



Montana Synod Assembly Honoring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons by Celeste Yeager

I have participated in the life of IMLU for over three years, and recently joined as a member. This is my first time as a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

My greatest healing as a person of faith and as a Christian comes through my time with the Montana Synod's Racial Justice Task Force. I was deeply moved to learn that several years ago the Montana Synod issued a Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery and an Apology to the Montana Tribes.

Through my involvement with the Racial Justice Task Force, I have witnessed the synod and its congregations' commitment to becoming better neighbors through listening, dialogue, and relationship with Indigenous communities. I have also witnessed the synod staff's care, diligence, and commitment to doing the right thing at the right time.

One of the most powerful examples was the **Service of Remembrance for Montana's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) at the annual Synod Assembly.**



A hand-painted luminaire was created for each person, bearing their name, whether they were missing or murdered, and the date of their death. A red handprint and candle illuminated each name — a simple yet profoundly powerful act of remembrance and allyship.

Although I helped lead the service, I chose to sit among the congregation, beside the luminaire for **Leonard Keith Eagle**, who was violently murdered on May 31, 2015 — almost exactly eleven years before the service. **My grandson, Leo, is named in remembrance and honor of his Uncle Leonard, his paternal grandmother's brother.**

Two weeks later, I brought Leonard's luminaire, candle, and the service bulletin to his sister, Cheryl, Leo's paternal grandmother. She cried for nearly half an hour, overwhelmed that the Church would remember and honor Leonard and the other MMIP victims in such a powerful and meaningful way — simply to stand in solidarity.

That moment was especially meaningful because of the intergenerational trauma Leo's family has experienced at the hands of people who called themselves Christians. Because of that history, Leo's father has asked that Leo not be exposed to Christianity. Despite the many positive experiences Leo has had at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, UCC Missoula, and Immanuel Lutheran Church, I need to respect his father's wishes.

Still, I hope that sharing this small experience of my Lutheran brand of Christianity with Leo's grandmother communicated, in some small way, that Christians can choose compassion, humility, remembrance, and solidarity.

So I offer my deepest thanks to the Endowment Committee and people of Immanuel Lutheran Church, the members of the Montana Synod Racial Justice Task Force, and the Montana Synod staff.

What began as a Christian adult education experience became something far greater for me — a journey of healing of heart, mind, and soul.

And, once again, God's Work, Our Hands made a positive difference — not only in my own life, but in the life of my family.



Please Welcome Hannah Wartnik, our new Faith Formation Coordinator

A little about me: I am a writer and educator from the Oregon coast. I grew up in a nondenominational church before moving to the Chicago area to study English and Christian Education at Wheaton College. After graduation, I taught for eight years in Northwest Indiana and rural Oregon before moving to Missoula to pursue an MFA in Creative Writing at the University of Montana. Over the last fifteen years I have joined Anglican (ACNA), Evangelical Covenant, and PCUSA churches, before choosing Immanuel as my Missoulian church home, drawn by the warmth of the people here, the community investment, the inclusive preaching and practices, and commitment to the gospel and historical church creeds. I am passionate about being a big sister to my two fabulous sisters, who are also devoted followers of Jesus. I also love education in all capacities, but especially middle school education, watching sports, dancing, and investing in community. I am deeply grateful to Immanuel for this opportunity to serve!

Immanuel Endowment Update

The Endowment Committee has been very busy recently. After supporting several FLBC summer campers, we have been able to support the RIC team with t-shirts and now helping with the painting of the Rainbow Crosswalk downtown. With the safety of our church in mind, the Endowment Committee supported the purchase of a Security system. In addition, we have supported MIC (Missoula Interfaith Collaborative) for their Just Neighbors, Prevention Program and the Chili Cook-off. Another donation was presented to Pastor Greg and Carrol Karlsgodt for the mission work of their granddaughter, Meghan Schaeffer. Perhaps you have seen the BIG checks presented during a few of the church services.

The team helps Immanuel do God's work! If you would like to give a gift to IMLU's Endowment, please contact Jim B, our bookkeeper for more information.



Endowment Committee Members: Tana Lambert, Susan Richards, Larry Lambert, Nancy Solum and Georgia Cobbs. Two new members will be elected in January 2027 for a two year term. If you are interested, please contact Georgia Cobbs at georgiaanncobbs@gmail.com.

Baptisms at Immanuel



Congratulations to Kate and Tanner Diggs as they celebrated the baptism of their daughter, Camille Lynn Diggs on Sept. 27!



Congratulations to Claire Hankins and Nick Hanson, and lucky grandparents Laurie and Terry Nugent on the baptism of Isla Grace Hanson!

**Letter of Thanks to Immanuel
Members and Friends,
and the IMLU Endowment Committee**
by: Celeste A. Yeager MSW, MDiv

Most of you know me as talkative and extroverted. Yet when I am deeply moved, I sometimes struggle to find the words to express what is in my heart and soul. As a result, this Letter of Appreciation is way overdue. Perhaps by sharing what I am thankful for and why, you will graciously receive my heartfelt thanks.

Thank you for:

- Honoraria for a panel of Missoula Indigenous Presenters, Amber Schaeffer, of Common Good Missoula, Tara Running Crane, Volunteer Coordinator at The YWCA and Rai Combs, UM Master's student researching a residential boarding school in South Dakota for his thesis, and consultant to the Montana Synod Racial Justice Task Force, former staff member of Emmaus Campus Ministry, to a gathering of IMLU people following the screening of *Sugarcane*, a 2024 documentary of one family's multi-generational account of the Indigenous residential boarding school experience.
- Funding Melanie Martin-Dent's and my transportation, hotel stay, and registration to attend, observe and represent the MT Synod Racial Justice Task Force at the May 2026 Annual Synod Assembly in Billings, MT
- Honoraria for 3 Guest Speakers at IMLU's Indigenous People's Day Worship, October 11, 2026: Loren Birdrattler (Blackfeet Tribe, former Chair Native American Studies at MSU-Bozeman, Blackfeet Tribal Leader in Tribal Food Sovereignty, who spoke twice to The United Nations, and serves as consultant to the Montana Synod Racial Justice Task Force), Lamar Renville, (Lakota, Nakota and Dakota Tribes; Indigenous Language Instructor and Curriculum Designer) Will Harjo (Crazy Brave, Relational Indigenous Intelligence Specialist, former North Dakota tribal college president, and academic writer).



Native Language Initiative in MT Prisons

Our guestpeakers at worship on October 11, Birdrattler, Renville, and Harjo-Crazy Brave, are launching a pilot program to teach Lakota, Nakota, Dakota, and Blackfeet languages in Montana prisons. This initiative grew from the work of the Montana Synod Racial Justice Task Force. Its goal is to develop a model that can be adapted for use in other prisons across Turtle Island.

Learning language gives Indigenous people in incarcerated settings an opportunity to reconnect with their tribal identity, culture, history, lifeways, and spirituality. It also encourages introspection and moral development while providing useful, marketable skills. Upon returning to their communities, participants may find respected roles in leadership and cultural education. These opportunities can help reduce recidivism and support others in developing the knowledge, skills, and practices needed to pursue healthy, lawful, and meaningful lives.





Family Housing Initiative (FHI) Engagement & Exploration at Immanuel Lutheran Church

For the past 15 years, **Immanuel's mission and ministry** has focused a significant amount of time and resources **to accompany families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless** through Family Promise, the Meadowlark Family Housing Center, the Housing Advocate Network (HAN), Just Neighbors, and Welcome Baskets. The Missoula Interfaith Collaborative (MIC) has been a key partner in organizing and doing this work.

In early 2026, we gathered with MIC to learn about an opportunity to do something quite out of the experience of most of us in congregation: **to join MIC's Family Housing Initiative (FHI) and to consider building 35-40 units of housing in our parking lot.** The idea was shocking and overwhelming for many, yet at the same time, members were curious and wanted to explore further. While cautious, members were genuinely excited about the opportunity to do something toward a very **big vision: to seriously create a reality in which there are NO houseless families in Missoula because we are caring for them now.**

In response, Immanuel's church council directed leaders to pursue further conversations within our congregation and with MIC to discover our church's interest and capacity.

Join an Engagement Session to Learn More and Share Your Thoughts

Small Groups Anyone May Attend

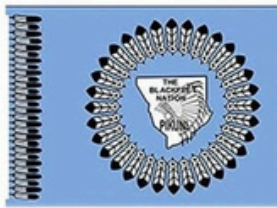
10/13 at noon with Men's Bible Study
10/20 at 7:00 p.m.
10/21 at noon
10/25 4:30 p.m. with FFG parents
10/27 at 10:00 a.m. with Service Team

Sign up at church or on-line to attend

Large Group Gatherings for All

10/24 at 11:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Review of feedback and questions
with answers

11/22 at 11:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Comprehensive Report of Responses
from the Engagement Sessions
with FHI Technical Team



Indigenous People's Day



Please join us for Honoring Indigenous People's Day Worship October 11 at 10:00a.m.

11:15 a.m. Panel Discussion with Loren BirdRattler, Lamar Renville, Will Harjo at
Immanuel Lutheran Church, 830 South Ave. W, Missoula, MT

Guest Speaker
Loren BirdRattler
Blackfeet Nation

Loren BirdRattler coordinated the country's first in-house Indigenous agricultural resource management plan, the Blackfeet Agriculture Resource Management Plan, and is a former MSU Katz Endowed Chair in Native American Studies. He has more than 20 years of experience in Washington, D.C., and Indian Country as a strategic planner, policy developer, project manager, and organizational developer. BirdRattler has addressed the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and U.N. General Assembly and provided leadership for federal and state projects including Native Vote, the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, and the U.S. Department of Defense's Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program.

Guest Speaker
Lamar Renville
Dakota

Renville served as Teacher of Dakota Language and Culture at Bdote Learning Center, the world's first Dakota language immersion school. Renville was hired by the MN Humanities Center to write a children's educational biography of a Dakota Leader to be published in 2027. He did voiceovers for the Owanmiamni project. He is certified by the Standing Rock Tribal council with Eminent Scholar credentials to teach Native Language and Culture in 7 states. He is trained in the Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling Institute, and teaches students on-line. His great, great, great Grandfather Gabriel Renville was the leader of the Dakota Peace Party in the 1862 Dakota Conflict. His uncle, Joseph Renville wrote the famous hymn "Many and Great, Oh Lord, Are Thy Works."

Guest Panel Speaker
William Harjo CrazyBrave
Nvce Mvskoke

Dr. William Harjo Crazy Brave (Mvskoke) is a scholar, author, and educator whose work connects Indigenous knowledge, linguistics, and cognitive systems. A graduate of Dartmouth College and Stanford University, he has taught at Dartmouth, Stanford, and Montana State University. His work focuses on language revitalization, Indigenous relational intelligence, and their implications for artificial intelligence. Based in Missoula, Montana, his forthcoming book, *Failure State: An Indigenous Life Among Thinking Machines*, explores the intersection of Indigenous knowledge, language, and the ecology of the mind.

Thanks to those of you who have volunteered to assist with worship!

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October 11:

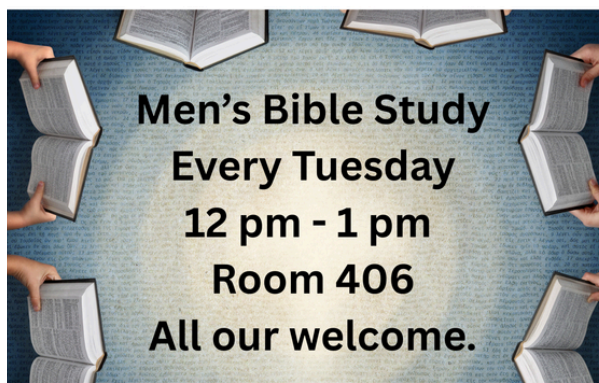
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Walk with the Ephesians 3:20 Group for our monthly walk.

Location TBA.

Text Nancy Marks at 406-396-5494 if you want to be added to the reminder list.



"The Christians"
A Play by Lucas Hnath

November 13 & November 14
At Immanuel Lutheran Church
7:30 PM, doors open at 7 PM

Pick-What-You-Pay, Suggested \$25
Tickets available at the door or
<https://www.montanarep.org/tickets>

"The Christians" is a 2014 play by Lucas Hnath about Pastor Paul, whose sermon challenging the belief in Hell fractures his thriving megachurch and tests the foundations of faith and community.

Montana Repertory Theatre is producing the show and will perform it at several churches around Missoula in November including IMLU.



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Stay in the loop with current & upcoming Emmaus activities!

Every Wednesday Night at 6:30pm, Emmaus students gather for a community, dinner, fellowship, ritual, and varying guest speakers.

September 18th - 20th - Emmaus students will take a drive up to Flathead Lake for the weekend to sail, hike, partake in spiritual exploration, and so much more! Native American, Patrick Matt, will join us as a guest speaker.

October 10th at 3:00pm - Join Emmaus for their Annual Fall Bingo Fundraiser, to help raise funds for Emmaus and the students. Many amazing prizes to win!

If you would like to get involved with these activities, please contact Eric Huseth at eric@emmausmontana.org




Brawl of the Wild

Campus Ministry Challenge




Calling all partner churches of Emmaus (University of Montana) and Table & Grace (Montana State University) Campus Ministries! Now is the time to represent your team (and campus ministry) off the field! Beginning November 1st and going through Sunday, November 22nd (Brawl of the Wild Game Weekend), we invite you to donate to your respective campus ministry team. Any amount is welcome in this friendly competition!

What campus ministry will bring home the most in 2026? The winning campus ministry gets the bragging rights for the year, so watch out! Let's have some fun, support our students, and represent our school well!

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www.emmausmontana.org/support-us
or Mail Check to:
 538 University Ave.
 Missoula, MT 59801

Council Meeting Minutes 9-8-26

Council Members present: Pastor Molly Sasser-Goehner, Sumer Pellet, Karen Iverson, Ike Marks, Cheryl Selle, Walt Richards

Matthew “where 2 or more are gathered” Proverbs Joy, Junk and Jesus for devotions and fellowship

Meeting called to order at 7:19 pm

Minutes of August 18, 2026 Council Meeting. Motion to accept minutes by Cheryl. Second by Walt . Motion passed.

Minutes for July 19, meeting to be sent out for approval for next month

Pastor's Reports**Pastor Molly**

- 1.LMA's (Lay Minister Associate) PM participated in the Synod's LMA supervisor training and is meeting monthly with LMA student, Brigit Stadler.
- 2.Confluence Ministry Update
 - a.PM met with Confluence leaders on 9/8/2026. Confluence extends their thanks to Immanuel for the use of the facilities. They especially appreciate the chairs, which are ideal for gatherings b/c they are flexible, comfortable, and easy to arrange in a circle.
 - b.Discussed IMLU Increased promotion of Confluence events, as well as select IMLU events that may be of interest to the Confluence community.
 - c.The Confluence Ministry Site Review is scheduled for September 20 at Immanuel.
 - d.PM and Karen Iverson will represent IMLU at the upcoming partners meeting.
- 3.Christian Education
 - a. Reviewed job description and Application of Hannah Wartnick for Faith Formation Coordinator. Hourly position. See discussion item below.
- 4.Thank you to the Endowment Team for their work and generosity. The number of requests has increased greatly over the past 10 years. Gifts to Family Promise and YAGM were presented in church to highlight the role of Endowment.
- 5.Worship Events: September 20-Pastor Kay Wittman, Director for Evangelical Mission, Montana Synod will visit and preach. September 27 – Global Mission Sending for Rob & Carolee Stuberger. October 11: Indigenous People's Day Recognition Worship. October 25-Montana Synod Bishop Ben Quanbeck will visit after worship to offer greetings and to participate in the Family Housing Initiative Discussion.

Ministry Reports**Finance Committee - Financial Report – Karen**

- August Income: \$26,558. Expenses: \$26,103.
 - YTD for 2026 Income: \$214,435. Expenses \$227,341. YTD Income less expense (12,906)
- Not overly concerned with the current deficit. Typically offerings giving is down some.
- Accumulators for tech, something and something are doing there job of accumulating funds
- Property insurance savings approximately \$3000
- Preschool to be charged rent and
- Doing audit, will report about audit at November meeting

Property and Grounds – Walt

- Several projects going on from a fire inspection that was done. Fixing all of the items that were identified during the inspection.
- Boiler maintenance and repair to be done during service visit.

Stewardship -

- Met with Pastor Molly and team to discuss stewardship campaign and theme
- Campaign starts 10/4 and ends 10/18, Letters to go out. Everything is in order and ready to go out for the campaign

Worship and Music

- See Pastor's Molly's report for some updates
- Upcoming special dates include:
 - Blessing of the backpacks
 - Global Mission Sending 9/27

Service

- **Family Promise- Nancy**

- Family Promise month-We have shared information about Family Promise in August. Temple talks and information sharing about different aspects of Family Promise. Welcome Basket drive wraps up on Sunday August 30 th Nancy and Dick will to deliver items to Revive on Wednesday Sept 2 nd . Thanks to Nancy Marks for Thrivent card for fun bags and Carolee Stuberger for Thrivent Card for shopping for Welcome Basket items.
- Birthday Kits- Melanie Martin Dent (as part of Just Neighbors team) wrote a Thrivent grant to purchase supplies to make birthday kits for MIC to hand out to MIC program participants to help celebrate birthdays. Service project to put kits together will be Thursday September 10 th from 6-7 pm as part of the Community of Belonging Potluck.
- Chili-Pie Fundraiser coming up Friday October 2 nd –goal is \$20,000. Have a match of \$20,000 if we meet our goal.
 - Looking for people to make chili or a prize winning dessert-brainstormed ideas for people to ask.
 - Silent/ Live Auction items-
 - Volunteers to donate pies and help with setup and cleanup.
 - Thanks already for \$250 Action Team grant from Mary Dickson. \$250 Sponsorship from Immanuel Endowment

- **Family Housing Initiative-** Nancy has been working with Pastor Molly and Casey Dunning to put a plan together to explore the idea of building family housing apartment complex in our parking lot. Teams to look at technical side of doing it as well as an Engagement team to help reach out and get input from Immanuel members during September and October. Will be sharing the findings on November 22.

- Input from various groups-including Service team-could we meet in person in October and move to earlier in day. Nancy will check with members.

- **Cooking and Crafting-** Tudi. Start in October — on Thursdays with the group downstairs and bus kids from Bonner on Thursdays.

- **Washington Middle School-** Tudi; will reconnect now that school has started.

- **Immanuel Members Connect-** Tudi So far no one has requested rides; Identified people who need assistance; Matched them with people interested in helping. Maybe need to communicate what it is all about.

- **Lenten project- Deb** — no info yet.

- **Red Cross Blood Drive-** Cathy-Blood draw October 26 at Atonement. Cathy will be there to help them navigate their first draw. Next 'LutheransMissoula' draw is at St. Paul's on October 27.

- **Habitat for Humanity** home dedication of the Mariposa Triplex on 1916 Burlington is Friday, August 28. Open house is from 3-4, dedication and presentation of housewarming gifts 4-5. We have worked the last 3 years at this site for our All Lutheran build. A second dedication for a single family home in E. Missoula will be sometime in September.

- **Quilting-**Judy-getting quilts tied and organizing. Nancy doing binding. Tie fleece blankets-possibly do it as a service project with Mic. Maybe ask about service project for FFG or Confirmation. Judy is looking for someone to coordinate the quilting. She will train. Please let her know if you are interested.

- **Family Fun Bags-**Val. Used the Thrivent grant to buy supplies for Family Fun activities.

- **Dough for Daily Bread-** Barb is coordinating a Dough for Daily Bread ride on October 3 rd . See her if you are interested in participating or volunteering

- **Giving Tree Dates**

- Nov 15 Giving Tree up
- Nov 21- Tithing Made Visual
- Dec 6-Gifts back and Quilts displayed in Sanctuary
- Dec 13-Giving Tree Party

Updates for Christian Education, Witness, Fellowship, and Youth and Family : No report

Discussion Items

Faith Formation Coordinator

- Job Description for position is available
- Job Description Overview

◦ Coordinate planning, communications, and recruiting volunteers for IMLU's primary Christian Education Program, the monthly Faith Family Gathering (FFG). Coordinate with the pastor for other duties that relate to faith formation for youth and families, including confirmation. This job requires working evening and weekends. Position reports to the Senior Pastor and ultimately to the Congregation Council.

- Motion to approve the job description. Motioned by Karen and seconded by Cheryl. Motion passed.
 - Need to do 6 month review of position requirements to make sure they are matching up to hours needed.
- Motion to offer position to Hannah Wartnick for the position starting 9/13. Motion by Mariyln. Second Walt. Motion passed

Family Housing Initiative

- Technical Team (Nancy Marks, Karen Iverson, Kevin Papp, John Brock, Walt Richards, Kathie Marks) met with Casey Dunning-MIC and Colin Lane-MMW Architects on Sept. 2.
- Purpose of the Technical Housing Team -
- Phase 1: Engagement
- Confirm project partners: MMW Architects and Mike Bouchee, Developer.
- Develop questions and gather feedback from the congregations based on existing project parameters.
- Establish the general project design and determine congregational readiness to move forward.
- Create a project completion timeline.
- Clarify IMLU's role: own, lease, sell, manage, and/or program.
 - Goal for fall engagement: By December, determine whether IMLU should move into the design phase and bring a proposal to the annual meeting for a congregational vote to pursue the project.
 - The engagement team will meet on Thursday, September 17.

Model Constitution for Congregations

- Need to update our Constitution to match the ELCA Model Constitution
 - Looking at options to separate these governance and constitution. Currently the governance structure is listed in the constitution. Still in progress. On track for presenting at January annual meeting.

Strategic Planning

- Conversations we are having around family housing initiative will bring some conversation around other items to make a strategic plan around. Will revisit in coming months.

Safety Team

- No updates this month

RIC team Update:

- Boarding School Zoom class
- Honoring indigenous people worship
- Working on a training for next year

Confluence

- Confluence Site review 9/20 and 9/21

Motion for Adjournment. Motioned by Cheryl. Seconded by Marilyn. Motion passed Adjourned at 8:19pm

Next meeting October 13, 2026 at 6pm in person at Immanuel Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10am Worship 4pm Faith Family Gathering 6pm AA	28 5:30pm BW	29 12pm Men's Bible Study 6pm AA	30	1 9:30am Quilting 6pm AA	2 5:30pm BW 5:30pm MIC Chili & Pie Fundraiser	3
4 10am Worship 11:15am FHI Meeting 4:30pm Confluence 6pm AA	5 5:30pm BW	6 12pm Men's Bible Study 6pm AA	7 12:30pm Book Study	8 9:30am Quilting 2pm Boys and Girls Club Cooking and Crafting	9 5:30pm BW 6:30pm Dolce Canto Rehearsal	10 1pm Jerry Jacobsen Memorial 4:30pm Iris Society
11 10am Worship - Indigenous Remeberance 1pm Dolce Canto Rehearsal	12 5:30pm BW	13 12pm Men's Bible Study 6pm AA	14 12:30pm Book Study	15 9:30am Quilting 2pm Boys and Girls Club Cooking and Crafting	16 5:30pm BW	17
18 10am Worship 6pm AA	19 5:30pm BW	20 12pm Men's Bible Study 6pm AA	21 10am Naomi Circle 12:30pm Book Study 5:15pm RIC Meeting	22 9:30am Quilting 2pm Boys and Girls Club Cooking and Crafting	23 5:30pm BW	24
25 10am Worship - Reformation Sunday 11:15am FHI Meeting 4pm Faith Family Gathering	26 5:30pm BW	27 12pm Men's Bible Study 6pm AA	28	29 9:30am Quilting 2pm Boys and Girls Club Cooking and Crafting 6pm AA	30 4pm Play Piano Academy 5:30pm BW	31 9:30am Play Piano Academy

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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October Birthdays

10/1 Mabel Weis
 10/3 Daniel Tarter
 10/5 Thelma Freer
 10/6 Jerry Kaiserman
 10/10 Hugh Jesse
 10/14 Julie Long
 10/15 Tana Lambert
 10/16 Karen Iverson
 10/17 Allen Sasser-Goehner
 10/20 Finley Pickering
 10/22 Tim Betts
 10/24 Logan Murphy
 10/25 Lacey Thompson
 10/27 Haley Wolsky
 Logan Nell
 10/28 Donald Graham
 Susannah Murphy
 10/29 Talis Cochrane
 10/30 Cindy Hockelberg
 Madison Mansch

**October Anniversaries**

10/2 Abigail and Adam Long, 5 yrs.
 10/4 Carole and Donald Graham, 68 yrs.
 10/16 Ray and Tudi Smith, 33 yrs.
 10/20 Jim and Wendy Neal, 42 yrs.

**Boy Scout Popcorn**

Liam Stadler is selling Scout popcorn to raise money for Pack 4904. Popcorn sales support Scout packs throughout the year, providing funds for uniforms, equipment, and activities.

Please use the following link to buy popcorn online and have it delivered to your home. For those who wish to buy in person, Liam will be at church in uniform through October 18th. In-person orders will be delivered in early November.

<https://www.prpopcornstore.com/?sid=57Q098>

immanuel staff

Pastor—Molly Sasser-Goehner
 Director of Worship & Music—Allen Sasser-Goehner
 Director of Christian Education—vacant
 Administrative Assistant—Olivia White
 Bookkeeper—Jim Bendickson
 Choir Director—Nita Smith
 Preschool Teachers—Wendy Deaton
 Custodians—Carrie & Mark Courter
 Funeral Coordinator—Nancy Marks
 Wedding Coordinator—Vacant

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