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Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, July 21st!

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The Immanuel Chimes July 2019

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SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday School Classes take a summer break

Worship: **10:00AM**
Communion served on the 1st & 3rd Sundays

Youth: Wednesday Evenings 6:00 PM



America The Beautiful
July 2nd
Immanuel Women's Ministry Presents
Paint Night! 6:30PM in Social Hall

OUR DECLARATION OF DEPENDENCE

Happy Independence Day! July is the month we celebrate our independence from foreign domination and the birth of a new nation, the United States of America. Our Founding Fathers penned an amazing document called "The Declaration of Independence" in 1776 stating: *We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.*

We are, of all people most blessed, for we live in the freedom to determine our own destiny, to worship our God in freedom, and be a haven for those seeking a better life - as the Statue of Liberty declares: *Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses, yearning to breathe free.*

And while we celebrate our hard-fought freedom and pledge our allegiance as Americans, we also humbly pledge our allegiance to God who has blessed this land, from sea to shining sea. We declare our DEPENDENCE on Almighty God for life and health and every good. He is our sovereign King over all and we acknowledge our ultimate loyalty of Him. And while we live as a free nation, we know that many are living in bondage spiritually. How many have not been set free by the blood of the Lamb? Opioid addiction, the rampant addiction to alcohol, drugs and sex. People are addicted to power, prestige and pleasure, leading to death and destruction.

Only Christ can truly set us free. He who broke the chains of death in that dark tomb on Easter can truly set us free - thus our dependence on the work of Christ on the cross of Calvary.

Jesus wants us to live the free live: politically and spiritually. St. Paul says in Galatians 5:1 - *It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.* The slavery Paul was talking about dealt with the legalism of the Jews who negated the joy and freedom of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are either a slave to sin and the distortion of the gospel, or we are a slave to Jesus Christ who . . . *came to give life and to give it abundantly.* John 10:10.

Let us as Christians declare our dependence on God for everything and be faithful stewards of what He has blessed us: our families, our church, our nation and the tremendous freedoms we enjoy - more than any other nation. And be sure to thank those serving in uniform who sacrifice daily that we might enjoy the freedoms that we so easily take for granted.

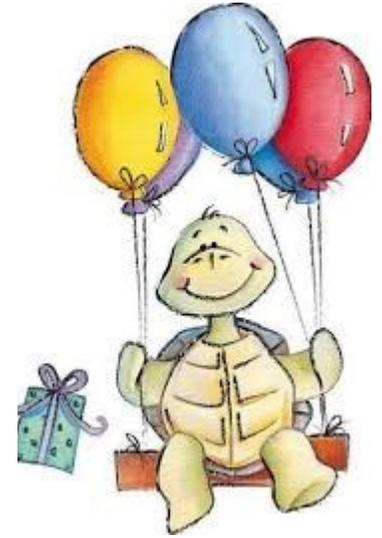
God bless America, and may America bless God! Happy July 4th!

Pastor John

In Celebration of our Members 2019

Birthdays

- 3-Betty Moore
- 5-Kay Jensen
- 7-Michael Hansen
Mike Moser
- 8- Olga Hansen
- 9- Suzie Johnson
- 10-Lance Petersen
Robert Hollenbeck
- 13-Aiden Gant
- 15-Leah Linger
Marilyn Iversen
- 16-Carl Jensen
- 18-Glenn Nielsen
- 19-Taylor Ewing
- 20-Nancy Newsom
- 23-Shane Johnson
- 24- Irma Orozco
- 25-Joseph E. Perez
- 26-Cynthia Atondo
Bobby Bell
- 28-Allison Terrones
- 30-Donna Geidner
Art Olesen
- 31-Hilary Gardner



Wedding Anniversaries

- 9-Dale & Donna Ewing (31)
- 17-Lance & Barbara Petersen (48)
Phil & Susie Tews (41)
- 20-Glenn & Marilyn Nielsen (62)
- 24-Mike & Carol Bennetts (43)
- 27-Mike & Laura Nielsen (34)



Baptismal Birthdays

- 5-Nick Bennetts
- 8-Gail Hansen
-Pat Griffin
- 11-Kathi Mehrten
- 20-Tori Tarlton
-Tayla Tarlton
-Tommy Tarlton
- 27-Elijah Cisneros
- 30-Lance Petersen



"I have held thee
in the palm of my hand."
Isaiah 51:16



Caruthers Fair Food Booth

September 25th – 28th!

It's right around the corner. Before you know it we will be hustling and bustling to prepare for the Caruthers Fair Food Booth to support the Fresno Rescue Mission. This will be our 15th year hosting a food booth during the Caruthers Fair. Please keep the dates in mind and the weekends before and after the fair. September 22nd—23rd and September 30th There is always something to do for fair preparations.

Usually: the weekend before the fair the booth gets swept out and dusted off and we paint as needed. On the Sunday before the fair, September 23rd we need volunteers to help with hauling all of the supplies out to the fair and hanging the signs. The Monday evening before the fair is time to clean and put things away. The Tuesday is the day we receive the food delivery and truck, we also pick up the sodas and load them in the truck to chill. We need strong muscles for the soda job and a volunteer to pick up the sodas at the Big Potato.

If you are interested in helping out with the preparations for the fair, please call the church office and talk to Victoria about the routine procedures on weekends before and after the fair. Sign up sheets will be put up in the church entryway in August. We can't accomplish this mission project without your help. We continue working together and we make great things happen.

Now is the time to start thinking about decorating ideas for our booth. If there is anyone interested in painting and decorating our booth please let me know. The booth is functional at best. We would appreciate new ideas and help with the booth. It's more fun than it is work. Call the church office for more information.

Get your fair shoes ready, it's almost time. I'm getting excited.

Victoria Salwasser
Fair Enthusiast!

Easton Community Food Distribution

EASTON COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION will continue on the first Monday of every month, July 1st at 12:00PM under the shade at Easton Presbyterian Church. Spread the word to friends and neighbors the food is free and plentiful. Volunteers must wear close toed shoes and bring a refillable water bottle to keep hydrated. Also please bring a cart or wagon to haul your food to your car, the giveaway is always a heavy load.

PATRIOTIC SERVICE

Immanuel will observe a Patriotic Service July 7 at 10:00 a.m. Visuals and music of our great nation will be presented, as well as a men's octet singing a patriotic number. Come to worship and thank God for our many blessings as a nation!

PRAYER CONFERENCE COMING

Pastor Bjorn Pedersen of Prayer Watch International will be presenting a Prayer Conference October 10 – 13. God has been moving us in the area of prayer at Immanuel, and this inspirational weekend with Bjorn ties in greatly with the movement of the Holy Spirit we are witnessing.

Bjorn is highly qualified to lead us in this transformational event. Pastor John has hosted two Prayer Conferences and has seen the wonderful fruit coming out of these conference. Pastor John also assisted Bjorn on a trip to Eastern Africa as Bjorn led conferences for African pastors and their wives.

A Prayer Conference is a prayer growth opportunity for Christians who seek to mature in their personal and corporate prayer life. This will be an ecumenical event designed for the whole Easton and Fresno community. Easton Presbyterian is on board with the conference and will join in the events scheduled.

Be in prayer ahead of time that God will use this conference to renew our people and set a new course for a dynamic prayer life for all. You'll see more information as we draw closer. Be sure to mark your calendars for the following dates:

Thursday, October 10 – 6:00 – 7:30, Men's Prayer Breakfast
Friday Evening, October 11 – "The Importance of Prayer for Today"
Saturday Morning, October 12 –
"Prayer as Foundation and Prayer and Evangelism"
Saturday Early Afternoon –
"Listening Prayer: Learning to Recognize the Voice of God"
Saturday Late Afternoon – "Healing Service: God's Special Touch"
Sunday Morning, October 13 – Pastor Bjorn to preach at Easton Presbyterian and Immanuel

What a great time to focus on prayer as we anticipate the calling of a new pastor and entering a new chapter in the life of Immanuel Lutheran Church!

Journey

If you have ever lost a loved one you find that you start marking time by that loss. I never thought I would be one to do that but, I am. July 8th is three years. Time has become surreal. It's almost as if I've stepped back from reality. Like I'm kind of observing everything from a distance. It's a weird kind of feeling. I'm guessing it's a coping mechanism. Remind me to ask Jennifer about that. Sometimes I have to kick myself to get things done. Because it's very easy for me, now, to say, I'll get to that tomorrow. A good example is this journey. I know when it's due, I know a month ahead. But some months I put it off until Victoria calls and says, "well". Maybe I just do better under a little pressure. Anyway.

Three years is a long time. I've started losing some of the details of those last couple of years. I'm okay with that, mostly because I don't have a choice. I simply can't remember the sequence of a lot of the things. Make no mistake, I think of Cindy every day and miss her physical presence in my day to day life. It's ever so slowly evolving from a painful reality into a comforting memory. I was grocery shopping one day a while back. There was a couple shopping together. She was, out loud, deciding which of two items to buy. He said, get this one, she put that one down and kept the other. He turned to me, I was waiting to get something where they were standing, and said to me, see what I have to put up with. He obviously wasn't mad, just impatient. Well, I guess it was just the right day. Because I said to him, my wife passed two and a half years ago and I would love to have her back to go shopping with. We both felt terrible! Him for saying that out loud, he obviously loved her. And me for making him feel bad. By the time I processed it all they had disappeared. I should have apologized. I remember all the times Cindy had stood looking at two of the same cans of some item deciding which one to get. Those are the kind of feelings that now make me smile and bring about a sense of comfort. You know what I mean.

Anyway, time keeps moving on. I'm functioning well. Just have the bathroom left to paint. Maybe I'll get to that tomorrow. I walk the dog morning and evening. I water the plants. I clean house on Mondays. I check with mom and dad. I text the kids every day. Sunday school and church. Thursday morning breakfast. Daily devotions. Read through the Bible in a year. Pray. I think, I remember, I smile at some of those memories. It's not a bad life. I feel like I have a purpose. Wish I didn't have to go it alone.

I'm confident that those of us in this "club" can relate to what I'm say-

Prayers for the church

For Christ's Church: *Eternal God, we thank You for Your Church through which the gospel of Jesus Christ has been manifest in every age. As we move into a time of transition, help us to know that though the world around us changes, You do not change. And while we may not know what the future has for us, You know what that future looks like and are already there, so call us to Yourself and give us the courage and confidence to step out in faith.*

Members and their families serving in the military: *Joey Brewer, Henry Clark, Michael Hansen, Alonzo Farias, Caleb Hathaway, Scott Linger, Matt Ward, & Matthew Tigchelaar.*

Those unable to travel about:

Tom Britter, Olga Hansen, Richard Hansen, Elsie Hoff, Marilyn Iversen, Art & Marian Olesen, Phyllis Petersen, Helen Mackersie, and Howard Nielsen.

Those in need of healing: *Bobby Bell, (recovering from eye surgery); Christian Bradley, (battling cancer) Tom & Sandy Britter, (overall health problems) Alvina Cabrera, (friend of Laurel Jacobsen battling terminal cancer) Anna Campbell, (Jon Marthedal's niece undergoing chemo therapy after cancer surgery) Lori Clifford, (Victoria Salwasser's cousin recovering from a car accident, making progress she is now able to walk with a walker! Praise God for her healing and continued prayers as she grieves the loss of her husband in the same accident); Fred Cogan Sr., (battling throat cancer); Sherry Grismore, (Jen Perez's grandmother fighting leukemia) Gail Hansen, (recovering from a mild stroke); Susan Hooper, (Al & Judy's daughter-in-law recovering from a terrible car accident) Janet & Bill Messenlehner, (recovering from knee and back surgeries) Marian Olesen, (overall weakness) Isaac Orozco, (recovering from shoulder surgery) Larry Pedersen, (Betty Jensen's nephew very ill and undiagnosed) Abby Pettitt, (Don's niece under treatment for thyroid cancer); Chuck Phillips, Sr. (owner of Big Potato Market, battling cancer), Virginia Pilegard, (fighting cancer with our Mighty Healer) Allen Scheidt, (cancer treatments) Ryan Tofteland, (Sandy Marthedal's nephew in Minnesota who is living life with the progression of MS) & Joe Wozniczka (Bonnie Terkelsen's son-in-law with overall poor health).*

Those morning the loss of loved ones:

The family of Glen Jensen. (Gina Cogan's father passed away on June 21st after brief battle with lung cancer and pneumonia)

Lord Hear Our Prayers

Semi-Annual Meeting is scheduled for July 21st in the social hall.

Fellowship Servers in July

July 07	Kay, Betty, Carl, John and Christian Jensen Family
July 14	_____
July 21	_____
July 28	_____

As I sit here and edit the Chimes, I'm pondering thoughts of Fellowship Time after church. I wonder if this ministry will just sort of fade away since we have very few volunteers to serve anymore. Is this something our church wants to continue? Maybe not, maybe snacks are not needed after church. Maybe people are dieting and would rather not indulge. Maybe it's too much of a burden for most folks? Please let me know what you think about fellowship snacks after church and any ideas on how it might work better. Since the volunteers aren't signing up maybe this is not something the church attendees do not wish to partake in or even enjoy anymore. Fellowship does not have to include snacks and coffee and juice. Fellowship time after church will continue of course, but serving the refreshments after church takes willing and able volunteers. Call the church office or talk to someone on the church council. If it's something that's worth keeping or just let it happen as those who are willing will come forth and serve.

Please call the church office if hospitality is your gift or sign up on the fellowship servers sheet on the blue bulletin board in the church entryway.

Acolytes & Children's Sermons

July 07	Aaliyah Bell	Jacob Wood
July 14	Kaylee Bennets	Marcia Hollenbeck
July 21	Hilary Gardner	Sandy Marthedal
July 29	Isaac Orozco	Ericka Gardner

Flower Chart in July

July 07	Kay Jensen in memory of her parents
July 14	Lance & Barbara Petersen in celebration of their anniversary
July 21	_____
July 28	Marcus Orum in celebration of his sister, Allison's birthday.

The flower chart is located on the blue bulletin board in the church entryway. If you would like to place flowers on the altar please sign up or call the church office. Flowers can be placed on the altar before the service begins on Sundays and taken home after the service.

ing. I'm so grateful to all of you who take the time to read these ramblings. Thank you to those of you who not only read but then mention that you read and what you related to. We are a fellowship! We have the shared experiences, unique and yet similar. God is so good to have put me down here in the middle of Immanuel. Not one of us is without our burdens, no one. Even though these burdens are somewhat different from person to person what we have in common is each other. Thank God.

Bless you all as you mark your time in your way. Please know I'm here to cry with you and rejoice with you. Anytime. Anywhere. Anything.

Keep lifting each other up.

I love you.
John

Women's Ministry In July!

Fun stuff in July! We have two women's events planned the first is July 2nd it's a Patriotic Event! Complete with a summer meal worthy of any American Summer Celebration. We are going to celebrate the birthday of America with patriotic music and painting an American Flag! This will be guided by Kaylee Hollenbeck, and sure to be a fun evening. Sign up or call the church office if you plan to come so we have plenty of canvases and paint for all! There will also be prizes so come join the fun.

July 30th is a Summer/Fall Fashion Show and we will eat a bit lighter at this event, with a Salad Bar Buffet. The Women's ministry board will provide a scrumptious display of refreshing and filling salads for everyone to enjoy. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Ana Lopez from Beauty for Ashes. For our special activity Betty Moore will facilitate a Travel Capsule Fashion Show. She will guide us on the best way to pack and coordinate outfits for travel. She will also show some fall fashion trends.

August will be In the Potter's Palm where Joanie Hathaway, who teaches art at San Joaquin Memorial High School, will speak to us about how God uses us and molds us like clay. She will also teach us about clay, give us clay to work with so we can create our own work of art. This event will feature a catered meal and dessert. Join us this summer at 6:00PM for dinner and fun!

The Refuge

Hello Immanuel,

Youth group is going very well for and I only have a couple notes for you all about it.

Our youth group is now called “The Refuge”. The name came from Psalm 91, and is an accurate description of what our Wednesday night’s are supposed to be. A space in which youth can find Refuge from the craziness of life and feel safe, but also learn how God is present in their lives.

On July 23, the Refuge would like to invite everyone to see the new “Lion King” movie. It’s is open for all ages. We are planning on seeing it at around 6:00-6:30, the show times aren’t available yet, but I will keep checking and let you all know as soon as I find out. It is a Tuesday night so tickets are \$5 and I will buy ahead of time.

Pastor John and I are working with Laurel Jacobsen to improve our Sunday School for the 2019-20 school year. We are planning on the theme of Biblical heroes in action. There will be full announcement on the direction and curriculum in next month’s Chimes when everything is all put together. We are really excited to bring some new life to our Children’s ministry at Immanuel!

Prayers are always welcome for our children and youth ministries, even in the good times so keep praying!

Jacob Wood, Youth Director at Immanuel

Ummata 2019

In full force at time of print, Ummata is an excitement all it’s own! You can’t beat blended ages in activities together. The social hall filled with laughter, food and music. The classes were enjoyed by all ages from 1-92! Games of the Realm had quite a crowd and there were some battles with Bonnie Terkelsen, (age 92) she’s been practicing at the Windham and she has no mercy on the young ones. She plays to win. The friendship bracelet class was successful and cooking class found folks prepping and packing for the busy weeks ahead. Lee is training photographers so the church secretary will quit nagging him for photos and the wizards of weaponry are all enjoying their class learning about safely handling weapons. The painters are doing well and will showcase their masterpieces in the privacy of their own homes. If you missed this time join us next time because you matter!

games and the teens and tweens hiking around from place to place. The creek was flowing beautifully this year. There was even a deer that greeted the first campers to arrive. Sharon and John Reynolds snapped a photo.



The hike on Saturday led by Lee Terkelsen followed by a drive to the beautiful Grizzly Falls was amazing. The joy of seeing a spectacular waterfall is exhilarating. The weather was cooler than some years.

A drive up to the mountains deserves a bite of scones and lemon curd for this 92 year old camper and chauffer.

The weather was never too cool, nor too hot, it was just simply wonderful. Immanuel’s Uncle Paul and funny wife Linda came for a visit and what a nice treat it was to see them again this summer.

This is the second year in a row that Lee has led a group on a hike! He showed us the largest tree in the world, unfortunately it does not get the fame and recognition it deserves because it is not a living tree. It appears to have been struck by lightning sometime ago and many fires have tried but it’s still standing and it is huge.

Immanuel camps next year
June 24-30, 2020
at Logger Flat Group Camp Ground where memories are made to last a lifetime! Mark your calendars and commit to camp!

We look so small!



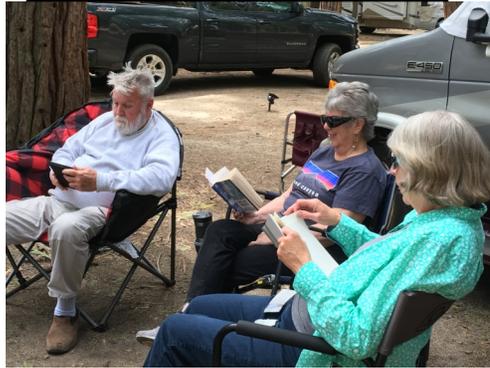
Family Camp

Immanuel Camps... well we enjoyed the great outdoors, cooked food outside, hiked a few trails, found the worlds largest tree, thanks to our private hiking guide, Lee Terkelsen, swished lady bugs off our clothes, and enjoyed wonderful time of relaxation, fellowship with friends old and new.

We had the group campground from Wednesday to Wednesday, June 5th through 12th! There were 38 people there throughout the week. We had day campers and night campers, tent campers and trailer campers we even had a few family cabin campers. Whatever kind of camper you are one thing is for sure you never leave hungry. Dinner time is great! This year we included a Sunday potluck lunch after church. Fellowship Family

Camp Style!

No such thing as a bad hair day at family camp! Part of the reading circle on day 6 of camp.



Sunday Worship was led by Pastor John and he extended a special invitation to Pastor Paul Demant to play the guitar during the service. It was a beautiful service with communion.

New this year was not having to be out of the camp right after church.

We didn't have to rush home on Sunday after church and made it a nice day camper time. Several came for worship and walks around the lake.

Always ready for adventure!



Pastor Paul & Linda Demant fun camping buddies!

There were folks gathered around in reading circles, game tables playing

Ummata 2019



From Flower Arranging to Wi Game Tournaments! All ages were together! From 1 to 92.



Meal Prep & Pack Class = 1 man, with 7 women and Marcia at the lead!



Out to Dinner Nights

EVERYTHING CHANGES... A wise young man once said, everything changes and that it does. There were 13 folks at the Country Creamery and Eats on June 20th and everyone enjoyed their dinner. I heard lots of compliments.

Just after the publication of the June Chimes the Tree of Life closed and I realized the July restaurant was chosen incorrectly. The Tuesday Evening, July 9th dinner will be at the High Sierra Grill located on the south west corner of Bullard and West in Fresno. Long ago it was a Tony Roma's. If you plan to go with the group please sign up on the bulletin board in the church entryway. I would like to let the restaurant know how many to expect. I've heard they have great Taco Tuesday Nights.

You won't want to miss the Out to Lunch event after church on August 11th. We are going to Heirloom. It's a great new place. It's a counter order restaurant but I've been there and their service is amazing. Their food was great too. It's a locally owned very trendy farm to table restaurant.

The future Out to Dinner Nights:

Tuesday, July 9th, 5:30PM at **High Sierra Grill** 2003 W. Bullard Ave.

Sunday, Aug 11th, **12:00PM** at Heirloom 8398 N. Fresno St.

Monday, Sept 9th, 5:30PM at Westwoods BBQ 8042 N. Blackstone

Wednesday, Oct. 16th, 5:30PM Imperial Garden 6640 N Blackstone

Saturday, Nov 9th, 5:00PM at Edo-Yah 3050 W. Shaw Ave. Ste 112

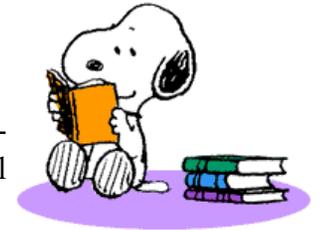
Thursday, Dec 5th, 5:30PM at Luna's 349 Pollasky Ave. in Clovis

Note the changes if you marked your calendars from the last Chimes, sign up and meet there for a no-host dinner & fun. **This little group is looking for a coordinator.** If you would like to monitor the sign up sheets, help choose and call the restaurants so they know how many to expect please call me at the church office and let me know.

Join us for a night out without cooking or cleaning and great conversation! It's more fun to get together for dinner with friends. Most like to go out. We could also plan potlucks in people's homes and other events or we could just continue with the Out To Dinner at restaurants. One thing we need is a facilitator to take the lead. Call me for more information. — Victoria

Read, Read, Read!

Don't forget to grab a book from the church library and get involved in the inter-generational reading challenge: **3 books in 3 months**



You're welcome to read only one or two just read, read, read.

Read a book, fill out a brief review, and get a prize. It's that simple.

Adults, let's show the kids we haven't forgotten how to read!

Kids, let's see you participate like you did last summer! See you in the library.

10 Benefits Of Reading A Book

Campbell County Librarian, Andrew Moorhead posted 10 benefits to reading on their website:

Mental Stimulations: your brain needs to exercise too! Use it or lose it. **Stress Relief:** focus on the characters and the plot of a book allows you to distance yourself from the stress of everyday life putting your mind and body at ease. Loose yourself in a great story, it can be a perfect remedy for stress. **More Sleep:** bright lights from electronic devices signal your brain to wake up, reading a book under dim lights helps your brain relax and help you fall asleep. **Education:** it's not cheap. Reading books from our library is free! **Better Memory:** reading books requires you to use your memory muscle for the plot, characters, settings, dialogue, etc. which can lead to a slower rate of decline in memory. Increases **Empathy:** readers learn to sympathize with character's emotions. Studies have shown that reading fiction helps readers understand what other's are thinking and feeling by reading about people's emotions. Improves **Concentration:** trains your brain to avoid distractions. **Entertainment:** cheaper than going to the movies, books can transport you to different worlds. From the character. Sam on the iCarly sitcom: regarding books: "These things are great! It's like TV in your head!" **Vocabulary Expansion:** the more you read, the more words you are exposed to. Being well-spoken and articulate can help increase job performance and self-esteem. **Reading is Contagious:** read out loud to kids, and share your favorite books with friends.

Happy Birthday to:

KAY JENSEN on her 84th birthday July 5th;
OLGA HANSEN on her 93rd July 8th;
MARILYN IVERSEN on her 87th July 15th
CARL JENSEN on his 91st July 16th;
GLENN NIELSEN on his 85th July 18th;
ARTHUR OLESEN who will be 101 on his July 30th birthday.
Birthday blessings to all of you!

Congratulations to:



**BOBBY BELL & RANDY
McFARLAND**
were Baptized June 2nd
It was a wonderful Sunday
with their family by their sides.



The whole church
celebrated with the
Baptismal Families & the
2019 GRADUATES after
church with a potluck
and lots of delicious cake!

Thank you to CAROL COX AND JOHN JENSEN! Carol donated some much needed yard equipment to the church. She is moving from her home of 76 years into the Bethel Village and will no longer need the shovels, hoes, shears etc. This is an exciting adventure for Carol who is now 96 years of age and won't have to do so much cleaning and cooking. She will still have her own little kitchen so she will be baking cookies for us but luckily her home will be smaller and easier to keep up. Let's remember to give Carol a congratulations for making the move pat on the back when we see her at church. Thank you Carol for donating and John for picking up and storing the garden tools in Immanuel's garden shed.

Immanuel Quilters On the Move!

Immanuel Quilters work diligently every month sewing and stuffing and tying quilts. Lots and lots of quilts. Laura Nielsen and her two sisters, Janice in Michigan and Marilyn in New Jersey sew quilt tops, beautiful quilt tops, so many quilt tops the Immanuel ladies work like quilter bees just to keep up. The crew had accumulated 29 patriotic quilts with American Flags, and other Patriotic Patterns. These beautiful quilts were displayed in church on May 19th and Pastor John blessed the quilts before he delivered them to the Veteran's Hospital for Veterans. Something that made this day extra special was, Laura's sister Janice, one of the quilt top creators, was visiting from Michigan that Sunday.

The beauty and warmth of a quilt is very comforting and healing. Just to have something nice to cover your aching body makes you feel better. The quilts were sewn together with love by folks using their God given gifts and sharing them with those who need comfort and love.

There are many quilts available for purchase from Immanuel Quilters, the money raised is used for church necessities. The Ummata Queens Quilt Table sold quilts and all the profits were split between Ummata expenses and the Social Hall Fund.

THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE VA

On behalf of the Fresno-Central California Health Care System patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of twenty-nine quilts for Veterans.

It is through the efforts of community partners like you that allow us to continue the quality care and services that we seek to provide our deserving Veterans. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you again.

*Thank you for your continued support.
Sincerely,
Linda Hayes, Chief, VA Voluntary
Service*





JULY 2019



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	<p>1 12:00PM Easton Food Distribution</p> <p>7:00PM NA in Social Hall</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>No Youth Group</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>10:00AM Worship 11:00AM Fellowship</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00PM NA in Social Hall</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Out to Dinner Night High Sierra Grill 5:30PM</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00AM Men's Bible Study in Social Hall 10:00AM Women's Bible Study in Grace Hall</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 Prayer after church</p> <p>10:00AM Worship with communion</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00PM NA in Social Hall</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00PM Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00AM Men's Bible Study in Social Hall 10:00AM Women's Bible Study in Grace Hall</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 Semi-Annual Meeting</p> <p>10:00AM Worship 11:00AM Fellowship</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00PM NA in Social Hall</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Everyone is invited to see Lion King with Refuge!</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:00AM Men's Bible Study in Social Hall 10:00AM Women's Bible Study in Grace Hall</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>10:00AM Worship 11:00AM Fellowship</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:00PM NA in Social Hall</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6-8 pm in social hall</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>August 1</p> <p>6:00AM Men's Bible Study in Social Hall 10:00AM Women's Bible Study in Grace Hall</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
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