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# PARISH NEWS

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## From Pastor Micah



The church is a sanctuary. Speaking literally, we gather in a holy place, set apart for the work of God. Speaking liturgically, when we gather as the people of God, we stand under a "hole in the heavens," as theologian Gordon Lathrop put it, swept up into God's own presence, and joined together with the saints of every time and place. Speaking prophetically, the church is a refuge, a place set apart, so that all people can find safety and welcome, no matter what dangers they face

or what hardships they bear.

Last month, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly was held in Milwaukee, with leaders of the church from all over the country and world joining in worship and ministry. Among the many actions taken, one seems to have defined the work done that week, the designation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as the first Sanctuary Church in the country, specifically naming our commitment to supporting immigrants and refugees in our communities and our country. It's a prophetic statement, condemning the sins of nationalism and white supremacy. It's a rallying cry to denounce the evils of our age, and to extend radical hospitality to the outsiders and newcomers among us.

It's a statement of courage, that I hope we will aspire to carry out boldly. How we'll live it out, either at Immanuel or across the ELCA, remains to be seen, but it's a call to action that I hope we don't ignore. If you're curious about what being a Sanctuary Church could mean, or want to get more involved on issues of justice and advocacy, please let me know.

In Peace,  
Pastor Micah Sievenpiper



### Pastor's Bookcase

Pastor Micah is currently reading  
*Ghost Story* and *Cold Days* by Jim Butcher

## SUNDAY SCHOOL news

We enjoyed a couple gatherings between services this summer, but look forward to seeing everyone again this fall! God's Work Our Hands, at Hollis Renewal Center on 9/8, will be a great chance for children to reconnect after our summer break! Then the following Sunday, 9/15, Children's Sunday School classes will resume. Children are also encouraged to bring their backpacks to church that day, as there will be a blessing of backpacks at both services.

We continue to have a dedicated group of people excited to work with Immanuel's youth this year. Our classes are for Age 2-Pre-K, K-3rd, 4th-6th, and Confirmation 7th-8th.

The children will sing as a group at the beginning of 10:30 service a few times this year. The first time will be at Immanuel's 120th anniversary celebration on 9/29.

We look forward to a GREAT year and can't wait to see all the kids soon!! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Suzanne Steffen at 816-522-6982 or [suzannesteffen7@gmail.com](mailto:suzannesteffen7@gmail.com).



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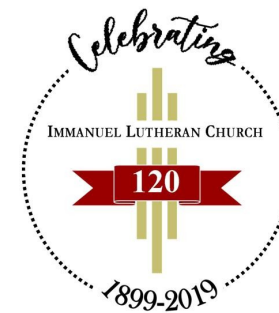
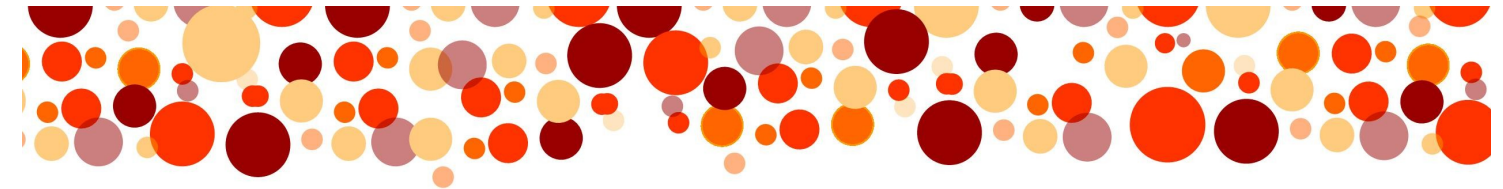
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Sunday, September 29, 2019  
Worship at 8:15 & 10:30 am

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.

*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.*

For more information contact: Deborah Crawford



## 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

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

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

Mike Finn, family of Mary Jo Moore

Kerrington Jones, family of Mary Jo Moore

Harry Roth, friend of Henrik Andersen

James Clanin, family of Lori Clanin

Lauren James, friend of Lori Clanin

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### Members of Immanuel

Theresa Draper, Andree Cuthbertson,

De Pfofner, Ann Erickson,

Paula Simonich, Jackie Turner,

Deanne Schlehuder, Gerry Niewald



#### For Bereavement:

Family of Scott Kimbriel, friend of Janie Fee

### From the Prez



September will soon be here and with it an uptick in Immanuel activity. "God's Work-Our Hands" begins the month on the 8<sup>th</sup> and on the 15<sup>th</sup>, Rally Day, the day when our youth return to Sunday School. Elsewhere in this newsletter is the congregation calendar where you can see all of the planned activity this month. Immanuel is involved in many ministries!

Speaking of calendars, please mark yours to attend worship on Sunday, September 29. This is an important day in the life and mission of our church. As we gather together, we will celebrate 120 years of faithful witness to God in this place and over a century-plus of time. Do you know that Immanuel is blessed to have descendants of our early faithful still among us?

One of our ancestral leaders, Enid Johnson, wrote a poem in 1949 about Immanuel that I want to share with you. Here it is:

### God With Us

Immanuel,  
Sacred and holy name  
And temple for our Lord,  
Thy portals open wide  
And we who enter in  
Find peace; a sacred calm;  
Renewed in spirit and in mind  
As at the bles't communion rail  
We kneel.  
Praises to God  
Within thy holy walls resound.  
Then at the hallowed hour of prayer  
As unto Him we turn  
Rings forth this plea,  
"O God, our Lord,"  
True Founder of the Church  
Fulfill in this, Thine Earthly Shrine,  
True meaning of Immanuel  
Our prayers, O God with us!

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

At its **August 20th meeting**, the Congregation Council took the following actions:

- Plans for the 120th Anniversary celebration are progressing, look for fliers with more info to appear.
- Welcoming and Hospitality is exploring ways to make are Drivers Program more user friendly. First step is to be sure they have current directory information, in order to create neighbor hood driving districts. Look for more information.
- Pastor Micah gave an update on this year's God's Work Our Hands. It will be held September 9th at Hollis. First Service will be at Immanuel at 8:15. Second Service will be held at Hollis at 10:30. There will be be service projects for all abilities and mobilities.
- The Stewardship Committee is planning a ministry fair to be held November 3rd. It will high light responsibilities and contributions of the various committees. Come and find a new way to apply your talents and thank those who serve.
- The Property Committee reported several issues needing attention. Among the most pressing items are: the A/C in the Oxford House is currently down; and the bathroom outside the Gathering Space is out of order until a replacement toilet is in place.

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



Our denomination, the ELCA, holds a churchwide assembly triennially - to worship, vote on matters of governance and policy, and to be church together for the sake of the world. This past week's churchwide assembly was full of important votes and actions, the including:

- Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton was reelected for a second six-year term on the first ballot.
- A Declaration of apology to our siblings of African descent, which was received by the African Descent Lutheran Association with thanks and a call for accountability and living into the words shared.
- Approved resolution declaring the ELCA is a "sanctuary church body." encouraging participation in the ELCA AMMPARO initiative for migrant children, discernment of care for our immigrant neighbors in our context, and the promise of forthcoming resources of this work.
- Approved support for the World Council of Children's *Thursdays in Black*, awareness movement for a world without rape and violence.
- Voted to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance, in honor and remembrance of the martyrdom of the Emanuel 9.
- Approved a declaration for inter-religious commitment, reaffirming ecumenical and interfaith partnerships.
- Approved the recommendations from a strategic taskforce which has been studying how to work toward authentic diversity in our church.
- Adopted a new social statement, "Faith, Sexism, and Justice: a Lutheran Call to Action," and its implementing resolutions.
- Deacon Sue Rothmeyer was elected Churchwide Secretary, a full-time position which acts as executive administrator and leader on all constitutional matters and interpretation.
- Constitutional change for Deacons (rostered ministers of word and service) to be ordained, from the previous practice of consecration.
- Celebrated the milestones of 50 years of women's ordination, 40 years since the first woman of color was ordained, and 10 years since full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ clergy.

# SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:15 & 10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Pancake Breakfast Luther Hall 3 pm OA-KC, Meeting Room 1	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 5:30 pm Soundwave Academy Choir Room & Gathering Space 6 pm Executive Committee Conference Room 6:30 pm Scandinavian Dancers Luther Hall	4 6 pm Women's Recovery Gathering Space 7 pm Shin Do Ryu Karate Luther Hall Symposium, Spong 7:30 pm Bercunus Recital Sanctuary	5 6 pm Social Ministry Mtg 1889 Pizza Napoletana 7 pm OA-KC Meeting Room 1 KC Choral Spectrum Luther Hall	6 9 am Bulletin Folders / Congregational Life 6:30 pm World Folk Dancers Luther Hall	7 9 am KC Choral Spectrum Sanctuary 10 am Shin Do Ryu Karate Luther Hall 1 pm Williams Event Luther Hall
8 GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS 8:15 am Worship 9 am Service Projects at Hollis 10:30 am Worship at Hollis 11:30 am Service Projects Resume at Hollis 3 pm OA-KC, Meeting Room 1 6:30 pm Musica Vocale Luther Hall	9	10 5:30 pm Soundwave Academy Choir Room & Gathering Space 6:30 pm Scandinavian Dancers Luther Hall	11 6 pm Women's Recovery Gathering Space 7 pm Shin Do Ryu Karate Luther Hall Symposium, Spong	12 6:30 pm Volker General Mtg Gathering Space 7 pm OA-KC Meeting Room 1 KC Choral Spectrum Luther Hall	13 9 am Bulletin Folders / Congregational Life 6:30 pm World Folk Dancers Luther Hall	14 10 am Shin Do Ryu Karate Luther Hall 2:30 pm White Piano Recital & Reception Luther Hall
15 8:15 & 10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Education for all Ages Sanctuary, Luther Hall 3 pm OA-KC, Meeting Room 1 6:30 pm Musica Vocale Luther Hall	16 6 pm Youth Chorus of KC Gathering Space, Spong Sanctuary, Luther Hall 6:30 pm Midwest Victim Impact, Choir Room	17 5:30 pm Soundwave Academy Choir Room & Gathering Space 7 pm West Plaza Meeting Luther Hall Council, Spong	18 6 pm Women's Recovery Gathering Space SV Blautaler, Choir Room 7 pm Shin Do Ryu Karate Luther Hall	19 7 pm OA-KC Meeting Room 1 KC Choral Spectrum Luther Hall	20 9 am Bulletin Folders / Congregational Life 6:30 pm World Folk Dancers Luther Hall	21 10 am Shin Do Ryu Karate Luther Hall
22 8:15 & 10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Education for all Ages Sanctuary, Luther Hall 3 pm OA-KC, Meeting Room 1 6:30 pm Musica Vocale Luther Hall	23 6 pm Youth Chorus of KC Gathering Space, Spong Sanctuary, Luther Hall	24 5:30 pm Soundwave Academy Choir Room & Gathering Space 6:30 pm Scandinavian Dancers Luther Hall 7 pm Finance Committee Conference Room	25 6 pm Women's Recovery Gathering Space 7 pm Shin Do Ryu Karate Luther Hall	26 7 pm OA-KC Meeting Room 1 KC Choral Spectrum Theology on Tap KC Bier Co	27 9 am Bulletin Folders / Congregational Life 6:30 pm World Folk Dancers Luther Hall	28 8:30 am Altar Guild, Spong Property Workday 9:30 am Worship & Arts, Spong 10 am Shin Do Ryu Karate Luther Hall 1:30 pm Set up for 120th Annv. Luther Hall
29 8:15 & 10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Education for all Ages Noon 120th Anniversary Potluck, Luther Hall 3 pm OA-KC, Meeting Room 1 6:30 pm Musica Vocale Luther Hall	30 6 pm Youth Chorus of KC Gathering Space, Spong Sanctuary, Luther Hall					

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> to the church office, attention of Deborah Crawford, chairperson of the Welcoming and Hospitality Committee.



## 2019 CROP Hunger Walk

2019 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for CROP Hunger Walk ! To help celebrate, we are looking for **50** walkers and/or donors! In addition, our goal is to raise \$2,000, the price of 50 grams of gold!

This year's walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. 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:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/kansascitymo/>

### Donate

Click on "To donate by Team"

Enter team name

"Immanuel Lutheran ELCA Kansas City"

## Whose Sheep Are You, Anyway?

She said, softly, "Read the funeral liturgy and then you'll know." The response was to my question, "Tell me why you attend every funeral in the church. You come for members you don't even know."

This woman was relatively new to our congregation. I knew she was a lifelong Lutheran and had been educated at Lutheran schools. Afterwards, I did what she suggested and I realized that lifelong membership and education didn't matter. The real answer was membership in the body of Christ and obeying the command to "love one another as I have loved you."

If one ponders the words of the funeral liturgy, we hear three distinct sermons in just a few sentences. This does not count the sermon that the Pastor preaches. The funeral liturgy itself preaches the Gospel and places us in the flock of sheep called church.

One, when we are baptized, we are baptized into both Christ's *death and new life*. Grief at the time of death is not automatically removed but ultimately, the words help diminish the fear of death.

Two, the words give thanks for giving to us the privilege of knowing and loving the person who has died. When we are members of a congregation, we are members of a particular body and whether or not we know someone personally, we are bound to them through Christ and therefore obliged to love and serve that person.

Finally, at the close of the church service, we commend the dead sister or brother into God's hands. Part of the commendation in the ELW says, "Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him/her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light."

These paragraphs will not persuade everyone to attend funerals, but it may encourage one to pray for the dying, the ones who have died and for those who grieve the loss. We may make a call or drop a note to the bereaved. Whatever we do or do not do, we might think more reverently about whose sheep we are and others in our flock.

## September Worship Schedule

	8:15 am	10:30 am
September 1	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Beth Callstrom <b>Lay Reader:</b> Melodee Blobaum <b>Communion Assistants:</b> EB Walker & Sharyl Serafin <b>Ushers:</b> Pam Edvalds & <b>NEED VOLUNTEER</b> <b>Greeter:</b> Mike Ortman	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Tori Friedrich <b>Lay Reader:</b> Linda Fox <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Heather Winker-S & Nam Ahrens <b>Acolyte:</b> Jack Friedrich <b>Cross:</b> Lynden Peters <b>Ushers:</b> Mike, Kelle & Kyle Boehmer, Michael Hamlin <b>Greeter:</b> Beth Byrom
September 8	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Kevin Fewell <b>Lay Reader:</b> Jean Nuernberger <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Rick Sundell & Karen Bame <b>Ushers:</b> Pam Edvalds & Matt Hastings <b>Greeter:</b> Hastings Family	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> John Anderson <b>Lay Reader:</b> Vicki Swanson <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Linda Taylor-S & Desiray Boehmer <b>Acolyte:</b> Zach Boyd <b>Cross:</b> Mason Carey <b>Ushers:</b> Del Karmeler, CeCe Atherton, Kate Hauber, Ken Ross, Elie McCarter <b>Greeter:</b> CeCe Atherton
September 15	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Lauren Park <b>Lay Reader:</b> Bryan Park <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Sharyl Serafin & EB Walker <b>Ushers:</b> <b>NEED VOLUNTEERS</b> <b>Greeter:</b> Carolyn Wilson	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Linda Taylor <b>Lay Reader:</b> Kate Hauber <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Milian Hanson-S & Connie Benolkin <b>Acolyte:</b> Charlie Friedrich <b>Cross:</b> Milian Hanson <b>Ushers:</b> Chris Roth, Kevin & Linda Fewell, Bob Hyland <b>Greeter:</b> Linda Fewell
September 22	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Karen Bame <b>Lay Reader:</b> Lisa Hansen <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Alex Hastings & Rick Sundell <b>Ushers:</b> Dee Craig & Elizabeth Hastings <b>Greeter:</b> Don Arney	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Jeff Fox <b>Lay Reader:</b> Mike Fee <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Gretchen Bishop-S & Kyle Boehmer <b>Acolyte:</b> <b>NEED VOLUNTEER</b> <b>Cross:</b> Kyle Boehmer <b>Ushers:</b> Marc & Patti Winkler, Randy Callstrom & BJ Laven <b>Greeter:</b> Marc & Patti Winkler
September 29	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Lauren Park <b>Lay Reader:</b> Jerri B. Yungeberg <b>Communion Assistants:</b> EB Walker & Elie Roddy <b>Ushers:</b> <b>NEED VOLUNTEERS</b> <b>Greeter:</b> Pam Edvalds	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Linda Taylor <b>Lay Reader:</b> Henrik Andersen <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Sally Baehni-S & Henrik Andersen <b>Acolyte:</b> Ciara Boyd <b>Cross:</b> Henrik Andersen <b>Ushers:</b> Lellani, Zach & Ciara Boyd, Mason & Kayla Carey <b>Greeter:</b> Terry & Lori Kueker

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.

# Looking Ahead

Social Ministry Events and Opportunities to Serve in 2019

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 <sup>th</sup> . 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: <a href="http://mlmkc.org">mlmkc.org</a>
	4, 5, 6, 7	MLM Christmas Store	The store will be open for individuals/families to shop To volunteer visit: <a href="http://mlmkc.org">mlmkc.org</a>
	TBD	MLM Christmas Baskets	Help pack and deliver holiday baskets to homebound folks To volunteer visit: <a href="http://mlmkc.org">mlmkc.org</a>

## Adult Forum Topics

- September 1 TBD
- September 8 God's Work. Our Hands at Hollis
- September 15 Climate Change
- September 22 Immanuel Stories with Gretchen Bishop
- September 29 Prayer Team

# THEOLOGY ON TAP

Thursday, September 26th  
7 pm

## KC Bier Company - Waldo

310 W. 79th St  
(1 block east of 79th & Wornall)

Discussion Leader: Pastor Micah

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:** Sept. 5th, 6pm at 1889 Pizza Napoletana (2876 W 47th St. KCK)

## Farewell Happy Hour

We will be having a drop-in farewell happy hour for Vicki Bartholomew on Friday, September 6th from 3:30-6pm at Twin City Tavern. Come on by and say goodbye to Vicki as she leaves Immanuel to pursue her career in social work.

## September birthdays

Noah Majerle	9/11
Kelle Boehmer	9/12
Kyle Boehmer	9/12
Charlie Friedrich	9/14
Mike Ortmann	9/16
Katharine Ahrens	9/17
Sara Prem	9/19
Vicki Swanson	9/21
Desiray Boehmer	9/22
David Peterson	9/23
Linda Taylor	9/23
Linda Fox	9/24
Lauren Park	9/27
Jordan Ahrens	9/28
Karole Jacobsen	9/28

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

**Altar Guild is meeting August 31st at 8:30 a.m. in the Spong Common Room. If you're interested in joining us, you are welcome to come to the meeting. Breakfast is provided!**

## Blessing of the Backpacks



All children and youth are encouraged to bring their backpacks to worship and receive a special back to school blessing. Pastor Micah will bless backpacks at both services on **Sunday, September 15th.**

## Choir News

The Immanuel Choir will restart in September! If you've ever thought of joining the choir, the fall is a great time to give it a try! Rehearsals are at 9:00 before the 10:30 service starting on **September 15<sup>th</sup>**. In addition to singing on Sundays and for special services, this year the choir will be leading two Bach Cantata Vespers Services, one in January and the other in April. Questions? Contact Suzanne Anderson, Music Director, at [SuzanneAndersonILC@gmail.com](mailto:SuzanneAndersonILC@gmail.com).

# God's work. Our hands. Sunday, September 8th

Immanuel will 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:

- 8:15 am** Early Service Worship at Immanuel
- 9 am** Service Projects start at Hollis
- 10:30 am** Late Service Worship at Hollis
- 11:30 am** Service Projects Resume at Hollis
- 12:30 pm** Lunch will be served



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.

### Service Projects

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

## Pancake Fundraiser



Hello Immanuel! Kyle Boehmer is hosting a pancake fundraiser on September 1st starting at 9:15 am. 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!

## Bach Cantata Vespers 2020

### Save the dates!

**Sunday, January 26**

BWV 23 *Du wahrer Gott und Davids Sohn*  
 (Thou, very God, and David's Son)

**Sunday, April 26th**

BWV 150 *Nach dir, Herr, verlanget mich*  
 (For you, Lord, is my desire)

**SAVE the DATE!** **Oktoberfest** Sun. Oct. 27 Noon-2pm Potluck Lunch Silent Auction German Dancers



## YouthWorks says goodbye to ILC & KC

Throughout our eight weeks of programming, we have had 524 participants from 37 different churches across the country serving in these ministries.

- |                                   |                                  |                           |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>The Gathering Table</i>        | <i>Metro Lutheran Ministries</i> | <i>Nourish KC</i>         |
| <i>Phoenix Family</i>             | <i>Bickford Senior Care</i>      | <i>Avenue of Life</i>     |
| <i>Sheffield Neighborhood</i>     | <i>Unbound</i>                   | <i>Community LINC</i>     |
| <i>Little Sisters of the Poor</i> | <i>Upper Room</i>                | <i>Harvesters</i>         |
| <i>Sleeping Mat Ministry</i>      | <i>Splitlog Farm</i>             | <i>Cross Lines</i>        |
| <i>Blessings Abound</i>           | <i>Tracy Gardens</i>             | <i>Dynamic Life</i>       |
| <i>City Union Mission</i>         | <i>St. Paul's Food Pantry</i>    | <i>Baptist Ministries</i> |
|                                   |                                  | <i>Kansas City</i>        |
|                                   |                                  | <i>Rescue Mission</i>     |

## Tacos + Trivia



Thank you to Zeb for donating his time & for the fantastic trivia games. Also, thank you to everyone who attended and brought food!



**2019 Trivia Masterminds**