

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
September 2019
Messenger**



**Immanuel Lutheran Church
Called, Empowered, and Sent by God to Live, Love, and Learn God's Word
Nuestra Declaración De Misión
Somos llamados, autorizados, y enviados por Dios para vivir, amar, y aprender la Palabra de Dios
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FROM PASTOR LESLIE:

Some of you are entering your favorite month of the year: September. In fact, the call committee shared that this was the month they longed for each year; perfect weather, glorious fall foliage, clear blue skies with bright, white clouds! It sounds too good to be true, but it's not, it is really what we've come to expect in the end of summer and the beginning of autumn in Whatcom County, WA.

I spent today making visits to our homebound members, and part of my day was spent in the blueberries picking and eating the delicious fruit of the earth. Nowhere else can one share in Holy Communion and then commune with God in God's land quite this way, am I right?

It's not just the love of my home that fills me with happiness on my one-year anniversary week among you, it's the way that we have come to live in a rhythm together. You know what days I study and when I write, which two days I try to visit and that Saturdays I try to rest (try!) You know that we are still grieving Dan's mother's death and all the while still in awe of the birth of our grandson.

It has been a remarkable year. Thank you for all the ways you have welcomed us. You've made a beautiful home for us to live in the way you have remade the parsonage. It is fabulous. The interior and all the new exterior plants. Autumn will be glorious. We will be preparing for our Annual Fall Festival, too, as well as getting back into our Wednesday schedule including Helping Hands at 3:50, supper and choirs. All are welcome to the supper at 5:00, followed by Bell Choir, Men's Choir at 6:00 and Adult Choir at 7:00.

Adult Forum will begin again on Sunday, September 15, at 10:45. Our worship experience will be strengthened with the singing of ELW Setting 7, as we welcome back our favorite bilingual liturgy, a nod to tradition, a symbol of homecoming for us, in a matter of speaking.

It is my prayer that these ways of honoring our autumn traditions bring you happiness as we delve into yet another beautiful season of worship, fellowship, honoring God, and loving neighbor here at Immanuel. I urge you to include in your prayers ways that God is shaping us to serve and love our neighbor during this season of change. Pastor Leslie

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From the Bishop The Spirit - September 2019

On August 3, as I prepared to fly to Milwaukee for the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, I looked out the airplane window at Mt. Rainier and thought, “Wow! Is there anything more spectacular?” And, I admit, I also thought, “I have so much work to do right here in the synod, why do I have to leave for a week?”

On August 12, as I prepared to leave Milwaukee to return home, I looked out the airplane window at Lake Michigan and thought, “Wow! I am both so proud of our church and also so aware of how much further we have to go!”

I hope that you were able to follow the Assembly in real time by watching the livestream. But even if you weren't able to follow the assembly in real time, I encourage you to read about the people elected, the motions that were passed, experience the worship, and hopefully, enter into the joy that happens when we are *church together* (which was the theme for this year). It truly was a blessing to be with over 1000 Lutherans as we did good and hard work this past week.

In the coming months I will reflect more on some of the motions and actions that happened at the Churchwide Assembly. But here are a few thoughts as I return home. We are connected to a deep and broad community throughout the United States. We are people of different ethnicities, cultures, colors, sexualities, and genders. We are young and old. We are from blue and red states. We are people who are Lutherans from birth and we are people who embraced the Lutheran lens of Christianity later in life.

We are a people who are listening to God's call to embrace all people, even when it is difficult or uncomfortable. We are a people who ask forgiveness when we mess up and we are a people of grace. We are a people who march against unjust laws and we are a people who sing of that promised day when all will be made right. We are a people who ask many questions and we are a people who reflect on words spoken. We are a people who try (as best we can) to follow Robert's Rules of Order and we are a people who laugh when no one can figure out the rabbit hole we have gone down as we attempt Robert's Rules of Order. We are a people who sing old and well-known hymns with gusto and we are a people who embrace new words and new melodies in this new day. In short, we are people of God. We don't always get it right. We don't always agree. But God's Spirit was present and active in Milwaukee just as God's Spirit is present and active in your congregation, in the Northwest Washington Synod, and in the wider ELCA. I am confident and excited about what is next for us and for the entire ELCA.

As we heard throughout the assembly, *Together we are Church.*

If you would like to know more about the actions taken by the 2019 Churchwide Assembly, you can follow this link: <https://elca.org/News-and-Events/8003>

Grace & Peace,
Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee



Scripture Readings

September 1 – 12 Pentecost

Proverbs 25:6-7

Psalm 112

Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 8 – 13 Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

September 15– 14 Pentecost

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

September 22 – 15 Pentecost

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

September 29 – 16 Pentecost

Amos 16:1a, 4-7

Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

UPCOMING EVENTS and IMPORTANT

DATES AT IMMANUEL:

- **September 7** – Worship & Music meets at 9:00.
- **September 8** – Church Council after worship.
- **September 8** – AED training after worship.
- **September 11** – Wednesday evening activities begin: Supper - 5:00; men's choir - 6:00; choir - 7:00.
- **September 14** – Book Study begins.
- **September 15** – Adult Forum begins after worship.
- **September 28** – Fall Festival. 10:00 to 3:00.



Sing for Your God

We want you! Immanuel's Choir and Men's Group will begin practice on Wednesday, September 11. The men meet at 6:00 and the choir meets at 7:00. We hope you will join us!

BOOK STUDY

"Love Without Limits" book study will begin on Saturday, September 14 at 10:00 in the church library. If you are interested, sign up on the bulletin board by the coffee pot. There will be 5 sessions (skipping the Fall Festival Saturday) and the cost of the book is \$15. Questions? Contact Nancy Workman

Fall Festival Needs Treats!

Now that the weather is cooling off a bit, it is time to haul out your mixer and start baking for the Fall Festival! The bakery accepts baked and canned goods. Thank you, in advance, for helping raise funds for the women of Immanuel's projects!



THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU goes out to all who participated in summer jobs around the church and parsonage! Landscaping was completed at the parsonage, a new roof was put on the small shed near the playground, a new door into the parish hall was installed and painted, a new door closer was added to the front door of the church, the fire escape was rebuilt, the railing into the parish hall was cleaned, painted, and re-installed more securely, broken floor tiles were replaced in the kitchen and weed whacking and branch trimming was done on the church property. Thank you Pam, Tyler, Lenny, Patrick, Mike, Bob, Dennis, Mark, Don and Linda. Jobs well done!

Coffee with Pastor Leslie

Join Pastor Leslie at Extreme Bean on Thursday, September 5 from 9:00 to 11:00 and on Monday, September 16 from 1:00 to 3:00.



WOMEN OF IMMANUEL NEWS

- WOI Bible Study meets at the home of Carol VanderYacht on Tuesday, September 10 at 7 p.m.
- Quilting begins September 5, 9:00 to noon. Please join us for this fun project.
- WOI Board meets on September 5 at 12:15. We will discuss the Fall Festival. All are welcome to join us.
- WOI Bible Study is September 10, 7:00 p.m. at Carol VanderYacht's.
- The Fall Festival is September 28 from 10:00 to 3:00.

Bakery - Nancy Workman - Please bake your favorite things (no cream pies)

Lunch - Susan Finsrud - Need help in all areas of this ...sign up and any questions talk to Susan

This & That - Helen Freeman - All items must be in clean almost new condition (no clothes). Any questions ask Helen.

Silent Auction - Sue Ohlswager - If you would like to donate items for the auction talk with Sue
Holiday House - Clarice Solvik, Judy Bruland and Joni Hirt -- Bring your nice decorations for holidays - This will be set up in library

Cashier - Karen Brewer

If you would like to sell your crafts you are welcome to do that - no charge



September Birthdays

9/1 Ron Bruland
9/3 Linda Hoines
9/3 Randy Carson
9/4 Carol Bennett Woodbury
9/7 Jim Florence
9/13 Sue Ohlswager
9/14 Julie Goree
9/16 Nancy Workman
9/16 Tristan Goree
9/18 Kara Swanson
9/18 Dan Culver
9/30 Renee Guernsey

September Anniversaries

9/6 Jim & Pat Hawley
9/13 Carolyn and Bob Enzler
9/27 Joanie & Ernst Hirt

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. -2 Corinthians 12:9-10

September 1, 2019 9:30 a.m.

Ass't. Min: Laura Hookham
Greeter: Brulands
Ushers: Brulands
Readers: Kim Roe/Salvador Estrada
Com. Asst': Linda Anderson
Communion Set-up: Linda Anderson
Flowers: Karen Harkness
Prayer Team: Clarice & Kim

September 8 9:30 a.m

Ass't Min: Sara Murdock
Greeter: Hunters
Ushers: Hunters
Com. Ass't: Valerie Henderson
Communion Set Up: Valerie Henderson
Readers: Dennis Workman/Salvador Estrada
Flowers: Salvador Estrada
Prayer Team: Joanie & Neil

September 15 9:30 a.m.

Ass't. Min: Ben Workman Smith
Greeters: Brewers
Ushers: Brewers
Reader: Kim Roe/Salvador Estrada
Com. Ass't: Linda Anderson
Communion Set Up: Linda Anderson
Flowers:

September 22 9:30 a.m.

Ass't Min. Sara Murdock
Greeters: Freemans
Ushers: Freemans
Com. Ass't: Karen Harkness
Communion Set-up: Karen Harkness
Reader: Dawn Durand/Salvador Estrada
Flowers: Bill & Carol VanderYacht



And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

1 John 4:16

September 29 9:30 a.m.

Ass't. Min: Don Anderson
Greeter: Brulands
Ushers: Brulands
Readers: Doug Proctor/Salvador Estrada
Com. Asst': Linda Anderson
Communion Set-up: Linda Anderson
Flowers:
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.

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Thank-you to everyone willing to serve in our worship services!

If you aren't already receiving your Messenger via email, please give Kim your email address and give it a try.