

**Schedule for the week of May 21-27, 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>Sunday</b>	10:30 a.m.	New Member Orientation-Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Prayer & Praise-Offsite
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study-Bakers Square Staff Meeting-Library WomenSpirit-Offsite
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study-Library Baccalaureate Music Rehearsal-Sanctuary Leave No Trace Training-Luther Hall/Outside
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study-Bakers Square Evangelism Committee-Pr. Paul's Office

Assisting Today:

	<b>Sunday 9:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 10:45 a.m.</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Clair Holtan Lindsey Phillips	Alex Moroney
<b>Greeters</b>	Paul & Tara Demmer	Mark Hagen & Sharon Haggard
<b>Ushers</b>	Chris Gehrts John Dockter	Curt Steichen Rob Tomlinson
<b>Lectors</b>	Clare Kooiman	Scott Sabin
<b>Healing</b>	Clare Kooiman/Diane Johnson/Tara Demmer	Cari Larsen/Trevor & Shannon Fleck
<b>Nursery</b>	Katie Thormodsgard	
<b>Welcome Center</b>	Shirley Truempi	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Julie Yoemans/Patti Martens-Carter/Raphaela Garton/Ann Harris	
<b>Counters</b>	Nelson Gould/Scott Meyer	
<b>Coffee</b>	Bill & Pat Middeke/Sharon Hamel	
<b>Treats</b>	Shirley Truempi/Linda Toso	

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

May 28, 2017

**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](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.)

- Our military that are serving overseas. Prayers for their safe return.
- All graduates. Prayers that God will continue to guide their lives.
- Tom Adcox, husband of Janice, hospitalized for heart attack. 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:**

- Nancy Lenhart in celebration of the birth on May 12 of Harper Boyd Lenhart, daughter of William and Annamarie Lenhart, granddaughter of Nancy and Vaughn Lenhart

**We celebrate the baptism of: (Sunday 10:45 a.m.)**

- Damon Alexander Robling-Hipp, son of Alexia Robling & Kristopher Hipp. Damon was born on August 5, 2014. His sponsors are Kaylyn Robling, John Crego & Tesha Judd.

God bless his life journey supported by his parents, sponsors, and church family.

**We share the resurrection hope with:**

- Krista Paster and family. Krista's father, Craig "Skip" Conway, passed away on Sunday, April 23 in Waconia.
- Beth Hansen and family. Beth's father, George Leyda, passed away on Tuesday, May 23.

**Lost and Found.** There is a table in the Atrium of items that have accumulated here over the winter. Please take a moment to check and see if any of them are yours. The table is located near the nursery.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

**Serve Breakfast at Simpson Shelter.** Men of all ages are invited to help serve breakfast at Simpson Shelter in South Minneapolis on Saturday, June 10. The group will meet at Immanuel at 5:30 a.m. and return by 9 a.m. Sign up on the Men's Ministry kiosk or contact Tony Szczepaniak [tony.szczepaniak@gmail.com](mailto:tony.szczepaniak@gmail.com) or Andy Vergeront [ajverge515@gmail.com](mailto:ajverge515@gmail.com).

## SERVICE MINISTRY

**LWR Syria Campaign.** Financial donations for the LWR Syria campaign will be accepted through the end of May. Donations can be made with cash or check to Immanuel (please write Syria in the memo line) or through a Stock donation to LWR. To date, almost \$5000 has been given towards this appeal which will help build bakeries in Aleppo, providing employment and bread. Immanuel's benevolence dollars regularly support the ongoing work of LWR as does the donation of 141 quilts by our Piecemakers and 89 Personal Care Kits donated during Lent. We are Called to Care and Sent to Serve through the development work of Lutheran World Relief.

**PROP Summer Food Collection.** Soon children will be out of school for the summer months. Families living on limited incomes who rely on the free and reduced school lunch program to feed their children will have the added financial burden of feeding their children at home. PROP helps families with extra kid-friendly food items during the summer months. Immanuel has agreed to provide 800 cans of tuna and 800 jars of peanut butter (regular sizes) to help PROP help our community. Your ongoing donations of food, paper and hygiene items are also still needed. Tuna and peanut butter can be placed in the red cart in the atrium. Please place other food items in the wooden collection bin outside of Fellowship Hall.

**Housing Workshop.** The City of Eden Prairie is in the midst of renewing their Comprehensive Plan through a campaign called "Aspire Eden Prairie 2040." These plans help to set goals for our community for the future. Community input is being sought about several issues including housing and transportation. A one-hour workshop on housing will be held at Immanuel on Monday, June 12 at 7 p.m. and will be facilitated by Kim Rathjen. The goal of the workshop is to gather community feedback on issues and opportunities in housing for the city. If you would like to attend please RSVP to [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. June dates' topics are:

- June 14 – Considering Poverty, Welfare, and the Working Poor (local stories and statistics proved by PROP staff, Bible Study and hands on learning)
- June 21 – Visit The Prop Shop and PROP Foodshelf (Meet at church by 6 p.m.)

## ADULT MINISTRY

**Join SALT (our senior adult group) at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Monday, June 19, 10:00 a.m.** Entry is free that day and we will meet in the lobby of the main building's Visitor Center. We can walk to see the annual flowers in bloom, have some lunch, and take the tram (at an extra charge) to learn more about the arboretum. sign up on the website or at the Registration Desk.

**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. This group provides a place to share experiences, struggles, humor, coping strategies and to learn from one another. Education and empowerment opportunities are presented as well. Contact Lee Ann Eiden 952-934-3370 with questions.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Senior Recognition Sunday, June 4.** High School Seniors and their immediate family are invited to the Senior Recognition Breakfast on June 4 at 8:45 a.m. We'll share some table conversation after breakfast and distribute senior gifts, including hand-tied fleece blankets, before taking some photos and joining in the 10:45 a.m. worship where Seniors will receive a congregational blessing. Please let us know if you plan to attend by registering online or by contacting MaryKay Copp in the church office.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Lake Calhoun Walk.** Women of Immanuel are invited to join in a walk around Lake Calhoun and lunch at the Tin Fish on Sunday, June 11 after the late service. We will meet at the Tin Fish to begin our walk. Sign up at the Registration Desk or online. Anyone wanting to carpool from Immanuel meet at church at 12:00 p.m. Questions or more information contact Jody Ebert at 952-934-1130 or [jody@ebert.org](mailto:jody@ebert.org).

## Summer Worship at Immanuel

**Summer Worship Schedule has begun.** 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 8

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.