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Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood Drive

March 1st

8:00-12:00PM

In front of Immanuel

All blood donors get a free lunch!

Everyone else is welcome to
donate \$7.00 for a lunch.

Enjoy a perk, donate a pint and relax.

Movie Day!

Immanuel will show the movie

“Tortured For Christ” after church

Let us know today if you are donating, just
want a lunch and or the movie.

Email, Facebook, Telephone or Sign-up

Pastor's Page

OPENING DOORS TO GLOBAL MISSION

Immanuel has made great strides over the past year in pursuing global missions. We sent a team to Cambodia last year, courtesy of Laurel Jacobsen's previous connections with an orphanage school there. Last month we hosted an international children's choir – "His Little Feet" – to the delight of many who attended the concert and opened their homes to these children from India and Africa. We've supported the New Life Band from Tanzania and our missionary, Jan Kersgaard, who is retired but still ministers to places such as Pakistan.

I believe God is moving us in the direction of greater global emphasis, because that is at the very heart of who God is. He's not parochial. He's not a God of one nation, but all nations and people groups.

The call of Abraham is our marching orders and promise that comes to each of us today as believers in Christ. ". . . and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves." (Genesis 12:2-3)

God is the main actor in this covenant relationship with us. The Living God is a "Missionary God" and calls us to join Him in this exciting endeavor. This is who God is. He's not content to sit back and watch us do business as usual. He gave us the Great Commission to GO and make disciples of all nations – people groups – *baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have command you. . .* Matthew 28:19-20.

God is stirring us up at Immanuel and opening our eyes to God's highest will and purpose, not only for Immanuel, but for the whole world – to know Jesus Christ and the good news of salvation in Him. We are Abraham's seed, and it is through us that the earth's families will be blessed as we go to them with the gospel...

We have another opportunity to be challenged to global missions as we will hear Dr. Marcos Zemende preach March 15. He is Ethiopian in background and will introduce us to an ecumenical mission through a faith-based organization, Horn of Africa. Dr. Zemende, an internist, has led many short-term missions to Ethiopia where Christianity is exploding, but still experiencing persecution for the faith. My son, Peder went on such a mission trip in 2018 and shared his experiences here in church.

Prayers for our Church Members and Family and Friends

Members and their families serving in the military: *Kobe Bell serving in the US Army, Joey Brewer, serving in the US Air Force; Henry Clark, former student volunteer at Breaking Grounds Café serving in the US Marines, Michael Hansen serving the US Navy, Caleb Hathaway, serving the US Marines, Scott Linger, JAG, US Army, Matt Ward, US Navy & Matthew Tigchelaar US Navy.*

Those unable to travel about:

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

Those in need of healing: *Bobby Bell (recovered from eye surgery but lost peripheral vision), Tom & Sandy Britter (battling aging health problems), Luanne Byrd, (Susie Tews' sister battling auto-immune disease) Pat Griffin, (recovering from a double repair shoulder surgery) Pastor Gary Gould, (battling heart problems combined with diabetes); Jenny Lee Hodges, (Allison Terrones' cousin battling cancer in multiple parts of her body); Marguerite Johnson, (Sandy Marthedal's mother who lives in Arizona on hospice care for declining health); Florence Johnston, (broken arm and awaiting more test results for severe pain) Kathy Ann Little, (Deanna Dunbar's niece battling lymphoma) Isaac Orozco, (battling several injuries from shoulder to knee) Darel Mehrten, (recovering from shoulder replacement surgery) Fil Navaro, (Rich Cisneros' nephew going through chemotherapy) Chuck Phillips, Sr., (battling cancer and age) Virginia Pilegard, (cancer) Timm Trickett, (member of Men's Bible Study and battling 2 blood diseases) Ryan Tofteland (Sandy Marthedal's nephew, Julie's son, under Hospice care with the final stages of MS) & Joe Wozniczka (Bonnie Terkelsen's son-in-law living with overall poor health.*

Continue to Pray for our Call Process: *For our Interim Pastors and the Call Committee as well as the new Pastor the Lord will send to Immanuel.*

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving: *For the 75 year marriage of Art and Marian Olesen. For the engagement of Christian Jensen and Karen Reed who are planning to marry this summer.*

His Little Feet Came & Went

His Little Feet Team came and went, and what a joy they brought to Immanuel and the community of Easton that short little time they were here. Their bus arrived about 9:30am on Tuesday, Feb 11th, they unpacked their school supplies and filled Grace Hall with little feet studying and learning their school work. Each kid had their own backpack and was eager to learn their reading, writing and arithmetic. The chaperones were so kind and gentle and encouraging with the kids.

Thank you to the Host Homes, we had 7 host homes and what an amazing gift from God that was. In speaking with the chaperones they much prefer staying in homes as opposed to hotels. They enjoy the interaction with Christian Families. Immanuel would like to thank Elaine Lencioni, from St. Jude, Mike, Laura & Ellen Nielsen from Immanuel, Helen San Sabastian, who lives in Easton but attends NorthPointe in Fresno and volunteers for FCA Lunch Preparation, Lilace and Robert Turmon who attend Easton Presbyterian Church and live in Caruthers. Extra thanks to them since Robert has celebrated his 90th birthday and Lilace is looking forward to celebrating her 90th birthday coming up. Praise God for their health and hospitality at their age. Randy McFarland and Laurel Jacobsen who attend Immanuel and live in Kingsburg hosted and special thanks to Laurel for making the African Stew for the host families and the His Little Feet team to eat before the performance. Diane Laub another Immanuel hostess who came to the rescue as one of the original hostesses came down with the flu on Tuesday. As we were sorry Kim Davis from Easton Presbyterian was sick, she shared the groceries she had purchased and was grateful to help out that way. Bob & Priscilla Dack who attend Easton Presbyterian Church also hosted a group. Without the genuine kindness that these host homes provided these little missionaries would not be able to share their message with as much love and passion as they do. The children all behaved well and every host and hostess expressed how much they loved hosting and will miss the kids. They were very blessed by the opportunity.

The church was filled with people from our community. If you missed the opportunity to see the kids perform, hopefully they may travel through our area again next year with another group of kids to share their stories with us, as well as their music and their dance. Following the performance was a time of fellowship in the Social Hall, there were lots of goodies to eat and enjoy together with folks from the community and others from churches in Fresno who have seen the His Little Feet perform before and wanted to see them again. Thank you to the Reynolds and Bennetts and Lee Terkelsen for hosting fellowship time afterwards. Please send up prayers for their continued safe journeys as the complete their ten month tour through the end of May.

I truly believe God blesses congregations that have a passion for God's mission. You can either be a "goer" or a "sender." For certain, going on a short-term mission trip is life-changing. But also sending through financial support is also a vital way to fulfill God's Great Commission.

These are exciting days for Immanuel. God is opening doors to global mission and calling us to be a blessing as we are blessed!

Pastor John

MORE ON THE HORN OF AFRICA

The Horn of Africa ministry focuses on providing culture affirming churches among unreached and unengaged people groups in the Horn of Africa (Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia) and beyond. Two thousand years after Jesus gave the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations, there are still many people groups around the world who have not heard the good news and have no hope for a better life. The region of the Horn of Africa is home to many of these unreached people groups. Fortunately, they've engaged most of these groups and are witnessing a great harvest.



Dr. Zemende will introduce in greater detail the ministry of Horn of Africa. He also teaches a tremendous course on missions, widely-known, called "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement." It is a 13 week (once a week two hour) course that invites different missionaries to speak. Both Pastor John and Debby can attest to this transformational course as it expands our vision on what God is doing globally and the strategy on reaching those who don't know Christ.

Call Committee Prayer Sundays

The monthly prayer meeting for the entire congregation is the second Sunday of the month 15 minutes after fellowship time begins. Anyone interested is welcome to gather in the front of the sanctuary for prayer when the bell tolls during fellowship time. The gathering will last no longer than 30 minutes. The entire time is dedicated for prayer time. Each session is led by the Deacons. Please continue to pray for the call process on your own, and join congregational gathering for prayer. Pray without ceasing.

Social Media and Immanuel

Hello All!

I know social media isn't everyone's cup of tea, but it's probably the most important version of advertising today (and it's free!). If you're not on social media, this article may not be of interest so I'll sum up the reason I started Instagram and a new Facebook for Immanuel quickly. If the church wants to grow, especially with a younger generation, we need to be on social media. Sadly, coming to church every Sunday is tough for a lot of people but most of us who are on social media, are on it every day and would see posts about upcoming events. If people aren't in church every week, we need to work on outreach in hopes that it is a reminder of the great things Immanuel is doing. With Aubrey's surgery, we missed a few weeks, and I didn't learn about the Ladies' Tea Party until the week before. And yes, I should have read it in the Chimes, but admittedly, I'm really bad at that too. So hopefully social media will fill the gap!

Now for the nitty gritty...this is where people off social media may want to tune out...I won't be offended! Just skip down to the last paragraph.

At some point, Immanuel had a Facebook page created for us, but people needed to request to be "friends" with us meaning the profile wasn't public which defeats the purpose of using social media as an outreach. We also had a "Group" on Facebook, but it was exclusive too. However, the Group was being used; people had posted photos onto it as well as updates and encouragement and I couldn't get rid of this completely! So, with the help of Sarah Pilegard, we made the Group as open to new members as possible and changed the name of the Group to "People of Immanuel". This way, we don't lose any of the existing content. The next thing we did was create a Page, titled "Immanuel Lutheran Church, Easton" for Facebook. This page is public so anyone can see the content, including information about our church and how to contact us. I'm hoping this

Prayer Focus for March

Week of 3-2-2020:

Let's focus this week on turning over to God those times when we just don't know what to do.

James 1:5-6a NIV. "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all, without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask you must believe and not doubt."

Week of 3-9-2020:

Let's focus this week on not worrying about the little details.

Matthew 6:34 NIV. "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day have enough trouble of its own."

Week of 3-16-2020:

Let's focus this week on how completely God loves us.

Romans 8:38-39 NIV. "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels or demons, neither the present or the future nor any powers, neither height or depth, nor anything else in all of creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Week of 3-23-2020:

Let's focus this week on the fact that we are children of the light.

1 Peter 2:9 NIV. "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

Week of 3-30-2020:

Let's focus this week on acting justly, loving mercy and walking humbly.

Micah 6:8 NIV. "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to have mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

News Notes for March

Happy Birthday to PHYLLIS PETERSEN on her 95th Birthday
March 15th!

IMMANUEL CONTINUES TO RECYCLE please bring your cans & plastic CRV bottles securely bagged to Immanuel on Sunday mornings.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR to “SPRING AHEAD!” Daylight Saving Time will begin at 2 a.m. on **Sunday, March 8**, and will end at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 1st, 2020 when we can “FALL BACK” ONE HOUR.

AMERICAN UNION 4-H PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON MARCH 8th Stop in at the Washington Union Cafeteria on Sunday, March 17th for a plate of pancakes and sausage on Sunday, from 8:00 AM-11:00AM. The tickets are available at the door or from any 4-H club member if you would like to have breakfast before church on the 17th.

FISH & CHIPS EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT DURING LENT In loving memory of Brother Knight Andrew Guyette, Jr. and Sir Knight Harold J Guyette and Ernest Lencioni the annual fish & chips dinners continue every Friday night during Lent from 5:00PM-7:00PM at the St. Jude Catholic Church Hall at 208 West Jefferson Avenue in Easton, CA.

THRIVENT MEMBERS: remember to renew your Choice Dollars to Immanuel Lutheran Church or the non-profit of your choice before March 27th

“Tortured for Christ” the Movie

Will be shown after church March 1st

Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand were persecuted for their Christian witness under Communist oppression in Romania, yet they emerged with a testimony of love and forgiveness toward their enemies and sought to win them for Christ. Watch their true story in the inspiring new film, Tortured for Christ — The Movie. Filmed entirely in Romania, including the very prison where Richard Wurmbrand endured torture and solitary confinement, their powerful story is told in English, Romanian and Russian (with English subtitles) to hold to the authenticity of their story. Pastor Richard Wurmbrand was kidnapped off the streets of Bucharest, Romania, on Sunday, February 29, 1948, as he was walking to church. The secret police threw a black hood over his head and forced him into the back seat of an automobile. As they drove through the snow-covered streets, they informed him that he was about to disappear forever. However, the pastor knew God had other plans! **Bonus Feature!** The Movie also includes a special bonus video featuring Keith and Kristyn Getty that you will NOT want to miss! Sign up on the bulletin board to stay after church on March 1st to see the movie at church. The movie run time is 77 minutes and will start at approximately 12:30PM.

will be a crucial part of growing our membership as well as reminding our existing members of upcoming events. The Page also gives anyone the opportunity to post comments, prayer requests, daily inspiration, etc. In short, please try to transition over to our Page “Immanuel Lutheran Church, Easton” for your future posts.

And finally, Instagram. If you are not familiar with Instagram, it is another social media outlet that focuses on photos for posts instead of verbal content for posts like Facebook does. If you would like to follow us on Instagram, search for Immanuel Lutheran Church. Unfortunately, Instagram does not allow anyone to post onto the page other than the administrator. However, I personally think it is where my generation is and I’m hoping it will help Immanuel increase the number of younger members.

So, of course if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me! If you would like something posted to either Facebook or Instagram, please email me at:

arnielsen14@gmail.com. You can also text or call me with information, I would be happy to post for you. Second- if you do not want to have your photo on social media, please let me know and I will make sure we respect your wishes. There is no shame in that! Finally, thank you to Sarah Pilegard! God works in funny way sometimes. I needed her to help me recover the old Facebook page and she jumped in to help me brainstorm for the new page and even more, with GRAPHICS!! Posting isn’t my problem, it’s making them look pretty and she is just amazing! She created logos and graphics for numerous events at Immanuel including Grace in Action, Men’s and Women’s Bible Study, Refuge and more!

I’m excited to see how God is going to use social media as an outreach! He’s doing great things within the walls of Immanuel and it’s time we let the rest of the world know!

~Allyson Nielsen

Journey

It's been a yin and yang month for sure, at least for me.

My youngest son, Christian, has entered into an engagement with Karen. Christian returned to Immanuel months ago to take over the audio board for our worship time. It's not only something he's good at but also that he has a passion for. Yang! He brought with him a young woman who he had met in one of the bands he was involved in over the years. She like Christian is musically talented and also an artist, hard working, creative on many levels and best of all she is a Christian. Yang! When they get married Christian, will of course, be moving out. It will literally be the first time in my life that I will be living alone. It kind of scares me. I feel like I'm better off when I have a little supervision. I wouldn't say I'm worried about it but I have spent a lot of time thinking about it. Yin!

Three weeks after Cindy passed my daughter's step dad passed. One year later her mother, my first wife, passed. My daughter, Desirae, who prefers to be called Rae, inherited five acres on the north east side of Clovis and another undeveloped parcel outside of Shaver Lake. There was a trust that needed to be executed between her and her half sister. It is a complicated document that has drug on for two and a half years now. Just got word that it is finally being completed. It will give her access to funds that will enable her to remodel the house on her Clovis property. A house that desperately is in need of remodeling. Funds that, if she manages them well, will take care of her for the rest of her life. Yang!

But at the heart of what made me go in this direction is the news of Damon Newsom's passing. Damon is, of course, Nancy's son. A child of this congregation. Damon is one of those I considered to be one of mine. He and Christian were in a band together and I spent some time with him. I was around when he lost his dad. It was and continued to be a tough time, as you would expect. I wasn't the only father who put our arms around him and told him we were there for him. I loved him and even though I hadn't seen him of late I really miss him. Double yin!

Any reasonable parent's worst nightmare is that their child will pass before them. A reminder again for all of us of how precious each moment is. Especially with our kids. Both inside our immediate family and those kids who are close to us. Take time to stop and greet all of our kids. Tell them how important they are. Tell them you love them.

In Celebration of our Members in March

Birthdays

3-Alexandra Gardner
7-Jared Allred
11-Karl Nielsen
12-Cody Caglia
15-Phyllis Petersen
-Kristi Hollenbeck
19-Lillianna Perez
20-John Jensen
-Pat Griffin
22-Scott Rowley
24-Scott Hollenbeck
26-Dan Stiltz
29- Liana Severin
30-Gaye Cissel

Wedding Anniversaries

13-Bobby & Andrea Bell (17)
26-Scott & Marcia Hollenbeck (32)

If you don't see your birthday or wedding anniversary in The Chimes please let us know! See Victoria in the church office about a Household Data Form so we're sure to have all your family's information!

Baptismal Birthdays

2- Susie Tews
3- Dale Ewing
5- Jacob Caglia
10-Eve Allred
16-Brittney Gardner
19- Michelle Hollenbeck
21- Stephanie Hollenbeck
23- Claire Johnson
25- Liberty Auer
Kaylee Bennetts
Mckenzie Bennetts
Micah Bennetts
27- Nicolas Orozco
28- David Terrones



Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood Drive

March 1st is the 2nd Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood Drive in 2020. The Central California Blood Center is back in Easton on March 1st from 8:00AM–Noon. All donors will get a free lunch and non-donors who would like a lunch are asked to contribute only \$7.00 to cover the cost. Thank you to Rich Cisneros and Fred Cogan for the incentive to donate a pint. Please sign up on the blue bulletin board for your donation time and /or your lunch! This is a great day to sign up for lunch since there will be a special feature movie showed at the church at approximately 12:30 this day.

Immanuel's Library

Immanuel Library! Full of Great Stuff! Check out the colorful March decorations and feature books for the month which include:

Secrets of the Vine devotions for Kids by Bruce Wilkinson, it's a 31 day devotional to help guide your growth with short daily readings, a "Talk Back" section and a "What's the big idea?" summary type of each days reading. It's a great resource for kids. **The Rock Speaks** ten lessons based on 1Corinthians 10:4 by Cindy Steinbeck. She owns Steinbeck Vinyards and is a wonderful writer and great speaker. Reading for fun? Try a novel by Grace Livingston Hill, America's best-loved storyteller, her book: **Ariel Custer** a story about upheavals in life and keeping the Lord by your side. There is also a devotional book by Max Lucado on Psalm 23 about hope and encouragement. Another book about the **Miracles In Tough Times** true stories of God's divine touch. A beautiful book of six sermons by Robert G. McCreight **The Psalms Were Made For Lent**. Another featured book in March is: **The Two-Minute Drill to Manhood**, a proven game plan for raising sons by John Groyle founder of the Big Oak Ranch. **The God of Yes** by Jud Wilhite is about how faith makes all things new. Pick up one of this month's features or look through the shelves. There are so many wonderful books to select. Take a screen time break from TV and social media during lent and read a book with pages!

Immanuel Begins FCA Service on Wednesdays - March 18th–April 22nd

Immanuel will begin serving FCA Lunches on Wednesday, **March 18th–April 22nd**. The crew likes to give the kids a fresh baked cookie with their lunch. **If you like to bake cookies to share please bring them to the social hall by 9:00AM on the Wednesdays or bring them on Sundays packaged for the Freezer.** We serve about 160 kids each week the cookies will not go to waste. Call Kurt Wolfe at 229-8256 for more info.

Encourage them. Listen to what they have to say. Tell them how proud you are of them. Assure them that, no matter what, you'll be there for them and then, no matter what, be there for them. Then back up a step, realize that is exactly how God feels about you. He tells us we are important, that he's proud of us. Encourages us. Loves us. And no matter what is there for us. No matter what! We all need to know that. Whether we are 2 or almost 67. Please don't let any opportunity pass.

Nancy, our heart breaks for you and with you.
John.

Youth Ministry

Hello Immanuel,

As the Lenten season is upon us, that means that Soup Supper is here! That DOES NOT mean that Refuge is stopping by any means. We will still meet at 6:00pm and we will immediately jump into games, and then at 6:30 we will jump right into the Lenten evening service schedule. During the service, we will sit together at a couple of tables a youth group, in community. Afterwards, any time left until 8pm will be spent reflecting on the service and message and Pastor Dawn.

Breakaway sign-ups are now available! If you are interested in sending any of your 6th-12th grade kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, etc. please shoot me an email or call. People's Church is running their sign up through Google Docs, not the traditional permission slip. So I will be really pushy in making sure your kid is signed up. We want to have 20 students and 4 chaperones for this trip!



Mark your calendars!
4.5.2020 - 4.9.2020

BREAKAWAY 2020

Check out our new Facebook page!

Be praying for us as we prepare for Breakaway!

-Jacob

WHEN: April 5th-9th
WHERE: People's Church Fresno
WHO: Jr. High & High School Students
WHAT: Spring Break Worship & Community Service Youth Camp
WHY: Hear powerful messages & grow together in faith while serving!

TO SIGN UP CONTACT JACOB → JAYWOOD66@YAHOO.COM
559.237.7909

From our Council President

Greetings all!

Spring is quickly upon us. That means plenty of things to plenty of people. More sunshine, more golf, more flowers, more coast, more of realizing how many blessings we have on this great Earth that God has given us. No matter what makes your spring more joyous and glorious, here it comes.

I think that about our Social Hall project. Here, too, it comes. Now some would say, "You said NEXT Spring!" I did. And I meant it. But, as you know, all things in life seem to come at us pretty fast. I want us to be ready when the light turns green. I have been thinking about our recent fundraising dinner for the Social Hall and Jon Marthedal's article last month in the Chimes and both make me think of the Old Testament book of Nehemiah. Here's the long and short of it: Nehemiah was a servant to the King Artaxerxes when he learned his home city of Jerusalem was in trouble. The walls had been torn apart and the gates burned out. Not good for a city during those days. This bothered Nehemiah so much that he begged the King to allow him to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the city. The King agreed and Nehemiah was soon on his way. When Nehemiah arrived, he surveyed the damage and came up with a plan to restore the city that involved everyone. The plan was for everyone in the city to rebuild the wall in front of their homes. All the inhabitants of Jerusalem pitched in and in 59 days, the walls and gates were restored and Jerusalem was whole again. This is a very quick synopsis of this story, but the point is the same: there is room for everyone to help rebuild our Social Hall and it, too, will be whole again to serve Easton for a long time to come. (I suggest reading the Book of Nehemiah. Its a very quick, but an amazing read about the power of working together.) After all, isn't that what we are doing? Building Immanuel better?

Love is a verb,
Fred

Immanuel Women's Ministry

Immanuel Women are planning weekly devotions during Lent on Saturday mornings. The first will begin on Saturday, February 29th at 7:30AM at my house so we are close to church and will be able to get to Sew Caring at 9:00am that day.

The first meeting will be discussing the time and locations of the following

Lenten Schedule

PICK UP YOUR LENTEN DEVOTIONAL
"BIOGRAPHIES THE GOSPEL OF JOHN" TODAY

Ash Wednesday Service Feb 26 7:00PM in Sanctuary
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Wednesday Soup Suppers 6:30PM in Social Hall
The flow of the service will be more like Bible Study discussion than a sermon time following meal. We will talk about the subjects below on each date. Bring your Bibles and your Lenten Devotionals-- Biographies -the Gospel of John which are available online or copies in the church entryway, AND any questions you have each week.

Theme	Date	Dinner Hosts
The Messiahs	March 4th	Work Circle B
The People of Israel	March 11th	Work Circle C
The Women	March 18th	Work Circle D
The Crowd	March 25th	Work Circle E
The Disciples	April 1st	Work Circle A

Judas Betrays Jesus April 5th **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, April 5-Thursday, April 9th Break-Away for Immanuel Youth Missions-Devotions in Fresno! Pray for our Youth!

Washed the Disciple's feet and a new commandment I gift to you
Maundy Thursday April 9th 7:00PM

What else do they usually do?
Good Friday Service April 10th 7:00PM

Easter Sunrise Service April 12th 6:28AM in Park

Pancake Breakfast sponsored by our Youth After Sunrise Service

Easter Worship 10:30AM

First Communion Class Organizing

If you have a 5th grade or older student in your life who has not received First Communion Instruction, please contact Pastor Dawn. We are currently scheduling this years class so that our students may receive communion on Maundy Thursday. Contact Pastor Dawn at 760-208-0986 or by email at dawnlynspies@gmail.com.

Sympathy Love and prayers for the family of Damon Klyver Newsom

May 4, 1992 – February 11, 2020

Damon was born on May 4, 1992 in Fresno California. He attended Pacific Union Elementary School and graduated from Washington Union High School in 2010. He attended Fresno City College and was a certified Emergency Medical Technician. He was an accomplished musician and played in numerous bands in the Fresno area. He was an avid cyclist and mountain biker.

In January 2019 he started a new chapter in his life by relocating to Bellingham Washington to the delight of his cousins and aunt and uncle. He made it his new home. He took great pleasure in snowboarding and enjoyed new friendships made while working at the Mt. Baker Ski Area his first winter there. He developed new friends and discovered the numerous trails of Whatcom County. As recent as Thanksgiving he was videotaped saying he was most thankful for his mom, his brother, his Washington family and his bike! Most recently, he was employed as an assembly specialist at Skid Steer Solutions. All family and friends are shocked by his sudden death and are grieving him.

Damon is survived by his mother, Nancy of Fresno CA; his brother Sydney and partner, Andrea Turner, of Santa Cruz CA; his maternal grandfather, Gilbert Nagel of Fresno CA; maternal aunts and uncles: JoAnne and Ken Campbell of Fowler Ca; Bette and Gary Mitchell of Blaine WA; paternal grandfather, Pete Newsom of Arizona; paternal aunts and uncles: David and Suzanne Newsom of Sanger CA; Rick and Lisa Newsom of Fresno CA; Carol and Greg Peters of McComb MS; and numerous cousins.

In Damon's memory, please remember:

Always be kind, always be patient.

Always love and always care.

No matter who you are, we are all human beings
and deserve to be happy, accepted, and most importantly, loved.

He has no idea how much he was loved and will be missed. His family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and well wishes.

A Memorial Service was held at Immanuel on February 22nd at 10:00 A.M. followed with a celebration of life brunch.

Donations in his name may be sent to YSGTC - Yosemite South Gate Trail Cooperative or Galbraith Parking Lot Fund: www.689.z2systems.com

Saturdays. We are hoping these Saturday morning devotion times can flow into a regular weekly study, the session after Lent will start on May 2nd and will be a video series on the book "The Best Yes" by Lysa TuerKeurst, we have books to read and a video to watch. According to online reviews she is an author that is very readable and this book is especially geared to women who are very busy, especially moms and that Lysa tends to be very transparent with her life and marriage. This Saturday morning series will take about 6 weeks and will introduce us to women in the Bible that have made great decisions. By the end of the study we will be confident in what choices we make to nourish our best fulfilled, spiritual life

SAVE THE DATE APRIL 25TH FOR AN AEBELSKIVER BRUNCH! Ladies of Immanuel we would like to invite you to brunch on SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH AT 9:00am IN THE SOCIAL HALL an excuse to have aebleskivers and a short meeting to elect officers and disperse funds. If you are interested in serving on the board: the offices of Vice President & Treasurer are open. Please get ahold of me at the numbers listed below. We will most likely plan some devotions and fun stuff too. As if aebleskivers weren't fun enough. Aebleskiver makers are also needed, would you like to help or learn how to make them? Sign-up on the blue bulletin board in the church entryway.

Local Lutheran Churches are planning a spring event on March 28th at Trinity Lutheran Church located at 3973 N. Cedar Ave. registration begins at 8:30AM and concludes with lunch. Tickets are \$17.00 and must be purchased in advanced. "Immersed in the Mysteries of God" with guest speaker Sister Danielle Witt who is a member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, and international community of Catholic Sisters. She will speak on the deeper meaning of the Incarnation and how the 'Word was made flesh' certainly refers to the life of Jesus but in reality the universe has been immersed in the presence of Christ since time began.

Each church is asked to provide a display with information about what we have done this past year. Is there anyone willing to put together a display board and write about our summer events, quilting group, tea party, Bible studies, etc.? I would be most appreciative because creativity and scrapbook stuff is not is not my gift. Please let me know if you are willing to help or do this as soon as possible.

Registration deadline is March 15th please pick up your registration form from the blue bulletin board where you can read more about Sister Danielle. Make checks payable to Immanuel Women and turn the form and check into Carol Bennetts no later than March 15th. Invite your friends it's a fun day. Pastor Sharon Amundson from Mariposa Lutheran will be the worship leader, she is great.

My love to you all, lets gather during Lent and restore our light and let it shine!

Victoria Salwasser
Women's Ministry President

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Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat		
1 Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood Drive 9:15AM Grace in Action is Sunday School for all! 10:30AM Worship/Communion 11:30AM Fellowship ~12:30PM Tortured For Christ Movie	2 12:00PM Easton Food Distribution 7:00PM NA in Social Hall	3 9:30AM Quilting in Social Hall 6:00PM Faith Bible Study in Grace Hall	4 8:00-10:00AM Breaking Grounds Café 12:20pm FCA Lunch 6:30PM Soup Supper Work Circle B	5 6:00AM Men's Bible Study 10:00AM Immanuel Bible Study in Grace Hall	6	7		
8 Daylight Savings Time Move your clocks ahead one hour 9:15AM Grace in Action for all 10:30AM Worship for all 11:30AM Fellowship	9 7:00PM NA in Social Hall	10 10:00AM Dorcas Bible Study in the Church Library	11 8:00-10:00AM Breaking Grounds Café 12:20pm FCA Lunch 6:30PM Soup Supper Work Circle C	12 6:00AM Men's Bible Study 10:00AM Immanuel Bible Study in Grace Hall	13	14 Social Hall Reserved		
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