

COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE

Immanuel's Re-opening Task Force continues to meet regularly to chart our best course thoughtfully and carefully through the Covid pandemic. At our latest meeting we looked at the latest data on transmission and positivity rates as well as CDC and Minnesota Department of Health recommendations for our area. This latest spike of the virus has not relented yet and is placing severe strain on hospitals. There is also concern that transmission rates could rise with kids being back at school, many of whom are too young to have received the vaccine.

Until both transmission and positivity rates return to safer levels, we are again requiring masks to be worn by everyone while inside the church building beginning Sunday, September 19.

REMINDERS

ONLINE GIVING IS NOW EASIER

Give+ has a new name, Vanco, and they have made online giving easier through our [website!](#)

- Go to: www.immanuel.us/about/giving and select what fund you'd like to donate to (General Fund, Building Fund, PROP, Youth, Memorials, or other seasonal giving options).
- Choose the frequency of your gift (once, weekly, every two weeks or monthly).
- Learn more: [Online Giving](#)

Thank you for your faithful and generous giving!

KEEPING CONNECTED

The staff will be working remotely, as much as possible, however, please feel free to call/text them on their cell phones, or call the church office:

- Pastor Paul: 952.240.4275
- Pastor Angela: 715.209.6895
- Office: 952.937.8123

Links to all Zoom meetings can be found on the [Immanuel calendar](#).

SUNDAY LIVESTREAM

Join us for livestreaming worship at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

- **9:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship** [Livestream](#)
- **10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship** [Livestream](#)

WE PRAY...

- [People Requesting Prayer](#).
- [Submit your prayer request](#).
- **INTERACTIVE PRAYER:** Submit your [Prayer Requests](#) before noon on Thursday and we'll include them in the Prayers of the People.

FAITH AT HOME

September Oct. 10 - 16

Faith Resources for Adults & Families:

- [Devotions for Use at Home This Week](#)
- [Adult Bible Study - October 10, 2021](#)
- [Daily Bible Reading for this Week](#)

Faith Resources for Children & Families:

- [Children's Bulletin](#)
- [Sunday, October 10, 2021 \(God's Story Our Story\)](#)



Welcome

October 10, 2021

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 church office. Your request will be listed for three weeks. Please let us know if you would like to have it listed longer.)

- Ruby Johnson, sister of Maynard Goplen, hospitalized with severe heart issues. Prayers for comfort and healing.
- Sharon Peterson, upcoming bypass surgery. Prayers for comfort and peace.
- Patrick Getchius father of Tom Getchius. Prayers of thanks for a successful cardiac procedure to open blocked arteries.
- Alex & Kiley, son & future daughter-in-law of Nancy & Jim Meyhoefer, upcoming wedding. Prayers of blessings on their marriage.
- Rhonda, friend of Nancy Meyhoefer, starting chemo treatments. Prayers for comfort and strength.
- Donna Kniffen, awaiting a kidney transplant. Prayers for patience and endurance.
- Randy Ryski, ALS. Prayers for slow progression and for strength and also for a research breakthrough.
- Ann Peterson, hospice. Prayers for comfort and strength.

FOCUS GROUPS We need your input! We've begun an intentional process to develop a plan to guide Immanuel over the next 3 - 5 years, and we invite your input at one of two Focus Groups: 1) In-person session: Sunday, October 10, 12 - 1 p.m. (light lunch provided) 2) Virtual session: Tuesday, October 19, 7 - 8 p.m. (Zoom info coming) [Details, links to supporting documents and to sign up please go to: Focus Groups.](#)

SALT (Senior Group) Theology Over Coffee with Pastor Paul, Thursday, October 14, 1 p.m. Heaven, Hell, and Everything in Between: We invite you in-person with a mask, or you may choose to stay home and participate via Zoom. [Sign up online.](#)

DEAR WHITE PEACEMAKERS OCTOBER BOOK DISCUSSION. *Dear White Peacemakers*, by Osheta Moore, is a breakup letter to division and a love letter to God's beloved community. Limited copies of the book are available in the church office for \$16 or order a copy online. [Sign up online.](#) Contact kim@immanuel.us with your questions.

DRIVE-IN MOVIES Saturday, October 16

6:45pm - Wish Dragon (Child and family friendly)

8:30pm - Black Panther (Teen and adults)

Watch the movie on a 40' inflatable screen and tune your car radio in to listen (or use 1 of 100 wireless headphones and sit outside). BYO snacks. This event is open to the community. In the event of rain or high wind we'll postpone the event. \$20/vehicle donation is suggested. [Sign up online.](#)

TRUNK OR TREAT Saturday, October 30, 3 - 4:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat is a fun and safe way to celebrate Halloween, where Immanuel members, their friends, and community members park their cars together and open their trunks to reveal Halloween-themed decorations. You are invited to [provide a trunk \(please sign up\)](#), bring your trick or treaters, or better yet – both!

COATS AND ITEMS OF WARMTH WILL BE COLLECTED DURING OCTOBER FOR GUESTS AT LOAVES AND FISHES. All sizes needed...men, women, children. Collecting coats, hoodies, socks, boots, sleeping bags. Donations can be left in boxes at Immanuel. Monetary gifts also accepted.

FALL CLEANUP Saturday, November 6, 8 - Noon (come when you can). Our church grounds need some cleanup before winter - clean-up of leaves and trimming back plants and shrubs. If you can bring gloves, leaf blowers, trimmers, etc. There will have treats! We need your help! Come for as long as you can! Sign up [online.](#)

SERVICE OPORTUNITIES. Current service opportunities are posted on the "Serve" page of our [website](#).