



# PARISH NEWS

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People of God,

I often find that super villains are more compelling than the heroes they battle. I know that Lex Luthor, Superman's nemesis, is the bad guy, motivated mostly by greed. I understand that Magneto, who often sees things differently than the heroic X-Men, doesn't have human rights particularly high up on his list of priorities.

It's not that I think they're good role models, but their grievances are sometimes understandable. Some are motivated by a thirst for power but, in the stories I like best, villains are more complicated than that. Lex Luthor often wants to bring Superman down to Earth so he has to experience the same consequences for his actions as everyone else. Magneto wants mutants, who are different than most of us, to be treated with respect instead of fear and revulsion. The villains' methods might be suspect, but their motivations are often understandable — even good.

Meanwhile, a lot of heroes seem to work for maintaining the status quo. Villains are a disruption to society, and heroes bring order. There are, of course, exceptions to this, but it's a trend I've encountered frequently, and it often rings hollow to me.

*(Pastor's Message, continued)*

Sometimes, the status quo is not worth preserving. Sometimes, dramatic change is necessary to bring about a greater good. I'm not about to start a dramatic monologue like the the one the soon-to-be-defeated Joker of "Batman" fame delivers, but there's a reason so many of those monologues ring true: There is a lot about our world that is deeply broken.

I think that's the same reason I adore the season of Advent. It's a season for reckoning with the brokenness of the world, and for naming the hope of the gospel that promises to bring change. We hear the voice of John the Baptist crying in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord!" We hear the song of Mary, proclaiming the power of God who casts the mighty down from their thrones and lifts up the lowly.

Advent is a season for hope. It's a time to look at the world with honesty and name what needs to be redeemed. We look to the God who dwells among us, promising to bring justice and peace to every place.

This Advent, I hope we keep our eyes, our hearts and our minds open to see how God is calling us to be a part of this holy work.

In Peace,  
Pastor Micah Sievenpiper

## **WORSHIP IN PERSON OR ONLINE**

As Christ welcomes us, we welcome all to worship, which begins at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday.

All in-person services in the sanctuary also are streamed live on Immanuel's YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/immanuelkansascity>.



# PASTOR'S COVID-19 ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS WELCOME CHANGES FOR WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

During the its most recent meeting, the members of Pastor's COVID-19 Advisory Committee concluded that Immanuel can make a few welcome changes.



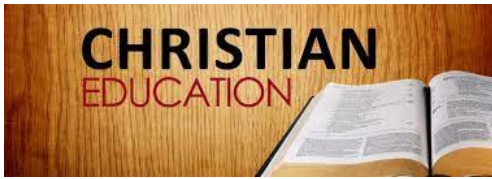
- **Congregational Singing.** Beginning during Advent, congregational singing once again will be part of our worship! Singing still will be somewhat limited, but we'll have several opportunities to joyfully lift our voices in praise.
- **Coffee and Fellowship Time.** As the weather gets colder, holding coffee hour outside following worship may not be feasible. Outdoor events still are preferred but, when fall and winter weather is not conducive to gathering outside, we'll share refreshments and fellowship in Luther Hall. When we gather inside, please maintain distance when possible, and remove your mask only while actively eating or drinking.

To limit health risk during worship or other events and activities at Immanuel, please:

- Do not attend if you have tested positive for COVID-19, have experienced COVID-like symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath) or have had close contact with someone who has tested positive within the past 14 days.
- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth.
- Practice safe hygiene (e.g., coughing or sneezing into your elbow.)

The members of the Advisory Committee are grateful for your continued commitment to keeping our community safe. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to Cece Atherton, Rebecca Blocksome, Beth Callstrom, Randy Callstrom, Linda Fox, BJ Laven or Pastor Micah.

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUE FOR KIDS AND ADULTS



**Sunday School gatherings** after worship each Sunday continue outside if weather permits, inside with masks if it doesn't. Before Nov. 28, each student will receive an Advent packet, which contains at-home activities that focus on preparing for Christ's birth in the world as it is today.

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

**Dec. 5** — Immanuel's Vision for Ministry, a conversation with the Immanuel Steering Committee

**Dec. 12** — Advent and Christmas Art with Immanuel member Bryan Park, associate professor and chair of the art department at Benedictine College

**Dec. 19** — An Intergenerational Activity: Packing Christmas gift bags for shut-ins

**Dec. 26** — Christmas weekend: No Adult Forum.

## PLEASE SIGN UP TO HOST COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP TIME



Could you offer hospitality to your Immanuel friends by hosting coffee/refreshment time? It's an important time for gathering and conversation, and it's an easy way to serve. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the main sanctuary-level hallway or contact the church office, [office@immanuelkc.org](mailto:office@immanuelkc.org) or 816-931-8483, to volunteer.

## ADD YOUR INPUT TO IMMANUEL'S VISION FOR MINISTRY

The Immanuel Steering Committee has completed a draft of a new Vision for Ministry and requests your input.

You can pick up a hard copy from the table in the narthex.

Your feedback will make the vision for our congregation better, so please choose a time to speak with members of the Steering Committee to share your thoughts. You can sign up by [clicking here](#) or on the bulletin board in the main sanctuary-level.

Thanks in advance for your input.



## JOIN AN ADVENT ADVENTURE OF HOPE



When days grow short and nights grow cold, adventure (or even danger) could lurk around any corner.

Join Pastor Micah for a four-week Advent role-playing exploration using the Dungeon World rules to explore how hope can guide us, even in dark times. As part of the adventure, you'll choose talents or even super powers through which you can confront obstacles and offer aid. We'll meet via Zoom at 7 p.m. Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22.

Intrigued and interested? Sign up at <https://forms.gle/dfcguWz2XdiuBJTU8>.

## IT'S JUST DAYS AWAY! DONATE AND VOLUNTEER FOR THE MLM CHRISTMAS STORE

The MLM Christmas Store will return to Immanuel to serve more than 1,000 needy families during the week of Dec. 5-11 — that's just days away!

### DONATE

You still can donate most-needed gifts:

- Blankets
- Coats
- Pot-and-pan sets
- Small appliances
- Sweatshirts and sweatpants
- Underwear
- Warm clothes for boys and girls
- Gift cards

Place your purchases under or around the Christmas tree in Immanuel's upstairs hallway outside Spong Common Room. The tree is decorated with special ornaments that list most-needed items. Please take an ornament or two as a shopping reminder.

METRO LUTHERAN MINISTRY

### 2021 Christmas Store Wish List

<p><b>Men's Gifts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wallet</li> <li>• Watch</li> <li>• Cologne</li> <li>• Tools</li> <li>• Electric Razor</li> <li>• Bath/Body Kits</li> <li>• PJ's</li> <li>• Robe</li> <li>• Slippers</li> <li>• Nice Gloves (work or leather)</li> <li>• Baseball Hats (local pro teams)</li> <li>• Hair Clippers</li> <li>• Shoes</li> <li>• Fishing Equipment (rod/tacklebox, lures, etc)</li> </ul> <p><b>Small Kitchen Appliances</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crock Pots (3.5 qt or bigger)</li> <li>• Blender</li> <li>• Griddles</li> <li>• Toaster Oven</li> <li>• Toasters</li> <li>• Hand Mixers</li> <li>• Waffle Makers</li> <li>• Popcorn Makers</li> </ul> <p><b>Toys</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Toys Are Needed</li> <li>• Preschool-12 yrs old</li> <li>• Boys &amp; Girls</li> </ul>	<p><b>Women's Gifts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robe</li> <li>• PJ's</li> <li>• Bath/Body Kits</li> <li>• Expensive Candles</li> <li>• Perfume</li> <li>• Nail Polish Kits</li> <li>• Make-Up Kits</li> <li>• Fashion Purses</li> <li>• Fashion Wallets</li> <li>• Flat Iron</li> <li>• Blow Dryer</li> <li>• Shoes</li> </ul> <p><b>Housewares</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sheets (all sizes)</li> <li>• Dish Sets</li> <li>• Pots &amp; Pans Sets</li> <li>• Skillet Sets</li> <li>• Silverware Sets</li> <li>• Kitchen Utensil Sets</li> <li>• Bakeware Sets</li> <li>• Glass Sets (min. of 4)</li> <li>• Comforter (all sizes)</li> <li>• Pillows</li> <li>• Bathroom Rug Sets</li> <li>• Towel Sets</li> <li>• Mixing Bowl Sets</li> </ul> <p><b>Knits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hats</li> <li>• Gloves</li> <li>• Scarves</li> <li>• All Ages &amp; Sizes</li> </ul>	<p><b>Teen Gifts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bluetooth Headphones</li> <li>• Bluetooth Speakers</li> <li>• Cologne/Perfume</li> <li>• Art Kits</li> <li>• (for adults not children)</li> <li>• Lighted Make-Up Mirrors</li> <li>• Nail Polish Kits</li> <li>• Spa Pedicure Machines</li> <li>• Baseball Hats (local pro teams)</li> <li>• Flat Irons</li> <li>• Blow Dryers</li> <li>• Basketballs (regulation size)</li> <li>• Footballs (regulation size)</li> <li>• Soccer Balls (regulation size)</li> <li>• \$25 Gift Cards to Target or Walmart</li> </ul> <p><b>Adult Clothing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Socks</li> <li>• Underwear</li> <li>• Panties</li> <li>• Sweatpants</li> <li>• Sweatshirts</li> <li>• Undershirts</li> </ul> <p><b>Please No Shirts/Jeans/Etc</b></p> <p><b>Blankets</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• King &amp; Queen Size Only</li> <li>• No Throws</li> </ul> <p><b>Kid's Clothing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Baby Clothing</li> <li>• Sizes 2T- 14/16</li> </ul>
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(MLM Christmas Store, continued)

**VOLUNTEER**

There's also still time to volunteer to help with the Christmas Store, which is a deeply rewarding experience that is greatly appreciated by MLM and by the Christmas Store shoppers. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the sanctuary-level hallway or contact the church office, [office@immanuelkc.org](mailto:office@immanuelkc.org) or 816-931-8483, to volunteer to be:

- **A Mover and Reorganizer, 9:30 a.m. Dec. 4 and/or noon, Dec. 11.** You'll help move Immanuel items out of and then back into areas that will be stacked to the rafters with gifts while the Christmas Store is in the building.
- **An Immanuel host during shopping days, Dec. 8-11.** Because of the ongoing pandemic, we won't be serving coffee and cookies, so Immanuel hosts simply will help greet shoppers, and direct them to restrooms, elevators, etc. You can choose a 9-11 a.m. shift and/or a 6-7:30 p.m. shift Dec. 8-10, and a 9-11 a.m. shift Dec. 11.
- **An In-Gathering helper, noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 5.** That's when other congregations deliver their Christmas Store gift donations to Immanuel.
- **A Sort-and-Setup helper, Monday and/or Tuesday, Dec. 6 and/or 7.** You will sort gift donations and help set up the store.
- **A Shopping Elf, Dec 8-11.** You will help shoppers choose gifts according to the number of people in their families. You can choose a 9-11 a.m. shift and/or a 6-7:30 p.m. shift.

For information about being a mover and reorganizer, contact Terry Kueker, [tkeek@aol.com](mailto:tkeek@aol.com) or 913-522-8305.

For information about being an Immanuel host, contact Milan Hanson, [milanh615@gmail.com](mailto:milanh615@gmail.com), 816-444-6629 or 816-377-6338.

For information about other Christmas Store volunteer opportunities, contact Michelle Salierno, [michellesalierno@mlmkc.org](mailto:michellesalierno@mlmkc.org) or 816-285-3154.

## PICK UP YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2022 are available for pick-up in the narthex.

You can use the envelopes:

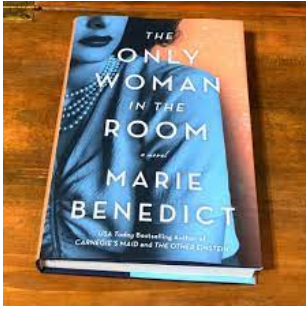
- To enclose donations to Immanuel.
- As a visual reminder to make donations through Tithe.ly, <https://signup.tithe.ly/>, or other electronic methods.



Your contributions to the ministry we share are important and appreciated. But if you are among those who always contribute electronically and do not need offering envelopes for any purpose, please contact the church office, [office@immanuelkc.org](mailto:office@immanuelkc.org) or 816-931-8483, to let us know that you will not need offering envelopes for coming years.

## FRIENDS OF LITERATURE MEETS FOR

## **SOUP SUPPER AND TO DISCUSS *THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE ROOM***



Friends of Literature will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec, 9, at the home of Steve and Jan Roeder for a holiday soup supper, to discuss *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict, and to choose its reading selections for 2022.

All are welcome! To request the Roeder's address or the Friends of Literature Zoom link if you can't attend in person, contact Don Arney, [22sora@gmail.com](mailto:22sora@gmail.com) or 816-918-5371.

Benedict's novel is a commanding, fictionalized account of the life of Hedy Lamarr, a 1940s movie star who, although she was known as "the most beautiful woman in the world," did her greatest work far from the silver screen. At the height of her film career, Lamarr invented the basis for all modern wireless communications, which is technology that still is in use today.

## **DECEMBER WELCA STUDY DELVES INTO THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**



The gift of the Holy Spirit, and how it can refine and reroute our lives, will highlight the upcoming WELCA study and gathering, 1 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Pastor Ann Rundquist will lead the study, which is based on pages 16-23 in the November/December issue of *gather* magazine, a ministry of WELCA.

You can participate face-to-face in Spong Common Room (masks required) , or you can join via Zoom at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5143355703>

Meeting ID: 514 335 5703

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To ask questions or request a copy of the magazine, contact Pastor Ann, [pastorannrundquist@gmail.com](mailto:pastorannrundquist@gmail.com) or 785-643-7697. To subscribe to the magazine, visit [www.gathermagazine.org](http://www.gathermagazine.org).

# YOU ARE INVITED TO DONATE TO AND JOIN IMMANUEL'S INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to Immanuel's annual intergenerational Christmas celebration after worship Dec. 19 in Luther Hall.

We will write cards and assemble Christmas gift bags for our homebound members and friends while we sing favorite Christmas carols and enjoy refreshments.

Please use the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the sanctuary-level hallway or contact Suzanne Steffen, [suzannesteffen7@gmail.com](mailto:suzannesteffen7@gmail.com) or 816-522-6982, to sign up to bring any of the following supplies to the event on Dec. 19.



For gift bags --

We need 20:

- Baggies full of a dozen holiday cookies.
- Sets of three miscellaneous greeting cards.
- Sets of three postage stamps.
- Small loaves of holiday bread.
- Boxes of tea bags.

And five bags each of:

- Clementine tangerines.
- Small apples.

For refreshments, we need an assortment of :

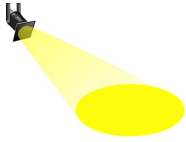
- Holiday cookies.
- Holiday bread or muffins.
- Fruit or a fruit tray.
- Cheese sticks.

We also will need volunteers to deliver one or two gift bags after the Dec. 19 celebration or anytime during the week before Christmas. Thank you!

**TENDING OUR GARDEN**



## SPOTLIGHT ON MOSAIC



*Embracing God's call, Mosaic relentlessly pursues opportunities that empower people.* This is

the mission of Mosaic, an organization that supports the needs of people with intellectual disabilities. Mosaic provides day services, supported living, case management and other important services to these individuals and their families.

Vonda Powell, Mosaic community relations manager, is passionate about serving others. "The key is seeing beyond ourselves into the community," she says. "You don't have to look far to see the great needs of others. We must simply be willing to use our time, talent, and treasure to help them achieve what they deserve. "

Vonda says some of the most meaningful gifts to Mosaic go beyond money. Groups give Easter baskets, send cards, and provide holiday meals and gifts. Vonda suggests getting creative: "Organize a sock drive, write personalized letters from Santa or send cards to staff? We welcome your socially-distanced volunteerism."

To learn more about Mosaic, to volunteer or to donate directly, visit [www.mosaicinfo.org](http://www.mosaicinfo.org).



*The people and services of Mosaic celebrate people with intellectual disabilities.*



*Opportunities to learn new skills and have fun bring smiles to the faces of people served by Mosaic.*



*Shopping trips help teach those served by Mosaic about using money and navigating public places.*

*(Tending Our Garden: Spotlight on Mosaic, continued)*



Immanuel helps transform lives by supporting organizations such as Mosaic.

Check future issues of *Parish News* for additional Tending Our Garden articles that illustrate how our "garden of ministry" extends far beyond our church walls.

## NEWS FROM YOUR CONGREGATION COUNCIL



**Linda Fewell has accepted an offer to remain as Immanuel's administrative assistant on a permanent basis.** To avoid potential conflicts of interest, she has tendered her resignation from the congregational council, from which she has been on hiatus since joining the church staff

on an interim basis. We welcome Linda as a permanent member of our staff, but will miss her input on council.

**Pastor Micah has identified a candidate for the new building superintendent position.** However, the candidate will not be able to join the staff immediately due to a sudden illness. We pray for his speedy recovery and will continue to use an outside cleaning service until further notice.

**The Council unanimously approved a bylaws resolution to create a Committee for Justice and Peace.** The resolution, which will be submitted for congregational approval during the February 2022 annual meeting, states: "There shall be a Committee for Justice and Peace to coordinate and lead the congregation's efforts to respond when there is injustice in our community, to leverage the privilege and power we have to create a just society, to accompany and empower disenfranchised communities, and to engage in deliberate self-reflection about our place in our community and in our system of power and privilege. The committee's work will complement the work of the Committee on Social Ministry, identifying areas of emphasis, and inviting the congregation to act together to build a world without injustice."

**Immanuel has received a grant of \$60,441.74 from the American Gift Fund at the recommendation of the Roberts Charitable Fund.** On behalf of the congregation, the council acknowledges and is deeply appreciative of the fund's generosity, and will work during the upcoming month to determine appropriate use(s) for the grant.

## DECEMBER SCRIPTURE READINGS

# AND WORSHIP LEADERS

**12/5**

**First Reading:** Malachi 3:1-4

**Psalmody:** Luke 1:68-79

**Second Reading:** Philippians 1:3-11

**Gospel:** Luke 3:1-6

**Assisting Minister:** Bryan Park

**Psalmist:** Linda Taylor

**Communion Steward:** Lauren Park

**Media:** Kevin Fewell

**Ushers:** Terry and Lori Kueker, BJ Laven, Hastings Family

**12/12**

**First Reading:** Zephaniah 3:14-20

**Psalmody:** Isaiah 12:2-6

**Second Reading:** Philippians 4:4-7

**Gospel:** Luke 3:7-18

**Assisting Minister:** Tori Friedrich

**Psalmist:** Megan Sawyer

**Communion Steward:** Karen Bame

**Media:** Jack Friedrich

**Ushers:** Connie Ross, Pam Edvalds, Rebecca Blocksome, Del Karmeier

**12/19**

**First Reading:** Micah 5:2-5a

**Psalmody:** Luke 1:46b-55

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 10:5-10

**Gospel:** Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

**Assisting Minister:** Connie Benolkin

**Psalmist:** Dave Peterson

**Communion Steward:** Linda Fox

**Media:** Michael Hamlin

**Ushers:** Hanson/Roddy Family, Tracy and Cece Atherton, Kate Hauber

*December Scripture Readings and Worship Leaders, continued)*

**12/24**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 9:2-7

**Psalmody:** Psalm 96  
**Second Reading:** Titus 2:11-14  
**Gospel:** Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

**5 p.m. service**

**Assisting Minister:** Linda Fox  
**Psalmist:** Megan Sawyer  
**Communion Steward:** TBD  
**Media:** Kevin Fewell  
**Ushers:** Pam Edvalds, Connie Ross

**9 p.m. service**

**Assisting Minister:** Karen Bame  
**Psalmist:** Linda Taylor  
**Communion Steward:** Melodee Blobaum  
**Media:** Linda Fox  
**Ushers:** Kevin and Linda Fewell

**12/26**

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
**Psalmody:** Psalm 148  
**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:12-17  
**Gospel:** Luke 2:41-52

**Assisting Minister:** Beth Callstrom  
**Psalmist:** Lauren Park  
**Communion Steward:** Rick Sundell  
**Media:** Linda Fox  
**Ushers:** Kevin Fewell, Randy Callstrom, Gretchen Bishop



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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



**Dec. 1**

**7 p.m.** Advent Adventures with Pastor Micah via Zoom

**Dec. 2**

**5 p.m.** Choral Spectrum, Luther Hall

**7 p.m.** OA-KC, Gathering Space

**7 p.m.** Immanuel Social Ministry Committee, Spong

**Dec. 4**

**8:30 a.m.** Altar Guild, Spong

**9:30 a.m.** MLM Christmas Store Movers and Reorganizers

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

**Dec. 5**

**8:15 a.m.** Music Ensemble Rehearsal, Luther Hall

**9:30 a.m.** Worship, Sanctuary

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

**10:15 a.m.** Sunday School

**10:30 a.m.** Adult Forum, Spong

**11 a.m.** MLM Christmas Store Drop-Off and Load-In, Upper and Lower Levels

**Dec. 6**

**8 a.m.** MLM Christmas Store Set-up, Upper and Lower Levels

**Dec. 7**

**8 a.m.** MLM Christmas Store Set-up, Upper and Lower Levels

**10 a.m.** Coffee and Conversation via Zoom

**6 p.m.** Immanuel Executive Committee via Zoom

**7:30 p.m.** Immanuel Stewardship Committee via Zoom

**Dec. 8**

**8 a.m.** MLM Christmas Store Shopping, Upper and Lower Levels

**7 p.m.** Advent Adventures with Pastor Micah via Zoom

**Dec. 9**

**8 a.m.** MLM Christmas Store Shopping, Upper and Lower Levels

**6 p.m.** Friends of Literature, home of Steve and Jan Roeder

**Dec. 10**

**8 a.m.** MLM Christmas Store Shopping, Upper and Lower Levels

*(Calendar of Events, continued)*

**Dec. 11**

**8 a.m.** MLM Christmas Store Shopping, Upper and Lower Levels  
**noon** MLM Christmas Store Movers and Reorganizers

Join An Event Via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5143355703>

Meeting ID: 514 335 5703

One tap mobile: +13017158592, 5143355703# US

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](mailto:office@immanuelkc.org).

## MORE NEWS TO USE

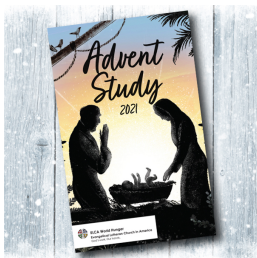
### YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

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 or 2022 commitment cards in the offering plate on Sundays.
- Mailing checks or commitment cards to the church office, 1700 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO, 64111.
- Donating online through Tithe.ly, <https://www.facebook.com/ImmanuelLutheranChurchKC>.
- Setting up an automatic payment through your financial institution.



Additional ways to support Immanuel include Amazon Smile, <https://smile.amazon.com/> — 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](mailto:office@immanuelkc.org) or 816-931-8483.



### ADVENT STUDY GUIDES ENRICH THE ANTICIPATION OF THE SEASON

Advent Study Guides provided by the ELCA World Hunger division include reflections and prayers for each week of Advent. Pick one up from the table in the narthex or contact the church office to request a copy.

### CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DEC. 27

The Immanuel office will be open on Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec. 24, but will close Monday, Dec. 27, for a brief Christmas break.



*(More News to Use, continued)*

### LIKE AND FOLLOW THE IMMANUEL FACEBOOK PAGE

If you use Facebook, check the Immanuel Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/ImmanuelLutheranChurchKC>, for photos



and information about congregational life and ministry at Immanuel, including weekly postings about Sunday worship. You then can share that information with your Facebook friends.

**SUBMISSIONS FOR IMMANUEL'S  
2021 ANNUAL REPORT ARE DUE DEC. 31**

Are you the chair of an Immanuel committee or other church team? Prepare now and mark your calendar for Dec. 31. That's the due date for submissions to Immanuel's 2021 annual report.



**THINKING OF ONE ANOTHER**



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

**Members of Immanuel**

**Joe & Lori Clanin, Rick Crawford, Andree Cuthbertson, Pat Durie, Ann Erickson, Peg Himebaugh, Naomi Karneier, Dottie Keough,**

**Rev. Keith Klockau, Wilbur and Gerry Niewald, Betty Pera, De Pfofner, Deanne Schlehuber and Carolyn Wilson**

**Friends of Immanuel**

**Baby Reylyn & family,** friends of Peggy Dollard

**Bakeberg family,** friends of Betty Pera

**Pinky Brauer,** sister-in-law of Carolyn Brauer

**Jack Cannon,** brother of Lori Kueker

**James Clanin,** family of Lori Clanin

**Jim & Ethel Clanin,** parents of Lori Clanin

**Aerial Crow & James Brown,** family of Jean Nuernberger

**Chloe & Carley Engler,** great nieces of Sally Baehni

**Jennifer Gougo,** volunteer at Gathering Table

**Ivy Grayson family,** family of Josie Grayson

**Josie Grayson family,** friends of Dottie Keough

**Kurt Hanneman,** friend of Bill & Mary Jo Moore

**Lee Hass,** grandmother of Catie Tomlin

**Jerri Hatteberg,** friend of Deborah Crawford

**Normajeane Holtje,** cousin of Mike Ortmann

**Laura Winkler Johnson,** aunt of Marc and Patti Winkler

*(Thinking of One Another, continued)*

**Jack & Mary Kantola,** friends of Peg Himebaugh

**Margaret Kohler**, aunt of Lori Clanin  
**Betty Kueker**, mother of Terry Kueker  
**Kat M. & Janice M.**, friends of Peggy Dollard  
**Major**, friend of Linda Taylor & Peggy Dollard  
**Chris McCallum**, nephew of Mike Ortmann  
**Erin Melican**, family of Jean Nuernberger  
**Nancy's mother**, friend of Linda Setterburg  
**Ken & Rose Nuernberger**, family of Jean Nuernberger  
**Family & Friends of Bill Pape**, friend of Pastor Ann Rundquist & Gathering Table  
**Norma Pera**, sister of Roland Pera  
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