

PARISH NEWS



We are the stories we tell. We weave the story of our lives together with each other, orienting ourselves in our cosmic context. We give meaning to our lives by telling stories, not just of our own experiences, but as a matter of identity, defining who we are as individuals and as a community.

We return to these stories over and over again, dwelling in them so deeply we know them in our bones and our flesh. They're imprinted on our hearts and our minds. It's why we follow the same well-trod path through the wilderness every Lent. We journey through the valley of the shadow of death, marking ourselves with a sign of our mortality on Ash Wednesday, and coming to experience the resurrection anew every Easter. For some of us, who have walked this path many times before, it's familiar. We know every step. For some of us, who might never have embarked on this journey before, it's intimidating and frightening. Our footing isn't as sure, our certainty in the resolution that lies ahead might be more clouded, finding it hard to see the empty tomb on the other side of the cross. All of us walk this path together, though. We don't tell this story alone, but in a chorus, a story told in the voice of all the saints from every time and place. As we return again to this chapter in our sacred story, I invite you to listen, not just to the story itself, but to the voices of all who are telling it. We share this story with all of God's children, each of us both teacher and student. In this Lenten season, I pray that we might learn from each other, hearing anew this ancient story.

Pastor's Bookcase
Skin Game by Jim Butcher

March 2020

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IN OUR PRAYERS...

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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
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Karen Wuertz, sister-in-law of Linda Taylor
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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
Normajeane 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
Lois Blobaum, Melodee Blobaum's mother-in-law

March

SUN

MON

TUES

WED

THURS

FRI

SAT

01

8:15a Worship
9:15a Adult Forum **SP**
Confirmation
Sunday School **GS**
10:30a Worship
3:00p OA-KC **MR1**
6:30p Musica Vocale **LH**

02

4:30p KC
Community Arts
Vestry
6:00p Youth Chorus
LH GS SC SP

03

6:00p Soundwave
Academy **GS**
6:30p Scandinavian
Dancers **LH**
7:00p Committee
Meeting Night **SP**

04

12:00p Lenten Midweek Study &
Meal **SP**
4:30p KC Community
Arts **Vestry**
5:30p Lenten Midweek Study &
Meal **LH**
6:00p Women's Recovery
Network **GS**
7:00p Lenten Vespers Service **SC**
7:00p Shin Do Ryu **LH**

05

9:00a Homeschool **GS**
7:00p Choral Spectrum
LH
7:00p Social Ministry
Aladdin Cafe
7:00p OA-KC **MR1**

06

4:00p World Folk
Dancers

07

9:00a Choral Spectrum **SC**
10:00a Shin Do Ryu **LH**
12:00p KC Community Arts
GS

08

8:15a Worship
9:15a Adult Forum **SP**
Confirmation
Sunday School **GS**
10:30a Worship
1:30p Blautaler Practice
LH
3:00p OA-KC **MR1**
6:30p Musica Vocale **LH**

09

4:30p KC
Community Arts
Vestry
6:00p Youth Chorus
LH GS SC SP

10

5:00a Primary Elections
GS
6:00p Soundwave
Academy **CR**
6:30p Scandinavian
Dancers **LH**

11

12:00p Lenten Midweek Study &
Meal **SP**
4:30p KC Community
Arts **Vestry**
5:30p Lenten Midweek Study &
Meal **LH**
6:00p Women's Recovery
Network **GS**
7:00p Lenten Vespers Service **SC**
7:00p Shin Do Ryu **LH**

12

9:00a Homeschool **GS**
12:00p Ryan Musical Clinic
SC
6:30p Volker General **GS**
7:00p Choral Spectrum
LH
7:00p OA-KC **MR1**

13

4:00p World Folk
Dancers

14

9:00a Bell Choir
Rehearsal **SC**
10:00a Choral Spectrum **GS**
10:00a Shin Do Ryu **LH**
12:00p KC Community Arts
GS

15

8:15a Worship
9:15a Adult Forum **SP**
Confirmation
Sunday School **GS**
10:30a Worship
3:00p OA-KC **MR1**
6:30p Musica Vocale **LH**

16

4:30p KC
Community Arts
Vestry
6:00p Youth Chorus
LH GS SC SP
6:30p MVI **CR**

17

6:00p Soundwave
Academy **GS**
6:30p WPNA **GS**
6:30p Vespers Service
SC
7:00p Council Meeting
SP

18

12:00p Lenten Midweek Study &
Meal **SP**
4:30p KC Community
Arts **Vestry**
5:30p Lenten Midweek Study &
Meal **LH**
6:00p Women's Recovery
Network **GS**
7:00p Lenten Vespers Service **SC**
7:00p Shin Do Ryu **LH**

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
9:00a Homeschool **GS**
7:00p Choral Spectrum
LH
7:00p OA-KC **MR1**

20

4:00p World Folk
Dancers

21

10:00a Shin Do Ryu **LH**
12:00p KC Community Arts
GS

22

8:15a Worship
9:15a Adult Forum **SP**
Confirmation
MLM Task Force **MR1**
Sunday School **GS**
10:30a Worship
1:30p Blautaler Practice **LH**
3:00p OA-KC **MR1**
6:30p Musica Vocale **LH**

23

4:30p KC
Community Arts
Vestry
6:00p Youth Chorus
LH GS SC SP

24

6:00p Soundwave
Academy **GS**
6:30p Scandinavian
Dancers **LH**
6:30p Healing Service
SC

25

12:00p Lenten Midweek Study &
Meal **SP**
4:30p KC Community
Arts **Vestry**
5:30p Lenten Midweek Study &
Meal **LH**
6:00p Women's Recovery
Network **GS**
7:00p Lenten Vespers Service **SC**
7:00p Shin Do Ryu **LH**

26

9:00a Homeschool
GS
7:00p Choral
Spectrum **LH**
7:00p OA-KC **MR1**
7:00p Theology on
Tap | **Bier Station**

27

4:00p World Folk
Dancers

28

8:30a Property Meeting
8:30a Altar Guild **SP**
9:30a Worship & Arts **SP**
10:00a Shin Do Ryu **LH**
12:00p KC Community Arts
GS

29

8:15a Worship
9:15a Adult Forum **SP**
Confirmation
Sunday School **GS**
10:30a Worship
3:00p OA-KC **MR1**

30

4:30p KC
Community Arts
Vestry
6:00p Youth Chorus
LH GS SC SP

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6:00p Soundwave
Academy **GS**
6:30p Scandinavian
Dancers **LH**

MARCH 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.

	01	08	15	22	29
WORSHIP ASSISTANT LAY READER COMMUNION ASSISTANT USHERS 8:15 GREETERS	Karen Bame Jean Nuernberger Sharyl Serafin EB Walker Pam Edvalds Mike Ortmann	Lauren Park Bryan Park Karen Bame Alex Hastings Pam Edvalds Matt Hastings The Hastings	Karen Bame Jean Nuernberger Rick Sundell EB Walker Matt Hastings Elizabeth Hastings Carolyn Wilson	Linda Fox Jeri Yungeberg Karen Bame Josie Yungeberg Dee Craig Pam Edvalds Don Arney	Beth Callstrom Lisa Hansen Sharyl Serafin Rick Sundell
WORSHIP ASSISTANT LAY READER COMMUNION ASSISTANTS ACOLYTE CROSS BEARER USHERS 10:30 GREETERS	Tori Friedrich Kate Hauber Heather Winker-S Nam Ahrens Jack Friedrich Mike Boehmer Kathy Boehmer Kelle Boehmer Michael Hamlin Carmen Norris	John Anderson Vicki Swanson Linda Taylor-S Desiray Boehmer Zach Boyd Del Karmeier CeCe Atherton Kate Hauber Ken Ross Ellie McCarter CeCe Atherton	Linda Taylor Meredith Majerle Milan Hanson-S Connie Benokin Charley Friedrich Chris Roth Kevin Fewell Linda Fewell Bob Hyland Linda Fewell	Jeff Fox Mike Fee Gretchen Bishop-S Darren McCarter Ellie McCarter Mark Winkler Patti Winkler Randy Callstrom BJ Laven Mark & Patti Winkler	Linda Taylor Henrik Andersen Sally Baehni-S Henrik Andersen Ciara Boyd Leilani Boyd Zach & Ciara Boyd Mason Carey Kayla Mabon Terry & Lori Kueker

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, Janie Fee, Linda Fewell or Gretchen Bishop

Next Meeting
 Thursday, March 5th
 6:00 pm
ALADDIN CAFE
 3903 Wyoming Street
 KCMO

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE 2020

Greeting Card Sale

March 15 | 22 | 29 April 5



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

MLM's 3B Event

March 27 | 6:30 - 10:30p

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. Tickets - \$25 each

For information: 816-285-3141



Get Down and Derby

May 2 | 4:00-8:00p

A Kentucky Derby Watch Party and Benefit at Union Horse Distilling Company. Supports the MLM Christmas Store.

mlmkc.org for more information & tickets



April 12 | 19 | 26 3 | May 10 | 17

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

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

September 13 **God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday**
 Look for information mid-year regarding this year's activities

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



MLM Christmas Store

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.



ILC EVENTS

Greeting Card Sale

March 15 | 22 |
29 & April 5

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

March 26 | 7:00p
Bier Station

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

MLM 3B Fundraiser

March 27 | 6:30p
Boulevard Brewing

Join MLM supporters at Boulevard Brewing Company for the 8th annual 3B fundraiser to partake in local brew and wine, delicious BBQ from Three Pigs BBQ, 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 call 816.285.3154 or go to mlmkc.org.

This event fills quickly...

FEEDING 800

May 17 | 9:15a
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

- March 1 Art with Bryan Park
- March 8 Art with Megan Sawyer
- March 15 Art with Bonnie Thomas
- March 22 Role of a Dula - Hakima Tafunzi Payne
- March 29 Death & Dying - Pastor Micah

MARCHbirthdays

John Helgesen	3/3	Carolyn Brauer	3/14
Anna-Sophie Ahrens	3/4	Amy Giedt	3/17
Thomas Parsons	3/4	Richard Wilcox	3/18
Diana Weeks-Radke	3/5	Alexandra Ellerbeck	3/21
Iris Browning	3/6	Freya Sievenpiper	3/21
Sandra Tree-Polsfus	3/7	Iris Roddy	3/22
Sarah Wilcox	3/7	Andy Atzenweiler	3/24
Neil Pfeiffer	3/8	Jackson Gossick	3/24
Judson Bertsch	3/10	Jean Nuernberger	3/26
Catherine Tomlin	3/10	Dolores Pfofner	3/27
Carl Swanson	3/11	Ann Erickson	3/31
Claire Gassen	3/12		

ALTAR GUILD

March 28, 2020
Spong Common Room
Breakfast provided,
all are welcome!

Immanuel Library Open for Business

It's taken us a bit longer than we planned, but the Immanuel Library is ready and waiting for you. We aren't totally finished, but come check us out. We have books available on a wide variety of topics, from Bible commentary to devotionals to Christian living, and lots more in between. We've organized the books using the same scheme that you will find in your local public library. Our card catalog (we're still old school there) is not complete, but we're working on that. So come take a look, find something that interests you, and check it out. No library card required. To check out a book, simply write your name on the card in the front of the book and slip the card in the box next to the door. When you're finished with the book, just leave it in the return basket. What's next? We do have some DVDs that we need to add to our catalog and process before they can be checked out. And we are always on the lookout for new materials that will fit into the collection. We want to thank all the folks who have helped us organize and process the books so they are ready for use. And thank you as well to those who have donated books for the collection.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



The Sunday school children recently enjoyed making Alleluia noisemakers that were shaken on 2/23, Transfiguration Sunday, the last Sunday before Lent.

They also sang "Allelu Allelu, Allelu, Alleuia, Praise Ye the Lord" at the beginning of the 10:30 service, and the congregation was encouraged to participate on the last verse!

Pastor Micah will once again be visiting the Sunday school classes on March 1st, and will be discussing the meaning of Lent. The children always enjoy his visits!

Abby Wieck will be taking training and will receive her First Communion on Palm Sunday.

We will also have our "Christians Understanding the Passover Seder" between services on Palm Sunday, 4/5. All others from Immanuel are encouraged and very welcome to participate in this educational event!



A note from Pastor Ann

ARMOUR OAKS

February we visited the "call" to spread Christianity in the Book of Acts. It was interesting to link scripture to commemorations of women and men from the early church to current days. During Lent we are following a study provided by ELCA and gifted to us from Atonement Lutheran Church.

WELCA

March 11 WELCA will be joining the Lent Noon lunch and lesson. There will be plenty of soup and thoughtful lively discussion with Pastor Micah. In February we drifted away from the Gather magazine bible study learning about Lydia (Acts 16), Dorcas (Acts 9), Pheobe (Romans 16), and Priscilla & Aquila ((Acts 18). All of these women were called to hospitality and spread Christianity. Kathy Linder shared her story as a Deaconess and Pastor Ann informed the group of the three other ministries for refugees sharing the same building with Gathering Table. Paula Simonich reported on the upcoming Central State Synod WELCA convention here in Kansas City. The meeting site is in Lee's Summit, however, our WELCA group are the hosts. We will provide speakers, brochures, packets, signs, message boards, entertainment, and greeters! Whew!

THE LONELINESS OF GRIEF

When we grieve, we mourn the loss of something or someone personal, an experience that is both intimate and private. The author of Psalm 25 names this feeling head-on in verse 16. "Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted." As blogger and griever Jodi Whitsitt says, "As it turns out, grief lasts longer than sympathy—way longer." The loneliness of grief is extended when the mourner perceives that others have moved on. People who once were there with tissues and hugs might not understand why we still need their support. Psalm 25 may serve two purposes: first, to help grieving people know that they are not alone—the psalmists understand their loneliness; and second, to help those who would comfort the grievers be attentive not just to grief, but to its persistence, and to the loneliness of those who are suffused by grief.

This message is an excerpt from Session 2 of the Bible study, "No Hard Feelings" by Anna Madsen in the October 2019 issue of Gather magazine.

LENT SOUP LUNCHES & SUPPERS



Every Wednesday from March 4th to April 1st Stay out of YOUR kitchen joining Immanuel sisters and brothers in fellowship, meals, bible study, and vespers. Soup will be served at 12 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Some of the upcoming soups may include chili, chicken tortilla, barley veggie, and creamy potato. At lunch we will feature a soup from "around the world."

No worries...there will be vegetarian and gluten free options.

Many thanks to the Council, Adult Education, Prayer Team, Altar Guild, Sunday School & The Choir for signing up!

For more information contact Pastor Ann:
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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the February 18, 2020 Council Meeting

- The Council performed a debrief of the Annual Congregational Meeting looking for ways to improve the experience.
 - The election of Congregational officers. President Mary Jo Moore opened the floor for nominations. There being none the list of volunteering officers was approved by acclamation:
 - President - Mary Jo Moore
 - Vice President - Connie Benolkin
 - Secretary - Terry Kueker
 - Financial Secretary - Rick Sundell
 - Treasurer - TBD
 - The search continues to fill the Treasurer's position for 2020. Those interested in serving should contact Pastor Sievenpiper
 - There is a requirement for at least one Council member to serve on each of the constitutionally required committees. The Council verified this requirement has been met.
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IMMANUEL MEMBERS SAY “YES” TO CALL

At the recently concluded annual congregational meeting, two members were newly elected to Council and our 2020 budget was passed. Long-time member Sara Prem started her first three-year term and more recent member Mason Carey was elected to fulfill the unexpired term of Dean Byrom. The remaining eleven members were elected to continue their service.

While the search for a new Treasurer continues, other open positions became filled as people heeded the call for volunteers to serve. These included:

- Finance Committee: Mike Fee, Roland Pera, and Brian Thomas
- Memorials Commission: Karen Bame
- MLM Liaison: Lori Kueker
- Nominating Committee: Pam Edvalds, Linda Fewell
- Westport Ministry in Housing: Jean Nuernberger



We thank these people for saying “YES”. What a wonderful expression of faith in action!

There remain open positions on a number of committees and some, like Congregational Life and Stewardship, would really benefit from additional members. Please prayerfully consider these and other available ministry positions and let me or Pastor Micah know of your interest and willingness to serve.

Thank you.



BWV 150

“Nach dir, Herr, verlanget mich”
(O my Lord, I long for thee)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 26TH | 7:00 PM

The famous portraits of J.S. Bach show him as serious, bewigged and middle-aged, making it difficult for most of us to imagine him as a younger man. He seems to be portrayed almost as if he had sprung forth fully formed as composer, father of twenty children and tamer of countless unruly boy choristers. For our next Bach Cantata Vespers on April 26th at 7:00 p.m., we will have a musical window on the younger Herr Bach.

Composed sometime between 1704 - 1707, Cantata 150 is considered to be Bach's earliest surviving church cantata. These dates put our composer between the ages of 19 and 22. Unlike most of his cantatas, this work uses no chorale melodies, but instead the movements are unified by their use of musical motives and text. Movements alternate verses from Psalm 25 with thematically related poetry.

Given the early date of this cantata, it might also be interesting to note some events in Bach's life from this time. There are records from August of 1705 in Arnstadt, where young Johann had gotten in trouble with his employer. The charges included accusations that he had been given permission to be away for four weeks to hear Buxtehude play but had stayed away four months. He had taken a 'young woman' into the organ loft. (This young woman later became his first wife.) He had also gotten into a street fight with bassoonist. The bassoonist hit Bach first, but he claimed that Bach had insulted him by calling him a "Zippel-fagottist." This can be translated as "Nannygoat-bassoonist", "Onion-bassoonist", and other less polite terms. It is interesting to note that Cantata 150 has an unusually prominent bassoon part.

I hope that you will join us in April for this next Bach Cantata Vespers!

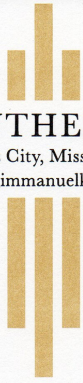


Kentucky Derby Watch Party and Benefit
to support the 2020 MLM Christmas Store

- ★ Open Bar
- ★ Heavy Hors D'oeuvres
- ★ 50/50 Raffle
- ★ Best Derby Hat Contest
- ★ Silent Auction
- ★ Wine and Whiskey Pull

GENERAL TICKETS \$75 VIP TICKETS \$125

For more information visit mlmkc.org



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