

Who to contact:

Pastoral concern or crisis

Pastor Sam Wolff
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Council or Staff Issues

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Weddings/baptisms/funerals

Scheduling:
Russ Carlson, church administrator
651.699.5560
(7 am to 3 pm Monday through Friday)

Using the church building

Scheduling/Building Reservations:
Russ Carlson (see above)

Prayer Requests

Contact the church office at 651.699.5560,
speak with any staff member or e-mail
Pastor Wolff at wolffde@mac.com

If you need pastoral care

1. Call the church office (651.699.5560) for an appointment with Pastor Wolff (Monday-Friday 7am-3pm).
2. If it is an emergency, call Pastor Wolff's cell at 651.334.1746. If he does not answer, leave a message and he will return your call as soon as possible.
3. Care Team members are also available to do home and hospital visits throughout the summer. Notify the church office if you'd like a visit.

Special Congregational Events for Sabbatical:

Sunday, May 21: Sending blessing in worship for Pastor Cindy and cake between services

Sunday, August 27: Welcome Back Event for Pastor Cindy and her family

For more information, contact a member of the Sabbatical 2017 Committee

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Sabbatical 2017

Stirring Up
the Spirit



Therefore, I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:6-7

What is a sabbatical?

The word “sabbatical” has its roots in the biblical concept of Sabbath (“to rest” or “to cease”). Sabbath-keeping is setting aside time that God consecrates and makes holy.

Sabbatical leave is a time for our pastor to shift gears to rest, disengage, study, reflect, and travel in order to return to minister among us refreshed and renewed in body, mind, and spirit.

Pastor Cindy has been our pastor for over six years. This is her first sabbatical with Immanuel. Sabbatical is not an extended vacation. It is a time for Pastor Cindy to receive spiritual nourishment and a change in perspective, to deepen her relationship with God, herself, and her family - a season of spiritual growth. This special time will also be a season of growth for the entire congregation.

The Sabbatical Theme is “Stirring Up the Spirit,” based on 2 Timothy 1:6-7. Sabbatical is not only for rest, but renewal as well. It is a time to invite the Spirit to stir within – a time to leave regular patterns and work, to notice God’s presence in the everyday, learn or deepen faith practices, and experience other Christian communities. Pastor Cindy hopes to bring back fresh ideas and a new sense of where God is calling her and us in the future.

Sabbatical is not just for Pastor Cindy.

Summer is a time when the rhythm of life changes. Immanuel has fewer meetings and gatherings. It is a slower, easier time for rest and renewal. It is also a good season for renewing faith. We can all take some time for

noticing God’s presence in the everyday and learning or deepening faith practices.

Participate through the website.

ilcsp.org/sabbatical is a way to participate in the sabbatical. Pastor Cindy will be in the Holy Land June 3-17, touring and speaking with church leaders. She will post pictures and reflections that you can follow.

You can also stir up the Spirit! Since water reminds us of our baptismal identity, stir up the waters, and take a picture. You are invited to upload a water picture from the lake, pool, ocean (water fountain?) at ilcsp.org/sabbatical. There are instructions on the sabbatical site for uploading.

There are also resources at the site for discovering new faith practices during the summer. Give one a try!

Frequently Asked Questions

Do other clergy go on sabbatical?

Yes! The St. Paul Area Synod strongly encourages congregations in our Synod to provide pastors with sabbatical leave every 6 years of ministry in the same congregation.

How long will Pastor Cindy be gone?

Pastor Cindy will be away for three months. May 21 will be her last Sunday before sabbatical and she will return to work on Tuesday, August 22.

What will Pastor Cindy do on her sabbatical?

Pastor Cindy’s time away will include retreat and pilgrimage, travel, time with family, and intentional learning about spiritual practices and faith formation in the 21st century.

Who will cover Pastor Cindy’s responsibilities during her absence?

Immanuel has contracted with Pastor Samuel Wolff to preside at Sunday worship services, provide pastoral care and lead the staff while Pastor Cindy is gone. Our council leaders and the entire council will bear primary administrative authority and will work closely with staff and the Sabbatical Committee.

Who will lead worship?

Pastor Wolff will preside at Sunday worship services. Immanuel members and Staff will continue to act as worship leaders and provide music.

How is the sabbatical being financed?

The cost of hiring an Interim Pastor is being financed at no cost to the congregation. Pastor Cindy chose to receive a reduced salary while she is away. Immanuel has also received a grant from the synod.

What if a question/concern arises while Pastor Cindy is gone?

The council, church staff and Pastor Wolff will serve as a “clearinghouse” for questions and concerns. Ultimately, the council will exercise their authority to resolve all issues concerning congregational life.

Will Pastor Cindy be in contact with Immanuel during her sabbatical?

An important part of a sabbatical is to be in Sabbath from the community. In the event that something must be communicated to Pastor Cindy, the staff will notify her. Pastor Cindy will post reflections on her blog while she is in Israel and you may choose to follow her journey at ilcsp.org/sabbatical during her time away.