

Schedule for the week of September 3-9, 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.)

Tuesday	9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting-Library Reformation Celebration Planning-Library Bingo Volunteers-Atrium
Wednesday	5:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Cornerstone Choir-Music Room 9 th Graders and Parents-Luther Hall Acolyte Training-Sanctuary Brass Rehearsal-Living Room Ascension Choir-Music Room Creation and Men Singers-Living Room Servant Song Rehearsal-Sanctuary
Thursday	6:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study-Bakers Square Quilting-Room H
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Servant Song Rehearsal-under the tent Bingo Benefit for PROP-under the tent

Assisting Today:

	Sunday 9:15 a.m.	Sunday 10:45 a.m.
Acolytes	Alex Paster	Ellen Whalen
Greeters	Gaylen & Diane Thormosgard	Paul & Paula Wyman
Ushers	Troy Sailer	John Urbanski/Judith Miller
Lectors	Sara Bonk	Susan Geitzenauer
Communion	Kim Rathjen & Cari Larsen	Paul & Paula Wyman
Nursery		
Welcome Center		
Altar Guild	Janet Gould/Nancy Roeber/Sharon Peterson	
Counters	Twylla Vickmark & Tom Yoemans	
Coffee	Diane Johnson	

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/.



Welcome

September 3, 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. 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.)

- Bill Ware, father of Terrie Falkenstein, kidney failure. Prayers for comfort.
- Sally Olson, knee replacement surgery. Prayers for comfort and strength.
- Rhonda Ueland, cancer has returned. Prayers for healing and successful treatment.
- Lloyd Rosendahl, brother of Judy Miller, COPD. Prayers for healing.
- Aging parents. Prayers for comfort and peace and for right care-decisions being made by their children.
- Anna Naylor, niece of Sharon Peterson, pregnancy problems with twins. Prayers for successful pregnancy.
- For all those seeking employment. Prayers for a successful search.
- Elizabeth Ware, mother of Terrie Falkenstein, transitioning to nursing home care. 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.

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 share the resurrection hope with:

- Paul Erdmann and family. Paul's grandmother, Lorna Longlet, passed away Saturday, August 26. Her service was Friday in Fargo, ND.
- Gary Simenson and family. Gary's wife, Renae, passed away on Tuesday, August 29. Her service will be September 12 at Immanuel.

Welcome Sunday Worship, September 10, 9:15 a.m. Join us as we celebrate the start of Sunday school, Confirmation and fall ministries and gather all together for our Welcome Sunday outside under the tent. Music begins at 9:00 a.m. with worship starting at 9:15 a.m. There will be food, fun and activities for all ages to follow worship! Bring a dish to share! If your last name begins with A - O bring a salad; P - Z bring desserts. If you can't bring anything, please come and join us! (Don't forget to mark each bowl, cover, dish, etc. with your name. Immanuel will provide serving utensils). Please invite your friends and neighbors to come worship with us, stay for the picnic and join us as we are built into God's community of faith we call Immanuel.

ADULT MINISTRY

Immanuel's Big Bingo Benefit for PROP is this Saturday! Join us for Immanuel's FIRST ANNUAL BIG BINGO BENEFIT FOR PROP on Saturday, September 9 from 3-7 p.m.! We are going to use the tent we have for our Welcome Weekend Worship to host a bingo benefit for PROP, our community partner. What better way to reach further out into our community and deeper into our congregation than to gather under the big tent, have fun playing bingo, and raise money for PROP. The bingo will be led by guest callers including Mayor Nancy Tyra Lukens, Reps. Steve Cwodzinski and Laurie Pryor, Fire Chief George Esbensen, High School Principal Conn McCartan, and more. Prizes will be awarded for each bingo, with a special big bingo game each half hour. Musical talent from Immanuel will entertain during bingo breaks. Food trucks will be on hand to provide a variety of eats, and Culvers has donated Custard as a special treat! We still need help to host a great community event like this one, so sign up on the Gold Sheet today.

Long-Range Planning Committee looking for volunteers. As outlined in the recent Luther's Way article, we are looking for volunteers to re-establish the Long-Range Planning Committee. The first project to be completed is to design a new planning process that will be used in the annual budget process starting with the 2018 plan year. This is intended to build on existing practices and incorporate a view beyond the next 12-months to help ensure that short-term decisions are consistent with our established vision and strategic priorities. We are looking to have the kick-off meeting sometime in September. **We are hopeful to have participation from those under 30 and in the 30-40-year range as well so we have multiple stakeholders involved in this process.** If you are interested in joining this committee, indicate your interest on the gold sheet or email or call Tony Szczepaniak tony.szczepaniak@gmail.com or 952-250-6937.

Tables of Eight sign up deadline September 10. Don't delay; sign up now on the gold sheet. Tables of Eight is an opportunity for couples/singles to have four dinners with 6-7 other members of the congregation over the course of a year. You will receive your menus and recipes for all four dinners and be connected with your group on Sunday, September 17 at 4:00 p.m. at Staring Lake Park.

If you've been hesitating, consider this:

- We have a list of babysitters
- If you don't like to cook, you can purchase from your favorite grocery store; it's about the fellowship and not the food.
- Singles are welcome and encouraged to join.

Sign up today!

Saturday Women's Bible Study: New Bible Study Begins Oct. 7! Join women of Immanuel on Oct. 7 as we begin our study of the book of ISAIAH. We'll read many familiar passages that point directly to Christ, passages that we hear during Advent, Lent and while reading the New Testament. We'll discover where the "Servant Songs" in Isaiah are located and how they speak to us. We'll find both comfort and challenge as we read and study ISAIAH together. Please join us Oct. 7, 9:00 a.m., in Immanuel's Library. All are welcome!

Quilting Group to Resume September 7. Our quilting group, the Piecemakers, will start assembling quilts for Lutheran World Relief again on Thursday, Sept. 7. Volunteers I meet in Room H from 9:00 a.m. until 1 p.m. (Come and leave as you need to). Tasks include laying out the backs, batting and tops, tying knots to hold the layers together, and machine sewing the bindings. Some volunteers may also wish to cut fabric squares and sew together into tops. (This can also be done at home for those unable to come on Thursday mornings). Piecemakers meet on alternate Thursdays until May, at which time a display of completed quilts will be set up. Call Jan Walton 952-465-9329 with questions.

Camp Onomia Quilt Auction September 16. Come to Camp Onomia, 14202 Shakopee Lk. Rd., Onamia, MN 56359, September 16 for their annual Quilt Auction, Bake Sale and Silent Auction all to benefit the ministries of Camp Onomia. Activities start at 10:00 a.m. with a celebration service. Silent Auction begins at 11:00 a.m. and the Quilt Auction begins at 1:00 p.m.

SERVICE MINISTRY

Volunteer lawnmowing help needed for Haven House. If this is something you could help with, please sign up on the Gold Sheet in your bulletin or contact Kim Rathjen, kim@immanuel.us about mowing the lawn at Immanuel's new property, Haven House.

Final push for PROP Summer programs!

- We have collected about \$800 towards to School Supply program in which we have supplied 250 headphones at a cost of \$7 each. Financial donations accepted in the envelopes at the Registration Desk or on Immanuel's website on the Serve page.
- Only 70 more jars of peanut butter are needed to reach our goal of 800!

Thank you for caring for and serving our neighbors!

Thrivent Action Team Grants. Have you spent all of your Thrivent Action Team Grant monies for 2017? Thrivent members can apply for two \$250 grants to serve others! The fall offers many possibilities for funding projects. If you needs ideas please contact kim@immanuel.us.

Anna's Craft Sale to support Families Moving Forward will be on Sunday, November 12. Help is needed to organize this event and donations of hand-crafted items will be needed this fall! Contact: kim@immanuel.us or Kristi Brackett ksbrackett@yahoo.com.

Reformation in a Latin American Context. Learn and celebrate the Reformation in a different context this October through AMEXTRA's Seeds of Transformation Program. This 4-day experience (October 28-31) will include worship at a Lutheran Church in Mexico City on Reformation Sunday, conversations with leaders of social movements in Mexico, visits to sites of past and present historical importance in Mexican Culture, and a visit to one of AMEXTRA's communities where reformation/transformation is happening today. The in-country cost is \$400 and includes meals, lodging, translation, local transportation and leadership. Travel costs to and from Mexico City are not included. A 2-day extension to experience Dia de Los Muertos is available. For more information please contact kim@immanuel.us.

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, October 8 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.