

PARISH NEWS



Every month, I'm entrusted with the first page of the Immanuel newsletter. Usually I use this space as a place to reflect theologically on events in our world or our community. Sometimes it's a more nuts-and-bolts type update, inviting people to participate in upcoming events, other times it's an attempt to find meaning and hope in a world fractured by grief, division, or despair.

That's hard to do, right now. Our normal ways of responding to hardship and uncertainty just don't work right now—in ordinary times, gathering together to share our burdens is among the first things we do. We come to hear the hope and grace promised in the Word of God that we encounter in worship, in bread and wine and water. There's no substitution for being present with each other, something we may have taken for granted before social distancing became the norm for now.

I'm grateful we live in a time where technology allows us to connect with one another; I'll try to be leading the way on some of that, but I also encourage you to reach out to one another, to friends and family, to people you might not have heard from in a while. We're in this for a long haul, and there's no way of knowing just yet how long this is going to last.

Perhaps it's appropriate that COVID-19 is impacting our lives and our community during the wilderness season of Lent. It feels like we're at a loss, in uncharted territory wandering like the Israelites. Hopefully it doesn't last quite forty years this time around, but we can take hope that even though they spent generations in that wilderness, God always provided. They got through it together, as a people, and God never left their presence. As the people of Immanuel, we proclaim that promise in our very name. My friends, God is with us. We will get through this together. So take care of each other, take care of yourselves, and may the grace of God in our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

Peace,
Pastor Micah

April 2020

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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 **May 2020 issue is Thursday, April 23, 2020**. 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.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the March 17, 2020, Council Meeting

- Council ratified the Executive Committee decision to approve a \$13,870 annual insurance premium covering the building, its contents, and the parsonage. The new premium includes moving to a \$5000 deductible and replacement to current building codes.
- Council appointed Kathy Linder to the office of Treasurer, and the Executive and Finance Committees, effective May 1, 2020. Kathy will be receiving training from outgoing Treasurer Mindy Rash. The Council thanks Kathy for volunteering her willingness to fill this important office.
- Pastor led a discussion concerning development of a COVID-19 plan for Immanuel. Following discussion Council approved a motion to suspend all in-person ministry at ILC for no less than the three weeks commencing March 17th and running through April 7th. Closer to April 7th conditions will be re-evaluated and plans made to cover Holy Week and Easter.
 - A constant contact and other communication paths will be utilized to inform the Congregation.
 - Due to the fast changing conditions Pastor is authorized to make all necessary decisions. The Executive Committee will be available for consultation and ratification.
 - The Bach Cantata scheduled for April will likely be rescheduled.
 - Methods to support the vital need for a worship ministry are under investigation. Services such as YouTube, Facebook, website posting, and etc. will be researched and once established participation methods will be conveyed to the Congregation.



From The President

Dear Immanuel family: Little did we know when we entered into Lent on Ash Wednesday that we would experience a communal abstinence of one another's company! While this is far from an ideal situation, we can take this time of social distancing to read our bibles, pray, repent, and look for opportunities of faith. One such opportunity is to become a care partner in the new ministry Pastor Micah is in the process of establishing. Watch for more communications or contact Pastor directly. In the meantime, let us use God's word to encourage our hearts. One verse I love is Philippians 4:6-7.



IMMANUEL LEADERSHIP

Council & Executive Committee

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Mindy Rash - Treasurer

Rick Sundell - Financial Secretary

Lynden Peters

Scott Thompson

Jack Umbach

Kathy Boehmer

Deborah Crawford

Janie Fee

Kate Hauber

Mason Carey

Sara Prem

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Members of Immanuel

Gretchen Bishop | Lori Clanin | Andree Cuthbertson

Theresa Draper | Ann Erickson | De Pfofner

Naomi Karmeier | Gerry Niewald | Deanne Schlehuber

Paula Simonich | Jackie Turner | Carolyn Wilson

Friends of Immanuel

Jack & Mary Kantola, friends of Doug & Peg Himebaugh

Paula Weir, friend of Betty Pera

Bakeberg Family, friends of Betty Pera

Kat M., Janice M., friends of Peggy Dollard

Lee Hass, grandmother of Catie Tomlin

Lance Hill, brother of Deborah Crawford

Baby Reylyn & Family, friends of Peggy Dollard

Major, friend of Linda Taylor & Peggy Dollard

Kim R & Family, friends of Peggy Dollard

Eleanor Daniels, daughter of Clay & Martha Bowden

Julia Mills, niece of CeCe & Tracy Atherton

Rock Westfahl, friend of Kevin & Linda Fewell

Janet & Randy Spicer, friends of Mary Coleman Renoe

Carol Gillespie, friend of CeCe & Tracy Atherton

Karen Wuertz, sister-in-law of Linda Taylor

Liz Wuertz, sister-in-law of Linda Taylor

Darla Wolters, family of Carmen Norris



Mike Finn, family of Mary Jo Moore

Kerrington Jones, family of Mary Jo Moore

Harry Roth, friend of Henrik Andersen

James Clanin, family of Lori Clanin

Lauren James, friend of Lori Clanin

Judy Robinson, friend of Mary Jo Moore

Chloe & Carley Engler, great nieces of Sally Baehni

Vickie Little, friend of Kevin and Linda Fewell

Normajean Holtje, cousin of Mike Ortmann

Margaret Kohler, aunt of Lori Clanin

Jim & Ethel Clanin, parents of Lori Clanin

Pinky Brauer, sister-in-law of Carolyn Brauer

Eric Gustafson, brother of Vicki Swanson

Audrey Mueller, Aunt of Mike Ortmann

Nancy A., friend of Linda Setterburg

Allan Boardman, friend of Kevin and Linda Fewell

Jack Cannon, brother of Lori Kueker

Albert Bloomers, Uncle of Lori Clanin

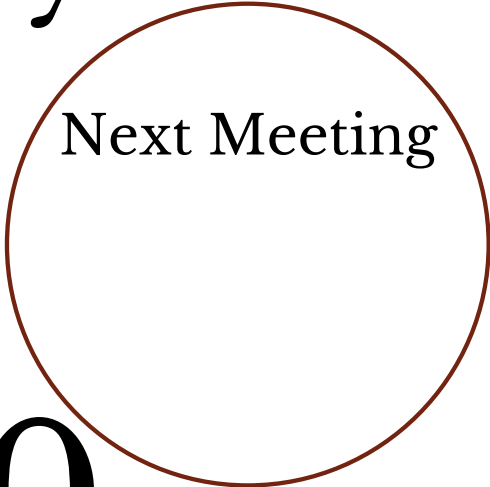
APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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.

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<p>WORSHIP ASSISTANT LAY READER COMMUNION ASSISTANT</p> <p>8:15</p> <p>USHER GREETER</p>	<p>Karen Bame Melodee Blobaum Rick Sundell Sharyl Serafin Boehmer Family Boehmer Family</p>	<p>Lauren Park Bryan Park Karen Bame EB Walker Pam Edvalds Melodee Blobaum</p>	<p>Linda Fox Jerri B. Yungeberg Rick Sundell Josie Yungeberg Hansen Family Friedrich Family</p>
<p>WORSHIP ASSISTANT LAY READER COMMUNION ASSISTANT</p> <p>ACOLYTE CROSS BEARER USHER</p> <p>10:30</p> <p>GREETER</p>	<p>Linda Taylor Connie Ross Mary Ann Ciochon - S Nancy Beckmann Bennett Kumm Mason Kumm Jay Browning Ken Beckmann Gretchen Bishop Connie Ross CeCe Atherton</p>	<p>Connie Benokin Cece Atherton Ellen Wilcox-S Audrey Parson Jack Friedrich Tracy Atherton Scott Thompson Rick Wilcox Jack Umbach Heather Umbach Linda Fewell</p>	<p>David Peterson Mason Carey Kevin Fewell-S Mindy Rash Ciara Boyd Kevin Fewell Terry Kueker Lori Kueker Bill Moore Mary Jo Moore Marc and Patti Winkler</p>

Social Ministry



Next Meeting

- 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, Janie Fee, Linda Fewell or Gretchen Bishop

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE 2020

Greeting Card Sale

Greeting cards feature artwork supplied by ILC's Sunday school students. Proceeds from the sale will go to Lutheran Disaster Response

September 13 God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday

Look for information mid-year regarding this year's activities

Feeding 800

April

May

3 | 10 | 17

Ingathering of nonperishable food items for MLM's Sack Lunch program with a packing event on May 17th

CROP Hunger Walk Sign Up

September 13 | 20 | 27

October 4 | 11

You may participate by walking or making a donation to support ILC walkers. Our donations benefit people in our local community, as well as folks around the globe who struggle with hunger. This year's walk is scheduled Sunday, October 11, 2020

Get Down and Derby CANCELLED

MLM Christmas Store

Christmas in July

July 5 | 12 | 19 | 26

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

November 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29

Gift donations are accepted through the entire month of November for families in the KC Area

December 6 | 7 | 8

Volunteer to set up and stock the Store

December 9 | 10 | 11 | 12

Volunteer to greet guests, restock the floor, and/or become a shopping assistant for KC families.



Feeding 800

MLM's sack lunch program is ongoing and the need is critical - MLM distributes approximately 750 sack lunches a MONTH between its three locations in Midtown, Wyandotte County and the Northland. That is almost 10,000 a year!

Who receives a sack lunch?

- Learning to Earning participants – hungry people seeking assistance with finding employment
- Folks employed in the neighborhood who work minimum wage jobs
- Walk-ins – those who, for a variety of reasons, can't access the regular MLM food pantry, which is open five days a week, but still are in need of food or other emergency assistance. This includes children, the homeless, low-income mental-health outpatients from Truman Behavioral Health and low-wage workers in who are in need of nutrition

In response to this need, Immanuel's Social Ministry Committee will be hosting our 4th annual event called **Feeding 800** – that's right, our goal is to pack and donate 800 sack lunches this year! This event will be held May 17th in Luther Hall and will replace Adult Forum and Sunday school.

What is new? Our goal is to **include two protein nonperishable food items** in each sack lunch, in addition to a fruit, granola bar, and snack item!

Please plan to participate by:

- Donating items listed on the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board outside the Vestry – we need 800 of each! Bring donated food items to the purple bins under the Vestry bulletin board beginning Sunday, April 12th.
- Being at the packing event May 17th between services to pack lunches and join the fun!



The Bach Cantata Vespers originally scheduled for April 26th will now be rescheduled for a later date still to be determined.

MLM Get Down & Derby has been **cancelled**.

If the watch party is rescheduled, information will be provided via future newsletters and bulletin inserts.



The Social Ministry Committee will continue their sale of every-day cards once we resume in-person worship services at Immanuel.

These handmade cards feature 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.

ILC EVENTS

Greeting Card Sale

The Social Ministry Committee will be selling every-day cards following both worship services beginning Sunday, March 15th through Palm Sunday, April 5th. These handmade cards feature artwork provided by our Sunday school students. The cards are sold in packs of 5 for \$10. 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.

Theology on Tap April 23 | 7:00p Bier Station

All interested adults are invited to come enjoy an evening of thoughtful theological discussion with our discussion leader, **Linda Fewell**, 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

FEEDING 800 April - May Pack Day: May 17 Luther Hall

Our goal is to include two protein nonperishable food items in each sack lunch, in addition to a fruit, granola bar, and snack item! Participation begins April 12!

Adult Forum

April 5 Seder Meal with the Sunday School

April 12 Easter Breakfast

April 19 Prayer Team

April 26 Environmental Awareness |

Emily Weber, Climate Action KC

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Cecilia Atherton	4/1	Betty Pera	4/15
Del Karmeier	4/2	Nigel Winkler	4/15
Katherine Linder	4/2	Rhonda Gassen	4/21
Donald Roth	4/2	Andrew Fox	4/23
Holly Pera	4/5	Allison Lesko	4/23
Dalene Myers	4/7	Bryan Park	4/24
Kathy Boehmer	4/9	Ellen Wilcox	4/24
Sharyl Serafin	4/9	Tom Gear	4/25
Michael Fee	4/12	Carmen Hogan	4/25
Matthew Hastings	4/12	Rebecca Schlehuber	4/25
Brianne Umbach	4/13	Scott Thompson	4/25
Jeri Blaske-Yungeberg	4/14	Sally Gieschen	4/26
Kristen Kvam	4/14	Tristan McCoy	4/29
Micah Sievenpiper	4/14	Amanda Rothe	4/29
Patricia Durie	4/15	Heather Umbach	4/30

ALTAR GUILD
APRIL 25, 2020

Spong Common Room
Breakfast provided,
all are welcome!

THE CONFIRMATION WORD SEARCH
 OUR STUDENTS CIARA, JOSIE, NORA, ZACH (FIND THEM TOO)

FIRST ARTICLE OF THE CREED (PAGE 1162 of ELW or catechism)

* I _____ in _____ the Father almighty, _____ of heaven and earth.

WHAT IS THIS? OR WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

*I believe that God has created _____ with all that exists. God has given me and still _____ my _____ and _____ ; eyes, _____ and all _____ and _____ ; reason and all _____ faculties.

In addition, God daily and abundantly _____ shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property-along with all the _____ and _____ for this body and life. God _____ me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all _____. And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine _____ and _____, without any merit or worthiness of mine at _____. For all of this I owe it to God to _____ and _____, _____ and _____ him. This is most certainly _____.

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A note from Pastor Ann



With generous support from Thrivent Financial we brewed beer in the monastic tradition of the Trappists! Thank you to Pastor Ann's daughter-in-law, Stefani Rollins, for donating her Action Grant.



Ciara having fun with children from Christ Salvation who worship at Gathering Table

WELCA

Please stay tuned for the next WELCA meeting and bible study. I look forward to gathering together in the near future when we are all healthy and safe.

CONFIRMATION

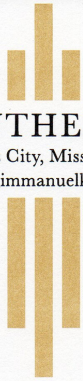
Confirmation continues this month with their planned lessons online and a word search. Pull out your catechism or look in the back of the ELW (red hymnal page 1162) and play this game with us. Let me know how you do!

SOUP

We will have a soup lunch! Many thanks for donating soup for the first two Lent services. They were so yummy! We will serve the left-overs at the next WELCA meeting.



Confirmation class proclaiming the Word at Gathering Table



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