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ADULT EDUCATION - Join us each Sunday at 9:00 am. in the Spong Common Room. Adult Forum is planning a series for the summer called "What's on My Mind". The plan is that the leader, congregation member, will talk about a subject that interests them and lead a discussion with the group. September 21st – “On Government” is a discussion lead by Rebecca Blocksome about the history and importance of civil order.

FROM PEWS TO BREWS - Please join your Immanuel friends as we once again move "from pews to brews" at 6:00 on Tuesday, September 16th at the Boulevard Brewing Co Beer Hall, across from the brewery at 2534 Madison Ave in downtown KCMO. Boulevard has been producing their iconic beers in Kansas City since 1989. In addition to beer, they have hard seltzer and non-alcoholic beverages. The Beer Hall menu features pizzas, pretzels, sandwiches and salads. Plenty of free parking is available. Hope to see you there!

OFFICE HELP WANTED - Immanuel is a busy place and the office is often buzzing with activity. If you'd be interested in helping Immanuel show hospitality to members and guests throughout the week, we could use some volunteer receptionists to spend some time on [Mondays and/or Thursdays?] answering the phones and doors. If you're interested, please contact the church office at office@immanuelkc.org [or leave your name and available days on the sheet outside the vestry.

INSTALLATION OF BISHOP ELECT REV. DONNA J. SIMON - The Central States Synod of the ELCA has elected Rev. Donna Simon to serve as our synod's fifth bishop. Join us for the installation service at 5:00 pm on Sunday, September 28. The service will be held at Atonement Lutheran Church ((9948 Metcalf Ave. Overland Park, KS 66212). Rostered and Lay Ministers of all traditions are invited to vest; the color of the day is red. A reception will follow the service.

A LIEDER NACHTMUSIK: A Night of German Song - Immanuel will host a recital featuring tenor Jonathan Moldovan and Soprano Lauren Stokke, accompanied by organist Robert Barthel. Join us for an evening of music and fellowship at 7:00 pm on Friday, October 10, 2025. A reception will follow in Luther Hall. A free will offering will be collected.

CONGREGATIONAL UPDATE: SHARING OUR SPACE - Join us for a brief congregational update from the Building Use Committee on Sunday, September 28 after worship. Following the guidance from the Ad Hoc Committee for Change, we have been working to find ways we can use the gift of Immanuel's building to serve and support our ministry, and we have begun working with Christ the King, an inclusive Catholic community in need of space to worship. Come and see what this nascent partnership might mean for us!

EVENTS

Sunday, September 14

8:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
9:00 a.m. Adult Forum, Spong Common Room
10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Coffee & Refreshments, Luther Hall
11:00 a.m. Offering Counters, Parish Office Conference Room
11:30 a.m. Mutual Ministry, Gathering Space
1:00 p.m. S.V. Blautaler Practice, Luther Hall
3:00 p.m. OA-KC Meeting, Gathering Space

Monday, September 15

No events scheduled

Tuesday, September 16

6:30 p.m. Scandinavian Dancers, Luther Hall
6:30 p.m. W.P.N.A. Meeting, Spong Common Room

Wednesday, September 17

6:00 p.m. Shin Do Ryu Karate, Luther Hall
6:00 p.m. Women's Recovery Network, Gathering Space

Thursday, September 18

7:00 p.m. OA-KC Meeting, Gathering Space
7:00 p.m. Friends of Literature, Spong Common Room

Friday, September 19

No events scheduled

Saturday, September 20

9:30 a.m. Shin Do Ryu Karate, Gathering Space
12:00 p.m. What We Should Know but Don't: Trans Experiences in Kansas City, Luther Hall

Join An Event That's Held Via Zoom

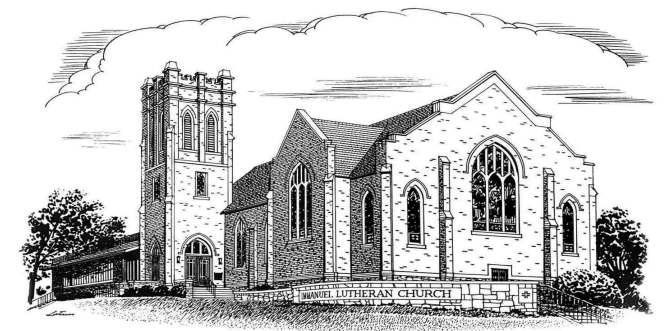
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NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: WESTIN SORREL -

Westin Sorrel is currently a doctoral student in choral conducting at UMKC, where he serves as a graduate assistant, is the instructor of undergraduate Choral and Vocal Techniques, and directs the Choral Union. Prior to relocating to Kansas City, Westin served as a graduate assistant at Michigan State University and was the Chancel Choir Director at The Presbyterian Church of Okemos. Originally from Denver, Colorado, Westin taught Choir and IB Music at Dakota Ridge High School, where his choirs earned superior ratings at various festivals and performed at the Colorado Music Educators Association conference. During this time, he also served as the Assistant Conductor for the Chancel Choir at Bethany Lutheran Church. An active conductor and singer, Westin has performed with ensembles such as The Colorado Bac Ensemble, Anima Chamber Ensemble, and St. Martin's Chamber Choir, and has worked with renowned conductors including Simon Carrington and Helmuth Rilling. He holds degrees from Michigan State University and Colorado State University, and enjoys time with family, friends, and his dog, Brody.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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WELCOME

WELCOME to worship at Immanuel! If you are looking for a church home, or have questions about Immanuel's life and ministry, please check the brochure in the pew racks, visit Immanuel's website, immanuelkc.org, or contact the church office or the pastor.

WE BELIEVE that God welcomes and loves us all. In turn, we welcome every sinner and seeker of faith — the faithful and not-so-faithful, new Christians and lifelong believers, Lutherans and those from other traditions. We welcome people of every family structure and marital status; every race, culture and ethnicity; every age, and level of physical and mental ability; every sexual orientation and gender identity; every economic status and educational background. **Join us as we grow, share and learn together as God's people.**

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES are welcome in worship. Activity bags are available in the main hallway outside the sanctuary. Please return them after worship.

SUNDAY PARKING is available in the lot immediately west of the building and in the lot one block east across the street from Rudy's restaurant. A small parking area for people with disabilities is located behind the building; enter it from Bell St. or Genesee St. On-street parking also is available.

CONNECT

HELP US WELCOME AND CARE FOR YOU. To receive prayer and/or pastoral care, complete a prayer request card found in the pew racks. Place the card in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

CONNECT WITH US at www.immanuelkc.org or at www.facebook.com/ImmanuelLutheranChurchKC for updates, news about events and more.

PARTICIPATE VIRTUALLY by visiting our YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/immanuelkansascity. Services in the sanctuary are streamed live every Sunday.

PRAY

MEMBERS OF IMMANUEL

Rick Crawford, Andree Cuthbertson, Pat Durie, Milan Hanson, Del Karmeier, Carol Powers, Deanne Schlehuber, Steve Swanson, EB Walker, Carolyn Wilson.

FRIENDS OF IMMANUEL

Erin Baker, family of Jean Nuernberger
Bruce Bell, friend of the Kueker family
Brad and Dortha Carr, family of Karen Bame
Lynne Anderson Davies, friend of Immanuel
Normajeane Holtje, cousin of Mike Ortmann
Ginger Hudson, mother of Tori Friedrich
Jane Kasten, friend of Deanne Schlehuber
Betty Ladwig, mother of Kate Hauber and Cece Atherton
Shirley Malm, cousin of Deanne Schlehuber
Friends and family of Betty Pera
Lisa Schlehuber, daughter of Deanne Schlehuber
Rhonda Shear, friend of Linda Setterburg
Family & friends of Beth Shepard, sister of Patty Winkler

If you would like to add someone to or remove someone from the prayer list, contact the church office. Names will remain on the list for six months unless you indicate otherwise.

Email ImmanuelKCPrayerTeam@gmail.com to request prayer for someone who does not wish to appear on the public list.

GIVE

Offerings to support the ministry we share are always welcome. If you prefer the convenience of giving online, scan the QR code below:



WORSHIP

SERVING September 14

Presiding Minister: Pastor Micah Sievenpiper
Assisting Minister: Tori Friedrich
Lay Reader: Jean Nuernberger
Communion Steward: Ellen Wilcox
Acolyte: Josh Friedrich
Crucifer: BJ Laven
Altar Committee: Ingrid Peterson, Karen Bame
Ushers: Kate Hauber, Tracy Atherton, Cece Atherton
Media Team: Jack & Charlie Friedrich

First reading: Exodus 32:7-14
Psalmody: Psalm 51:1-10
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

SERVING September 21

Presiding Minister: Pastor Micah Sievenpiper
Assisting Minister: Linda Taylor
Lay Reader: Catie Tomlin
Communion Steward: Lori Kueker
Altar Committee: Ellen Wilcox, Linda Taylor
Ushers: Chris Roth
Media Team: Linda Fox

First reading: Amos 8:4-7
Psalmody: Psalm 113
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7
Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

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