

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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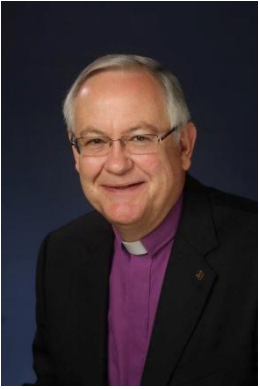
Messenger



Immanuel Lutheran Church
Called, Empowered, and Sent by God to Live, Love, and Learn God's Word
Nuestra Declaración De Misión
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The Gift of Wonder and Wandering

Bishop Kirby Unti – from the August 2017 Edition of The Spirit

One of the gifts that I have received from Dwelling in the Word (a practice of Living Local) is the gift of “wonder.” Dwelling encourages the learner to ask questions of wonder about the biblical text. Wondering brings out the child in us by playing into our imagination.

I want to share with you one of my wonderings about the story of the Exodus. “I wonder why it took them forty years to walk from Egypt to Canaan when on foot it should have taken only two weeks. I wonder, “Did they not know the way?” “Did they get really lost at some point?” “Was the destination not known when they took off?” “Did the destination change on them?” My wondering makes sense when I think of other explorers like Lewis and Clark. It wasn’t like the Oregon trail was already on the map and all they had to do was follow the trail. The truth is what makes one a pioneer is when one must find a trail. Think of how many false routes Lewis and Clark must have explored. They would have reached rivers too swift to cross, mountains too steep to ascend, and cliffs that would have stopped them dead in their tracks. Pioneers know all about dead ends and U turns.

The Bible calls this wandering. The Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years. They wandered in the desert because they failed to believe that God would show them the way.

My sense is we are living in a new time of wandering. The church is not always clear about where we are headed. We are as likely to depend on how we have always done it as we are to trust that God is doing a new thing. Living Local invites us to be intentional about trying to discern what it is that God is up to - and how we follow the pathway God is laying down.

Living Local believes we are being faithful when we experiment, probe, and try out new pathways of being a faithful church. It is a given that we will run into obstacles, have to backtrack at times, and forge routes unplanned for.

I would love for the Spirit to stir up in all our ministry sites a much greater sense of wonder and imagination. My hope is we will be willing to try, risk, experiment, and experience what it means to follow God down a new pathway.

There is no doubt wondering with God can be hard work but there is a reason the destination is called promised land. The reason is through wondering and wandering we come to learn what it means to trust God with the future.





Scripture Readings

August 6 - 9 Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

August 13 - 10 Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalms 85:8-13

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

August 20 - 11 Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalms 67

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:10-28

August 27 - 12 Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalms 138

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

UPCOMING EVENTS and IMPORTANT DATES AT IMMANUEL:

- **August 13**– Church Council meets at 12:00
- **August 19** - Pinochle
- **August 19** - WOI Rummage Sale

August Birthdays

8/2 Freddy Delgado

8/4 Dennis Workman

8/4 Jeff Larson

8/10 Russ Swanson

8/14 Mike Brewer

8/14 Carolyn Enzler

8/16 Allyann Bargewell

8/23 Cheryl Kortlever

8/23 Jones Pattison

8/25 Jordan Gassman

8/27 Gregg Newton

8/30 Jim Hawley

8/31 Jeanne Chadwick



August Anniversaries

8/1 Ron & Julie Roman

8/3 Scott & Tone Piper

8/7 Mark & Sue Ohlswager

8/17 Jan & Jerry Hunter

8/20 Bryan & Margot Noe

8/21 Don & Linda Anderson

8/22 John & Darlene Bayer

8/26 Jeff & Diane Monsen

8/31 Jim & Helen Freeman

8/31 Scott & Tone Piper

Breakfasts for a good cause!

Please join us between services on August 13 for a very special breakfast featuring quiche and breakfast casseroles PLUS Carol VanderYacht's famous cinnamon rolls. Also, Pastor Stan Jacobson will be preaching on that Sunday.

The next opportunity for breakfast at Immanuel will be on August 27 for a pancake breakfast! These breakfasts, organized and cooked by Carolyn Enzler, are raising money for the septic system. Thank-you Carolyn!



Date Change

WOI Biking & Walking Group will be meeting August 26th instead of the 19th at 10 am at Everson's Riverside Park. David Smith will take us on a tour of the country roads in this area and the terrain will be fairly flat. Remember to bring a lunch and join us in another fun biking adventure.

August 6, 2017 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Ass't. Min.	Laura Hookham
Greeter: Muriel & Shelly	Mike & Karen Brewer
Usher	Mike & Karen Brewer
Reader:	Dawn Durand
Com. Ass't'	Linda Anderson
Communion Set-up:	Linda Anderson
Flowers:	
After Worship Prayer Teams:	
1 st Service: Jim/Lois	
2 nd Service: ?/Joanie	



If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please call someone that you can either switch an assigned Sunday with or sub for you.

A big thank-you to all the helpers; you are greatly appreciated and needed!

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August 13 8:30 a.m 10:30 a.m.

Ass't. Min:	Sara Murdock
Greeter: Pam Andrews	Kathee Toivola
Usher:	Kathee Toivola
Com. Ass't:	Karen Harkness
Communion Set Up:	Belia Estrada & Karen Harkness
Reader:	Dennis Workman
Flowers:	
After Worship Prayer Teams:	
1 st Service: Helen/Dennis	
2 nd Service: Karen/Clarice	

August 20 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Ass't. Min:	Don Anderson
Greeter: Hunters	Ron & Judy Bruland
Ushers:	Ron & Judy Bruland
Reader:	Kim Roe
Com. Ass't:	Linda Anderson
Communion Set Up:	
Valerie Henderson & Linda Anderson	
Flowers:	
After Worship Prayer Teams:	
1 st Service: Carol/Nancy	
2 nd Service: Linda/Dennis	



*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
– Isaiah 41:10*

August 27 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Ass't Min.	Karen Harkness
Greeter: Freemans	Wagners
Usher:	Wagners
Com. Ass't:	Kathee Toivola
Communion Set-up:	Kathee Toivola
Reader:	Dawn Durand
Flowers:	
After Worship Prayer Teams:	
1 st Service: Lois/Helen	
2 nd Service: Neil/Renee	

Women Of Immanuel News

- **August 3rd** Thursday - Women of Immanuel Board Meeting at 12:00 in the parish hall.
- **August 8th, Tuesday-** WOI Bible Study meets at the home of Carol VanderYacht at 7pm.
- **August 19**, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Our annual rummage sale will be here at Immanuel. Collectibles, tools, children's items, furniture, books, sporting items, bedding, clothing, dishes & lots of misc. Early birds pay double.
- **August 22 Tuesday** - WOI *Messenger* Article Discussion Group meets at the home of Penny McInnis at 7 pm.
- **School sales are on!** Help us fill school bags and health kits for Lutheran World Relief. Purchase some of these items and bring them to the box receptacle located in the parish hall. Items needed: Black or blue ball point pens (we need five pens per bag), 70 sheet spiral notebooks (we need 4 per bag), pink erasers, pencil sharpeners, pencils, blunt scissors, nail clippers, hand towels (not white), washcloths (not white).
- **LADIES! SAVE THE DATE!**
On Thursday, August 24 there will be a potluck picnic at the home of Harry and Susie Smith near Glacier. We will meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. and carpool up the mountain. Weather promises to be wonderful! Bring along a picnic dish and come and enjoy a summer picnic on the mountain.
- The WOI Summer Biking Fellowship Group will be held August 26th and September 16th. Starts at 10 a.m., bring a lunch, open to everyone, beginner friendly, and best of all, our tour guide will be David Smith. What a great opportunity to get to know our local biking trails! Use a cross bike or a

mountain bike, or you can walk. September destinations to be announced later.



Septic Update

Total cost for design, permit and installation of septic system is \$43,121.77.

Funds raised to date: \$37,730.67;

Funds needed to finish system:

\$5,341.10.

Last Sunday's breakfast brought in \$1,069.00