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People of God,

There is a lot of hate in the world.

I've been disturbed to see antisemitism becoming more mainstream, from talking heads on TV to prominent celebrities repeating centuries-old lies about Jewish people. I've been disturbed to see the LGBTQIA+ community being targeted, having their rights stripped away and exposing them to even more violence. I've been disturbed to see that communities demanding something be done about the systemic racism in our criminal justice system being met with few alternatives beyond giving even more funding to police and prisons.

It grieves me that so much of this hate has found a home in Christianity. It's the most readily visible face of the Church in the world, and rather than serving as a witness to God's boundless grace, what people see and experience is movement that gives a voice to bigotry of all kinds.

But it doesn't have to be that way. We are the Church, and rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ, we can live our faith in ways that give no room for hate. We can stand in solidarity with the disenfranchised. We can protect the vulnerable from violence and exclusion. We can see Christ in the face of all the marginalized, and love them as Christ loves us.

It can be difficult work, at times even dangerous. But in times such as these, with hate growing more public and more vicious, we are called to love the world as Christ does.

In Peace,

Pastor Micah Sievenpiper



NOVEMBER ADULT FORUM

November 6th - Martin Luther Trivia to continue the celebration of Reformation Sunday. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite stories about Luther and the reformation.

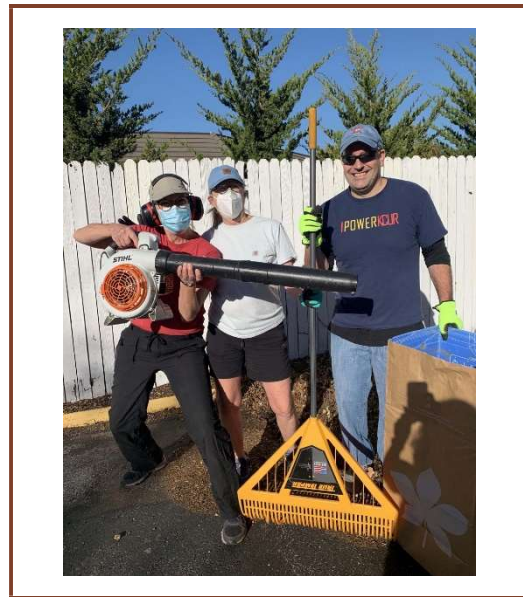
November 13th - Central States Bishop Susan Candeia will lead our program

November 20th - Immanuel's Prayer Team will lead a discussion about spiritual practices during the Advent season

November 27th - A study of the days lectionary passages lead by Don Arney

Adult Forum begins 15 minutes after Sunday worship in Spong Common Room.

Fall Spruce-Up Day





Immanuel's Stewardship Committee hosted another successful Spruce-Up Day on Saturday, October 22 as part of the "Growing in Gratitude" fall commitment campaign.

Immanuel volunteers brought their gardening gear and spent the morning trimming bushes, pulling weeds, raking, clearing the parking lot, and getting the grounds ready for winter. Fresh pots of mums outside the entrances now add color for the remaining days of fall.

Thanks to CeCe Atherton, Kate Hauber, Jessie Laughridge, Mary Jo Moore, Pastor Micah Sievenpiper, Mike Werner, Carolyn Wilson and Heather Winker for the hard work.

SHARE THE BLESSING OF CHRISTMAS: DONATE TO 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. 4-10** — that's just a few short weeks away!

With other Lutheran congregations, we have the opportunity to share the blessings of Christmas by donating some of the most-needed gift items. The store especially needs:

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

Kindly add one or more of those items, or other items from the Christmas Store Wish List, to your holiday shopping list.

During November and early December, place your purchases under or around the Christmas tree, which you'll find in elevator lobby between the sanctuary and Luther Hall. The tree will be decorated with special ornaments that list most-needed items on the Christmas Store wish list. Please take an ornament or two as a shopping reminder.

If in-person shopping isn't convenient for you, go to <https://mlmkc.org/event/christmas-store/> to make a donation, and a volunteer will do that shopping for you.

Along with Christmas gifts, the Christmas Store also needs the gift of your time. For information about the various ways you can help the Christmas Store week, contact Rebecka, rebeckanoel@mlmkc.org or 816-285-3154.

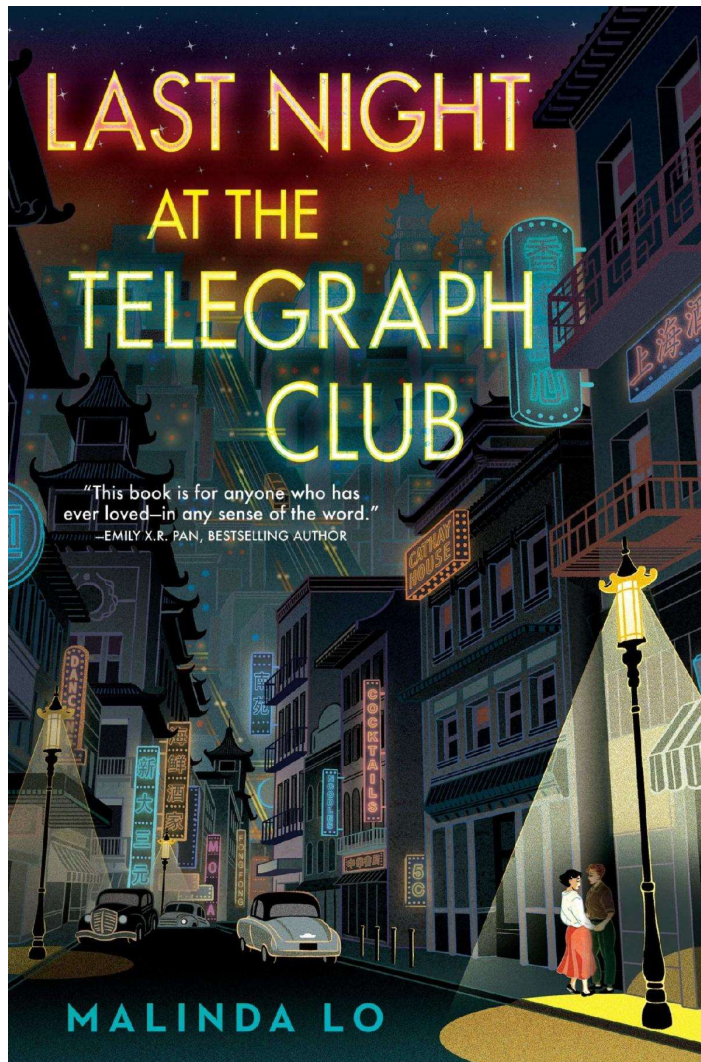
To sign up as a volunteer, [click here!](#)

Thank you for generously sharing the spirit of Christmas!

MLM Christmas Store
Wish List

<p>Clothes <i>Infants/Toddlers</i> Sleepers Two-piece sets (tops/bottoms) Undershirts <i>Girls/Boys/Men/Women</i> Jeans, Leggings, Sweats, Hoodies, Sweaters, Pajamas, Socks, Underwear</p>	<p>Toys <i>Infants/Toddlers</i> Teethers Baby Toys <i>Girls/Boys</i> Legos, Action Figures, Baby Dolls, Barbie Dolls, Sports Balls, Arts & Crafts Items, Hot Wheels, Play Doh</p>	<p>Appliances Electric Skillets, Electric Grills, Crockpots (4 qt. or more), Toaster Ovens, Coffee Makers, Blenders</p>
<p>Blankets King, Queen, Full, Twin</p>	<p>Gifts for Her <i>Teens and Women</i> \$25 Value Jewelry, Perfume, Watches, Makeup Sets, Manicure Sets, Makeup Mirrors, Hair Tools, Books, Electronic Games, Art & Craft Sets, Lotions</p>	<p>Gifts for Him <i>Teens and Men</i> \$25 Value Billfolds, Watches, Cologne, Electric Razors, Shaving Kits, Books, Electronic Games, Tools, Sports Gear, Royals/Chiefs Items</p>
<p>Housewares Dish Sets, Silverware Sets, Pots & Pans, Cookie Sheets, Bath Towel Sets, Electric Can Openers, Handheld Vacuums, Sheet Sets (all sizes, Kitchen Utensil Sets, Storage Containers</p>	<p>Tins of Treats Packages of 1 dozen, 2 dozen or 3 dozen</p>	<p>Outerwear Hats, Gloves, Mittens, Ski Gloves, Earmuffs, Scarves</p>
<p>Coats Toddler, Boys/Girls, Men/Women, Plus Sizes</p>	<p>Games/Books Family Board Games, Children's Games, Puzzles, Books</p>	<p>Let Our Elves Shop for You Your tax-deductible donation will be used to buy most- needed gifts</p>

NOVEMBER FRIENDS OF LITERATURE MEETS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH



Friends of Literature will be lead by Melodee Bloebaum, and hosted by Jack Landis, in *Spong Common Room* at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome, even if you have not read the book.

Seventeen-year-old Lily Hu can't remember exactly when the feeling took root—that desire to look, to move closer, to touch. Whenever it started growing, it definitely bloomed the moment she and Kathleen Miller walked under the flashing neon sign of a lesbian bar called the Telegraph Club. Suddenly everything seemed possible.

But America in 1954 is not a safe place for two girls to fall in love, especially not in Chinatown. Red-Scare paranoia threatens everyone, including Chinese Americans like Lily. With deportation looming over her father—despite his hard-won citizenship—Lily and Kath risk everything to let their love see the light of day.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
COMMITMENT SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
and
POTLUCK LUNCHEON
November 20, 2022**



The Stewardship Committee will be concluding the "Growing in Gratitude" campaign in support of Immanuel's annual operating budget on Commitment Sunday, November 20. Following worship, we will gather the "gratitude chains" and decorate Luther Hall in anticipation of the potluck luncheon. During this fellowship event, we will enter a time of celebration, to give thanks to God and to one another for all the beautiful and wonderful things we experience from one another. We'll celebrate all those things we notice; we'll celebrate those things that we're grateful for but take for granted, and we'll give thanks for the good things that God is calling us to do. So, mark your calendar, keep adding to your "gratitude chain", and plan for what dish you want to share at the potluck. It will be good to gather in person again!

"When the peace of Christ rules in our hearts, thankfulness overflows. Even in the darkest of times we can praise God for his love, his sovereignty, and his promise to be near us when we call." Psalm 145:18

The Stewardship Team: Mary Jo Moore and Heather Winker, Co-Chairs; CeCe Atherton, Linda Fox, Jessie Laughridge, and Pastor Micah Sievenpiper



**KNOW ABOUT
AN
UPCOMING
SOCIAL
JUSTICE
EVENT?**

**HELP US
SPREAD THE
WORD.**



From the **Committee for Justice and Peace**:

We know that the members of Immanuel have a heart for service, and that many of you care deeply about a wide range of social and justice issues.

If you are like us, sometimes you hear about an upcoming event that doesn't interest you personally. You don't know who might be interested, and maybe you wonder who to forward that email to. Wonder no more!

The **Committee for Justice and Peace** wants to share information with Immanuel members about opportunities in the Kansas City area that come to our attention. This does not mean that we have identified them as an issue Immanuel as a congregation is supporting or actively working on. We are simply providing information for members who might be interested.

So forward that email or hand that flier to Linda Fox (*or any committee member*), and keep an eye on the Weekly Announcements. Committee members are **Don Arney, Linda Fox, Rebecca Blocksome, and Vicki Swanson**.



Although the mask mandate at Immanuel has been lifted, we still encourage attendees to mask up as we head into cold & flu season, combined with an ongoing pandemic. Church Council will continue to monitor local conditions as we move forward.



Immanuel's Sunday School will be meeting every Sunday after services in the Gathering Space for any students who would like to join in.

Please see Elizabeth Hastings, Jeri Blaske-Yungeberg, or Tori Friedrich if you have any questions or are interested in helping.

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS AND WORSHIP LEADERS

November 6

First Reading: Job 19:23-27a
Psalmody: Psalm 17:1-9
Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Presiding Minister: Rev. Micah Sievenpiper
Assisting Minister: Vicki Swanson
Lay Reader: Linda Taylor
Crucifer: Ingrid Peterson
Communion Steward: Linda Fox
Altar Committee: Karen Bame, Heather Winkler
Organist: Robert Barthel
Media: Rick Wilcox
Ushers: Pam Edvalds, Mike Ortmann, Jean Nuernberger, Del Karneier

November 13

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalmody: Psalm 98
Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Presiding Minister: Rev. Micah Sievenpiper
Assisting Minister: Jeff Fox
Lay Reader: Linda Fox
Crucifer: BJ Laven
Communion Steward: Kathy Linder
Altar Committee: Karen Bame, Heather Winkler
Organist: Robert Barthel
Media: Jack & Tori Friedrich
Ushers: Kate Hauber, Tracy & Cece Atherton

November 20

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalmody: Psalm 46
Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20
Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

Presiding Minister: Rev. Micah Sievenpiper
Assisting Minister: John Anderson
Lay Reader: Jessie Laughridge
Crucifer: Milan Hanson
Communion Steward: Linda Taylor
Altar Committee: Karen Bame, Heather Winkler
Organist: Robert Barthel
Media: Linda Fox
Ushers: Chris Roth, Milan Hanson, Bob Hylan

November 27

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalmody: Psalm 122
Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14
Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Presiding Minister: Dcn. Dave Mareske
Assisting Minister: Karen Bame
Lay Reader: Connie Ross
Crucifer: NONE
Communion Steward: Melodee Blobaum
Altar Committee: Karen Bame, Heather Winkler
Organist: Robert Barthel
Media: Milan Hanson
Ushers: Marc Winkler, Patti Winkler, Randy Callstrom

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

Saturday, October 29

8:30 a.m. Altar Guild

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

Sunday, October 30

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

9:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Coffee/ Refreshments, Luther Hall

10:45 a.m. Adult Forum, Spong

3 p.m. OA-KC, Gathering Space

Monday, October 31

12 p.m. Trumpet Practice, Sanctuary

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

Tuesday, November 1

5 p.m. Soundwave, Gathering Space

6 p.m. Scandinavian Dancers, Luther Hall

Wednesday, November 2

Thursday, November 3

7 p.m. OA-KC, Gathering Space

7 p.m. Social Ministries, Zoom

Friday, November 4

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



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.

MORE NEWS TO USE



FALL BACK

Daylight savings time in Missouri will end at 2 a.m. on Nov. 6 this year. Set your clocks back 1 hour!



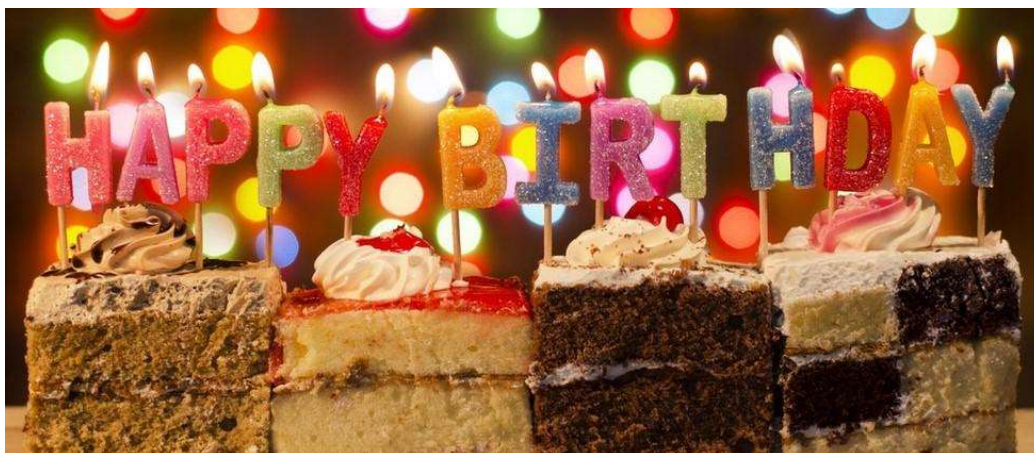
OFFICE CLOSED

The Immanuel office will be closed Friday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day, and Thursday-Friday, Nov. 24-25, for Thanksgiving.



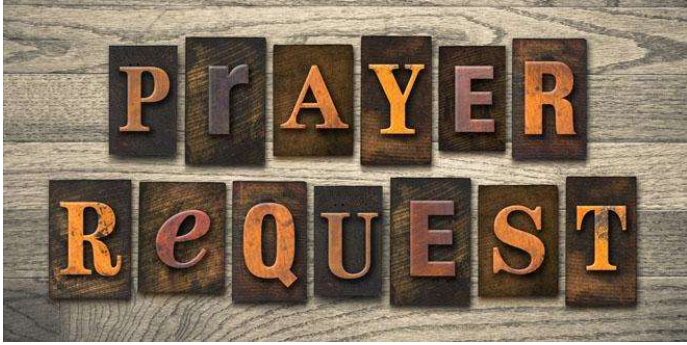
SOCIAL MEDIA

Like and follow Immanuel's Facebook page to see and share information about Immanuel and the KC community!



Mason Carey 11/1
Sadie Velasco 11/1
Daniel Prem 11/2
Eleanor McCarter 11/3
Kerri Noland-Gear 11/3
Carmen Norris 11/3
Andi Tomlin 11/3
Katie Werner 11/4
Erin Hauber 11/5
Mac Bertsch 11/8
Debra Lynn 11/10
Grace Park 11/12
Gretchen Bishop 11/14
Matthew Prem 11/14

Brenna Myers 11/19
Patti Winkler 11/19
Connie Benolkin 11/20
Anke Hirsekorn 11/20
John Anderson 11/21
Soren Thomsen 11/21
Bill Moore 11/22
Matthew Gear 11/23
Ed Ellerbeck 11/26
Kelly Kennedy 11/27
Robert Tomlin 11/27
Lee Craig 11/29
Donna Roth 11/29
Kayla Carey 11/30



Members of Immanuel

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Rick Crawford,
Andree Cuthbertson,
Pat Durie,
Kevin Fewell,
Peg Himebaugh,
Naomi Karmeier,
Family and Friends of Dottie Keough,
Terry Kueker,
Carmen Norris,
Ellen Parson,
Carol Powers,
Deanne Schlehuber,
EB Walker & Carolyn Wilson**

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.

Friends of Immanuel

Cheri Hernandez, niece of Carmen Norris
Karen Brooks, sister of Beth Callstrom
Baby Cruz and the Brown Family, family of Jean Nuernberger
James, Jim and Ethel Clanin, family of Lori Clanin
Darlene Henninger, aunt of Catie Tomlin
Normajean Holtje, cousin of Mike Ortmann
Betty Ladwig, mother of Kate Hauber and Cece Atherton
Angela Lingle, aunt of Tori Friedrich
Steve Lucht, friend of Bill and Mary Jo Moore
Dale & Kay Mowbray, friends of Deanne Schlehuber
Nancy's mother and sister, friends of Linda Setterburg
Patrick, friend of Melodee Blobaum's family
Beth Shepard, sister of Patti Winkler
Janet & Randy Spicer, friends of Mary Lynn Coleman-Renoe
Pam Staggs, sister of Connie Ross
Family & Friends of Donald Vought, father of Donna Roth
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