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From Pastor Micah



"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Life can be tiring, sometimes. We live in a divided world, during tumultuous times, and just keeping our heads above the proverbial waters can be exhausting. I don't often get overcome with nostalgia for the days of my youth, but I will admit that I miss summer vacations,

that months-long reprieve from school work, where I wasn't filled with a constant, creeping dread that the world is falling apart. Maybe it was falling apart then, and I was just not paying attention, but the weight of climate change, or ever-escalating violence seem to be inescapable, now. Perhaps bringing it up yet again in a newsletter article isn't helping.

This is the world that our gospels bear witness too—not an idealized fiction, a nonexistent time in our half-remembered, half-imagined past, where everything was perfect, but the broken, beautiful world that we dwell in, filled with broken, beautiful people. Jesus doesn't shy away from naming the burdens we bear, but offers us rest from them. We don't bear these burdens alone; we share them, not only with each other, but with our redeemer, who walks beside us in troubled times, giving rest to the weary.



Pastor's Bookcase

Pastor Micah is currently reading *Creation and the Cross* by Elizabeth A. Johnson

IMMANUEL LEADERSHIP

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Deborah Crawford

Janie Fee

Kate Hauber

Terry Kueker - Secretary

Mary Jo Moore - President

Lynden Peters

Mindy Rash - Treasurer

Rick Sundell - Financial Secretary

Scott Thompson Jack Umbach

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Friends of Immanuel

For Healing:

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
Lee Hass, grandmother of Catie Tomlin
Sharon Guess, co-worker of Linda Fewell
Lance Hill, brother of Deborah Crawford
Baby Reylyn & Family, friends of Peggy Dollard
Major, friend of Linda Taylor & Peggy Dollard

Kim R & Family, friends of Peggy Dollard 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

Roy Morrill, friend of Bill & Mary Jo Moore

Jack & Mary Kantola, friends of Doug & Peg Himebaugh

Shirley Ross, sister of Kenny Ross

Jack Clanin & Christine Leonzal, family of Lori Clanin Family of Kip Niven, friends of Kevin & Linda Fewell

Karen Wuertz, sister-in-law of Linda Taylor Liz Wuertz, sister-in-law of Linda Taylor

Larry Byrom, brother of Dean Byrom

Gaye Hill, mother of Deborah Crawford

Richard Dryg, brother of Connie Benolkin

Members of Immanuel

Theresa Draper, Andree Cuthbertson,
De Pfoltner, Ann Erickson,
Paula Simonich, Jackie Turner,
Deanne Schlehuber, Gerry Niewald



For Bereavement:

Family of Marion Johnson, brother-in-law of Karole Jacobsen

Family of Hank Brauer, member of Immanuel Family of Barbara Corridi, aunt of Lori Clanin

From the Prez



Hot! Summertime is hot, at least in our neck of the woods. And with "hot" comes the need for air conditioning. Unfortunately, as with all things mechanical, breakdowns occur, and our church properties are no exception. Recently we had one

of the compressors blow on the west air-conditioner that cools the sanctuary. The Executive Committee voted to borrow from the Endowment Trust Fund (ETF) to cover the expense of the repair, approximately \$8,755, plus a maximum of 10% overage. We hope the congregation will step up and pay for this repair. Several families have already committed to pay \$500. If sixteen more households contribute the same amount, the ETF will be replenished quickly. We ask everyone to give in an amount that you are able. Together, we can do this!

Speaking of giving, now is a good time to update the congregation on our budget. Please read the chart below: Remember at the annual meeting in February when we presented options related to reducing our mortgage payments. Council made application with the Mission Investment Fund to extend our term by five (5) years, which would have reduced our payments by \$2300/month. We recently received notice that our application to extend the term of our mortgage by five years was denied. Council now is considering other options.

The good news is that we are supporting our ministries and meeting our obligations. This has been achieved by reducing expenses and borrowing from the ETF, which, through May, was \$19,000. Let's work together to continue our financial commitments, striving to keep pace with our expenses, especially during the summer months when attendance typically decreases due to vacations, sporting events, and other family activities.

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Actual Revenues and Expenses

Period	# of weeks	Offerings	Other Revenues	ETF Transfer*	Total Revenues	Total Expenses
Jan-May	21	\$153,758	\$26,982	\$19,000	\$199,740	\$188,330

Budgeted Revenues and Expenses

Period	# of weeks	Offerings	Other Revenues	ETF Transfer*	Total Revenues	Total Expenses
Jan-May	21	\$156,542	\$31,333	\$0	\$187,875	\$211,500



WELCA

Samuel 3:2-14
1 Kings 19:11-13
John 1:14
Philippians 4:8

Thursday, July 25th at Noon

Meeting Room #1
(room next to the library)
Bring a sack lunch!

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At its May 21st meeting, the Congregation Council took the following actions:

- John Anderson gave a presentation on the newly installed sound system. The Council thanked John for all his efforts and a successful installation.
- The Building Use Committee has received a request from the Youth Chorus of Kansas City to use our facilities. The request from the non-profit organization is under consideration.
- Plans continue to be developed for ILC's 120th Anniversary
- The Council approved a plan from the Property Committee to provide window Air-Conditioning Units for two of the classrooms occupied by the Purple Dragon Day Care (PDDC). The cost will be shared with the PDDC.
- Work on the 2020 Budget is scheduled to begin in June as will the Audit Committees annual efforts.
- Work has begun with the Mission Investment Fund (MIF) to extend our mortgage until March of 2022.
 MIF approval and final terms are under consideration. The goal is to reduce our monthly mortgage payment thereby improving our cash flow and bring us closer to balanced budget.
- Dean Byrom in conjunction with the Stewardship Committee will be developing a campaign to increase general fund giving for the purpose of reaching a balanced budget.

At its **June 18th meeting**, the Congregation Council took the following actions:

- Building Manager, Kevin Fewell, was in attendance to give an update on the unsatisfactory performance of our janitorial services contractor. The recommendation to move to a new provider, Town and Country, was approved by the council.
- Discussions continue with the Youth Chorus of Kansas City (UCKC) to use our facilities on Monday evenings. YCFC is a non-profit organization with a mission "to teach, to inspire, and to empower young singers to be life-long music makers who seek excellence in everything they do." They reach out to the youth on both sides of the state line to provide learning opportunities that they may not otherwise have available.
- The Welcoming and Hospitality Committee continues to plan for ILC's 120th anniversary celebration which will take place September 29th.
- The Finance Committee has begun the development process for the 2020 budget. The Audit Committee has also started this year's audit review.
- The Council approved a proposal for two Bach cantatas with one to held potentially during Advent this year and the second in the 2020 Lenten season.

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	-	2 6 pm Executive Committee Conference Room 7 pm Scandinavian Dancers Luther Hall	3 6 pm Women's Recovery Meeting Room 1	4 OFFICE CLOSED 7 pm OA-KC Meeting Room 1	5 9 am Bulletin Folders / Congregational Life 6:30 pm World Folk Dancers Luther Hall	6 1 0 am Shin Do Ryu Karate Luther Hall
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Please remember to check in with Pastor Micah

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the Vestry before service

	8:15 am	10:30 am
July 7	Assisting Minister: Kevin Fewell Lay Reader: Jean Nuernberger Communion Assistants: Karen Bame & EB Walker Ushers: Pam Edvalds & Need Volunteer Greeter: Mike Ortmann	Assisting Minister: Linda Taylor Lay Reader: Linda Fox Communion Assistants: Heather Winker-S & Nam Ahrens Acolyte: Need Volunteer Cross: Lynden Peters Ushers: Mike, Kelle, Kyle Boehmer, Michael Hamlin Greeter: Beth Byrom
July 14	Assisting Minister: Lauren Park Lay Reader: Bryan Park Communion Assistants: Rick Sundell & Alex Hastings Ushers: Pam Edvalds & Matt Hastings Greeter: Hastings Family	Assisting Minister: John Anderson Lay Reader: Vicki Swanson Communion Assistants: Linda Taylor-S & Desiray Boehmer Acolyte: Need Volunteer Cross: Mason Carey Ushers: Del Karmeier, CeCe Atherton, Kate Hauber, Ken Ross, Ellie McCarter Greeter: CeCe Atherton
July 21	Assisting Minister: Beth Callstrom Lay Reader: Lisa Hansen Communion Assistants: Sharyl Serafin & Elie Roddy Ushers: Need Volunteers Greeter: Carolyn Wilson	Assisting Minister: Tori Friedrich Lay Reader: Kate Hauber Communion Assistants: Milan Hanson-S & Connie Benolkin Acolyte: Charlie Friedrich Cross: Milan Hanson Ushers: Chris Roth, Kevin & Linda Fewell, Bob Hyland Greeter: Linda Fewell
July 28	Assisting Minister: Linda Fox Lay Reader: Jeri B. Yungeberg Communion Assistants: Karen Bame & Josie Yungeberg Ushers: Dee Craig & Need Volunteer Greeter: Don Arney	Assisting Minister: Jeff Fox Lay Reader: Mike Fee Communion Assistants: Gretchen Bishop-S & Kyle Boehmer Acolyte: Hank Hunter Cross: Kyle Boehmer Ushers: Marc & Patti Winkler, Randy Callstrom, BJ Laven Greeter: Marc & Patti Winkler

Thank You Immanuel!!

Dear Friends:

On behalf of Shepherd's Center Central, its Board of Directors and employees, I want to thank you for your generous donation of \$900 which was received on May 17, 2019. With the support of people like you, we are able to provide programs and solutions for active and homebound older adults.

Thank you for your support and dedication to helping make Kansas City a better community for all ages.



With gratitude, Pam Seymour

July

Worship

Schedule

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church:

Thank you for your congregation's generous donation of \$500 to Community LINC. You can feel joy by knowing that your donation does so much more than providing basic needs for families lexperiencing homelessness; it provides a new beginning for so many and we thank you.

You have been such a faithful friend and we thank you for your investment to help us permanently end family homelessness.

With gratitude, Precious Stargell Cushman COMMUNITY LINC **CEO/Executive Director**



Christmas in July

During the month of July, the Social Ministry Committee will be collecting gift donations for the annual MLM Christmas Store, which is held at Immanuel in December. The Christmas Store provides holiday gifts to Kansas City families in need. Last year, the Christmas

store served close to 900 families and 100 homebound individuals! A Christmas tree will be in the Spong Common Room beginning Sunday, July

The tags on the tree are new this year and were designed to reflect the Christmas Store wish list recently published by MLM. Each tag has a category listed at the top, followed by a list of desired gifts related to that category (see example below). No, you are not expected to purchase everything listed on the tag - just one gift will do! Feel free to take a tag(s) for your shopping convenience. All unwrapped gift donations should be placed around the Christmas tree by July 31st.

> **Clothing - Man** (including 2X-5X sizes)

jeans, sweats/hoodie, sweater, pajamas, socks, or underwear

If you are not a shopper but would still like to participate, MLM seeks Wal-mart gift cards in the amount of \$15. Gift cards may be given to a Social Ministry committee member (Pam Edvalds, Rick Sundell, Linda Fewell, Gretchen Bishop, Janie Fee) or turned in to the church office.

Listening Groups

The work of the Immanuel Steering Committee continues, and we want to hear from you! During the month of July, we'll have time after each service to offer your personal feedback to a few members from that committee. There's two questions in particular we're interested in hearing your thoughts on: "What does successful ministry look like here, at Immanuel?" and "What are we called to do, as the people of God?" Sign-up sheets are posted outside the vestry, and the listening sessions will take place in Meeting Room 1. We hope to hear from you!





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Social Ministry Events and Opportunities to Serve in 2019

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 in the newsletter 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!
	30 2:00-6:00 pm	MLM Christmas Store Preparation/Set Up	Help prepare ILC for the arrival of MLM Christmas Store donations. Pizza will be served!
December	1	MLM Christmas Store Ingathering of gifts	Gifts will arrive from MLM and other area Lutheran churches. Gifts will be distributed during the annual Christmas Store, held at ILC next week!
	2,3	MLM Christmas Store Set Up	Volunteers will set up and stock the Christmas Store To volunteer visit: mlmkc.org
	4.5.6.7	MLM Christmas Store	The store will be open for individuals/families to shop
	4, 5 ,6, 7		To volunteer visit: mlmkc.org
	TBD	MLM Christmas Baskets	Help pack and deliver holiday baskets to homebound folks
			To volunteer visit: mlmkc.org



Central States Synod Assembly

Congregational representatives Ken Beckmann & Gretchen Bishop joined Pastor Micah and Pastor Ann at the Central States Synod Assembly June 6-8th in Overland Park, Kansas.

This year's assembly focused primarily on the election of a new Bishop. The election process, an ecclesiastical ballot, took a total of five ballots. Initially forty ministers of word and sacrament were nominated. The final ballot Saturday morning saw Rev. Susan Candea, Bishop's Associate and Director for Evangelical Mission elected.



Thursday, July 25th at 7pm

KC Bier Company – Waldo 310 West 79th Street (1 block east of 79th & Wornall Road)

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.

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, August 8th at 6pm at Cupini's (1809 Westport Rd, KCMO 64111)

Altar Flowers

There are several open Sunday's to purchase Altar flowers in the upcoming months. Altar flowers are a great way to celebrate an event and/or loved one. Flowers are \$45 and you can sign up in the Spong Common Room.

July birthdays

Leonard Carr Trystin Mrgan 7/10 David Ferguson 7/11 Jeff Fox 7/12 Ryan Hunter 7/13 Liam Hyland 7/15 Henrik Andersen 7/16 Linda Fewell 7/23 Paula Simonich 7/24 **Ute Ahrens** 7/27 7/27 Mindy Rash 7/31 Elie Roddy

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

A New Way To Give

Giving to Immanuel just got easier! We set up an account with 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.

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!

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.

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Join Us For... God's work. Our hands.

September 8th

"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.

What is Hollis Crossing day camp?



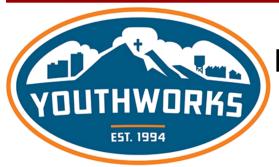
Hollis Crossings Summer Day Camp is a fun, active and faith-filled week during the summer for children grades K-5. During the week, kids run, play, jump, explore the outdoors and make new friends

... while experiencing God's love for all. Hollis receives both staff and day camp program from Camp Tomah Shinga is part of the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Network.

Items needed:

- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Napkins
- Coffee Filters (for 12-cup coffee makers)
- Hand Soap (please NO anti-bacterial soap, it messes with the septic tanks)
- 409/Lysol cleaning spray bottles

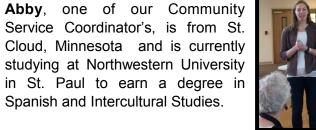
These items can be placed on the table outside of the elevator lobby.



Meet the Staff



Sarah, our Site Director, grew up in Southern California and recently graduated from California Baptist University with a degree in English.





Welcoming the YouthWorks staff to Immanuel and to KC!



Natalie, our other wonderful Community Service Coordinator, is a native to Los Angeles, California and is currently attending Biola University pursuing a degree in psychology.

Beth, our Ministry Support Coordinator, is from Aurora, Illinois and just finished her freshman year at University of Alabama - Birmingham studying Biomedical Engineering.











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