

Dear Disciples,

Are you ready to **#Explore**?! Maybe you are an adventurous spirit, always ready for the next thing, or maybe you like a bit more planning and details before heading down a new path. Either way, the call to exploration is embedded into our Christian context – and September is a great time to start!

See, as the apostles set out in the world to establish communities of faith and build up the body of Christ, there was a spirit of exploration. They knew that their call and mission was to go out to teach, baptize, love and serve one another in the name of Jesus Christ. However, they ran into quite a few unknowns along the way. With baptism came the question of who should be baptized, how many times was it needed, and when it could be done. With serving their neighbor, they had to ask who it was they ought to be serving and in what ways could it be done. The list goes on, but what remains true is that part of our Christian roots lies in exploration. Exploring questions of teaching, authority, community, purpose, and method.

We continue in this exploration still now as we ask where is God calling? Where is Christ leading? What ways can we serve? Who are we called to walk alongside? The possibilities and opportunities are indeed endless. What remains true in exploration is that there is always a resulting discovery. We may discover a wonderful ministry that flourishes in the community. We may discover that what we try doesn't quite work out. We may discover more about our neighbor, or even more about ourselves.

Right now is a great time to explore! As programs start up for the year there are many opportunities to serve and to be a part of this community in a new way. There are committees to serve on to help discern direction for the church, there are many youth programs that could use support in leadership and are always happy to welcome new participants. There are ministries and groups that nurture faith, connect with neighbors, and serve the community. I encourage you to explore this year, to try out something new – if you're not sure just ask! The Holy Spirit has empowered each of us with different gifts and has provided the opportunity to use them. Let's start exploring!

Buzzword – **“explore”**: exploration has always been a part of our Christian narrative,
and there is a lot to discover!

Question – What will you **#explore** this year? What might you discover along the way?

† Pastor Niki

***You're Invited to
a service of
Holy Communion
with the Rite of
Installation***

**Sunday, September 10th @
3:00pm**

Blessing of the Backpacks

Join us **September 3 at 9:30am**. We're kicking off our last outside chapel service of the summer and extend an invite to all kids with their backpacks and all those that work in education – Day Care Workers, Nannies, Teachers, Janitors, Principals etc. !!!!

Immanuel would like to extend a blessing and our thanks for all that you do!

Come to the Car Show

**Rescheduled for
September 23rd**

Fun for all ages

Raindate:

9/24/2017

Immanuel's Blessings!

In case you would like to send Donna Figoras a card, her new address is:
11381 Prosperity Farms Rd, Apt 239, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410-3403

Pastor and I would like to thank everyone who helped us get our offices working more efficiently and streamlined.
We are very grateful for your efforts.

Happy Anniversaries

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| 1 Lynn & Eric Meady | 15 Jessica & Christopher Nossal |
| 2 Carol & Ernest Isberg III | 20 Lisa & Gregory Dorosh |
| 4 Bonnie & Rick Kaeser | 22 Tari & John Lavorgna |
| 6 Dorothy & James Voccola | 27 Wendy & Dave Cegelka |
| 10 Debra & Tom Solomon | Noel & Roger Pease |
| 11 Jacqueline & Walter Hupprich | 29 Lorraine & Victor Diaz |
| 12 Jan & Randy Cormack | Gretchen Grele & Gerald |
| 14 Vicki & Joseph Napomiceno | Cassin |

Happy Birthdays

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| 3 Donna Figoras | 14 Ronald Drummer |
| Minalva Forbes | 16 Anthony Scinto |
| 7 Kyle Austin | Megan Keenan |
| Ken Robinson | 17 Susan Borchert |
| 8 Kristen Lovell | 19 Lori Fassbender |
| 9 Al Meyer | 21 Avry Marcinczyk |
| Janet Austin | Jainna Marcinczyk |
| 10 Laura Austin | 23 David Ahearn |
| 11 Alexa Terrell | Lewis Belinsky |
| 12 Lauren Burton | 25 Colton Cummings |
| Robert Terrell | Jodi Fletter |
| 13 Russell Steckert | 28 Abigail Haight |
| Gretchen Grele | Tessie Schreyer |
| Karen Ferrara | 30 Pat Parnoff |

Prayers: Deb Steckert (203.888.1218)

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| Aaron & Jessica | Kathy Corrigan | Jerry Hickman | Tyler Otis | Krista Snyder |
| Joe Abate | Mary Ann Croves | Illiana | Olivia Grace | Margo Steckert |
| Amy | Elizabeth Dicapua | Ernest Isberg | Olivia Rose | Stephen |
| Ann Marie Lisa | Ruth Edgren | Linda Kunecki | Florence Pawlak | Dorothy Stockman |
| Helen Ahearn | Sebastian Estrada | Sarah Leventhol | Pat Ploch | Ed Stockman |
| Bob Ancefsy | Wes Falbo | Norbert Lorenzen | Dorothy Prillip | Alexa Terrell |
| Art Gillette | Arleen Flach | Wilma Luft | Joanna Rooney & children | JoAnn Virag |
| Elaine Ault | Francis | Ava Nebbia | Rose | Dee Voccola |
| Barbara | Gary Grabowski | Tacia Neumann | Lynne Ross | |
| Shirley Bernardo | Millie Grele | Chuck O'Neil | Joyce Sauer | |
| Alan Burton | Gloria | Dila Ostertag | Debby Simko | |

The Food Bank Corner

Rice, small bags

Cooking Oil

Spooner House Meal

Tuesday, September 26th

**Thank you,
Karen & Russ Errickson
for this month's meal.**
No kitchen help is needed.

New baby? Let Karin Schidat know so a rose can be placed on the font in their honor.
203.888.5976

If You or a Loved One Goes to the Hospital... Please let us know! Pastor Niki will be in touch with you and on most occasions, will be able to come and visit if you wish. However, we can't pray for you or visit you if we don't know, so....

* call the church office or Pastor Niki to inform of hospitalization

OR * Let the hospital know that you are a member of Immanuel Lutheran in Oxford, and would like them to contact the church (please give permission for your information to be released to the Pastor)

Pastor Niki's Office Hours
Mon: 9am- 1pm
Tues / Thur: 3:00-6:00 p.m.
Sat: @ Starbucks
9am-2pm
(Or by appointment)
For Pastoral care, please call
508.439.0439



Choir Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 13th
Installation Choir Rehearsals: Sat. Sept. 2nd and 9th at 9:00 a.m.
Cantata Rehearsals begin Monday, October 2nd

September Ministry						
		Ushers	Assisting Minister	Lector	Acolyte	Coffee Hour
3	9:30	<i>Anne & Rob Dow</i>	<i>Julie Cormack</i>	<i>Beth Alves</i>	<i>Jainna Marcinczyk</i>	<i>Sandra & Dave Andes</i>
10	9:30	<i>Troy Adcox & Charlie Rippel</i>	<i>Jeananne Urbanowicz</i>	<i>John Miller</i>	<i>Ethan Andes & Jayden Urbanowicz</i>	<i>Dorothy & Charlie Rippel</i>
17	8:15	<i>Janet Edgren & Lilian Thompson</i>	<i>Julie Cormack</i>	<i>Lars Edgren</i>	<i>Vanessa Bogle</i>	<i>Jeananne & Ed Urbanowicz</i>
	10:30	<i>Rick Kaeser & Kim Tupper</i>	<i>Andrew Napomiceno</i>	<i>Vicki Napomiceno</i>	<i>Jack Mullen</i>	<i>The Mullen family</i>
24	8:15	<i>Deb & Tom Solomon</i>	<i>Jeananne Urbanowicz</i>	<i>Wendy Cegelka</i>	<i>Jayden Urbanowicz</i>	<i>Kelly Urbanowicz</i>
	10:30	<i>Kim & Lee Burton</i>	<i>Hunter Cripps</i>	<i>Charlie Rippel</i>	<i>Samantha Seres</i>	<i>MaryAnn & Ken Robinson</i>
		Altar Guild: <i>Kim Burton & Alicia Belinsky</i>				

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9:30 Worship 6:30p Youth Group	28	29	30	31 7p Christian Educati	Sep 1	2
3 9:30 Worship 11:30 Anniversary W	4 Labor Day	5 6:30p Worship and I	6	7 7p Christian Educati	8	9
10 9:30 Worship 3p Pastor's Installati 6:30p Youth Group	11 7p Property Mtg.	12	13	14	15	16
17 Rally Day 8:15 Worship 10:30 Worship	18 6:30p Adult Study	19 7p Congregation Co	20	21	22	23 Car Show
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