

# Hilltop Happenings

For September, 2024



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**Our mission is to welcome, accept and encourage all people as we follow Jesus.**

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Sundays 8:30 am - Devotional Service      10:30 am - Worship  
5 pm - Misa en Español

## Service Attendance in person / \*online views as of 8/26/2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>	<u>5:00 pm</u>
July 28	9	98 / *165	16 / *182
Aug 4	6	103 / *170	33 / *172
Aug 11	11	121 / *363	- / *-
Aug 18	9	99 / *440	- / *-
Aug 25	10	110 / *283	- / *-

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# Pastor's Ponderings

Just pondering a journey off the beaten path...

On September 15<sup>th</sup> I will hang up my stole for two months and step away from ministry, away from my date book, and away from my normal communities, places, and activities.

Away.

Away to see daughters and nieces who are scattered in lovely, far-away places. Destinations such as New Zealand, Thailand, London, and just for fun, The Maldives with my youngest.

Away, to encounter people and places and cultures well off my beaten path, all the way to the top of the world ~ Bhutan, Tibet, and Nepal ~ ancient and spiritual places that are utterly different from my own. Egypt and Jordan will add layers and layers of historical intrigue. The interest of Qatar is its modern planning in a culture that I have great curiosity but little understanding of.

At each of these landings, I want to bring along a few lessons from my original Sabbatical: Be present. Be thankful. Be receptive. While I have a few expectations around sites that I plan to visit, mostly I desire to travel with deep wonder.

As I take leave of Silverton and Immanuel, some details for you...

- Yes, I will be back. November 15<sup>th</sup> is my return flight.
- Yes. For those of you who would like to make this journey along with me, there will be a Sabbatical Blog for you to follow. I'm not entirely sure about WIFI availability along the way, but as I am able, I will keep you posted.
- Yes, church services will continue. Pastor Patricia will pick up the 8:30 Devotional Service. She will also work beside Pastor Manuel and Pastor Joe in covering the 10:30 service. Likewise with Pastoral Care.

Please know how grateful I am to be offered this time apart. Sabbatical is all about nourishing the spirit into the next chapter. That goes for you as well as me. This is Immanuel's opportunity to ask questions about the present and the future. Where is Spirit swirling? Where is Spirit calling us to follow. How is Spirit speaking to you?

Until we meet again, grace upon grace upon grace.

Pastor Leah

*For the journey, these are the prayer requests that I leave in your hearts...*

- *Safety.*
- *Healthfulness.*
- *Deep curiosity.*
- *That my mind and heart are open.*

Pastor Leah

{Sabbatical 2024 ~ September 15<sup>th</sup> – November 15<sup>th</sup>}

## Meet Pastor Patricia Hughes



*Reverend Patricia Wolf Hughes is an ordained ELCA pastor, with an M.Div. from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California. A cradle Lutheran, Patricia met her first ordained woman in 1997, and applied for seminary in 2000. Patricia's work history is varied, both before and after ordination, and includes accounting and group facilitation. As Interim Campus Pastoral Leader at Northern Arizona University, prior to ordination, Patricia had her first taste of ministry. Serving after ordination, as pastor in Yucaipa, California, and following a year long Clinical Pastoral Education training in San Antonio, Patricia served as Palliative Care Chaplain at Peace Health in Springfield, Oregon, and qualified for her Board Certified Chaplain credential. Patricia retired from full time ministry following 7+ years at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Salem in 2021. Patricia has 2 children, Christopher and Faith, as well as one grandchild, Maddy. Previously widowed, Patricia is married to Reverend Joseph W. Hughes, and enjoys his children and grandchildren as well. Patricia spends her time gardening, reading, traveling, and leading worship for churches in the area as a substitute. Patricia and Joe have two dogs, Sassy and Niceaux and 3 chickens.*

During Pastor Leah's upcoming sabbatical, I have the opportunity to serve Immanuel (along with my friends and colleagues Pastor Joe Medley and Pastor Manuel) in worship ministry, confirmation, and caring for folks during this time. I have been a member of Immanuel for 3 years, having retired from a pastoral call at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Salem. My spouse, Pastor Joe Hughes (he is a Missouri Synod Lutheran pastor) and I have lived in Silverton for just over 5 years – and we love it here. I have the opportunity to serve churches on a weekly basis as what we call a "supply pastor" – kind of a pinch hitter (I do love baseball references!)

While I am with you during these 2 months, you'll find I'm a little different from Pastor Leah, and Pastor Manuel, and really any pastor. We are each just people, with our own skills and strengths (weaknesses too). I am excited about being with the confirmation class and leading the young people in a conversation and exploration of the Sacraments, as well as the Ten Commandments. (Confirmation is a two year program, and last year the group studied the Bible). As I have thought about those topics, I am continually led to thoughts about the Holiness of God. Attending worship, for me, has always been an encounter with the Holy (even though sometimes the concerns of life keep me from noticing). So I have been thinking about worship, and congregations and holiness. I hope you'll come along with me as we talk about holiness during this time set apart! Because you see, though Pastor Leah is the one going away and is intentionally encountering different experiences, different moments, as part of her own life journey, you and I, and anyone who comes along will have different experiences too. I hope we can talk about holiness, and how we feel it at church (or not), how we encounter it in our lives, and what God is teaching us about ourselves and our world as we encounter the Holy.

– Blessings, Pastor Patricia

*For Pastoral emergencies, please call Pastor Patricia at 503-510-9976*

## Meet Pastor Joe Medley



I am Pastor Joe Medley and I am excited for the opportunity to work with Pastor Manuel and Pastor Patricia Hughes, sharing in worship and pastoral care during Pastor Leah's sabbatical. I won't actually be starting until two weeks after Pastor Leah leaves as Deb and I will be in Ireland. We would have made this trip six months ago but someone lost HIS passport between Portland and Dallas, Texas. (I wonder who HE is?)

My wife Deborah and I live in Salem and have been members at Immanuel for a little over a year but attending for around two. I retired from Fir Lawn Lutheran in Sweet Home, just shy of three years ago and, like Pastor Patricia, I do a lot of supply preaching (fill-in). I currently serve on the Byberg Preaching Workshop board and on the Lutherwood Oregon board of directors.

Beginning the first Wednesday in October at 10:00 am I will be leading a line by line study of the gospel of Mark here at the church. Even if you have already read Mark 100 times before, I hope we all get to say at least once "I never noticed that before!". Pastor Patricia will be with us through out to keep me on track. Thank you, thank you my friend.

Hope to see you all in a couple of weeks. This week I am "Pastor Fill-in" somewhere else.

Blessings, Pastor Joe

## Director of Visitation Ministry

On the road with Patty and Max...

Calling all knitters, crocheters, and Lutheran Rosary beaders, "God's Work Our Hand's" Day is September 8. Prayer Shawl makers will be available to help get you started for a time of yarn and bead creating. Many 'pocket prayers' and rosaries have been made and given to Immanuel and the Silverton community at large. Come after lunch at the church to the Fireside Room on the 8<sup>th</sup> to create and help fill the basket.

As the new school year begins, activates at home and church will increase. Below are some suggestions to help all of us succeed:

1. Make decisions together.
  2. Encourage others to think big.
  3. Go places together.
  4. Be sincere.
  5. Share a meal together.
  6. Be spontaneous.
  7. Tackle new tasks together.
  8. Be available.
  9. Inspire creativity.
- And
10. Be flexible.

## Did Ya Know?

One of our newly adopted goals is to expand communication avenues to provide clear and consistent information. Based on feedback from the Listening Season, people wanted to understand more about the business side of our church. This relates to our goal, "ILC will expand communication avenues to provide clear and consistent information. The Council will be contributing to the monthly newsletter, sharing some information that people may not be aware of, particularly regarding the business side of the church.

For our first article, **did ya know** that ILC tithes 10% of all offerings and monetary gifts? The funds are distributed monthly with each organization receiving a percentage of the month's offerings.

We distribute these funds to three non-profits in Silverton.

- **3% Silverton Area Community Aid (SACA)**, whose mission is to improve lives by providing food, services, and access to community resources.
- **2.2% Sheltering Silverton**, whose mission is to collaborate with neighbors and organizations to provide a framework that supports, develops, and provides services to vulnerable neighbors in order for them to transition towards fuller security, stability, and purpose within our community.
- **5.4% ARK** is an ILC ministry that provides food, snacks, and various other needs to students who may be in need in the Silver Falls School District.

Through the Oregon Synod, we support:

- **70% Oregon Synod Region 1** is comprised of the Alaska, NW Washington, SW Washington, NW Intermountain, Oregon, and Montana Synods. The participating synods and the churchwide organization share funding according to a mutually agreed-upon allocation of funds.
- **4.2% Lutheran Community Services NW** partners with individuals, families, and communities for health, justice, and hope.
- **5.2% Lutheran World Relief** tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges threatening their livelihoods and well-being. Their goal is to help people build self-sufficiency and create new community-owned approaches to problem-solving that will last long after our projects end.

For the math brains, the 10% tithe is completed with **10%** added to a **Council Discretionary Fund**.

## Youth Group

**Sunday 9/1** No youth group

**Sunday 9/8** Rally Sunday: We will participate in the Silver Creek Cleanup following the church service (from approximately 12-2 pm). After the creek clean up we can hang out and play games. This will take the place of the regular 6 pm youth group that day.

**Sunday 9/15** We will jump into exploring the books of the Bible with activities to follow at 6 pm.

**Sunday 9/22** We will try to join in on the Glump #2 activity time (more info to come). We will also see everyone at 6 pm.

**Sunday 9/29** Youth group at 6 pm



# Kitchen News

All are invited to kitchen cleaning on the following Monday dates. Start time 9 am for an hour or two:

September 9

October 7

November 4

December 2

January 6

## ***Cleaning the frig and food stewardship***

One of the monthly kitchen tasks is cleaning the refrigerator. It is always sad to fill the garbage can with expired and/or spoiled food.

We look first for food spoilage – and these are immediately discarded.

We look at how the food is marked. If food is not spoiled and marked with someone's name and a date – we do save it.

Now we come to the difficult part – how to determine unsafe food. This food that is not labeled and is at or beyond the expiration date marked on the container.

In 2021 Marion Polk Food Share published a list of foods for use in food banks, not which foods could be consumed past the posted expiration date. A copy of this list has been added to the kitchen appliance drawer.

The real dilemma faced by the kitchen crew is that refrigerated foods that are safe past the expiration date require that the food is refrigerated the entire time.

Food in a church kitchen is moved in and out of refrigeration frequently. Consider a container of coffee creamer. The creamer is taken out of the refrigerator when Sunday coffee hour is set up and returned an hour or two later. And the container is handled by multiple people. This is done over and over.

Opened coffee creamer, as well as dairy milk and creamer, is only good for a few days past the expiration even when refrigerated. And the risk of spoilage increases if the product is out at room temperature.

This is a frequently discarded item, and we encourage the use of individual creamer containers to reduce waste. Other frequently discarded items are partial open containers of condiments that have been in and out of the refrigerator unknown number of times.

*The kitchen crew would like to encourage people to NOT leave food in the church refrigerator unless there is a planned future use. OR please mark the food with your name or church group; and it will be saved for you if it is not spoiled.*

It is a sad thing to fill a garbage can with food that might have been better used. Be a careful kitchen steward.

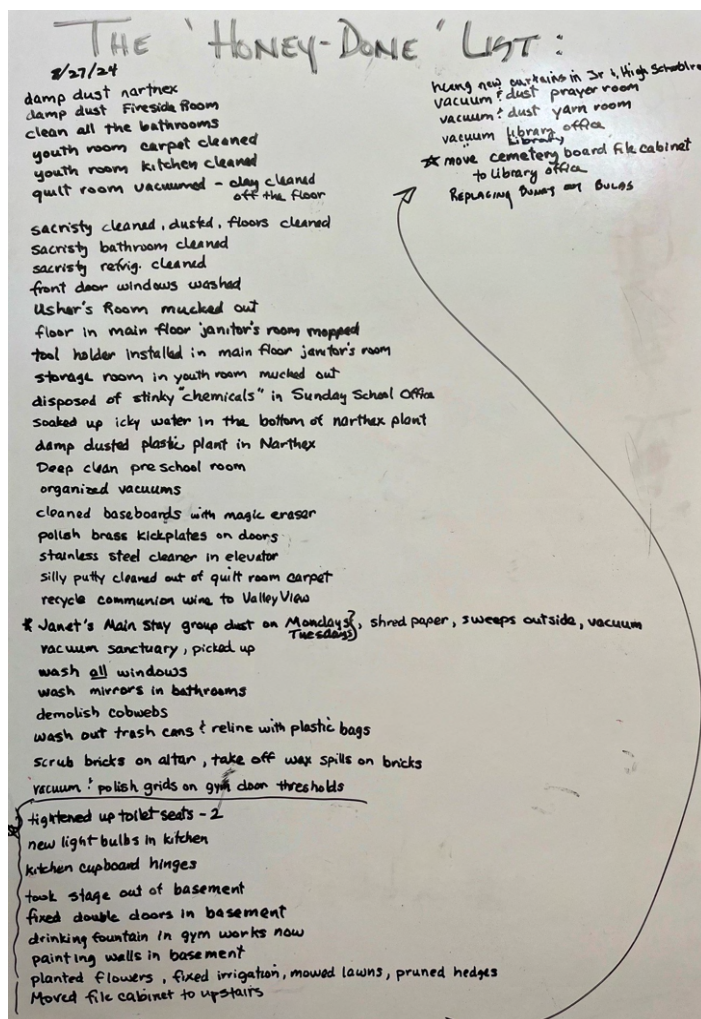
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## Meet Our New Staff Members



# Ministry Celebrations & 'Honey-Done' List

- ☆ Mary Miller and crew (Lynn Gannon, Neil MacInnes, Karin Petit, Barb Richter, Barbara Renback) for the fresh coat of paint to reinvigorate the basement hallway.
- ☆ The Youth who are making a deep dive into closets and storage areas as they muck out the Youth Areas and Kate Bush for leading the charge.
- ☆ Martina Bielemeier for shampooing the carpet in the Youth Room. Who knew those spots didn't have to be permanent?
- ☆ Tuesday Crew for being an incredible asset to keeping this place looking good.
- ☆ 75 folks who attended Family Camp at Camp Lutherwood.
- ☆ Beautiful zinnias in bloom.
- ☆ The zucchini growers and distributors for the Homer Davenport Parade.
- ☆ Jennifer Bielenberg for leading our van ministry for many years.
- ☆ The birth of Ace Adam Etcheberry, born to Garin & Joey on August 7<sup>th</sup>. He was 7 pounds 3 ounces and 19 inches long.
- ☆ The birth of Levi Robert Lovelace, born to Lauren & Jim on August 19<sup>th</sup>. He was 5 pounds 15 ounces and 19 inches long.



Know a reason to celebrate, call 503-873-8656 to report 'who' and 'what'.

# Prayer Ministry & Condolences

*The hungry. Foster kids. Those who battle addiction.*

*All who serve our country:* Tyler Guzman, US Navy. Gabriel Manning, US Army. Bradleigh Ronning, Naval Officer. Kenneth Adams, Phyllis Adams, Grace Allen, Nettie Donovan Austin, Kris Anne Baker, Kristie Bernabo, Jessica Bradley, Denise Childs, Kyler DeVore, Destiny Durbin-Wilson, Jamie Eby, Betty Faanes, Joann Faanes, Dan Funrue, Kevin Griffin, Wayne Gwyn, Tracy Harris, Michellelisa Bradner Hegney, Dan Henderson, Marsha Henderson, Mary Henderson, Rose Marie Howell, Lucy Hupp, Ed Jacoby, Debbie Donovan Jasman, Alta Johnson, Caroline Johnson, Dale Johnson, Dee Dee Johnson, Shana Lansidel, Tanya Lawton, Loretta Luciano, Ross Mackinnon, Pamela Madewell, Delores McCoy, Shirley McHorse, Able Meyers, Shane Moore, Mark Morin, Gayle Budd O'Grady, Gayle O'Neil, Elenore Norman, Emilia Panes, Keri Peck, David Richter, Marty Ronning, Lynette Rounds, Annette Shilinsky, Heidi Schindler, Gina Shifman, Lisa Smith, Nola Stark, Linda Stolte, Dave Strand, Lucas Taylor, Bonnie Thompson, Becky Tomlin, Linda Valencourt, Iliana Vaquera, Erica Winn, Haley Woods and Nora Woodward.

*\*If a name on the prayer list should be added or removed, please tell the office.*

**Our Condolences to: The family of Immanuel's former pastor Wally Gustav, who died on August 27. Addie Carstensen at the death of her father. Please keep these families in your prayers.**

# Upcoming Ministry Events & Opportunities

## **Community Worship Service** - September 1

Join us September 1 to worship with our Silverton neighbors. Worship will be at 10:00 am at First Christian Church. Kids are invited to bring their backpacks for a blessing. {We will also be blessing backpacks the following Sunday back here at Immanuel.} The special offering of the day will be gathering school supplies for the students at Mark Twain. Donations of cookies for coffee hour after worship would be appreciated.

*Please note, there will not be a 10:30 service at Immanuel on September 1.*

## **Esther Circle** - September 5

All women are invited to the next Esther Circle meeting on Thursday, September 5 in the Fireside room. Visiting and treats at 9:30 am, Bible Study at 10 am. For further details, please contact Linda Groah by ph/text at 503-551-6920 or email danlindagroah@gmail.com.

## **Kitchen Cleaning** - September 9 at 9 am

Many hands make the morning go quickly.

## **New Members & Baptisms** - September 8

Are you interested, ready to celebrate being on this faith journey together? We will receive new members on September 8 during the 10:30 service. Please reach out to Pastor Leah if you have questions or are ready for a conversation. {503.302.7712}

## **Rally Sunday** - September 8

Join us September 8 as we kick off the new school year! We will do the Blessing of Backpacks at the 10:30 service, Sunday School will begin at 10:45, lunch will be served at 11:45 and we will conclude with *God's Work Our Hands* service Sunday.

## **Sunday School** - Begins September 8

Join us on Sunday, September 8 as we kick off a new year of Sunday School! Kids will begin in church at 10:30 and then will be released for Sunday School. This month we will be studying the characteristics of Jesus.

## **Confirmation Glump 2** - September 22

Join us from 12-4 pm. Curtisses are providing lunch and Brendens are assisting with the activity.

## **Arts and Crafts Night** - September 22

Join us in the library at 5:00 pm (note time change) to work on your unfinished craft projects! Feel free to bring drinks or snacks. All are welcome on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month.

## **Bible Study** - Begins October 2

A mid-week Bible study begins on October 2 at 10 am in the fireside room. This is an opportunity for anyone and everyone who wants to explore the Gospel of Mark. Bring your bible and your curiosity. {If you don't have a Bible, let us know and we will get one in your hands!} If you have any questions, contact the office or Pastor Joe.

## **Rummage Sale** - October 4-5

Clean and sellable donations may be dropped off in the GARAGE during office hours. The gym will be used during the month of September and we need to keep it clear. Help is needed:

Sunday, Sept. 29 (bring rummage sale items down from the balcony and up from the garage)

Monday, Sept. 30 - Thursday, Oct. 3 (set up/price items)

Friday, Oct. 4 & Saturday, Oct. 5 (cashiers starting at 9:00 am)

This is a big event and we would appreciate anyone who can volunteer. All proceeds go to Missions. Let us know if you can help!

## **Wedding Coordinator Wanted**

Nora Schliske has served as Immanuel's Wedding Coordinator for an extended term {AKA a long, long time!} and she is ready to pass that baton along. It looks like there will be a wedding in this place in April, which would provide a lovely opportunity for our 'next' Wedding Coordinator to walk alongside Nora and see how it works. The question is, who will this be? Are you interested in this ministry area? If so, contact Pastor Leah or Nora Schliske.

## **Van Ministry Leader Wanted**

We are looking for someone to lead our van ministry. This person will coordinate rides to and from church with our volunteers.



# Ongoing Ministries, Reminders & Needs

## Small Groups

Small Groups have huge impact on faith and community life. While a couple of our Small Groups survived the pandemic, many did not. Plus, we have new families who are ready to engage. I am looking for someone who would have the interest and skills to lead/encourage/organize Small Group Ministries. I am also looking for folks ready to host/lead a Small Group. Pastor Leah {503.302.7712}

## Flowers for Sunday Church Services

Sign up on chart on the bulletin board in the multi-purpose room to bring flowers.

## Devotional Service

Pastor Leah hosts a devotional service on Sundays at 8:30 am in the Fireside Room.

## SACA Sunday

The next SACA Sunday will be September 8. Food and monetary donations are always welcome.

## Tuesday Crew

Join a team of folks who lend a hand with odd-jobs and basic maintenance to keep our building and grounds tidy and welcoming. Tuesdays at 10 am.

## Candle Lighting

Students interested in candle-lighting {before worship} contact Jim Brueckner at church or call 503-580-8752.

## Thirsty Thursday - Thursdays at 6 pm

See September calendar for locations.

## Immanuel Choir

Will begin again September 8 - join us after church each Sunday in the choir room at 11:45 am. All are welcome.

## An Artist's Corner

This is an invitation and opportunity for artists of all ages and genres to display their work. Contact the church office to reserve your space.

## Prayer Shawl

Will begin again September 10 - all skill levels are welcome. We have yarn and instructions and meet Tuesdays from 2-4 pm. We accept yarn donations!

## Name Tags

As a sign of hospitality, please wear your name tag (located in the back hallway). If you need one (or a new one), please sign up on the sheet provided.

# Froisig Features

In a Hallmark movie, a 'city-girl' is usually one who has moved from small-town USA to New York City or Chicago or San Francisco. Not so here in Silverton. Moving from a hillside one mile from downtown to the downtown core makes me a small-town 'city girl', I think. It's another new life-chapter, I have never been a 'city girl' before.

It may be noisier, but this small town is a busy place. Evening music can float through the air from several different locations. Sitting on the front porch can sometimes be like watching a parade. Friends go by honking and waving their arms out the window, and there sure are a lot of classic old cars in this town. .

The feeling of community is alive and well in Silverton. Shopkeepers are so happy to see you come in their store. After the first visit, they know your name. My mailman knows my name, and not just because I have a mailbox that leans and may just tip over soon. He always asks if my other house has sold and how we are doing in this new old house. Probably waiting for some of Grandma Hanson's oatmeal cookies to appear in the mailbox.

There are so many opportunities to take part in and meet new friends. Silverton comes with a very big Welcome.

Community is people who are linked together by common interests.

Community is being able to be part of a story.

Community lives on even after us, through memories, pictures, and stories shared.

Along with being a wonderer and a dreamer, I ponder a lot. Sometimes my mom called it day-dreaming. But as the years have moved along so quickly, there's certainly so much more to ponder. I often get carried away in memories, just thinking of all the families and communities I have collected on my life-journey so far. Each one such a gift.

My community on Facebook I call my FB Family. For all the negatives I hear about Facebook, I just know it keeps me connected to those I love. Family in Norway went on a 3-week trip to Kenya last year. From their pictures each day, I was on their trip in Kenya too. It was amazing. A few days ago, I got to see the summit of Mt. Hood on a bright sunny day. Pictures and stories told, open up my world to so many adventures.

The pictures of Mt. Hood triggered a memory of a wonderful mountain adventure many years ago. It all began because I said yes to being a guide for a blind skier. I was still new to cross-country skiing, downhill was my favorite, but I wanted to help. Ski for Light was a new program in the Sons of Norway community. On that first Saturday of Ski for Light, I was introduced to a guy, about my age, named Doug. I was to be his guide. We sat together on a school bus full of skiers, half sighted and half not.

When we arrived at the Stampede Pass exit off I-90 in Washington state, skiers and their equipment were unloaded. A bright blue snowcat named Ole was there to take us to the Sons of Norway lodge called Trollhaugen. When we were waiting for our turn to ride on Ole, I asked Doug what I needed to know or to do to be his guide. He had what is called tunnel vision. In my red jacket, as long as I stayed in his vision tunnel he could see me. If I was going to move to the left or right, I needed to tell him so his vision did not lose me. If we were walking side by side, he just needed to touch my elbow.

One weekend during our ski season was an overnight at the lodge. This is where a bus load of skiers became community and family. I stood alone by a wall just watching everyone. These new friends without their precious sight were so full of joy for being on the mountain, gratitude for us as their guides, and happy to share time with other non-sighted people. One played the piano, about seven people were standing around it singing in harmony. They put their arms around each other and nearly stood on their tiptoes to sing from their heart. There was a table with many enjoying their sandwiches and sodas. They were telling stories and jokes and laughing almost hysterically. Made me laugh too. A few sat in the corner by the window on cozy chairs reading with their fingers. All I could say was Thank you Lord for bringing me here.

By evening I had forgotten they could not see. There was a dance which included polka dancing. That comes with dancing quickly in circles. No shoes were allowed. They loved dancing the polka. Of course, since they could not see, there was a lot of bumping into each other but no one fell. The next morning there were a few black eyes. I thought I had two broken toes. Couldn't get my ski boot on. However, the joy and excitement continued all the way home on the bus. Our ski season together was absolutely supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!!!

When the next ski season came, we did it all over again.

I did try skiing with my eyes shut to know how it was for them, but it wasn't very long before I had to take a peek to see where I was going. Some of my new skier friends had sight once upon a time and then lost it, some were born without it. But they sure knew joy and gratitude and happiness. My life became richer by sharing time with them.

Community families, be it by blood or by love, are so important to our lives. God did not create us to be alone. What we give each other in love and service and compassion, keeps us healthy and happy and joyful. The best way to know is to understand, and that's what community gives us. And then we are part of the story that lives on through memories and pictures.

We are all God's children, and very special in our own uniqueness.

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Marilyn Frosig



COMMUNITY

# SEPTEMBER 2024

## Immanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 Every Sunday:</b> Devotional Service, 8:30 am Worship, 10:30 am (Begins Sept. 8) Sunday School, 10:45 am (Begins Sept. 8) Misa, 5 pm Youth Grp, 6 pm Community Worship @First Christian, 10 am (No 10:30 service @ILC)	<b>2 Every Monday:</b> Senior Center Exercise, 9:30-10:30 am YMCA in Gym, 1-4 pm Marion County Citizens Band Practice, 6:30-9 pm  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>3 Every Tuesday:</b> We All Dine In Silverton, 9 am-12 pm Staff Mtg, 9 am Senior Center Yoga, 9:30-10:30 am Tuesday Work Crew, 10 am YMCA in Gym, 1-4 pm, 6-8 pm Deacon Meeting, 6:30 pm Trustee Meeting, 7:15 pm	<b>4 Every Wednesday:</b> We All Dine In Silverton, 9 am-12 pm Senior Center Exercise, 9:30-10:30 am Senior Center Line Dance, 1-3 pm YMCA in Gym, 3-6 pm Compassionate Grief Recovery, 6-8 pm (Begins Sept. 11) ILC Sisters, 6:45	<b>5 Every Thursday:</b> Senior Center Yoga, 9:30-10:30 am YMCA in Gym, 1-4 pm 6-8 pm (Begins Aug. 12) Esther Circle, 9:30 am Thirsty Thursday @ Mac's, 6 pm Lion's Club Meeting, 7 pm	<b>6 Every Friday:</b> Senior Center Exercise, 9:30-10:30 am (Begins Aug. 13) YMCA in Gym, 11am-2 pm (begins Aug. 13) Sax Quartet Practice, 1-3 pm 	
<b>8 SACA SUNDAY</b> New Members, Baptisms & Blessing of the Backpacks Lunch, 11:45 am 'God's Work, Our Hands' Service Day	<b>9</b> Kitchen Cleaning, 9-11 am	<b>10</b> Prayer Shawl, 2-4 pm Hospitality Meeting, 6:30 pm	<b>11</b> Quilting, 9 am 	<b>12</b> Thirsty Thursday @Oktoberfest, 6 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 
<b>15</b> Choir, 11:45 am (Pastor Leah Leaves For Sabbatical After Worship)	<b>16</b>  Council Meeting, 7 pm	<b>17</b> Prayer Shawl, 2-4 pm Worship & Music Meeting, 5:30 pm	<b>18</b> Sheltering Silverton Meeting, 6-8 pm Worship Planning Meeting, 7 pm	<b>19 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b> Thirsty Thursday @High Water Grill, 6 pm Lion's Club Meeting, 7 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Choir, 11:45 am Confirmation Glump, 12-4 pm Arts & Crafts Night, 5 pm	<b>23</b> Grief Recovery Alumni, 1-3 pm	<b>24</b> Prayer Shawl, 2-4 pm	<b>25</b> Quilting, 9 am <b>Newsletter &amp; October Calendar Published</b>	<b>26</b> Twilight Court Meeting, 4-5 pm Thirsty Thursday @Silver Falls Brewery, 6 pm	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Choir, 11:45 am Rummage Sale Set-Up	<b>29</b> Rummage Sale Set-Up Grief Recovery Alumni, 1-3 pm	<b>30</b> Rummage Sale Set-Up Prayer Shawl, 2-4 pm	*Rummage sale items may be dropped off in the garage in September 			



2 Roland Langkabel	10 Sue Rivers	18 Creighton Helms
4 Laura Borbon	13 Dixon Bledsoe	20 Bob Donovan
6 Jeanette Olafson	Mark Williams	21 Ethan Frederick
7 Dale Johnson	15 Austin Duckworth	22 Neil MacInnes
Michelle Haines	16 Julie Frederick	John Rieder
9 Katie Sprauer	Deb Medley	23 Tyler Guzman
10 James Gilliam	Marta Voeller	25 Ronda Rieder
Caroline Johnson	17 Louise Satern	28 Duane Eder



1 Toby & Brandi Tucker	14 Dan & Darci Hyde
2 Joe & Deb Medley	17 Dan & Debbie Satern
10 Blinn & Addie Carstensen	26 Robin & Angela Guzman
Peter & Kate Heinlein	Neil & Patty MacInnes
Ross & Patricia Leach	Denny & Karen Taylor
14 Andrew & Kate Bush	27 Eric & Natasha Mandall
Mark & Nancy Dickman	

If you have a birthday or anniversary in September that is unlisted, please let us know!

**Sunday Flowers Provided By:**

- September 15: Mark & Nancy Dickman in Honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- September 22: Dan & Debbie Satern in Memory of Becky Satern Rice
- September 29: In Honor of Tyler Guzman's Birthday from Grammy

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