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American Independence Day
July 4th
Remember to fly your American Flag!



Return Service Requested



Easton Food Distribution on July 1st

Kingsburg Music in the Park, Thursdays
through July 21st at 8:00pm.

Women's Bunco Game July
6th at 7:00pm

Ummata starts July 31st after
church!



The Immanuel Chimes July 2022

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July Highlights !



From our Pastor

My junior year of high school, one of my dearest friends was getting her masters in religion at the university of Georgia and my parents agreed to allow me to shadow her classes during my spring break. I sat in a theology class, taught by Dr. Richard Friedman, the professor of Jewish studies and the author of many books and even a consultant on the DreamWorks film "Prince of Egypt." While sitting in his class on the book of Job, one of the students asked him with no small amount of confrontation, how he knew God existed. Dr. Friedman did not hesitate. He turned from the board and fixed his eyes on the student. "Reese's cups."

The student laughed. "What?"

"Reese's cups. Peanuts grow from the ground. Cocoa grows from trees. We could get into the nitty-gritty of the sugar and water involved with the process but the point I'm trying to make is this: both of these things grow from the ground. Both of them taste fine—good even when they're on their own, but when you combine them, they're delicious. Reese's cups are how I know God exists."

"I'm being serious." The student protested.

"So am I," Dr. Friedman replied, and he turned back to the board.

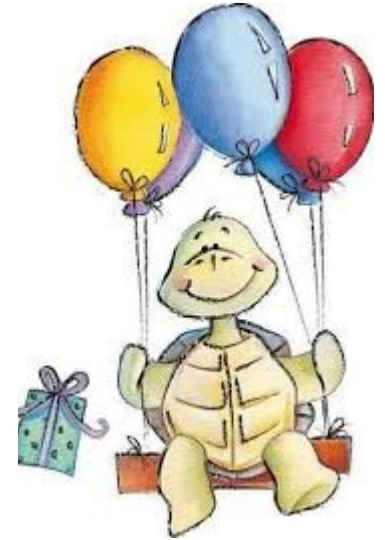
You may be able to tell from the amount of food illustrations I use in my sermons that this interaction had a profound impact on my seventeen-year-old mind, but there is a sincere theology in what Dr. Friedman provided the class that day. The Lord has provided us our daily peanut butter and chocolate, he has provided for us our daily bread. We have been entrusted with gardens and livestock and waterways that we cultivate and care for but we did not first create. When we turn to the Lord in prayer, asking that he give us our daily bread, we are asking that once again, the Lord would allow us to wake up in the world he designed, where trees and plants breathe out what we need to breathe and breathe in what we cannot, where the sun and rain alike would provide growth for our food, and where our needs, though not always our desires, would be provided for by the Lord once again in abounding generosity. If we pray this prayer daily, we are recognizing that the Lord hears our needs and desires, and all that we have been given comes to him.

But there is no mistake that this petition is next to a petition for forgiveness. "And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." As necessary as bread, as vital as peanut butter and chocolate, is our daily need for repentance and forgiveness. We cannot live on bread alone, but we do live on the grace of God. We return each day with the acknowledgement that we need forgiveness. Our sin seeks to harden our

In Celebration of our Members 2022

Birthdays

3-Betty Moore
-Diane Laub
5-Kay Jensen
7-Michael Hansen
Mike Moser
9- Suzie Johnson
10-Lance Petersen
Robert Hollenbeck
15-Leah Linger
16-Carl Jensen
19-Taylor Ewing
20-Nancy Newsom
23-Shane Johnson
24- Irma Orozco
25-Joseph E. Perez
26-Cynthia Stetter
Bobby Bell
28-Allison Terrones
31-Hilary Gardner



Wedding Anniversaries

9-Dale & Donna Ewing (34)
17-Lance & Barbara Petersen (51)
Phil & Susie Tews (44)
24-Mike & Carol Bennetts (46)
27-Mike & Laura Nielsen (37)



Baptismal Birthdays

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



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



Caruthers Fair Food Booth

Fundraiser for Fresno Mission

The Caruthers Fair is scheduled on the annual date of the last Wednesday in **September 28th and runs four days to October 1st.**

It's official Immanuel will host the food booth out at the Caruthers Fair again this year. We made some great changes last year that we will focus on again this year. Phil Tews is in charge of Corn Huskers on Tuesday, September 27th at 6:30pm. We will husk 40 cases of corn that night so we need a large crew of volunteers. Mark that date on your calendar and pray for cool weather the last week of September.

Thank you to Immanuel's servants who have been serving at The Fresno Mission one night a month the past couple months. Those who have volunteered get an up close and personal view of the power that God has worked through that organization. Our little part means a lot more than it takes from sharing our time for service working with the disciples, serving the community.

This year, like the years before, will take a strong committed crew for God to get the job done right. Please keep this ministry in your prayers for guidance.

Please share your ideas and thoughts about how we can make the booth easier for you to help at. Relay that information to me at by calling me at 237-7909 or call/text: 559-285-5181 or my Email: at office@immanueleaston.com or talk to Mark or I after church on Sundays. We love to talk about the fair.

Victoria Salwasser
Fair Enthusiast!

Prayers for our members and friends...

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

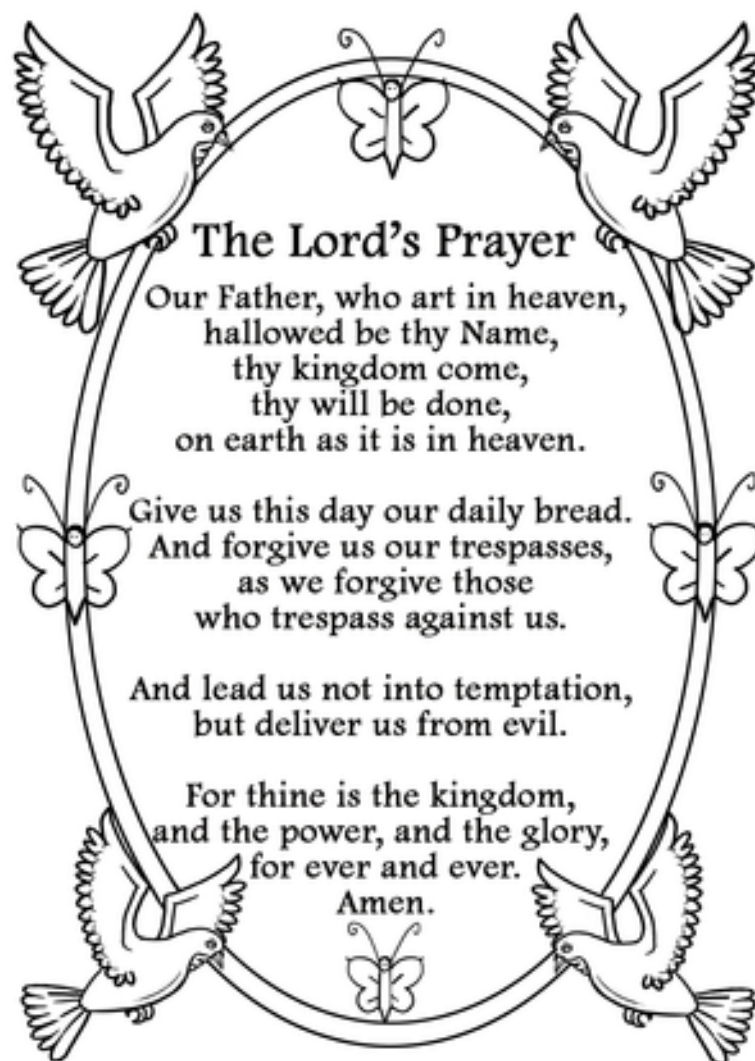
Those unable to travel about: Gail Hansen, Paul Pedersen, Lois Rasmussen & Bonnie Terkelsen.

Those in need of pain relief & healing: Dave Angel, Debra Babshoff, Sandy Britter, Ed Bordin, Gaye Cissel, Stephanie Clarkson, Carlene Gadberry, Enrique, Esther Gutierrez, Al Hooper, Kim Jennings, Donna Kennedy, Dave Marlar, Diane Mehrten, Velia Miranda, Betty Moore, Christie Pettitt, Glenn Rasmussen, Margaret Raven, John Reynolds, Kenneth Selzer, Christina Strutt, Caitlin Tyler, Keitt Wilson & Laura Wolfe.

For those grieving the loss of loved ones: The family of Art & Marian Olesen.

hearts to the needs of our neighbors. Our sin goads us to chase our own desires above the desires of our Lord. Our sin implants itself so that we justify the grudges we hold. It would be easy, desirable, and dangerous if we were to spend each day forgetting about the ways we stumble, but the Lord asks us to spend each morning asking for what we truly need: Not only bread, but the bread of life. The body of Christ that is given to us and on behalf of us so we may find forgiveness, and in the vastness of God's grace and mercy, we may find the ability to forgive not only ourselves but our neighbors. So we pray once more that the Lord would provide all that we need for body and soul, that he would soften our hearts and transform them, we pray to the Lord with the words that Christ first gave us.

Blessings,
Pastor
Taylor



Sympathy Love and Prayers for the family of Art Olesen

Arthur Olesen born on July 30, 1918 and passed away on June 7, 2022 at the age of 103. He was born on July 30, 1918 to Niels and Anna Elizabeth Olesen on the home place in Easton, California where he lived all his life except for 5 years in the U.S. Army and 5 years in San Rafael after World War II. During his time in the Army, he was stationed at Fort Winfield Scott in San Francisco where he met his future wife, Marian Elizabeth Carrico. Before the war was over, they married in January of 1945 and shortly after that he was shipped out to Newfoundland. After dad returned from the War, Mom and Dad settled in San Rafael where he worked at North Bay Electric. In May of 1950, Dad, Mom and their first daughter, Judy, moved back home to the home place where he began his life profession working as a plumber, electrician, and raisin farmer. After being home only two weeks, their second daughter, Joan, was born and then later their third daughter, Janet, came along.

Dad worked so hard all his life devoting his time to his family unconditionally. His entire life was centered around making sure we loved the Lord by taking us to church every Sunday. He loved his family and made many sacrifices for us. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marian, on May 19, 2022. They were married 77 years. We cannot put into words the loss we feel but find comfort in knowing he is in heaven with the Lord.

Dad leaves behind his three daughters, Judy Litten, Joan Lindsey, and Janet Messenlehner, sons-in-law, Dan Lindsey and Bill Messenlehner, 5 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren with one more soon to be born in July. He leaves behind many nieces and nephews. We would like to thank his caregivers, Amelia, Cecilia, and Marta for their dedicated support in caring for our father over the last 8 years of his life.

Dad we love you so much and you will forever be in our hearts. Art is preceded in death by: Wife, Marian E. Olesen, Parents, Niels & Anna E. Olesen, Siblings Donald Olesen, Bernice Christensen Wood and Helen Mackersie.

Services were held at Washington Colony Cemetery on June 20, 2022.

We thank everyone at Immanuel for their sympathy, love and prayers.

Judy, Joan and Janet.

Crazy Year at Family Camp 2022

The best way to explain Family Camp 2022 would be CRAZY! We might add cold, eventful, un-eventful, beautiful and INVIGORATING!

This year started out on the slow side of attendees and when it all came down to the total attendees for camp there were 40 folks in and out of Logger Flat that week. We missed our Pastor Taylor, since she was sick and had to stay home that week. We missed Mike & Laura Nielsen due to Mike getting sick on the day they planned on coming with their new camp trailer. It was all packed and ready for the week. John and Sharon had to cut their trip short but John is up and running nearly full speed now and ready for next year. The youngest camper was 2 months (Carter) and the oldest camper was 91, (Gordon). Having Church on Saturday brought up a couple families for a day trip full of fun. Our former Pastor Paul Demant and Linda were there for a relaxing vacation and lots of bike riding and remembering old times with friends.



Never say never... the cold fronts can come through. It was cold up there this summer.

Immanuel has been camping in the mountains most every year since approximately 1976! What a tradition our church has kept up. The chilly weather was a nice change of pace.



Sweatshirts, extra blankets and double socks at night made for great sleeping weather.

The Anderson kids caught some fish, the Caglia kids found some souvenirs. Em-merson had a photo shoot for her senior pictures in her favorite place at the camp. Lee Terkelsen filmed random walkers around the lake (2.8 mile loop) for a documentary he is working on. (we were quite random) Pastor Paul brought his guitar and we sat around the propane campfire and sang camp songs and laughed a lot. We missed those who weren't there this year and reminisced about the past. The whole group had a blast! We ate well, slept well, and enjoyed the beautiful outdoors. The very best part... no mosquitoes this year!

Mark you calendars and plan your vacations now for June 12-18, 2023 for the next Family Camp. As of now, that week is secured. V.

Immanuel Women's Ministry

Bible Study is back in motion for the women of Immanuel. We have a weekly study on Thursday mornings at 10:00am. It's filled with Biblical discussion and prayer time. Join us for that hour when you can.

Monthly evening Bible study will begin in October on the first Tuesday of the month, October 4th at 7:00pm in Grace Hall these monthly evening gatherings will discuss the Portraits of Jesus.

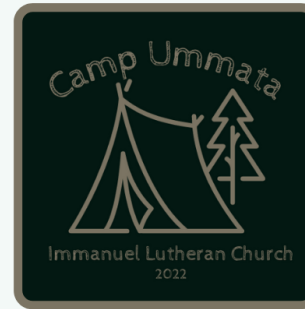
Summer brings fun with the women of Immanuel and our first outing on June 25th was a field trip type of day. It was a fun morning, we gathered at the fancy coffee house Kuppa Joy in Fresno and enjoyed time to reacquaint with each other. We then went to the Fresno Art Museum and enjoyed the chill in the air and the artwork. The displays were fun to look at and decipher! We then ended up down at Sam's Italian Deli and had delicious sandwiches in their back room. Some of us even took home dinner so we did not have much work to do for the rest of the weekend. That's what we call an enriching field trip and also a break.

The fun does not stop there so if you missed it, join us again as we gather for PATRIOTIC BUNCO! We will kick off that on a Wednesday evening July 6th at 7:00pm in Grace Hall. Refreshments will include homemade ice cream and fresh fruit first and then we get busy playing the popular game of Bunco. It's easy and anyone can play so join us for ...the prizes. Fellowship is fun so mark your calendar for a Patriotic Bunco Game on July 6th.

Saturday August 20th is a skill building service project day. Bring a couple of your own vases, one that you would like to keep and one that you would like to give away. Allyson Nielsen will show us how to make beautiful flower arrangements with flowers that you can pick at the store. We will start the morning with breakfast and devotions at 9:00am in the Social Hall. We will each make two arrangements, one to keep and one to donate to our shut-ins.

Start cleaning your closets now and saving your old clothes for another one of our great Clothing Swaps! September 7th, Wednesday evening, at 7:00PM we will have another great time shopping/rummaging through our treasures. Bring your clothes that you would normally donate to church, we will sort by sizes and establish a little shopping area. You will get your chance to shop till you drop. All the remaining clothes, purses, shoes, jewelry will be donated to Women's shelters such as the Light House Recovery Center and Marjaree Mason Center. You can bring your donations to Immanuel starting August 14th.

Charcuterie Boards are the rage! Come on October 15th at 9:00am for a demonstration on how to impress your guests at future gatherings. More information to come in future editions of the Immanuel Chimes.



Welcome to Camp Ummata 2022!

Campers of ALL ages are invited to join us for a camp experience unlike any other. We will provide dinner for the first three days and finish with a potluck on the last Sunday.

Camp held at Immanuel Lutheran Church includes skits, camp songs, and fun classes.

Schedule:

- July 31 from 12pm-2pm
 - Theme Night: Hawaiian- Come decked out ready for a beachside luau.
- August 2 from 6pm- 8pm
 - Theme Night: Favorite Color-Wear your favorite color from head to toe.
- August 4 from 6pm- 8pm
 - Theme Night: Western/ Cowboy- Dress for the old west or the dusty fields.
- August 7 from 12pm-2pm
 - Rally Day- Wear an Immanuel Shirt or Red and bring something for the lunch potluck.

Sign-ups will be done at church or by texting Kristi Hollenbeck @ (599)974-4408



Journey

So I'm ready to circle back to the subject at hand, grief.

Grief is the state of emotion that one becomes immersed in when a loved one passes. This is the kind of grief that I mostly deal with here. However, there are many things that we can grieve; pets, lost jobs, lost health, lost homes and people who are living and yet have veered away from our lives. Cats in The Cradle syndrome. I think we all have those who we were close to that have simply fallen off the radar. I get all of those griefs and I've experienced most of them. But I'd like to go back to the loss of a loved one by death. July 8th 2016, 9:15pm is when my grief began. You can think I'm crazy, but I was there, and as amazing as it was to witness her spirit rise up out of her body, a piece of my spirit left as well. And the piece that floated back into that hole was grief. Grief is that pain that used to be an ever present thorn in the flesh. I don't know that it's "better" but I have gotten used to its shadow.

It's widely accepted that there are seven stages to grief. Shock, anger, bargaining, depression, acceptance and hope. Processing the grief. I've found that in general they are true. But I can tell you they aren't definite. You aren't shocked for three weeks, then you shift into anger, and then to bargaining, etc. It just doesn't work that way. Grief is as individual as each of us is an individual. You may experience shock and anger together. You may be depressed at the same time you begin to accept. You may skip a step or repeat a step. You may get bogged down in step or never make it past a step.

What you need to know is that however you work through it, it's your process and no one else's. Don't feel guilty if you aren't angry. Don't let anyone tell you that you are wrong. You are only wrong if you attempt to medicate your way through it with drugs or alcohol. And, of course, self harm is a sign to you that you need professional help, NOW.

Grief is traumatic! It takes time to process. Don't rush, give yourself the gift of time and patience. Seek out those of us who are on the same path you find yourself on. We'll listen! We'll share our thoughts. We'll pray with you and for you. Find ways to connect with other people. Don't spend so much time alone, that can be one of my down falls. God put us in communities because he knew we would need each other. Church is a great community. Not just the building but the fellowship of other God loving and worshiping people. Join a community that seeks to lift all people up and not one that puts others down. If you are grieving, you don't need negativity, you need positive and loving people.

If you are grieving, embrace it. It's a way God has given us to make it through life. I know it hurts. I know the pain. I also know that you're go-

Easton Food Distribution moves to the First Friday of every month!

Easton Food Distribution is a Neighborhood Market sponsored by the Central California Food Bank and will be on the **First Friday of every month starting on July 1st** from approximately 12:30-2:00PM at the corner of Geneva and Willamette at Easton Presbyterian Church. Join our team of volunteers or come and pick up some fruits and vegetables to help keep your grocery bill down. There is always plenty to share with your neighbors, our community and beyond!



The Kingsburg City Band Performs on Thursday Nights at the Park

by: **Randy McFarland, Kingsburg City Band announcer**

Kingsburg's Historic City Band is back for another season of free concerts, at 8 p.m. Thursday evenings at Kingsburg's Memorial Park Bandstand. The park is located at Sierra Street (State Highway 201) and 18th Avenue, opposite the Kingsburg High School's campus. The band's season will include concerts each Thursday through July 21st. The venue opens at 5:00pm with food trucks. Bring your own chairs or take advantage of park bench seating.

The City Band attracts participating musicians and audiences from all over the central San Joaquin Valley. It was established in 1887 and is recognized as one of the nation's oldest community bands. Join the folks for an evening of fun and relaxation. It's an outdoor event and the usually cool and comfortable. You may need mosquito repellent and most of all bring some water to keep hydrated.

News Notes

Happy Birthday Blessings to: KAY JENSEN on her 87th birthday July 5th; CARL JENSEN on his 94th July 16th.

Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood Drive on August 7th from 8:30AM–11:30AM on the corner of Elm & Lincoln. No appointment necessary!

Leah Linger was chosen to attend the Naval War College in Newport, RI for a year-long masters program. Although Leah is in the Army, she wanted to attend the Naval War College in honor of her Dad who was in the Navy during the Vietnam War. Leah's senior service class consisted of officers from the Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and civilians from many federal agencies such as the FBI and the State Department. She studied joint military operations, national decision making policy, and foreign policy analysis, among other things. On June 10, 2022, Leah graduated from the Naval War College with a Master's in National Strategy and Policy. She will now move to Montana with her husband Scott and daughter Emerson while she continues to serve in the US Army Reserves.

Don't forget to do your reading for the Library Reading Challenge...3 books in 3 months! Book review forms are available in the library.

Friday night, June 24th, Chris and Ellen hosted **Family Game Night** at their house. The crew had a great time playing different board games and getting to know each other. Everyone learned something new.

The Bethel Board held their annual meeting on June 26th at Bethel Lutheran Home. They took care of electing officers and reviewing the finances and enjoying wonderful desserts. Great perks for being a delegate from the church. Immanuel was one of the sponsoring churches in establishing the Bethel Lutheran Home. We continue to support the home yearly with funds sent at the end of the year from our budgeted benevolence account.

Volunteers needed for helping out with the worship service on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in volunteering to learn how to work the sound board, (don't let all those buttons intimidate you), do the power point, and stream the service please sign up on the blue bulletin board. We will have a training session or two to get the new volunteers started. Volunteers are needed for Sunday mornings and occasionally mid-week for memorial services.

Check out our QR code! It's super easy just scan your phone camera over the code and WALA!



ing to be all right. I've often said, and frankly, I think it's pretty clever: this loss is like a deep cut. In time the wound heals and the pain lessens but the scar is there to remind us of that loved one departed. The older we get the more scars we have. Why do we go through this mess? It's just the human condition, and because we loved. Again God has promised that the day will come when there is no more mourning, no more tears, no more crying. A day when we will see God face to face and oh the joy that will fill our souls.

Until then the community of club members stands ready and waiting to hold your hand and help you along. You just have to let us in. Need someone to listen, call me. Call Pastor Taylor. Call Victoria. Call one of your deacons. We won't necessarily be able to fix your hurt but we will share it with you.

I love you all.
John.

From the West Angeles Cogie Mass Choir. 007.

LORD prepare me, to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
And with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary, oh for you.

Prayer Focus Each Week

Week of 7-3-2022. Focus on real freedom. Galatians 5:13 NIV. "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love".

Week of 7-10-2022. Focus on a God of grace. Psalms 103:10 NIV. "...he does not treat us as our sins deserve, or repay us according to our iniquities".



Week of 7-17-2022. Focus on standing firm with God. Ephesians 6:13 NIV. "Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when that day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground and after you have done everything, to stand".

Week of 7-24-2022. Focus on committing all to God. Proverbs 16:3 NIV. "Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans".



JULY 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Day! Easton Food Distribution 12:00PM	2
3 9:30am Sunday School in Grace Hall 10:30am Worship & Communion	4  7:00 PM NA in Grace Hall	5	6 Bunco & Ice Cream in Grace Hall 7:00PM	7	8	9 Social Hall Reserved
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