



Faith That Works

Some thoughts from Pastor Scott

At the end of this month, there will be many children dressed up in costumes and going "trick or treating". When I was six years old, I recall going to the door of an older man in Minneapolis. My sister and I said "trick or treat" and he challenged me to do a trick

before I could get a treat. I can't recall what the trick was – probably something like doing a summersault. I do remember that the treat he gave afterwards us was nice.

As a kid, it was fun to dress up in a costume and get a bag of candy. On Halloween evening, we'll get to see kids dressed in all kinds of costumes. Some might be superheroes or others look like zombies. Inevitably, there would be some kids who could be wearing masks to look like a superhero or famous storybook character.

Watching kids wear masks can be fun but it's not so fun when adults do it. As adults we can easily hide behind masks that don't show the "real us". Some of the masks adults wear are grotesque and profane – abusing others and using them to the person's advantage. Some of the masks adults wear are more subtle and offer the illusion of beauty and sophistication. But, in the end, even the beautiful masks we wear are just as grotesque and cover up the extraordinary image of God within us.

There are some adults who like to wear the mask of "performer". The "performer" likes to point to what they've done and base their faith on their "good" works getting them to heaven. But there's a big problem with this kind of thinking. It bases our relationship with Jesus on the "good things". We create our own moral code and set a personal standard of "good" while not relying on what Jesus has done for us on the cross. The "performer's mask" sees Christianity as a moral code of "do's and don'ts" rather living a life of thanks for what Jesus has done for us on the cross and God's love.

This Fall, we're going to look at taking off the "masks" people hide behind and how to be authentic in our relationships with God and others. We want a "faith that works". The New Testament book of James is a great book in the Bible that shows us how to not put our trust in our human moral goodness but the goodness of Jesus. I invite you to join us in person or online Sunday mornings at 10:15 as we study this book of the Bible during worship.

God is with us... Pastor Scott

October 2021 Immanuel Calendar



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
3 9:00 am Sunday School for ALL ages 10:15 am Worship 11:15 am Coffee and Fellowship time	4	5	6 6 pm – Confirmation at Immanuel:: 4th & 5th Commandments	7	8	9 “Explore” Day retreat for elementary kids at Camp Carol Joy Holling
10 9 am Sunday School for ALL ages 10:15 am THANKSLIVING WORSHIP OUTDOORS 11:15 am Potluck lunch 7pm Church Council meeting online - Zoom	11	12	13	14 American Wife: Faith, Family & Freedom” program at St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, Lincoln	15	16
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Women of the Word... mark your calendars for the Fall gathering in Fremont on October 23rd.

Our speaker will be Patti Winkler, a middle school teacher who uses quilts to teach history. Come and see, touch, and learn about our history through her gift of teaching. Gathering for registration, coffee and donuts will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont and we will conclude by 3:00 p.m.

Our service project will be to gather quilts and/or quilting supplies for others to us in the creation of quilts. There will be **NO FEE TO ATTEND** but we encourage a free-will donation which will be divided between Lutheran World Relief and Camp Carol Joy Holling.

Please remember to continue your giving and offering to the Heartland Women of the Word and pray for a great event. Sign up is open on the Heartland District Website (www.heartlanddistrict.com) at the Women of the Word tab. Please contact Pastor Scott (402.499.4444) if you have questions or want more information.



Please remember Immanuel's homebound members in your prayers:

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Immanuel's Church Basement Remodeling Project



The basement project has been on "hold" while Immanuel has repaired its steeple, reroofed a portion of the building and taken care of other building projects. But, we **ARE** moving forward this Fall to work at fixing up our basement room, kitchen and bathroom. Be sure to check out the church's plans in the entry area of Immanuel in the near future!

UPCOMING RETREATS

at Carol Joy Holling Camp



October 9, 2021

Each Explore! Day Retreat is a one-of-a-kind retreat for kids in grades 1-6 to discover the magic of exploring God's creation at CJH Camp.

Visit CJHCenter.org/explore
to learn more and register!



November 12-14, 2021

Come back to camp for the weekend. Come and enjoy classic camp activities such as High Ropes, Creative Arts, and Campfires!

Visit CJHCenter.org/ms-retreat
to learn more and register!



November 20-21, 2021

Fall is a time where life seems like a giant to-do list. Join us for a weekend to be present, try new things, grow together, and have fun!

Visit CJHCenter.org/mother-daughter
to learn more and register!



December 29-30, 2021

Join us for a faith-filled winter adventure all while getting to hang out with camp friends old and new.

Visit CJHCenter.org/hs-retreat
to learn more and register!



American Wife

Faith, Family and Freedom

Thursday, October 14

6:30-8 p.m.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
8550 Pioneers Blvd.

Taya Kyle has persevered through one of the most difficult situations one could face: losing a loved one. Her world crumbled when the love of her life, American Sniper Chris Kyle, was unexpectedly killed and left her as a single mom of two kids under 10.

Taya shares a compelling story of fighting through the toughest times imaginable and emerging even stronger through relying on faith, family and freedom – and a healthy sense of humor.

Join us for this engaging, entertaining, emotional and inspiring event!

Register Today

bryanhealth.org/american-wife

This event may change from in-person to virtual. Those registered will be notified.

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PRAYER LIST

Christie Bevington (health – member)
Matthew Weaver (health – member)
The Wade family (Mission family we support)
Bill Bohling (cancer/Heart - Crystal's Dad)
Gary & Rhonda Westendorf (health – Wischhof)
Amanda Ray (cancer – Hedges)
Makena Garrison (17 yrs old – neurofibromatosis – Bevington)
Belinda Basel (cancer – Otto)
Lora Robinson (health – Fran's sister)
Mike Hnizda (health – Fran's brother)
JoAnn Koepke (health & Safety – Janis' sister)
Andrea Christensen (health – J Christensen)
Karen Edstrom (cancer)
Heather Lucht (health – Hanson)
Ron Weltruski (bone cancer – Hedges)
Connie Hansen (cancer Kent & Teresa Hansen)
Katelyn Christian (stroke & brain bleed – pregnant)
Ken Rezac (stroke)
Paul Cook (cancer treatment)
Bill Pearson (non Hodgkin's lymphoma)
Aaron Larson (health - Pastor Larson)
Todd & Sonnie Otto (recover from covid – Fredrickson)
Safety & Protection for all

OCTOBER USHERS

Oct. 3 - Barb & LeRoy Hanson
Oct. 10 - Fran Freeman
Oct. 17 - Jon & Janis Bible
Oct. 24 - Jodi Boden
Oct. 31 - Doug & Shawn Rudeen

OCTOBER LECTORS

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OCTOBER Food Pantry

All food items to make Holiday meals
& Holiday baking for Thanksgiving &
Christmas