

2023 IMMANUEL STAFF AND COUNCIL

Staff

Lead Pastor.....Nate Loer
 Youth & Family
 Spiritual Gifts Coordinator.....Elana Seibert
 Administrative Secretary.....Tracy Church
 Custodian.....Ellen & Doug Carlstrom
 Bookkeeper.....Jil Fiemeyer
 Choir Director.....Deb Haraldson

Council

President.....Jennifer Brunsberg
 Vice President.....Mike Brunsberg
 Secretary.....Meagan Ferris
 Treasurer.....Jena Osberg
 Financial Secretary.....Gail Klunenberg
 Financial Vice-Secretary.....Sue Johnson
 Congregational Life.....Peggy Larson
 Education.....vacant
 Finance.....Bryan Greenwaldt
 Outreach.....Rick Johnson
 Property Management.....Sam Sundby
 Worship and Music.....Pam Nelson
 Youth.....Sara Ross

Immanuel Lutheran Church Office 218-631-2738



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
 403 SE 2ND ST
 PO BOX 69
 WADENA, MN 56482

Immanuel Lutheran News

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
 403 2ND ST SE—PO BOX 69
 WADENA, MINNESOTA 56482



*Called and united through the Gospel of
 Jesus Christ, our mission is to proclaim
 and respond to God's presence among us.*

September 2023



From the Desk of Pastor Nate...

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Our gospel reading for Sunday, September 4 will be from Matthew 16:21-28. In the verses immediately prior to this reading, Jesus has just asked his disciples a key question: "Who do you say that I am?" And Peter answers: "You are the Messiah; son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). This answer is so great, that Jesus calls Peter and his answer the rock on which he will build his church.

However, in our reading today, Matthew tells us that Jesus began to teach his disciples that his mission was to go to Jerusalem and suffer and die. And Peter cannot comprehend this teaching from Jesus. So, he goes to Jesus and says, "God forbid it!" (vs 22). And Jesus rebukes Peter with these famous words: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me" (vs. 23). Peter, who had given such a good answer a few verses earlier, has clearly failed the essay portion of the exam!

But Jesus is dead serious about his mission (pun definitely intended!). And he's also dead serious about what this means for us. This section of Matthew's gospel includes a most difficult teaching for you and me and all who follow Jesus, too: following Jesus means giving up our own desires and interests, taking up our crosses and following him.

What a word to launch our September newsletter. This is a rallying time of year when we tell people, "C'mon back to church! We've got lots of great activities and stuff and opportunities." But we must also be honest: the crux of faith with Jesus is denying ourselves and dedicating our lives to serving our neighbors.

It's a tough sell. But Jesus leads the way. And not just to death. But to forgiveness and new life. In Christ, we receive forgiveness. In Christ, we receive hope and salvation. In Christ, we are both challenged and set free.

Come and follow!

Humbly in Christ.

Pastor Nate

Pastor Nate

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

Join us on Sunday, September 24 for some great service projects after worship. You can choose between two projects:

- 1) Meet in the Fellowship Hall and assemble school kits for Lutheran World Relief
- 2) Go to the elementary school cafeteria to pack bags for our Backpack for Kids weekend backpack food program. Join us as we put our hands to God's use in our community and world!



Join us on
Monday, September 18th
At 5:30 pm for dinner
@ The Uptown

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE YOUTH PIE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL ON AUGUST 10TH! THE YOUTH WENT THROUGH A TOTAL OF 75 PIES! MUCH APPRECIATION TO ALL OF THE IMMANUEL YOUTH AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS WHO TOOK THE TIME TO HELP OUT!

EARLY RISERS CLASS
ROOTS OF OUR FAITH

Join us for a 6-week class exploring the core teachings of our Lutheran faith. Classes will start @ 8:00 am on September 17, October 8 & 15, November 5, 12, & 19. You can join us in the Friendship Room or via Zoom. Email Pastor Nate for the Zoom link or for more information. (nateloer@gmail.com)

Wednesday Discipleship

Wednesday Discipleship is back beginning September 6th. Weekly spiritual practices are vital to our faith. Young and old, we hope your family will be part of this weekly discipleship!

- Dinner at 5:15pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Worship at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary
This worship will be a hybrid of worship and discipleship with praise-style music and vivid story telling from the Bible. We also plan to celebrate communion once a month.
- Education at 6:45-7:30 pm
This year we will have 4 different classrooms; Pre-school-K, 1st-2nd, 3rd-4th, and 5th-6th grade. We will also have a confirmation class for 7th-9th grade.
- Sanctuary Choir rehearses at 7:00pm

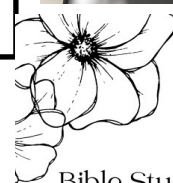
SUNDAY WORSHIP MINISTRY
Sign up outside the church office to usher, lector, assist with communion, and/or provide special music for Sunday worship services!



Birthday Celebration

SEPTEMBER 10TH, FELLOWSHIP HALL
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Roger Lageson's family has invited all congregants to join Roger in celebrating his 90th birthday!! Happy Birthday, Roger!
No gifts please.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Bible Study - Tuesday, September 12 - 1:30 pm

We will use the July study from July/August Gather

Tuesday, October 10 - 1:30 pm

Block Cutting - Monday, September 11 - 9am

Monday, October 2 - 9am

Quilting - September 18 & 19 - 9 am

October 16 & 17 - 9 am

The Quilting Ministry welcomes any volunteers to iron block-cut fabric, and/or sew kits together. These projects can be done at home! if you would like to help, reach out to Jan Hillesland or Iona Fiskum.

What's Happening

September 1

1 pm - Catholic Charities Frozen Meals Distribution

September 3

Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)

September 4 - Labor Day

OFFICE CLOSED

September 5

9 am - Staff Meeting

September 6

12 pm - Rotary (#3 N. Overland)

Wednesday Discipleship Schedule (see below)

7:30 pm - ILC Youth Council Meeting

September 7

1 pm - MAC/NAPS

September 10

Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)
(Backpack Blessing & 3 Year Old and 3rd Grade Bible Distribution)

4:30 pm - ILC Council Meeting

September 11

9 am - ICW - Block Cutting

September 12

9 am - Staff Meeting

1:30 pm - ICW Bible Study

September 13

Wednesday Discipleship Schedule (see below)

Sunday Worship Schedule

- 8:30 - Coffee Fellowship
- 9:30 - Worship (LIVE on YouTube)
- 9:30 - Radio Broadcast 920 AM or 101.7 FM

September 14

6 pm - Northstar Roundtable meeting

September 17

8 am - Early Risers Class (Friendship Room)

Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)

5:30 pm - NOOMA Night

September 18

9 am - ICW Church Mice

5:30 pm - Dinner Club at The Uptown

September 19

9 am - ICW Church Mice

9 am - Staff Meeting

September 20

12 pm - Rotary (#1 G. Klunenberg)

Wednesday Discipleship Schedule (see below)

September 24

Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)

God's Work, Our Hands (following worship)

September 25

7 pm - Book Club @ Sharon Boline's

September 26

9 am - Staff Meeting

11 am - Dementia Support Group

(Open to all - Friendship Room)

September 27

12 pm - Rotary (catered)

Wednesday Discipleship Schedule (see below)

September 28

10:30 am - Knute Nelson Grief Support

(Friendship Room - Open to all)

Wednesday Worship Schedule

- 5:15 pm - Congregational Dinner
- 6:00 pm - Praise Worship (Sanctuary)
- 6:45 pm - Wednesday Education
- 7:00 pm - Sanctuary Choir



Bring your backpack to worship for a Backpack Blessing

Sunday, September 10
9:30am

Wednesday, September 13
6:00pm

NOOMA NIGHT

Sunday, September 17
5:30
Fellowship Hall

3 YEAR OLD & 3RD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
9:30AM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
6:00PM

Backpacks for Kids

Thank you to those who helped make our June 8th golf event a HUGE SUCCESS! We raised \$11,000 for the program! Be sure to join us on Sunday, September 24th for our first food pack as part of God's Work, Our Hands Sunday!

BOOK CLUB

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
7 PM @ SHARON BOLINE'S
1114 KING AVE SW, APT 404

THE BOOK CLUB WILL BEGIN MEETING AGAIN! WE WILL BE DISCUSSING "THE OLD CROCODILE MAN THEORY", A NOVEL BY PHILIP HUNSICKER. PHILIP, A MINNESOTA AUTHOR, PRESENTED HIS BOOK AT BOOK ENDS IN JUNE. PLEASE FEEL WELCOME TO ATTEND!!

** EVERY 4TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH (SEPT - MAY) **