

# FaithBIT



## Let's jump in!

Reflection by Pastor Paul Nelson

On a golden day earlier this August, I stood on the shore of Lake Superior contemplating a swim. Refreshing, renewing, reviving, and rejuvenating are all words that could describe the waters of Lake Superior. Cold is another descriptive word for Superior, but I would say it's inadequate.

I stood at the water's edge for a while, thinking about braving those icy waters and finally, after encouragement from my wife, we joined hands and ran in together (well, I might have been dragged a little bit). If you are thinking of jumping in Lake Superior, this is the time of year to do it, and I recommend it. Immersed in that cold water one is well and truly alive.



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This fall, each of us can take a refreshing, renewing, reviving and rejuvenating plunge into the waters of our baptism by stepping up to care and serve at and through Immanuel. There are opportunities to learn, to teach, to serve, to share, to comfort and be comforted, to grow, to make friends and strengthen relationships.

You might jump in and share your musical ability, or serve as an usher, greeter, reader, or altar guild helper. You might join a small group or Table of 8 and be blessed in friendship. You could help mentor children and young people. You can participate in one of the many service opportunities Immanuel offers. Of course, you might be tempted to stand safely on the shore of non-involvement, but I hope and pray that you won't. I want to encourage you to be refreshed and renewed as you share fully in the blessing of being God's people. So, join me, let's jump in!