

Schedule for the week of April 15-21, 2018. (A complete listing of meetings/events is posted by the church office door. Please check this listing to verify in which room your meeting/event is. Due to conflicting requests, you may not be assigned the room you requested.)

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Brass Rehearsal-Living Room
	10:30 a.m.	Baptism Orientation-Fellowship Hall
Monday	10:00 a.m.	Prayer & Praise-Library
	6:45 p.m.	Holy Commotion-Luther Hall
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study-Bakers Square
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting-Library
	7:00 p.m.	Lydia Circle-Library
	7:00 p.m.	Yoga-Luther Hall
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study-Library
	3:00-6:00 p.m.	Blood Drive
	5:00-9:00 p.m.	Wednesdays @ Immanuel Dinner: Hamburgers
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study-Bakers Square
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting-Room H
	1:30 p.m.	Evangelism Committee-Pr. Paul's Office
	6:00 p.m.	Social Ministry Team-Library
Saturday		Council Retreat
	5:00 p.m.	Worship-Fellowship Hall

Assisting Today:

	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Sunday 9:15 a.m.	Sunday 10:45 a.m.
Acolytes	Sam VanSloun	Thomas Chevalier Porter Hanken	Christian Springer Nora Jacobs	Matthew Holje Jacob Heinzen
Greeters		Beverly Osekowsky	Wes & Kathryn Bonine Susan Peterson	Gail Peterson Peggy Smith
Ushers	Dan Vickmark	Stephen Hanson Barry LaBounty	Gary Hammer Chris Gehrts	Tony Szczepaniak Rich Strosahl
Lectors		Nancy Lenhart	Barbara Link	Ruth Lunde
Healing			Cari Larsen Gary Hammer	Karen Nelson Debbie Anderson
Nursery			Sarah Christopherson	
Welcome Center	Susan Peterson			
Altar Guild	Lisa Anderson/Sally Olson/Nancy Roeber/Tamara Gambino			
Counters	Mark Arvidson/Bill Maes			
Coffee	Wendy & Bryan Wurscher/Lynn & Carol Swanson			
Treats	Jodi Schleyer/Stephanie Vik/Linda Barros			

To preserve the sanctity of our worshipping space, we prefer that you finish your beverages in the atrium, rather than bringing them into the sanctuary. Thank you!

Large-print Bibles available. In the back of the sanctuary we have a few large-print Bibles available for your use.

Straight from the archives three different CDs by Servant Song, Pr. Paul and Pr. Tom, and children's choirs. Now available at the Welcome Center for a suggested donation of \$2.

Immanuel Cross Pendant and Christmas ornament. If you are looking for a gift for moms, graduates, or confirmation, we have some of the cross pendants left as well as a few of the Christmas ornaments. See MaryKay if interested. Pendants are \$30; Ornaments are \$15.



Welcome

April 21 & 22, 2018

Welcome! It is a joy to have you worship with us at Immanuel.

- **Children in Worship:** We welcome and encourage all children to be in worship. Nursery is available for children under age three during all services on Sunday. A room dedicated for nursing mothers is also available in the nursery. Children's Rainbow Activity Bags and Children's Bulletins may be picked up by the west doors of the sanctuary. Please make sure all materials are returned to the bag prior to putting it back on the Rainbow Bag Tree.
- **More information:** Stop by the Welcome Center located in the atrium, use the gold insert and check the appropriate box or go to www.immanuel.us. Please worship with us again.

Immanuel's Values:

- Loving God and one another
- Intentional faith development and expression
- Active service in the community
- Practicing transformative generosity

We ask prayers of comfort, strength, healing, and thanksgiving for:

(Please let us know when you have a prayer request. You can call the pastor or write it on your gold sheet. Your request will be listed for three weeks. Please let us know if you would like to have it listed longer.)

- Joe Ertman, undetermined illness. Prayers for a diagnosis and rapid healing.
- Evy Geitzenauer, hip surgery. Prayers for successful surgery.
- Katie Robertson, friend of Karina Nelson, brain cancer. Prayer for successful treatment.
- For all those dealing with cancer. Prayers for healing and successful treatment.
- Mike Pratt, brother of Paula Wyman, mild stroke and heart issues. Prayers for successful treatment and healing.
- Steve Evangelista, prostate cancer. Prayers for successful chemo treatment.
- Wilbur Gjersvik, lung cancer. Prayers for comfort.
- All seeking employment. Prayers that they find fulfilling and meaningful work.
- Molly Brown, brain cancer. Prayers for healing.
- Abby Farniok, stroke/leukemia. Prayers for healing, comfort and strength.
- Don Sarles, ALS. Prayers for strength and comfort.

Flowers in the church are given today in thanks to God by:

- Gena Gerard in memory of Eugene Gerard.
- Gary Simenson in memory of his father-in-law, Delbert Sandhoefner.

Many opportunities available to donate altar flowers. Donating flowers is a fine way to recognize a special milestone or person in your life and many opportunities are available. Sign up on Immanuel's website; they can help you at the Welcome Center. Cost is \$40 and the flowers are yours to take home after the last service.

We celebrate the baptism of: (Sunday, 9:15 a.m.)

- Joseph Valetine Marback, son of Chelsea & Bryce. Joseph was born on February 3, 2017. His sponsors are Becca & Ryan Kohl. God bless his life journey supported by his parents, sponsors, and church family.

We share the resurrection hope with:

- Gary Simenson and family. Gary's father-in-law, Delbert Sandhoefner, passed away on Saturday, April 7. His service was in Sleepy Eye, MN on Friday, April 13.
- Becky Farniok & family. Becky's mother, Marjorie Erickson, passed away Sunday, April 8. Her service was Friday, April 13 in Pipestone, MN.
- Michelle McKenzie and family. Michelle's mother, Jeanne McKenzie, passed away on Monday, April 16.

SERVICE MINISTRY

Immanuel's next blood drive is Wednesday, April 25 from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Many people in our community with critical illnesses and injuries count on blood donations to survive. You can help. Sign up to donate blood at the Registration desk today OR online at <https://www.mbcherohub.club/index.cfm?group=op> and enter sponsor code 0409 to schedule your donation appointment. Every blood donation makes a difference in someone's life.

11th Annual Bake Sale for World Bicycle Relief. This year's bake sale, brought to you by the Empty Nesters' Faith Group, will be between worship services on Sunday, April 29. World Bicycle Relief was founded in 2005 in response to the Indian Ocean Tsunami. In 2017, WBR distributed 54,687 bicycles in 9 countries, trained 222 mechanics, and changed 273,435 lives. A bicycle costs \$147. Stop by and buy a loaf of bread or a cinnamon roll. For more information about World Bicycle Relief, go to www.worldbicyclerelief.org.

Undie Sunday on Mother's Day. Mom always says, "Put on clean underwear!" New underwear in all sizes and genders is being collected for the Loaves and Fishes St Stephens location for distribution to guests in need. A clean pair of underwear goes a long way in helping people feel better about themselves. Underwear may be brought to church and placed in the collection bin across from Fellowship Hall now through Mother's Day, May 13.

Little Dresses for Africa take home kits are available at the Registration Desk. Sew dresses out of pillowcases at home and return them by August 1. All needed supplies and instructions are included in the kits.

Church Clean-up Volunteers Needed: May 12, 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon. Calling all faith groups, youth groups, other groups, families and individuals! Our church grounds need some cleanup following our loooooong winter. We need your help! Come for as long as you can!

- Equipment: Bring your favorite equipment (i.e. Rakes; trimmers; chain saws; gloves; etc.)
- Immanuel will furnish garbage bags; window cleaning supplies, etc.
- Outside tasks include: cleaning the grounds, preparing perennials, trimming trees and bushes, etc.
- If you're able to, please bring a wheelbarrow
- If you have more questions, please contact Scott Anderson, 952-270-8553.

Stop the Traffick(ing) 5K Walk/Run for Justice – June 9, 2018. Join this collaborative, community-wide event in Eden Prairie to raise awareness about human trafficking. All proceeds from the race will be designated to organizations working to help sexually exploited youth and women. More info and registration www.stopthetraffickingrun.org/.

Visit Lomas de San Isidro with our ministry partner AMEXTRA. A small group of families with teens will be making a visit to Lomas de San Isidro July 7-11. We are open to adding more people to the group! Cost is approximately \$400 per person which covers housing, meals, in country transportation and accompaniment by AMEXTRA staff. Airfare is separate. The main purpose of the trip is to learn about the community we support, Lomas de San Isidro, and to learn about the development work AMEXTRA is doing on our behalf. It would be most appropriate for ages 14 and older. Contact kim@immanuel.us

Disciples' Garden. It will soon be time to prepare our garden for planting! Immanuel volunteers tend a vegetable garden on our property and donate the produce to PROP food shelf so that our neighbors in need have access to fresh, healthy food. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and plant in May and to tend the garden during the summer months. We are looking for people to commit to 1-2 hours once a week or every other week to come and play in the dirt in our garden. Contact kim@immanuel.us.

Taste of Tanzania Tour Feb. 14-23, 2019. Join Kim and Martin Rathjen on a trip to Tanzania to visit Immanuel's Missionaries Dr. Steven and Jodi Swanson. Learn about their life-changing work training people in health care practices, visit other organizations with Lutheran roots working in Arusha, and go on safari to experience God's amazing creation! A \$500 non-refundable deposit is due by July 1, 2018 to hold your spot at the lowest price. Details and registration info is available at www.immanuel.us/adults/kilimanjaro-tanzania or at the Welcome Desk.

Camp Noah. Immanuel will be sending a Camp Noah Team to Chetek, WI the week of June 17-22. Last May Chetek experienced an F3 tornado that stayed on the ground for over 2 hours and 80 miles. Camp Noah is a faith-based day camp for children who have been impacted by natural disaster to help them learn resiliency skills and to aid in the recovery process after a trauma. Team members must be 16 years or older. The cost to join the team is \$225. Contact kim@immanuel.us for registration details.

Onward Eden Prairie Fundraiser. Onward Eden Prairie has partnered with JCI Hopkins and will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction on May 11, 2018 from 6-9 p.m. at Immanuel. All proceeds will go towards the operating costs needed to run this new project. Cost is \$10 per adult, \$7 per child or \$35 per family. If you would like to donate items for the silent auction, please contact Jessica Davis at jesshorn78@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Camp Scholarship Donations needed. Immanuel has over 30 kids registered for Camp Wapo this summer! As our camping ministry grows, so does our need for scholarship funds to assist families financially. Donations of any amount will make a difference. You can send donations to the church office, or text **952-260-5721** with the amount you would like to contribute using the keyword CAMP. Thank you!

ADULT MINISTRY

Spring Potpourri, Adult Faith Formation during April. Wednesday nights 6:15-7:45 p.m. On April 25 the presentation will be Creative Giving with John Urbanski.

Advanced Care Directives. Did you know that our parish nurse, Kari Totall, is certified in Advance Care Planning and Advance Care Directive paperwork is available on the front of the Welcome Center?

Southwest Grief Coalition. The spring session of the Southwest Grief Coalition is being held at Family of Christ in Chanhassen. This session runs from April 9 through May 21 and starts at 5:30 p.m. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center in the atrium.

Yoga series continues Tuesdays, April 24-June 5 at 7:00 p.m. in Luther Hall. Cost for the six-week session is \$45. Drop-ins welcome \$10/class. Come give it a try!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Garage Sale May 5, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. As you start your spring cleaning, save items for the Immanuel Garage Sale! The sale is a great opportunity for Immanuel members to live out our vision statement: "Called to Care. Sent to Serve." as we care for and serve the members of our community. Sign-up online to help sort items. Funds earned at the Garage Sale support our youth attending life-changing faith events and trips!

Donations

- Donation drop off begins on Sunday, April 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Luther Hall. Also, drop items off during office hours Monday-Friday (8 a.m.-5 p.m.)
- Donations that are clean and in good working condition will be accepted.
- Items must be dropped off by 6 p.m. Friday evening (so we have time to organize them).

Items not being received

- Computers, printers, televisions, exercise equipment, car seats, cribs, broken items, hanging lights and non-working electrical appliances.