



## Notes from Nancy



*As I reflect on our ministry together this past year and look forward to the future, I found one of the litanies by one of my favorite authors, Sister Joyce Rupp, to be especially meaningful. It is from her book "May I Have This Dance?" Find a comfortable chair, grab a cup of hot cocoa or coffee and as you read; Reflect, Mediate, Enjoy!!*

God, who sings through us, we Thank you.

For... Our talents and gifts

For... Faith in our Hearts

For... People who are instruments of God

For... Moments with God

For the times when your goodness made music through us.

God of goodness, help us to trust in you.

When...Fear rises and we do not believe enough

When...Business takes precedents over God

When...We doubt your presence

When...We lose sight of God

When emptiness, loneliness, and other struggles keep us from hearing your melody of love.

God of Love, sing your song through us.

As...We grow and believe

As...We allow more and more of ourselves to be influenced by you

As...The song of your love grows within us

As...We struggle to know how and when to share Your love.

As we go forth from here with the desire to be your instruments of love.

*Together, we continue on our journey.....*

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### ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

*It may well be that the world is denied miracle after miracle and triumph after triumph because we will not bring Christ what we have and what we are.*

*If, just as we are, we would lay ourselves on the altar of service of Jesus Christ, there is no saying what Christ could do with us and through us.*

*- William Barclay*

*Welcoming All. Growing Together in Faith. Sharing Christ's Love*

# Changes to Our Sunday Schedule

Based on the conversations led by the Transition Team and then again discussed at the Congregational business meeting, the Council has decided to move to one Sunday worship service. From January through April 2022, Sunday worship will begin at 9:30 am followed by fellowship and education hour at 10:30 am. In April, Council will revisit and review this change.



## Worship Volunteer Sign-Up

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office for greeters, communion assistants, and acolytes. Please consider sharing your gifts in our worship!



## iPad Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help set up the iPad for live-streaming Sunday worship. Mindy Tillberg will train you!

## Flower Delivery Volunteers

Volunteers and vehicles are needed to deliver Valentine's Day flowers on February 14-15 for the Dillon's store on Cloud. If you would like to help, please contact Mindy Tillberg. Monies raised will be used for youth events.



## Education Hour Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to lead the Generations In Faith Together (GIFT) class on Sunday mornings. Curriculum is provided, you pick and choose the activities to do. Volunteers teach once every 4-6 weeks. Volunteers must go through the volunteer training and background check process before beginning. See Mindy Tillberg for more information.



Ministry Teams are the groups of volunteers that give life to our congregation! They are most effective when many people participate in them. If you have an interest, or passion, or simply want to help in any of these areas, please attend a meeting or contact a Council member serving on that team.

Evangelism: Explores and implements various ideas for sharing the Gospel.

Finance: Deals with the finances of Immanuel.

Memorials: Manages the donations that have been given as a memorial.

Missions: Plans various mission events throughout the year.

Property: Oversees the care of the building, property, and parsonage.

Stewardship: Lifts up ways of giving our whole self (time, talent & resources) as an offering to God.

Worship and Music: Selects hymns and plans worship services.

Youth & Education: Guides the youth & education opportunities.

## End of Year Giving

One way to live out the meaning of the holiday season is to carefully and prayerfully consider the gifts we give and to remember Immanuel Lutheran Church on our gift list. When the church year ends in a solid financial position, we fulfill our commitment to the budget we passed 12 months earlier. More importantly, it ensures continuity of the ministry we are faithfully working to accomplish.

Please prayerfully consider Immanuel in your year-end giving. Contributions dated and received by December 31, 2021 will be considered as gifts for 2021.



## CALL PROCESS

**On Sunday, January 9,** Pastor Dave Whetter from the Synod office will be preaching. During fellowship time, members will have the opportunity to meet him and share any questions or concerns you may have about the call process.

Also on this day the Call Committee will be installed. Immanuel's Call Committee members are: Jeri Clouston, Kaylee Cooper, Jeremy Diehl, Corlene Lange, Diana Looney, and Terry Oehmke.

### Please notify the church office when...

...You or a family member is hospitalized. Also, let the hospital chaplain know you would like a visit from Nancy.

...You have a change of address.

...Your phone number has changed.

...Your email address has changed.

...Members of your family are students attending school away from home or are living at a different address.

### **Winter Weather**

As we enter the season of winter weather advisories, please know that any cancellations of church activities will be posted on the congregational Facebook group (private) and page (public), KSAL.com and local radio/TV stations that we are able to contact. If you feel the roads are not safe to travel on, please stay home!



### **Congregation Council Action November 2021:**

Minutes have not been approved yet.



The One who calls you to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature is the One who by your consent, goes into all the world and preaches the Gospel to every creature through you!

*W. Ian Thomas*

### **Do you have an article for the Messenger?**

Please send information to [mindy@immanuelsalina.org](mailto:mindy@immanuelsalina.org)

Deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of the month.

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### **Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, January 23 at 10:30 am**



All are welcome to this celebration of our ministries in 2021! The meeting will be followed by a meal hosted by the Council.

### **Altar Guild**

**Wednesday, Jan 5 at 3:00pm**

Take down decorations

**Wednesday, Jan 19 at 3:00pm**

Monthly meeting



### **2022 Offering Envelopes**



Offering envelopes for 2022 are available for pick-up in the narthex. Help is needed to deliver (no contact, porch drop) envelopes that have not been picked up yet.



### *Notes of* **THANKS**

Your support of this agency is deeply appreciated. Providing services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault is vital to our community's quality of life. Without your support and generosity, these services would not be offered.  
*Sincerely, Andrea Quill, DVACK*

Thank you for the cards, gifts, and kind words for my birthday and during the holidays. Your thoughtfulness is a blessing to me and my family.

*Mindy Tillberg*

Thank you to the musicians who provided music during the Advent and Christmas seasons. The sharing of your gifts has been a blessing to us all!