

PARISH NEWS



We embody our faith.

It's a common theme in the language we use to talk about how God is active in our world. We confess the resurrection of the body; it's central to our understanding of why Easter is so important. We understand Jesus as the incarnate Word of God, born in human flesh. The first chapter of the Bible claims that every human being, is made in the image of God. Our faith isn't just an idea that exists solely in the realm of abstract thought. It's how we live and breathe. Our faith is revealed in our words and actions - by how we use our bodies and how we treat the bodies of others.

We don't embody our faith just as individuals, either, but as a community. In the waters of baptism, God knits us together as one in the mystical body of Christ in the world. That's what the Church is called to be, recognizing that in each of us is the power to do the work of God, but that also means that the way we serve God is by serving others. The way we love God is by loving each other.

If we truly believe that each person bears the image of God, that every human being is a sacred revelation of the divine, then we as the Church are called to work against anything that desecrates or denigrates that divine image. We are called to denounce the sins of racism and white supremacy. We are called to stand in solidarity with each other, working to defend and empower those who are rendered vulnerable and made into victims by people who refuse to acknowledge the image of God they bear. When the world refuses to see the inherent dignity of every human life, we are called to change the world.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit we work along side each other to live the faith we embody. That's what it means to be the Church.

In Peace,
Pastor Micah

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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.

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a Spotlight on...

SUNNI BATTIN

On April 20, Sunni Battin started at ILC as our new Administrative Assistant. She is thrilled to be part of such a caring and compassionate community.

Educational Background:

Sunni has an undergraduate degree in English and graduate degrees in Library and Information Science and Organizational Development Psychology. She is working on research for a Ph.D. in Psychology so she can become a Research Psychologist to help organizations and individuals "better understand each other and support one another in thoughtful and compassionate ways." Sunni says she has always had "a heart for people."

Professional Experience: Sunni has a background in Librarianship, Communications, and Writing.

Fun Facts: Sunni once interviewed Marion Ross (aka "Mrs.C") from *Happy Days*. She once did a radio commercial and can speak multiple languages.



WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL

In Person:

Please help us limit any risk:

- 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 physical distancing, maintaining 10 feet of separation from other people (except for immediate family members).
- Practice safe hygiene (e.g., coughing or sneezing into your elbow.)
- **Openings for worship services are limited, so register in advance at:** <https://rsvp.church/r/sRh0T9Ql>. Please don't attend if you haven't registered.



Streaming Online:

All indoor services will be streamed live on Immanuel's YouTube channel which you can access via this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/immanuelkansascity>

IMMANUEL LEADERSHIP

Council & Executive Committee

STAFF

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Sunni Battin - Administrative Assistant
Suzanne Anderson - Music Director
Robert Barthel - Organist

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Terry Kueker - Secretary
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Rick Sundell - Financial Secretary
Henrik Andersen
Melodee Blobaum
Randy Callstrom
Mason Carey
Deborah Crawford
Linda Fewell
Kate Hauber
Lynden Peters
Sara Prem

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members of Immanuel

Milan Hanson, Dottie Keough, Peg Himebaugh, Larry Taylor, Joe & Lori Clanin, Rev. Keith Klockau, Andree Cuthbertson, Theresa Draper, Ann Erickson, De Pfofner, Naomi Karmeier, Gerry Niewald, Deanne Schlehuber, and Carolyn Wilson.

All who are separated from loved ones because of COVID-19 restrictions

Friends of Immanuel

Lea Welch, daughter of Karole and John Jacobsen
Jerri Hatteberg, friend of Deborah Crawford
Kathy Johnson, sister of Karole Jacobsen
Jon Hobble, brother of Linda Fewell
Jack & Mary Kantola, friends of 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
Baby Reylyn & Family, friends of Peggy Dollard
Major, friend of Linda Taylor & Peggy Dollard
Kim R & Family, friends of Peggy Dollard
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
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
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
Audrey Mueller, Aunt of Mike Ortmann
Nancy A., friend of Linda Setterburg
Allan Boardman, friend of Kevin and Linda Fewell
Chris Klockau, for Keith Klockau

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the April 20, 2021, Council Meeting

·**ILC's Payroll Protection Plan 2021 loan application/PPP 2020 loan forgiveness** – Kathy Linder advised that the 2020 PPP loan forgiveness papers were submitted, have been approved, and the loan has officially been forgiven. The 2021 loan application for \$29,345.00 has been given to United Missouri Bank (UMB) who will review and submit the papers to the Small Business Administration (SBA).

·**ELCA Open Door Program** – Open Door is a new ELCA grant program to help implement ministry ideas targeted at meeting new people during the post COVID time of re-gathering in physical spaces. Deborah Crawford will lead an idea brainstorming discussion with members of the Welcoming, Stewardship, Steering, Social Ministry, and other appropriate Committees. They will work on submitting a concrete, actionable outreach plan for ILC. If selected we will be eligible for a \$1,500 - \$2,500 grant.

·**Administrative Assistant Hire** – As a result of Ter'Raney accepting a new position Pastor Micah and the Personnel Committee have held interviews for the opening, and formally offered the position to Sunni Battin, who has accepted the offer. There will be a meet Sunni Battin article in an upcoming newsletter.

MAY READINGS



09

FIRST READING ACTS 10:44-48
PSALM PSALM 98
SECOND READING 1 JOHN 5:1-6
GOSPEL JOHN 15:9-17

16

FIRST READING ACTS 1:15-17, 21-26
PSALM PSALM 1
SECOND READING 1 JOHN 5:9-13
GOSPEL JOHN 17:6-19

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FIRST READING ACTS 2:1-21
PSALM PSALM 104:24-34, 35B
SECOND READING ROMANS 8:22-27
GOSPEL JOHN 15:26-27; 16:4B-15

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FIRST READING ISAIAH 6:1-8
PSALM PSALM 29
SECOND READING ROMANS 8:12-17
GOSPEL JOHN 3:1-17

MAY

WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

09

Assisting Minister: Dottie Keough

Psalmist: Jeff Fox

Media Team: Milan Hanson

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Assisting Minister: Melodee Blobaum

Psalmist: Beth Callstrom

Media Team: Tori & Jack Friedrich

23

Assisting Minister: Beth Callstrom

Psalmist: John Anderson

Media Team: Unfilled

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Assisting Minister: Connie Ross

Psalmist: Linda Fox

Media Team: Milan Hanson

UPCOMING WELCA BIBLE STUDIES



1:00 p.m. on Zoom

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

Meeting ID: 514 335 5703

May 5 and May 12:

The Journey of Generations by Violet Cucciniello Little
Pages 20-25 in *gather* Magazine - A Ministry of WELCA

May 26:

The Motherhood of God by Elaine Julian Ramshaw
Pages 10-13 in *gather* Magazine - A Ministry of WELCA

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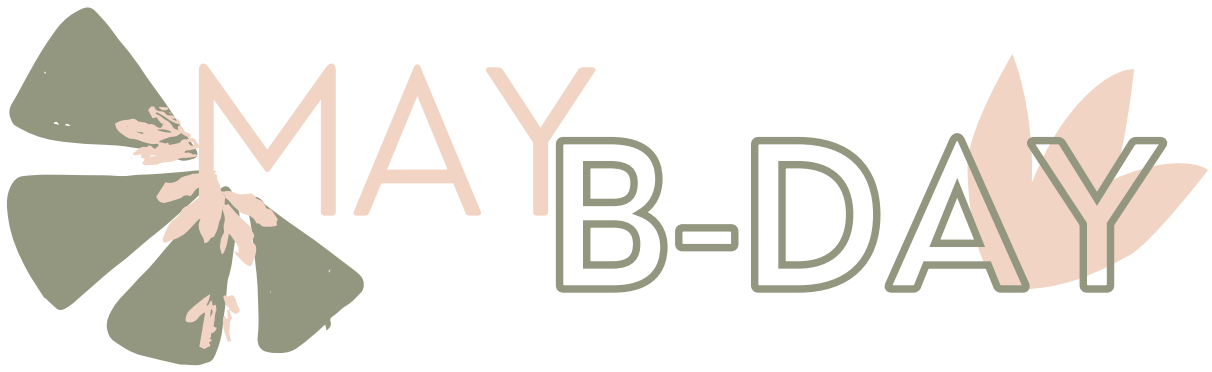
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Can you provide round trip rides to a few members of Immanuel for worship on Sundays? Please contact Pastor Ann at pastorannrundquist@gmail.com



MAY CALENDAR

7 P.M. SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE 5/6
7 P.M. HAPPY HOUR 5/6
7 P.M. OA-KC 5/6
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP 5/9
10 A.M. BIBLE STUDY 5/9
12 P.M. WORSHIP 5/9
3 P.M. OA-KC 5/9
10 A.M. COFFEE & CONVERSATION 5/11
7:15 P.M. STEERING COMMITTEE 5/11
7 P.M. HAPPY HOUR 5/13
7 P.M. OA-KC 5/13
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP 5/16
10 A.M. BIBLE STUDY 5/16
12 P.M. WORSHIP 5/16
3PM OA-KC 5/16
10AM COFFEE & CONVERSATION 5/18
7PM COUNCIL MEETING 5/18
7PM HAPPY HOUR 5/20
7PM OA-KC 5/20
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP 5/23
10 A.M. BIBLE STUDY 5/23
12 P.M. WORSHIP 5/23
3PM OA-KC 5/23
10AM COFFEE & CONVERSATION 5/25
7PM PERSONNEL COMMITTEE 5/25
7PM HAPPY HOUR 5/27
7PM OA-KC 5/27
7PM THEOLOGY ON TAP 5/27
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP 5/30
10 A.M. BIBLE STUDY 5/30
12 P.M. WORSHIP 5/30
3 P.M. OA-KC 5/30



MAY B-DAY

ROBERT SETTERBURG 5/1

MADDIE WILCOX 5/2

TAYLOR REID 5/3

ANDREE BAUMANN 5/5

MATTHEW BECKMANN 5/6

AMANDA RASH 5/8

LISA SCHLEHUBER 5/8

NEIL JOHNSON 5/10

RILEY FREIJE-KENNEDY 5/11

CAROLYN WILSON 5/11

MICHAEL FRIEDRICH 5/14

ANNA FREIJE 5/23

CAMRYN GOSSICK 5/23

RYAN GOSSICK 5/23

MILAN HANSON 5/23

ALEX HASTINGS 5/24

PEGGY HIMEBAUGH 5/25

CHRIS ROTH 5/25

BEATRICE WU 5/26

KATHY ELLERBECK 5/27

LUKE HASTINGS 5/30

MEREDITH MAJERLE 5/31

JEFF WINKER 5/15

TAYLOR MCCOY 5/16

EMILY PARSONS 5/16

PAM EDVALDS 5/17

DARREN MCCARTER 5/17

SOREN RADKE 5/17

PARKER WINKLER 5/19

AUGUST ATZENWEILER 5/20

CANDY THOMPSON 5/20

BRICE BOEHMER 5/21

KENNETH BECKMANN 5/23



Happy Birthday





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