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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Mornings

Grace in Action for all ages	9:15AM
Worship for everyone	10:30AM
<i>Communion served on the 1st & 3rd Sunday</i>	
Fellowship	11:30AM

Wednesday Evenings

Youth Refuge for 6th—12th Grades	6:00-8:00PM
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Project School Books

THE POWER OF PRAYER AND FASTING

I got up on a Monday morning to check my email before going to a Prayer Summit near Oakhurst. I was disappointed when I read that a prime pastoral candidate felt Immanuel was not a good fit for he and his family. So he declined our invitation to visit us.

Though disappointed, I was not discouraged because I knew God was up to something and that He is in charge of the call process and He has someone even better for Immanuel. PLUS, I thought, God's timing is so great as I was headed up the mountain that day to pray with other Fresno pastors. God is going to speak through this time away – I was convinced of it.

I heard God saying through a quiet walk in the beauty of His creation that we're going to be OK – He has provided a banquet feast for us. I also came away convicted that I need to fast, and to invite as many of our church to fast as well – especially for the season we are in, and with the Prayer Conference coming October 10.

No great movement of God has been preceded without concentrated prayer and fasting. The Great Awakening was preceded by nationwide prayer and fasting, for instance. The Prayer Conference, led by Pastor Bjorn Pedersen needs to be bathed in prayer. But it is the fasting part that put words into spiritual action.

Fasting is not a popular notion, especially in our self-indulgent American society. If you want to throw a wet blanket on a discussion on spiritual growth, just mention fasting. In one of His most famous sermons, Jesus reminded listeners that fasting was not something they *might do* but rather something they *will do*. Jesus said, *When you fast. . . fasting was an assumed part of spiritual living.*

Jesus knew that fasting is not about us somehow getting God's attention, Instead, fasting is about God getting all of our attention. Dave Clayton in his book, *Revival Starts Here: A Short Conversation on Prayer, Fasting, and Revival states – Self denial is not about being miserable for God but about making space for more of God.*

Now, if you're still reading this, know that in experiences of fasting we are not so much abstaining from food as we are feasting on the word of God. Fasting is feasting! Personally, I'm going to fast during

Youth & Grace in Action

Hello Immanuel!

September has flown by! Fall season is here and we're excited to move forward!

This month Refuge will be talking about Jesus as the Truth as part 2 of the series on "the Way, the Truth, and the Life". The Way has gone very well and we're excited to continue this awesome experience of learning more about who Jesus is.

Grace in Action is going in full swing! Thank you so much to everyone who supported our rally day. Special thanks to Laurel Jacobsen for starting the year off with great activities and lessons for our young believers!



Blessings to everyone,
Jacob Wood

Bring your kids to experience Grace in Action through the great stories in the Bible every Sunday morning in Grace Hall at 9:15AM!

PRINCE OF PEACE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Poipet, Cambodia

Mr. Andre Oudum; Founder, Principal, Teacher

Andre Oudum became a close friend of our mission team when we were in Cambodia last February. Andre is an ordained minister as well as the founder of this Christian School. He is an exceptional young man (only 23) with a strong vision to see people come to Christ.



When we were in Cambodia, his school had 60 students. He now has over 300 students. During the summer he was able to rent a bigger facility and build more classrooms (on faith, believing God is going to provide the funds). The people in Cambodia are very poor and the families sacrifice to pay the minimal tuition because they want their children to attend this school. The majority of the students are from Buddhist families but are becoming Christians through the ministry of Prince of Peace International School.

Poipet is on the border of Thailand and Cambodia. Although gambling is illegal for Cambodians, the Chinese are infiltrating this town and building Las Vegas style casinos so that Chinese tourists will come, as well as Thai people. As a result, Poipet is quickly changing and a Christian presence is very important.

English is taught at Prince of Peace International School. Andre needs about 100 more books to teach English to his growing student body. These books are printed in the US and costs about \$10 each. We each have an opportunity to help through 'Adopt A Book' (or books). You will hear more about 'Adopt A Book' during church on October 6.

Thank you for considering this worthy opportunity to help fulfill the Great Commission!

Laurel Jacobsen

my normal mid-day lunches, during the weekdays. Fasting may include “juice fasts” once a week, or however frequently you would like – as long as you are doing it out of love for God.

I know that if you fast you will find a new intimacy with Jesus, breaking strongholds of addiction and relational impass, and gaining greater clarity in prayer as God speaks to you as He directs your life.

Please feel free to ask me more about fasting. It’s been a while since I’ve last fasted for the Lord, but I do have resources that will hopefully answer some of your questions. Ole Halleby, that great devotional author says, *The purpose of fasting is to loosen to some degree the ties that bind us to the world of material things and our surroundings as a whole, in order that we may concentrate all our spiritual powers upon the unseen and eternal things.*

May this be so for Immanuel Lutheran Church and Easton Presbyterian and all the churches in our area in preparation for renewal and revival through the Prayer Conference this month. To God be glory!

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 27

Be sure to celebrate Reformation Sunday October 27 by supporting our three confirmands: Aaliyah Bell, Emmerson Gardner, and Michael Hollenbeck. These three will be giving public testimony of their faith in Jesus Christ and affirming their baptism.

JEWISH OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL HERE NOVEMBER 3

Cyril Gordon, formerly of Jews for Jesus will present the gospel at Immanuel Sunday November 3. Jewish Outreach International strives to reach out to Jews with the gospel of the True Messiah Jesus Christ. Cyril visited Immanuel a few year ago, so he will be familiar with many of you. Be sure to put this on your calendars and come celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles!

PREPARATIONS ARE BEING MADE FOR OUR PRAYER CONFERENCE!

The highlight for Immanuel this fall is our **Prayer Conference** October 10 – 13. What an opportunity for spiritual renewal and revival! Pastor Bjorn Pedersen is well-equipped to speak to us about the beauty and necessity of prayer in our Christian lives.

We are delighted to partner with Easton Presbyterian in this renewal effort, an ecumenical effort to reach beyond our walls to reach the lost and hurting in our community. We are concentrating great effort to market the Prayer Conference, spreading a wide net throughout the Fresno and Central Valley area. Beautiful fliers have been produced, along with posters to publicize the conference.

Of course, the best publicity is word of mouth. Invite your friends and family to attend. It begins with our Men's Breakfast, Thursday morning, from 6:00 am to 7:30 am. Here's the full schedule of the Prayer conference:

**Thursday, October 10th – 6:00 am, Men's Prayer Breakfast:
"Mighty Men of Prayer"**

**Friday Evening, October 11th – 7:00 pm:
"The Importance of Prayer for Today"**

**Saturday Morning, October 12th – 9:00 am:
"Prayer as Foundation and Prayer and Evangelism"**

Saturday Luncheon

**Saturday - 1:00 pm:
"Listening Prayer: Learning to Recognize the Voice of God"**

Saturday – 3:00 pm: "Healing Service: God's Special Touch"

Sunday Morning, October 13th: Pastor Bjorn to preach at

**Easton Presbyterian – 9:30 am &
Immanuel Lutheran at 10:30 am.**

I invite each of you to attend as many or all the events available. God is up to something in our communities. Let's be faithful and utilize this sacred time to God's glory!

Blessings,
Pastor John

best to center prayer in our lives. The second Sunday of each month, after service is a time of dedicated prayer. I'm pleading with you to be there. You'll feel the power. Thursday morning men's breakfast isn't just about pancakes and sausage. After Phil Tews leads a wonderful study we spend several minutes in prayer led by Andrew Severin. It's a powerful time. Imagine 35 or 40 grown men with tears streaming down their faces as the presence of God's healing power is called upon for an ailing brother.

Don't know much about prayer or how it works? Coming in October is our Prayer Conference led by Pastor Bjorn Pedersen. He has dedicated his life to teaching about prayer. It'll take some time out of your weekend. Time that can't be spent in any better way. I know Pastor Bjorn's work, he changed my brother-in-law's life. I personally guarantee you will come away enriched.

James 1:2-3 My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

Disappointments are a part of our lives, let's do something proactive to learn ways to deal with them. Start with prayer!

I love you all, John.

Prayers of the Church

Members and their families serving in the military: *Kobe Bell, Joey Brewer, Henry Clark, Michael Hansen, 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, Christian Bradley, Tom & Sandy Britter, Luanne Byrd, Dalles Cline, Fred Cogan Sr., Clara Cooper, Stephanie Hollenbeck, Susan Hooper, Betty Jensen, Janet & Bill Messenlehner, Isaac Orozco, Eva Orum, Clifford Ostergard, Chuck Phillips, Sr., Virginia Pilegard, Ryan Tofteland, Anna Salazar & Joe Wozniczka.*

Continue to Pray for our Call Process:

For our Interim Pastor and the Call Committee as well as the new Pastor the Lord will send to Immanuel.

Journey

This month I'm thinking about disappointment. Trying not to sound too melodramatic. I think most of us deal with disappointments some what regularly. We plan our lives and we don't see it going anyway but the way we envision it going. We think we'll always be healthy and then we aren't. We think we'll always be married and then we aren't. We see our kids going into the future the way we envision them going and then they don't. We see ourselves as regular church going people and then we find ourselves everywhere but at church. Life just has disappointments. I don't mean to paint too black of a picture. I have a great life, I really do. And still there are disappointments. Just in the last couple of weeks I've had two big disappointments. Two things that changed in a way that I really didn't see coming. I can't share either one with you right now but maybe someday.

So what do we do with these disappointments? Big disappointments. Not my hamburger was over cooked or I got a stain on my favorite shirt disappointments. But big disappointments. The Bible tells us that Jesus, the man who walked among us, experienced all the things we do. It was probably disappointing that the disciples didn't really understand who he was or why he came to earth. He must have been disappointed to see them asleep instead of keeping watch. He kept going, altered his plan a bit and carried on. He didn't get bitter, didn't throw his hands in the air and walk off. That would have been really bad for us. I think there is something to be learned from him. Actually, I'm sure there is! This side of the veil, I'm thinking we are going to have to deal with those disappointments that come. Later on that will change. *Revelations 21:4 "no more tears, no more crying, mourning or death"*.

The older I get, the further down the path I go, the more I realize just how little control I have over anything. Maybe that's a good thing, no telling how things would look if I was even a little bit in control. Here's what I do have control over, my response. If I throw my hands up and walk off that's pretty much the end of the story. But if I turn that disappointment over to Jesus, I have hope. He is in control. In prayer we give Jesus the control. Prayer is the answer. It's where we need to be. It's what God wants our response to be.

At Immanuel we have awakened to the power of prayer. It's become an under laying current in our congregation. When we started into our call process one of the first things Pastor Selbo encouraged us to do was to be vigilant in prayer. There is a growing group of us who have done our

Thank you Blood Donors!

Amongst all the excitement on Rally Day our donors showed up and we were able to donate 16 units of much needed blood to the Central California Blood Bank! Thank you to 18 folks who came out to the drive to try to donate. The next blood drive will be November 10th here at Immanuel. Please try to donate if you can, it's needed especially with holidays coming soon. We donate because there is no alternative to blood when it's needed and 75% of all Americans reaching age 72 will need blood in their lifetime. Just an FYI, a fractured hip or joint replacement takes 2-20 pints of blood, a traumatic auto accident can take up to 50 pints or more of blood. The need is high, please help, your donation can help 3 people. Thank you for your support of this ministry brought to Immanuel in memory of Russ Dunbar.

GIVE BLOOD



SAVE LIFE

Chimes Deadline Oct. 16th

If you have something that you would like to submit to our monthly newsletter please email or mail to our office secretary, by Wednesday, **October 16th at 11:00 AM**. You may put your article in the office secretary's box in the church entryway, mail it early to the church or e-mail it to: immanueleaston@sbcglobal.net. Thanks you for making the Chimes fun and informative to read!

SNAPSHOT OF THE CARUTHERS FAIR ENTERTAINMENT

MAIN STAGE ACROSS FROM OUR BOOTH: Sept. 25:6:30 - Opening & Coronation] Sept. 26: 6:30 - 7:30 - Foreigner Unauthorized 8:00 - 9:00 - Elvis] Sept. 27 5:00 - 6:00 - The Gilly Girls Band 6:30 - 7:30 - Dakota Crossing 8:00-10:00 Geof Moore] Sept. 28 12:15 - 1:00 - We Got the Beat 2:00 - Parade Awards 5:00 - 6:00 - The Last Chance 6:30 - 7:30 - Fresno Community Band 8:00 - 10:00 - Chris Curtice & Wild Horses] **BACK STAGE:** Sept 26 6:00 - 7:30 - Crimson River 8:00 - 9:30 - Fred McCarty] Sept. 27 6:30-7:30 Tin Roof Gospel Band 8:00-10:00 Richie Blue] Sept 28 7:00-8:00 Wishes for Fishes 8:30-10:00 The Chapel Band]

In Celebration of Our Member in 2018

Birthdays

3-Marian Olesen
Marvin Stollar
Gina Cogan
Victoria Salwasser
6-Matthew Nielsen
-Chris Messenlehner
8- Pastor John Saethre
9-Andree Kennedy
11-Sandra Jensen
Emma Ellingson
12-Sharon Reynolds
13-Tanner Jensen
-Phyllis Sullivan
14-Timmy Pilegard
15-Keith Dickey

16-Kaitlyn Cogan
-Johni Phillips
17-Donna Kennedy
18-Vincent Orozco
21- Shane Salwasser
24-Tayla Tarlton
26-Elisa Werth
-Stanley Shamoon
-Tommy Tarlton
28-Mark Salwasser
-Jacqueline Caglia
-Micah Bennetts
-Mckenzie Bennetts
29-Brad Gardner
31-Liberty Auer



Wedding Anniversaries

1-Dan & Susan Stiltz (31 yrs.)
6-Eric & Kristy Marthedal (12 yrs)
7-Keith & Danell Dickey (13 yrs)
11-Ed & Cindy Slaton (35 yrs)
20-Neil & Barbara Pilegard (29 yrs.)
22-Tommy & Melissa Tarlton (18 yrs)
27-Mark & Victoria Salwasser (29yrs)



Baptismal Birthdays

2-Jonathan Jensen
3-Andrew Coelho
10-Michael Hansen
-Andree Kennedy
14-Carl Jensen
Meghan Anderson
Laurie Avedisian
Dylan Harding
16-Elliot Caglia

17-Mike Mehrten
21-John Hills
23-Emilee Goff
28-Sonya Orozco
29-Marcus Orum
Allison Terrones
Diane Mehrten

Women's Ministries

Immanuel Women had a great summer! We had three well attended inspirational gatherings. The part 2 of the August 27th event was following the potluck on Rally day. The wind chimes are beautiful but our time to share was rushed and noisier than it should have been due to the many events going on that day. We will want to gather again sometime soon and talk about our parables in life. For that reason I ask the women of Immanuel, take some to think about the parables that your life has encountered. How has something bad turned to good? Think of times of trials and where prayer may have or did have an impact on those trials turned to parables in your life.

Thursday morning Women's Bible Study begins the book of **Revelations** with Pastor Dawn Spies on October 3rd at 10:00AM. Bring a friend and dive into that book with Pastor Dawn.

In His service,
Victoria Salwasser

Call Committee Report

The Call Committee was busy in August and September with interviews and hopes of bringing to council a name of a pastor we hoped to bring to Immanuel. This pastoral candidate, with much prayer and consideration decided that our congregation was not the right fit. There were going to be a few obstacle's to overcome with the hiring of such pastor as he and his family were Canadian citizens. This was not God's plan. We continue with confidence our Pastor is out there. Please continue to pray for the call process and gather with us on October 13th after worship to pray together.

Blessings,
Mark Salwasser

Danish-American Historical Society

In Grace Hall

With very short notice the Danish Museum was forced to move out of their location. With the need for a research office Immanuel has donated the use of the Preschool Room in Grace Hall through May. Our prayers are that the museum will find a new location by then and be able to move their research office to it's new and final location. With all the items in storage and files in several locations the weekly records and research will continue at Immanuel. Their office is open on Wednesdays from 9:00am -1:00PM if you would like to research Danish Heritage see Lucille Dennis in the preschool room. This organization will host a booth at the Fresno Fair in the Home Arts Building and the annual DANSK Oktoberfest will be on October 12th at 5:00PM at the home of Chris Bach, 6169 N. Delores in Fresno. Tickets are \$25.00 and if you are interested in going see Laurel Jacobsen after church on Sundays for tickets for a great dinner and to learn more about the organization.

News Notes

Birthday blessings to: MARIAN OLESEN on her 100th birthday, October 3rd; to PASTOR JOHN SAETHRE on his 72nd birthday on October 8th and to PHYLLIS SULLIVAN on her 90th birthday, October 13th. Belated birthday wishes to RANDY MCFARLAND who celebrated his 72nd birthday on September 25th He and Laurel planned cruising around Alaska with hopes of watching it rain on his birthday.

Immanuel teamed up with Easton Presbyterian and St. Jude to set forth amazing plans for the Easton Community Prayer Conference. Thank you to the angels sent from Heaven one Thursday: Cecil Hardy, Florence Johnston, Donna Kennedy, Jack & Bev Reed, Renee Apkarian, Vicki Ruiz, Linda Freitas, Elaine Lencioni, Laura Nielsen, and Sandy Britter arrived on a Thursday afternoon to work together assembling the mass mailing which was designed by Vicki Ruiz. The bright Yellow mailing will arrive in the mailboxes at homes on 5 rural routes surrounding Easton and the residents & businesses in Easton. It was quite a task but many hands made for light work, the job is done. We got the word out to nearly 3,000 people. Watch for the bright Yellow Flier about the prayer conference in your mailbox and invite your friends and neighbors. Advertisements are great but a phone call to those who you think might enjoy the conference is always an added incentive for someone on the receiving end. Ask them if they saw the flier in their mail and considered coming. Imagine becoming inspired to talk to our creator even better than before. Join us as much as you can at the prayer conference. Come to one or all of the sessions.

Dan and Susan Stiltz move to Oregon! September 25th they packed up their house and home of 29 years and moved to Roseburg, Oregon. They loaded one rental truck with barn stuff, one van with 5 cats and one van with 4 dogs. Contacts through Second Chance Animal Shelter in Selma helped find pet movers who they hired to help drive the animals. Then the moving company came in and loaded the household furnishings. Dan's job was transferred to Oregon, and Susan will enjoy retirement for a while setting up their new abode in the "Banana Belt" of Oregon. She likely will volunteer caring for trees in Roseburg soon after they and their 9 pets are settled. Their new mailing address is: 1020 Circle Star Lane, Roseburg, OR 97470. Same phone numbers and email: Susan 559/259-6955 treesusan@me.com; Dan 559/892-6868 danstiltz@gmail.com.

The friends of Allyson Nielsen gathered after church on Sunday, September 15th for a baby shower to help her welcome her new little one in October. Many donated towards a group gift that will help them transport baby Nielsen back and forth to church. She also received many adorable gifts for her new baby. She was surprised by her aunt Janice from Michigan who showed up for the shower. The food was delicious and thank you from all who attended to all the women of Immanuel who hosted the wonderful shower. It was a great time of fellowship and fun for all.

Our Caruthers Fair Food Booth has improved this year. Come and volunteer. If you can't volunteer, come and eat! Customers needed. Prayer warriors: please pray for the booth worker's feet & overall safety.

Mighty Men's Movement

- "Is the report ready?"
- "Did you send that email?"
- "Can you make a 2:00 pm meeting?"



For men, there is no shortage of conversations like this. Short surface level interactions that are necessary, but don't lend themselves to deep relationships.

Across the country, men are looking for something more. A chance to breakthrough the mundane and live for something deeper. An opportunity to make an impact in the world and leave a legacy that matters. On Saturday, November 2, 2019 men from across the nation are gathering together to focus on the legacy they will leave... and you have the chance to be a part.

Live from Fresno, CA you'll hear from: Dr Tony Evans, Sammy Rodriguez, Ken Harris, Jeremy Camp

These Godly men will share insights and strategies on what it takes to live, and leave, a Godly legacy.

Join la Million Men from across the nation and learn and pray to leave a God honoring legacy.

Live in Person at Peoples Church, located at 7172 N. Cedar Ave. in Fresno, the cost is \$20.00-30.00 per seat.

The program runs from 8:00AM-12:45PM Doors open at 7:00AM.

Will you join us?

Get your tickets for this live event at mightymenmovement.org

Go as a group with Immanuel contact: Pastor John Saethre



October 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Sunday Scripture Readers are welcomed to participate in worship service: October Readings listed on calendar. If you would like to read please sign up on the blue bulletin board in the church entryway.</p> <p>Fellowship Servers are always welcome to serve after church too, sign up on the same blue bulletin board.</p> <p>Like to go out to dinner? Sign up on the board for that too.</p>		<p>1</p> <p>9:30AM Quilters meet in Social Hall</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:00AM Breaking Grounds 12:20PM FCA Lunch 6:00PM Refuge</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:00AM Men's Bible Study in Social Hall</p> <p>10:00AM Women's Bible Study in Grace Hall</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 Hab 1:1-4; 2:1-4</p> <p>9:15AM Grace in Action</p> <p>10:30AM Worship for Everyone with Communion</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00PM NA in Social Hall</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00AM Breaking Grounds 12:20PM FCA Lunch 6:00PM Refuge</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00AM Men's Bible Study in Social Hall featuring Bjorn Petersen</p> <p>10:00AM Women's Bible Study in Grace Hall</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00PM Prayer Conference</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00AM Prayer Conference</p>
<p>13 2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15c</p> <p>9:15AM Grace in Action</p> <p>10:30AM Worship for Everyone</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00PM NA in Social Hall</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Chimes Deadline</p> <p>8:00AM Breaking Grounds 12:20PM FCA Lunch 6:00PM Refuge</p> <p>5:30PM Out to Dinner night at Imperial Gardens</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00AM Men's Bible Study in Social Hall</p> <p>10:00AM Women's Bible Study in Grace Hall</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 Gen 32:22-31</p> <p>9:15AM Grace in Action</p> <p>10:30AM Worship for Everyone with Communion</p> <p>2:00PM NA Celebration of Recovery in Social Hall</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00PM NA in Social Hall</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:00AM Breaking Grounds 12:20PM FCA Lunch 6:00PM Refuge</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00AM Men's Bible Study in Social Hall</p> <p>10:00AM Women's Bible Study in Grace Hall</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 Confirmation Sunday Jer 31:31-34</p> <p>9:15AM Grace in Action</p> <p>10:30AM Worship for Everyone with Communion</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00PM NA in Social Hall</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:00AM Men's Bible Study in Social Hall</p> <p>10:00AM Women's Bible Study in Grace Hall</p>	<p>Thank you, October Acolytes</p> <p>6-Julius Perez 13-Tayla Tarlton 20-Isaiah Spies 27-Kaylee Bennetts</p>	