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ADULT EDUCATION - Join us each Sunday at 9:00 am. in the Spong Common Room. On January 4th Adult Forum will explore the book Crazy Talk: A Not-so-Stuffy Dictionary of Theological Terms by Rolf A. Jacobson. “Church words” can be serious and insightful without being boring. Jacobson brings his humor and wit along with his knowledge as a Lutheran theologian.

YOU CAN HELP IMMANUEL FULFILL OUR MISSION - The Nominating Committee is looking for individuals willing to serve in a variety of positions that are critical to Immanuel’s ministry. Openings include Council leadership roles, Synod Assembly representatives, and committee positions. We are especially seeking a new Treasurer, as Kathy Linder will be stepping away from that role after five years of dedicated service.

If you are interested in supporting the work of Immanuel, please get in touch with Bonnie Thomas (bonnie.c.thomas33@gmail.com). We have opportunities to serve that can fit a variety of schedules, workloads, and skill sets.

FFF PLEDGE FULFILLEMENT - We have completed or engaged contractors for all projects planned during the Financing a Faithful Future campaign which began in Fall of 2023. When our members generously made their pledges to the FFF campaign, it was with the intent that all pledges would be fulfilled by December 31, 2025. Please strive to take care of any remaining balance by the end of the calendar year. If you pay by check, please indicate FFF in the memo line. If you wish to pay using Tithe.ly, please select Financing a Faithful Future from the drop-down menu when you make your payment.

EVENTS

Sunday, December 28
8:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
9:00 a.m. Sunday School, Gathering Space
9:00 a.m. Adult Forum, Spong Common Room
10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Coffee & refreshments, Spong Common Room
11:00 a.m. Offering Counters, Parish Office Conference Room
3:00 p.m. OA-KC Meeting, Gathering Space

Monday, December 29
No events scheduled

Tuesday, December 30
6:30 p.m. Scandinavian Dancers, Luther Hall

Wednesday, December 31
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Women’s Recovery Network, Gathering Space

Thursday, January 1
Parish Offices Closed
7:00 p.m. OA-KC Meeting, Gathering Space

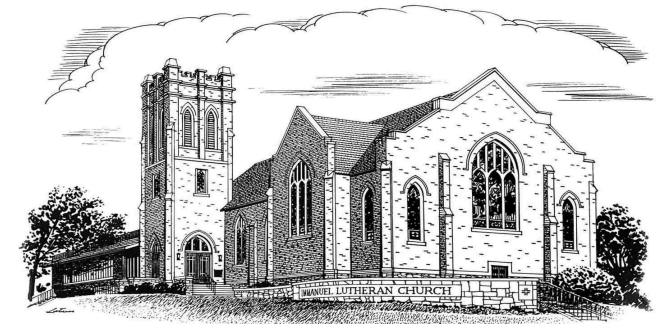
Friday, January 2
No Events Scheduled

Saturday, January 3
9:30 a.m. Shin Ryu Karate, Luther Hall

Join An Event That’s Held Via Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5143355703>
Meeting ID: 514 335 5703
One tap mobile: +13017158592, 5143355703# US

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

WELCOME

WELCOME to worship at Immanuel! If you are looking for a church home, or have questions about Immanuel's life and ministry, please check the brochure in the pew racks, visit Immanuel's website, immanuelkc.org, or contact the church office or the pastor.

WE BELIEVE that God welcomes and loves us all. In turn, we welcome every sinner and seeker of faith — the faithful and not-so-faithful, new Christians and lifelong believers, Lutherans and those from other traditions. We welcome people of every family structure and marital status; every race, culture and ethnicity; every age, and level of physical and mental ability; every sexual orientation and gender identity; every economic status and educational background. **Join us as we grow, share and learn together as God's people.**

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES are welcome in worship. Activity bags are available in the main hallway outside the sanctuary. Please return them after worship.

SUNDAY PARKING is available in the lot immediately west of the building and in the lot one block east across the street from Rudy's restaurant. A small parking area for people with disabilities is located behind the building; enter it from Bell St. or Genesee St. On-street parking also is available.

CONNECT

HELP US WELCOME AND CARE FOR YOU. To receive prayer and/or pastoral care, complete a prayer request card found in the pew racks. Place the card in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

CONNECT WITH US at www.immanuelkc.org or at www.facebook.com/ImmanuelLutheranChurchKC for updates, news about events and more.

PARTICIPATE VIRTUALLY by visiting our YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/immanuelkansascity. Services in the sanctuary are streamed live every Sunday.

PRAY

MEMBERS OF IMMANUEL

Rick Crawford, Andree Cuthbertson, Pat Durie, Pam Edvalds, Milan Hanson, Del Karmeier, Family and Friends of Mike Ortmann, Carol Powers, Deanne Schlehuber, Steve Swanson, EB Walker, Carolyn Wilson.

FRIENDS OF IMMANUEL

Erin Baker, family of Jean Nuernberger
Bruce Bell, friend of the Kueker family
Brad and Dortha Carr, family of Karen Bame
Family and Friends of Martha Cline, mother of Ellen Parson
Lynne Anderson Davies, friend of Immanuel
Mike Driggs, friend of Terry and Lori Kueker
Normajean Holtje, cousin of Mike Ortmann
Ginger Hudson, mother of Tori Friedrich
Jane Kasten, friend of Deanne Schlehuber
Betty Ladwig, mother of Kate Hauber and Cece Atherton
Jan Nuernberger, mother of Jean Nuernberger
Alan Roberts, fiancé of Lisa Erickson
Rhonda Shear, friend of Linda Setterburg
Family and Friends of Robert Sumpter, father of Linda Fox
Allen Tomlin, uncle of Catie Tomlin

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 six months unless you indicate otherwise.

Email ImmanuelKCPrayerTeam@gmail.com to request prayer for someone who does not wish to appear on the public list.

GIVE

Offerings to support the ministry we share are always welcome. If you prefer the convenience of giving online, scan the QR code below:



WORSHIP

SERVING December 28

Presiding Minister: Pastor Micah Sievenpiper
Assisting Minister: Karen Bame
Lay Reader: Linda Taylor
Communion Steward: Rick Sundell
Altar Committee: Karen Bame, Linda Taylor, Libby Hardwick
Ushers: Gretchen Bishop, BJ Laven
Media Team: Linda Fox

First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-9
Second Lesson: Micah 5:2-5
Third Lesson: John 1:1-5, 9-14, 16-17
Fourth Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12
Fifth Lesson: Luke 2:22-40

SERVING January 4

Presiding Minister: Pastor Micah Sievenpiper
Assisting Minister: Linda Taylor
Lay Reader: Connie Ross
Communion Steward: Karen Bame
Altar Committee: Libby Hardwick, Ellen Wilcox
Ushers: Pam Edvalds, Mike Ortmann, Jean Nuernberger, Del Karmeier
Media Team: Rick Wilcox

First reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalmody: Psalm 147:12-20
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel: John 1:[1-9] 10-18

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