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We must remember throughout our lives that in God's sight there are no little people and no little places. Only one thing is important: to be consecrated persons in God's place for us, at each moment.

-Francis Schaeffer. No Little People



Job description for a Christian

As a follower of Jesus, you'll share his love and gospel with everyone. Kindness and humility are vital as you speak about your hope in him. To battle evil, you'll receive a complete set of armor. Use it to defend against attacks by a prowling lion or the temptation to place self above others. Preferred qualifications:

complete surrender to God

• a desire to follow his commandments

- a servant heart
- courage to face fiery furnaces or shipwrecks

Everyone's welcome, and training and support are provided. Though you can expect persecution and adversity, the rewards are lifechanging — and eternal!

-MaryAnn Sundby

Tree of Life Worship Schedule

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Holy Trinity Branch

Immanuel Branch

825 Forest Ave Jamestown NY 14701 (716)488-4235 556 East Second Street Jamestown, NY 14701 (716) 664-7104

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF Sept. are at Immanuel NOTE WORSHIP TIME: <u>9:30AM</u> SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SEPT 13TH AND WILL BE

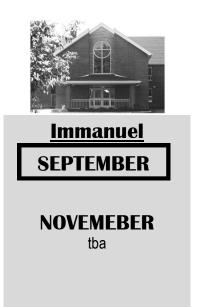
AT 10:45AM <u>SEPTEMBER 2015</u> AT IMMANUEL (Sanctuary) 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION WORSHIP



Holy Trinity Communion: 1st & 3rd Sun.

> OCTOBER tba DECEMBER

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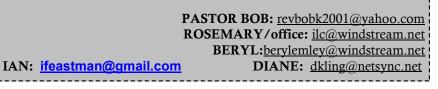
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Nursery room is available if some feels the need to leave with small child Church office hours: mornings, Monday—Friday Pastor in office: Monday & Wednesday mornings

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HOLY TRINITY STAFF & CONTACTS

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IMMANUEL AND HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN BRANCHES



Enjoy this healthy apple snack after a busy day of learning.

What you need:

- Apple
- Apple corer (optional)
- Peanut butter (or other spread)
- Pecan pieces
- Shredded coconut
- Chocolate chips

What you do:

- 1. If you have an apple corer, remove the core. Then slice apple into thin rings. (If you don't have a corer, slice into rings first and then remove the core.)
- 2. Spread peanut butter across one side of each ring.
- 3. Sprinkle with pecans, coconut and chocolate chips.
- 4. Enjoy with a glass of milk!

HOLY TRINITY **COUNCIL COMMITTEE** REPRESENTATIVES

Personnel Committee Sandra Stewart

Visitation Committee Paula Hofgren,

Christian Ed Sandy Stewart, Marcy Palermo, John Taylor

TREE OF LIFE COMMITTEES

- Worship Committee
- HT: Gail Espinoza, Ashley Muscarella ILC:
 - Diane Kling, Lisa Gustafson

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- Merle Nollinger, HT: Chris Radack . Mike Espinoza
- ILC: Steve Sandberg, Tom Priester, Karen Okerlund

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- HT: Dennis Palermo. Norm Owen. Dianne Dillingham, Dodie Erickson
- Carol Sorg ILC: Deb Morlock

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See last 2 pages for more contact info & committees

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Chris Ahlstrom Kevin Swanson

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Gary Swanson

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Finance:	Rob L

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Wolf-Dieter Krahn/Judy Lind

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"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.



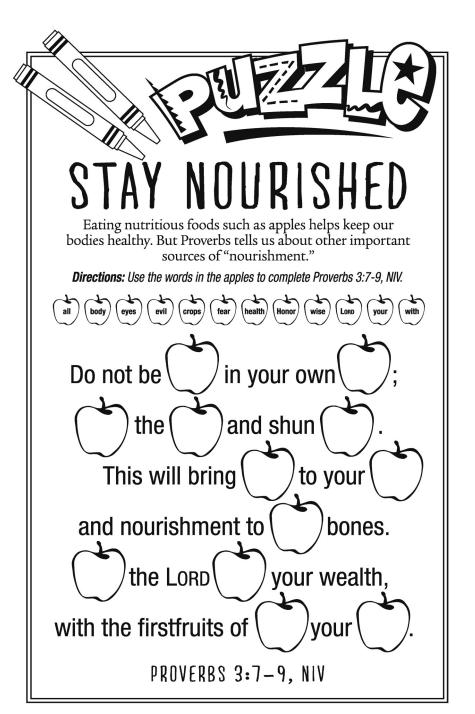
For the past two years, thousands of members from across this church have dedicated one day to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all people. The date that Tree of Life will participate in 2015 is

SUNDAY, SEPT 20.

Whether it's gathering food items to fill shelves at a local food pantry, cleaning up a public park or volunteering at a homeless shelter, your service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: *That all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.*

"We worked side by side sharing in a common goal: To be the hands of God here in Whittier. On Sunday, when we delivered food to those in need throughout our community, we had the chance to see the face of God over and over again. Many were inspired to work in the days and weeks ahead to serve in this way on a consistent and more frequent basis." — Terri Roberston, youth and family minister at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Whittier, Calif.

You work hard to help make your community a better place. Now let's do this work together!



Answer: Do not be <u>wise</u> in your own <u>eyes</u>; <u>fear</u> the \underline{LorD} and shun <u>evil</u>. This will bring <u>health</u> to your <u>body</u> and nourishment to <u>your</u> bones. <u>Honor</u> the Lord <u>with</u> your wealth, with the firstfruits of <u>all</u> your <u>crops</u>.

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CONFRONTING RACISM

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) teaches that there is one God and one humanity created by God, as expressed in Scripture. Our oneness in Christ, the one who breaks down dividing walls, connects all people. The whole church looks forward to God's future when people will come from everywhere to eat together in the reign of God (Luke 13:29). This church names racism as sin and affirms that the diversity of cultures throughout history is a God-given gift and a glimpse of the future. Plurality of culture (the attitudes and patterns of life) is a blessing to be appreciated. The ELCA opposes discrimination, supports legislation that guarantees equal rights, and promotes international respect for human rights. The ELCA will support legislation that guarantees to all individuals equally: civil rights; access to quality education, health care, and nutrition; opportunity for employment with fair compensation; opportunity for business ownership; access to legal, banking, and insurance services; the right to purchase housing in any place; and access to public transportation. The ELCA will advocate for just immigration policies. "Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture" expresses the ELCA's calling to regard seriously culture and ethnicity, confront racism, to engage in public leadership, witness and deliberation, and to advocate for justice and fairness for all people. The statement is grounded in the conviction that the church has been gathered together in the joyful freedom of the reign of God announced by and embodied in Jesus. That reign has not come in its fullness, but the message of God's "yes" to the world breaks down all dividing walls as we live into that promise.

How do we talk about race, systemic racism and becoming a more inclusive church? Watch the webcast of the Aug. 6 conversation as ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton and William B. Horne II, a member of the ELCA Church Council, discuss the complexity and implications of racism. This page includes many resources to support this important conversation in your congregation. Go to youtube, and enter "confronting racism, bishop eaton" in the searchbox. Communications such as this are made possible through your mission support. <u>Thank</u> <u>you!</u> We are church together for the sake of the world. God's work. Our Hands. Marcia Brown, Mission Interpreter

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CHURCH COUNCIL Next meeting is <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>September 8th</u>, @Immanuel.

MINISTRY TEAMS: 6PM; HT COUNCIL, 6:30; ILC COUNCIL, 7; COMBINED, 7:30

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH GODS WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3RD DINNER AT HOLY TRINITY

This is going to be a special dinner with a limited amount of tickets sold. After the dinner, Wolf Dieter-Krahn will be making a presentation about his recent trip to Germany and Austria. Watch the bulletins for more details. He plans to contrast the Berlin of 1979 with the wall to what Berlin has turned into since the fall of the wall. If time permits, he will digress and talk/show Heidelberg, Salzburg and the Austrian Alps.

Note: IF YOU WOULD LIKE NAME REMOVED FROM OUR MAILING LIST, PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW. ILC: 716 664-7104/ ilc@windstream.net

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Prayer is the core of our day. Take prayer out, and the day would collapse, would be pithless, a straw blown in the wind. But how can you pray — really pray, I mean — with one against whom you have a grudge or whom you have been discussing critical-ly with another? Try it. You will find it cannot be done. —Amy Carmichael

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A PRAYER FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES

An hour before the 9/11 terrorist attacks, pastor and author Stan Pur-

dum was reading Psalm 66, which includes the words, "We went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place" (v. 12, NRSV). After watching the destruction, Purdum composed a prayer that remains relevant today, as terrorism and threats often make peace seem more "specious" than "spacious":

O God of heaven and earth, who's bigger than nations and factions, be with us as we live through times of terror, despair and danger. Be the strength of people who've been touched personally by disaster. Come with healing to those who are injured. Be the eternal rest of those who've died. Be the energy, compassion and fortitude of those who must pick through the wreckage. Grant our leaders courage and a double portion of your wisdom. The day of universal brotherhood seems farther off than ever, O God, but help us not despair of trying to accomplish it. Strengthen our faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.

HT MEMORIALS	<u>In memory of:</u> Marilyn Moreen– Tane
<u>From</u> :	Paul Johnson Earl & Shirley Carpenter
ILC MEMORIALS	In memory of: Miner Swanso From: SueEllen & Chet Bates MaryBeth & Mick Chorny Cindy & Izzy Barlow

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... HT BIRTHDAYS CON'T 28th Paul Swanson Monica Hopkins

Chantell Moreen Steve Muscarella

NOTE: IF ANYONE SEES A BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY ON LIST THAT SHOULD NO LONGER BE INCLUDED FOR ANY REASON, PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW!

The more you praise and

celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate!

God gave us the gift of life, it is up to us to give ourselves the gift of living well.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 13TH: 10:30am

At Immanuel

- Balloon Launch
- Games-crafts
- Songs
- snack
- Pick a new mission project



SENIOR MEN'S GROUP meets every first and third Wednesday <u>at Immanuel</u> @ 9am for projects & fellowship. All men are invited to join them!

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Current mo. ELCA **LECTIONARY**

Sept 6 — 15th Sun. aft. Pentecost

Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146 (2) James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17 Mark 7:24-37

Sept 13 — 16th Sun. aft. Pentecost

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 116:1-9 (9) James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38

Sept 20 — 17th Sun. aft. Pentecost

Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 54 (4) James 3:13 — 4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37

Sept 27 — 18th Sun. aft. Pentecost

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Psalm 19:7-14 (8) James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50

HOSPITALIZATIONS

The church office no longer receives calls from the hospital when a member is hospitalized. It would be appreciated if someone from the family would call the church office when a hospitalization occurs. In addition to calls no longer being made to the office by hospital volunteers, the computer used by the clergy at the hospital to locate hospitalized members has been removed. Thank you for your assistance.

God's Work, Our Hands

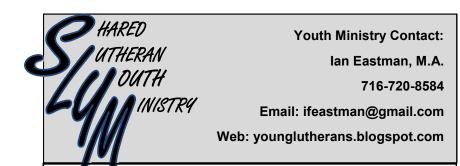
Sunday, September 20, 2015 after worship at ILC

For God's Work, Our Hands Sunday we will be collecting grooming items for both the Union Gospel Mission and Holy Trinity's Food Cupboard. Please see below for a list of items needed. We will begin collecting immediately. All kits will be collected and put into clear plastic storage bags and donated to either the Union Gospel Mission

or HT's Food Cupboard. If you have any questions, please see Sandy Stewart or Ashley Muscarella. There will be a community clean-up project that you can sign up for on that day also. More information will be available in upcoming bulletins.

Union Gospel Mission: Creating **individual** grooming kits. Including: Men's socks, travel size deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap, a comb, and a devotional.

HT Food Cupboard: Creating family grooming kits. Including but not limited to: Full-size shampoo/conditioners, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorants, kids' items' (hair items), hairbrush, etc. These kits would be geared towards families, especially items for children would be included.



The Shared Lutheran Youth Ministry has some exciting opportunities coming up this month for youth to serve, worship, and have some fun together. Check out the SLYM Facebook Page or www.younglutherans.blogspot.com for details.

The Shared Lutheran Youth Ministry provides faith formation, fun and ministry opportunities for youth in grades 5-12. It is a cooperative effort of Bethel, First Lutheran, Holy Trinity and Immanuel Lutheran Churches.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

SLYM Returns! Sept. 20 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm First Lutheran 120 Chandler Bring your friends and make your new ones as we begin our 6th program year. We'll have some rec time, a snack, and pray for a blessing as a new school year gets underway.

Laser Tag & Talent Show Oct. 4 1:00 – 4:00 pm ..Gateway Center, 31 Water St, Jamestown, NY.. Admission \$5 plus optional money for snacks It's our 1^{st} annual talent show open to youth in grades 5 – 12 that attend any church in the Southwestern Conference or First Presbyterian Church in Jamestown. Email your name(s), church, and type of act by Oct. 3 to ifeastman@amail.com to get on the roster. Celebrity judges will award the following prizes: \$75 first, \$50 second, \$25 third. The audience will vote on their favorite act for a \$75 prize. (Talent show portion begins at 2:45pm. Adults are welcome to come cheer on our youth, too!) We'll also have laser tag, pool, air hockey, video games and snack bar from 1 – 2:45 pm.

SLYM— Oct. 18 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm - First Lutheran Church; Rec time, snack, and we'll discuss the topic BE NOT AFRAID.

KEEP UP WITH ALL THE YOUTH HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CONFER-ENCE. GO TO FACEBOOK AND "LIKE" www.facebook.com/

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Ian F. Eastman, M.A. ,Conference Deacon Southwest Conference Youth Coordinator, Shared Lutheran Youth Ministry Coordinator







Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$310 to support the mission & ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts. With your help, the ELCA is sharing the gospel, starting new organizations, preparing leaders, working to overcome malaria, fighting hunger and so much more. Your gifts are truly transforming lives. Together, we do more that we ever could alone. With our hands, we do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities in Jesus Christ's name throughout the world. Thank you for your partnership. And thanks, again, for your generous support. It is deeply appreciated.

In Christ,

Christina Jackson-Skelton, Executive Director of Mission Advancement ELCA

ATTENDANCE: Joint Service ILC 85 AVERAGE in July

Working for God, serving others

No matter your occupation, each day brings opportunities to honor God by helping other people. This applies to everyone from a prince to a laborer, as Martin Luther said:

"The prince should think: Christ has served me and made everything to follow him; therefore, I should also serve my neighbor, protect him and everything that belongs to him. That is why God has given me this office, and I have it that I might serve him. ...

"The same is true for shoemaker, tailor, scribe or reader. If he is a Christian tailor, he will say: I make these clothes because God has bidden me do so, so that I can earn a living, so that I can help and serve my neighbor. When a Christian does not serve the other, God is not present; that is not Christian living."

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Berlin: Then and Now

A comparison from trips in July 1979 and May 2015: a reflection on the fall of the Berlin Wall



Adventure in the Austrian Alps

A search for Family Connections



A talk and slide show by Wolf-Dieter Krahn October 3, 2015 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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VBS 2015 was a huge success!

Held at Holy Trinity in conjunction with Bethel, First and Immanuel Lutheran churches, over 65 kids and 30+ volunteers traveled to Mount Everest. We learned that God has the power to provide, to comfort, to heal, to forgive and to love us forever from our Bible buddies Klymer, Cliff, Mallory, Pike and Yeddy. Each day kids sang songs, saw a skit, ate snacks, played games, made a craft and learned about the Bible. God provided beautiful weather for us all week long! The kids donated over \$300, which we will use to purchase baby chicks through ELCA Good Gifts - that's a lot of chickens!! I would like to thank Pastors Bob Kasting, Dan Nagle and Alan Anderson for leading Bible Expedition (the kids learned A LOT!); Marlene Hanson and Cindy Swan for leading Mountaintop Treats (the snacks were delicious!); Andrew Kasting for leading Glacier Games (I think you had as much fun as the kids!); Kimberly Tedquist and Sue Arrowsmith for leading KidVid Cinema (you did a fantastic job!); and Tracy Grey and Mary Lindeman for leading Arctic Crafts (what fun crafts!); all the helpers that worked in the before-mentioned stations (you did a wonderful job!); Kathy Raymond, Linda Grey and Dodie Erickson, who so effortlessly handled registration and helped get things to the crews; all the crew leaders who led the children around each morning (you made it look easy!); Janet Thom for planning Friday's picnic and all those that helped by setting up/cleaning up, grilling, and serving; the secretaries at Bethel, Holy Trinity and Immanuel for helping

Christian Humor:

One Sunday in a Midwest City , a young child was "acting up" during the morning worship hour. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

One particular four-year old prayed,

"And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."



Thank you so much for the \$300 scholarship! Houghton College matched it giving me a total of \$600 towards my tuition. I am very grateful to Immanuel Partners!

God Bless,

Kaleigh Dwyer



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with publicity, printing registration forms, etc.; Stephanie Thompson, custodian and Holy Trinity, for cleaning up after us each day; my fellow directors Judy Lind & Janet Thom (Immanuel) and Sue Arrowsmith (Bethel) for helping to plan such a fun week; and to all those that helped make props & decorate (the set looked great!).



PASTORS WORKING TOGETHER FOR VBS:Pastor Dan Nagle (First Lutheran),Pastor Alan Anderson (Bethel)Pastor Kasting, (Tree of Life)

A HUGE thank you to my family who helped in so many ways I can't even list them – I appreciate you so much. I am so sorry if I left anyone out – I tried to remember everyone!

Thank you again, and remember – God has the power to provide, to comfort, to heal, to forgive and to love us forever – HOLD ON!!

Darcy Whitney, Holy Trinity VBS Director

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LECTOR SCHEDULE

Please familiarize yourself with the lectern in both churches so if and when you should be the lector at "the other" church you know what you need to do.

Note:

SCHEDULES were mailed out to each person. They are also posted each week in the bulletin and they are posted on the bulletin board at the lower entrance at ILC & for HT in their Narthex.

REMINDER: September services are at IMMANUEL at <u>10:30 (SANCTUARY)</u>

ASSISTING MINISTER

09/06: Wolf-Dieter Krahn 09/13: Darcy Whitney 09/20: need 09/27: Ashley Muscarella

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

09/06: Steve Sandberg 09/13: Cindy Swan 09/20: Kevin Swanson 09/27: Darcy Whitney

LECTORS

09/06: Lisa Gustafson 09/13: Linda Smith 09/20: Wolf-Dieter Krahn 09/27: John Taylor

ACOLYTE

09/06: Sue Carvella 09/13: Joey Palermo 09/20: Maddie Johnson 09/27: Ava Hagelin

GREETERS

09/06: Eleanor Hagelin Darcy & Emily Whitney 09/13: Allen Johnson Don & JoAnn Anderson 09/20: Marian Leathers Joyce Atkinson 09/27: Jim & Ann Buffone Gayle Lyon, Karyn Okerlund

WORSHIP TECH AS AVAILABLE

USHERS Group # & Captain

- 09/06: Gr 5, **Karyn Okerlund** Gayle, DaleAnn 09/13: Gr 1, **Dennis Bechmann** Carrie, George, Sonya 09/20: Gr 2, **Mike Flynn**
- Dennis, Roberto, Dan 09/27: Gr 3, **Allen Johnson** Terra, Scott, Deb

WORSHIP ENVIROMENT Sept.

Kim Hagelin, Carrie Magnuson, Susan Bailey

COUNTERS

09/06: Paul H/Jan B Rest of month TBA council

If you are unable to serve on your Sunday, you are responsible for finding a replacement and calling to let the office know who is serving for you. Detroit Youth Gathering observations.

Emily Magnuson

First Jesus is good news and He is the one that made this experience one to remember. But going to Detroit has changed me. People think Detroit is a bad place but it isn't. The people in Detroit are amazing, kind and willing to help when we are helping them. The gathering has brought me to meet many amazing people from all over and to becoming close with some of them. Also the gathering has brought me to help out with Detroit, high-five everyone you see on the streets, hear wonderful speakers with amazing stories, and hear all of the wonderful singers especially Agape and *Bobby* (See Photo). Meeting and worshiping with new people from our Synod was a great experience. Then at the end of each day all 30,000 of us would go to Ford Field and end an amazing day together. Lastly, I didn't know there could be that many good looking Lutherans in one city. *Contin-*

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Kirsten Magnuson

What a great experience we had in Detroit during the past week! There were so many mixed emotions felt during the time we were there. As we gathered in Ford field for worship every night, it was so inspiring to hear the speakers and their stories. During our service day we worked on an abandoned house, and we were cutting down



trees and bushes. Neighborhood kids would always stop by and car horns would be going as the community said "thank you" and "great job"! This was one of my favorite moments! The community there touched each and every one of us and again had many inspiring stories. The neighborhood kids were very happy to play in the park, eat icecream, get their faces painted, and have a picnic with their families! As the last day was approaching we went to worship. It was great! I am very thankful for this trip once again! Can't wait for Houston 2018!

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TREE OF LIFE LUTHERAN COMMUNITY

Lydia Gozdalski

Going to Detroit for the youth gathering was an eye-opening experience. There, the first thing everyone asks when they meet a new person is "Where are you from?" instead of "What's your name?" Here, people weren't afraid to stick out their hands for a high-five, or wear a shirt or sign that says "Free Hugs." On the first full day- Synod day, I donated blood to the Red Cross. Later on at the Upstate New York Synod gathering, I saw Laura- one of the camp counselors from Camp LCLC. The second day, I helped to decorate tree paintings that would be hung around Detroit and played bumper cars. For dinner, I was adventurous and had vegetable Pad Thai at the Thai Restaurant. The third day was our service day. Our group was given the task of clearing out the shrubs around the front and side of a house. A man who lived next door to the house named Raymond Black came along and helped us out by boarding up the windows. All during the day native Detroiters came along and kept thanking us for helping out, and cars would drive by and honk at us. Even though I couldn't handle the tools, every time a limb, branch, or whole tree fell down, it was satisfying to hear the small or loud crack. By the time we had to leave, all that was left were small stumps. We all were sweaty, smelled bad, and dirty, but it felt great to have helped out. On Sunday, it was time to leave after the service. Although I'm sad to go, it's nice to be home. I can't wait to come back as a volunteer in Houston, Texas in 2018.

Emily Whitney

Our trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering was truly inspiring. Each day was full of opportunities to learn, love, and praise God. Each night at Ford Field involved music, speakers, and a huge sense of community with Lutherans around the country. I was specifically excited to meet the people living there. Our theme of the gathering was that everyone has a story, and it was amazing to hear the stories of a neighbor of



the house we worked on during our service day, a street musician, and a worker at the hotel we stayed at. The people of Detroit broke the stereotypes so often portrayed in the media, and my experience there certainly changed me for the better.



ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

We have just a few openings left for our

2 fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends— September 18-20 at the beautiful Spruce Lake Retreat in the Poconos and October 16-18 at the lovely Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA.

Strengthen and enrich your marriage by spending a weekend devoted to your couple relationship! Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your registration fee plus a contribution of whatever amount you wish to make at the end of the weekend.

To register, simply go to the website: <u>www.GodLovesMarriage.org</u> and sign up, or for questions or if you would like to register offline, contact PA Lutheran Marriage Encounter directors:

> Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: <u>fjschamber@comcast.net</u>



IMMANUEL AND HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN BRANCHES

ESTHER CIRCLE MEETS

Women SEPTEMBER 2 They meet every First Wednesday of Ministry the month at 1:30pm usually at Holy Trinity library.

RACHEL CIRCLE MEETS SEPTEMBER 17TH,

They meet the third Thursday of the month at Holy Trinity @ 1:30pm also in the library.

All Women are invited to join these bible studies and prayer times.



Food Cupboard Report

OUR FOOD CUPBOARD AT HOLY TRINITY IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

SOAP ■SHAMPOO ■DEODORANT

WE THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS MINISTRY

Detroit Youth Gathering observations...



Darcy Whitney

I have to admit, when I heard the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering was in Detroit, I wasn't sure I wanted to go. Take a group of kids to Detroit – a place I had never been but had heard nothing but bad things about - to wander around downtown, eat in local restaurants and do a service project? I had my misgivings. But the kids wanted to go, so I, along with Tara East-

man and 5 teen girls, went. I am so glad we did! I fell in love with Detroit and its' people. The days were long, but they were full of inspiration and fun! Watching the kids who went with us – my daughter, Emily; Lydia Gozdalski; Caylee Shelters; and Emily & Kirsten Magnuson – participating, singing, dancing, and helping others was so awesome. If I had to pick a favorite day, it would be our Proclaim Justice Day, our day of service. Going out into the city, to a neighborhood that needed our help, was a little daunting at first. What kind of reception should we expect? We didn't get the kind of reception I anticipated. Just about everyone we encountered that day was so welcoming and happy to see us. Cars drove by, beeping, waving and saying "thank you." One guy was even video recording as he drove by! We worked clearing shrubs and bushes from around an abandoned house, and a neighbor came up to me and offered his help boarding up the windows. His name is Raymond Black, and he is proof of the kind of resilient people that live in Detroit. One of his sons, Raymond Jr., was shot and killed after a fight. As he told us his story, I was filled with sadness at what he went through, but also filled with hope. Raymond is still in Detroit, fighting to keep his neighborhood alive. Detroit changed me; this gathering changed me. The inspiration I took away from the wonderful speakers who shared their stories onstage in front of 30,000 people and from Raymond Black who shared his story with two people on a street corner in inner city Detroit, will stay with me forever, and I will forever exclaim that "JESUS IS GOOD NEWS"!!! Continued n next page

Women ELCA 🚭 Southwestern Conference presents Tell Me Your Story Experiencing Peer Ministry FALL ASSEMBLY GATHERING Saturday, September 19, 2015 First House Corner of Center & Chandler Streets, Jamestown, New York Guest Speaker

Tara Eastman, Vicar

REGISTRATION: 9:30 AM COST: \$5.00

BRUNCH: 10:00 AM

 \sim Ingathering for GA Family Services: Arts & Crafts Supplies \sim (oil paints, watercolors, markers, painting canvas, crayons & other supplies)

RSVP DEADLINE: Monday, September 14, 2015 Call Stephanie Buccola: 665-4221 * A Thankoffering will be received at the Gathering*

The second Sunday of the month Immanuel will continue to be Food collection and will benefit Holy Trinity's food pantry. Any food will be welcome.



Tree of Life News

IMMANUEL AND HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN BRANCHES

Our Sympathy to...

The family of Carl "Bud" Carlson July 23, 1931 July 25, 2015 Bud passed

& Skilled Nursing Facility

away at Herit-

age Park Rehab

to Carolyn (Lee) Bennett , Marge (Jim) Johnson, Carla (Gary) Sorenson, and Elizabeth (Willie) Davis and families on the death of their mother, Kala Basile.

KALA BASILE (11/14/1930 -7/28/2015

	ImmanuelJamestown Report for <u>JULY 2015</u>					
	Note: totals are rounded off					
<u>account</u>	<u>Beg. bal.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>disbursements</u>	Transfers/JE's	<u>End bal.</u>	
Expansion	189	2,031	1,936	0	284	
General	(4,199)	9,169	10,897	6,500	571	
Memorial	51.620	41	0	(6,500)	45,161	
total	<u>\$47,609</u>	<u>\$11,241</u>	<u>\$12,834</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$46,017</u>	

Holy Trinity Jamestown Report for JULY 2015					
-	MONTH OF	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	YEAR TO DATE		
	<u>JULY 2015</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>		
INCOME	\$ 6, 240	\$ 59,261	\$ 73,995		
EXPENSE	\$ 12,802	\$ 69,715	\$ 72,839		
BALANCE	- \$6,562	- \$ 10,454	\$ 1,156		

TREE OF LIFE LUTHERAN COMMUNITY

Sept. Worship - 9:30 at Immanuel

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept: 13-18 Jamestown SR Cento	er Trip to Asheville NC	1 @ILC Sr Center Exercise,10 @ILC tai chi, 11-12 NAR-ANON, 7 H. Library	2 ILC, Sr Men, 9 @ILC Healthy Bones, 9am HT, Food Cupboard 10-2; HT, Esther Circle, 1:30	3 @ILC Sr Center Exercise,10 @ILC tai chi, 11-12, fh @ILC : NA 7pm	4 @ILC Healthy Bones, 9am HT, Food Cupboard 10-2 @ILC: NA 7pm	5 @ILC NA 11am
6 15th Sun. aft. Pentecost 9:30 Holy Communion Worship at IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN NURTURE TEAM	7 HT & ILC closed Labor Day @ILC : NA 7pm	8 PASTOR BOB PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY @ILC tai chi, 11-12, fh <u>Meeting at ILC</u> Ministry Teams, 6 & HT & ILC Councils, 6:30 & 7; COMB.COUNCIL, 7:30	9 @ILC Healthy Bones, 9am HT, Food Cupboard 10-2 ILC, Choir, 7pm	10 @ILC Sr Center Exercise,10 @ILC tai chi, 11-12, fh @ILC : NA 7pm	11 Patriot Day @ILC Healthy Bones, 9am HT, Food Cupboard 10-2 @ILC : NA 7pm PASTOR VACATION	12 @ILC NA 11am
13 16th Sun. aft. Pentecost National Grandparents Day RALLY DAY, 10:45 Sun. School 9:30 NO Communion Worship at IMMANUEL Guest Preacher: Lee Lindema	14 HT OFFICE CLOSED @ILC Healthy Bones, 9am @ILC Sr Center Bingo,11:30 @ILC : NA 7pm PASTOR VACATION	15 @ILC Sr Center Exercise,10 @ILC tai chi, 11-12, fh NAR-ANON, 7 H. Library	16 ILC, Sr Men, 9 @ILC Healthy Bones, 9am HT, Food Cupboard 10-2 ILC, Choir, 7pm	17 @ILC Sr Center Exercise,10 @ILC tai chi, 11-12, fh HT Rachel Circle, 1:30 ILC Jmst Y Cancer support group, 6 @ILC: NA 7pm	18 @ILC Healthy Bones, 9am HT, Food Cupboard 10-2 @ILC : NA 7pm	19 @ First Confer- ence Youth Meeting 9-10am WELCA Fall Assembl @First House 9:30 regist. @ILC NA 11am
20 17th Sun. aft. Pentecost 9:30 Holy Communion Worship at IMMANUEL 10:45 Sunday School Parish Newsletter DEADLINE Youth Ministry @ FIRST 5:30—7pm	21 HT OFFICE CLOSED @ILC Healthy Bones, 9am @ILC Sr Center Bingo,11:30 @ILC : NA 7pm PASTOF	NAR-ANON, 7 H. Library AWAY—SYNOD MINISTERIU	@ILC Healthy Bones, 9am HT, Food Cupboard 10-2	24 @ILC Sr Center Exercise,10 @ILC tai chi, 11-12, fh @ILC: NA 7pm	25 ILC Newsletter helpers, 9 @ILC Healthy Bones, 9am HT, Food Cupboard 10-2 @ILC: NA 7pm	26 @ILC NA 11am
27 18th Sun. aft. Pentecost 9:30 Holy Communion Worship at IMMANUEL 10:45 Sunday School @ILC NA Area Leaders.noon	28 HT OFFICE CLOSED ILC n/I mailing, 9 @ILC Healthy Bones, 9am @ILC Sr Center Bingo,11:30 @ILC : NA 7pm	29 HT n/l mailing, 9 @ILC Sr Center Exercise,10 @ILC tai chi, 11-12, fh NAR-ANON, 7 H. Library	30 @ILC Healthy Bones, 9am HT, Food Cupboard 10-2 ILC, Choir, 7pm			