

## Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church

# The Beacon August 2022

All GLORY TO GOD,
who is able, through
HIS MIGHTY POWER
at work within us,
to accomplish INFINITELY
more than we might ask
or think.

Ephesians 3:20

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us... Ephesians 3:20

As I write this, we at Immanuel Trinity are preparing to reboot fall ministries and programs that I pray will touch many in God's missional community. As Christ' body, we, his disciples, will come together weekly to celebrate God's grace, mercy and love throughout the world. We will celebrate God's mighty power and actions within our sin

sick world. We will again reflect on the directions that the Creator of the Universe is shaping for his beloved people. Will we have the eyes to see and the ears to hear God's mighty love story? Better yet, will we have the hands and feet, attitudes and gratitudes to join God on this adventure?

From his book When Heaven Invades Earth Pastor Bill Johnson shares, "It's time for a revolution in our vision of God. When prophets tell us "your vision is too small", many of us think the antidote is to increase whatever numbers we're expecting. For example, if we're expecting 10 new converts, let's change it to 100. If we were praying for the conversions of cities, let's pray instead for nations. With such responses, increasing the numbers is not necessarily a sign of a larger vision from god's perspective. Vision starts with identity and purpose. Through a revolution in our identity, we can think with divine purpose. Such a change begins with a revelation of Christ. Some believe that the condition of the Church will always be getting worse; therefore, tragedy in the Church is just another sign of these being the last days. In a perverted sense, the weakness of the Church confirms to many that they are on the right course. The worsening condition of the world and the Church becomes a sign to them that all is well. This kind of thinking requires no faith! Embracing a belief system that requires no faith is dangerous. It is contrary to the nature of God and all that the Scriptures declare. Since god plans to do "above all we could ask or think" according to Ephesians 3:20, His promises by nature challenge our intellect and expectations. The result of forgetting His promises is not one we can afford. We are often more convinced of our unworthiness than we are of Christ' worth. Our inability takes on greater focus than does God's ability. But the same One who called fearful Gideon "a Mighty Warrior" and unstable Peter "a Rock", has called us the Body of his beloved son on earth. (Judges 6:12, Matthew 16:18) That has to count for something."

I continue to pray for a move of God to fall upon Immanuel-Trinity. I continue to pray for a deepen of faith within our people. God has great plans for us. Let us be about God's business.

Blessings, Pastor Tom



Come support the FAITH group at their Brat Fry on Saturday, August 6 from 10am to 5pm at Festival Foods, Fond du Lac. Enjoy some good food and fellowship.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REGISTRATION IS HERE**





Please stop by the table in the narthex after services to register your child for Chriatian Education classes. Missed the weekend? Stop by the office between 9-1 M-Th to register. You may also register online by clicking HERE.

#### **REMINDER**

• Littles class for children currently in grades 4K - first grade is held on Sundays immediately following services.

All other classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30.

- Spark for children currently in grades 2 4
- Connect current grades 5 6
- Confirmation current grades 7-9.



### **PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE DESPERAELY NEEDED!**

We need parents to help with teaching. If everyone helps out, you would only be scheduled every 6 weeks or less.

Lessons are provided.

Please sign up here to help or in person when you register your child.



Supplies can be dropped off in the collection bins located in the Church Narthex or by Entrance C. Thank you to all who have donated items already. Let's help the children get a great start to the 2022-2023 school year.



### Sisters in Christ United for Allyship

East Central Synod of Wisconsin

Fall Retreat on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> Imago Dei Village – in the main lodge Clintonville, WI Registration opens at 8am Program 8:45am - 4pm

"Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

"If you see someone falling behind, walk beside them. If you see someone being ignored, find a way to include them. If someone has been knocked down, lift them up. Always remind people of their worth. One small act could mean the world to them." Nan Hua Temple

Register today! – Simply complete the form located on the hallway bulletin board and mail with payment by September 1<sup>St</sup>, 2022 or register with Eventbrite. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/allyship-fallretreat-for-east-central-synod-women-of-the-elca-tickets-315759363757. Please use a separate form for each participant.

New for 2022! – Children's Programming for ages 5-12. Crossways staff will lead the youngsters in engaging activities throughout the day. A parent, guardian, or adult friend must be attending the Fall Retreat and remain at Imago Dei Village. Children must be pre-registered.

Invite – pass along information about the Women of the ELCA Fall Retreat. Encourage others to attend. Plan a carpool. Bring a friend. Share the good news with others!

Prepare – for a motivational retreat in the main lodge at Imago Dei Village with your sisters in Christ. Enjoy a day with speakers, music, food, and worship (message by Bishop Anne Edison-Albright). There will be time to meet with others from your conference. An offering will be collected and split equally between Kairos of Wisconsin, synod women's organization, and the church wide Women of the ELCA.

In kind gifts – will be collected for Soles for Jesus. Collect gently worn shoes of any type and bring them to the retreat. All sizes needed! Please rubber band the two shoes together.

Silent Auction – Make (or purchase) and bring new or like new items for the Silent Auction (benefits the scholarship fund and in 2022 Katie's Fund). Bring cash or check for your purchases.

### Key note speaker - Bill Van Lopik

For the past six years, Bill has been a community organizer with the ESTHER interfaith social justice organization in the Fox Valley. He is an instructor at the College of Menominee Nation. Bill and his family live in the Appleton area and are members of First Congregational UCC.



In Memory of Mark Kulaga **Given by Norm and Caryl Thielman** 



In Memory of Mark Kulaga Given by Karen Kraus

## August Birthdays



August 2
Joyce Kumbier
Julian Schuette
Erin Huseman

August 3
Jason Schuette
Riley Plato
Sophia Wendt

August 5 Heidi Kopf Megan Kellar Tony Solamita

> August 6 Bruce Hall

August 7
James Shepherd

August 8
Dylan Wilbee

August 9
Jeanette Arndt
Marilyn Luebke
Emma Maravilla

August 11 Lisa Roltgen Maura Nery August 12 Oliver Meyer

August 13
John Kehrmeyer
Mark Kopf
Richard Schroeder

August 14 Chris Koshute

August 16
Robert Masteller
Luna VanAble Schroeder
Troy Huseman

August 17 Emily Belling John T. De Montmollin

> August 18 Zach Dilling

August 19
Caryl Thielman
Daniel Wendt
Dennis Comeaux
Donald Schmalz
Jeanne Olp
Sarai Draves

August 21
Aleene Abrahamson
Audrey Nevala

August 22 Caroline Dilling

> August 23 Jeff Taylor

August 26 Gary Goetz

August 27
Dorothy Braun
Gina Thrall

August 28 Bob Greenwood

August 29 Carrie Boykins

August 30 Len Mallas

Volunteering Opportunities During Worship Signup on Church Website

Lector Sign Up

Communion Assistant Sign Up

August 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30pm FAITH In Action Meeting	2 8:45a: 10am & 11:15am Stay Strong Classes 7p Boy Scouts		4 8:45a: 10am & 11:15am Stay Strong Classes 1pm Deborah Circle 2:30p & 3:45p Yoga	5	6 9a -5pm Faith in Action Brat Fry @ Festival Foods 5:30p Worship w/ Communion
7 9:30a Worship w/ Communion 10:30a Adult Ed	8	9 8:45a: 10am & 11:15am Stay Strong Classes 7p Boy Scouts	6:30p Prayer Group	11 8:45a: 10am & 11:15am Stay Strong Classes 2:30p & 3:45p Yoga	12	13 5:30p Worship
14 9:30a Worship 10:30a Adult Ed	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 7p Boy Scouts	17 8:30a Quilting Circle	18 2:30p & 3:45p Yoga	19	20 5:30p Worship w/ Communion
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