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October 24

See inside for details



The Immanuel Chimes
October 2020

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Outdoor Worship: 9:00AM
Communion served on the 1st & 3rd Sundays

Wednesday Evenings

Refuge For Youth
Outside for 6th-12th grades
6:00-8:00PM

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Pastor's Page

Our Daily Rituals: Waking up with Baptism

My mom was an incredible athlete growing up. She played softball, basketball, and volleyball, and when she was in college, she was even offered a tennis scholarship despite never having played before. The coach assured her, "We can teach you to play tennis. We just need someone that can swing a racket." This athletic prowess and her passion for teaching went on to make her an excellent coach when she graduated from college. Some of my earliest memories involve my mom coaching high school teams with passion and love. When my brothers and I started to show interest in sports, she took up coaching our teams with the same zeal. It was there that I learned the importance of ritual. The advice my mom gave her players the most often, no matter what the sport, was to repeat the important actions every chance you got. As a result, there was a whole generation of athletes who played under my mom who would practice their pitching wind up while watching TV at night, who would practice their basketball shot before bed in the evening, or would practice the four steps towards spiking a volleyball as they walked down the hallways of their home. These important little rituals helped the movements that were most important to playing the game seep deep into the bones for the players so that it felt like second nature when it came time to play the game.

Even when I eventually walked away from most of the sports I played in pursuit of theatre or mock trial or a very, very brief stint playing the piano, I kept the importance of ritual front and foremost in my mind. The old adage of "practice makes perfect" is one of the most important refrains in my life because what we practice becomes a part of us in ways we may not even realize. We have a million little rituals that are an important part of our lives, from brushing our teeth to setting the table to the tv we watch regularly and that one type of music we keep on repeat throughout our lives. What we do affects how we think, how we act, and what we believe, and in these moments where most of us are spending more time at home than ever, it's the perfect time to examine how our daily routines can help us build our relationships with God.

This month, I want to start at a very simple place: waking up. I wake up slow. I joke frequently that I'm going to be the last one out of the grave at the resurrection because those trumpets will sound and I'll roll over for five more minutes of rest. When my (third or fourth) alarm goes off in the morning, and I finally give in that now is the time for me to wipe the sleep from my eyes. Even then it still takes another ten minutes or so for me to

Prayer Focus Each Week In October

10-5-2020: Let's focus on loving God completely.

Mark 12:30. NIV "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength".

10-12-2020: Let's focus on God's will for us.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ".

10-19-2020: Let's focus on our only true hope.

Psalms 25:5 NIV "Guide me in your truth and lead me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long".

10-26-2020: Let's focus not on our present chaos but on our eternity.

Revelation 21:1-5 NIV "Then I saw " a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making all things new". Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true".



Worship With Immanuel

Outdoors Socially Distanced

And Live on Facebook

9:00 AM Every Sunday

YouTube at 10:30 & beyond

The Peak—YouTube—6:30 Wed.



Prayers of 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, Caleb Hathaway, Scott Linger, Matt Ward, & Matthew Tigchelaar.

Those unable to travel about: Olga Hansen, Marilyn Iversen, Art & Marian Olesen, Phyllis Petersen, & Howard Nielsen.

Those in need of healing: Marilyn Bell, Connie Bennetts, Mike Bennetts, Sandy Britter, Ed Bordin, Luanne Byrd, Gaye Cissel, Daniel DiPietro, Pastor Gary Gould, Jenny Lee Hodges, Linda Holland, Marguerite Johnson, Florence Johnston, Glenn & Marilyn Nielsen, Eva Orum, Chuck Phillips, Sr., Virginia Pilegard, Tucker & Cooper Rister, Nathan Rivera, Phil Tews, Timm Trickett, Joe Wozniczka & Joni Zingarelli.

Sympathy love and prayers: for the family of Stan Pilegard.

For those who have lost their belongings to the fires in California. For Fire Fighters and other Emergency Responders who are battling the fires and the trauma. For protection to all who suffer from the bad air.

For people dealing with loneliness and depression caused by these pandemic precautions. For those battling the Coronavirus.



work up the courage and strength to crawl out from the sanctuary of my warm quilts and face the day. It is in these moments, when my feet finally hit the solid floor beneath me and I stretch my arms up towards the sky to try to plead with sleep to leave my body, that I pause each morning to remember the beautiful gift of my baptism. Luther said that baptism is the "daily garment which [we] are to wear at all times," and so each morning, I'm sure to put on my baptism so that as I wander out into the world, I do not forget that I am doing so for God and through God's mercy.



I think it's most appropriate that baptism has become my first thought upon waking in the morning because sleeping is as close as we come to death in our daily lives. We lay down and rest, and in that slumber we are vulnerable, unaware of our actions or the actions of those around us.

When we are awoken in the morning by gentle sunlight or the shrill tones of an alarm, we are pulled abruptly from this little death back into life. That is baptism lived out every morning. We were once comfortable and dead in our sin, living lives that were cast in darkness, but through the waters of baptism we were pulled into a new life, where the Holy Spirit dwells within us, guiding our actions and our lives, no matter how slow we may be to recognize it.

This month, I'd like to challenge you to begin a new ritual in your lives. Every morning, as you awake, whether you do it slowly or quickly, make the sign of the cross on your forehead, just as it was done for you when you were baptized. Remind yourself in the earliest parts of your day that you have been claimed by God and welcomed into a new life that is as bright and full of potential as the first rays of sunshine that peak through our curtains in the morning.



Pastor Taylor

Caruthers Fair Pork Sandwich Drive-Through Dinner Fundraiser For the Fresno Mission

Save the date: **Saturday, October 24th**, plan to drive by the church and pick up your dinner. **Buy your tickets** for the suggested donation of \$15.00 for a Pulled Pork Sandwich, Coleslaw, Chile Beans and a cookie. Drive by Immanuel and pick up your dinner between 4:00-6:30PM in front of the Social Hall. For Tickets: call the Church Office at 237-7909. Tickets can be mailed or delivered. You may also purchase on the website at ImmanuelEaston.com: Go to the donated tab and click the **Fresno Mission Fund**. We have two members who have volunteered to deliver your sandwiches to you. How sweet is that? Please remember the Fresno Mission in your gratitude. This fundraiser is organized by those who want to help the Fresno Mission in lieu of our fair booth profits this year. Please be generous. We hope to serve many and raise much to help the mission this year without the fair as our fund raising venue. **HELP IS NEEDED GETTING THE INFORMATION OUT AND TICKETS SOLD! PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR TICKETS TO SELL!**

Thanksgiving Eve is a go for now. Currently, with pandemic numbers heading towards the lowered colored tier, we hope to be able to gather as a community and give thanks. Matt Dildine, the CEO, would like to bring folks out to share their testimonies with our community. At time of print, the pandemic numbers are going down. Stay tuned for more information as the date gets closer.

Women's Ministry Upcoming Plans With High Hopes

Happy October Immanuel! This is always a favorite time of year for us. It's our local mission focus time of year. Also, we are anticipating the holidays, a change of season and October includes a free pass day to eat candy: October 31st! Well, I consider it a free pass candy eating day. Now the free pass comes with a hidden cost, of course. Candy makes most of us grow in ways we are sometimes not happy about. Just like this pandemic

hates their life in this world will keep it for eternity." While this scripture is more directly geared toward Christ and His followers, I see the usage also in our attitude and actions during this time. We have the freedom to think, to choose, and to act. COVID-19 happened whether we like it or not. Perspective asks, what are you doing with it? What are you doing with your thoughts, words, and actions? What seeds are you spreading? Here's what we know: COVID-19 is temporary. This, too, shall pass. And when you look back on it, what did you do with the new perspectives it could have given you? Our church, the believers that roam its halls, and the new congregants waiting to share it with us are ready for the post-pandemic life. It is coming. Maybe not today, or tomorrow for that matter, but it is. Be patient. Invest in you. Invest in your neighbor. Clean out that old closet. Reconnect with a relationship that needs attention. If nothing else, sit on your patio and listen to the world around you. It has slowed down. On purpose. How powerful is that? You got this. A little while longer and we can start the engines again. In the meantime, Lemonade, anyone?

Love is a verb,
Fred

GIVE BLOOD

SAVE LIFE

**Attention Blood
Donors!**
**Mark Your Calendars
for October 25th!**
**Across the street from Immanuel
8:00AM-Noon**
It's Appreciated to know if you are coming to donate please sign up online at
<https://signup.com/go/yYuJOoi>
or call the church office at 237-7909.
Walk-Up's are welcome!

From our President

Early October...The morning air is turning a bit chillier, the grapes are lying on the ground waiting to be kissed by the sun, overgrown yards start getting thinned out from summer growth, almond clouds from shaking and sweeping have come and gone...ahhh, fall. As I write I'm picturing pumpkins, red, orange, and yellow leaves, and smelling my favorite comfort foods coming from Gina's kitchen. If I look to how I got to



this moment, the vehicle of this global pandemic has been my life for the last 6 months, and it looks like I will be embracing it for a bit longer. I must be truthful, the pandemic has truly challenged me in a hundred different ways, both personally and professionally. For those close to me, you know how full my plate has been because of it. That said, life is about choices...I get to lament everything that is COVID-19 because it is just not convenient for everything I have going on. It has stripped my freedoms, comforts, and cares from me and my everyday life. Or, behind door number two: I can choose to embrace the new. The new perspectives gained from this time. I chose door number two.

Never in my life have we had so much time to focus on self-care, couple care, scripture care, and home care. (These are not listed in order of importance. :)) We have decided that it's time to paint. It's also time to deep clean this house. It's been nearly ten years since the last time. We have quite a few things that can be donated to help someone else. I'm still plugging away at my Bible in a year effort. Gina and I are getting to spend great time every weekend reconnecting to each other because the work weeks have been so stressful. One of the joys that has been discovered is we fight FOR our weekend time together. Before, when life was playing us, we were settling for Sunday afternoons for several hours and thinking we were doing good. That said, perspective is either a mighty tool to work for your betterment, or a wrecking ball to your life if you fail to have it.

I'm not sure if this is the right scripture that will accentuate where I am going, but it sure seems right to me. Allow me. From the Book of John 12:24-25. "Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who

has made us sometimes very unhappy. Those who lived through this pandemic without contracting coronavirus through the spring and summer should have a grateful happiness, right? But that grateful happiness has come with missed Bible studies, summer gatherings, Caruthers Fair Food Booth, and many other events that fulfil our lives with joy and happiness naturally. Worshipping together as a church family united in Christ is so important. How can just two seasons seem like forever? Nothing is forever in this world and we know that through trials, God sends Joy in unlikely places. At the same time, change is tough but joy is sweet. We must pray and wait to find the sweetness, comfort and joy...hopefully by the end of October. If not, well there's the free pass candy day.

As we look forward to the joyful days ahead, we have some great opportunities to help out where we can:

If you want to help directly with **Fresno Mission**, they will have a virtual auction this year. Log onto fresnomission.org to learn more about their fundraising efforts with a virtual auction. Registration for the Auction starts on October 16th and closes on the 22nd, the same day as their **Face of the Mission Celebration**. Please note that their name has changed from the Fresno Rescue Mission to Fresno Mission. The mission does so much more than rescue. Their new name reflects more of what they are all about.

With the same type of intrigue, stay tuned for **Immanuel's Virtual Country Store & Boutique** in November. This will mainly be a fund raiser for our **Social Hall Renovation** with a portion going to Fresno Mission as well. Some of our crafters have offered up their never-before-seen crafts ready to sell. Have you had about enough sheltering & cleaning? Try some crafting, baking and canning. The store would love donated jams and jellies and baked goods to add to the inventory. The Immanuel quilters have been finishing up their quilts while sheltering in place in their own homes. Please contact Laura Nielsen with your donations. Thank you to Laura Nielsen for keeping our quilters busy.

A mini-catalog will be printed in the Sunday bulletin before the sale date (which has not yet been determined). Keep your eyes posted on all the usual outlets for the date and time. At this point, it will be a virtual store with the option to call in your orders by phone or place on Facebook. Specifics are not ready to print, but if you like to purchase crafts, quilts and goodies for your holiday giving, this pandemic will not prevent you from doing just that. Call Victoria if you would like to help in any way with this event. Be sure to check out the November Chimes for more details.

Bethel Lutheran Home Tree Decorating Party! Remember, in January

we collected Christmas décor for Bethel Home? Laurel Jacobsen has taken the lead on this project and has ordered 40 tiny trees and tiny lights for the skilled nursing rooms at Bethel. Save the date: November 28th at 2:00PM for decorating little trees. The specific plan has not been determined yet. The decorated trees will be displayed in Immanuel's entryway on Nov. 29th (the first Sunday in Advent) and then be delivered after service that morning to Bethel Lutheran Home.

This will bring us to the beginning of **Advent**. Women of Immanuel, what shall we do? There was a brief gathering of several women age ranging from teens to golden genes in mid-September in the church office. The brainstorming conversation was focused on fund raising drives through meals for the Fresno Mission possibly each month. The October 24th date is the first. Shall we try for one in November? Maybe Turkey Sandwiches? Maybe a Holiday Pie Bake Sale? What if we all brought two pies: one to sell and one to donate to the mission? Tables full of fresh baked pies to purchase for your own holiday dessert? Imagine having one less thing to do for your Thanksgiving meal? Call or text me anytime with your ideas. I miss you all and love to chat about Immanuel.

Small Group Bible Studies are available. If you are ready to begin one, please give me a call. If you've got the desire, we have the study for you.

Blessings, Victoria

Journey

I think you'll all agree that we are living through some pretty chaotic times!

It seems, at least to me, that everything has become unhinged. Covid 19 has changed every way we do things. Go ahead, name one thing you do that is exactly the same way you did it before the virus. We shop differently. We dine differently, if at all. We travel differently. We go to the doctor differently. We visit differently. We school differently. We even look different with the bottom half of our faces covered. Perhaps most profoundly, at least in my world, we do church differently. It's like family camp without the kumbaya. We sit around in camp chairs outside hoping the bears don't come through the middle of service. Okay, maybe that's just me. We do communion differently. It's what we have to do and I accept that, but it's not as satisfying as being handed the bread and wine. Also, I can't sit around the table and see my classmates at Bible Study. I miss that! I also miss hugging you, all of you! Thank you LORD we have the tech team that we do. Dawn, at least in spirit, Jacob and Christian. They put their hearts into bringing us the best possible alternative to in-person worship.

Thank You Immanuel From our Faithful Interim Pastors!

People of Immanuel!

Thank you so much for the thoughtful and generous gifts! The basket of pumpkins, yarn, and warmth is well appreciated and has already been put to good use. As we unpacked, nestled at the bottom, we found a beautiful wooden yarn bowl. It's amazing and something I don't have! It immediately was put to use and will serve as a sweet reminder of the beautiful church God is using to bring love and life to Easton, California. You are amazing. We have been blessed to call you home.

Thank you and many blessings,
Pastor Dawn, Pastor Dan and Isaiah Spies



People of Immanuel:

Thank you so much for the generous send-off. You went over-the-top in your gift of luggage, quilt and large check. This is typical of who you are as a congregation. You have always been generous to Debby and me and gracious in friendship. God is good and you have a wonderful future with Pastor Taylor. We continue to pray for you every day. I consider my 2 1/2 years at Immanuel one of the most positive experiences I've had in ordained ministry over the past 39 years. I'm so glad I had the opportunity to serve the Lord in this place and will hold many dear memories in my heart!

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now." Philippians 1:3-4

Your Former Interim Pastor and Wife
John and Debby Saethre

Memorial Service for Tom Britter

Immanuel Lutheran Church on
Sunday, October 11th at 2:00PM.

THOMAS WALTON BRITTER (JUDD)
Jan. 5, 1944-- Mar. 24, 2020

Born in Vallejo into a military family, his younger years were spent moving around the USA, and also living in Japan and France. After several years at the Jesuit boarding school in France, Tom went to live on his granddad's farm in East Biggs, CA. Among other farm chores, he milked cows every day and bottle fed the baby goats which they kept in a pen in the living room.

During his high school years, Tom played football, basketball, baseball, ran track, was in school plays, and played trombone in the band. He graduated from Biggs High in 1962. In 1965, Tom married his high school sweetheart, Sandra Carol Branson of Chico. They went to different high schools, so sometimes he would tell people that "they met in a revolving door and started going around." Or sometimes he would say "she picked me up at a dance." (That is true) He also won her mother's heart with the farm-fresh eggs and with the butter he churned.

Tom graduated from Chico State College in 1967. He farmed almonds in Fresno and taught 30 years in junior and senior high schools. The subjects were science, drafting, woodshop, and math. He also coached junior high basketball with a championship team.

Tom enjoyed travel, visiting every state and 30 foreign countries, but there was no place like home. He loved his home, his family, and his church. Survivors include Sandy, his wife of 54 years; sons Matt and David and their families, including 5 grandchildren, along with many friends and relatives. Remembrances in memory of Tom may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Tom's family has waited patiently for the pandemic to pass through like the wind in order to gather and celebrate Tom's life. It's time to gather together outside under the beautiful shade trees at Immanuel and celebrate Tom's life and share an ice cream bar together. Family and friends are invited to attend Tom's Memorial Service on Sunday afternoon, October 11th at 2:00PM. We will celebrate Tom's life with our new normal style, observing all the wonderful pandemic precautions 2020 has bestowed upon us.

Those of us in the "club" have been impacted by this Covid even more. We already live lives that are altered from the usual. We feel the separation a little stronger than we used to. I'm not complaining, just pointing out the reality. Maybe we even have the advantage here. The isolation is not quite the new experience it is for non-club members. You non-club members need to be aware of your feelings and guard against slipping into any holes. And if you do feel at all desperate, please find someone to talk to or call one of the many hot lines and ask for help.

In the end, the desperation we are all feeling and the anxiety that seems to build with each passing day; the sense that that tidal wave you have watched growing as you stand on the sea shore with your feet stuck in the sand is about to crash over you — These are all feelings that Satan is smiling about. He can only win if we take our eyes off of Jesus and start gazing into his eyes.

If you stop believing God is who he says he is,
or
If you doubt that he can do the things he says he can do, then it's time to tighten your grip.

In 2005, the Christian Rock band Third Day wrote a song that's been banging around in my head for a while now:

“There is hope for the helpless,
Rest for the weary,
And love for the broken heart.
There is grace and forgiveness
Mercy and healing,
He'll meet you wherever you are!
Cry out to Jesus!”

Imagine if we spent as much time talking about Jesus as we rant about politics where we would be. In the end, it'll be our relationship with Jesus that's going to matter a whole lot more than our relationship with a politician or a political party.

In the day of internet challenges, I've got one for you. For one week, keep track of how often you talk about politics and spend an equal number of times talking about Jesus. I challenge you.

J R Baxter wrote these immortal country gospel words:

“This world is not my home I'm just a passing through!”

My sincere prayer every month is that these words in my Journey would ring true to at least one of you. My word for you this month is:

“Cry out to Jesus!”

I love you all,
John.

In Celebration of Our Member in 2020

Birthdays

3-Marian Olesen
 Gina Cogan
 Victoria Salwasser
 Allison Salmon
 6-Matthew Nielsen
 -Chris Messenlehner
 8- Pastor John Saethre
 9-Andree Kennedy
 11-Sandra Jensen
 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
 -Aubrey Nielsen
 28-Mark Salwasser
 -Jacqueline Caglia
 -Micah Bennetts
 -Mckenzie Bennetts
 29-Brad Gardner
 31-Liberty Auer



Wedding Anniversaries

1-Dan & Susan Stiltz (32 yrs.)
 6-Eric & Kristy Marthedal (13 yrs)
 7-Keith & Danell Dickey (14 yrs)
 11-Ed & Cindy Slaton (36 yrs)
 20-Neil & Barbara Pilegard (30 yrs.)
 22-Tommy & Melissa Tarlton (19 yrs)
 27-Mark & Victoria Salwasser (30 yrs)



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

Youth & Grace in Action

Hello Immanuel,

After discussion with Pastor Taylor and council, I am happy to announce that Refuge will resume outside of Grace Hall! The date for this is still to be decided due to the poor air quality from the fires, so more updates on that will come soon! Meetings will be on Wednesdays from 7-8PM to start.

Here's what you need to know about Refuge resuming outside:

-Masks will be required. If you do not have a mask, we will have some available, along with hand sanitizer.

-Social distancing is required and we will be using hula hoops and plastic pools to designate spaces.

-We know that we all miss each other, but we stress that we do not hug, high-five, shake hands, etc.

-Food will not be provided, and we ask that you eat dinner at home before arriving.

-Refuge nights will go for an hour, which will include a game, check-in, a lesson and prayer, ALL OF WHICH will be done from a distance.

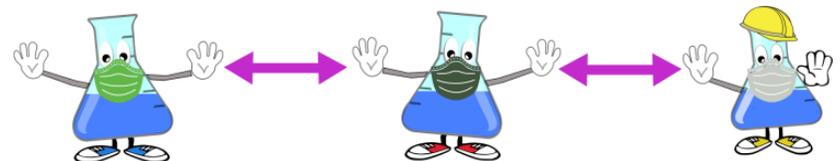
-Zoom may still be available if desired. Please contact Jacob if you need an online option.

-There will be NO PRESSURE for students to be physically present. We want to respect the opinions and comfort of our parents.

We are excited to resume what was an incredibly energetic and life-giving ministry prior to COVID-19.

Jacob Wood,
Youth Director at Immanuel

Social distance, please



News Notes

Birthday blessings to: MARIAN OLESEN on her 101st birthday October 3rd; to PASTOR JOHN SAETHRE on his 73rd birthday on October 8th and to PHYLLIS SULLIVAN on her 91st birthday October 13th.

Sympathy Love and Prayers

STANLEY GEORGE PILEGARD passed away at the age of 85 on September 11th. Stan grew up at Immanuel and was confirmed here. He and Martha moved to Sanger and attended church there. Stan is survived by his wife, Martha, and daughters, Lynn, Sandi and Kristen and their families as well as his brother Richard and sister Norma and their spouses.

Chimes Deadline Oct. 21st

If you have something that you would like to submit to our monthly newsletter, please email or mail it to our office secretary by Wednesday, **October 21 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!

Bits From Bethel

Bethel Lutheran Home in Selma, California is owned by Lutheran churches in the surrounding areas and governed by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has openings which could be an opportunity for you to have a rewarding ministry serving our Lord, senior citizens and their families. The Board of Directors meets once a month. If you are interested and have questions, please call the board president, Mr. Phil Benner, at 559 259-7780.

Bethel Lutheran Home offers three levels of care to over 100 senior citizens: Independent living at "The Village," Assisted Living, and Skilled Nursing. COVID 19 has changed all the lives of everyone and that includes Bethel as well. Our residents and staff are tested weekly for COVID 19 and the good news is that currently, we have NO positive cases. Our staff has worked hard to accomplish this goal. The bad news is that our residents have not been able to have visitors since March and they miss their families. Please pray for them.

Cindy Frea
Admissions / Human Resources

Ellen Nielsen

CRU Missionaries at Universities

Everything may be different right now, but God is still faithful and at work. That is the truth. Even though it is harder than ever for students to meet others on campus this fall, we are learning how to reach out and connect with students who are more desperate than ever to connect.

God is moving through your prayers and partnership to continue to help people find hope and faith in Christ. From July 20– September 21st, 519 students from all over the U.S. have been connected to a Cru leader through our College Bound Form.

Many thousands more have been connected through local Cru Instagram accounts and other innovative ways of connecting with students. One week in September, 144 Cru leaders were trained in how to connect with freshmen through Instagram. We are learning how to help students stay connected to each other and to Jesus.



These encouraging stories from my team leader Ryan McReynolds who serves as Cru's National Marketing Director from his home in Boston, MA. Sometimes it's challenging to be the only one on my team that's on the West Coast, but he does a great job at keeping us all connected by using technology in creative ways. Actually, working on a digital team the past 3 years has been an asset in this season as we help train our campus staff to use new methods of digital ministry to connect with students this Fall.

It's not too late to help a college student in your life. Would you share this opportunity to connect them with Cru? Please give me a call or email and we can discuss the different platforms to connect them through this virtual learning season.

Your prayers and partnership are making a difference in the lives of students, even in the distance of the pandemic. Thank you for your investment in growing this generation of students.

Your sister in Christ,
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October 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:00AM Men's Bible Study	2	3
4 9:00AM Outdoor Worship with Communion	5 12:00-2:00PM Easton Communi- ty Food Distribu- tion	6	7 9:30AM Women's Community Prayer Gathering at Easton Presbyterian Church	8 6:00AM Men's Bible Study	9	10
11 9:00AM Outdoor Worship 10:00AM Congregational Prayer Time 2:00PM Memorial Service In memory of Tom Britter	12	13	14 9:30AM Women's Community Prayer Gathering at Easton Presbyterian Church	15 6:00AM Men's Bible Study	16 Virtual Movie Night streaming from our website.	17
18 9:00AM Outdoor Worship with Communion	19	20 7:00PM Church Council Meeting in Social Hall	21 Chimes Deadline 9:30AM Women's Community Prayer Gathering at Easton Presbyterian Church	22 6:00AM Men's Bible Study	23	24 Drive-By Pick up Pulled Pork Sandwich Dinner Fundraiser for the Fresno Mission!
25 Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood Drive 8:00AM-Noon. 900AM Outdoor Worship	26	27	28 9:30AM Women's Community Prayer Gathering at Easton Presbyterian Church	29 6:00AM Men's Bible Study	30	31