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PARISH NEWS

April 2019

From Pastor Micah



“These things are true. The world is dark. And we are alive.” -Stephen Dewey

The shadow of the grave is long, and haunts us throughout the season of Lent. We feel it, even though the days are (finally) growing longer, the air gets warmer, and the ice and snow retreating until next winter. But it looms over us, a constant reminder of our mortality, and an honest confession of why our Easter hope is so urgent. We long for the joy of Easter morning, not because we want the good news that a rabbit broke into our house and left jellybeans and chocolate eggs for us—we long for the promise of the resurrection, because we know that we will die. We know that death is all around us, ever present in the losses we face, the brokenness that divides peoples, and in the harm we inflict on creation.

But the legacy of Lent is not that God lets us flounder, alone and forgotten amid a sea of troubles. Lent is not an end, but a preparation for the great Paschal feast, where we witness anew the life of Christ conquering death and the grave. It’s into the valley of the shadow of death that Christ comes to us. As we look forward to Holy Week, and the fulfillment of our Lenten journey, I want to invite people once more to be a part of some collaborative storytelling, using simple tabletop role-playing similar to what we tried during Advent. From 1:30 pm to 6 pm, on Good Friday, April 19th, we’ll gather to share a story of death and hope. Please RSVP to me at msievenpiper@gmail.com, or by phone.

As we continue to walk in the shadows of death, I pray that we will also see the grace of God breaking into our lives.

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WELCA

Meetings with Jesus - Part 3 & 4

Over the course of this four session study, we will approach the Gospel of John (John 8-21) through the lens of Jesus’ interactions with various characters within the Gospel.

Wednesday, April 3rd

10:30-NOON

Spong Common Room

Lunch will be served at Noon for Lenten

Midweek study

May WELCA meeting will be on May 1st at Jackie’s residence (Armor Oaks) at 10:30 am with a optional lunch for \$7.50 following the meeting.

Location: Armour Oaks, 3rd floor, 8100 Wornall Rd, Kansas City, MO 64114



Pastor’s Bookcase

Pastor Micah is currently reading *Shameless: A Sexual Reformation* by Nadia Bolz-Weber

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Kate Hauber

Terry Kueker - Secretary

Mary Jo Moore - President

Lynden Peters

Mindy Rash - Treasurer

Rick Sundell - Financial Secretary

Scott Thompson

Jack Umbach

SUNDAY SCHOOL news

The Sunday School children enjoyed making Alleluia noisemakers in March that were locked away before Ash Wednesday, in preparation for Lent. First Communion instruction for five children also started in March, and continues until April 7th. Pastor Micah joined the first class and Lisa Hansen is teaching the group.

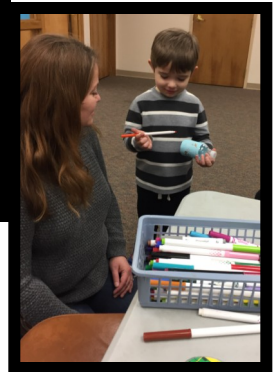
On Palm Sunday, 4/14, the Children's Sunday School and Adult Forum class will join together for a Christians Celebrating Passover event in the Spong Room. This event is an exploration of the Jewish Seder, and the last supper Jesus had with his disciples during Passover, where he introduced them to Holy Communion. All are welcome to participate.

On Maundy Thursday, 4/18, Josh Friedrich, Benny Hastings, Julia Hunter, Eleanor McCarter, and Soren Radke will be acknowledged for completion of their First Communion instruction. The children will be making individual banners which will be displayed in the sanctuary during the Maundy Thursday service.

On Easter Sunday, 4/21, between services, we will have children's activities and crafts in the Spong Room and an egg hunt outside, weather permitting.



Creating Alleluias



IN OUR PRAYERS...

Members of Immanuel

Theresa Draper, Andree Cuthbertson, De Pfofner, Ann Erickson, Bill Norris,
Paula Simonich, Jackie Turner, Deanne Schlehuber

Friends of Immanuel

Beverly Dumler, friend of Roland & Betty Pera

Paula & Erin Weir, friend of Betty Pera

Bakeberg Family, friends of Betty Pera

Kat M, Janice M., friends of Peggy Dollard

Kara Cordell, family of the Atherton's & Hauber's

Sue Carlson Albers, aunt of Marc & Patti Winkler

Lee Hass, grandmother of Catie Tomlin

Sharon Guess, co-worker of Linda Fewell

Lance Hill, brother of Deborah Crawford

Karen Brooks, sister of Beth Callstrom

Denise Smith, cousin of Lori Kueker

Baby Reylyn & Family, friends of Peggy Dollard

Major, friend of Linda Taylor & Peggy Dollard

Kim R. & family, friends of Peggy Dollard

Baby Simone & Cami, friends of Lauren Park

Craig Reinig, brother-in-law of Linda Taylor

Eleanor Daniels, daughter of Clay & Martha Bowden

Carol Fewell, mother of Kevin Fewell

Julia Mills, niece of CeCe & Tracy Atherton

Scott Kimbriel, friend of Janie Fee

Paula Crane Craton, niece of Mary Nelson

Rock Westfahl, friend of Kevin & Linda Fewell

Janet & Randy Spicer, friends of Mary Coleman Renoe

Carol Gillespie, friend of CeCe & Tracy Atherton

B.J. Jorgenson, friend of Bill & Mary Jo Moore

Mary Lucht, friend of Bill & Mary Jo Moore

Roy Morrill, friend of Bill & Mary Jo Moore

Lauren, friend of Pastor Ann Rundquist

For Military Service:

Christopher Hovde, family of the Boehmer's & Krupp's

Spencer Krupp, family of the Boehmer's & Krupp's

Kenyan Children's Fund Update



Generous donations to the Kenyan Children's Fund (KCF) are paying for much-needed repairs to mud-brick dwellings in Masii, many of which were completely open to the punishing Kenyan weather. Additional posts and tin-sheet roofs stabilize the structures. Immanuel members and others financial support permits this vital work to continue. More donations are needed. Please consider a one-time or monthly gift. Make checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church with "KCF" in the memo line, or use Tithe.ly, the online giving program, or online banking options. Your consideration is appreciated.





**BACH
CANTATA
VESPERS**

**Sunday
APRIL 28**

Immanuel Lutheran Church

The Immanuel Choir & Guests
presents

Christ lag in Todesbanden BWV 4
Christ Lay in Death's Bonds

On Sunday, April 28th at 7pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church
1700 Westport Rd., KCMO



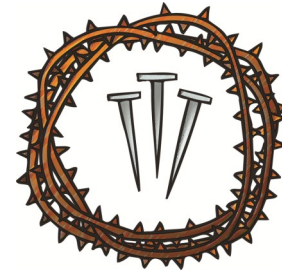
APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14 8:15 & 10:30 am Worship 9 am Choir Practice 9:15 am Education for all Ages 3 pm OA-KC, Meeting Room 1 5 pm Lenten Healing Service 6:30 pm Musica Vocale Luther Hall	1 6:30 pm MW Victim Impact Spong	2 6 pm Executive Committee Conference Room 7 pm Scandinavian Dancers Luther Hall	3 Noon Lenten Midweek, Spong 5:45 pm Lenten Midweek 6 pm Women's Recovery Gathering Space 7 pm Shin Do Ryu Karate Luther Hall	4 9 am Home School Gathering Space 7 pm OA-KC Meeting Room 1 KC Choral Spectrum Luther Hall	5 9 am Bulletin Folders / Congregational Life 6:30 pm World Folk Dancers Luther Hall	6 10 am Shin Do Ryu Karate Luther Hall 6 pm English Dancers Luther Hall
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21 8:15 & 10:30 am Worship 9 am Choir Practice 9:15 am Education for all Ages 3 pm OA-KC, Meeting Room 1	22 Office Closed 5 pm Ariel Downs Recital Sanctuary	23 7 pm Scandinavian Dancers Luther Hall	24 6 pm Women's Recovery Gathering Space 7 pm Shin Do Ryu Karate Luther Hall	25 9 am Home School Gathering Space 7 pm OA-KC Meeting Room 1 KC Choral Spectrum Sanctuary UMKC Conservatory Choir Luther Hall	26 9 am Bulletin Folders / Congregational Life 6:30 pm World Folk Dancers Luther Hall	27 8:30 am Ailar Guild, Spong 9 am KC Choral Spectrum Luther Hall 9:30 am Worship & Arts, Spong 10 am Shin Do Ryu Karate Luther Hall 2 pm Linda Jurkiewicz Recital Rehearsal, Luther Hall
28 8:15 & 10:30 am Worship 9 am Property Meeting, Conf. Room 9:15 am Education for all Ages 2 pm Linda Jurkiewicz Recital, Luther Hall 3 pm OA-KC, Meeting Room 1 6 pm Musica Vocale, Luther Hall 7 pm Bach Cantata, Sanctuary	29 7 pm Scandinavian Dancers Luther Hall	30 7 pm Scandinavian Dancers Luther Hall				

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday
April 14th
Worship at 8:15 & 10:30 am



Good Friday
April 19th
Worship at Noon & 7pm



Maundy Thursday
April 18th
Worship at 7pm



Easter Vigil
April 20th
Worship at 7pm
* Wine & Cheese reception to follow



Easter
April 21st
Worship at 8:15 & 10:30am
Easter Breakfast & Children's
Activities at 9:15 am

Easter Card Sale

The Social Ministry Committee will be selling Easter cards between services and following the 10:30 a.m. worship service through Palm Sunday, April 14th. These handmade cards feature Easter related artwork provided by our Sunday school students. The cards are sold in packs of 5 for \$10.00. Proceeds from the sale will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Response, an ELCA organization that brings hope, healing and renewal to people in the US and folks around the world whose lives have been disrupted by disasters. Be sure to stop by and

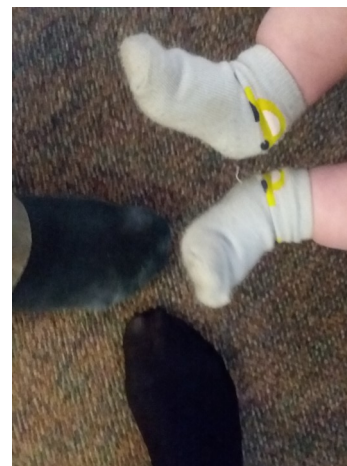


check out the cards at the table outside of the Spong Common Room, across from the Vestry doorway.

Easter Vigil

Easter Vigil will be held on Saturday, April 20th at 7pm. Following the worship service there will be a wine and cheese reception in Spong.

Thank You!



Many thanks for all the socks donated to Gathering Table. Now that we have a washing machine and dryers, we can help keep them clean.
-Pastor Ann

	8:15 am	10:30 am
April 7	Assisting Minister: Beth Callstrom Lay Reader: Jerri B. Yungeberg Communion Assistants: Karen Barne & Josie Yungeberg Ushers: Mike Ortman & Jean Nuernberger Greeter: Jean Nuernberger	Assisting Minister: Vicki Swanson Lay Reader: Larry Benolkin Communion Assistants: Kathy Linder-S & Nam Ahrens Acolyte: Anthony Mazza Ushers: Milian Hanson, Ryan Hunter, Terry & Lori Kueker Greeter: Hunter Family
April 14	Assisting Minister: Kevin Fewell Lay Reader: Lisa Hansen Communion Assistants: Desiray Boehmer & Elie Roddy Ushers: Boehmer Family Greeter: Boehmer Family	Assisting Minister: Linda Taylor Lay Reader: Connie Ross Communion Assistants: Mary Ann Ciochon-S & Nancy Beckmann Acolyte: Zach & Ciara Boyd Bible: Mason Kumm Banner: Need Volunteer Ushers: Jay Browning, Ken Beckmann, Gretchen Bishop, Connie Ross Greeter: Gretchen Bishop
April 21	Assisting Minister: Karen Bame Lay Reader: Melodee Blobaum Communion Assistants: Rick Sundell & Alex Hastings Ushers: Pam Edvalds & Need Volunteer Greeter: Melodee Blobaum	Assisting Minister: Tori Friedrich Lay Reader: Dean Byrom Communion Assistants: Ellen Wilcox-S, Audrey Parson, Sally Baehni, Henrik Andersen Acolyte: Jack & Charlie Friedrich Banner: Need Volunteer Bible: Hank Hunter Ushers: Rick Wilcox, Scott Thompson, Heather & Jack Umbach Greeter: Windy Rash
April 28	Assisting Minister: Lauren Park Lay Reader: Bryan Park Communion Assistants: EB Walker & Sharyl Serafin Ushers: Lisa Hansen & Family Greeter: Friedrich Family	Assisting Minister: Kevin Fewell Lay Reader: Mason Carey Communion Assistants: Milian Hanson-S & Windy Rash Acolyte: Ciara Boyd Cross: Kyle Boehmer Ushers: Terry & Lori Kueker, Bill & Mary Jo Moore Greeter: Bill & Mary Jo Moore

April Worship Schedule

Communion Servers: Pastor, Assisting Minister and one Acolyte will complete the communion team.
Please remember to check in with Pastor Micah in the Vestry before service.

Service offers a quiet pause for reflection during Lent



In the face a world that is broken by division, violence and disease, the Immanuel Prayer Team offers a service of healing and hope at 5 p.m. Sunday, April 7, in the sanctuary. The theme for the service is healing and forgiveness.

If you've never attended a healing service – or even if you're a regular –you're invited to the 30-minute service that includes quiet music, Scripture, and a healing blessing.

HOLY WEEK
worship leaders

Maundy Thursday

Assisting Minister: Linda Taylor

Lay Reader: Mindy Rash

Communion Assistants: Gretchen Bishop-S & Mindy Rash

Acolyte: Need Volunteer

Ushers: Terry & Lori Kueker & **Need Volunteers**

Greeter: Need Volunteer

Good Friday Evening Service

Assisting Minister:

Lay Reader: Jeff Fox

Cross: Andrew Fox & Jack Umbach

Ushers: Terry & Lori Kueker & **Need Volunteers**

Greeter: Need Volunteer

Easter Lilies



Altar Guild will be selling Easter lilies between services and after the 10:30 service starting March 31st through April 14th. Lilies are \$15 each and may be purchased in memory of or in honor of others. See an Altar Guild member for more information!

Easter Breakfast Sign Up

We will be having a Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 21st from 9:15-10:15 am in Luther Hall. Please see the bulletin board outside of the Vestry to sign up to bring a egg casserole, pastries/cinnamon rolls, fruit and or/drinks to share with everyone! There will also be Easter activities for children during the Sunday School hour.

Easter Vigil

Assisting Minister: Lauren Park

Readers: Pastor Ann Rundquist, Tori Friedrich, Karen Bame, Mindy Rash, Amanda Rash, Mike Fee, Bryan Park

Communion Assistant: Karen Bame

Acolyte: Jack & Charlie Friedrich

Ushers: Need Volunteers

Greeter: Need Volunteer

Worship Leaders for Palm Sunday & Easter, please see page 4



THEOLOGY TAP

Thursday, April 25th at 7pm
Bier Station - KCMO

Upstairs in the Bier Garten
120 E. Gregory Blvd.

(1 block East of Main Street)

Discussion Leader: Karen Bame

All interested adults are invited to come enjoy an evening of thoughtful theological discussion, as well as good food, drink, and fellowship. If you are interested in attending, please add your name(s) to the signup sheet located on the bulletin board outside the Vestry. Questions? Please contact Janie Fee at 816-444-5492.

Coffee Hour Help Needed



Help is needed to clean up after coffee hour each Sunday. Please see the sign up sheet in the Spong Common Room. Thank you!

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Who: The Social Ministry committee

What: Explore and act on ways to minister to our brothers and sisters locally, nationally, and globally

When: First Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Where: ILC neighborhood eateries

Why: Because we are called to serve others

Questions: See Pam Edvalds, Rick Sundell, Janie Fee, Linda Fewell or Gretchen Bishop

We plan and carry out projects such as the MLM Christmas Store gift drives, Easter card sale. CROP Hunger Walk, school supplies drive, just to name a few.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 4th at 6pm at Rudy's (West Room) 1611 Westport Rd, KCMO

April birthdays

CeCe Atherton	April 1
Del Karmeier	April 2
Kathy Linder	April 2
Holly Pera	April 5
Dalene Myers	April 7
Kathy Boehmer	April 9
Mike Fee	April 12
Matthew Hastings	April 12
Jeri B. Yungeberg	April 14
Pat Durie	April 15
Betty Pera	April 15
Bryan Park	April 24
Ellen Wilcox	April 24
Tom Gear	April 25
Scott Thompson	April 25
Sally Gieschen	April 26
Heather Umbach	April 30

Make sure the office has your birthday so we can include you on our list!

Confirmation News

Please attend 75% of worship services and email or leave me a weekly note expressing something you liked, questioned or disliked during the service. Examples: a statement from the service, hymn or even a ritual. There will be an assignment or make up session for each class you can't attend.

Large Print Bulletins

If you would like a large print bulletin for the 10:30 am service, please ask an usher. A limited number are available each Sunday.

Lenten Midweek

Wednesday's through April 10th

Theme: Our vocation as stewards of creation

Meal & Study at Noon

or

Meal at 5:45pm - Study at 6pm -
Vespers Worship at 7pm

RTREAT



Beer that was made on Ash Wednesday will be bottled and drank after the Easter Vigil



Ten percent of Immanuel contributions go to global, local charities continued

Immanuel and other metro-area Lutheran congregations helped create MLM more than 40 years ago to combine their social-service resources and help more people than any one congregation could help alone.

Shepherd's Center Central empowers midlife and older adults to live healthy, engaged, independent lives. Services include meal delivery, yard care, caregiver support, Medicare counseling and senior companion programs.

Social Ministry funds allow the congregation and committee to respond to new opportunities during a budget year.

Budget and Financial Management Assistance, founded by a former Immanuel member, fosters financial stability by providing budgeting, bill payment and advocacy as a representative payee to disabled, homeless and elderly persons in the Kansas City metro.

Communities Creating Opportunity, a faith-based group, organizes communities to promote racial justice and positive social change. Immanuel has worked with CCO to reduce exorbitant payday-loan interest rates.

Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Kansas invites students to engage with Christ's teachings so they can discover and fulfill their vocations as disciples. Westwood House, the home of Lutheran Campus Ministry at KU, is an intersection of faith, service and community. Among other ministries, it combats food insecurity at KU, Haskell Indian Nations University and other local colleges.

From the Prez



"March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers" is an expression many of us have heard. The history of this expression, considered an English proverb today, originated in 14th century England by writer Chaucer of The

Canterbury Tales fame. There is a literal meaning, particularly for climates like those in Great Britain and there is a metaphorical meaning. Here in the Midwest, we identify with our British brothers and sisters as we often experience high winds in March and much rain in April. Most years, flowers appear in early May.

As Christians, we also identify with the metaphorical meaning: a period of discomfort and sadness can be a starting point for a period of happiness and joy. During Lent, we reflect on and prepare for the death of Jesus Christ through prayer and penance. At Easter, we rejoice in His resurrection and sing our alleluias again. May God strengthen your faith during this Lenten season. The discomfort and sadness you experience now prepares the way for the happiness and joy that Easter brings.



friends of LITERATURE

Friends of Literature meets Thursday April 11th at the home of Betty and Roland Pera. The time is 7:30pm.

Palace Walk by Naguib Mahfouz is the book for April. The first of a trilogy, *Palace Walk* is a family saga set in colonial Egypt. Mahfouz is an acclaimed Nobel Prize winner. Among his famous quotes: "You can tell whether a man is clever by his answers. You can tell whether a man is wise by his questions."

Join us April 9th for a great book and a great discussion.



A New Way To Give

Giving to Immanuel just got easier! We set up an account with [Tithe.ly](https://get.tithe.ly), an on-line app that you download to your computer and/or smart phone. It's easy to set up an account: <https://get.tithe.ly>. Once the app is downloaded, set up your account. Be sure to search for/click on Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1700 Westport Road, KCMO, 64111 to be the recipient as there are hundreds of congregations named Immanuel! Then select an offering amount, offering source, date you want to send your offering (one time, recurring), etc., click send, and within 48 hours, Immanuel receives your offering. You receive an email notification. It's that easy! For more information, ask Jack Umbach, jackumbach@gmail.com.

Adult Forum Topics

- April 7 Stump the Pastor
- April 14 Seder Meal w/ Sunday School
- April 21 Easter Breakfast & Kids Activities
- April 28 TBD

Immanuel Symposium on

The Beginnings of Modern Theology

with Dr. Jim Brandt at Immanuel Lutheran Church

7-8pm on April 24, May 1, May 8 & May 15

\$35 suggested registration fee

register by APRIL 18th by phone or e-mail:
(816) 931-8483 or symposium@immanuelkc.org

For more info visit: immanuelkc.org/symposium

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

At its March 19th meeting, the Congregation Council took the following actions:

- Council was pleased to welcome Kathy Boehmer and Janie Fee as the newest members.
- By unanimous consent the 2018/19 officers were returned to serve the 2019/20 term

President:	Mary Jo Moore	Vice-President:	Connie Benolkin
Secretary:	Terry Kueker	Financial Secretary:	Rick Sundell
Treasurer:	Mindy Rash		
- Pastor announced that Dr. Jim Brandt has agreed to lead the inaugural Immanuel Symposium. There will be a \$35 fee to attend the 4 week session. Full details will be available once final arrangements have been completed.
- On Good Friday between services (1:30 pm – 6:00 pm) pastor will host another role playing game session. The single session will explore themes of death and the apocalypse.
- The Building Use Committee has determined the request from a catering business to utilize our kitchen was not a good fit for ILC. A new request to utilize our space for music lessons is currently being explored.
- Council approved the Sanctuary Sound System proposal submitted by John Anderson and Kevin Fewell.
- Council ratified action taken by the Executive Committee to approve the church's insurance program

Complete minutes will be available upon request from the church office once approved by Council at their April meeting.

Feeding 700 700 sack lunches for Metro Lutheran Ministry

Sunday, May 19 between services • Luther Hall

MLM's sack lunch program is ongoing and the need is critical - MLM distributes approximately 850 sack lunches a MONTH between its three locations in Midtown, Wyandotte County and the Northland. That is more than 10,000 a year!

In response to this need, Immanuel's Social Ministry Committee will be hosting our 3rd annual event called **Feeding 700** – that's right, our goal is to pack and donate 700 sack lunches this year! This event will be held May 19th in Luther Hall and will replace Adult Forum and Sunday school.

Who receives a sack lunch?

- **Learning to Earning participants – hungry people seeking assistance with finding employment**
- **Walk-ins – those who, for a variety of reasons, can't access the regular MLM food pantry, which is open five days a week, but still are in need of food or other emergency assistance. This includes children, the homeless, low-income mental-health outpatients from Truman Behavioral Health and low-wage workers in who are in need of nutrition**

Please plan to participate by:

- Donating items listed on the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board outside the Vestry – we need 700 of each! Bring donated food items to the purple bins under the Vestry bulletin board beginning Sunday, April 14.
- Being at the packing event May 19th between services to pack lunches and join the fun!



seven

happy hour

BINGO

Saturday
MAY 18

FOUR to SIX

APPETIZER potluck

proceeds will go towards debt reduction

B I N G O

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\$5
per
CARD

bring a bingo prize and receive a free extra card



Looking Ahead

Social Ministry Events and Opportunities to Serve in 2019

April	7, 14	Easter Card Sale continues	Cards feature artwork supplied by ILC's Sunday school students. Proceeds from the sale will go to: Lutheran Disaster Relief
	14, 21, 28	Feeding 700	Ingathering of nonperishable food items for MLM's Sack Lunch program
May	5, 12, 19	Feeding 700	Ingathering of nonperishable food items for MLM's Sack Lunch program
	19	Feeding 700 Sack Lunch Packing Event	Help pack 700 sack lunches between services. All ages welcome!
June	5 5-8 PM	MLM's Summer Breakout	Family event that supports MLM's annual Christmas Store Holy Cross Lutheran Church
July	7, 14, 21, 28	Christmas in July	Ingathering of gifts for needy individuals/families in the Kansas City area. Gifts will be distributed during the annual MLM Christmas Store, held at ILC in December
September	8	God's Work. Our Hands Sunday	Look for information mid-year regarding this year's activities
	15, 22, 29	CROP Hunger Walk Sign Up	Mark your calendar! This year's walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 13 th . You may participate by walking or making a donation to support ILC walkers
October	6, 13	CROP Hunger Walk Sign Up continues	You may participate by walking or making a donation to support ILC walkers
	13	CROP Hunger Walk	Our donations benefit people in our local community, as well as folks around the globe, who struggle with hunger
November	3, 10, 17, 24	MLM Christmas Store Gift Donations	Ingathering of gifts for needy individuals/families in the Kansas City area. Gifts will be distributed during the annual MLM Christmas Store, held at ILC next month!

Ten percent of Immanuel contributions go to global, local charities

Ten percent of every monetary contribution you make to Immanuel is paid forward to local, national and global ministries that extend our ability to do good and spread kindness.

The organizations listed below benefit from your financial generosity as well as from Immanuel members' board service, in-kind donations and advocacy. Our gifts to these groups support activities and advocacy that Immanuel could not accomplish independently.

The Social Ministry committee serves as the catalyst for Immanuel's deep-seated impulse to demonstrate acts of love that enrich others' lives. It helps organize, educate and sensitize the congregation to stretch in mission and enjoy the experience. Check the chart that appears in each issue of Parish News to discover opportunities to serve and revel in the experience of doing Christ's work together. If you have questions about the list below or about opportunities to serve, contact any member of the Social Ministry committee: Karen Bame, Gretchen Bishop, Pam Edvalds, Janie Fee, Linda Fewell and Rick Sundell.

Global Outreach

Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kan., is not only the closest institution of Lutheran higher education, it is the only such college in the Central States Synod.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (Central States Synod, National, World) funds vital missions and programs throughout the larger church.

ELCA Seminaries train pastors through three- and four-year degree programs. Our contribution provides tuition assistance.

Oaks Indian Center, an Oklahoma-based residential care program, serves abused or neglected children, most of whom are of Native American descent.

Mosaic (formerly Bethphage Mission) is a residential agency that serves people with developmental disabilities.

Mauritania School Tuition pays a full year of

educational support for two Mauritanian girls. An Immanuel member helped found and identify funding for the school while serving in the Peace Corps.

Local Outreach

Cross-Lines serves low-income and disadvantaged residents, mostly in Kansas City, Kan. Programs include caseworker assistance for people in crisis, home repair, summer youth activities, a food pantry and utility/rent assistance.

Emergency Needs funds are used at the discretion of our pastor to confidentially, appropriately and quickly respond to needs.

Hollis Renewal Center, a Lutheran outdoor renewal center, hosts many activities and retreats for individuals and groups, including Immanuel, that seek spiritual renewal amid nature's beauty.

Inner-City Missions funding supports agencies that minister directly to inner-city people in ways that Immanuel does not and helps us build partnerships for our own continuing contact with inner-city needs.

Community LINC aims to end homelessness by re-housing, stabilizing and empowering families to thrive independently. Almost 85 percent of participants have remained housed and self-sufficient five years after completing the program.

Metro Lutheran Ministry, a leading Kansas City social service agency serving low-income people, offers programs that include emergency utility/rent assistance, job development, homeless services, caseworker counseling, permanent supportive housing, elderly services, financial and life-skills training, wide-ranging food assistance, summertime and school-year support for children, and the annual Christmas Store.

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"God's Work. Our Hands." day will be at Hollis Renewal Center on September 8, 2019. Following the Lent theme of CREATION, we will engage in projects to benefit Hollis and God's creation. Keep watching for more information from your Congregational Life team!

