

*"Praise be to our God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the God of all compassion and comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort others in their troubles with the same consolation we have received from God." 2 Corinthians 1:3-4*

Our faith is our great comfort and hope as we face these difficult, unsettling times. And even as we as a community, a congregation, households and individuals take measures to address the Coronavirus outbreak, we will continue to comfort one another with the hope we know and the love we share in Christ.

While our church building will be closed for the immediate future, we will continue to share the blessings of Christian community. In the details below you will see how our Immanuel staff is working to help you connect with the Immanuel on-line community in several ways, particularly worship. We will also be providing you with resources to help you attend to your faith with family and friends.

Finally, we will be responding to congregation needs as we provide care for one another. May God guide us through these difficult days, and may we be a blessing of comfort and compassion to one another!

Pastor Paul & Pastor Angela

## WHAT'S OPEN & WHAT'S NOT

- The building is closed to all face-to-face groups (Closed for all Immanuel and community groups).
- No face-to-face worship

*Our staff and leaders are daily monitoring the news and world events and we're adjusting as needed. Please be attentive to changes. If in doubt, please call the church office with your questions.*

## LIVESTREAMED WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Please join us online for 30-35 minutes of live worship on Wednesday and Sunday. Please have some bread, wine/juice, or something similar, ready for celebrating communion in your home.

### Links to the Livestreams:

- [Wednesday, March 18, 7pm](#) - Lenten Worship
- [Sunday, March 22, 9:15](#) - Traditional
- [Sunday, March 22, 10:45am](#) - Contemporary

Please share photos of your at-home worship experience and share your photos on social media using the following hashtags: #TakeAndEat #FaithAtHome

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Pray for one another, our community and world
- Pray for patience and perseverance
- [Submit a prayer request online](#) so we can be praying for/with you
- [Read our weekly Monday email](#) with current communications ([Subscribe](#))
- Follow [Immanuel's Facebook page](#)
- Immanuel men are welcome to join a closed Facebook group (Contact [martin@immanuel.us](mailto:martin@immanuel.us) to access the group)

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# Welcome

March 21-22, 2020

### 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.)

- Paul Gauerke, father of Glen Gauerke, brain tumor. Prayers for successful treatment and healing.
- Lujean Iverson, car accident. Prayers for healing.
- Doris Nelsen, serious fall. Prayers for healing.
- Terri, sister of Jody Ebert, hospice. Prayers for peace and comfort.
- Lloyd, brother of Judy Miller, declining health. Prayers for comfort.
- Eric Wahjuhn, friend of Sharon Peterson, bypass surgery. Prayers for successful healing.
- Bob Keats, brother-in-law of Sharon Peterson, oblation of the heart. Prayers for healing.
- Judy Tauer, sister of Therese Johnson, back surgery. Prayers for successful surgery & healing.
- Renee Elgethun, pancreatic cancer. Prayers for comfort, strength and healing.
- Amber, friend of Karen Atkins, severe liver disease. Prayers for comfort and strength.
- Mary Shurson, continued issues with vertigo. Prayers for healing.
- Walleye Dan Eigen, son of Ike & Barb, multiple myeloma. Prayers for comfort and successful treatment.
- Heather Lindholm, daughter of Roxanne Kloskowski, return of cancer. Prayers for successful treatment and outcome.
- Steve Evangelista, cancer. Prayers for strength and healing.
- All seeking employment. Prayers that they find fulfilling and meaningful work.

**Online Church Directory.** Did you know that our online Church Directory now has an "Edit My Family" option in the menu? Now it is even easier to keep your online directory information up to date! You can edit your family information, photo, phone numbers and email addresses right from your phone or device. When you click on the Submit Edits button to post your changes, our directory administrator will be notified to review your changes. Learn more about our directory: [www.immanuel.us/about/directory-information](http://www.immanuel.us/about/directory-information).

**THRIVENT Members:** If your policy has CHOICE DOLLARS, any earned in 2019 must be directed by March 31, 2020.

## SERVICE MINISTRY

**Tie a Fleece Blanket!** Would you be willing to cut and tie a fleece blanket? We gift our High School graduates with a fleece blanket in the spring and need volunteers to cut and tie them. Fleece and directions are provided. Contact [kim@immanuel.us](mailto:kim@immanuel.us).

**MN Food Share Month.** This March, we join food shelves, faith communities, businesses, and organizations across Minnesota in acting to end hunger and food insecurity. Please make an extra effort to bring nonperishable items for our local food shelf, PROP, during the month of March. Monetary donations are also accepted - "Tell the World Feed the World" envelopes are available in the pews; checks made payable to Immanuel with "PROP" in the memo. Together, we can ensure #FoodForAllMN.

**Lenten Service Project to Support Lutheran World Relief.** Assemble Personal Care Kits for families in need around the world. Simple items – a soap, a towel, a toothbrush – can offer hope for families coping with war, poverty and disaster.

**What to Include:** *All items should be new and in good condition.*

- 1 light-weight bath-size towel, dark color
- 2-3 bars soap to total 8-9 oz in original wrapping
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging
- 1 metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

**Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn. Bring completed Care Kits to Immanuel by Easter!**