

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 26 – October 2

Faith Resources for Adults & Families:

- [Devotions for Use at Home This Week](#)
- [Adult Bible Study - September 26, 2021](#)
- [Daily Bible Reading for this Week](#)

Faith Resources for Children & Families:

- [Children's Bulletin](#)
- [Sunday, September 26, 2021 \(God's Story Our Story\)](#)



Welcome

October 3, 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.)

- Sharon Peterson, upcoming bypass surgery. Prayers for comfort and peace.
- Patrick Getchius father of Tom Getchius prayers for a diagnosis of unknown chest pain.
- 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.
- All seeking employment. Prayers that they find fulfilling and meaningful work.

We share the resurrection hope with:

- Teresa Nerge and family. Teresa's father, Isaac Rivera, passed away on Wednesday, September 22.
- Tyler Whitaker and family. Tyler's father, Larry Whitaker, passed away Monday, September 27.

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: How are ideas about these concepts and the devil influenced, not by the Bible, but by medieval Catholicism? We invite you in-person with a mask, or you may choose to stay home and participate via Zoom. [Sign up online.](#)

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- Limited copies of the book are available in the church office for \$16 or order a copy online.
- Book discussion dates will be scheduled in October.
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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.](#)

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DONATED BOOKS TO IMMANUEL LIBRARY Immanuel is a generous congregation in so many ways. One of those ways is donating books to our church library. However, we have a small library and our shelves are becoming over crowded. We would ask that if you want to give us some of your books that you contact Diane Chapa with that request. The library group can then decide if we will be able to take your donated books. We respectfully ask that you not leave books unless you have contacted Diane. She can be reached at dianechapa@gmail.com or 612-387-9266.

We celebrate the baptism of (Sunday, 9:00 a.m.):

A rose has been placed on the altar to celebrate the birth of:

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

Many opportunities available to donate altar flowers. Donating flowers is a fine way to recognize a special milestone or person in your life and any 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:

Wednesday Dinner. Join us for dinner starting at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be chicken or beef tacos and all the fixin's. Cost for dinner is \$4 for adults, \$2.50 for kids; 3 and under eat free.

New Member Orientation. The next new member orientation will be held on Sunday, November 17, 10:30 a.m. If you are interested in joining Immanuel or would like more information, please contact MaryKay Copp at 952-230-0359 and she will be happy to assist you.

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, April 28 at 10:30 a.m. Your babies are welcome to join us, and childcare can be arranged for older siblings. Please call MaryKay in the church office to register.

Wednesday @ Immanuel Schedule:

5:00-6:00 p.m. Dinner – Atrium
5:30-6:10 p.m. Cornerstone Choir (Grades 7-12 - Music Room
6:15-7:15 p.m. Praise Ringers – Library
6:15-7:00 p.m. Ascension Choir (Grades 3-6) - Music Room; Epiphany Choir (Grades K-2) – Room H
6:15-7:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation – Fellowship Hall
6:15-7:45 p.m. Confirmation – Luther Hall
7:00-9:00 p.m. Servant Song – Sanctuary
7:30-9:00 p.m. Reformation Choir (Adult) – Music Room

Wednesday @ Immanuel Schedule in Lent

5:00-6:00 p.m. Wednesday Café	6:05-6:50 p.m. Confirmation
5:30-6:00 p.m. Cornerstone Choir	6:15-6:50 p.m. Adult Faith Formation (not on Ash Wednesday)
6:00-6:50 p.m. Praise Ringers	7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship
6:05-6:50 p.m. Ascension Choir	7:50 p.m. Reformation Choir
6:05-6:50 p.m. Epiphany Choir	8:00 p.m. Servant Song

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

- **MONDAY WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY Mondays, Beginning September 13, 10 a.m.** The Prayer and Praise women's weekly study group will meet in the church backyard (weather permitting) or indoors in the library. This fall we will discuss the book *Abuelita Faith: What women on the margins teach us about wisdom, persistence and strength*, by Kat Arnas. Please purchase your own copy of the book in the format you prefer. Questions? kim@immanuel.us
- **MEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY Beginning Tuesday, September 14, 7 - 8 a.m.** Men meet for breakfast and Bible study at the [Chanhassen Legion](#). Bring your Bible and join us when you can! Questions? martin@immanuel.us
- **WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11 a.m. beginning September 15.** *Close Encounters of the Jesus Kind: Studies in Luke*. This bible study facilitated by Jennifer and Janell will explore how Jesus continues to meet us today and what that reveals about his faithful love for us. Sign up online. Books are \$10.
- **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: GENESIS TO REVELATION Professor Craig Koester. Wednesdays, Beginning Sept. 15, 6:30-7:30pm**
- Enjoy a spiritual and intellectual adventure like no other in GENESIS to REVELATION which offers a comprehensive, book-by-book analysis of the Bible from the fascinating perspective of literature and narrative. *In-person and an online option available!* Sign up online.
- **MEN'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY 7 a.m. at the Chanhassen Legion, with Pastor Paul.** Men meet for breakfast and Bible study at the [Chanhassen Legion](#). Bring your Bible and join us when you can! Questions? paul@immanuel.us

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS Beginning September 15

- **6:00pm - Refuel:** a 20-minute, in-person, livestreamed (and on demand), mid-week, informal worship, refueling youth and families to care and serve.
- **6:15pm - Handbells**
- **6:20pm - Confirmation** (Grade 7 - 9) & **God Squad** (5th and 6th Grades) - continues after Refuel.
- **6:30pm - Genesis to Revelation study**
- **7:30pm - Cornerstone Choir** (Grades 7 - 12)
- **7:30pm - Reformation Choir**

Wednesday evening meals will not be served at Immanuel just yet. We are hoping for meal service to return when it is safer to do so.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- **SUNDAY SERVICE PROJECT FOR FAMILIES/INDIVIDUALS Sunday, September 19 - in between services at Immanuel.** Sign up as a family or as individuals to complete a quick hands on service project. Supplies will be pre-boxed and complete with instructions. Pick up your box after 10am and complete onsite at church - either outdoors (masks not required) or indoors (masks required). [Sign up to serve.](#)
- **DIAPER SQUAD.** Support our partner Redeemer Lutheran as they help with a food shelf in their neighborhood. Donations of diapers, baby wipes and sanitary pads are needed - these items are in high demand for families accessing food shelves. [Sign up online to donate or deliver diapers.](#)
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Dear Immanuel Members,

Thanks to your generous contributions to the [Building Up capital campaign](#), we were able to install new windows in the sanctuary (the lower windows on the north and east sides of the Sanctuary). The windows were beginning to degrade and the wood was becoming soft and rotting in many areas. All the lower exterior windows were replaced with quality commercial aluminum windows and they are an appealing upgrade to our sanctuary.

YOGA

**Mondays, 6 - 7 p.m. in Luther Hall
beginning September 13**

Take time each week to stretch, breath, de-stress & enjoy all the benefits of yoga. All abilities are encouraged to join us! Tara Murphy will be back leading classes in-person and she is excited to see new & returning faces! Cost is \$45 for 6 week session or \$10 for drop in classes. Contact Tara to register: taramurphy3@gmail.com.

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.