



PARISH NEWS

April 2022

Partners in Ministry,

We are called to change the world.

In the waters of baptism, we are bathed with the grace of God, drowned to sin and death, and raised up to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Time and again, we return to the font in confession, giving thanks for God's forgiveness, which redeems us from our sin and sends us into the world to bear this good news for all people — and that's a tall order!

After all, it doesn't take long to notice the problems facing our world. Rampant injustice, escalating violence and a global pandemic all are pretty hard to ignore. In a world as polarized as ours has grown to be, there's often a lot competing for our attention and our priorities.

But for the church, our calling is clear: Love one another.

It's not always easy to know the right course of action through which we can best express that love, but so long as we are guided by compassion and empathy, we'll find our way toward the path of Christ. This is what we find in the gospels as we approach Holy Week and the great feast of Easter. We come to the font and, renewed by the gift of baptism, we are sent to be a voice of hope, living out the boundless love of God that overcomes even death.

Changing the world might not be easy, but neither is it beyond us. Filled with the Holy Spirit and working together as the body of Christ, we might be amazed at what God is able to do through us.

We only have to be willing to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, loving one another as God loves us.

In Peace,
Pastor Micah Sievenpiper



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES CENTER OUR LIVES AS WE ANTICIPATE AND THEN CELEBRATE CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

Moving music from the Immanuel Choir and Bell Choir will add meaning to scripture, liturgy, prayer and messages during upcoming worship services.



Palm Sunday, 9:30 a.m., April 10

Experience the jubilation of our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and follow him toward the cross during Palm Sunday worship.

During the celebratory service, we will welcome **Winnie Sue Williams into the**

body of Christ through baptism. Winnie is the daughter of Cody and Samantha Williams, and granddaughter of Mindy Rash. A special coffee hour to celebrate Winnie's baptism and the meaning of the day in our faith lives will follow worship.

Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m., April 14

During a communion meal, we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in that meal. Formed into a new body in Christ, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.



Good Friday, two services, April 15

Participate in the **Stations of the Cross at noon** when we are reminded of Jesus' death and the sacrifice he made to redeem us.

During the **Adoration of the Cross at 7 p.m.**, life and death stand side by side.



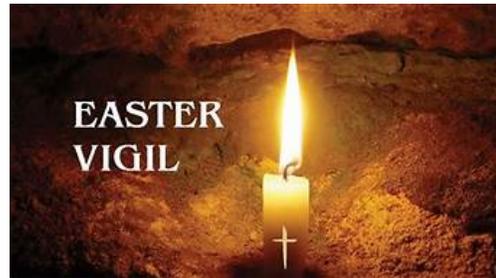
Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world, always with the promise that the cross around which we assemble is a tree of life. We depart silently and anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.

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Easter Vigil, 7 p.m., April 16

This is the night of salvation. Beginning at 7 p.m. at the fire pit in front of the church, we gather around fire and word, then process into the sanctuary to proclaim through story and song that ours is a God who continuously brings life out of death.



On this night, we experience again the heart of God's baptismal promise and the center of our faith: we are claimed and cleansed, renewed in the death and resurrection of Christ.

During this special service, we will welcome **Abby and Sam Wieck into the body of Christ through baptism**, and Abby will take her first communion. Abby and Sam are the daughter and son of Janette Rodecap and Jeremy Wieck.



Easter Sunday, two services, April 17

We gather together with joy during services at 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed!

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the upstairs hallway or contact the church office to volunteer to bring finger foods to share during special Easter Sunday fellowship after the 9:30 a.m. worship service. We'll celebrate the day and the baptism of Abby and Sam Wieck, which took place during the Easter Vigil.

IMMANUEL'S PANDEMIC PROTOCOLS EASE



Immanuel's Pandemic Advisory Task Force continues to follow guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control while tracking local conditions. At this time, there are no COVID patients in intensive care units at area hospitals, and reported COVID infections have declined.

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That's all good news so, while masks still will be required in our building for a while (N95 or KN95 masks recommended), some pandemic protocols and restrictions that have been in place at Immanuel will be relaxed.

- When the weather is nice, coffee hour hosts can choose to set up outside or in Luther Hall.
- Small groups are welcome to share meals at Immanuel. Examples would be funeral meals and the meal during Immanuel's upcoming Earth Day retreat (see the story about that in this issue). For the time being, we still will avoid full congregational potlucks or other meals that would pack Luther Hall with people. But if current trends hold, we should be able to return to sharing congregational meals together soon.
- Beginning this Sunday, April 3, ushers will once again carry the communion bread and wine down the center aisle after the offertory.

Beginning with Palm Sunday, the congregation will once again:

- Sing songs and responses that had most recently been sung by a cantor.
- Share the Peace of the Lord with each other, but in ways that avoid direct physical contact (peace signs, waves, quiet greetings, big smiles behind our masks).

The task force members emphasize that these guidelines may change if COVID cases spike in the Kansas City metro. They send their sincere thanks for everything the people of Immanuel have done and will continue to do to keep all who enter our building safe and healthy.

YOU CAN PURCHASE AN EASTER LILY TO ADORN THE SANCTUARY

The Immanuel Altar Guild is selling Easter lilies to adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

You can dedicate your lily donation, which will be recognized in the Easter Sunday bulletin insert, to a loved one, a group or a ministry of your choice.

The cost is \$15 per lily, and you may take yours home after the 9:30 a.m. service April 17.

Purchase your lily in the elevator lobby outside the sanctuary. Sales continue through April 10.



HANDOUTS CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE JOURNALING DURING LENT



The images on the Lenten journaling handouts are becoming darker and less colorful as we approach Holy Week.

Each Sunday as Easter approaches, members of the Immanuel Prayer Team distribute a handout that provides daily journaling prompts for the coming week as well as space to respond to the prompts by writing, drawing or doodling. It's an easy way to try the meditative practice without investing in a journal.

Miss a week of worship? No problem! The weekly journal pages are available for download from [Immanuel's website](#).

Thanks to the Prayer Team for encouraging us as we travel our Lenten journey.

THANK YOU AND GODSPEED, PASTOR ANN

For nearly a decade, Pastor Ann Rundquist has faithfully served as Immanuel's ministry assistant. Often working behind the scenes, she has helped orchestrate congregational events, led Bible studies, provided leadership for WELCA and confirmation classes, offered pastoral care and enriched the life of our community in countless ways.

She has brought her unique perspective and experiences to the life of Immanuel, and the connections she has fostered have had a lasting impact on our congregation and the ministry we share.

"It is with deep gratitude and more than a twinge of sadness that we announce that Pastor Ann is leaving Immanuel to focus on other passions and projects, including her work serving the homeless and needy at Gathering Table in northeast KC," says Pastor Micah.

Her last day on staff at Immanuel will be Monday, April 11. Watch for opportunities to express gratitude to her, including cards to sign and other appreciative gestures.

Pastor Micah and Immanuel's Personnel Committee are working with the Central States Synod to discern Immanuel's current personnel needs and how to fill them.

"As we move forward, I know you will give thanks for Pastor Ann's ministry among us, and will continue to support and pray for her," Pastor Micah adds. "We wish her every blessing as she continues to serve God."



LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS AND ADULTS CONTINUE

Immanuel Sunday School families receive lessons each week via email. Lenten Activity packages that Sunday School families received included a Story Garden Bag. The bag contained 12 separate bags, each with a Bible reading, short devotion, prayer and meaningful object. The objects can be added to a "story garden" on certain days during Lent, starting with Ash Wednesday and continuing through Easter. Families also received several other activity ideas to enrich their Lenten experience.



Mae is among Immanuel children who continue to have fun while they learn from activities provided by the Immanuel Sunday School. For example, each family received a Story Garden Bag, which includes Bible verses, short devotions, prayers and meaningful objects to add to a "story garden" on certain days.

As the weather warms, kids and parents will gather after worship on the east playground. After Easter, Sunday School families still will receive lessons via email, but we will also try to have music or an activity on the playground after worship. Contact Suzanne Steffen, suzannesteffen7@gmail.com, with suggestions or questions.



Adult Forum begins 15 minutes after Sunday worship in Spong Common Room. Here's the Adult Forum schedule for April:

April 3 — Stump the Pastor! It's a fun, wide-ranging conversation as we ask Pastor Micah absolutely any question that is on our minds.

April 10 — Ukraine Update: Building on her informative presentation last month about Ukrainian/Russian history and the current invasion, Immanuel member Rebecca Blocksme, who has lived in eastern Europe, will share information from our companion synod in Russia, as well as from her friends in eastern Europe.

April 17 — Easter Sunday: Adult Forum takes a break so we can enjoy a special, extended time of fellowship and refreshments.

April 24 — Celebrate Earth Day: You are invited to a retreat from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Spong Common Room and Luther Hall. See the story in this issue of *Parish News* for details about the event, which is organized by the Immanuel Prayer Team.

2022 MIDWEEK LENTEN STUDY AND WORSHIP CONCLUDE APRIL 6



The final 2022 Midweek Lenten Study and Worship opportunity takes place Wednesday, April 6, via Zoom.

Log in at 6 p.m. for the final installment in a fascinating series about Mothers of the Church, an interesting look at women who have helped to form our faith and what they can teach us today.

Brief worship follows at 7 p.m., also via Zoom.

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APRIL 6 WELCA MEETING CONCLUDES WEEKLY LENTEN STUDY

Weekly WELCA gatherings during Lent conclude April 6 as Pastor Ann Rundquist leads a conversation that wraps up the six-week study exploring God's promise: "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." *Isaiah 43:19*

The discussion is guided by a booklet called "Lent 2022 Study: A Way in the Wilderness." You can pick up a copy in the narthex or request a copy by contacting Pastor Ann, 785-643-7697 or pastorannrundquist@gmail.com.

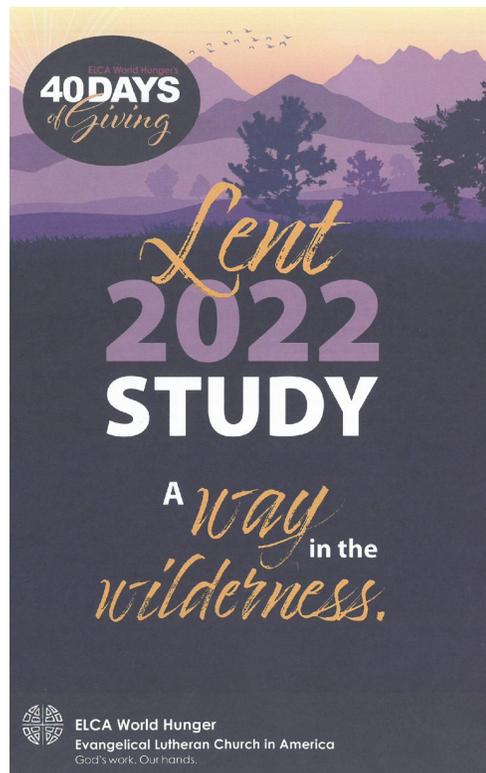
To prepare, read and reflect on John 12:1-8. As the church, our calling is not merely to minister to our neighbors, but also to bear witness to the "new thing" God is doing in our world and the new community that God is making possible. It's not easy work, but we are not alone. Dive deeper by reading Week 5 in the study booklet.

Plan to join in at 1 p.m. April 6. You can participate face-to-face in Spong Common Room or join via Zoom:

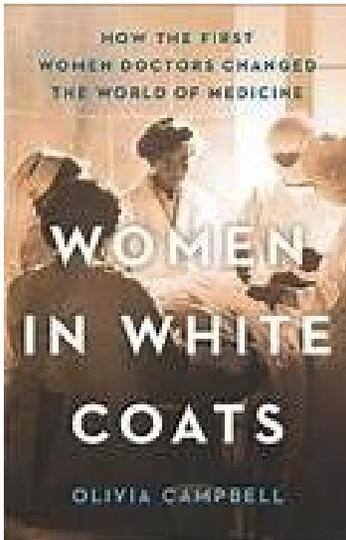
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FRIENDS OF LITERATURE MEETS TO DISCUSS *WOMEN IN WHITE COATS*



Friends of Literature will meet at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 21, at the home of Melodee Blobaum, 4545 Wornall Road, Apt. 811, Kansas City, MO, 64111. The group will discuss *Women in White Coats: How the First Women Doctors Changed the World of Medicine*, by Olivia Campbell.

All are welcome! To request the Friends of Literature Zoom link if you can't attend in person, contact Don Arney, 22sora@gmail.com or 816-918-5371.

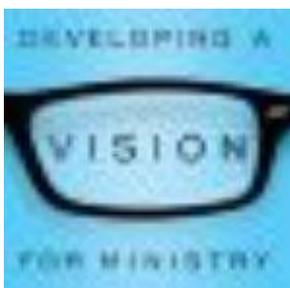
Women in White Coats tells the story of three pioneering women who, despite countless obstacles, earned medical degrees and paved the way for other women to do the same. Though different in personality and circumstance, together these women built women-run hospitals and teaching colleges, creating medical care for women and by women for the first time.

OUTPOURING OF GENEROSITY MAKES MARCH OF SOCKS (AND UNDERWEAR) A HUGE SUCCESS

Thanks to your generosity during the March of Socks and Underwear last month, Immanuel donated 370 pairs of socks and 106 pairs of underwear to Gathering Table in northeast Kansas City ... and we've learned that more are on the way. Gathering Table volunteers will distribute the items to homeless people and others in desperate need.



STEERING COMMITTEE IDENTIFIES PRIORITIES



The work of the Immanuel Steering Committee continues as the group identifies immediate priorities.

"Now that the congregation has seen and can pick up copies of *Our Vision for Ministry*, the Steering Committee members have spent the past few months soliciting feedback from individuals and working groups within the congregation," says Pastor Micah.

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(Steering Committee Identifies Priorities, continued)

"Using the responses, we're crafting specific recommendations for how we can begin putting our vision into action, as well as outlining a long-term plan for continuing that work," he adds.

Among the goals is empowering Immanuel's new Committee on Justice and Peace. That committee already includes eight members who will begin meeting to discern how to get input from the congregation about its initial direction.

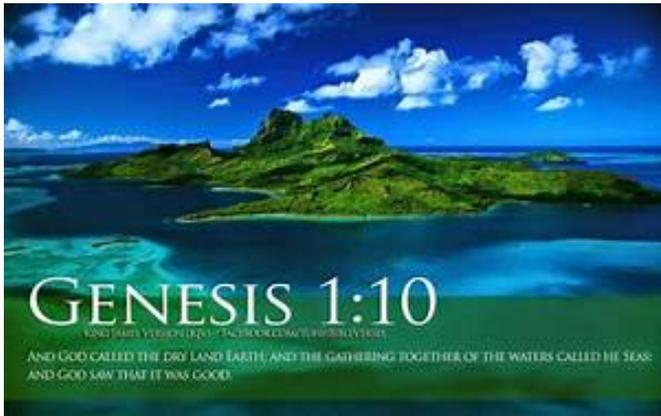
CALLING IMMANUAL VOLUNTEERS

There are many volunteer opportunities at Immanuel. For example:

- The Worship & Arts Committee seeks volunteers to carry the brass cross from the chancel to the back of the church beginning with Easter Sunday. Note that the cross weighs more than 20 pounds and is a bit top heavy. If you are interested and can carry the cross — or would like to try carrying it — contact Karen Bame, bamek@umkc.edu, or the church office, office@immanuelkc.org or 816-931-8483.
- The Congregational Life Committee needs volunteers to work together to offer opportunities for fellowship, food and fun events. It's a fresh opportunity to support Immanuel's community-building efforts. Call the church office to volunteer to help bring new life into our ministry.
- Do you love weddings? Immanuel's staff needs a couple of volunteer "wedding coordinators" to help brides, grooms and their families get to know our building and to do a few things to prepare for wedding days (such as putting white paper over windows in Spong Common Room, which is where brides and attendants prepare). An Immanuel wedding coordinator also will attend wedding rehearsals and ceremonies to answer questions. Contact the church office to get a complete list of wedding coordinator duties.



FIND SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT IMMANUEL'S EARTH DAY CELEBRATION, APRIL 24



Immanuel will celebrate Earth Day with a retreat from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 24, in Spong Common Room and Luther Hall.

The event, sponsored by the Adult Forum Committee and the Prayer Team, will begin with a program by **Rabbi Moti Rieber**, followed by a garden tool and plant exchange, and an art experience based on the work of artist **Andy Goldsworthy**.

Rieber is the executive director of **Kansas Interfaith Action**, a statewide, multi-faith issue-advocacy organization that works on a variety of issues, including climate justice. A life-long activist on peace, social justice and environmental issues, he will bring a prophetic voice to the role faith can, and must, play in saving Earth.

Gardeners and green-thumb wannabes are invited to bring their unused tools, pots and plants to the back parking lot for the garden exchange, which will follow Rieber's presentation.

Lunch will be provided at no cost, but please sign up in advance on the bulletin board in the upstairs hallway or email ImmanuelKCPrayerTeam@gmail.com so the Prayer Team can ensure that there will be plenty of food and art supplies for all.

An art activity will be led by Immanuel members Megan Sawyer and Bonnie Thomas. It is inspired by Goldsworthy and other artists whose work is meant to live in nature without disrupting natural processes. Participants will create circular weavings from both recycled fibers and natural materials.

For more information, email ImmanuelKCPrayerTeam@gmail.com.

ROBERT BARTHEL ORGAN RECITAL BENEFITS GATHERING TABLE

Robert Barthel, Immanuel's organist since 2018, will present an organ recital at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 1, in the Immanuel sanctuary. The event is co-sponsored by Immanuel's Social Ministry and Congregational Life committees.

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Robert Barthel Recital and Benefit, continued)

Robert will perform:

- "Fantasia" and "Fugue in G Minor," BWV 542, by Johann Sebastian Bach
- "Choeur en Rondeau," from *Te Deum*, by Guillaume Laseux
- *Herzliebster Jesu*, op. post. 122, no. 2, by Johannes Brahms
- *All'Offertorio: Sinfonia col tanto applaudito inno popolare*, by Padre Davide da Bergamo
- "Berceuse (sur les paroles clasiques)," p. 31, no. 19, by Louis Vierne
- "Tocata," from *Symphony No. 5*, op. 42, no. 1, by Charles-Marie Widor



A free-will offering will benefit ministries at Gathering Table, which provides showers, meals, clothing, laundry facilities, encouragement and the word of God to homeless and needy people in northeast Kansas City.

A wine and cheese reception will follow. Mark your calendar!

NEWS FROM YOUR CONGREGATION COUNCIL



During its March 22 meeting, the Congregation Council discussed:

The possible return to in-person congregation council meetings with a Zoom option offered for council members unable to attend in person.

Continuing progress on the Vision for Ministry document, with Pastor Micah reporting that the Steering Committee is working to identify three to five priorities for the coming year, which will be shared with the council and congregation.

Continuing progress on technology at the church. Pastor Micah reported that he and John Anderson are working on audio improvements for the YouTube worship live stream.

APRIL SCRIPTURE READINGS AND WORSHIP LEADERS

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 9:30 a.m.

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalmody: Psalm 126

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel: John 12:1-8

Assisting Minister: Catie Tomlin

Psalmist: Connie Benolkin

Communion Steward: Linda Fox

Altar Committee: Karen Bame, Bonnie Thomas

Media: Kevin Fewell

Ushers: Terry & Lori Kueker, Milan Hanson

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 7 p.m. VIA ZOOM

Assisting Minister/Lay Reader: Linda Fox

Music: Beth Callstrom

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 9:30 a.m.

Processional Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalmody: Psalm 31:9-16

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

Assisting Minister: Linda Fox

Psalmist: Beth Callstrom

Communion Steward: Rick Sundell

Altar Committee: Karen Bame, Bonnie Thomas

Media: Jack Friedrich

Ushers: Ken Beckmann, Josie Yungeberg, Connie Ross

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 7 p.m.

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

Psalmody: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Assisting Minister: Connie Ross

Psalmist: Linda Taylor

Communion Steward: Kathy Linder

Altar Committee: Karen Bame, Ellen Wilcox

Media: Linda Fox

Ushers: Milan Hanson, Lynden Peters

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(April Scripture Readings and Worship Leaders, continued)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalmody: Psalm 22

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:16-25

Gospel: John 18:1-19:42

Stations of the Cross, Noon

Usher: Linda Fewell

Adoration of the Cross, 7 p.m.

Assisting Minister: Beth Callstrom

Psalmist: John Anderson

Media: Milan Hanson

Ushers: Connie Ross, Bob Hyland

EASTER VIGIL, SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 7 P.M.

Creation: Genesis 1:1--2:4a

God's Mercy Endures: Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

Flood: Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

The Lord of Hosts Is With Us: Psalm 46

Testing of Abraham: Genesis 22:1-18

God Shows the Path of Life: Psalm 16

Deliverance at the Red Sea: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Sing to the Lord: Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18

Salvation Freely Offered to All: Isaiah 55:1-11

Draw Water from the Wells of Salvation: Isaiah 12:2-6

Wisdom of God: Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6

Statutes of the Lord are Just: Psalm 19

New Heart and New Spirit: Ezekiel 36:24-28

Thirst for the Living God: Psalm 42-43

Valley of the Dry Bones: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Revive Me, O Lord: Psalm 143

The Gathering of God's People: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Rejoice and Sing: Psalm 98

Deliverance of Jonah: Jonah 1:1-2:1

Deliverance Belongs to the Lord: Jonah 2:2-3 [4-6] 7-9

Clothed in Garments of Salvation: Isaiah 61:1-4, 9-11

Great is Our God, The Rock: Deuteronomy 32:1-4, 7, 36a, 43a

Deliverance from the Fiery Furnace: Daniel 3:1-29

Praise and Magnify the Lord: Song of the Three 35-65

Dying and Rising with Christ: Romans 6:3-11

Seeing the Risen Christ: John 20:1-18

Assisting Minister: Tori Friedrich

Usher: *Volunteer needed*

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(April Scripture Readings and Worship Leaders, continued)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Psalmody: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

8 a.m.

Assisting Minister: Karen Bame

Psalmist: Linda Taylor

Communion Steward: Rick Sundell

Altar Committee: Karen Bame, Melodee Blobaum

Ushers: *Volunteers needed*

9:30 a.m.

Assisting Minister: Melodee Blobaum

Psalmist: Jeff Fox

Communion Steward: Kathy Linder

Altar Committee: Ellen & Sarah Wilcox

Media: Linda Fox

Ushers: Rick Wilcox, Hastings Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 9:30 a.m.

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

Psalmody: Psalm 118:14-29

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Assisting Minister: Bryan Park

Psalmist: Megan Sawyer

Communion Steward: Linda Taylor

Altar Committee: Bonnie Thomas, Ellen Wilcox

Media: Milan Hanson

Ushers: Dee Craig, BJ Laven, Kevin Fewell



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Here's a look at upcoming events that will take place at Immanuel or via Zoom:



April 1

3:30 p.m. World Folk Dancers, Luther Hall

April 2

9:30 a.m. Shin Do Ryu Karate, Luther Hall

April 3

8:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Luther Hall

9:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

10:15 a.m. Refreshments and Fellowship, Luther Hall

10:30 a.m. Adult Forum, Spong

3 p.m. OA-KC, Gathering Space

April 4

5:30 p.m. Youth Chorus, Sanctuary, Luther Hall, Spong, Gathering Space

April 5

10 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Zoom

5 p.m. Soundwave, Gathering Space

6 p.m. Scandinavian Dancers, Luther Hall

6 p.m. Executive Committee, Zoom

7:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee, Zoom

April 6

1 p.m. WELCA, Spong and Zoom

6 p.m. Midweek Lenten Study, Zoom

7 p.m. Midweek Lenten Worship, Zoom

April 7

6:30 p.m. Choral Spectrum, Luther Hall

7 p.m. OA-KC, Gathering Space

7 p.m. Social Ministry Committee, Zoom

Join An Event Via Zoom

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Visit <https://immanuelkc.org/calendar> to view the full calendar of upcoming events at Immanuel. If you have questions or would like to add an event to the calendar, contact the church office, 816-931-8483 or office@immanuelkc.org.

MORE NEWS TO USE

UKRAINIANS NEED OUR HELP

No food. No water. No electricity. And Russian shelling is constant.

That's the situation faced by many people in Ukraine. Others who have fled the war zone are separated from family and have left all they have and many they know behind.



Lutheran Disaster Response continues working with companion churches in Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia and Romania, as well as with ecumenical partners such as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies, such as food, blankets, water, hygiene kits, medicine, and psychosocial and pastoral care. They also are ensuring that people in Roma communities and foreign nationals in marginalized groups are treated with respect and dignity as they seek safety.

[Click here](#) to contribute to Eastern European Crisis Response; 100 percent of your gift will assist those affected in Ukraine and neighboring countries. You also can send checks to Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA, 22116-8009.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." *Matthew 5:9*



KINDLY RETURN CHURCH RECORDS, FILES AND PHOTOS

Have you borrowed Immanuel records, files or photos — either hard copies or digital files? Please return them to the church office when your work is completed

YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

Our work together matters — to each other and to the wider community. Your contributions help Immanuel do its work. You may give by:

- Placing contributions in the offering plate on Sundays.
- Mailing checks to the church, 1700 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO, 64111.
- Donating online through [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly).
- Setting up an automatic payment through your financial institution.



Additional ways to support Immanuel include [Amazon Smile](#) — simply register, and Amazon will donate a percentage of what you spend to Immanuel with every purchase you make. Thank you for your continued giving to Immanuel! Questions? Please contact the church office, office@immanuelkc.org or 816-931-8483.

THINKING OF ONE ANOTHER

Your prayers, calls, notes and cards
can brighten someone's day.



Members of Immanuel

Rick Crawford, Andree Cuthbertson, Pat Durie, Ann Erickson, Peg Himebaugh, Naomi Karmeier, Dottie Keough, Carmen Norris, Betty Pera, Deanne Schlehuder and Carolyn Wilson

Friends of Immanuel

Family & Friends of Larry Atzenweiler, father of Andy Atzenweiler

Erin Baker, family of Jean Nuernberger

James, Jim and Ethel Clanin, family of Lori Clanin

Baby Cruz and the Brown Family, family of Jean Nuernberger

Family & Friends of Joanna Dollase, mother of Ellen Wilcox

Linda H., friend of Linda Setterburg

Normajean Holtje, cousin of Mike Ortmann

Shelley Johnson, niece of Karole Jacobsen

Tom Jongeling, member of the Scandinavian Dancers

Betty Kueker, mother of Terry Kueker

Nancy's mother, friend of Linda Setterburg

Ken & Rose Nuernberger, family of Jean Nuernberger

Beth Shepard, sister of Patti Winkler

Janet & Randy Spicer, friends of Mary Lynn Coleman-Renoe

Women of Westport Oxford House, friends of Immanuel

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 three months unless you indicate otherwise.

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



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

4/1 Cece Atherton
4/2 Del Karmeier
4/2 Kathy Linder
4/2 Donald Roth
4/5 Holly Pera
4/7 Dalene Myers
4/9 Kathy Boehmer
4/9 Sheryl Serafin
4/12 Matthew Hastings
4/12 Sam Wieck
4/14 Jeri Blaske-Yungeberg
4/14 Kris Kvam
4/14 Micah Sievenpiper
4/15 Pat Durie

4/15 Betty Pera
4/15 Nigel Winkler
4/21 Rhonda Gassen
4/23 Andrew Fox
4/23 Allison Lesko
4/23 Ann Rundquist
4/24 Bryan Park
4/24 Ellen Wilcox
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