

# PARISH NEWS

OCTOBER 2019

## FROM PASTOR MICAH

Martin Luther is often credited with saying that, if the world were to end tomorrow, he would plant a tree today. It's unlikely he ever said that, especially since he mostly spoke German instead of English, but it's a pithy way to express the hope that's deeply rooted in the Gospel. Our faith finds its center in the promise that all of creation is not wasting away, but being redeemed by grace of God.



There's a lot of reasons to be anxious about the state of creation. We've known about the impending catastrophe of global climate change for years now, yet with each passing month, as calls to action urging us to do something about our ailing planet go unheeded, the situation grows more dire. It's no longer something we fear might happen in the future, either; we're already seeing the impact of our actions and of our inaction. For all that doom and gloom, though, we never stop proclaiming our hope. Even though sometimes it might seem like we are powerless to change the course of human history, we do not do this work alone, for God is with us. Though Christ who strengthens us, we can do all things. So let's get to work, tending the garden of creation. Even if the world is going to end tomorrow, we can still plant a tree.

In Peace,  
Pastor Micah Sievenpiper

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**Pastor's Bookcase**  
Pastor Micah is currently reading  
How To:  
Absurd Scientific Advice  
for Common Real-World Problems  
by Randall Munroe

# IMMANUEL LEADERSHIP

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**Mary Jo Moore** - President

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**Terry Kueker** - Secretary

**Mindy Rash** - Treasurer

**Rick Sundell** - Financial Secretary

**Lynden Peters**

**Scott Thompson**

**Jack Umbach**

**Kathy Boehmer**

**Dean Byrom**

**Deborah Crawford**

**Janie Fee**

**Kate Hauber**



## IN OUR PRAYERS...

### Members of Immanuel

**Theresa Draper | Andree Cuthbertson | De Pfofner**

**Ann Erickson | Paula Simonich**

**Jackie Turner | Deanne Schlehuder | Gerry Niewald**

**Dee Craig | Gretchen Bishop**

### Friends of Immanuel

**Jack & Mary Kantola**, friends of Doug & Peg Himebaugh

**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

**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

**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

**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

**Judy Robinson**, friend of Mary Jo Moore

**Chloe & Carley Engler**, great nieces of Sally Bachin

**Vickie Little**, friend of Kevin and Linda Fewell

**Normajeane Holtje**, cousin of Mike Ortmann

**Margaret Kohler**, aunt of Lori Clanin

**Jim & Etta Clanin**, parents of Lori Clanin



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 8:15am - Worship 9:15am - Adult 9:15am - Confirmati 10:30am - Worship 12pm - Immanuel 3pm - OA-KC @	30 6pm - Youth Chorus	1 6pm - Executive 6pm - Soundwave 6:30pm - Scandinavi 7pm - Committee	2 11am - Staff 6pm - Women's 7pm - Shin Do Ryu	3 9am - Homeschool @ 7pm - Choral 7pm - OA-KC @	4 9am - Bulletin 6:30pm - World Folk	5 8am - Synod WELCA 8:30am - Altar Guild 9am - Bell Choir 9:30am - Worship & 10am - Shin Do Ryu 6pm - English
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27 8:15am - Worship 9:15am - Adult 9:15am - Confirmati 10:30am - Worship 12pm - Oktoberfest 3pm - OA-KC @	28 6pm - Youth Chorus	29 6pm - Soundwave 6:30pm - Scandinavi	30 11am - Staff 6pm - Women's 7pm - Shin Do Ryu	31 <b>Halloween</b> 9am - Homeschool @ 7pm - Choral 7pm - OA-KC @	1 9am - Bulletin 6:30pm - World Folk	2 8:30am - Altar Guild 8:30am - Property 9am - Choral 10am - Shin Do Ryu

# OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## Early Service 8:15

	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Linda Fox	Beth Callstrom	Bryan Park	Lisa Hansen
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Melodee Blobbaum	Jean Nuernberger	Rick Sundell	Rick Sundell
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Shary Serafin	Karen Bame	EB Walker	Alex Hastings
<b>Ushers</b>	Josie Yungeberg Mike Ortman Jean Nuernberger	Desiray Boehmer Boehmer family	Pam Edvalds Need Volunteer	Hansen Family Need Volunteer

## Late Service 10:30

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Vicki Swanson	Linda Taylor	Connie Benokin	David Peterson
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Larry Benokin	Connie Ross	Dean Byrom	Mason Carey
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Kathy Linder-S	Mary Ann Clochon - S	Ellen Wilcox-S	Kevin Fewells
<b>Acolyte</b>	Nam Ahrens	Nancy Beckmann	Audrey Parson	Mindy Rash
<b>Cross</b>	Anthony Mazza	Bennett Kumm	Jack Friedrich	Ciara Boyd
<b>Ushers</b>	BJ Laven	Mason Kumm		Kevin Fewell
	Milan Hanson	Jay Browning	Scott Thompson	Terry Kueker
	Ryan Hunter	Ken Beckmann	Rick Wilcox	Lori Kueker
	Terry Kueker	Gretchen Bishop	Jack Umbach	Bill Moore
	Lori Kueker	Connie Ross	Heather Umbach	Mary Jo Moore

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.

# 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. (no meeting in Oct)

**Where:** ILC neighborhood eateries

**Why:** Because we are called to serve others

**Next Meeting:**

**Thursday, November 7th, 6:00 p.m.  
Lulu's Thai Noodle Shop  
2701 W. 47th Street  
Westwood, KS 66205**

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE 2019

<b>October</b>	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
<b>November</b>	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!
<b>December</b>	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>

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

# GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS



Thank you all for serving and engaging with the community to benefit Hollis and God's creation.



# ALTER GUILD

## October Topics

October 6th	St. John's Bible
October 13th	TBD
October 20th	An Adventure in Art
October 27th	Stewardship Committee

Altar Guild is meeting October 5th 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!**

## CHOIR NEWS

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.

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.

Also the **Children's Chime Choir** will begin this month every Sunday between 11:45 to 12:30!

### Questions?

Contact Suzanne Anderson  
Music Director  
SuzanneAndersonILC@gmail.com

Louis Disney	10/1
Dane Callstrom	10/3
Ellen Parson	10/6
Suzanne Steffen	10/7
Julia Hunter	10/8
Lisa Erickson	10/9
Louisa Gear	10/10
John Gardner	10/11
Laura McGrew	10/12
Carl Wahlgren	10/14
Madelyn Dalbom	10/15
Camille Nelson	10/16
Mary Arney	10/18
James Berry-Tripp	10/19
Eva Creydt-Schulte	10/20
Mary Hunt	10/20
Connie Ross	10/20
Kathy Disney	10/21
Monica Krupp	10/21
Jennifer Pfeiffer	10/23
Vicki Arndt-Helgesen	10/24
Robert Hyland	10/24
Martin Rothe	10/25
George Nelson	10/26
Gena Atzenweiler	10/29
Laurel Gibson	10/31
Natalie Hyland	10/31

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

# IT'S TIME FOR THE...

**CROP  
HUNGER WALK**  
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



2019 marks the **50th 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 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 on either **Sunday, October 6th or the 13th**.

To donate online:

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

Click on

**“To donate by Team”**

Enter team name

**“Immanuel Lutheran ELCA Kansas City”**



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

## Highlights of the September 17, 2019 Council Meeting

- Pastor announced that on November 2nd at 2:00 pm there will be a wine tasting event to choose wines for 2020. Participants need to RSVP for planning purposes.
- The Council welcomed the addition of TerRa Teague as our new Administrative Assistant.
- President Mary Jo Moore indicated there has not been a recent evaluation of the management of ILC's investment portfolio. Action on an assessment process was tabled to give the Endowment Trust Fund Committee time to respond.
- Jack Umbach suggested the Property Committee prepare a more formal notification plan for handling outages. The action item will be addressed by the Property Committee.
- The Council accepted the resignation of Dean Byrom from the Council, as Dean and Beth have left ILC and ELCA.



## FROM THE PREZ

At last night's meeting of the Steering Committee, Pastor asked each of us to think about an answer to a question, and to come prepared to share it at the next meeting. For those of you wondering, what is the Steering Committee, it is a 10-member group that is representative of our congregation and that is tasked with discerning the mission of Immanuel and ministries supportive of this mission.

And the question? I'm paraphrasing, but basically something along the lines of "If money presented no obstacles to Immanuel, what would be different? Or said another way, what are our dreams and visions for Immanuel? We were encouraged to think big and out-of-the-box, unburdened by the usual constraints placed upon us.

Believers are to bear witness to the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We modern-day disciples, like those in biblical times, are to place our faith in God above all else and not worry. Matthew 6:31-34 says<sup>31</sup> "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'"<sup>32</sup> "For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them."<sup>33</sup> "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."<sup>34</sup> "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.

Each day has enough trouble of its own.

If, as some have suggested, the Kingdom is the fulfillment on Earth of God's will and righteousness is conduct becoming of Christ, what does this mean for Immanuel? I will be reflecting on these things over the next couple of weeks and trust in God to reveal an answer to Pastor's question. I will not worry about tomorrow.





# WELCA

You are invited to the  
Women's Bible Study:  
No Hard Feelings

Theme Verses:  
Lamentations 2:10-22, 5:19-22

Psalm 77

Psalm 25:12-22

Psalm 126

Wednesday, October 9th  
noon

Meeting Room #1  
(room next to library)

Bring Your Own Lunch

## BACH CANTATA VESPERS 2020

Save the dates!

**Sunday, January 26th**

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)

Immanuel Lutheran Church

# OKTOBER FEST



**Sun**

**OCT**

**27**

**12-2pm**

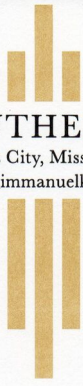
**Potluck Lunch**

**Silent Action**

**Performance by**

**SU Blautaler**

**Proceeds will benefit library and  
meeting room spaces improvements**



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