

# PARISH NEWS



*“Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.”*  
-Dietrich Bonhoeffer (attributed)

Beloved Siblings in Christ, There’s a reason Dietrich Bonhoeffer is venerated as a hero among modern Lutherans. It’s not just that his reflections on theology and discipleship were insightful, or that he had the courage of his convictions, standing against the Nazi regime until it cost him his life—we venerate Bonhoeffer because we recognize that unlike so many of his peers and contemporaries, he resisted the rise and the reign of fascism in his homeland. We tell stories of Bonhoeffer’s courage in a way we don’t tell stories about so many other Lutherans’ silence. We don’t grapple with how many Lutherans were sympathetic to the weaponized nostalgia and dehumanizing agenda of an ascendant fascist movement., and like the old saying goes, those who don’t learn from history are doomed to repeat it. Today, we find ourselves at a precipice, like Bonhoeffer, faced with the very real threat of ascendant fascism.

Initially, that might sound like an unfair exaggeration. Dropping the f-word into a parish newsletter sounds like just more self-defeating partisan name calling. Yet I believe that as a called and ordained pastor in Christ’s church, I am called to name honestly the evil present in our world.

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**PASTOR'S BOOKSHELF:**  
*THE BROKEN KINGDOMS*  
NK JEMISIN

We are members of a church that is called to speak the truth in love, but generally speaking, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has been reluctant to wade into political conversations. That's especially true when conversations such as these threaten to grow contentious. I think in part, our trepidation stems from the wide range of diverse political viewpoints found in any given congregation, Immanuel included. This diversity of opinion is a gift, and I treasure the wealth of different voices that make up the chorus of the Church, but like Bonhoeffer understood, there are some things that we are called to stand against.

We cannot stay silent when our country once more builds concentration camps, places where families are torn apart, where children are ripped from the arms of their parents and given up for adoption as their parents are deported, places where women have their wombs taken from their bodies without warning or consent, places where assault and abuse are common, places where innocent human beings have their most basic dignity stripped from them. These are textbook acts of genocide, and the church cannot stand quietly on the sidelines and just let it happen.

We cannot stay silent when our BIPOC (black, indigenous, and people of color) siblings are murdered in droves, and their killers are not held to account. Breonna Taylor's story has captured national attention because how brazen the injustice is; she was killed by police as she slept in her own home, and those who killed her were not charged with any crimes, except for one officer who missed. More justice was granted to those whose windows were broken by reckless gunfire than was granted to the woman whose life was taken by state violence. Breonna's story is tragic, but it is far from unique. How long must this endure, before we refuse to stand idle any longer? We are called to love our neighbor as ourselves, and we can't do that if we ignore the suffering of those who have been forced to the margins.

We cannot stay silent when the man who occupies the office of the presidency refuses to commit to a peaceful transition of power. We cannot stay silent as unidentified militarized troops abduct and abuse our fellow human beings. We cannot stay silent while the runaway escalation of hate crimes is welcomed by civic leaders, and acts of violence by armed vigilantes against non-violent protesters is treated like an act of heroism, rather than domestic terrorism rooted in white supremacy. We cannot stay silent as our nation welcomes fascism with open arms.

As uncomfortable as it might be, the church is called to act. We are called to dispel the myth that we must return to the past in order to be great, especially when the supposed greatness of our past was built on the exploitation and suffering of our fellow human beings. We are called to challenge and resist the narrative that people who are not white are inferior or dangerous— a narrative that denies the image of God in the face of our neighbor. We are called to join with the oppressed when those in power seek to silence the vulnerable, to keep their voices from being heard by stripping them of their vote, or by excluding them from a census, or by systems of state violence. We are called by Christ to welcome the stranger, care for the refugee, love those who are incarcerated, and work towards peace in every place. In short, beloved siblings in Christ, we are called to raise our voices as one and denounce the rise of fascism.

I don't write these words lightly, nor do I intend them to sow division or to shut down conversation. If my words upset you, or you disagree with them, please approach me, and let me know where you think I've erred. We must be willing to have hard, uncomfortable conversations, because I believe we cannot stay silent any longer. If we are to be faithful to our baptismal vocation, then we must find our courage to care for others and the world God has made, to work towards justice and peace in this and every place, like Dietrich Bonhoeffer did. We must be bold for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that promises abundant life not to a certain few, but to all people.

In Peace,  
Pastor Micah Sievenpiper

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## HOLY COMMUNION AT IMMANUEL

Starting this month, we will offer service of Holy Communion at Immanuel's back parking lot. Group sizes will need to be limited, to allow for distance between us, so please sign up for a spot ahead of time by clicking this link: <https://reopen.church/r/sRh0T9QI>.

We're doing our best to mitigate the risk of gathering, and when we come together in these days of pandemic, there is a risk of spreading COVID-19. To help us limit that risk, we ask that you to keep the following in mind:

- Please do not attend if you:
  - have tested positive for COVID-19, and have had any symptoms within the last 14 days
  - have had COVID-like symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, etc.) within the last 72 hours
  - have had close contact with someone who has tested positive within the last 14 days
- Masks must be worn over your nose and mouth
- Please practice physical distancing, keeping 10 feet of separation from other people (aside from family members)
- Please practice safe hygiene while among other people (e.g., coughing and sneezing into your elbow)
- Bathrooms will not be available for use, as the church building will not be open
- Please do not attend if you have not registered.

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# IN OUR PRAYERS...

## Members of Immanuel

**Larry Taylor**, experiencing health issues.

**Himebaugh Family**, on the death of Doug Himebaugh.

**Bowden Family**, on the death of Martha Bowden.

**Schulze Family**, on the death of Mike Schulze.

**Joe and Lori Clanin**, whose home caught fire when a power line fell on the roof following a recent windy storm. They are OK and are temporarily staying in a hotel while the search for a temporary residence continues. The plan is to rebuild/repair their damaged home, which will take months. To learn about when and how to help the Clanins, contact Pastor Ann, [pastorannrundquist@gmail.com](mailto:pastorannrundquist@gmail.com).

**Dave and Ingrid Peterson and family**, on the death of Dave's mom. Grieving hearts are thankful for her generous life on earth.

**Karole Jacobsen**, following retinal replacement surgery.

**Pam Edvalds**, recovering from a broken leg.

**Rev. Keith Klokau, Gretchen Bishop, Andree Cuthbertson, Theresa Draper, Ann Erickson, De Pfofner, Naomi Karmeier, Gerry Niewald, Deanne Schlehuder, Jackie Turner and Carolyn Wilson**, coping with health issues.

## Friends of Immanuel

**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

**Eleanor Daniels**, daughter of Clay & Martha Bowden

**Julia Mills**, niece of CeCe & Tracy Atherton

**Rock Westfahl**, friend of Kevin & Linda Fewell

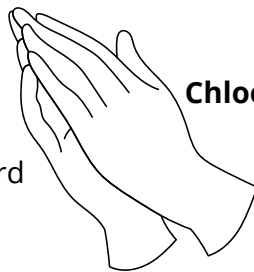
**Janet & Randy Spicer**, friends of Mary Coleman Renoe

**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



**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

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**Allan Boardman**, friend of Kevin and Linda Fewell

**Lois Blobaum**, Melodee Blobaum's mother-in-law

**Vaughn Pittz**, friend of Mike and Janie Fee

**Pastor Chris Nietubicz**, friend of Mike and Janie Fee

**Mike Finn**, family of Mary Jo Moore

**Kerrington Jones**, family of Mary Jo Moore

# From the President

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Dear Immanuel:

I decided it's time to answer the question we on Council hear from time to time: what's Council up to these days? If there is one thing that has become readily apparent during these challenging times, it's the need for regular, on-going communication.

And, while all of us long for the communication that occurs when we are physically present with each other, COVID-19 continue to wreak havoc in our lives, including church. So, we make do with email, postal mail, telephone, on-line meetings, and social media platforms like Facebook and YouTube.

No one was prepared for this pandemic, which upended our normal routines, forcing people indoors and isolated from one another. It has been a difficult adjustment, especially for individuals losing their livelihoods, working families with young and school-age children, and for the elderly living in senior communities and cut off from their loved ones. The disparities between the "have and have nots" have become even more renounced, especially for African Americans, Latinx and Native Americans in addition to underserved communities such as individuals in correctional facilities, rural and immigrant populations, people with disabilities and individuals experiencing homelessness. Into this existing angst add long-standing racial injustice toward African Americans, civil unrest, severe weather in parts of the country, voter suppression efforts, and foreign interference in our upcoming presidential election, to name a few. It's no wonder we can't help but think the world is coming to an end.

On a Saturday morning in late August, the Council met via Zoom to look at Church (capital C) trends and characteristics of churches that have lasting impact. We asked, "what does this mean for Immanuel?"

Here are some take-aways from our review of church membership and growth literature.

- Our culture makes it hard for people to imagine and be led by God.
- Nearly 7 of 10 people find meaning, purpose, identity, and community through their families, not their churches.
- The shift from facility-based to home-based ministry begs question of what it means to be church in 2020 and beyond...what is the “new” church?
- Even when it is safe to return to in-person worship, not everyone will return. A robust digital presence will be critical for those preferring to remain at home and non-members watching from afar.
- Growing churches are reaching unchurched people and also have been picking up Christians from other churches; church consolidation is increasing.
- For smaller and midsize churches to survive, they must focus on their local communities and the people they love and want to reach.
- While God’s mission is sacred and will never change, the methods used in ministry will have to; agility is key quality for church leaders.

The Council shared their hopes and dreams for Immanuel and ideas for moving our church forward. We committed to adopting a more proactive approach, looking at new and/or different ways of doing ministry, and encouraging innovation and experimentation. This includes becoming nimble, moving quickly to seize opportunities to do God’s work with other local or virtual churches. As a people passionate about people God cares about who are outside our walls, we want to become a highly valued resource in our neighborhoods of West Plaza and Volker as well as the larger community.

Importantly, we agreed to expand our reach by providing a more robust digital presence than our current capability allows. This will not be an inexpensive undertaking so expect to hear more about that in future communications. Lastly, we began discussions about our annual congregation meeting next February. Since we may not be able to gather in-person, we must prepare for something different.

Stay tuned.

Change is never easy and some people, some institutions adapt better than others. We want Immanuel to be in the “better” group. The good news is our giving, while missing in-person donations, is keeping pace and we have not dipped into our endowment trust funds yet this year.

Thank you for your steadfast commitment to the life and mission of Immanuel!

In God’s Service,  
Mary Jo Moore



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

## Highlights of the September 15, 2020, Council Meeting

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- Reopening Update – The Advisory Committee will be meeting following the Council meeting focusing on how to do in-person communion. The goal is to have a process in place by the end of the month. They are also working towards finalizing a 3-phase reopening plan.
- Live Streaming YouTube Services – You may have noticed several new additions to the September 13th service. Many of these were suggestions from the congregation. Work continues on exploring ways to enhance the technical capabilities of the on-line service.
- If you drive by the church you will notice new “All Are Welcome” banners that the Welcoming and Hospitality Committee purchased. Included on the banners are our web-site and YouTube Service information. They are visible along Westport Road and Bell Street.
- Takeaways from the August 29th Leadership Retreat Include –
  - Become more nimble, make decisions quickly, and following the Steering Committee’s work and congregational approval investigate restructuring opportunities for the Council and various committees.
  - Address making communion happen and opening the church to small groups once the Advisory Committee has made its recommendations.
  - Finding ways to work with others, including inter-denominational sharing, to minister to people outside our walls.
  - Provide a more robust digital presence on-line and live You Tube.

As you can see from the highlights above work has already begun on many of the items.

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# October WEEKLY READINGS

## OCTOBER 4

**FIRST READING** ISAIAH 5:1-7  
**PSALM** PSALM 80:7-15  
**SECOND READING** PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14  
**GOSPEL** MATTHEW 21:33-46

## OCTOBER 11

**FIRST READING** ISAIAH 25:1-9  
**PSALM** PSALM 23  
**SECOND READING** PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9  
**GOSPEL** MATTHEW 22:1-14

## OCTOBER 18

**FIRST READING** ISAIAH 45:1-7  
**PSALM** PSALM 96:1-9 [10-13]  
**SECOND READING** 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10  
**GOSPEL** MATTHEW 22:15-22

## OCTOBER 25

**FIRST READING** LEVITICUS 19:1-2, 15-18  
**PSALM** PSALM 1  
**SECOND READING** 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8  
**GOSPEL** MATTHEW 22:34-46



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**DEBORAH CRAWFORD AND MIKE BOEHMER ALONG WITH THE NEW WELCOMING BANNER THAT WAS INSTALLED BY THE WELCOMING AND HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE.**

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## **VIRTUAL HYMN CHOIR**

### **Do you like to sing hymns?**

Are you looking for a way to contribute to Sunday morning worship services in this time of social distancing? I am looking for more people to contribute to weekly Virtual Hymn Choirs. You do not need to be a regular member of the Immanuel Choir to sing!

If you are interested, you will need the following:

1. A willing spirit, a voice and the ability to sing rhythmically.
2. Wired headphones (even earbuds work well) and a device - phone, tablet, computer, etc. - to listen to a guide track on
3. Another device to record with

If you are at all interested, I would urge you to give it a try! For more information and instructions, please contact Suzanne Anderson at [suzanneandersonilc@gmail.com](mailto:suzanneandersonilc@gmail.com)

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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

All Immanuel Sunday School age children have been given a bible to use at home as we continue to worship remotely. We are also mailing weekly "Faith Together at Home" devotions and activities to each Sunday School and Confirmation family. Each activity page includes a ritual, reading and talking about a Bible story or verse, an activity, a service idea, and a prayer. Our hope is that these "off screen" materials can help nurture our Immanuel families at this challenging time. We will also resume an "Alleluia" singing time, starting in October, after the online service. Those serving our Immanuel Sunday school are Jeri Blaske-Yungeberg & Elizabeth Hastings (2s-Pre-K), Ellen Parson & Tori Friedrich (K-3rd), Michael Hamlin (4th-6th), Megan Sawyer (Alleluia) and Suzanne Steffen.

# 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, Lori Kueker or Gretchen Bishop

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE 2020

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### Greeting Card Sale

Handmade cards featuring artwork provided by our Sunday School students.

**Pack of 5 cards/\$10.**

Contact: Janie Fee 816-444-5492

Linda Fewell 816-868-0713

More info on page

### CROP Hunger Walk Sign Up

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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

**THIS YEAR'S  
WALK IS A  
VIRTUAL EVENT**



### MLM Christmas Store

As details regarding plans for this year's MLM Christmas Store can be found on the following page and your weekly announcements.

# MLM CHRISTMAS STORE

It is that time of year again. Time to sign up for the Christmas Store!

**Please read the information below carefully before signing up!**

Due to the pandemic, we have changed the way we are doing Christmas Store. First, the Christmas Store will be held at MLM Central (3031 Holmes, KCMO 64109). Second, Clients will not be shopping for themselves, instead volunteers will shop over the month of November and clients will pick up their items December 7th - December 12th.

To ensure that everyone stays safe while volunteering, we will be doing the following: masks will be mandatory, we will have smaller group sizes (every person will count; if you are a family of 2 adults and 3 children, no matter their age, then you will sign up for 5 slots), and we will be social distancing. Also, no meals will be provided this year. Pre-packaged snacks and drinks will be provided. We do have a full kitchen for anyone that is working more than one shift and would like to bring their lunch. There is also a number of restaurants near MLM Central.

The warehouse will be cold, you should dress appropriately. Carrying elves will need to be dressed for being mainly outdoors or in the warehouse near a large open door.

## Volunteer Roles

**Church Drop Off Day Volunteers:** Sunday November 15th, 11:30am - 3:30pm

**Sorting Volunteers:** Monday November 16th - Friday November 20th, 11:30am - 4:30pm

**Shopping Elves:** Various days and times, please see sign up for more details

**Floor/Area Volunteers:** Various days and times, please see sign up for more details

**Carrying Elves:** Monday December 7th – Saturday December 12th (3 different shifts available, please see sign up for more details)

**Pre-Pick Up Sorting Elves:** Monday December 7th - Saturday December 12th (3 different shifts available, please see sign up for more details)

**Inventory and Packing Elves:** Monday, December 14th and Tuesday, December 15th, 11:30am- 4:30pm

**[Click here to sign up](#)** (please read each description and look at the date/times before signing up and remember each individual, no matter their age, counts as a person).

Can't volunteer but would still like to help? **[Click here](#)** to check out our Amazon Wish List. Items will be sent directly to MLM.

Questions? Please contact Rebecka Noel at **[rebeckanoel@mlmkc.org](mailto:rebeckanoel@mlmkc.org)**.

# ILC EVENTS

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CLICK ON EACH HEADING TO DIRECT YOU TO THE EVENT

**9:30 AM  
SUNDAYS**

VIRTUAL SERVICE

**AFTER SUNDAY  
SERVICE**

BIBLE STUDY

**10:00 AM  
TUESDAYS**

COFFEE &  
CONVERSATION

**7:00 PM  
WEDNESDAYS**

BOOK STUDY

**7:00 PM  
THURSDAYS**

HAPPY HOUR

**LAST  
THURSDAYS  
7:00 PM**

THEOLOGY ON TAP



## **The Heart of America (HOA) CROP Hunger Walk is going virtual this year, but that isn't stopping Karen Bame!**

Karen has walked in every HOA CROP Hunger Walk since she moved to Kansas City in 1990, and COVID-19 is not going to stop her from participating in her 31<sup>st</sup> consecutive walk to raise money to feed hungry people!

So, on Saturday, October 10, 2020, at 10 AM, Karen will put on her sneakers and walk until she has gotten at least 10,000 steps on her Fitbit! Because this year will be Karen's 31<sup>st</sup> consecutive year of walking in the HOA CROP Hunger Walk, Immanuel's Social Ministry Committee has set a goal of raising **\$3100!**



### **What is the HOA CROP Hunger Walk?**

*"CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk events held in cities and towns across the United States raising funds to support the global mission of **Church World Service**, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. Twenty five percent of the funds raised are returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts."*

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/kansascitymo/>

The monies raised by the HOA CROP Hunger Walk will be used to fund global projects that include 1) food security and nutrition, 2) water, sanitation and hygiene, 3) refugee protection and resettlement, and 4) disaster preparedness and response. The 25% of funds raised in Kansas City will support agencies like MLM, Shepherd's Center and a Raytown summer lunch program for kids.

### **How can you help Immanuel's HOA CROP Hunger Walk Team meet our 2020 Goal?**

Join the Immanuel CROP Walk Team and raise money as a virtual walker!

- go to the HOA Crop Hunger Walk website: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/kansascitymo/>
- click on Register on the right side of the page
- create your registration and click next
- join the Immanuel Lutheran KC ELCA team
- click the waiver acceptance box and complete the registration.

Donate to Immanuel's Team or to Karen

- go to the HOA Crop Hunger Walk website: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/kansascitymo/>
- click on Donate on the right side of the page
- search for Immanuel Lutheran KC ELCA (team) or Karen Bame (walker).
- follow the instructions to make your donation. Any amount you can donate is welcomed!

If you prefer to write a check, please make it out to CWS/CropWalk and mail it to:

Karen Bame  
6803 Edgevale Rd  
Kansas City, MO 64113



# FEEDING 800



Due to the Coronavirus, our sack lunch packing event has been *postponed*. The Social Ministry Committee will reschedule the event once we get a better sense of when we will be allowed to resume in-person church activities.

In the meantime, consider gathering non-perishable food items that will be included in the sack lunches. The single-serving, packaged items we need include:

- Tuna/chicken kits
- Beef jerky sticks
- Fruit snacks (cups, strips, or gummies)
- Granola bars
- Crackers or cookies

**Our goal is to include two protein non-perishable food items (marked above) in each sack lunch, in addition to a fruit, granola bar, and cracker/cookie item! We need 800 of each item listed about to meet this goal.**

As you venture out to run essential errands or place your online grocery order, please consider adding at least one of the items listed above to your cart. Thanks in advance for helping us get a jump start on this important ministry!





# MLM NEEDS YOUR HELP

**BETTE, THE CHRISTMAS QUEEN HAS PUT A CALL OUT FOR BOXES.  
THE SIZES SHE IS LOOKING FOR ARE:**

- Copy paper boxes **with** lids
- 16" x 20" x 20"
- 22" x 16" x 15" (medium home depot boxes - not heavy duty)
- 20" x 20" 12"

Even if the measurements are not exact, boxes close to those sizes will work. Boxes can be dropped of at the Central Location:

(3031 Holmes, KCMO 64109)

## ***Want to help out in other ways?***

You can donate items to the Christmas Store by going to our [Amazon Wish List](#). Items are sent directly to us!

Volunteer to help process Christmas Store applications.

[Click here to sign up!](#)



# MLM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

MLM loves its volunteers! We currently have multiple volunteer opportunities available. If you feel comfortable and are not part of the vulnerable population, we would love to have you!

Please see the list below for available opportunities:

**Pre-Christmas Store Volunteering** - Help the MLM staff get ready for the Christmas Store by helping approve applications and/or contacting clients with their Christmas Store appointment time.

[Click here to see available dates and times!](#)



**Garden/Orchard** - MLM has a large garden and orchard that takes a lot of work to maintain! This is a great volunteer opportunity for youth groups, families, or anyone who wants to try their hand at gardening. For more information, contact the program manager, **Marcus Leach at [marcusleach@mlmkc.org](mailto:marcusleach@mlmkc.org)**.

**Pre-Packing Food Boxes** - Every Monday-Friday (8:30am-11am) at the Central Location (3031 Holmes KCMO 64109), volunteers help pre-pack food boxes to handout through our food pantry. You must sign up in advance. For more information or to sign up, email **Rebecka at [rebeckanoel@mlmkc.org](mailto:rebeckanoel@mlmkc.org)**.



# Happy Birthday!

ELLEN PARSON 10/6  
SUZANNE STEFFEN 10/7

JULIA HUNTER 10/8

LISA ERICKSON 10/9

LOUISA GEAR 10/10

JOHN GARDNER 10/11

LAURA MCGREW 10/12

DAVE WAHLGREN 10/14

MADLYN DALBOM 10/15

MARY ARNEY 10/18

JAMES BERRY-TRIPP 10/19

CONNIE ROSS 10/20

MONICA KRUPP 10/21

JENNIFER PFEIFFER 10/23

VICKI ARNDT-HELGESEN 10/24

BOB HYLAND 10/24

MARTIN ROTHE 10/25

GEORGE NELSON 10/26

GENA ATZENWEILER 10/29

LAUREL GIBSON 10/31

NATALIE HYLAND 10/31





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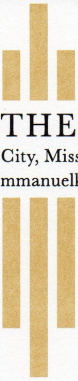
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