

# JOIN

**ADULT EDUCATION** - Join us each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Spong Common Room. September 13th – Jean Nuernberger will lead a discussion on “labels”. Especially during a political season we define people or groups by a simple one or two word label. Yet each of us are more complex than any title. While sometimes labels can be useful, often they unfairly put us in adversarial moments when a bit of communication can draw us much closer.

**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**- The Parish office will be closed on September 7 and September 14.

**CROPWALK ON OCTOBER 11** - Lace up your sneakers and join Karen Bame for the 37th HOA CROP Hunger Walk at Country Club Christian Church (6101 Ward Parkway) at 2 pm on October 11. Don’t worry, the Chiefs are not playing that Sunday! Want to join the team or contribute? Go to:  
<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/immanuel-lutheran-church-elca-3>

**RALLY DAY POT-LUCK & COOKOUT** - Summer is drawing to a close, and September often marks a new beginning to our ministry calendar. We'll celebrate a new start with a pot luck cookout after worship on Sunday, September 13. Weather permitting, we'll plan to gather on the patio outside the bell tower, on Westport Rd. Hot dogs and brats will be grilled, and you're invited to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert if you wish. A signup sheet can be found on the vestry bulletin board, to let us know what you're bringing and give us an idea of how many tables to set up. Join us!

**FROM PEWS TO BREWS** - Please join your Immanuel friends as we move "from pews to brews" at 6:00 on Tuesday, September 15th at Boulevard Brewing Beer Hall, 2534 Madison Ave, Kansas City, MO. Since our last visit they've expanded their outside deck, so hopefully the weather will be pleasant. They offer a wide selection of beers and a full dinner menu. Plenty of free parking is available. Hope to see you there.

**ORGANIST’S NOTES** - Despite today's prelude being associated strongly with 1 Corinthians 13, it also has a kindred spirit in the second reading from Romans about love. If God's teachings don't lead us to love others as ourselves, what is the point? The postlude was part of a series of waltzes the composer named after the months, so...Happy September!

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION** - All are welcome to join fellow Immanuel members for coffee the second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. The next meeting will be on September 8, 2026, at Urban Prairie Coffee at 5606 Johnson Drive, Mission, KS.

# EVENTS

**Sunday, September 6**  
9:00 a.m. Adult Forum, Spong Common Room  
10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Coffee and refreshments, Spong Common Room  
11:00 a.m. Offering Counters, Parish Office  
11:30 a.m. Building Use Committee, Gathering Space  
1:00 p.m. Blauteler Group, Luther Hall  
3:00 p.m. OA-KC, Gathering Space

**Monday, September 7**  
*Parish Office Closed*

**Tuesday, September 8**  
8:00 p.m. Executive Committee, Zoom  
6:30 p.m. Scandinavian Dancers, Luther Hall

**Wednesday, September 9**  
6:00 p.m. Shin Do Ryu Karate, Luther Hall  
6:00 p.m. Women’s Recovery Network, Gathering Space

**Thursday, September 10**  
7:00 p.m. OA-KC Meeting, Gathering Space

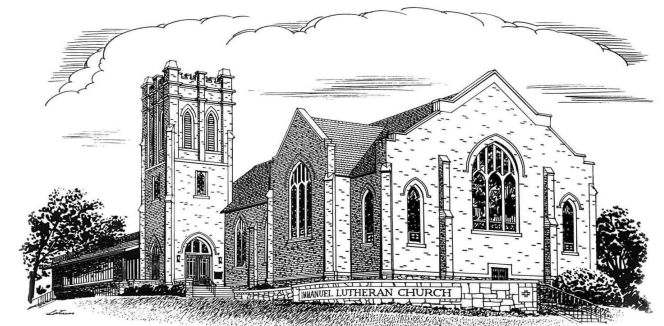
**Friday, September 11**  
*No events scheduled*

**Saturday, September 12**  
9:30 a.m. Shin Ryu Karate, Luther Hall

**Join An Event That’s Held Via Zoom**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5143355703>  
Meeting ID: 514 335 5703  
One tap mobile: +13017158592, 5143355703# US

**September 6, 2026**

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

# 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](http://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 Genessee St. On-street parking also is available.

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# 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](http://www.immanuelkc.org) or at [www.facebook.com/ImmanuelLutheranChurchKC](https://www.facebook.com/ImmanuelLutheranChurchKC) for updates, news about events and more.

**PARTICIPATE VIRTUALLY** by visiting our YouTube channel, [www.youtube.com/immanuelkansascity](https://www.youtube.com/immanuelkansascity). Services in the sanctuary are streamed live every Sunday.

# PRAY

## MEMBERS OF IMMANUEL

David Allen, Rick Crawford, Andree Cuthbertson, Peggy Dollard, Pat Durie, Steve Swanson, EB Walker, Family and Friends of Sally Gieschen, Family and Friends of Deanne Schlehuber

## FRIENDS OF IMMANUEL

**Erin Baker**, family of Jean Nuernberger  
**Bruce Bell**, friend of the Kueker family  
**Brad and Dortha Carr**, family of Karen Bame  
**Scott Cooper**, friend of Immanuel  
**Lynne Anderson Davies**, friend of Immanuel  
**Karen & Steve Dopson**, sister & brother-in-law of Ellen Wilcox  
**Mike Driggs**, friend of Terry and Lori Kueker  
**Family of Greg Ebelblute**, friend of BJ & Patty Laven  
**Karole Jacobsen**, wife of John Jacobsen  
**Jane Kasten**, friend of Deanne Schlehuber  
**Betty Ladwig**, mother of Kate Hauber and Cece Atherton  
**Sherry Lewis**, mother of Tim Northrup  
**Alan Roberts and Lisa Erickson**, as they begin their married life together  
**Rhonda Shear**, friend of Linda Setterburg  
**Nathan Soren**, nephew of Lori Kueker  
**Cliff Spaeth**, friend of Immanuel  
**Allen Tomlin**, uncle of Catie and Andi Tomlin  
**Cristi Turney**, sister of Lori Kueker  
**The Iranian People**

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](mailto:ImmanuelKCPrayerTeam@gmail.com) to request prayer for someone who does not wish to appear on the public list.

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# 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 6

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Micah Sievenpiper  
**Assisting Minister:** Beth Callstrom  
**Lay Reader:** Linda Taylor  
**Communion Steward:** Rick Sundell  
**Altar Committee:** Libby Hardwick, Beth Callstrom  
**Ushers:** Pam Edvalds, Jean Nuernberger, Del Karmeier  
**Media:** Linda Fox

**First reading:** Ezekiel 33:7-11  
**Psalmody:** Psalm 119:33-40  
**Second Reading:** Romans 13:8-14  
**Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20

## SERVING September 13

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Micah Sievenpiper  
**Assisting Minister:** John Anderson  
**Lay Reader:** Kate Hauber  
**Communion Steward:** Linda Fox  
**Acolyte:** Heather Winker  
**Crucifer:** Henrik Anderson  
**Altar Committee:** Karen Bame, Linda Taylor  
**Ushers:** Kate Hauber, Tracy Atherton, Cece Atherton  
**Media:** Friedrich Family

**First reading:** Genesis 50:15-21  
**Psalmody:** Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13  
**Second Reading:** Romans 14:1-12  
**Gospel:** Matthew 18:21-35

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