! Thanks so much.

It's an exciting time when we are able to provide safe housing for up to 31 families as we work in collaboration with the YWCA. The Housing Center is consistently full with 25 families! What a blessing for them to have a safe place to stay and food to eat! So far we have provided Welcome Baskets to four families who have found housing with the assist of their Support Specialists at the Housing Center.

There are many ways to support the Housing Center including volunteering during our rotation or assisting on other weeks when help is needed. We also need people to come help do laundry and to turn rooms over on an as needed basis. If you are interested in any of those ways to volunteer, contact Nancy Marks at 406-396-5494 or [nancy@imluchurch.org](mailto:nancy@imluchurch.org) and she can get you added to the volunteer list.





the **Flagship** program

## Washington Middle School Flagship— Cooking Day Camp

By Tudi Smith

The halls of Immanuel were alive with the sounds of middle schoolers, and the aroma of cooking. Immanuel hosted its first ever cooking day camp the week of July 26<sup>th</sup>. Fourteen campers, 6 Immanuel volunteers, and 3 Flagship personnel participated in the camp.



Caramelizing Onions

We made rainbow cupcakes, egg muffins, stuffed pigs, chicken strips, zucchini fries, potato salad, deviled eggs, baked beans, frozen fruit salad, and watermelon ice. They learned how to use a vegetable peeler, cut up vegetables, make a cake from scratch, and caramelize onions. The camp ended with a cookout for the campers and their families.

“Can we do this again next summer? Even if we are in the seventh grade?” “My favorite part was the cupcakes.” “My favorite part was the pigs.” And the majority said “My favorite part was showing my family what I made”.



Shaving Watermelon Ice

A big Thank You to a great team of Immanuel volunteers: Linda Redfern, Carolee Stuberger, Clarisse Landry, Pastor Molly, Toni Johnson, Ike Marks, and Tudi Smith. And Thank You to everyone who donated supplies and money to help make the camp a success. Many of the campers and their families said “Thank you for letting us use your kitchen!”



Thank you, Immanuel, for supporting this outreach to our community and providing not only cooking instruction, but a safe place for these teens to have fun and learn for a week this summer.



Rainbow Cupcakes



# Walk/Run

## Monthly Walk/Run

Join the Ephesians 3:20 Walk/Run Group as we strive for a healthy 2021. This group has been formed across the country to promote healthy living and exercise and also to give us a chance to walk and talk with each other!

Mark your calendars

**AUGUST: Summer Blast  
Ephesians 8:20 Walk/ Run  
Saturday August 14  
9 am**

**Location: Missoula Equestrian Park-  
meet at Ike & Kathie Marks' house,  
3533 North Ave W**

Walk or run 1 mile or 5 K. Bring your kids and or dogs (on a leash) if you want to bring them. We will have options to walk 1 mile, 5 k around the Missoula Equestrian Park (5 K will also include the Missoula DNRC) . Come enjoy a walk and enjoy a summer day! Signup on the Immanuel website.

If you aren't in town, you can always walk with us virtually - post your picture on our Facebook page!



## ADVOCATES NETWORK (HAN)!

MIC's Housing Advocate Network needs more volunteers to meet the needs of our community members facing housing insecurity!

HAN is made up of **everyday people** who want to help solve the housing crisis in Missoula. HAN Volunteers work with people experiencing homelessness, including those staying in motels, couch surfing, at the new Family Housing center, or elsewhere.

HAN Volunteers walk with those looking for housing by building relationships with them, and assisting them with rental applications, researching rental properties, and connecting them with important resources. Volunteers are supported with monthly trainings and are guided by experienced advocates.

Contact Zeke at (406) 207-8228 ext. 5, or at [zeke@micmt.org](mailto:zeke@micmt.org) to learn more about how to get involved!

## HOUSING ADVOCATE NETWORK:

**Check out HAN- Housing Advocate Network.** A way to connect with persons experiencing homelessness with support from a network!

**Want to learn more?** Zeke Campfield is offering an orientation to learn more (no obligation) on **August 10th at 5:30 pm on Zoom.** Contact him at [zeke@micmt.org](mailto:zeke@micmt.org) to signup (or check the link on in our E-Newsletter)



# Women's Retreat

## WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

The Great Divide and Five Valley's Women of the ELCA Clusters will be holding their annual retreat in October this year at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. Register by **September 7** to get the early bird rate of \$145. For this low fee, you get meals, workshops and two nights lodging. The retreat starts on Friday, October 15 and ends on Sunday, October 17.

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.

This year's theme is "When Maps Fail: Traveling with God" and our guest speaker, Reverend Courtney Artzen of Missoula, will use the psalms to guide us on our faith journey. Through workshops, worship, table conversations, and prayer practices, we will discover the psalms engaging us as we journey together.

Immanuel is offering 8 scholarships to attend. Registration forms and scholarship forms can be found at the church on the Information Table by the door.

Deadline for registration: September 30th. Registration and more info at [www.imluchurch.org/womensretreat](http://www.imluchurch.org/womensretreat) Questions? Contact Nancy Solum at 406-240-0023 or [WomensSpringRetreat@gmail.com](mailto:WomensSpringRetreat@gmail.com)



Darrell and I want to thank the "Food Train" members and other Church members for all the delicious meals they provided us after Darrell's back surgery. He is doing very well. Being on the receiving end of the "train" was truly an "eye opener" and so appreciated. Your concern was heart warming and thanks again!

—Darrell & Janice Haag



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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 Worship In-Person and On-line**

**Join us this Sunday at 10 am!**

***Livestream services continue, and are recorded for watching at any time.***

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