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If I could turn back time: Turning to others
When Zacchaeus met Jesus, he was moved to give away half of his wealth to the poor and to make amends with those he had defrauded. Why? In the Gospels, Jesus' call to repentance is a call to turn back to the ways of God's reign on earth: justice, peace and mercy for the neighbor and the community. What does repentance look like in our relationships?

Thursday, October 4th 11:30-1pm
Spong Common Room
Led by Pastor Ann

Baked Potato Bar
potatoes provided— everyone bring a topping to share

PARISH NEWS

October 2018

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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 November 2018 issue is Friday, October 19.** 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.

From Pastor Micah



The church is not perfect. That shouldn't be news to anyone, especially as we prepare for our annual commemoration of the Reformation, begun half a millennium ago, when some German professors looked around at the state of the church and said to one another, "well that doesn't seem right." Maybe that's a more simplified version of the story than we usually tell, but it's still pretty accurate. It wasn't easy, to question the entire power structure of medieval Europe, or take a stand against popes and princes and emperors, but that's exactly what they did, taking a bold stand for the sake of the gospel.

A lot has changed since then, but this hasn't: the church is not perfect. We've made mistakes in the past, as the people of God. There are, I'm sure, shortcomings in our own practice and theology that should be questioned, and wrestled with, and corrected. That's the work begun in the reformation, and it's not any easier today than it was in the 16th century. Taking a bold stand for the sake of gospel sometimes means taking a stand against the powers of the world. It means crying out for the sake of the vulnerable. It means denouncing injustice in all its forms. It means being public and active about our faith, even if that leads us into uncomfortable territory.

The Holy Spirit is at work in the church, imperfect though it may be. I hope we take the time to deliberately listen to the call of God. And I hope we are bold, like the reformers of old, act on what we hear.

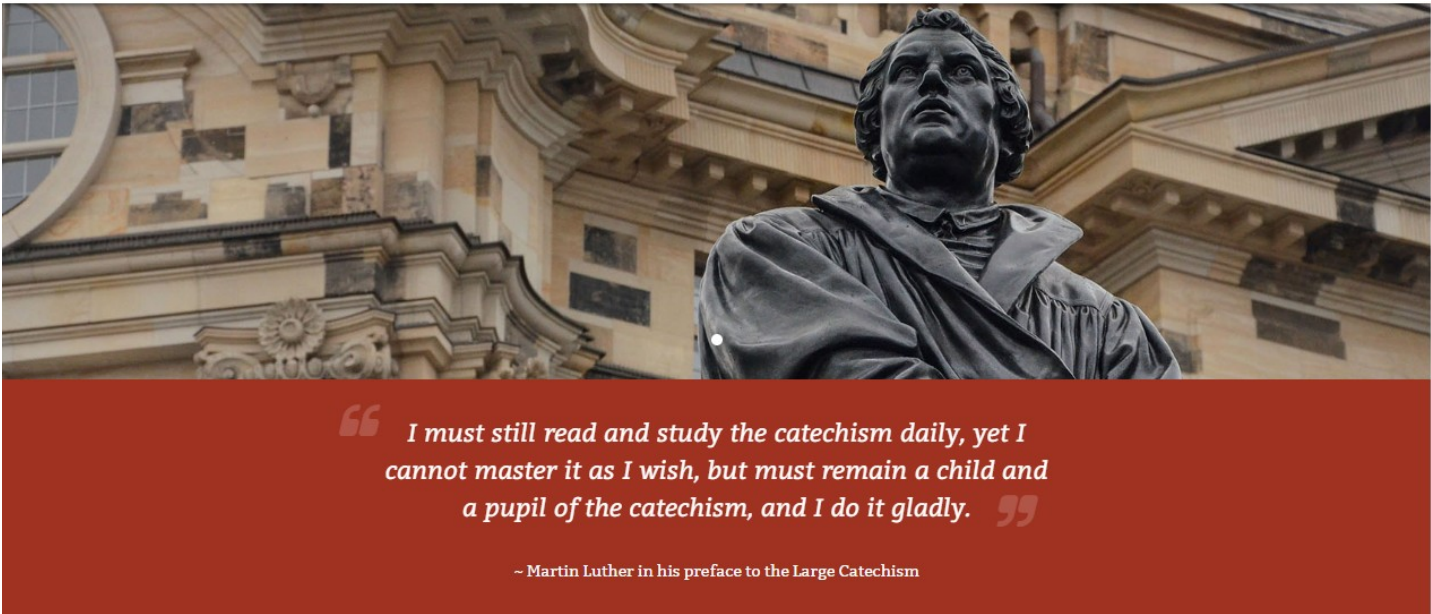
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“ I must still read and study the catechism daily, yet I cannot master it as I wish, but must remain a child and a pupil of the catechism, and I do it gladly. ”

– Martin Luther in his preface to the Large Catechism

October 28 is Reformation! Join us in wearing RED and celebrating the confirmation of Iris Roddy and Liam Hyland on this 501 anniversary of the Reformation.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Members of Immanuel

Theresa Draper, Andree Cuthbertson, Lori Clanin, De Pfoltnr, Ann Erickson, Sandy Bustamante, Clay & Martha Bowden, Lisa Schlehuber, Bill Norris, Paula Simonich

Friends of Immanuel

Beverly Dumler, friend of Roland & Betty Pera
Molly Brown, daughter-in-law of a friend of Mary Jo Moore
Paula & Erin Weir, friend of Betty Pera
Bakeberg Family, friends of Betty Pera
Kat M, Lisa R., & Kathy K., friends of Peggy Dollard
Kara Cordell, family of the Atherton's & Hauber's
Sue Carlson Albers, aunt of Marc & Patti Winkler
Darlene Henninger, aunt of Catie Tomlin
Lee Hass, grandmother of Catie Tomlin
Sharon Guess, co-worker of Linda Fewell
Lance Hill, brother of Deborah Crawford
Craig, Charlotte, Laurel Gibson, family of Deanne Schlehuber
Doug Himebaugh, friend of Immanuel
Debbie Tomlin, mother of Catie Tomlin

Christopher Hovde, family of the Boehmer's & Krupp's
Spencer Krupp, family of the Boehmer's & Krupp's
Karen Brooks, sister of Beth Callstrom
Denise Smith, cousin of Lori Kueker
Merle & Mary Jo, friends of Andree Cuthbertson
Baby Reylyn & Family, friends of Peggy Dollard
Major, friend of Linda Taylor & Peggy Dollard
Kim R. & family, friends of Peggy Dollard
Baby Simone & Cami, friends of Lauren Park
Chris & Calvin Dennison, friends of Andree Cuthbertson
Craig Reinig, brother-in-law of Linda Taylor
Jon & Fran Ceder, friends of Larry & Connie Benolkin

2018 Hurricane Response from the ELCA

The situation:

The 2018 hurricane season continues to produce strong storms with potentially devastating impacts to the United States. Currently, Lutheran Disaster Response is responding to Hurricane Florence and monitoring other storms as they develop.

Most recently, Hurricane Florence has devastated our neighbors in the North and South Carolina, leaving millions without power, thousands of homes damaged or destroyed, hundreds of road closures and 37 reported deaths. Rising rivers kept displaced communities away from their homes for days , and the extent of the damage is not yet fully known .

Our response:

Lutheran Disaster Response, through Lutheran Services Carolinas, has made an initial financial commitment to support immediate relief efforts in the most impacted communities in both North and South Carolina with relief supplies which may include water, food and other basic needs.

Your gifts designated for “Hurricane Response” will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricanes.

What you can do:

Pray: Please pray for people who have been affected by hurricanes. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.

Give: Gifts designated to “Hurricane Response” will be used to assist those affected by these hurricanes until the response is complete.





As we prepare for our 2019 congregational budget, the Finance Committee looked at our giving and expenses for the first half of 2018. The take away is we are meeting our obligations to our ministries, staff, and facilities but not without dipping into our Endowment Trust Fund. We are lagging a bit on giving, to the tune of 3-4% (\$11,498). Please continue your faithful giving and, if possible, increase your financial giving a little bit more. For those that are behind on your commitments, please try to catch up by yearend. Our generosity is a daily response as a child of God. – Mary Jo Moore, Prez

Veterans Day

PANCAKE FEED

Sunday, November 11th
9 am to Noon

\$6/person

\$20/family

Veterans Eat Free!

Thank You
Immanuel!!

Thank you for your recent donation of hygiene items for our food pantry. Those basic supplies are vital for our guests health and self-confidence. We are deeply grateful for your partnership.

-Amy Viets
Volunteer
Development
Coordinator



OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	6 pm Executive Committee Conference Room 7 pm Scandinavian Dancers Luther Hall	1:30 pm At Your Best Gathering Space 6 pm Women's Recovery Gathering Space	9 am Home School Gathering Space 11 am WELCA, Spong 6:30 pm KC Choral Spectrum Luther Hall 7 pm OA-KC Meeting Room 1	9 am Bulletin Folders / Congregational Life Conference Room 6:30 pm World Folk Dancers	9 am Bell Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary 11 am Shin Do Ryu Karate, Luther Hall 4:30 pm English Dancers Luther Hall	8
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From the Prez

When people find out I live in Independence, MO and worship in Kansas City, they inevitably ask “Why Immanuel?” This is a fair question. After all there are other Lutheran churches closer to home. So why this particular place? Initially, we were attracted by the traditionally Lutheran liturgy, inspiring worship service, beautiful music, and aesthetic of the sanctuary. We were also impressed by the many ways Immanuel was connected to the Kansas City community. As Lutheran Christians, Word and sacrament are very important to us and so is service to others, which is why, in large part, we remain at Immanuel. But there are other reasons as well.

At Immanuel, we belong to a community of faith that struggles with the big questions of life and is not afraid to challenge ourselves and each other to live every day by the grace of God, to act on the “grace given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift” (Ephesians 4:7) Spiritual growth doesn’t happen overnight. At Immanuel, we lay a firm foundation through early childhood and youth ministry, continuing education through adult forum and bible studies, and through bible-based sermons. Each of us responds in ways that demonstrate our devotion to the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This time of year Immanuel begins our Fall Campaign. How we choose to respond reflects our devotion to God and His grace. Simply put, grace transforms our desires, motivations and behavior.

Ideally, we want to be joyful givers or, as the Bible says, a cheerful giver. “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7).

The Bible talks about three kinds of giving: offerings and tithing, alms, and time and talents. Offerings first help to support the ministry we share at Immanuel or, our general fund, if you will. Designated support, such as Funds for the Future, Kenyan Children’s Fund, and Memorials, to name a few, are important but are given above and beyond our regular contributions (some call these tithes). Alms are our compassionate and heartfelt responses to people Jesus refers to as the “least” of our brothers and sisters. Think of our charitable acts like the MLM Christmas Store, God’s Work-Our Hands, and the like. We also show our devotion to God by sharing ourselves through our time and talents. This we do ALL of the time, both at Immanuel and in our communities. This is stewardship “year round.” We give cheerfully because God has given each of us so much.



Look for more information about stewardship in the weeks to come. Reflect with me on the ministry we share at Immanuel and how we go about supporting it. A joyful giver is a joyful recipient of all that God has to offer!

Thank you for your support of Bethany and the life changing educational opportunity our students receive.

Your encouraging gift of \$700 for the Bethany Annual Fund will have an impact on the lives of students as we educate, develop and challenge them to reach for truth and excellence.

Sincerely,
David Earle
Vice President for Advancement

Thank You Immanuel!!



October Worship Schedule

	8:15 am	10:30 am
October 7	Assisting Minister: Linda Fox Lay Reader: Lisa Hansen Communion Assistants: Karen Bame & Rick Sundell Ushers: Mike Ortmann & Jean Nuernberger Greeter: Jean Nuernberger	Assisting Minister: Vicki Swanson Lay Reader: Ingrid Peterson Communion Assistants: Kathy Linder-S & Nam Ahrens Acolyte: Anthony Mazza Cross: BJ Laven Ushers: Milan Hanson, Ryan Hunter, Terry & Lori Kueker Greeter: Hunter Family
October 14	Assisting Minister: Kevin Fewell Lay Reader: Jean Nuernberger Communion Assistants: EB Walker & Desiray Boehmer Ushers: Boehmer Family Greeter: Boehmer Family	Assisting Minister: Linda Taylor Lay Reader: Steve Roeder Communion Assistants: Mary Ann Ciochon-S & Nancy Beckmann Acolyte: Mason Kumm Cross: Andrew Fox Ushers: Jay Browning, Ken Beckmann, Gretchen Bishop, Connie Ross Greeter: Gretchen Bishop
October 21	Assisting Minister: Lauren Park Lay Reader: Bryan Park Communion Assistants: Sharyl Serafin & Eli Roddy Ushers: Pam Edvalds & NEED VOLUNTEER Greeter: Melodee Blobaum	Assisting Minister: Connie Benolkin Lay Reader: Catie Tomlin Communion Assistants: Ellen Wilcox-S & Audrey Parson Acolyte: Jack Friedrich Cross: Dean Byrom Ushers: Scott Thompson, Rick Wilcox, Jack & Heather Umbach Greeter: Mindy Rash
October 28	Assisting Minister: Karen Bame Lay Reader: Carmen Norris Communion Assistants: Rick Sundell & Josie Yungeberg Ushers: Lisa Hansen & Family Greeter: Friedrich Family	Assisting Minister: Lila Aamodt Lay Reader: Rhannon Talbot Communion Assistants: Kevin Fewell-S & Mindy Rash Acolyte: Ciara Boyd Cross: Kevin Fewell Ushers: Ken Ross, Bill & Mary Jo Moore Greeter: Bill & 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL news

We started our Children's Sunday school year on September 16th - currently we have 27 children, ages 2-6th grade, participating in classes. We also have 2 who are starting confirmation and two (Iris Roddy & Liam Hyland) who will be confirmed on October 28th. This fall we are continuing our connection with Kenyan Orphans group by writing a letter to each child.

Below are some important dates to note for the remainder of 2018:

Sept. 30 Kids will make posters as an invitation to the "Invite a friend Sunday/potluck" on Oct. 7, showing what they love most about Immanuel.	Oct. 28 A children's Bell choir is being formed and will play during the 10:30 service. 	Nov. 25 There will be no Sunday school due to Thanksgiving weekend. 
Dec. 2 Sunday school classes will have a contest - they will make a Christmas tree for their classroom doors and decorate the Gathering space.	Dec. 16 Christmas Program 	Please contact Suzanne Steffen for more questions regarding Sunday School!



Harvesters Sort and Repack Event
Sat., Oct. 27, 2018
10:00a.m. – noon

The Social Ministry and Stewardship committees are jointly hosting this event as part of this year's stewardship program. 20 volunteer slots are being held for Immanuel folks (ages 8 and above may participate). A sign-up sheet, along with more information, is posted on the bulletin board outside of the Vestry.

For those wishing to participate, please note the following information provided by Harvesters:

- Closed toed shoes are required in the warehouse.
- Dress casually (jeans and t-shirts).
- Leave all valuable jewelry at home. This includes rings, which may come off during the packing process.
- No food, gum, or drinks are permitted in the warehouse.
- Cell phone usage is not permitted in the warehouse.
- All volunteers must be free of contagious illness (runny nose, colds, the flu, strep throat, etc.).
- Parking at Harvesters is limited. If you wish to carpool from ILC, please meet in the Bell Street parking lot at 9:15 a.m. (cars to leave ILC no later than 9:30).

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, or Janie Fee
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, November 1st at 6pm at Twin City Tavern.

Communion Wine Tasting

October 27th at 9:30 am
Spong Common Room
Come join the Altar Guild and Worship and the Arts Committee, as we reflect on Holy Communion, and select wines for each season in the coming liturgical year. Please RSVP to Pastor Micah (msievenpiper@gmail.com) if you plan on attending!

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.

October birthdays

Ellen Parson	10/6	Connie Ross	10/20
Suzanne Steffen	10/7	Monica Krupp	10/21
Julia Hunter	10/8	Vicki Arndt-Helgesen	10/24
Lisa Erickson	10/9	Bob Hyland	10/24
Mary Arney	10/18	George Nelson	10/26
Mary Hunt	10/20	Natalie Hyland	10/31

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

friends of LITERATURE

Friends of Literature meets on Thursday, October 11th at 7:30. We will meet at the church in the Spong Common Room. This month's book, written in the 1930's, is *Rebecca* by Daphne De Maurier. De Maurier is a beautiful writer unfolding the story of a young bride way out of her depth as the mistress of an English mansion and grounds. Alfred Hitchcock produced a movie of the same name based on the book. The writing is descriptive and moves from a love story to something more sinister. Read the book or watch the movie, we will enjoy discussing this masterpiece.

Lost & Found



A table has been set up in the elevator lobby showcasing all of the objects that have been left at Immanuel in the recent months. Please check the table and claim what is yours! Unclaimed objects will be donated at the end of October.



Thursday, October 25th
7:00 p.m.

Discussion Leader: Doug Byrom



KC Bier Company - Waldo
310 West 79th Street
(1 block east of 79th and Wornall Rd)

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 sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board outside the Vestry. Questions? Please contact Janie Fee at 816-444-5492.



Looking Ahead

Social Ministry Events
and Opportunities to Serve in 2018

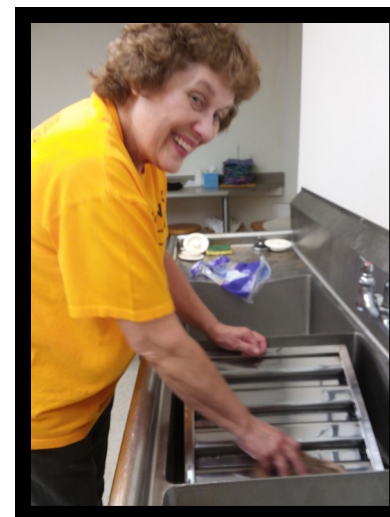
Month	Date	Event	Info
October		MLM Christmas Store Application Taking	Take applications from individuals/families seeking assistance with holiday gifts. Basic computer skills required. To volunteer - mlmkc.org
	7,14	CROP Hunger Walk Sign Up 	You may participate by signing up to walk or make a donation to support ILC walkers
	14	CROP Hunger Walk 	Our donations benefit people in our local community, as well as folks around the globe who struggle with hunger
	27	Harvesters Sort & Repack Event 	Join a team of Immanuel folks who will travel to Harvesters to sort and repack food items that will be distributed to folks thought the KC area.
November	4, 11, 18, 25	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!
December	2	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!
	3,4	MLM Christmas Store Set Up	Volunteers will set up and stock the Christmas Store To volunteer – mlmkc.org
	5,6,7,8	MLM Christmas Store	The store will be open for individuals/families to shop. To volunteer – mlmkc.org
	15	MLM Christmas Baskets	Help pack and deliver holiday baskets to homebound folks. To volunteer– mlmkc.org



Thank you very much for collecting so many supportive supplies for our patients at The University of Kansas Medical Center oncology radiation department. Some patients with a cancer diagnosis have to endure radiation treatments that can last from 1 treatment to 44 treatments. Not only does the cancer diagnosis cause stress in our patients' lives, but all the other things that go with it. Some of our patients drive from different cities or states to get the best treatment they can get. Not only are they far from home, they are away from work and money is tight. Our patients

appreciate gas cards to get them home on the weekends. Some stay at the Hope Lodge while getting treatment. This is a free place to stay for cancer patients undergoing treatment that live at least 40 miles away from the hospital. They also appreciate soap, shampoo, toiletries, puzzles, movies, books, games, deodorant, and skin care for radiation burns (Aquaphor and 100% clear aloe vera), blankets, and winter hats (some lose their hair). The hope lodge provides dinners for patients staying there with the help of volunteer groups donating their time and resources. The patients love having dinner and being entertained by the different groups. Our KUMC staff has done a couple themed dinners such as Christmas in July (Christmas music, Santa, Elves and bingo), Royals themed dinners (ballpark food with Royals trivia) and a Luau. Cancer patients have so much stress and the littlest things can bring the biggest smiles when they need it most. The get well cards will bring tears of joy to many of the patients.

God has blessed you with the gift of generosity,
Stefani Benter, Radiation Therapist



God's Work. Our Hands

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

September 9th



What a joy we had unloading all the soaps, towels, razors and other supplies for our upcoming shower at Gathering Table. Zion Lutheran (Beloit, KS) and Country Club Christian (KCMO) are financing two bathroom remodels so we have an accessible toilet, sink, and shower. Plus we are installing 220 volt electricity for two clothes dryers and a dining room air conditioner. What a difference it makes for an adult to be clean and fed. Dignity is often the word used to describe their feelings. I sincerely thank you for recognizing our ministry and for providing for this Lutheran ministry with opportunities to remain viable. Where else can God's child wake up in the grass, walk over for coffee, breakfast, Holy communion, lunch, and bible study all bound together with fellowship and hospitality?

God's Work. Our Hands.

Pastor Ann

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

- Pastor Ann Rundquist introduced Liam Hyland and Iris Roddy as the 2018 Confirmands. A rotational Q & A of the confirmands took place. To begin their further involvement in ILC activities Liam and Iris want to initiate a young member's forum to be held in the balcony ante-room. The forum will be held with an adult sponsor each week during the Sunday School hour. Liam and Iris will be welcomed into the voting member body on Reformation Sunday.
- Budget Committee chairman Sally Baehni advised that both giving and expenses are roughly 4% lower than budgeted. The addition of rental income from the Purple Dragon Day Care will improve the year end outlook. Given the offsetting nature of giving and expenses the Budget Committee is recommending the 2018 Budget remain unchanged. The Council will develop a letter encouraging increased giving.
- On September 9th God's Work Our Hands filled 5 boxes of supplies for KUMC cancer patients, put together boxes of soap and towels for the shower ministry at the Gathering Table, and boxes of hygiene products for the MLM pantry.
- Our first "Invite a Friend Sunday" will be held October 7th. Members are encouraged to bring a friend to church. All organizations using the ILC facilities, Including the Purple Dragon Day Care, will also be invited to attend. ILC's children are involving themselves the festivities. More information will be forth coming.
- Pastor will be out of town October 7th, Dave Mareske will serve as supply in his absence. The 2018 October Fest will be held on the 27th 5:00 – 9:00 pm. Tickets will go on sale: \$10.00/adult, and \$5.00/child to cover band and food expenses. The silent basket auction tradition will also continue. More information to follow.

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

MLM Christmas Store

The MLM Christmas Store, held here at Immanuel in December, provides holiday gifts to approximately 900 needy families in the Kansas City area. In addition, nearly 100 homebound individuals will be receiving holiday gift baskets. As part of Immanuel's annual gift drive, a Christmas tree will be set up in the Spong Common Room beginning **Sunday, November 4th**. The tree will have gift tags supplied by MLM listing desired donations. However, if you have store coupons and would like to do your shopping now, or you come upon a good sale, these items are always appreciated: adult's winter clothing (XL – XXXL), boy's winter clothing 3T-16, girl's winter clothing 3T-16, small household appliances (toaster ovens, rice cookers, 4 quart or larger slow cookers, griddles, blenders), household

items (sheet sets Full - King, blankets, towel sets, dishes sets, pots and pans sets, silverware sets), personal gift items (makeup kits, tool sets, wallets, toys for grade-school-age children, footballs, basketballs, soccer balls), or Wal-mart gift cards in the amount of \$15. Unwrapped gifts may be brought to church and placed under the Christmas tree beginning November 4th.



METRO
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MINISTRY

INVITE A FRIEND SUNDAY October 7

Invite a friend, neighbor or relative to experience Immanuel's faith-filled worship, friendly fellowship and fun vitality

Join in a special coffee hour between services
Bring your favorite dish to share during a potluck meal following second service.

Share what you love about Immanuel.
Let's make it a celebration!

Invite a friend, neighbor or

You're Invited!



Community Blood Drive Thank You!

The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in our blood drive on Sunday, September 23rd. Whether you donated blood, greeted folks from Jacob's Well and Guardian Angels, checked in donors, assisted in the refreshment area, helped with set-up and/or tear-down...**together, we did it! We collected a total of 24 units!**

Our donations will not only help those in need right here in the Kansas City area, but will allow American Red Cross to continue to send blood to areas that were forced to cancel scheduled blood drives due to Hurricane Florence.



IT'S TIME FOR THE 2018 CROP HUNGER WALK!

This year's walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 14th. 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.

To donate online:

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

Click on "To donate by Team"

Enter team name "Immanuel Lutheran ELCA Kansas City"

Adult Forum Topics

October 7th	Dave Mareski, Hollis Renewel Center
October 14th	Get Ready for the November Elections with Joan Cabell, League of Women Voters
October 21st	ELCA Voter Participation Statement with Mary Jo Moore
October 28th	Stewardship & Tithe.ly with Jack Umbach



Saturday, October 27th 5-9 pm

Food • Live Band • Silent Auction • Performance from SV Blautaler

\$10/Adult \$5/Kids 12 & Under

Proceeds Will Go Towards Renovation of the Library and Community Meeting Room

Silent Auction Baskets

All Immanuel committees are encouraged to create a basket to be auction at Oktoberfest.

Basket ideas: Night at the Movies, Collection of Gift Cards, Collection of Local Sports Team Items, BBQ, Self-Care/Relaxation, Coffee, Cooking, Board Games...ideas are endless!

Individual baskets/items are also welcome and encouraged.

Questions? Contact the church office

Schedule

5pm	Doors open & silent auction begins
5:15-6pm	Performance from SV Blautaler (German Dance Group)
6 pm	Dinner is served
6:30-8:30pm	Live Band

