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Immanuel Lutheran Church



FROM THE PASTOR

Thank You for Listening

We are trying to communicate in new ways at Immanuel. Later in this newsletter you'll see an article about a new way of getting information concerning learning and music programs. It's called "Remind" and is used by the school districts to send info out by text to families.

But communication isn't just about information. If all we said to each other was "be at this meeting" or "come to this event" we wouldn't be much of a community – a community is built on trusting and caring conversations – something Immanuel does very well! I hear people at coffee hour asking how someone is doing or offering to help one another out. I stop to visit with people in the parking lot as they talk about ideas and dreams they have for the community. And I've heard about disagreements that were handled with respect and restraint. This is the way of Christian Community. These are the heart of communication. So, while leaders spend a lot of time working on announcements, we all need to spend as much time, if not more, in making sure we communicate well.

Our world does not communicate well right now. We are immersed in sound bites and labels, without much of that beautiful give and take that I often see modeled in the church community. As we consider many of the hard things happening in our city and world, as we face a year of national elections, and as the Holy Spirit sends us in new directions as a church, I encourage everyone to start thinking carefully about how we communicate with each other, and how we will model respectful, caring conversations.

As a start, here are a few things I've learned about communicating well with others:

1. Check your assumptions at the door - We make assumptions about people constantly. (friend or stranger, comfortable or uncomfortable to talk with, this side or that side of an issue, etc.) but we also make assumptions about what they're saying. What do phrases like, "You're really something" or "That's unique" really mean? Even "I believe in God" has a wide range of meaning. So when you're talking with someone, ask what they mean! "I think I heard you say _____" or "can you tell me some more about that?" We can't communicate if we don't understand each other.
2. Listen with resilience – I've loved that phrase ever since Lynnette Zika first introduced me to it. If someone says something that is hard to hear, you don't have to agree with them, and you don't have to change their mind. You don't need to defend your point, and you don't even have to have a clever response. Listening says, "I respect you as a person (a child of God) enough to hear what you have to say." After listening and clarifying (see #1), you might ask, "tell me what brought you to that opinion – what is your experience of this." Interestingly enough, you might find some common ground.
3. Have a goal – Do you know your goal when you are conversing with someone? Is it to receive information? To make a connection? To strengthen an assumption? To help them think through an issue? Is it to convince them you are right? To sell? To understand? To comfort? There are all kinds of goals in a conversation. Be aware of what you're doing. I've seen people start down the path of an argument, then step back, recognizing that is not their goal. Such grace!

In early 2020, we'll be spending time in Adult Forum on listening to one another, especially as we converse about social issues. If we're going to be good neighbors reflecting the love of Christ, we'll need to be great listeners. In the midst of a nation and world that is anxious, angry and loud, we can be a light amid the shadows.

We are blessed to be in a community that is growing in the love of Christ, continuing to deepen trusting and caring conversations. Thank you for your listening!

~Pastor Cindy

ADULT EDUCATION

AGING SPLENDIDLY

Please join us on the first Thursday of each month beginning in October. Lunch at noon in the Fellowship Hall with a free-will offering. **Presentation from 12:45 to 1:30.** Age splendidly with us!

October 3: Professor Fred Arman, author of several books including, “We’re In America now: A Survivor’s Story” will speak on being Jewish.

November: Dave Klevan will speak on addictions.

December: Dave Stark will lead us in Christmas hymns.

January: Simon Kand, nurse practitioner student will speaker on being a Korean American.

February: Ann Derr will speak about Immanuel’s history.

A special thanks to Sandi Butler and all who provide lunch for Aging Splendidly. Thanks to the improvers and all who help with set up and clean up. And special thanks to Dave Stark for our annual Christmas hymn sing and to Larry Wilson for each magnificent piano concert.

— Dave Klevan & Sandi Butler, Co-coordinators of Aging Splendidly

ADULT FORUM

Adult learners join children and youth this year in exploring “Who is my neighbor?” We’ll look at neighbors around the world, around the corner, and in our own church. We begin the year with a grounding in the Parable of the Good Samaritan, then we will move to the issues of housing and hunger in our city.

October 6- “Who Is My Neighbor?” - a look at the parable of the Good Samaritan with Pastor Cindy

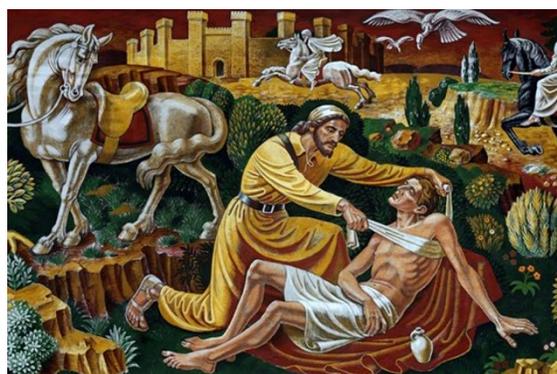
October 13: Affordable housing in St. Paul – what are the issues? Gretchen Vanderlinden-Wang will speak about housing in our city- The issues and possible solutions.

October 20: “Sold Out” is a PBS documentary about affordable housing in the Twin Cities. We will watch some excerpts and have a lively discussion

October 27: Transitional housing – a way out of homelessness. Sarah Liegl, director Project Home will describe their good work in transitional housing, and the new Day Center under their care.

November 3: Update from the Time of Discovery Team – as we move to the phase of listening to our neighbors, come hear what we learned from listening to the congregation.

November 10: Faith and Feeding Hungry People – Deacon Kari Olsen will talk about Shobi’s table - a renewed faith community built around feeding our neighbors.



FAITH GROUNDING WORKSHOP

Nov. 3, 11:45am-12:45pm, East Lounge

It is too light a thing, you servants of God, that you should spend your strength doing your duty when what you have been called to do is to ignite, enflame, combust, burn, shine with the glory of the God who has chosen you, and given you to the world, bright lights to the end of the earth. — Barbara Brown Taylor

Why do the people of Immanuel feed the hungry, care for the homeless, work for the common good in St Paul? Why do we serve in worship, teach our children, give an offering, care for our building? Is it because we are nice people? Because we’re supposed to? Or is there something greater at work here? On Sunday, Nov. 3, the Social Action team is sponsoring a workshop for members of all Immanuel’s teams to learn how to communicate why we do what we do. The Faith Grounding Workshop will be held after church in the East Lounge, 11:45-12:45 with lunch included. If you have questions, contact Christine Danielson or Pastor Cindy.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL DISCUSSIONS

New School year - New format for Middle and High school Sunday School. We are trying new things this fall. The middle and high school will meet for one opening together and then split for separate discussion time. So if you middle- and high-schoolers have been in the habit of rolling into Sunday School late, now is the time to break that habit. You don't want to miss even one minute of our discussion or opening time. The first topic will be covering this year is- The Refugee Crisis.

CONFIRMATION 7th & 8th GRADERS:

As we cruise into the new confirmation year here are a few dates to remember:

Wednesday October 2nd we will be going on a field trip to St. Kate's to walk their labyrinth, please wear weather appropriate clothing. This is an outdoor event!

Wednesday October 17th- there will be **no confirmation** because of MEA break.

Friday Evening, October 25th & Saturday, October 26th- Confirmation Fall Retreat.

is the confirmation fall retreat to good earth village! Save the date and pack your sweatshirts. It will be a time of togetherness and learning- as well as fun! We will depart Friday evening at 5:00 pm from the church parking lot. Return approximately 5:00 pm on Saturday evening.

CONFIRMATION 9th GRADERS:

November 2nd is Rake-a-Thon. Make sure your mentor knows this is an event you two attend together!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT

Sunday October 13th, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

First High School Youth Night of the year- October 13th- bring all learning ideas you have! I have some plans for us, but I would also love to hear what you have questions about and would like to dig deeper into. We know sometimes you like to put off doing homework till Sunday night, but we promise this will be worth it! If you have any questions, please call Michelle Stillwell 612-730-8388.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We're in session 9:15-10:15 am on Sundays! A reminder to drop off and pick up kids in grades K-3 in the Upper Commons. Fourth & Fifth graders (and older) release themselves.

We have a web presence! Find updates at <http://ilcsp.org/news/sunday-school-news/>, including which stories we're learning this fall.

We collect offering during our group opening. The money will go to Feed My Starving Children and Christian's Toy Box. Last spring, we helped buy roofing materials for a school in Tanzania.

THIRD-GRADE BIBLES

Our 3rd-graders will receive their Bibles during the 10:30 service on Oct. 27 (Reformation Sunday!). Third-graders and their parents should plan to attend a special Getting to Know Your Bible session with Pastor Cindy at 9:15 in the West Lounge that day.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

We are trying something new with communion instruction this year – two all-church Baptism and Communion events in February. Look for more information as we get closer to February.

The ELCA doesn't specify an age that children should begin taking Communion, instead allowing congregations and parents to decide. We do not have a hard-and-fast rule but suggest that children who are in 2nd grade and above are likely mature enough to understand the purpose and meaning of Holy Communion. Pastor Cindy will offer a First-Communion Conversation/Class in February for parents and children who are ready, and we will celebrate these children's first Communion on Feb. 23.

NURSERY/CHILD CARE

Staff: Sam Wright and Ryan Kinnucan

The nursery is staffed Wednesdays (6:20-9 pm) and Sunday (8-11:45 am). Children using it during other hours must be supervised by a responsible party (age 12 and older, please!). Please tidy up after use!

On Sundays, the nursery is open to children ages 0-5. We encourage children in K and up to attend worship with their families. On Wednesdays, we also welcome older children. Children should not check-in themselves; we want to be sure you know where your kids are!

A NEW WAY TO GET NEWS

Remind is a free communications system for ILC youth, parents, musicians, etc., that allows ILC to send text or email alerts, announcements and reminders

Why we are using Remind:

- Everyone has different ways they prefer to communicate
- The system offers safety for youth communication
- We can reach many people at once

How to sign up:

- Talk to Chris, Cindy, Emily or Michelle to get a class code
- Look on the Information Table in the Gathering Space for instructions
- Ask your child's Sunday school leader

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



RAKE-A-THON

Nov. 2

The annual Rake-a-thon sponsored by Immanuel's Care Team will be held Saturday morning, November 2nd. Sign up to rake a yard. Help is needed! This is a fantastic family event. Many hands make light work. Have fun working in the fall leaves. We will begin with a light breakfast at the church, and then go to homes. A signup sheet will be available in the Gathering Space notebook for those who can help. For more information or if you would like to have your lawn raked, please contact Kay Draine, 651-690-3538, Elaine Jaeger, 651-227-5507 or Jane Tripple, 651-644-8411.

Feed My Starving Children

Friday, Oct. 25, 6-7:30 pm; 990 Lone Oak Road, Suite 136, Eagan

Join others from Immanuel in packing nutritious meals that will be sent to hungry people around the world. Children must be at least 5 years old to participate. Please let Emily (eking@ilcsp.org) know that you're going so we can work out carpools (we'll be traveling at rush hour). You can also sign up with FMSC: <https://www.fmsc.org/join-group?joincode=WD634L>

Share with others in your circles who might want to join us! Open to families, young adults, and "seasoned" adults.



3RD SATURDAY MEAL: DOROTHY DAY

Immanuel provides a meal on the third Saturday of each month at the Dorothy Day Center. If you would like to help serve or if you can provide cookies for dessert, speak with Nancy Reidell or Jerry Sandahl.

3RD SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

The 3rd Sunday of each month there is a collection of food, paper products and/or personal care items for Keystone Community Services. Bring items for the collection bin by the front entrance or make a donation during coffee hour.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

CHOIRS ARE BACK! JOIN US!

It is wonderful to have our choirs back singing and ringing after a summer break! Please consider joining this fun and important ministry. Invite a friend or neighbor. All will be warmly welcomed! Please check the website for a list of choirs and rehearsal times.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: Nov. 3

Rutter's beautiful "Requiem"

On Nov. 3, Immanuel will remember with thanksgiving those who have joined the saints and angels in heaven. Our service will begin with a time of prayer and the lighting of the candles for our members who have died this year. The Cantorei and Middle C Choirs will be singing portions from John Rutter's beautiful "Requiem" during both worship services. Please invite a friend or neighbor to worship on this festival Sunday.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

This year our Thanksgiving Worship will happen the Sunday before the holiday, November 24th at both services. For details please check November's Messenger.

CHORISTERS, MIDDLE C & CANTOREI CHOIRS welcomes newest members!

The Chorister Choir is happy to welcome three new singers! Second graders, Arianna Otieno, Gwyneth Hansen, & Freya Hanson. What fun we will have making music this year!

The Middle C Choir has two former Choristers who have moved up. Way to go, Caelyn Hippen and Dylan Robey!

The Cantorei Choir welcomes tenor Mike Tjaden and soprano Alice Stark! If you have sat in front of either Mike or Alice you know what beautiful voices they have. We thank you for joining the choir and sharing your musical gifts with Immanuel.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR

National Lutheran Choir All Saints Concert featuring the Mozart Requiem. The National Lutheran Choir and its Alumni Singers, along with four incredible international soloist and a full orchestra will perform Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's timeless and colossal Requiem. In keeping with tradition, this 16th annual All Saints program will invite audience member to share the names of loved ones who have died within the past year. The presentation of names is interwoven with music during the concert. Don't miss this opening to the concert season!

Saturday, November 2, 7:30 pm, at Wayzata Community Church, Wayzata, MN

Sunday, November 3, 4:00 pm at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, MN.

Tickets: Adults & Seniors: \$42 | Students and Children FREE. For tickets and additional information, please visit NLCA.com or call (612)722-2301.

Tickets may be available at the door on the day of the concert. Please check NLCA.com for the latest ticket information. Discounted ticket prices are available for groups of 10 or more. Contact the NLC office at 612-722-2301 for additional information on group tickets.

The National Lutheran Choir, under the direction of Dr. David Cherwien, seeks to strengthen, renew and preserve the heritage of sacred choral music through the highest standards of performance and literature. To learn more about the choir, visit NLCA.com and Facebook, Twitter and YouTube @NLChoir.

OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERS

Date	Asst. Minister	Reader	Communion Asst.	Acolytes
Oct 6	Kari Moeller	8:00 Dave Alstead 10:30-Sam Stenberg	8:00 am Stephanie & David Alstead 10:30-Peg Wagensteen, Claire Taylor-Sherman	10:30-Haven Purviance, Steian Johnson
Oct 13	Jeff Schmidt	8:00 Jody Dahl 10:30-Peg Wangenstein	8:00 Jody Dahl, Judie Prayfrock 10:30-Peg & Doug Wangenstein	10:30-Leland Engelking
Oct 20	Stephanie Alstead	8:00 JoAnn Hogenson 10:30-Isabella Arco	8:00 Stacy Van Wald, David Alstead 10:30-Kari Olson, Berit Nelson	10:30-Haven Purviance
Oct 27	David Stark	8:00 -Russ Edhlund 10:30-John Toso	8:00 Russ Edhlund, Judie Prayfrock 10:30-Chris & Greg Knopff	10:30-Wesley Norquist, Caelyn Hippen

Crucifer, Oct 27 Eliza Mitzel

Ushers 8:00 am **Oct 6, 13, 20** Jerry Sandahl & Judie Prayfrock
 10:30am **Oct 6**, Berit Nelson, Anna & Otto Schmidt, Doug Wangenstein
 10:30 am **Oct 13**, Jackie & Kiera Kelly, Doug Wangenstein
 10:30 am **Oct 20**, Peter & Kay Draine, Peg & Doug Wangenstein
 10:30 am **Oct 27**, Jean Sazevich, Dave Hedlund, Doug Wangenstein

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WELCA CLUSTER MEETING

Saturday, October 26, 9:30 – 11:30 am, Coffee, Treats, and a Speaker, Immanuel Fellowship Hall

Women of Immanuel are invited to a program about "Days for Girls Enterprise". Dr. Kenneth Olson will speak about the organization which provides health education, support and supplies for girls in the Iringa Diocese of Tanzania. Dr. Olson and his wife Birdie have traveled many times to Tanzania and can bring firsthand knowledge of the health issues faced by the girls.

Women are invited to bring any of the following supplies which will go to girls in Iringa.

- Gallon size Ziplock brand freezer bags
- Hotel size bar soap (unused)

- New Terry washcloths (dark colored preferred)
- Girls underwear sizes 8 – 14 or Women's size 5 (no words, faces, food, or characters)

Half of the monetary offering will be given to "Days for Girls Enterprise" and ½ to the St. Paul Area WELCA.

Reservations should be made to Lynn Boogren, 651-245-7837 or boogrenlasalle@aol.com by Wednesday, October 23rd.

ILCW BAKE SALE

Volunteers are needed to make Scandinavian cookies (rosettes, krumkake and spritz) and to work at the Bake Sale during the Lutefisk Dinner. No experience necessary. It's a fun, multi-generational effort. So grab a friend and join in the fun! We need volunteers! As the quote says, "Many hands make light work." Dates and times are listed below. If these times don't fit your schedule, you can still help by baking items in your home and donating them to the bake sale. Donate a cake or pie or a few batches of cookies.

Cookie Making

Sunday, November 17, Noon – 4:00 p.m.

(Lunch provided)

We have plenty to do, and everyone is Velkommen!

(Optional: Mix up a batch of cookie dough and bring it with you to church. We can store the dough in the kitchen while you attend church and then start in after a quick bite to eat.)

Bake Sale (before and during the Lutefisk Dinner)

Friday, November 22, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Questions? Please contact Rhonda Tjaden at 651-699-0868 or rhonda.tjaden@thomsonreuters.com



NEW IN THE LIBRARY

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Cor Corrigan, Meg Blaine

Then I Am Strong: moving from my mother's daughter to God's child

The author based her title on the Apostle Paul's words in the 12th chapter of Corinthians. The book is a most readable and moving memoir with a message of God's Goodness and grace to others who are undergoing great personal turmoil in their lives.

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Yan Yang, Kao Kalia

The Song Poet: a memoir of my father

After her award-winning memoir *The Latehomecomer*, the author now retells the life of her father, Bee Yang, a Hmong refugee in Minnesota, driven from the mountains of Laos by America's secret war. Bee sings the life of his people through the war-torn jungle and a Thai refugee camp, but the songs fall away in the cold difficult world of a St. Paul housing project and the death of his mother. This is a beautiful testament to a poetic gift that didn't translate into monetary or worldly success, but still carries immense value to Bee's children and anyone who chooses to see it. This is a beautifully written, heart-wrenching memoir.

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Hen Hendrix, John

The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the plot to kill Hitler

What the reader might first notice is the author's striking three-color art and the inventive combination of text and illustration in this graphic nonfiction account of Hitler's would-be assassin. But Hendrix makes an even more bold and surprising decision to tell it as a tale of faith by presenting the story through the lens of Bonhoeffer's Christianity. German theologian Bonhoeffer had also studied in the U.S. and had attended the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem where he heard the preacher Adam Clayton Powell's stirring message: "Obeying God means challenging injustice! You don't just think about God. . . **You act!**"

COMMUNITY EVENTS

LYNGBLOMSTEN HAPPENINGS

(Our congregation is a member of Lyngblomsten, a Christian nonprofit organization providing healthcare, housing, and community-based services for older adults since 1906. Lyngblomsten is located at 1415 Almond Ave, St. Paul)

What Is Living Well with Chronic Conditions?

Living Well is a group-based workshop that helps people with chronic conditions – such as diabetes, cancer, heart disease, fibromyalgia, or arthritis. Come learn healthy ways to live and be active. The workshop is led by two peer leaders and meets once a week for six weeks.

Participants will learn how to:

- Eat healthy and be active in new ways.
- Communicate with family, friends, and their health care team.
- Reduce stress and increase relaxation.
- Address issues like depression and isolation.
- Receive support from other participants.

Who should attend? The workshop is open to adults of all ages with chronic conditions, as well as their family members and caregivers. *Cost:* \$15

Upcoming Classes: Tuesdays, 9:30 am – 12 pm, Oct 15, 22, Nov 5, 12, 19; Community of Grace Lutheran Church, 4000 Linden St., White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Instructors: Rachel Wolk & Gail Carroll

Register by Oct. 7: To sign up or learn more, please contact: Becky Hulden, bhulden@lyngblomsten.org; 651-632-5335; Fairview.org/livingwell. Or register online at: <https://yourjuniper.org/Classes/Register/1282>

All participants will receive a copy of the book, "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions."

NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK FOR SENIORS: FLU SHOT CLINIC

Wednesday, October 2, 11:30am – 12:30 pm, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1895 Laurel Ave.

A limited supply of high-dose flu shots will be available. All major insurance cards accepted. Bring Insurance card and photo ID. \$40 cash price for those without insurance. For Questions, please call 651-646-2301.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 8:30am – 5:30pm, at Immanuel.

Life Line Screening will be offering their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Immanuel. They are a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings who have partnered with over 100 hospitals across the country and have conducted 8 million screenings since 1993. Five screenings will be offered that can scan for potential health problems.

- Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque buildup – a leading cause of stroke)
- Heart Rhythm Screening (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation – irregular heartbeat)
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening (a weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body)
- Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening (hardening of the arteries in the legs)
- Osteoporosis Risk Assessment (bone density loss)

Package 1: Plaque, Vascular Disease & Heart Rhythm Package – 4 Tests for \$139

Package 2: Add an Osteoporosis Screening for \$10 more – 5 Tests for \$149

Register online today at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle to receive your “Community Circle” discount and your Preferred Appointment.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL SEMINARS

Thursday, Oct. 10, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall

5 Keys to Retiring Fearlessly with Todd Readinger & Ken Harris

Thursday, Nov. 14, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall

“Income Taxes and Retirement” with Mark Ohlmann & Ken Harris

Thursday, Dec. 12, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall

“Making a Difference” with Todd Readinger & Ken Harris

ST. PAUL CANDIDATE FORUMS

On Nov. 5, St. Paul will hold elections for City Council and School Board. Want to know more about who is running and what the candidates think about issues important to you? Immanuel’s Social Action Team encourages you to attend one of the following candidate forums to inform your vote! Keep an eye out for additional dates to be announced in News & Notes as they are scheduled.

1 Oct 2019, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Ward 3 City Council Candidate Forum

Highland Park Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy

Sponsored by League of Women Voters, Highland District Council, and MacGrove Community Council

3 Oct 2019, 7:00-8:30 PM: Ward 4 City Council Candidate Forum

Saint Paul Neighborhood Network, 550 Vandalia St, Suite 170

Sponsored by League of Women Voters

8 Oct 2019, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM: Ward 7 City Council Candidate Forum

Sunray Library, 2105 Wilson Ave

Sponsored by League of Women Voters

10 Oct 2019, 7:00 – 8:30 PM: Ward 5 City Council Candidate Forum

Washington Magnet, 1495 Rice Street

Sponsored by League of Women Voters, North End Neighborhood Organization, Payne Phalen Community Council, District 10 Como Community Council, and Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers

15 Oct 2019, 7:15 – 8:45 PM: Ward 2 City Council Candidate Forum

Villa del Sol Community Space, 88 Cesar Chavez Street

Sponsored by League of Women Voters and West Side Community Council

17 Oct 2019, 6:30 – 8:00 PM: Ward 1 City Council Candidate Forum

Hallie Q Brown Center, 270 N Kent Street

Sponsored by League of Women Voters and Hallie Q Brown Center

23 Oct 2019, 7:00 – 8:00 PM: Ward 6 City Council Candidate Forum

Arlington Hills Community Center, 1200 Payne Ave

Sponsored by League of Women Voters, Payne/Phalen District Council, and District Council 2

IMMANUEL TEAM UPDATES: SOCIAL ACTION**Focus on Housing & Homelessness**

Immanuel has a rich history of supporting our community through the life essentials of food and shelter while fighting hunger and homelessness. At every stage of life, where we live is the foundation for our health, education, safety, and economic well-being. This year, we invite you to explore what “loving and serving our neighbor” means as we continue to focus on hunger and housing through education, direct service and advocacy.-- ILC Social Action Charter

This fall the focus for the Social Action Ministry is the Immanuel Flea Market and voter engagement in the run up to City Council and School Board elections in November.

The entire City Council is up for re-election this year. You may ask, “Why does this matter? What does this have to do with me and my faith?” Among the many issues decided by the City Council are land use, zoning, and housing development in St. Paul. All of those decisions and many more are related to the availability of affordable housing for the poor and homeless – a focus of our work at Immanuel.

Providing access to affordable housing is dependent on both subsidized (e.g., Section 8 vouchers) and unsubsidized housing (requiring developers to aside 10% of the new units and to charge rents at 80% of market value in exchange for grants)

- Households in St. Paul, MN have a median annual income of \$54,290, which is less than the median annual income of \$60,336 across the entire United States. <https://datausa.io › profile › geo › st.-paul-mn>
- Two full-time earners making \$15 per hour (not fully phased in yet) would bring in only \$62,400. Lillie Suburban Newspapers, July 21, 2019
- Fifty percent of all renters in the TC metro area are cost burdened (spend more than 30 percent of their income for housing) McKnight Foundation report: Tension in Affordable Housing, 2013

St Paul uses a Neighborhood Nodes policy approach to Urban planning. Overall, the city-wide goals are to increase housing density and land use diversity at Neighborhood Nodes, focus investment along transit corridors and promote high quality urban design. In the City Planning document, many of the social justice issues of affordable housing, education equity and racial justice are addressed. St Paul for All 2040/land use: <https://tinyurl.com/y4fprftz>

The use of the Ford plant land is a prime example of the complexity of housing planning. In addition, apartments are in the works on Luther Seminary land, the Ecolab building in Downtown St. Paul, and the neighborhoods around the new soccer stadium.

The Metropolitan Council also plays a role in overseeing housing and urban planning for the region along with funding and demonstration projects for creative ways to make housing more affordable, such as affordable home ownership, support for mixed income housing, and manufactured housing preservation. Innovative Housing Strategies: <https://tinyurl.com/y3wb4hbn>

The Minneapolis city council approved the Minneapolis 2040 comprehensive housing plan, which declares the city's intent to abolish single-family-home zoning and allow duplexes and triplexes to be built anywhere in the city. Council members are now building the coalitions they need to build the plan. <https://tinyurl.com/Minneapolis-2040-Approach>

As you can see, housing is a complex issue in our city. The City Council has significant responsibility for this issue. We ask that you stay informed about those running for election and let your values guide you as you make a choice when you vote on November 5. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Social Action Committee.

150th ANNIVERSARY TEAM

Immanuel will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2021. Many hands are needed to prepare for our year of celebration. Do you have time and talent to help with:

- Writing historical notes about Immanuel for the 2021 Messenger
- Helping to prepare a montage of old photos and videos
- Organizing the archives at Immanuel
- Writing Immanuel's history for a commemorative book – stories about our pastors, our music, our ministry partners, lutefisk dinners, and more.

Please contact Ann Derr: at 651-335-3233 or annderr@gmail.com

THANK YOU!



Thank you, Linda Carlson, for preparing the many music folders for the start of our ringing and singing season!

Thank you to Kathy Raiter, Linda Carlson, & Ann Derr, who covered the phones for a couple of days.

Folks in need at Dorothy Day were greeted and fed lunch by volunteers from Immanuel on Saturday, August 17th. Many thanks to the following: David Bailey, Tom Cline, Monte Hanson, Ellen Homgren, Nancy Reidell, Jerry Sandahl, Dick Sarafolean, Joe Schwarz, & Jeanette Wermager. Cookies were contributed by June

& Rachel Husom, Terri Purviance, & A Piece of Cake Bakery. Thank you! If you are interested in helping out on the third Saturday of the month, please contact Jerry Sandahl or Nancy Reidell.



Thank-you to Lee English and Jerry Sandahl for their work on the flowers. Jerry, for the Peace Garden and Lee for the box in front, pots by the north door, and plantings on the south side. Lee plants his "areas" and both Lee and Jerry are on the grounds several times a week to water and weed. Their work is very much admired and appreciated!



SCHOOL TOOLS DRIVE

Once again Immanuel participated in the School Tools drive sponsored by Interfaith Action. A big and sincere thank you to everyone who brought in school supplies or made a monetary donation. We had a wonderful response: The supplies were given out to hundreds of children in St. Paul by programs that serve children from low income families. Kids will know their success in school matters to others.



FALL STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (1 Cor 15:58)

October marks the beginning of our annual drive to support the ongoing ministry of Immanuel. This year you are once again invited to a Stewardship Social at an Immanuel member's home to learn about what is happening at Immanuel, dream a bit about the future, and get to know some people you only see on a Sunday morning. Socials will last one hour and various light refreshments will be served. Please choose from one of these socials with Immanuel members and friends:

October 7: Home of Mike & Rhonda Tjaden

7-8 pm; 389 Pascal St S, St. Paul
Dessert and beverages
Adults only
Max: 8 guests

October 8: Home of David & Lindsey Hansen

7-8 pm; 2016 Wellesley Ave, St. Paul
Light hors d'oeuvres
Children welcome
Max: 12 guests

October 10: Home of Paul & Amy Shirilla

7 - 8 pm; 1544 Goodrich Ave, St. Paul
Appetizers and wine*
Children welcome
Max: 10 guests

October 11: Home of Tari Johnson & Don Kyser

7-8 pm; 1625 Portland Ave, St. Paul
Wine and cheese*
Children welcome
Max: 15 guests

October 13: Immanuel Fellowship Hall

12-1 pm (lunch begins at 11:45am)
Soup and Sandwiches
Children welcome
No maximum guests

October 14: Home of Kelly & John Wells

6:30–7:30 pm; 1359 Stanford Ave, St. Paul
Dessert, wine, coffee
Children welcome
Max: 10 guests

October 15: Home of Doug & Peg Wangenstein

7 - 8 pm; 2171 Princeton Ave, St. Paul
Wine and Cheese*
Adults Only
Max: 8 guests

October 17: Home of Gay & Dan Bartholic

7-8 pm; 1875 Hampshire Ave, St. Paul
Dessert
Children welcome
Max: 12 guests

* other beverages will be served as well.

Sign up for a social in one of these ways:

- At the Welcome desk in the Gathering Space at the church
- Online at ilcsp.org/registration
- By contacting the Church Administrator, Deanna Hesse, at 651-699-5560 or dhesse@ilcsp.org

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms

Sept. 29, 2019, Baker Phillips Tangen

BOARD UPDATES

September 2019 Visioning Board Meeting Summary

The meeting was called to order and Pastor Cindy led devotions, reading an article from Luther seminary concerning the future of the ELCA and the issues people have with their faith as well as Colossians 1:11-20.

The finance committee reported that Immanuel is in good shape as this year is progressing. With some nuances and difficulties with accounting arising during the transition in staffing this year, the committee will work on a training plan for future new hires.

The board addressed questions raised by ministry teams in their monthly reports. The board will continue drafting policies to provide guidelines for action. All policies will be kept in one document to make searching easy. The format of our policies may seem a bit repetitive but is in place to ensure all questions of responsibility and scope are covered and direct people to the correct course of action. There will also be links to specific forms and procedural details specific to the teams responsible for these details. In addition to this work, Kelley and Doug Wangenstein have been working to identify areas of the constitution that need to change to reflect the new structure of governance. Next meeting will focus on needed changes going into and through next year.

The board also considered the process of nomination and recruitment of volunteers to serve on our ministry teams. If you are interested in becoming more involved, please reach out to team members or Pastor Cindy.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with a prayer.

The complete version of official minutes of each Visioning Board and Council meeting can be obtained at the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Dufresne, Board Chair (joe@dufresne.us, 612.840.6498), or any Visioning Board member. The Council meets 4 times per year (dates and t.b.d.) and the Visioning Board meets monthly, usually on the third Tuesday. Meetings are open to the public and all are welcome.

Church Council, Visioning Board and Committee/Team Chairs		
Kelley Wells , Council President	Ross Robey , Financial Secretary	Paul Shirilla , Stewardship
Paul Mattessich , Vice President	Dave Alstead , Asst. Fin. Secretary	Mary Gwen Thompson , Children, Youth, & Family
Joe Dufresne , Past President /Visioning Board Chair	Mike Tjaden , Member at Large	Harvey Jaeger , Property
Martha Hansen , Secretary	Sue Klevan , Member at Large	Kari Moeller , Membership
Mark Thompson , Treasurer	Seth Harris , Member at Large	Christine Danielson , Social Action
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AWE – Art with Ellen LGBC – Living Gospel Believers Church

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