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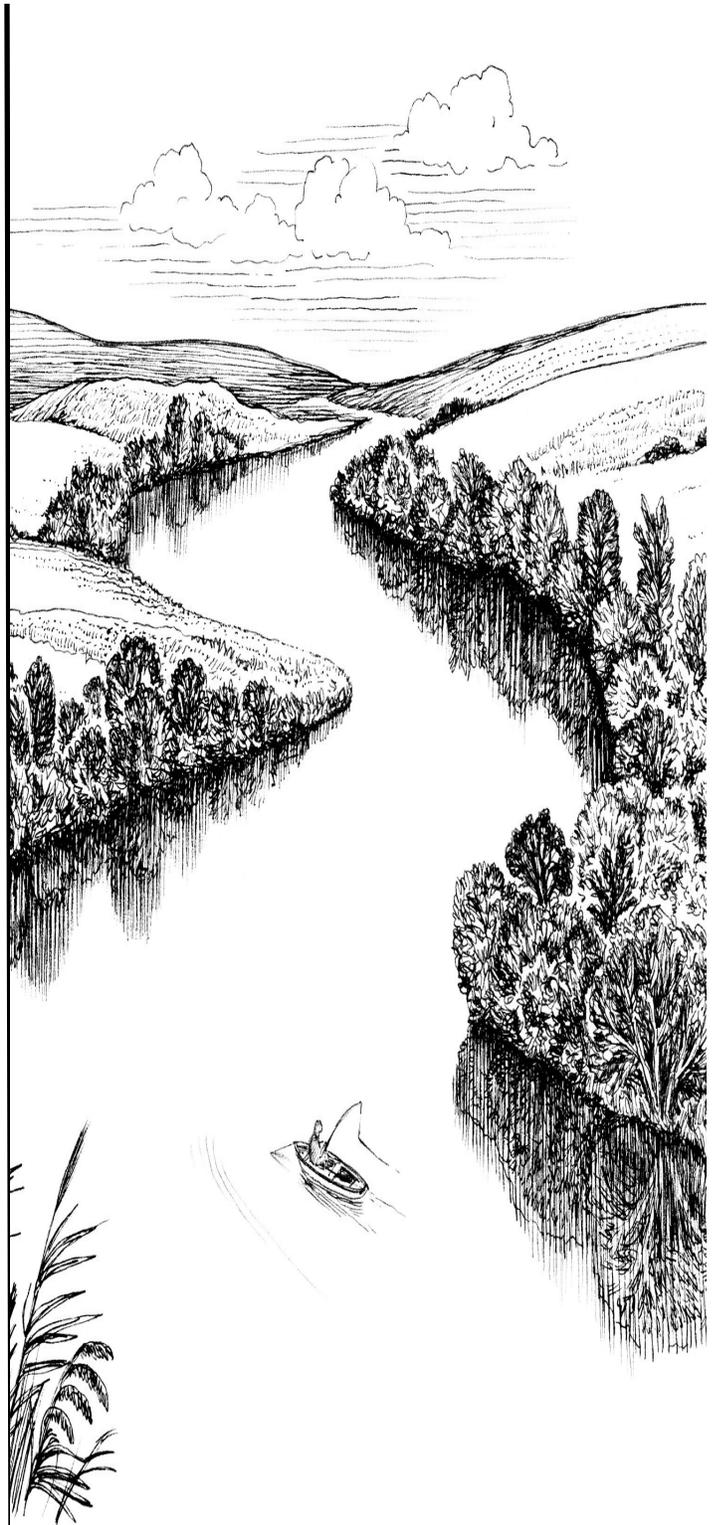
**Pastor Molly's Sabbatical**  
August 1—November 1, 2022

Pastor Rebekah Cochrane will be the half time pastor the entire time. Her office hours will be Tuesday/Thursday 10-2. She will lead Sunday worship, provide pastoral care, and respond to emergencies. **The church office will be open 9 a.m.—3 p.m. M-T-W-F and 9-2:00 on Thursday.**

## Reflection from Pastor Rebekah

Water is amazing. In the spring and early summer, when rain falls abundantly and snow melts, rivers rise and some of that river water doesn't just go with the flow but moves sideways into the earth to become groundwater. In late summer and fall, when the rivers run low, some of that groundwater returns to the river and keeps it flowing. Giving and receiving isn't just a human practice... the land and the water know it too. Recently in our Sunday morning readings, I've noticed a theme. Again and again, through teachings and parables, Jesus reminds us that we were not made to keep everything that comes into our lives for ourselves. Perhaps these things are meant to be like water – flowing into our lives in some seasons and flowing out of our lives to sustain others in different seasons. During this time of changing seasons in the natural world, I invite you to consider your own rhythms of giving and receiving. Allow the gifts from God – yourself, your time, and your possessions - to flow freely through your life. May you be open to receive from the abundance of others and give from your own, all for the glory of God, the source of all these things.

† Pastor Rebekah



# Immanuel News and Ministries



Greetings, Immanuel Lutheran Community!

My name is Colter Murphy and I work with the four ELCA congregations in the Missoula-area to provide meaningful programming for children, youth and families. Many of you remember me from my time growing up at Immanuel, or when Immanuel supported me as I spent a year in Cambodia through the Young Adults in Global Mission program. It is great to be back in Missoula once again, and I send heartfelt thanks for your support of me as I organize collaborative youth ministry in Missoula.

One of the most simple, yet profound acts of Jesus was taking time to eat meals with those he cared about. We celebrate an especially important meal, the last supper, when we receive the sacrament of communion each Sunday during church. This wonderful reminder of God's great love is something that brings us peace and gives us hope.

Of course, Sunday morning isn't the only time Immanuel has been known to extend hospitality through a meal. During my time growing up at Immanuel, I think about the potlucks we had before confirmation class on Wednesdays, or the annual smorgasbord. These times were full of warm conversation and of course, delicious food.

In recent years, Immanuel has extended its hospitality beyond its membership to the students at Washington Middle School. This important step in community outreach has brought Immanuel's

name into broader conversations, inviting those who wouldn't normally think much about church to see the goodness offered. As students complete middle school at Washington and move on to high school at Sentinel, there is an opportunity for continued connection with Immanuel.

I have been working alongside Sonja and Pastor Rebekah to make plans for High School Lunch. Aside from being a regular meeting centered around a lunch meal for high schoolers, this has the potential to be a welcoming, inclusive community for all students where they can share their faith, wrestle with tough questions, and build support among each other. We imagine students leading other students in discussion and learning to care for one another in meaningful ways as they journey through high school together. This lunch gathering will be open to all students who wish to attend.

The first lunch will be on Thursday, October 27th at noon, with plans to continue offering a monthly lunch to students through the end of 2022. I ask for your prayers of support as we form a new community of students together. If you know high schoolers who attend Sentinel, let them know about this! Also, I ask you to consider giving your time to make this possible: we will need hands in the kitchen to prepare tasty meals, and bakers of desserts willing to make treats ahead of time. If you are able to help, please sign up on the Immanuel website.

God's Work, Our Hands!



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## Reconciling In Christ Education

October after Worship, all five Sundays, join us for education and discussion



**October 2, 2022: What does “Reconciling in Christ” mean?** Pr. Rebekah and the RIC Team will lead us through the history of RIC and review its goals, talk about the process of becoming an RIC church and why it is important.

**October 9, 2000: “Clunky Questions” videos.** The RIC national office has developed several videos to respond to basic and sometimes-hard-to-ask questions about sexuality. Discussion lead by RIC Team.

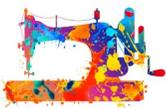
**October 16, 2022: Immanuel’s draft Welcome Statement.** A central part of this process is developing a welcome statement that makes clear that our church welcomes LGBTQIA plus people, and others who might not have always felt welcome in church. The RIC team will present our draft and ask for the congregation’s response.

**October 23, 2022: Our Stories** Pr. Jean Larson and Pr. Rebekah Cochrane will share personal stories about our reconciling journeys.

**October 30, 2022: Reformation Sunday and Reconciling In Christ.** How are the two connected? Susannah Murphy (RIC Team member) will lead a discussion about the bigger picture of reforming.



Our next Family Faith Gathering will be on **Sunday, October 2nd from 4-6:15** at Immanuel. To help us with planning, please sign up on the Immanuel Website or contact the church office at (406)549-0736. We also need assistance providing dinner and dessert (for 30) as well as setup, serving, and cleanup.



### Quilters Quips

Quilters meet most Wednesdays at 10:00am in Room 405/406, please see the calendar or bulletin for changes. Rag Time Quilt Kits are still available and can be checked out from the office. We have more to sew to complete our Christmas Giving tree.



### Naomi’s Circle

Women’s Bible Study meets Wednesday, October 12. Please join us the second Wednesday of every month at Immanuel in room 406 .



### Men’s Bible Study

Men’s Bible Study Meets Tuesdays at 12 pm in Room 406 (down the hall from the church office. Would you like to know the main message of the Bible and how it applies to us today in this crazy world facing huge challenges such as making a living, threats of the pesky pandemic, a warming climate and disastrous results, on-going wars and political divisions, violence in our communities, and just plain getting along from day-to-day? Please join a group of men who read passages each week, see how they may help us navigate our lives, and share from our personal experiences.

# Community Events and Fellowship



## Trunk or Treat Atonement Lutheran Parking Lot Saturday, October 29th from 5-8pm

Families, mark your calendars! Missoula ELCA churches are partnering for this year's Trunk or Treat Halloween event. Come dressed in your costumes, get some candy, and enjoy other activities like face painting and an award-winning magician! Find the event on Facebook under events: Trunk or Treat Atonement Lutheran Church.

**We are collecting unopened packages of Halloween candy, and looking for folks willing to decorate their cars and hand out candy during the event. Candy may be dropped off at the Atonement church office, and interested volunteers may contact:**

[office@atonementmissoula.org](mailto:office@atonementmissoula.org)



**Many thanks to those who baked cookies for us.** We have given away dozens as we have been tabling on campus to invite new students to our group!



A community gathering for ecological and spiritual grounding based in Jesus' vision of liberation for all life. Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday evenings at UCC church at 5pm. See website at <https://www.confluencemissoula.org/>



## **Oktoberfest Party and Fundraiser is back on at the Fairgrounds!**

**Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Home Arts Bldg.** Evening will include great food, people, live music, both silent and live auctions, and more. We are now seeking sponsorships from local businesses, donations for auction items, and volunteers for the event. Mark your calendar and come help support the Emmaus community!



## Volunteer Appreciation Event

Mark your Calendars! Habitat for Humanity of Missoula is having a potluck at First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, October 19th at 6:00 pm. Bring along your favorite side dish, snack, dessert, or refreshment to share, as we will provide sloppy joes as the main course! RSVP via the Immanuel website, and stop on by to join us in celebrating our dedicated volunteers. We can't wait to see you there!



**Night  
Without  
A Bed**

**SUPPORT FAMILY PROMISE:** Show your support for children and families battling homelessness and raise awareness of this crisis by joining Family Promise's national fundraiser **Night Without A Bed Sleepout on October 22, 2022.** All funds will go to support Family Promise- Missoula. More information at <https://www.familypromisemissoula.org/> or our Facebook page. JOIN FAMILY PROMISE AND SPEND A NIGHT WITHOUT A BED SO OTHER CHILDREN DON'T HAVE TO.

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## Immanuel Serving Groups



Please remember that our congregation has been divided into serving groups to help with coffee hour after worship. This is new for Immanuel. We want to provide opportunities for fellowship and coffee hour is one fellowship opportunity that many members enjoy especially after experiencing the Covid era with its fellowship limitations. Coffee hour is also a nice way to welcome visitors to Immanuel and is a way for new members to get to know the congregation. Another benefit of serving groups is it provides a means to touch base with Immanuel members. So when the monthly chair calls please consider helping by providing treats; helping to serve, setup, or cleanup; or donating money to purchase food items.

Thank you for your willingness to give this new concept a try. Remember many hands make light work. Questions or suggestions? Please visit with Carol Fleharty or call her at 406 544-4125. Again, thank you.

## October and November Serving Groups

### October Serving Group

**Danesa Khomenko, Chair**

**406 370-5024**

### November Serving Group

**Nancy Melby, Chair**

**406 868-4608**

Valerie McNair: 406 214-9256

Tom and Linda Rosenbaum: 406 781-9205

Mark and Susannah Murphy: 406 301-1035

Kevin and Julie Papp: 406 529-2073

Micki Tourtelotte: 406 382-0399

Ron and Nancy Lechelt: 208 881-9904

Lori Neilson Kattell: 406 207-6267

Greg and Carrol Karlsgodt: 406 546-8676

Ed and Jane Kazinsky: 406 926-1301

Dean and Pat Ross: 406 721-7920

Linnea Kahler: 406 543-6803

Cheryl Galipeau: 406 370-9964

Evelyn Steenberg: 406 531-8186

Jarl Leirfallam: 406 549-4878

Carol Seim: 406 360-4440

Darrell Haag: 701 690-3680

**Questions? Contact Deb Getz-406 239-6835 or**

**Carol Fleharty 406 544-4125**

# Council Highlights

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Council Notes for Newsletter  
9/13/22

Council Members Present: Ike Marks, Marilyn Hall, Audrey Thornton, Pastor Rebekah Cochrane, Ray Smith, Toni Johnson, Tom Thompson, Albert Melby  
Absent: TJ Johnson

**Pastor's report:** Jenny Randolph joined IMLU in December. She is pursuing a seminary candidacy in Montana. She will join Pastor Rebekah to assist with a service.  
Around the Table - a collaborative family ministry. Sonya Wolsky will be looped in more as we move along. Other churches will join us at our FFG's to learn and assist. We're not moving to this new model until November.

**Finance:** Income: 19,142.12 Expenses: 23,380.03 deficit \$6,535

**Property/Grounds:** Still working on bids for the roof. Solar grants are being worked on. Panels won't go up till roof is redone and that won't be till the spring.

**Christian education:** Thanks to everyone for helping with the FFG. Preschool - MWF class still has low enrollment.

**Service:** Immanuel just hosted Family Promise. They are working on getting new churches involved in the program. Washington Middle School flagship will start the first week of October. A flyer for the Baby Care kits will be sent around introducing the program and its needs. The Giving Tree will ask other churches to ascertain interest in assisting with this program/sponsoring families. We will kick-off this project in the Fellowship Hall with pie, cookies, etc and coffee. Possibly November 6th. God's work our hands Sunday was 9/18/22.

**Stewardship:** Stewardship Sunday will be towards the end of the year.

**Worship and music:** No report

**New/Old Business:** Nomination committee will need to meet soon.

Motion to adjourn by Albert Melby with a second by Ray Smith Motion passed.  
Adjourned 7:51 PM

**Next Council Meeting is October 11, 2022 @ 7 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted by: Audrey Thornton Secretary

# This & That



## Birthdays



### Birthdays:

10/1	Mabel	Weis
10/6	Jerry	Kaiserman
10/9	Steven	Berge
10/9	Orlena	Spangler
10/14	Julie	Long
10/15	Tana	Lambert
10/16	Karen	Iverson
10/17	Allen	Sasser-Goehner
10/20	Stormi	Spangler
10/21	Luke	Mohorcich
10/22	Tim	Betts
10/24	Logan	Murphy
10/25	Lacey	Thompson
10/27	Haley	Wolsky
10/28	Donald	Graham
10/28	Susannah	Murphy
10/30	Cindy	Hockelberg
10/30	Madison	Mansch



## Anniversaries



### Anniversaries:

10/2	Abigail & Adam Long, 1 yr.
10/4	Carole & Donald Graham, 64 yr.
10/16	Ray & Tudi Smith, 29 yr.
10/18	Dick King & Tove Elvrom, 42 yr.
10/20	Jim & Wendy Neal, 38 yr.

Women of the ELCA

### Naomi Circle

Women's Bible Study will meet monthly at 10 am on the second Wednesday of every month.

### immanuel staff

Pastor—Molly Sasser-Goehner (on sabbatical Aug-Sept-Oct)  
 Part-time Pastor—Rebekah Cochcrane (Aug- Sept -Oct)  
 Director of Worship & Music—Allen Sasser-Goehner  
 Director of Christian Education—Sonja Wolsky  
 Administrative Assistant—Olivia White  
 Choir Director—Nita Smith  
 Preschool Teachers—Julie Sager, Wendy Deaton  
 Custodians—Carrie & Mark Courter  
 Funeral Coordinator—Nancy Marks  
 Wedding Coordinator—Vacant  
 Church Website: [imluchurch.org](http://imluchurch.org)  
 Office Email: [office@imluchurch.org](mailto:office@imluchurch.org)

### your 2022 church council

Ike Marks, President  
 TJ Johnson, 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

# October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:00 pm *AA (Room 406)	<b>30</b> 5:30 pm BW (Fellowship Hall/Rm 406)	<b>1</b> 5:30 pm Iris Society (Fellowship Hall)  <b>Family Promise at Meadowlark</b>
<b>2</b> 10:00 am <b>Worship - In person/ Livestream</b> 4:00 pm <b>Faith Family</b> 6:00 pm *AA (Room 406) <b>Family Promise at Meadowlark</b>	<b>3</b> 5:30 pm BW (Fellowship Hall/Rm 406)	<b>4</b> 12:00 pm Men's Bible Study (Room 406) 2:00 pm Flagship 6:00 pm *AA (Room 406)	<b>5</b> 10:00 am Quilting (Rm 405 and 406)	<b>6</b> 6:00 pm *AA (Room 406)	<b>7</b> 5:30 pm BW (Fellowship Hall/Rm 406)	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 10:00 am <b>Worship - In person/ Livestream</b> 6:00 pm *AA (Room 406)	<b>10</b> 6:30 pm BW (Fellowship Hall/Rm 406)	<b>11</b> 12:00 pm Men's Bible Study (Rm 406) 1:00 pm Finance Meeting - Hemgren Room 2:00 pm Flagship 6:00 pm *AA (Room 406) 7:00 pm Council Meeting	<b>12</b> 10:00 am Naomi's Circle (Rm 406)	<b>13</b> 6:00 pm *AA (Room 406)	<b>14</b> 5:30 pm BW (Fellowship Hall/Rm 406)	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 10:00 am <b>Worship - In person/ Livestream</b> 6:00 pm *AA (Room 406)	<b>17</b> <b>Immanuelite Deadline</b> 6:30 pm BW (Fellowship Hall/Rm 406)	<b>18</b> 12:00pm Men's Bible Study (Rm 406) 2:00 pm Flagship 6:00 pm *AA (Room 406)	<b>19</b> 10:00 am Quilting (Rm 405/406 )	<b>20</b> 6:00 pm *AA (Room 406)	<b>21</b> 5:30 pm BW (Fellowship Hall/Rm 406)	<b>22</b>
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<b>30</b> 10:00 am <b>Worship - In person/ Livestream</b> 6:00 pm *AA (Room 406)	<b>31</b> 2:00 pm <b>Service Committee Meeting</b> 5:30 pm BW (Fellowship Hall/Rm 406)					



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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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