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Our Mission
Statement



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of Lutherans of Immanuel-Trinity

November 2019

PASSION - A JESUS THING

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.
John 15: 9-11

I was recently reading an article in **The Lutheran** that stated that as few as 21% of Americans today regularly worship. Pastor Sue and I were rattling this around a bit and concluded that over the last several decades, the main-line churches in America have fallen into that trap of religiosity. How we do church has become more important than developing a life changing relationship with the one who comes to open the heavens for us. Author Bill Johnson puts it this way,



Religion is the child of the fear of man, and one of the things that the fear of man does is it prevents people from displaying lifestyles of passion. And Christianity was never intended to be dialed down to discipline. It was never meant to be reduced to discipline. You can discipline your way through the Christian life and have certain good effects or positive things that take place because principles are true and truth works. But the Gospel was never meant to be lived out of merely discipline. It was meant to be lived out of passion. We were not born to merely walk a tightrope of obedience out of discipline. We were born to burn with passion for God.

Your joy changes the world around you. That's what it comes down to. Your joy takes infertility and makes it fertile. Your joy causes things around you to alter and to change. Your atmosphere shifts by what is exploding right here. When Jesus said, "The Kingdom is within you," He is saying, "Joy releases my world and alters the conditions of the circumstances around you." Joy is a choice that is made, sometimes, with trembling. But it must be expressed. It cannot be quietly contained in the heart

The seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas are an excellent time to recommit yourself to living out a passion for the Christ. Jesus is more than the good feeling having your family in the pew on Christmas eve. We will sing "Joy to the world, the Lord has come.." and remain silent about the joys that Christ shares with us every other day of the year. My prayer is that we can put our fear behind us and truly "jump and shout and sing in the joy of the Lord". Joy can save this world... this community... this church. May we be instruments of his Joy.

PASTOR Tom

Thanksgiving Volunteers Needed

The Faith in Action Team of Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church is asking for **YOUR** help. We will be serving a Thanksgiving Dinner at the church from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm on Thanksgiving Day. We are asking for your help in the following areas:

Preparing the meal on Wednesday.

Helping greet/sign-in people.

Delivering the meals.

Cleaning up.

Serving the meal.

Making a monetary donation (bring to the church).



Call the dedicated Thanksgiving Meal line after October 29th at 923-1524 to ask any questions, or choose a day, time and task you are interested in.

**Thank you for making this
Thanksgiving Day a blessing for others.**

The Thanksgiving Meal Reservations

turkey, dressing, potatoes, vegetables, dessert will be served at
Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church
20 Wisconsin American Drive on Thanksgiving Day

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL OR HAND DELIVER IT TO THE CHURCH
NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019**

We will deliver your meal to your home if you are unable to attend (within the city limits only). A free-will donation is appreciated, but not necessary.

If you have any questions, please call the church office (923-1524). We encourage you to join in the fellowship and thanksgiving for God's blessings!

Thanksgiving Meal Reservation

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

of People: _____

_____ I will be dining at Immanuel-Trinity

_____ I will pick up my meal at Immanuel-Trinity
(1 per person please) limit 3

_____ I would like my meal delivered- within city limits
(1 per person please) limit 3 per address



**Service of
Remembrance**
Sunday, November 24th
at 6:00 pm

This annual service is an opportunity to remember our loved ones who are not celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas in this year. All are welcome whether your loss is recent or in the past. A time of fellowship will follow in the Fireside room

Three Trees
Christmas Ingathering 2019

Our Three Giving Trees ingathering begins on Wednesday, November 6th. We will once again support the following local ministries:

1. **The Salvation Army Angel Tree** - Please take an angel card for clothing for a child. Gifts must be returned by Mon. Dec. 4th. You may include wrapping paper with your donation, but please do not wrap the gifts.
2. **The Men's/Women's Shelters & New Beginnings Tree** - Please take an ornament with needs for these shelters.
3. **Food for Thought** - Please take an ornament for the individual serving items needed.



Join us on Thanksgiving Eve
 Wednesday, November 27th

***Thanksgiving Eve Worship
 with Holy Communion***
 6:30 pm with Food Pantry Ingathering

Our Fifth Annual Pie Social
 immediately follows worship in the gym!
 A reminder, we have the best pie bakers!



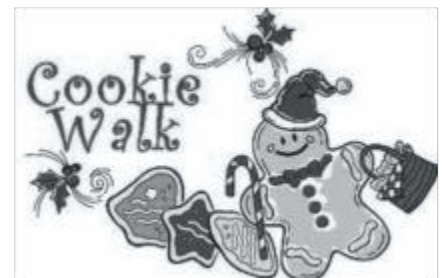
Join us for our
**Fifth Annual
 Advent Fest!**
 Sunday,
December 1, 2019,
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a brief Advent worship, tree trimming, arts and crafts, cookie frosting, and a potluck of a variety of soups, bread, and crackers.



COOKIE BAKERS AND CANDY MAKERS

Can you believe that Christmas is less than 2 months away? You might think it's too early to think about holiday baking, but time flies and before you know it that special day will be upon us. Share your joy of baking and candy making with those who are not able to do their own baking by donating cookies and candy to the annual WELCA Cookie Walk, which will be held on the weekend of December 7 & 8. Deborah Circle will be the hosts for this event this year and we encourage you to start thinking about that special cookie you like to make for Christmas. So, please mark your calendar and watch the bulletins for more detailed information.





Fall Festival

WELCA News

It was a perfect day to have chili! Cool weather came just in time. Thank you all for all the help you gave us and all the donations you made for Fall Festival, making it another great year. We appreciate all you did to make it such a success – there were so many helpers this year it made each task easier.

We would like to thank the Strong Women for their generous contributions to our basket raffle. They do enjoy being as creative with their baskets as we are.

As of the printing of this newsletter the proceeds have not been counted. We will hope to have that information for the next newsletter and it will be in the annual report as usual. The money is donated to our church, to our community and to world wide charities.

Our next event will be the Cookie Walk in December. Watch for further information on that in the bulletins and newsletter.

Thank you again – very sincerely,

Your WELCA Board Marion Blakely Audrey Greenwood Lu Miller Martie Schmalz Caryl Thielman

**Congratulations to
the members that
affirmed their
baptism on
October 26 & 27,
2019**

Colton Amundson,
Emma Hansen,
David Hurtgen,
Grady Kellar,
Jenna King,
Jonathan Korb,
Isabelle Neal,
Dylan Nery,
Kaleb Pagel,
Riley Plato,
Cole Rottman,
Zachary Shepro,
Payton Wartenberg,
Carter Wendt,
Allison Wright

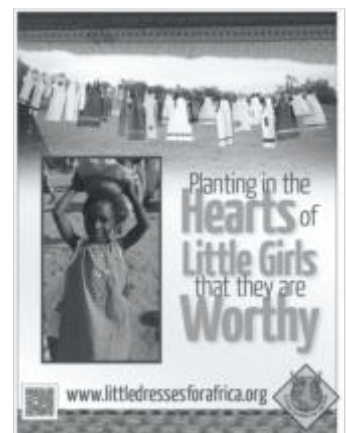


Little Dresses for Africa

Once a year Bob and I deliver the Little Dresses for Africa to Nancy's Notions in Beaver Dam. This year I am happy to report that we will be taking 134 dresses to donate to this ministry. I want to "THANK" everyone who volunteered to create the dresses for girls around the world. These dresses put smiles on the girls faces when they are given a new dress.

This is an on-going ministry throughout the year. There are patterns and pillows and trims of all kinds in the library. If you have a little time and would like to help with this ministry, please come to the library and take a look. I will put up a new sample in a few weeks so you can see how easy it is to make a "little dress".

Once again, THANK YOU for using your talents to create a simple dress that makes a huge difference in the life of girls in our world.



Why Worry?

Stephen Ministry News



Whenever life gets overwhelming, stop and remember you can ask God for help. Take your time and go easy on yourself. Worry less about getting things done. Worry more about things worth doing, worry less about things you have no control over, worry more about being a good human being, worry more about leaving things better than you found them, keep giving, worry can shorten life, but it can't lengthen it. To worry is foolishly to forget who we are, God's valued children, and who He is, our living Father. The way we look at God determines the way we will look at life, and this will determine what we worry about. The Lord forces us to think about why we are not to worry. He tells us that worry is foolish. In Luke 12:25 *Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life.* If we would spend as much time praying as we do worrying, we would find out we have nothing to worry about. Think about it.

Stephen Minister's don't worry about what their outcome will be when they see their care receivers, they know that God is in control of it.

Communion Date Change

Communion for December will be:
November 30 & December 1
December 21 & 22,
December 25



**Sunday,
November 3rd**

2019 Home Communion Schedule

If you are interested in helping serve or receive home communion please contact Pastor @ 920-921-4545

November 3 & December 1

Please cut out and save for future reference!



Our next time to serve is:
Monday, November 18

Arrive by 4:00 pm if you will be volunteering to help serve. Come join us for fun, fellowship and a feeling of fulfillment.



In Honor of

*Zach Shepro's Confirmation
&
Sam Shepro's Birthday*

Given by.....Milly O'Neil

What is Prayer Ministry?

The Prayer Ministry members intentions are to offer CONFIDENTIAL and/or Long Term prayer. There are currently six active members on this team. As noted in the church bulletin if you need long term prayer you may call the church office at 921-4545 to notify the pastor and the prayer ministry team. Our administrative assistant will call me (Caryl Thielman) to add your request to our prayer ministry list.

Another option is filling out a request form that is provided for you in the church narthex. Look for the cross on the small table under the screen monitoring the church service. There are some pink prayer request forms for you to fill out and then place the request in the wooden box located on that table.

You may ask for prayers for yourself or someone else. It is important if prayers are requested for someone else that the person being prayed for knows and approves of the prayer ministry team members praying for him or her.

The team would welcome new members joining them. Just contact our administrative assistant at 921-4545.

Christian Ed Programs

Fall is here and our Christian Education team is really off and running, with many things coming up in the future.

First our annual Butter Braids sale will be starting on October 23rd and going until November 6th. Orders will be ready for pick up the weekend of November 23rd & 24th. Find one of our Middle Schoolers and place your order! We are raising money to use for our "QUAKE" trip this coming March.



I know fall has just started, but in just a few short weeks our SPARK kids will be starting practice for the Christmas Program. This year we will be having our performance in between church services, at 9:30am on December 8th, in the gym. Come and see the kids sing their hearts out for

the New Born King!

Last but not least, the Christian Education Department is still looking for a parent, or grandparent, who would be able to help out in our Connect class on Wednesday nights. We are down to one teacher and Craig even deserves a break once in a while. LOL



Thank you and God Bless,
The Christian Ed Committee
Marie Scannell June Bahr Megan Keller

- *Wed., Nov. 27th, no class, & kids are expected to be in Thanksgiving Eve worship 6:30 pm*
- *Nov. 30 & Dec 1 No SPARK classes*
- *12/4 Regular Wed. classes resume*

SHYG Invite

Are you in high school? If so have you attended SHYG (senior high youth group)? We have a great group of students and would love to see you! If you already attend, bring a friend! We meet every Wednesday at 6:30 pm.



We discuss the highs and lows of every day teenage life, participate in bible study with discussion, watch movies and do service projects. We have already participated in a bake sale to benefit the FDL Food Pantry and help other groups in the church when needed. We plan on bell ringing in December and possibly doing an Escape room in 2020. We also plan to clean up the trail in the woods and construct a fort for prayer and reflection out in nature.

We currently have around 20 kids coming every week. We barely fit in our room.. a great problem to have! If anyone has any local service project suggestions please let me know. We have a strong emphasis on **JOY: Jesus Others Self.**

Please contact me if you are interested in helping, have any suggestions or want to join!

Lori Jurgensmier
Ljur13479@gmail.com



**November 1**

Jonah Long
Samuel Shepro
Thomas Soukup

November 2

Jeffrey McAndrew

November 5

Brooke Jurgensmier

November 6

Christina Schuette
LaVonne Waller
Mary Randall
Tammy Guse

November 7

Angel Flores
Heather Pufahl

November 9

David Hubbard
John De Montmollin
John Dilling
Richard Hannemann

November 11

Angie Long
Keshia Lueck
Marion Blakely

November 13

Robert Kopf

November 14

Liberty Christian
Karla Wagner

November 16

Sara Gutman

November 17

Henry Grafton
Jeffery Waller

November 18

Joyce Spannbauer

November 19

Terrence Bigsby

November 21

Terry Long
Christopher Kurki
Preston Drew

November 22

Raylan Brooks
Richard Krause

November 24

Kailyn Lefeber
Lisa Triatik

November 26

Arianna Korb
Daniel Sing
Linda Karls
Thomas De Montmollin
William Faubel

November 27

Alyssa Stephenson
Cindy Taylor

November 28

Shar Raube

November 29

Janet Sinotte
Patrick Hansen

November 30

Dakota VanLoo
Julia Naker

Greetings from Worship and Music!

We welcome all who are interested to join our team. We will meet again on Tuesday 12/3 at 6:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to help plan for the future.

The choir, bells and orchestra have been playing monthly. We would love to have you join us and share your gifts in worship. If you prefer, you can participate in the musical offering at any service. Contact myself or Pastor Tom if interested.

We would love to have a family help at the Christmas Eve service at 3:30pm: lector, worship assistant, special music, communion, acolyte and usher are all needed. Please consider this opportunity to serve as a family.

The children's Christmas program will be Sunday 12/8 at 9:30 in the gym. The adults are joining First Presbyterian for a Christmas Cantata this year called *WINTER ROSE*. It will be December 15 at 8:30am at Immanuel-Trinity and at 10:30 am at First Presbyterian. We look forward to sharing this gift in worship.

The 10:30 worshipers may have noticed we are short on accompanists. If you know any piano players who may be interested, please contact Pastor Tom.

I pray you all consider these opportunities to serve and share your God given talents. I give thanks for our church and its' people. May you all take time to give thanks for all of Gods Blessings!

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Fun in Worship



CONGREGATIONAL
INFORMATION
MEETING
10/12/2019



Church Life



Our Dearest Friend Pat



Our SHYD
helped to move
the boxed kits
onto carts for
shipping

Storage area
for completed
LWR items to
ship this year



~ November 2019 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pastor's Day Off	2 All Saints Festival Home Communion 5p Spark 5:30p Worship w/ Communion
3 Daylight Saving Time Ends All Saints Festival Home Communion 8:30a Worship with Communion 9:30a Adult Ed 9:30a Spark 10:30a Worship with Communion	4 1:30p Griefshare 6p Facility Action 6p Faith in Action	5 Strong Women 11:30a Grief- share Luncheon 6p Christian Ed 6:30p Boy Scouts	6 5p Chancel Guild 6:30p Book Club 6:30p Cantata Practice 1st Presb. 6:30p SHYG, Con- nect, Confirmation <i>Butter Braid Sales End</i>	7 Strong Women 1p Deborah Circle 1:30p Griefshare	8 Pastor's Day Off	9 5p Spark 5:30p Worship with Spark Kids Sing
10 8:30a Worship 9:30a Adult Ed 9:30a Spark 10:30a Worship	11 1:30p Griefshare	12 Strong Women 6p Exec Comm 6:30p Boy Scouts 6:30p Council 7p Trinity Bells	13 6:30p Book Club 6:30p Cantata Practice 1st Presb. 6:30p SHYG, Con- nect, Confirmation	14 Strong Women 1:30p Griefshare	15 Newsletter Deadline Pastor's Day Off	16 5p Spark 5:30p Worship w/ Communion
17 8:30a Worship with Communion 9:30a Adult Ed 9:30a Spark 10:30a Worship with Communion	18 1:30p Griefshare 4p Loaves & Fishes	19 Strong Women 6:30p Boy Scouts	20 8:30a Dorcas Quilting 6p Choir 6:30p Book Club 6:30p Cantata Practice 1st Presb. 6:30p SHYG, Con- nect, Confirmation	21 Strong Women 1:30p Griefshare	22 Pastor's Day Off	23 Christ the King Noisy Offering 5p Spark 5:30p Worship w/ Communion <i>Butter Braid Pick Up Nov. 23rd & 24th</i>
24 Christ the King Noisy Offering 8:30a Worship with Communion & Choir Singing 9:30a Adult Ed 9:30a Spark 10:30a Worship with Communion 2:30p Boy Scouts 6p Service of Remembrance	25	26 8:30a WELCA 6:30p Boy Scouts 7p Trinity Bells	27 6:30p Thanksgiv- ing Eve Service 7:30p Pie Social	28 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> Office Closed Thanksgiving Community Meal 	29 Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	30 Home Communion 5:30p Worship w/ Communion

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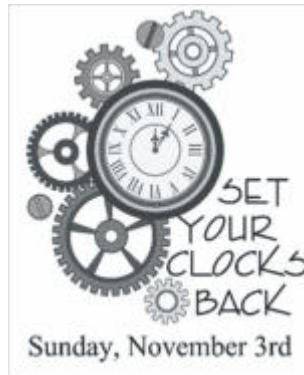


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