



Welcome

April 7, 2024

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.)

- Carla, sister of Tracy Woods, successful brain surgery. Prayers of thanksgiving and for healing.
- Roselyn Weber, healing & recovery from recent hospitalization.
- Ken & Liz Anderson, friends of Harriet Johnson. Ken healing from stroke, and strength & patience for Liz.
- Gary, father of Jolene Tesch, awaiting kidney transplant & Becky, kidney donor.
- Chris, for insight & healing.
- Vicky Johnson, grandmother of Michael Curry & Rachel Atkins, multiple diagnoses. Prayers for comfort and successful treatment.
- Laurie Fetterman, mother of Katrina Stern, cancer treatment and upcoming surgery. Prayers for comfort and healing.
- Nick Eichman, deployed to the Middle East. Prayers for safety for all 550 being deployed.
- Jim Duvick, prayers for comfort.
- Tommy Chevalier, deployed to Israel. Prayers for safety.
- Trevor Fleck. Prayers for healing.
- Melissa Larson, brain cancer. Prayers for comfort and successful treatment.

We celebrate the baptism of (Saturday, 5:00 p.m.):

- Bennie Peter DeLuca, son of Jenni & Eric. Bennie was born on April 1, 2021. His sponsors are Paul & Tea Berg.
- Matteo Michael DeLuca, son of Jenni & Eric. Matteo was born on August 28, 2023. His sponsors are Katie & Jimmy Marty.

We share the resurrection hope with:

MaryKay Copp & family. MaryKay's aunt, Mary Kolman, passed away on Tuesday, April 2. Her service was Saturday, April 6 in Westchester Ill.

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

- The Steelman family in honor of Zona Steelman's birthday.

MANY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS. Donating flowers is a fine way to recognize a special milestone or person in your life and many 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.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP Psalm 98:4 "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise."

At Immanuel we rejoice having children with us in worship!! Will they always be quiet and well behaved? No, but occasional noise and activity is an important part of the commitment we make at each child's baptism to support their caregivers in faith development and teaching about worship. Thanks be to God for this joyful noise!

SPRING CLASSES FOR ADULTS. Join us Wednesdays this spring - 6:15-7:30pm in Fellowship Hall. We have some great opportunities for adults this spring. No need to sign-up. Come a little early and enjoy dinner at the Wednesday Cafe!

- **April 10:** Bishop Election Forum (*note time change—7-9pm*)
- **April 17:** Land Acknowledgements (Deacon Savannah)
- **April 24:** Lutheranism 101 (Pastor Paul)
- **May 1:** Advanced Care Planning & Hospice (Kari Totall, Parish Nurse)
- **May 8:** End of year celebration (It's a surprise!)

BISHOPS ELECTION FORUM AT IMMANUEL Wednesday, April 10, 7:00pm. Come and meet the candidates for bishop of the 2024 Minneapolis Area Synod bishop election! Candidates will be introduced and then each will be available in small groups for Q&A. We look forward to hosting this event and supporting this important process in the life of the Minneapolis Area Synod. Information on the candidates can be found at mpls-synod.org/2024-bishop-election/2024-bishop-election-electing/

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 7-13, 2024

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Epiphany Choir-Room H
	10:30 a.m.	Brass Rehearsal-Room H
	1:00 p.m.	Faith Group-Luther Hall/Fellowship Hall/Hollywood
Monday	10:00 a.m.	Prayer & Praise-Living Room
	6:00 p.m.	Yoga-Luther Hall
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study-Chanhassen Legion
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting-Library
	6:00 p.m.	Executive Committee-Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council-Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study-Fellowship Hall
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Café-Atrium – Dinner: Tacos
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Commotion-Luther Hall
	5:45 p.m.	Cornerstone Choir-Music Room
	6:00 p.m.	Ascension Choir-Room H
	6:00 p.m.	Praise Ringers-Library
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation-Luther Hall
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Bishop Election Forum-Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Reformation Choir-Music Room
	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study-Chanhassen Legion
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting-Room H
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Worship-Sanctuary

GRIEF SUPPORT SPRING SERIES Mondays, April 15 - May 20, 6-8pm St. Hubert Catholic Community, Chanhassen

Losing someone we love is one of life's most challenging passages. Learning about this process of grief, along with sharing our experience in a caring, supportive, and confidential setting, helps us to cope and leads to personal growth and healing. The churches of the Southwest Grief Coalition are working together to provide faithful support, community, and education for those grieving. Each session includes light appetizers, speakers, and small group discussion. Register at www.swgriefcoalition.org/

VBS 2024 REGISTRATION FOR KIDS & VOLUNTEERS NOW OPEN! We will embark on an epic underwater adventure July 8-11 as we explore a deep friendship with God at Vacation Bible School! Open to kids age 3 to grade 4 (completed). Volunteer opportunities available for kids in grade 5 (completed) to adults. Don't miss this amazing week! More info and registration at www.immanuel.us/children/VBS.

SALT (Senior Adults) Guest Speaker Kathy Adams - A Palestinian Perspective Tuesday, April 23, 10:00am at Immanuel. Are you interested in learning more about the Middle East from the Palestinian perspective? Join us April 23 for speaker Kathy Adams who has a passion for educating people about the Palestinians. You will find Kathy engaging and informative! A good resource to learn more about the Middle East is the website MEPN.org. The cost of this event is \$10.00 which includes lunch. Please register at www.immanuel.us/adults/senior-adults.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 101, DATE CHANGE: April 17, 5:15pm in Fellowship Hall. In the past year our church body, the ELCA, has initiated the "Truth & Healing Movement" as an intentional opportunity for the church to increase its understanding of our colonizing impacts on Indigenous people in the past and present. For several years Immanuel has wrestled with the idea of creating a land acknowledgement. However, we do not want this to simply be something we check off a list, but instead a process of learning together that helps us to engage in authentic relationship and healing with the Indigenous communities that steward the land we live on. As we continue to discern what this statement might look like for our congregation, we invite you to join Deacon Savannah on April 24 to learn more about the process of writing a land acknowledgment, the "Truth & Healing Movement," and how you can be involved.

ANNUAL YOUTH GARAGE SALE Saturday, May 4, 8:00am - 1:00pm. Start your spring cleaning and make a difference for Immanuel youth! Funds earned from this annual sale support our youth attending life-changing faith events and trips! Donations will be received beginning Sunday, April 28. Additional donation dates and sale information available at www.immanuel.us/youth/garage-sale (Please check the list of items we are UNABLE TO ACCEPT).

FLEECE BLANKETS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS Help make a gift from Immanuel! Volunteers are needed to create tie blanket gifts for Immanuel's 2024 graduating high school seniors. We provide the fleece! Simply stop by the desk in the Atrium to sign up and get supplies. Thank you for being a part of this special tradition!

LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA. Thanks to our many sewers, we shipped 486 dresses last year. If you can do basic sewing, you can help - premade kits are available that make 6 pillowcase dresses each. Pick up a kit at the Registration Desk. Donations of pillowcases, rickrack, bias tape, and thread are also welcome. For more information contact Ilene McCluskey 952-941-8471.