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**Saturday Night
November 6th 9**



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**The Immanuel Chimes
November
2021**



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Daylight Saving

Time Ends on

Sunday,

November 7th!

Set your clocks

back Saturday night and wake up rested and

ready to come to church at 10:30AM!

Pastor's Page

The Fifth Commandment

When I was about seventeen, I was at summer camp with a friend of mine and during our daily devotionals, the pastor teaching us said, with much authority, "If you eat while your neighbor starves, you have killed your neighbor."

My friend, sitting next to me, reacted with a lot of feeling. "I hate that. I hate everything about that."

It wasn't until I was in seminary that I stumbled across this quote again, right smack in the middle of Luther's Large Catechism. Luther takes it further. "If you see your neighbor naked and you do not clothe him, you've killed your neighbor. If you see your neighbor hungry and you do not feed them, you've killed your neighbor. If you see your neighbor condemned to death or in danger, and you have means to prevent his death, and you do not act on his behalf, you've killed your neighbor."

Ouch.

My thoughts, much like my friend sitting next to me at summer camp, are, "I hate that. I hate everything about that." It used to be that when I was thinking about the Ten Commandments, the Fifth Commandment was the one I could confidently say I'd never broken. Have I dishonored my mother and father? Sure. Envied my neighbor? Absolutely. Taken the Lord's name in vain? On occasion. I'm not proud of it. But murdered someone? No way! Then Luther comes along and when I read his explanation, I feel this deep pit in my stomach and I'm confronted with the reality that maybe I have killed my neighbor. Maybe I've killed my neighbor everyday. Here's the thing: We can't save the world. The burden of fixing the lives of everyone around me does not fall on my shoulders, but that doesn't

Central Pacific Mission District Retreat

Dear Fellow Partners in Ministry:

I praise God for a wonderful retreat at Holy Cross, Pacifica! I'm thankful for our planning team of Pastors Tom Nibbe and Taylor Stempniak and the prayers of many, seeking God's guidance for a time of Holy Spirit renewal.

Over 50 people from our congregations were present, being blessed by Bishop Emeritus John Brodosky and his personal sharing on "Discipleship." We were also blessed by the music and worship of the weekend, punctuated by an amazing Toot Sweet Jazz Band and gospel singer Gloria Scott. We couldn't get enough of either!

I'm also pleased to announce that we received \$2,117 for the NALC Disaster Relief towards the seminary in Ethiopia. What a blessing to be able to share our love and compassion to our sisters and brothers with whom we are in full communion.

We thank Thrivent Financial for funding a portion of the retreat (\$1,000) and supplying our packets. We were blessed by a special guest, Dr. Marcos Zemedede of the Horn of Africa ministry. We got a ring-side seat to what the Lord is doing to bring thousands to Christ!

Special thanks to Pastor Tom and the folks at Holy Cross Lutheran Church for hosting this time of renewal for our Central Pacific Mission District. They did a banner job with all the meals, set-up and worship. The last time we gathered in any form as clergy and lay alike was 2014. We really needed this event, and God blessed us mightily in gathering us together in Christian fellowship.

God is good - all the time - God is good!

Pastor John Saethre
Central Pacific Mission District Dean

Travel Adventures

Laurel and Randy took a trip to the Greek Islands

In October, Randy and I took a week cruise in the Greek Islands. We learned that there are 6,000 islands (most uninhabited) and we were able to visit 6 of them. Each island was unique, but two stood out for their histories.

Olympia The first Olympics were held on this island annually way before Christ (776 B.C. through 393 B.C. The Olympics were not just for athletic competition, but for worshipping the god, Zeus. At the beginning of the Olympics, the only events were wrestling and foot racing with the longest racing event being only 600 feet. The Olympics were such a big event that the wars would stop so that the competitions could be held. Two interesting facts are (1) women were forbidden to participate or even observe and (2) all events were done in the nude. Fortunately, these things have changed over the years

Rhodes The island of Rhodes is mentioned in the Bible. The Apostle Paul stopped there on his third missionary journey. We visited the Acropolis (a high hill with temples) at Lindos which was built in the 9th Century B.C. That is a long time ago! After laboriously climbing the hill to reach the Acropolis, our tour guide, a fellow believer, gathered everyone in our group together for a spiritual history lesson. He eloquently told us that while Paul was waiting in Athens for friends to join him, he became aware of the many idols and how one idol with the inscription, “to an unknown god” moved him to tell the people about the ‘unknown God’ who died and rose so they may have eternal life. Paul used his observations and quotes from Greek philosophers to convey the Gospel message. Our guide pointed out that not many believed at that time and many argued with Paul. However, our guide also pointed out that Paul shared a similar message right where we were standing and the boldness of Paul changed the course of Greek history as believers established churches in many locations in Greece (Corinth, Thessalonica to name a few) and idol worship subsided. We observed Orthodox Christian churches, large and small, everywhere we went in Greece.

I couldn't help but to be challenged by Paul's actions in Athens. He was alone but boldly shared the Gospel to a society that had worshipped idols for thousands of years. The response to Paul's message wasn't immediate, but seeds were planted and it transformed a nation. Paul wrote in Romans 1:16; “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.” Paul lived what he preached.

Laurel Jacobsen

change the reality that I do still have a responsibility to my neighbor.

We talked last month about how honoring our mother and father later in their lives means recognizing them not for what they can do for us, but rather recognizing that they are beloved children of God who are worthy of care based solely on God's love for them alone. The same doctrine applies to our neighbor: - our neighbor next door who we love, and the neighbor next door who has made us angry, our neighbor whose work has prospered into wealth, and our neighbor who's homeless, our neighbor who's healthy and our neighbor who's struggling with addiction. The word of scripture is clear: Christ commends us to love the children of God, even when we struggle to like them, and when we fail to do so, our actions can lead to spiritual or even physical death.

So how do we keep this commandment? We do our best to orient our actions in the same love and generosity that Christ has shown us. Before we gossip, we consider the way our words may wound or kill the spirit of the person we speak about. When we see someone in need of help, we act in generosity rather than judgement. When we give thanks for what we have been given and what we have earned, we also take time to count what we may give to others. The world is not ours to save. It's the Lord's, and he has already saved it through his life, death, and resurrection. However, the world is ours to love, and as we seek to build the Lord's kingdom here, let us refuse to neglect, ignore, or act carelessly to our neighbors, but rather seek to bring them into the kingdom through love. Let us build a room for them here, where they will not suffer death at the hands of our carelessness, but know the life giving love of our savior.

Blessings of peace to you, my friends,
Pastor Taylor

The Caruthers Fair

SUCCESS!!! Some years are better than others and this year, our Fair Food Booth was better than we could have imagined! We set a great record! It will enable use to donate \$24,783.97 to the Fresno Mission for the wonderful and incredible things it does for the community. The total includes donations to the Caruthers Fair Project and not just sales at the fair. The total donations from the Caruthers Fair Project to the Fresno Mission since 2004 is \$191,347.76. This includes the 2020 Sandwich Sale that we did as a drive-through because there was no fair in 2020. Since it was advertised as the Caruthers Fair Sandwich Fundraiser, I thought it only right to include it in the total.

We had 50 people volunteer their time and most will agree it was too much fun to be called work. We started prepping the booth on September 20th and organizing and prepping a lot the week before. The Saturday before the fair, we moved and set up. Tuesday before the fair started, we shucked 35 cases of corn with a crew of about 20 people who were done in less than 2 hours. We sold all of that and needed to shuck another 5 cases on Saturday. AWESOME! Thank you to our dear sweet friend, Melinda Cullins, who lives in Madera and was willing to go pick up 5 cases of corn at the only produce company that would sell us corn on a Saturday morning. She delivered and helped in the booth all day.

We were surprised with how busy we were on Wednesday night. Definitely a great start for a busy week. Thank you to all the volunteers who came in an extra day and stayed a couple hours longer if needed. Thank you all for your time, energy and love for this mission project started by Immanuel in 2004.

With the modifications to our menu and a quite a few non-perishable supplies left over from 2019, our expenses were down a bit despite the significant rise in the cost of food. Again, with the donation of the refrigerated trailer, donations of funds towards this project, and the donation of time and energy from those who like to step out of their box of normalcy, we were able to work through the week exhausted but inspired by what we can accomplish together working to build God's Kingdom better! Are you ready for next year? Sign up sheets are on the board already! We can make good things happen again in 2022!

Thanks for all of you and the work for this ministry,
Victoria Salwasser

A- frame and bell back together. New custom Douglas Fir premium grade exterior paint-treated beams and Douglas Fir 4" x 4" exterior-treated "spacer" beams to help hold the bell in place were installed. New galvanized brackets, bolts, nuts and washers to connect to the new non-conductive ladders for all three levels were also installed to allow safe, OSHA approved entry to the bell for future service. The old straight ladders were an accident waiting to happen. Appropriately, spaced grab handles were installed for safer access to the bell for inspection and regular cleaning. The finishing touch was repairing the electrical system and grounding the lights and the large stainless steel cross attached to the bell tower. The new lights are on a photo cell and turn on when it is dark to create a beautiful glow. The bell tower is now a beacon in our community. Be sure to look up when you drive by Immanuel at night.

Neil taught bell tolling lessons. He was quite adamant that we learn to ring and toll the bell correctly. Here is what he taught and the guidelines are posted in the bell tower closet. Be sure to review before grabbing the rope.

Bell Ringing 101.

1. Right hand on top of knot
2. Left hand on bottom of knot
3. Pull down once, let rope roll up
4. Pull down again, bell will ring at the bottom of pull
5. Pull down again, bell will ring and the rhythm of the rope will direct the ring. It takes practice.

The Toller is used for solemn occasions. The bell is rang for joyful occasions.

This was a great project to complete and to learn about the bell that was installed securely into the tower when our saints built our beautiful church so many years ago.

Our Bell Repair Fund has earned \$6,950. Unfortunately, we are short about \$2,000 for the bell repair. If you would like to help with the repair expense, you may donate to the designated fund for bell repair online or note bell repair on a check to Immanuel.

Blessings to all and thank you to the donors, bell and toll ringers through the years. The bell is truly a beacon in our community.



Repaired clapper & hammer

Our Bell is Repaired

In March of 2021, we discovered our wonderful Cast Iron Bell was not in very good shape. Our fearless fireman, Tim Pilegard, gracefully climbed the rickety ladders and discovered some dangerous issues. The bell had two cracks in the A Frame that hold it together, the cradle that supports the bell was rotten and the bell tower was full of dirt. The electrical up there was a mess too. Who remembers the electrical chime/horn system? Remnants of it were up there. The bell and its tower were neglected and needed a good overhaul and clean up.



We called upon our resident welder, Chris Messenlehner, and a Bell Repair Specialist, Neil Gertner, who travels to California from Montana to work on bells and tune hand bells. Between the two of these master minds, the bell is repaired and OSHA approved. Now, it is a beacon to our community. Look up at night when you drive by. The repairs were thought out and planned and rethought and improvised to conclude the project to its original glory.

Repaired Cracked Frame



Once the bell tower was cleared from all the old chime/horn system and years of dirt and debris that had accumulated, Chris was able to build a rack to hang the bell on and remove existing bell brackets and base from tower. He took the broken

brackets to a cast iron welding specialist. This is another special talent since cast iron welders are few and far between. Thankfully, Chris knows a cast iron welder and he was able to repair the A-frame and wheel beautifully for us. When this was completed, Neil scheduled to return to California. He removed the old rope and greased the cast bell, secured a new single rope, installed new conditioned leather clapper pads on the bell and worked with Chris to connect the



Welded wheel & new rope

Weekly Advent Gatherings

Apocalypse of Advent

Do you ever feel like the world's ending?

What does scripture have to say about the Apocalypse?

Why do we hear so much about the end of the world during the season of Advent when we're supposed to be preparing for Christmas?

Join us every Wednesday in Advent from 6:30-7:30. Bring a friend and, if you'd like to, you can bring a soup to share too!

December 1, 8, 15 & 22
in the Social Hall at
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Bring your Bible!

Journey

So let's circle back to grieving. That is, after all, where this all began. What is grief? Wikipedia says that it is the response to loss. Mostly we associate that with the loss of a loved one. I think that's a classical definition we can all get on board with and also we can all relate too as well. Certainly Cindy was my major loss and I grieve her being gone to this day. I'm convinced if I met someone, fell in love, and got married, I would still have a void that Cindy used to fill. I would trust that the person I married would understand that a small piece of the puzzle that is missing is her. The pain subsides but the scar is there to remind you of that injury. This should all be familiar and obvious to all of you. But, let's talk about some other things that cause us to grieve.

Retirement for me was another source of grieving. My job took a lot of my time and was something I thought about in my off hours. I loved my job and I miss the adrenaline rush that it sparked in me. I was good at my job and people recognized my abilities. I had no intention of retiring. Then Cindy's oncologist gave us her diagnosis and laid out the treatment plan. Cindy and I talked on the way home, we decided I needed to retire and when we got home I called my boss and gave him my two weeks notice. I grieve the loss of that job. It was the right decision, but I still grieve it.

My daughter's mother passed four-plus years ago and she inherited the family property, so I've been working to help her clean up a mess of five acres. By mess, I don't mean a few things out of order, I mean a full blown mess. Again, I enjoyed working on her property. Even at the height of Covid, before I was able to be vaccinated, I could be out there living the dream. Most days, I didn't encounter anything but a few squirrels, a couple of foxes and an occasional skunk. Here's where the grieving comes in. In the course of those four-plus years, I've had to ratchet back. The 6 to 8 hours a day has become 3 or 4 hours, 3 days a week. My body just can't put in those hours anymore. I grieve that loss of endurance.

And lately, I'm grieving the loss of having my mother across the driveway from me. To be sure, her grief is much greater, but this about me after all. Now I have to plan when we can visit her and make the necessary arrangements.

Grief is one of the most universal of emotions we all experience. Grieving can be relatively minor or it can be life changing and invasive. It can grip you like few things can. It can interrupt and control your life.

CRU Missionary Andrew Nielsen

"Is this a scam?" inquired Max after fully grasping the prospect of free food and fellowship.

The UC Davis Bridges team met Max, an Indonesian international student, at UC Davis in Fall 2019. He was incredibly skeptical when they first invited him to Andrew's house for a welcome dinner. In the past three years with iLife, Max has grown in his faith and has become a valued student leader. Max said when he first joined Bridges, he was looking for a "moral" community to be a part of while away from home, but never expected that this community would teach him how to have a deeper relationship with the Lord, how to share his faith, and lead others in a Bible study.

Having completed his master's degree at UC Davis, Max will return to Indonesia before moving to the UK to pursue a Ph.D. at Cambridge University. As Max prepares for his departure, he is grateful to know what it means to truly follow Jesus wherever he goes. He wants other students to have the same opportunity!

This is what Bridges International is all about. The program aims to reach out to foreign exchange students at Universities and share the Gospel, lead the students to God, and teach them how to share their faith with others. By doing this, they create missionaries through the foreign exchange students that return to their countries where they already know the language and have access to people who have not yet heard the Good News. The team at UC Davis consists of three full-time staff members who work with six key students from India, Myanmar, Taiwan, Indonesia, Ivory Coast and Nigeria. With 8,000 students on the UC Davis campus, the team has its hands full.

One of the ways they reach these students is by picking the incoming students up at the airport. Prayers for this part of their ministry are certainly coveted. This is their first opportunity to welcome the students to our county and first impressions are most important. Pray for the Lord to prepare the hearts of the incoming students to receive the Gospel and give the Bridges Team the wisdom and boldness on how to love and care for each student that they meet. Pray for the international students to continue to live and share their Christian faith as they move back to their new countries.

This is a vital ministry at universities across our nation. Thank you to Andrew Nielsen for working through this ministry and we are looking forward to hearing more about your endeavors. Immanuel continues to support Andrew Nielsen in this ministry monthly.

CRU Missionary Ellen Nielsen

“I just met up with Sarah and she decided to pray to receive Christ after I shared the gospel with her!!!! She has been interested in learning more about Jesus since she was in high school and wanted to get connected to people who followed Jesus, so she is super excited to get involved and grow in her faith! Thank you for all you do to help students get connected! The Lord is working and using you and your faithfulness!!! I hope this story is encouraging to you today!!” —Kristi N. (Cru staff at University of Iowa)

I received this message in the paragraph above from my friend Kristi in reference to a Concierge connection that I made just TWO DAYS earlier via our cru.org/campus form!!!

Sarah reached out through Cru’s website on Monday, September 27th, asking for resources to start a relationship with Jesus and get connected on campus. As the Concierge, I connected her to the Cru Team Leader, Katie, at the University of Iowa in hopes that her team would follow up with Sarah. Little did I know that my friend Kristi would actually be the one to meet with her two days later to share the Gospel with her!

Within the course of a week, Sarah got connected to campus via Cru.org (27th); heard the gospel, accepted Christ and got involved with a Life Group (29th); went to the University of Iowa’s weekly Cru meeting (30th); and attended their Fall Getaway that was happening that weekend (Oct. 1-3)!!!... She really jumped right in!

It’s been so sweet to hear how quickly Sarah has been getting involved and finding community!! The Lord’s timing truly is perfect...

Although you may never meet them on this side of heaven, you are making an impact on the lives of so many students through your prayers and financial support. Thank you so much for partnering with my ministry!

Blessings to Immanuel. Thank you for your support,

Ellen Nielsen

One of the reasons I write about this journey I’m on is to help control my grief. It doesn’t take it away but it does offer the best defense against controlling grief that I’ve found. It’s why alcoholics go to AA meetings, and it’s why drug addicts go to NA meetings. It’s why we go to church or any other Christian fellowship gathering. We go to share our common experience. I don’t have the same exact grief as you, nor do you have the same exact grief as me. What we have is an opportunity to allow God to bond us together so that we can heal together. When we share each other’s loads, we lighten the loads of both of us. It’s not the cure-all, but it helps. You are my connection to God! And I want to be yours. I want you to know that someone cares about where you are on the path. I ask that you do the same for me. If you’ve talked to me more than two minutes you know I don’t have all the answers. Maybe together we can lift each other enough to keep going. Our congregation is known for our caring for each other. We are all in this together. Nobody has a perfect life and knows all the answers. Flawed as we are, we can still embrace each other. Grief is universal. God is too. He brings us together to be a help to each other and care for each other in times of loss.

I love you all. See you at church.
John.

Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood Drive **11-21-21 from 8:00am-11:00am**

This month will be our last Blood Drive for 2021. We have had significantly lower numbers of donors this year than even last year. So if you are feeling healthy and well and would like to help others by donating blood, it’s a simple and easy process, especially on Sundays before church.

Simply sign up on the link: <https://signup.com/go/wabVKef>
Signing up helps the Blood Center prepare for the drive and stock their truck accordingly. It’s not mandatory, so if you forget to sign up but want to donate that day, please do. Be sure to eat a healthy breakfast before donating and drink plenty of fluids. I always take an iron vitamin a day or two before hand just to be sure I’m fully loaded with iron because they do check that as well as your temperature and blood pressure before you donate.

Join us if you can this month in the blood mobile. It’s a gift you can give that keeps on giving. Every time you donate blood, you help 3 people. Hopefully, we can continue this ministry in Easton in 2022 again.

News Notes

Address updates from our last printed directory.

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Amazon Smiles Program offers portions of your purchases donated to Immanuel. When you shop on Amazon, instead of going to amazon.com, go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2737287> and our church will receive a donation percentage of your purchase.

Christmas Choir at Immanuel

We are putting together an Immanuel Christmas Choir which will be directed by Barbara Petersen. Anyone and everyone are invited to be a part of this choir, so limber up your vocal chords to join the fun of singing together during the Christmas season. Check your Sunday bulletin for more information.

Sweet Treat on Elm Street!

The inter-generational event was a blast! There were lots of fun folks out in front of Grace Hall filling candy bags, having craft activities and serving hot chocolate and fun! A great time was had by all. Thank you to those who participated!

In Celebration of Our Members':

Birthdays

1-Emerson Linger
3-Jennifer Perez
5-Sandy Britter
6-Ericka Gardner
7-Stephanie Clarkson
10- Jim Hansen
13-Noah Cisneros
17-Andrew Nielsen
-Tori Tarlton
-Dylan Harding
20-Don Pettitt
- Dan Lindsey
23-Laura Nielsen
28- Al Hooper

Wedding Anniversaries

4-Robert & Kaylee Hollenbeck(4)
19-Nick & Jackie Caglia (16)
21-Fred & Sandi Johnson(51)

Baptismal Birthdays

4- Irma Orozco
8-Betty Moore
Matthew Nielsen
17-Chase Clarkson

NOVEMBER



Prayers for our Church Family & Friends

Members and their families serving in the military: Erica Botello, Joey Brewer, Henry Clark, Ryan Freitas, Michael Hansen, Caleb Hathaway, Leah Linger, Matt Ward, & Matthew Tigchelaar.

Those unable to travel about: Betty Jensen, Gail Hansen, Marilyn Iversen, Art & Marian Olesen, Lois Rasmussen, and Bonnie Terkelsen.

Those in need of healing: Sandy Britter, Ed Bordin, Jacob & Nick Caglia, Gaye Cissel, Dale Ewing, Joyce Futrell, Kay & Tom Haig, Traci Hogstad, Doug Hollenbeck, Al & Judy Hooper, Mari Millar, Jeffrey Moser, Glenn & Marilyn Nielsen, Llewellyn Ostergard, Donna Kennedy, Don Pettitt, Virginia Pilegard, Kay Pucheu, Freida Rice, Pastor John Saethre, Bob Schutz, Stephanie, Timm Trickett, Caitlin Tyler, Gene Ventura, & Joe Wozniczka.

For those morning the loss of loved ones: the families of Howard Nielsen and Gil Nagel, (*Nancy Newsom's father*)



Sympathy Love and Prayers

Howard Wayne Nielsen, born in Oakland, Ca. to Walter and Sanna Nielsen on May 22, 1935. He died in his room at the Harvest Memory Care facility in Fowler in the early morning of October 12th peacefully while he slept. Praise God. He was 86 years old.

When he was 2, his family moved to Oleander where he spent 78 years living in the same home at 2172 E. Morton. The last 6 years were spent at the Harvest Memory Care facility in Fowler.

He attended Oleander Grammar School and graduated from Washington Union High School in 1953. He continued on at Fresno State where he received a degree in History and eventually his teaching credential in 1959.

He attended and was confirmed here at Immanuel Lutheran Church where he was a member his whole life. He served as secretary on the Church Council and was an usher for many years too.

He received his first job offer from Fowler Unified School District where he taught in one form or another for the next 44 years. Even in his last days at the hospital, he was still telling people about being a teacher at Fowler High. He was very proud to be part of that community.

He was laid to rest at the Washington Colony Cemetery on Saturday and a memorial service at Immanuel on Sunday, October 24th. We are confident that we will see him again in glory. Well done good and faithful servant.

Thank you Immanuel Lutheran Church

Thank you Immanuel Lutheran Church for creating a space for Florence. You were her family and her “huggy” friends! A big thanks to all who had a part in making her service so special.

The Family of Florence Johnston.

Thank you all for the cards, texts, and prayers for my family and me at the loss of my Dad, Gil Nagel. I am blessed with a loving church family that loves me no matter where I live. Your prayers keep me going. Blessings to all. God is good!

Nancy Newsom

Fresno Mission Guinness Book of World Record For the Longest Line of Socks!

Socks! Warm socks are so important in the winter. That's why the Fresno Mission started collecting socks for people in need across our state, with an added incentive of setting a world record! Immanuel and Easton Presbyterian Church have been collecting socks since March. The paragraphs below are from Paula Bohamed, the volunteer coordinator for the November 13th longest-line-of-socks Guinness Book of World Record event!

We hope to draw awareness to those living in our community that are facing life insecurities during Homelessness Awareness Month. This is a family fun day event as well. We will have popcorn, bounce houses, and face painting as well as food trucks during the event which is 9am-2pm at Cross City Church located at 2777 E. Nees Ave. in Clovis, CA.

We have created a specific link and team for Immanuel to serve together. The team can consist of any size up to 20 volunteers. Then we would start another team. Here is the link for your team:
<http://ls1team25ilchurch.fresnorm.volunteerhub.com/>

We are asking the teams to try to have their team sign up by November 1 so we can get a grasp on how many volunteers will attend.

If you have any questions, Paula Bohamed, our volunteer coordinator, can help answer. Her email is: pbohamed@fresnomission.org.

Blessings,
Paula Bohamed

All volunteers from Immanuel may sign up at the link listed above. There will also be a car pool sign up sheet on the blue bulletin board for those wishing to car pool from the church that Saturday morning.

Questions? Call Victoria at the church office 237-7909. It's going to be a fun day. The socks need to be hung up and then taken down and prepped for distribution to those in need. They have established a method to keep the socks paired and ready to go. Let's help them.



Bell carolers perform at the 2019 Thanksgiving Eve Service.

Let's Give Thanks!

Easton Churches
Invite You To A

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, Nov. 24, 7 p.m.
at

Immanuel Lutheran Church
(corner of Elm and Lincoln, Easton)

*The Fresno Mission Will Share
True Stories of Thanksgiving*

Bring a Pie for the Pie Potluck!
Coffee and Fellowship Following the Service
Non-perishable food and monetary donations
will benefit The Fresno Mission





Holiday Craft Sale

*Quilts and handmade items will
be for sale on
Saturday November 20
from 10:00-2:00*

*In the social and again Sunday,
November 21, before and after
morning worship in the
Social Hall.*

*If you have anything you would like
to donate to sell, please contact
Laura Nielsen.*

*All proceeds will be going to
the social hall
remodel fund.*

Ummatta First Sunday in Advent

Hello Immanuel,

We would like to invite you, your family, your friends, your neighbors, and anyone else you can think of to come out and celebrate the start of Advent with us at Christmas Ummata 2021. Ummata is a chance for the church to gather together and form relationships based on our interests with those of all ages.

Date: November 28, 2021

Time: Noon — 3 p.m.

**What is Ummatta:
Lunch, A Great Speaker, An
Activity, and Christmas Music**

More information to follow! If you would like to help us put on this event or just have any questions, please contact me.

We are having a planning meeting Oct. 31 at 9 a.m. at church and you are invited to come help if you feel God calling you.

I can't wait to see you all at Ummata!

Kristina Hollenbeck
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*Christmas
Ummata 2021*

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

12 PM - 3 PM

Join us after church in the Social Hall for an intergenerational experience to mark the start of the Advent Season!

We will have lunch, a speaker, breakout groups, and Christmas music.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 10:30AM Worship & Communion	1 7:00PM NA in Grace Hall	2	3	4 6:00AM Men's Bible Study	5	6
7 10:30AM Worship & Communion	8 7:00PM NA in Grace Hall	19	10	11 Veterans Day 6:00AM Men's Bible Study	12	13 9:00AM-2:00PM Fresno Mission's Guinness Book of World Records for the Longest Line of Socks!
14 10:30AM Worship & Communion Congregational Prayer after Worship in the Sanctuary.	15 7:00PM NA in Grace Hall	16 7:00PM Church Council Meeting	17 Chimes Deadline	18 6:00AM Men's Bible Study	19	20
21 Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood Drive 8:00AM-11:00AM 10:30AM Worship & Communion	22 7:00PM NA in Grace Hall	23	24	25 Thanksgiving! No Men's Bible Study today.	26	27
28 First Sunday in Advent 10:30AM Worship & Communion Ummatta following worship	29	30	December 1 6:30PM Apocalypse of Advent	2 6:00AM Men's Bible Study	3	4