

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

# IMMANUEL

Broken and Loved, Saved by Jesus, Freed to Live



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE

**Next Sunday** in the Pepin Park at 9:00

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

*God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well!* WOV#767

Our brothers and sisters in the Roman Catholic tradition celebrate the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. St. Francis (1182-1226) was a monk who founded the contemporary order of Franciscans. He was known for his vow of poverty and his ministry to the very poorest members of the community. There are also many legends surrounding his special connection to animals. And so, in many Christian traditions, the first Sunday in October is often set-aside for a special Blessing of the Animals service.

Our worship service on October 2<sup>nd</sup> will take place in the Pepin Village Park where we will have a grand celebration and blessing of our animal companions. We will sing and thank God for all the animals that make our lives richer by their presence. Cats, dogs, goldfish, gerbils, horses, hamsters, parakeets, etc., etc.,..... All are Welcome! You may also bring a stuffed animal or a picture of your favorite friend. Every animal will be blessed by name. We will meet in the shelter that is directly above the parking area.

Just follow the crowds and the animals.

*All creatures, worship God most high!  
Sound every voice in earth in sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!*

- Francis of Assisi

## This Week

### IMMANUEL

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#### TODAY

9:00 Worship  
Welcome Laura from Young  
Adults in Global Mission  
Coffee & Conversation

#### MONDAY

1:00 Quilters

#### TUESDAY

10:00 Staff Meeting

#### WEDNESDAY

2:00 Text Study  
5:00 Community Café  
6:30 Informational Confirmation  
Meeting for Parents

#### THURSDAY

10 & 5 Food Pantry

#### SUNDAY

9:00 Worship in the Park  
Coffee & Conversation



**Meeting your neighbors  
one supper at a time!  
This Wednesday at 5:00**

## Announcements



It is our great joy to welcome Laura Hermanns who has just returned from her year of service in Rwanda with Young Adults in Global Mission. Kate Warn, our missionary, helped Laura with her orientation to this marvelous ministry.

Laura is now working for the ELCA as a Campaign Coordinator for the church. This means that she gets to visit congregations to thank them, share her experience in Rwanda and encourage our continued involvement with the global church. Laura will be leading our worship this morning. Thank you Laura!

### FAITH ADVENTURES UPDATE

We are excited to announce that we have directors for our Faith Adventures program for 2016-2017. We are thankful for Lori Clark Borchardt and Diane Carlson!

Faith Adventures Parent Meeting October 5th.

Faith Adventures Begins October 12th.

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

#### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

for our brothers and sisters around the globe

#### PRAYERS OF HEALING

Mark, Brandon K, Bradley L, Hannah, Camille, Mai Yang, Brad, Janice, Kathy, Curt D, Bob J, Tom C, John N, Meg, Jackie G, Denise K, Greg E, John H, Cory S, Bruce O, Darlene S, Mike, Mary B, Joyce H, Jim S, Steve W, Jeannette M, Cooper, Ray, Tom E, Jennifer S, Erin, Sandy, Caitlin, Jerry M, Elizabeth, Larry W, Jim S

#### PRAYERS FOR CARE CENTER FRIENDS

Alice T, Ann B, Barb S, Merlin W, Pearl B, Mugs, Lorene, Alfred

#### PRAYERS OF CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

for the family & friends of Michael Lee McCarty Jr.

THANK YOU FOR ...

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

#### TEAM TWO

Diane Carlson, John Graber,  
Bob & Lana Newcomb, Jamey  
& Rich Noel, Nancy Schroeder

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

#### TEAM THREE

Dave, Andrew, & Laura Brevick,  
Sara Cedarblade, Mavis Kjarland,  
Kevin & Cindy Kosok



### Blessing of the Quilts

We are so thankful for a new ministry at Immanuel -- in their first year, the quilters have created 30+ beautiful quilts to send around the world!

*Gracious God, as we place our hands on the quilts, we join giver and receiver, recognizing the unity of all your people in the body of Christ. We give thanks for the joy of creating together. We send them out into the world trusting they will be a sign of your love and hope in the midst of disaster, fear, war, or famine.*

*Bless us all as we give and receive, sewn together in the unity of your Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

*Thanks Emmanuel in Grafton, IA*