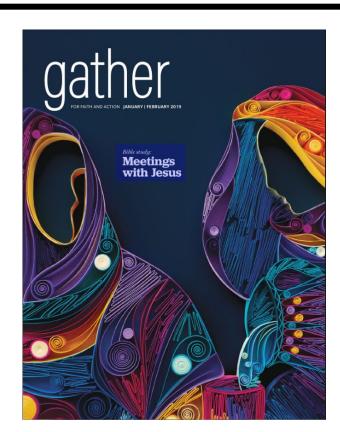


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WELCA

Meetings with Jesus Over the course of this four session study, we will approach the Gospel of John through the lens of Jesus' interactions with various characters within the Gospel.

Wednesday, February 6th Please Note Different Day- It is on WEDNESDAY not THURSDAY!

11:30-1pm Spong Common Room Bring a dish to share with everyone!

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March 2019 issue is Friday, February 15. To be

816-931-8483 or

As we gather later this month for the annual meeting of our congregation, we'll talk about a lot of important things. We'll hear reports from each of our committees, and the many ministries that we share together as a community of faith. We'll discuss budgets and resolutions and listen to plans about what we hope to accomplish in the coming year. These meetings give us a rare opportunity to sit down, and have intentional conversations about how we are called to live out our faith together. I hope

you'll be able to join us, on February 17th, as we share this important work. One of my own hopes for the coming year will be assembling a steering committee. I'm hoping to bring together a wide range of voices from within our congregation to set a common vision for where we're headed, and how we want to get there. The goal will be to lay out a long-term vision for how we do ministry, naming our core values, and identifying ways in which we can grow, change, or reinforce the work we share. We've done things like this in the past, most recently through the work of the Call Committee, and I think it's valuable to build on that foundation, as we look to where God is

calling us next.

There is a wealth of experience and a variety of perspectives in this congregation, and Immanuel is best served when all these voices are heard. If you'd like to serve on this committee, if you know someone who would make a good addition to the group, or if you simply want more information, please let me know. I believe God has great things in store for Immanuel, and I can't wait to be a part of it.

In Peace, Pastor Micah Sievenpiper February 2019

From Pastor Micah

IMMANUEL LEADERSHIP

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3B: SAVE THE DATE FRIDAY, MARCH 22 7-10 pm **Boulevard Brewing Company** 2501 Southwest Blvd Kansas City, MO 64118



Join MLM supporters at Boulevard Brewing Company for the 7th annual 3B fundraiser to partake in local brew and wine, delicious BBQ from Joe's KC, and basketball! This event raises funds and awareness for MLM's emergency food programs in Kansas City, MO, Kansas City, KS, and North Kansas City. For more information, please contact Kelly Seward at kellyseward@mlmkc.org or 816.285.3141.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Members of Immanuel

Theresa Draper, Andree Cuthbertson, De Pfoltner, Ann Erickson, Bill Norris, Paula Simonich, Jackie Turner, Roger Gieschen, Deanne Schlehuber

Friends of Immanuel

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 Kara Cordell, family of the Atherton's & Hauber's Sue Carlson Albers, aunt of Marc & Patti Winkler Lee Hass, grandmother of Catie Tomlin Sharon Guess, co-worker of Linda Fewell Lance Hill, brother of Deborah Crawford 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 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

Jon & Fran Ceder, friends of Larry & Connie Benolkin 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 B.J. Jorgenson, friend of Bill & Mary Jo Moore Mary Lucht, friend of Bill & Mary Jo Moore Roy Morrill, friend of Bill & Mary Jo Moore

For Bereavement:

Family of Sandy Bustamante, member of ILC Family of Clyde Baker, father of Beth Byrom

SUNDAY SCHOOL

It's been a slow/quiet start for the 2019 Children's Sunday School year, due to holidays and weather! On January 27th and February 3rd, the kids will create some wonderful artwork for Easter cards-these will be sold during the Lenten Season as a fundraiser for the Lutheran Disaster Relief. The Lenten season begins in February, and we will once again have children preparing to take their first communion on Maundy Thursday, 4/18. Classes will be held during the Sunday School hour, and will begin on 3/17. An email will be sent out soon to parents regarding this training. Sunday School families will also be helping with the Lenten Supper on Wednesday, 3/27, so mark your calendars!

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.

This event fills quickly... go online to mlmkc.org to reserve your seat(s) today!

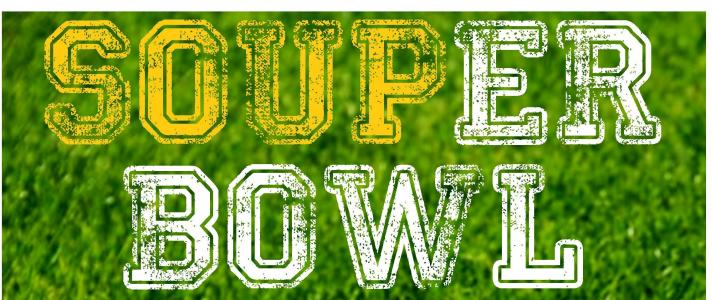


Congratulations!

Q: Why did Australians come to the United States to acquire rabbits to bring back to their country? A: To hunt

Members of Immanuel got second place at the KU Lutheran Campus Ministry Trivia night on Friday, January 25th. The team consisted of Pastor Ann Rundquist, Jeff & Linda Fox, Del Karmeier and his daughter Diane. Way to go Immanuel!

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Sunday, February 3

After 2nd Service Luther Hall



Bring a soup or chili to share with everyone. Prize goes to the best tasting one! See the sign up sheet near the Vestry. Proceeds will benefit the Youth Ministry

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improve and stay opening up your newspaper and reading the relevant to the headline "LUTHERAN POTLUCK community and the FEATURES MORE THAN GREEN priorities within the JELLO." Hooked, you read on to church. So, consider

find out that a Lutheran church not only serves delicious food at its this your invitation potlucks but also serves up opportunities for to come to the members to reflect on and about their faith potluck and the Meeting community, and the ministries being offered. You Annual pause, sipping your coffee, and wonder...would that follows it. Everyone is asked something like this work at Immanuel?

to bring a dish to The answer is a resounding "YES." Come to our share; however, if you forget, no worries. Still, potluck luncheon and Annual Meeting on February 17 and be a part of Immanuel's long-range planning come and be part of charting a path for Immanuel future. Exciting times are ahead! initiated in 2018 by Pastor Sievenpiper. Each table ⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may will have short surveys for members to complete, asking three broad questions about Immanuel's life abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is and mission. Although assessment can be best and may be pure and blameless for the day of challenging, seeking out member feedback helps to focus resources, inform strategy, prioritize needs, Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ-to the glory and and celebrate God's work. Your answers will praise of God. (Philippians 1: 9-11) assure our ministries and events continue to

Coming in March... Easter Card Sale

The Social Ministry Committee will be selling Easter cards between services and following the 10:30 a.m. worship service Sunday, March 24th through Palm Sunday, April 14th. These handmade cards feature Easter related artwork provided by our Sunday school students. The cards are sold in packs of 5 for \$10.00. Proceeds from the sale will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Response, an ELCA organization that brings hope, healing and renewal to people in the US and folks around the world whose lives have been disrupted by disasters. Be sure to stop by and check out the cards at the table outside of the Spong Common Room, across from the Vestry doorway.

Offering Envelopes

Members' 2019 boxes of offering envelopes are available on a table in the narthex. If you don't see one with your name on it, please ask Rick Sundell or send a note to the office.

ebruary Worship Schedule

February	February	February	February	
24	17	10	3	
Assisting Minister: Lauren Park	Assisting Minister: Linda Fox	Assisting Minister: Karen Bame	Assisting Minister: Beth Callstrom	8:15 am
Lay Reader: Bryan Park	Lay Reader: Carmen Norris	Lay Reader: Melodee Blobaum	Lay Reader: Jean Nuernberger	
Communion Assistants: Rick Sundell &	Communion Assistants: Sharyl Serafin &	Communion Assistants: EB Walker &	Communion Assistants: Karen Bame &	
Alex Hastings	Elie Roddy	Desiray Boehmer	Rick Sundell	
Ushers: Lisa Hansen & Family	Ushers: Pam Edvalds & Need Volunteer	Ushers: Boehmer Family	Ushers: Jean Nuernberger & Mike Ortmann	
Greeter: Friedrich Family	Greeter: Melodee Blobaum	Greeter: Boehmer Family	Greeter: Jean Nuernberger	
Assisting Minister: Kevin Fewell Lay Reader: Mason Carey Communion Assistants: NEED VOLUNTEER-S & Mindy Rash Acolyte: Ciara Boyd Cross: Kevin Fewell Ushers: Terry & Lori Kueker, Bill & Mary Jo Moore Greeter: Bill & Mary Jo Moore	 Assisting Minister: Connie Benolkin Lay Reader: Dean Byrom Communion Assistants: Ellen Wilcox-S & Audrey Parson Acolyte: Anthony Mazza Cross: Dean Byrom Ushers: Scott Thompson, Rick Wilcox, Jack & Heather Umbach Greeter: Mindy Rash 	 Assisting Minister: Linda Taylor Lay Reader: Connie Ross Communion Assistants: Mary Ann Ciochon-S & Nancy Beckmann Acolyte: Mason Kumm Cross: Kevin Fewell Ushers: Jay Browning, Ken Beckmann, Gretchen Bishop, Connie Ross Greeter: Gretchen Bishop 	Assisting Minister: Vicki Swanson Lay Reader: Larry Benolkin Communion Assistants: Kathy Linder-S & Nam Ahrens Acolyte: Jack Friedrich Cross: BJ Laven Ushers: Milan Hanson, Ryan Hunter, Terry & Lori Kueker Greeter: Hunter Family	10:30 am





Pastor's Bookcase

Pastor Micah is currently reading Jesus and Empire by Richard A. Horseley and Greater Than Caesar by Tom Thatcher.



Social Ministry Events and Opportunities to Serve in 2019 Ahead

			Ingathering of socks (men, women, children) for
February	3, 10, 17, 24	Sock it to Me	Gathering Table at Children's Memorial. The socks will be distributed to our needy and homeless neighbors in NE Kansas City
March	22 7–10 PM	MLM's 3B Event	Join friends at Boulevard Brewing Company to watch basketball, eat delicious barbeque, and sample Boulevard beers to raise funds and awareness for MLM's emergency food pantries
	24, 31	Easter Card Sale	Cards feature artwork supplied by ILC's Sunday school students. Proceeds from the sale will go to: Lutheran Disaster Relief
April	7, 14	Easter Card Sale continues	Cards feature artwork supplied by ILC's Sunday school students. Proceeds from the sale will go to: Lutheran Disaster Relief
	14, 21, 28	Feeding 700	Ingathering of nonperishable food items for MLM's Sack Lunch program
Мау	5, 12, 19	Feeding 700	Ingathering of nonperishable food items for MLM's Sack Lunch program
	19	Feeding 700 Sack Lunch Packing Event	Help pack 700 sack lunches between services. All ages welcome!
June	5 5-8 PM	MLM's Summer Breakout	Family event that supports MLM's annual Christmas Store Holy Cross Lutheran Church
July	7, 14, 21, 28	Christmas in July	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 in December
September	8	God's Work. Our Hands Sunday	Look for information mid-year 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 th . 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!

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, o 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, February 7th at 6pm at Cupini's



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.

Choir Singers Wanted

The Immanuel Choir is welcoming new people who Please attend 75% of worship services and would like to offer their voices in worship on Sunday email or leave me a weekly note expressing mornings. Rehearsals are at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday something you liked, questioned or disliked during mornings before the 10:30 a.m. Service. The choir the service. Examples: a statement from the sings roughly three Sundays a month, plus extra service, hymn or even a ritual. There will be an services for Holy Week. This Spring we are assignment or make up session for each class you planning to sing Bach's Cantata Christ Lag in can't attend. Todesbanden, (Christ Lay in Death's Dark Tomb) BWV 4, as a part of a Vespers Service on April **Annual Meeting** 28th. For more information, please contact Suzanne The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, Anderson at SuzanneAndersonILC@gmail.com or February 17th at Noon. We will be having a potluck just stop by on a Sunday morning. so please bring a dish to share with everyone!



February b	irthdays
Adria Hunter	February 4
Megan Sawyer	February 6
Naomi Karmeier	February 9
Randy Callstrom	February 12
Anthony Mazza	February 12
Brenda Kumm	February 15
Bennett Kumm	February 17
Carol Powers	
Lori Kueker	February 21
Don Arney	February 22
Kevin Fewell	February 22
Bonnie Thomas	February 22
Wilbur Niewald	February 22
Everett Hedeen	
Rebecca Callstrom	February 29
Make sure the office has yo include you on	
Thursday, Februa	ry 28th at 7pm
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Confirmation News

(NE corner of 31st and Oak – Martini's Corner)

If you have not done so already, Annual reports from all committees are due to the Church office ASAP. Thank you to everyone who have already submitted their reports.

Sock It To Me

During the month of February, the Social Ministry committee will be hosting a sock drive for Pastor Ann's Gathering ministry, Table at Children's Memorial. which serves poor and homeless individuals and families in



northeast Kansas City. Warm socks are needed for men, women, and children.

Beginning Sunday, February 3rd, purple collection bins will be available outside the Vestry.



A New Way To Give

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, 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

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your Iod; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

friends of LITERATURE

Friends of Literature will meet in Spong Common room on Thursday, February 14th. The time is 7:30pm.

As a Valentine's day treat, the book is Dearest Friend: A Life of Abigail Adams by Lynne Withey.

John and Abigail Adams married for love. While John traveled in America and abroad to help forge a new nation, Abigail remained at home, raising four children, managing their estate, and writing letters to her beloved husband. Chronicling their remarkable fifty-four-year marriage, her blossoming feminism, her battles with loneliness, and her friendships with Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, Dearest Friend paints a portrait of Abigail Adams as an intelligent, resourceful, and outspoken woman.



Warm Greetings,

Thank you for making futures brighter in Mauritania, West Africa!

Your contribution in 2018 (\$400) helped support the community center, send 106 girls to school, facilitate 5 micro-finance groups with over 100 members, and matched 40 big sister mentors with younger girls in school.

Thank you for taking action and investing in girls and women.

Sincerely, Heather Arney Co-founder, Girls to School At its January 15th meeting, the Congregation Council took the following actions:

- Annual Congregation Meeting.
- final budget will be discussed with the Congregation during the Annual Meeting.
- complete.
- of weekly pickups will remain the same and ILC will realize a savings.

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

Altar Flowers

There are several Lutheran Campus Ministry is hosting a clean up open Sunday's to Allen Fieldhouse Event on Feb. 9th. Volunteers who purchase Altar clean up after the women's and men's game receive flowers in the a ticket to the game! For more information please upcoming months. contact Roland Pera. Altar flowers are a great way to **Coffee Hour Help Needed** celebrate an event and/or loved one. Help is needed to clean up after coffee hour each

Flowers are \$45 and you can sign up in the Spong Common Room.

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Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of
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 Mortgage debt reduction discussions with Mission Investment Loans (our mortgage holder) continue. The overall goal is to reduce the debt and/or monthly mortgage payments to bring them into closer alignment with revenues. Final options under consideration will be presented at the February's

• The Finance Committee has been hard at work preparing the 2019 budget. The Council reviewed and approved the proposed draft which was presented during the adult forum on Sunday the 27th. The

Pastor Sievenpiper proposed initiating a series of deeper spiritual studies outside of the current adult forums. The studies will include outside work, and course fees from participants for materials and honorariums when outside speakers are involved. More information will follow when final details are

The Council approved moving ILC's trash service to a company called Rubicon Global. The number

KU Lutheran Campus Ministry Event

Sunday. Please see the sign up sheet in the Spong Common Room. Thank you!

orum Topics

Three Faiths w/ Larry Benolkin / Melodee Blobaum Melodee Blobaum