

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

GIVING OPTIONS



You can securely and conveniently donate to Immanuel online at: www.immanuel.us/about/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

September 26, 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.)

- Rhonda, friend of Nancy Meyhoefer, starting chemo treatments. Prayers for comfort and strength.
- Ruby Abadir, mother of Christine Orton, cancer. Prayers for healing comfort and strength.
- All healthcare workers overwhelmed in their work, with a great need for additional nurses. Prayers for peace and comfort.
- 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.

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.

We invite you in-person with a mask, or you may choose to stay home and participate via Zoom. [Sign up online.](#)

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

- **MONDAY WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY Mondays, 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, 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.** *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, 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

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. Drawing on the Sermon on the Mount, Spirituals, and personal stories from author, Osheta Moore's work as a pastor in St. Paul, you are invited to enter into this story of shalom and join in the urgent work of peacemaking.

- 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.
- [Sign up online.](#)
- Contact kim@immanuel.us with your questions.