

**Schedule for the week of July 2-8, 2017.** (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.)

<b>Tuesday</b>		4 <sup>th</sup> of July-Church Office Closed
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study-Bakers Square VBS Training-Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Practice Hike

Assisting Today:

	Sunday 9:15 a.m.	Sunday 10:45 a.m.
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kyle Kirtz/Abby Sailer	Lara Welter/Chloe Thompson
<b>Greeters</b>	Garry & Tina Housker	Gail Peterson
<b>Ushers</b>	Ryan Koepp/Paul Chevalier	Phil Weber/Karilyn Jons/Noah Weber
<b>Lectors</b>	Beverly Osekowsky	Tony Szczepaniak
<b>Communion</b>	Dave & Gay Ludvig	Tony Szczepaniak/Christy Woll
<b>Nursery</b>	Cindy Jacobs	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sharon Peterson/Patti Martens-Carter/Connie Ryski	
<b>Counters</b>	Dan Vickmark/Tom Yoemans	
<b>Coffee</b>	Bev Osekowsky/Bonnie Berndt	

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.

**Immanuel's Boy Scout Troop 347 collects aluminum cans for recycling.** Look for the trailer in the west parking lot and bring your cans to Immanuel for recycling.

**Advertise in Luther's Way.** Our church representative from Liturgical Publications, Inc, is working on setting up the advertising for our newsletter for the upcoming year. We hope that members who have a business will consider sponsoring an ad in the newsletter, since the revenue from the ads is what makes the publication possible at no cost to the church. Also, if you know of any other businesses in the community that would like to support the church, please let them know about this opportunity. Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsor ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations such as emergency pregnancy counseling, the local food shelf, the battered women's shelter, etc. Please give these ideas some thought. We need and appreciate your help!

If you are interested in getting more information, please either call Liturgical Publications (LPi) at 1-800-950-9952 or go to:

[www.4lpi.com/church-bulletin-advertisers/](http://www.4lpi.com/church-bulletin-advertisers/).



# Welcome

July 2, 2017

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

- **Holy Communion:** As we celebrate Holy Communion today, anyone seeking the forgiveness of Christ is welcome to receive the bread and the wine. If you would like the Pastor to bring communion to you, please sit in an aisle seat and let an usher know. We invite every child of God to share in this meal. Everyone who comes forward for communion and holds out their hands will receive the bread and wine. Parents, we encourage you to determine how your child/children can participate in this meal of God's love and grace through your direction and example.
- **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](http://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 your prayers 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 for a longer period of time.)

- Fran Viland, friend of Sharon Peterson, breast cancer. Prayers for comfort and healing.
- Julie Lindstrom, sister-in-law of Connie & Randy Ryski, stage IV lung cancer and brain tumor. Prayers for peace and comfort.
- Harriet Weaver, granddaughter of Kim & Dave Paul, as they celebrate her baptism on June 18.
- Marc Terrass, coronary bypass surgery. Prayers for comfort and healing.
- Tom Adcox, continued prayers for healing, strength and successful rehab from heart attack.
- Tom Frey, friend of Mark Hagen & Sharon Haggard, stomach cancer. Prayers for comfort and healing.
- Molly Brown, brain cancer. Prayers for healing.
- Abby Farniok, leukemia. Prayers for healing, comfort and strength.
- Brad Smith, son of Deloris Smith, cancer. Prayers for successful chemo and healing.
- Don Sarles, ALS. Prayers for strength and comfort.
- AJ, nephew of Vickie Eichman, recovering from serious accident. Prayers for continued healing and recovery.
- Renae Simenson. Prayers for successful cancer treatment.
- For all those seeking employment. Prayers for a successful search.

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

- Lisa Melchior in celebration of David & Gay Ludvig's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**We share the resurrection hope with:**

- Tommy Johnson and family, Tommy's mother, Peg Johnson, passed away Friday, June 23. Her service will be later this summer.

**NEW this summer/Prayerline!** Please visit our Prayerline in the atrium this summer to make a prayer flag, offer a word or prayer, and/or take a prayer flag to keep another in prayer. Let's keep our brothers and sisters at Immanuel (and the wider world!) in prayer during our comings and goings this summer!

## SERVICE MINISTRY

**Our Missionaries, Dr. Steve and Jodi Swanson, will be here on Sunday, July 16!** Steve and Jodi serve as medical missionaries in Arusha, Tanzania and are home in the US on furlough this summer. Immanuel financially supports the work of Steve and Jodi, and our recent tour group visited them in Arusha this past February. Steve and Jodi will share briefly in both worship services on July 16. The congregation is also invited to a potluck lunch at noon that day to hear more about their work on our behalf. Please sign up for the potluck at the Registration desk or by emailing [kim@immanuel.us](mailto:kim@immanuel.us).

**Summer is... A Time to Consider.** Join your Immanuel friends this summer as we gather to consider how God is working in our community. This will be a safe place to come with questions and doubts about issues. We'll converse, share and become informed about topics we hear about in the news. We'll meet each month on two consecutive Wednesday evenings. On Week 1 we'll stay at Immanuel to learn about a social topic, and on Week 2 we'll follow it up with a "Field Trip" to expand our understanding. Come both weeks in the month or just one as your schedule allows! A light meal will be available for \$5 per person at 5:30 p.m. The programming will run from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Please indicate your intention to attend by emailing [kim@immanuel.us](mailto:kim@immanuel.us) or signing up at the Registration Desk. July topics are:

- July 12 – Considering Race, Skin Color and Privilege with Jaddie Edwards from The Mpls. Area Synod. Bible Study and conversation
- July 19 – Redeemer Community Picnic. Help needed preparing, serving and cleaning up the meal as we support our sister congregation in Minneapolis.

**Christmas in July.** Help us to bless our partner ministries with items they need all the time and not just at Christmas! The link to the wish list of needed items can be found at [www.immanuel.us/serve](http://www.immanuel.us/serve). Please deliver items to Immanuel by July 25.

**Habitat for Humanity: Volunteers needed for July 9.** We are looking for volunteers to provide and serve dinner for the Habitat bike ride on Sunday evening July 9 in Victoria. To sign up or ask questions, contact Ruth Lunde at [lundeworld@yahoo.com](mailto:lundeworld@yahoo.com) or Lynn & Carol Swanson at 952-974-1689.

**PROP Summer Food Collection.** We have committed to providing 800 cans of TUNA and 800 jars of PEANUT BUTTER (regular size) to PROP this summer. Please place donations in the red cart in the atrium. So far about 320 cans of tuna and 100 jars of peanut butter have been donated!

**Little Dresses for Africa.** Please return completed dresses to the Registration Desk by the end of August!

**Thank you!** The goal of \$10,000 in donations has been reached to support the Lutheran World Relief Syria appeal. These funds will allow LWR to work in Aleppo to build bakeries which will provide employment and food for people in a war-ravaged part of the world. Thank you for your generosity and for caring for our brothers and sisters around the world!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Baptism Orientation.** As you look to a baptism date for your little one, please plan to attend a Baptism Orientation. The next orientation will meet on Sunday, July 9 at 10:30 a.m. Your babies are welcome to join us and childcare can be arranged for older siblings. Please call MaryKay at the church office to register.

**Vacation Bible School supplies needed.** Check board in the atrium to see what you can help provide.

**Vacation Bible School CDs are available at the Welcome Center for \$5.00.** Learn the music before VBS.

## ADULT MINISTRY

**Camp Onomia Golf Outing and Fundraiser Monday, July 31.** Gather your foursome and join in a great afternoon of golf, friendship, and conversation at Stones Throw Golf Course, Milaca, MN. 10 a.m. scramble start with awards afterwards. \$75 per person includes 18 holes, cart, fun and prizes! Sign up online at [www.camponomia.org](http://www.camponomia.org) or email [CampOnomia@gmail.com](mailto:CampOnomia@gmail.com). Questions? Call 320-532-3767.

**Caregiver Support Group** meeting at the Eden Prairie Senior Center on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, 4:30-6:30 p.m. This is a free and open group that caregivers may join at any time with the focus on helping individual caregivers as they care for themselves and loved ones.

## Summer Worship at Immanuel

Worship with us on Sundays at 9:15 & 10:45 a.m. through Sunday, September 3 (Labor Day Weekend.) We will be exploring three books of the Bible for this summer's preaching series - Psalms, Ephesians, and Revelation, hearing God's promises of hope for our faith lives - out loud, in community, and in culture.



### Faith Out Loud: Psalms

June 11-July 9

God gives us the Psalms to speak the biblical faith out loud – whether we delight in God and thank and praise him, or whether we struggle and pray for help in the midst of trouble and suffering and seek to trust God no matter the dangers and unknowns of life.



### Faith in Community: Ephesians

July 16-August 6

The Apostle Paul wrote letters of encouragement and instruction to many of the early Churches. The Letter to the Ephesians, in perhaps the most accessible way in all of Paul's letters, invites believers to be reconciled in one body through the cross of Christ, regardless of our differences. We, the body of Christ in this place and time, are invited to continue to be reconciled to God and one another as we share the mission of the gospel and help each other live lives worthy of this calling.



### Faith in Culture: Revelation

August 13-September 3

How do followers of Jesus stay faithful when the "pushes and pulls" of culture challenge? From the 1st century to the 21st century, the answer is the same, follow Jesus! Note: Revelation is more familiar than we might think. We sing it often in our liturgy and hymns.