

Address Service Requested

μ

In This **ISSUE**

Prayers	2
Calendar	3
Worship Leaders	4
God's Work. Our Hands	6
Tacos + Trivia	7
120th Anniversary	11

The Parish News is a monthly publication of ILC. Articles or information pertinent to the life and mission of the congregation may be emailed to the office at office@immanuelkc.org. Space limitations may require editing of material. **Deadline for the** September 2019 issue is Friday, August 16. To be removed from our mailing list or submit a change of address, contact the church office at 816-931-8483 or office@immanuelkc.org



their birthdays or the dates of their baptism-we commemorate them on the anniversaries of their deaths. I understand why we do it, that these are some of the most formative moments in the human story, but they paint an incomplete picture of our existence, one that's defined by death, not with life or hope.

Death is inevitable for us who are mortal, but it doesn't define us. We are a people of hope, a people centered not around the crucifixion of our Lord, but rooted in the resurrection that proclaims God's triumph over death. There is no shortage of death, in the world. No shortage of fear, that drives us to debase and demean and exploit people who are unlike us. We're constantly coming up with ways to condemn our neighbors, even stooping to denying their dignity and dismissing their status as human beings. Such is the nature of sin, always curved in on itself, caring for nothing outside of its own line of sight.

The Christian witness stands in direct opposition, to that narrative of fear and death. We proclaim the boundless love of God into a world of bigotry and hate. This is the work that we're called to be a part of, proclaiming the steadfast love of God that has been promised to all people without exception. Regardless of how loud the voice of sin grows, God's promise rings louder still, that wherever there is death, God brings new life.

August 2019

From Pastor Micah

Many of the moments we use as milestones for the human race seem to be found in the midst of tragedy. We remember what it feels like when we hear devastating news. We remember what we were doing on the morning of September 11th, 2001, or where we were when the massacre at Columbine High School happened. History books are often ordered by the dates of battles and assassinations and executions. Even in the church, we don't celebrate the lives of the Saints on

IMMANUEL LEADERSHIP

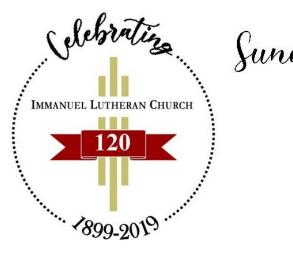
Staff

Micah Sievenpiper - Pastor msievenpiper@gmail.com Ann Rundquist - Ministry Coordinator pastorannrundguist@gmail.com Cell: 785-643-7697 **Robert Barthel - Organist** Vicki Bartholomew - Administrative Assistant Suzanne Anderson - Music Director Kevin Fewell - Building Manager

Council & Executive Committee

Connie Benolkin - Vice President Kathy Boehmer Dean Byrom **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 Jack & Mary Kantola, friends of Doug & Peg Himebaugh 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 Richard Dryg, brother of Connie Benolkin Darla Wolters, family of Carmen Norris

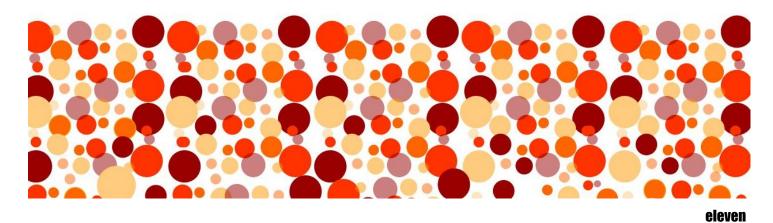
Members of Immanuel

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



Renewing our commitment to being a vibrant community of faith will be the focus Sunday, September 29, as Immanuel celebrates its first 120 years and looks forward to the next century of worship, learning, and service.

For more information contact: Deborah Crawford at 913-764-8990



Sunday. September 29. 2019 Worship at 8:15 & 10:30 am

Join us for worship and celebration! Following the late service we will be having a potluck lunch and taking a group photo in the Sanctuary.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

At its July 16th meeting, the Congregation Council took the following actions:

• The air conditioners are up and running. The cost of the air conditioner repair for the sanctuary has been covered through donations for that purpose.

• Scott Thompson reported that we currently have two choral groups wanting to use our facility. We are going to be able to accommodate both groups on Monday and Tuesday evenings beginning in September, 2019. They will both have summers off, therefore they will not interfere with YouthWorks.

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

You are Invited!

Elsewhere in this month's newsletter is a flyer announcing an event on Sunday, September 29 commemorating Immanuel's 120 years of worship, learning and service. We hope you can be with us for worship at 8:15 and/or 10:30 a.m., and for a celebratory potluck luncheon following the second service.

We are inviting people who have served our community of faith in the past to share reflections on their ministry while at Immanuel, which will be made available for people to view. Some of these reflections will be read during the program portion of the luncheon.

Perhaps you have a photo, poem, story, or piece of music or hymn you associate with Immanuel or a fond memory of time spent within the church. You may decide to try your hand at creating some kind of remembrance that reflects your experience within Immanuel. We welcome your contributions, and your participation will become a cherished part of a celebratory day on which we will renew our commitment to being a vibrant community of faith. Should you decide to participate in this way, please submit your remembrance/s by September 10th to the church office, attention of Deborah Crawford, chairperson of the Welcoming and Hospitality Committee. Thank you.

Mark your calendars! The 2019 CROP Hunger Walk is coming soon!



This year's walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 13th. For walk information, to sign-up to be a walker, or to pledge support for ILC walkers, stop by the CROP Hunger Walk table outside of the Spong Room beginning September 15th.

To donate online: <u>https://www.crophungerwalk.org/kansascitymo/Donate</u> Click on "To donate by Team" Enter team name "Immanuel Lutheran ELCA Kansas City"

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7 pm OA-KC Meeting Room 1	2 9 am Bulletin Folders / Congregational Life 5 pm Carey/Mabon Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary & Luther Hall 6:30 pm World Folk Dancers Choir Room	3 10 am Shin Do Ryu Karate Luther Hall 5 pm Carey/Mabon Wedding, Sanctuary 6:45 pm English Dancers Luther Hall
4	5	9	7	8	6	10
8:15 & 10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Education for all Ages 3 pm OA-KC, Meeting Room 1		 6 pm Executive Committee Conference Room 7 pm Scandinavian Dancers Luther Hall 	6 pm Women's Recovery Gathering Space 7 pm Shin Do Ryu Karate Luther Hall	7 pm OA-KC Meeting Room 1 KC Choral Spectrum Luther Hall	9 am Bulletin Folders / Congregational Life 6:30 pm World Folk Dancers Luther Hall	10 am Shin Do Ryu Karate Luther Hall 5 pm Tacos + Trivia Luther Hall
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:15 & 10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Education for all Ages 1 pm SV Blautaler, Luther Hall 3 pm OA-KC, Meeting Room 1		7 pm Scandinavian Dancers Luther Hall	 6 pm Women's Recovery Gathering Space 7 pm Shin Do Ryu Karate Luther Hall Symposium, Spong 	7 pm OA-KC Meeting Room 1 KC Choral Spectrum Luther Hall	9 am Bulletin Folders / Congregational Life 6:30 pm World Folk Dancers Luther Hall	10 am Shin Do Ryu Karate Luther Hall
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:15 & 10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Education for all Ages 3 pm OA-KC, Meeting Room 1	6:30 pm MW Victim Impact Group Spong	7 pm Scandinavian Dancers Luther Hall Council Spong	6 pm Women's Recovery Gathering Space 7 pm Shin Do Ryu Karate Luther Hall Symposium, Spong	7 pm OA-KC Meeting Room 1	9 am Bulletin Folders / Congregational Life 6:30 pm World Folk Dancers Luther Hall	10 am Shin Do Ryu Karate Luther Hall
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
8:15 & 10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Education for all Ages 1 pm SV Blautaler, Luther Hall 3 pm OA-KC, Meeting Room 1		7 pm Scandinavian Dancers Luther Hall Finance Committee Conference Room	 6 pm Women's Recovery Gathering Space 7 pm Shin Do Ryu Karate Luther Hall Symposium, Spong 	4 pm KC Choral Spectrum Luther Hall 7 pm OA-KC Meeting Room 1	9 am Bulletin Folders / Congregational Life 6:30 pm World Folk Dancers Luther Hall	8:30 am Altar Guild Spong 9:30 am Worship & Arts Spong 10 am Shin Do Ryu Karate, Luther Hall

Please remember to check in with Pastor Micah in the Vestry before service team Help is needed to clean up after coffee hour each Sunday. Please see the sign up sheet in the Spong Common Room. Thank you!

Christmas in July - THANK YOU!

The Social Ministry committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of Metro Lutheran Ministry's 2019 Christmas in July event. All of your gifts have been safely stored until the Christmas Store opens in December right here at Immanuel.

Looking ahead – as you are out shopping this summer and fall, keep in mind that we will be collecting gift donations again in November. Suggested items for the home include sheet sets, dishes, pots and pan sets, 4-qt. or larger crock pots, silverware sets, coffee pots, and griddles. If you are shopping for clothing, please keep in mind that MLM seeks cold weather items such as jeans, sweatshirts, sweaters, and long sleeve shirts for people of all ages (including adult sizes 2X-5X).

Come see the Scandinavian folk dancers at the Ethnic Enrichment Festival in Swope Park --we perform at noon on Saturday August 17, and we'll be dancing to live music this year!

The Ethnic Enrichment Festival is one of the largest of its kind in the country and features more than 60 different cultures selling their native foods, crafts and performing ethnic music and dances. The festival runs Friday August 16 through Sunday August 18, and admission is only \$5 (free for age 12 & under).

Q	
SD	
Š	
<	
Š	
0	
S	
5	
73	
S	
ň	
Σ	
P	
du	
P	

A

August 25	August 18	August 11	August 4	
Assisting Minister: Kevin Fewell	Assisting Minister: Linda Fox	Assisting Minister: Lauren Park	Assisting Minister: Karen Bame	8:15 am
Lay Reader: Jean Nuernberger	Lay Reader: Lisa Hansen	Lay Reader: Bryan Park	Lay Reader: Melodee Blobaum	
Communion Assistants: Karen Bame &	Communion Assistants: Sharyl Serafin &	Communion Assistants: Karen Bame &	Communion Assistants: Rick Sundell &	
Josie Yungeberg	Elie Roddy	Rick Sundell	EB Walker	
Ushers: Lisa Hansen & Family	Ushers: Pam Edvalds & Need Volunteer	Ushers: Boehmer Family	Ushers: Jean Nuernberger & Mike Ortmann	
Greeter: Friedrich Family	Greeter: Melodee Bloubaum	Greeter: Boehmer Family	Greeter: Jean Nuernberger	
Assisting Minister: David Peterson	Assisting Minister: Connie Benolkin	Assisting Minister: Linda Taylor	Assisting Minister: Linda Taylor	10:30 am
Lay Reader: Mason Carey	Lay Reader: Dean Byrom	Lay Reader: Connie Ross	Lay Reader: Larry Benolkin	
Communion Assistants: Kevin Fewell-S & Mindy Rash	Communion Assistants: Ellen Wilcox-S & Audrey Parson	Communion Assistants: Mary Ann Ciochon-S & Nancy Beckmann	Communion Assistants: Kathy Linder-S & Nam Ahrens	
Acolyte: Ciara Boyd	Acolyte: Jack Friedrich	Acolyte: Bennett Kumm	Acolyte: Anthony Mazza	
Cross: Kevin Fewell	Cross: Dean Byrom	Cross: Mason Kumm	Cross: BJ Laven	
Ushers: Terry & Lori Kueker, Bill & Mary Jo Moore	Ushers: Scott Thompson, Rick Wilcox, Jack & Heather Umbach	Ushers: Jay Browning, Ken Beckmann, Gretchen Bishop & Connie Ross	Ushers: Milan Hanson, Ryan Hunter, Terry & Lori Kueker	
Greeter: Bill & Mary Jo Moore	Greeter: Mindy Rash	Greeter: Gretchen Bishop	Greeter: Hunter Family	

From the Prez



I don't know about you but during the summer months I find myself participating in reunions. This summer I visited family in Ohio, met new family found through DNA matching, and reconnected with a childhood friend. Soon, I will travel

north to Minnesota for my 50th high school reunion. These gatherings, be they big or small, connect me with people who are part of my life journey. For some, they connect me to those that came before me and those that set me on my way. Others connect me to the "growing up" years. They remind me of where I have been and where I may go in the future. All are important to me, creating a community of love, friendships and relationships that enrich my life and give it meaning.

Loving families, genuine friendships, and healthy relationships give us a glimpse of the divine. If, as some have suggested, the church (capital C) is the physical manifestation of Christ in the world, we are commanded to reveal the divine through love for the Lord our God, ourselves, each other and our neighbor. What does this mean for Immanuel? I leave you with the words of 1 Peter 4:8-11: 8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

11 If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.





Looking Social Ministry Events and Opportunities to Serve in 2019 Ahead

		God's Work. Our Hands	Look for information in the newsletter regarding
September	8	Sunday	this year's activities
			More and a constant. This was a'r well is
	/		Mark your calendar! This year's walk is
	15, 22, 29	CROP Hunger Walk	scheduled for Sunday, October 13 th . You may
		Sign Up	participate by walking or making a donation to
			support ILC walkers
		CROP Hunger Walk	You may participate by walking or making a
October	6, 13	Sign Up continues	donation to support ILC walkers
			Our donations benefit people in our local
	13	CROP Hunger Walk	community, as well as folks around the globe, who
			struggle with hunger
			Ingathering of gifts for needy individuals/families
November	3, 10, 17, 24	MLM Christmas Store Gift	in the Kansas City area. Gifts will be distributed
		Donations	during the annual MLM Christmas Store, held at
			ILC next month!
	30	MLM Christmas Store	Help prepare ILC for the arrival of MLM Christmas
	2:00-6:00 pm	Preparation/Set Up	Store donations. Pizza will be served!
			Gifts will arrive from MLM and other area Lutheran
December	1	MLM Christmas Store	churches. Gifts will be distributed during the
		Ingathering of gifts	annual Christmas Store, held at ILC next week!
		MLM Christmas Store	Volunteers will set up and stock the Christmas Store
	2,3	Set Up	To volunteer visit: mlmkc.org
		MLM Christmas Store	The store will be open for individuals/families to shop
	4, 5 ,6, 7		To volunteer visit: mlmkc.org
		MLM Christmas	Help pack and deliver holiday baskets to
	TBD	Baskets	homebound folks
			To volunteer visit: mlmkc.org



Thursday, August 29th

7 pm

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

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, We plan and carry out projects such as the MLM 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.

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 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 **Large Print Bulletins** flowers in the upcoming months. Altar flowers are a great way to celebrate an event and/or loved one. If you would like a large print bulletin for the 10:30 am service, please ask an usher. A limited number Flowers are \$45 and you can sign up in the Spong Common Room. are available each Sunday.

l	
3	
?	
)	
ł	
t	

August birthdays

Peggy Dollard Mason Kumm Lila Aamodt Marc Winkler	8/8 8/8 8/12 8/12
Benjamin Hastings	8/14
EB Walker	8/16
Tori Friedrich	8/17
Jack Umbach	8/17
Doug Ahrens	8/18
Deborah Crawford	8/18
Christian Mazza	8/18
August Yungeberg	8/18
Joshua Friedrich	8/24
Martha Bowden	8/28
Mary Coleman	8/30
Darren Radke	8/31

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



A New Way To Give

God's work. Our hands.

Sunday, September 8th

Immanuel with celebrate "God's Work. Our Hands." service day on September 8, 2019. Following the Lent theme of CREATION, we will engage in projects to benefit Hollis and God's creation.

Schedule of Events:

Early Service at Immanuel
Service Projects start
at Hollis
Late Service at Hollis
Service Projects Resume
at Hollis
Lunch will be served

Service Projects

- Washing Windows
- Weeding at the Lodge
 - Painting
- Clear Away Brush from Trails

Hollis is located at: 11414 Kansas Ave. Kansas City, KS 66111

You can help Hollis today by donating the following supplies needed for campers who attend Hollis!

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.

Questions? Contact the church office!

Pancake Fundraiser



Hello Immanuel! Kyle Boehmer is hosting a pancake fundraiser on September 1st, the cost is \$5 per person, and \$20 per family. The

proceeds will go toward the Eagle Scout project he did for the church. The project includes Mulching, New Plants, and a Fence Between Oxford house and the sidewalk by the playground. See you there! Thanks! -Kyle Boehmer

Adult Forum Topics		
August 4	YouthWorks	
August 11	Lila Aamodt - My Journey	
August 18	Ellen Wilcox	
August 25	TBD	

БY

