

IMMANUEL SPEAKS
AUGUST 2024

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Siblings in Christ,

July was an exciting month for the youth of Immanuel. 9 youth and 5 chaperones attended the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. With 16,000+, we worshipped together, we grew deeper in our faith, we served together, learned more about the ministries of the ELCA, and met new friends as we gathered as part of the great communion of saints. As I write this article, it is also day 3 of vacation Bible school. 30 youth and countless volunteers have been having a blast at Camp Firelight, a summer camp adventure with God.

I would like to say thank you to all the chaperones that attended the Youth Gathering, and for all the volunteers who helped with vacation Bible school. Thank you for your holy work, and for being mentors in the faith! I know I would not be where I am today, without the love, care, and support, of the great communion of saints in my own life.

As we enter August, things are a little less active for the youth, but come September 8th, on Rally Sunday, things will kick into high gear as we begin the program year. Later this month we will meet to finalize plans for Sunday school and confirmation. Who is the “we” I am talking about. It is you and I.

We have all heard it said, “It takes a village to raise a child,” and how true that is! On July 28th at the beginning of our worship service, we were reminded of this calling. As Dakota James Kubesh was baptized into the family of God here at Immanuel, we as a congregation, as God’s people made this promise, “We promise to support Dakota and pray for him in his new life in Christ.”

One of our callings as God's people here is this place, is to pass on the faith, to care and support and welcome the little ones as Jesus did. Again, I would not be who I am without that great communion of saints in my life, and I bet the same is true.

As we approach the program year, I would ask that we would all prayerfully consider our promises to the youth of this congregation. Whether you are a biblical scholar or just beginning, you have a story to tell about God's love for these youth. If you are interested in teaching or helping with Sunday school or serving as a confirmation mentor, please let me know.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you, Immanuel! Thank you for your dedication to the youth of Immanuel!

In Christ,

Pastor Joel

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IMMANUEL SPONSORED ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND DANCE
AT THE CLARA CITY CARE CENTER ON AUGUST 18TH

We have reschedule the Pie and Ice Cream Social/Dance! It will be held on Sunday, August 18th at the Clara City Care Center outdoors from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Pie, ice cream, lemonade and water will be served at about 4:00 p.m. The music will be from 2:00-4:00 p.m. . "Custom Made", a band that plays 60's and 70's music will be entertaining us. Everyone is welcome!! **Many volunteers are needed to put on this event. If you can help, please talk to LuAnn Kruger, Pastor Joel or Kathy.** Put on your dancing shoes and come and enjoy the afternoon!!!

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COMMUNITY MEAL
SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH FROM 5:00-6:00 P.M.

The Community Meal is Sunday, August 4th from 5:00-6:00 p.m. The menu is: hot turkey sandwiches, coleslaw and watermelon. We will be serving to go meals in the alley way and in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on Immanuel's Facebook page or call the church office with the number of meals you need. Everyone in the community is invited!

SUMMER BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT IN AUGUST

Bean Bag Tournaments continue into the month of August! We will meet on Wednesday, August 14th and 28th, at 6:30 p.m. at the North Legacy Park (park by the Clara City Care Center). All ages and skills are welcome! If you don't play, cheerleaders are needed. Treats will be served after the games. Please bring your own lawn chairs.

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COFFEE FOR GALS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28TH

The women of Immanuel will meet on Wednesday, August 28th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. All ages are welcome! Come for laughter, fellowship, fun and of course, treats! Hope to see you there!

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR AUGUST

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| Sunday, August 4 | PowerPoint/Acolyte: | Logan Jaenisch |
| | Lay Reader: | Daryl Niemeyer |
| | Altar Guild: | Sara Sabe |
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| Sunday, August 11 | PowerPoint/Acolyte: | Gavin Gueningsman |
| | Lay Reader: | Carissa Pederson |
| | Altar Guild: | Michele Shubert |
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| Sunday, August 18 | PowerPoint/Acolyte: | Alivia Strommer |
| | Lay Reader: | Ken Beyerl |
| | Altar Guild: | Carissa Pederson |
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| Sunday, August 25 | PowerPoint/Acolyte: | Andy Rand |
| | Lay Reader: | Gary Meyer |
| | Altar Guild: | Judy Gosseling |

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ISSACHAR TRIBE UP FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Below we have printed the Tribe Membership for September 2024. The chairperson will be calling or texting you in the near future, asking you to help serve Immanuel in some way. Start thinking about what you can volunteer to help with! If everyone takes one job, the "needs" list will be filled.

- Diane Koenen – Tribe Leader
- Harold and Megan Goedgedrag Family
- Bob and Sharon Jaenisch
- Keith and Sarah Rand
- Jeff and Cari Stager
- Barry and Katherine Schwitters Family
- Kathy Speiser
- Derek and Amanda Bluhm Family
- Kyle and Desirae McNeil Family
- Andrew and Tracy Neville Family

OPEN RADIO BROADCASTS FOR 2024

We have two open radio broadcasts for the year 2024. The dates are October 27 and December 29. If you would like to sponsor either of these, please call the church office at 847-2138 or talk to Pastor Joel or Kathy. The cost for a broadcast is \$100.00. Thank you to everyone that has sponsored a radio broadcast and for continuing to support this ministry outreach!

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CHIPPEWA COUNTY FOODSHELF IS IN NEED OF DONATIONS

Chippewa County Food Shelf needs our help. Items that are needed are: food, toiletries, baby needs, monetary gifts, etc. Let’s help those in need! A box has been placed in the back of the sanctuary to put your donations in. Monetary gifts should be put in the offering plate, labeled for the food shelf. Thank you members of Immanuel for your donations. The Food Shelf is open to all families and the hours are: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed EVERY Tuesday afternoon.

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RALLY SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 8TH!

Mark your calendars! Sunday School will start on Sunday, September 8th! A fun day is planned and we can’t wait to see all your smiling faces!

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FOOD FOR KIDZ PACK DAY
SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Assembly line packing will run from 9:00 a.m. to about 2:30 p.m., or when the pack is done. Support jobs include set-up, check in, inside delivery of supplies, truck loading and these jobs range from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be served mid-day. You are invited to sign-up for the whole day or part of the day. Our minimum age is 5 and there is no maximum age. The goal is 42,000 meals, so we need lots of volunteers!

To sign up: message on Immanuel’s Facebook page, call the church office @ 847-2138, email ImmanuelLutheranChurch236@gmail.com, text/call 320-894-6649. Let’s do good together and make a difference on local and world hunger.

“Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller

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LOONEY LUTHERANS COMING TO CLARA CITY!!
OCTOBER 5, 2024

The Looney Lutherans!! No, not just members of Immanuel, but a “trio of wacky gals who use music, comedy, and some help from the audience to share their age-old wisdom for living a long and lively life.” The Looney Lutherans are performing at the MACCRAY Performing Arts Auditorium on October 5, 2024, as a fundraiser for the MacPac Program. This program provides food in the form of weekend or holiday food bags, sent home with kids who are at risk of not having food during that time. This program is being sponsored by Immanuel, MACCRAY Community Education and Recreation, and community sponsors. Tickets are on sale at the end of August on the MACCRAY website, at the high school office, or at the door for \$20 per person. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with the show to begin at 7:00 p.m. The Looney Lutheran’s are comedic and family friendly, and you don’t have to be Lutheran to enjoy it! Please come and join the fun!!

No food or any form of a beverage, including water, are allowed in the auditorium except for the performers.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Fellowship Hour 5:00-6:00 Community Meal	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Fellowship Hour	12	13 7:00 Church Council Meeting	14 6:30 Bean Bag Games	15	16	17
18 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Fellowship Hour 2:00-4:00 Ice Cream/Pie Social/Dance at CCCC	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Fellowship Hour	26	27	28 2:00-3:30 Coffee for Gals 6:30 Bean Bag Games	29	30	31