



# Welcome

August 25, 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.)

- Karina Nelson's mother, chemo. Prayers for successful treatment.
- 6-year-old friend of Becky Liebl. Prayers for stability in her living situation.
- Pamela Rylance, daughter in law of Robert Rylance, recovering from colon surgery. Prayers for healing.
- Delores Smith, prayers of comfort.
- Laura Savereide, surgery for broken foot, July 25. Prayers for successful surgery and healing.
- Maggie Johnson, niece of Jody & Jon Ebert, hospice. Prayers for comfort and peace.
- Pat Middeke, prayers for continued healing.
- Laurie Fetterman, mother of Katrina Stern, bladder cancer surgery and treatment. Prayers for comfort and healing.
- Nick Eichman, deployed to the Middle East. Prayers for safety for all 550 deployed.

### We share the resurrection hope with:

- Pastor Angela Jacobson and family. Pastor Angela's husband, Pastor Karl, passed away on Sunday, August 18.
- Craig Eckberg and family. Craig's parents, Loren & Eileen passed away. Loren passed away on Sunday, July 28, and Eileen passed away on Friday, August 16.

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

- Jack Wayne Lande, son of Jerrica & Robert. Jack was born on March 30. His sponsors are Jennifer Rieger and Derek Lande.
- Elizabeth Jo Cadden, daughter of Sarah & David. Elizabeth was born on November 21, 2023. Her sponsors are Emily & Zach Wallace.

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

- John & Jennifer Urbanski in celebration of Olivia's baptismal birthday.
- Steve & Judy Berglund in celebration of their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**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!

**LARGE PRINT BIBLES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH. Ask an usher if you would like to use one.**

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Sunday, September 1, 10:30am** Bring your pets for a special blessing in the Immanuel backyard during worship! No need to sign-up. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets (we'll also have folding chairs available). All animals should be on leashes and clean-up is the responsibility of owners (thanks!)

**BINGO BENEFIT FOR PROP Saturday, September 7, 3-7pm.** Join the fun under the BIG TENT at our Bingo Benefit for PROP, our local organization that helps people in need. There will be prizes, food trucks, root beer floats with Culver's custard, special musical guests, and Bingo callers including Immanuel youth & staff members. Invite your friends and neighbors to join in the fun! Come for an hour or play for the whole four hours. **Volunteers are needed!** Sign up at [www.immanuel.us/about/register](http://www.immanuel.us/about/register) or on your Connect Form.

**WELCOME SUNDAY TENT WORSHIP Sunday, September 8, 9am.** On Welcome Sunday we kick off our program year with one worship service under the big tent in our parking lot. We will introduce our fall theme and enjoy music, stepping stone blessings, and more. Following worship join us for an all-are-welcome picnic with hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, beans, and dessert.

### SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF August 25-31, 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship-Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	Immanuel Brass-Living Room
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship-Outside
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Yoga-Luther Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study-Chanhassen Legion
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting-Library
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Reformation Choir-Music Room
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study-Chanhassen Legion

**SR. PASTOR TRANSITION LISTENING SESSIONS.** Change is afoot and your input is an important component of setting our future direction. In September Council leadership will be holding listening sessions to share information and gather feedback. Discussion will include updates on demographics (how our congregation is growing), priorities for ministry to members and to the community, and how these priorities are addressed by our Ministry Team and by the Congregation. Two sessions are planned:

- **Wednesday, September 11 at 6:15pm in Fellowship Hall**
- **Sunday, September 15 at 10:00am in Luther Hall.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

**ONE STOP for all sign-ups!** Need to register for an activity or event? Want to volunteer at Immanuel or with a Partner Ministry? **START HERE!** We have a new page on our website which is the best place to find anything you could sign-up for:

[www.immanuel.us/about/register](http://www.immanuel.us/about/register)

**FALL REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN.** Registration is now open for Sunday School (Preschool - grade 4 at 9:00 or 10:30am), God Squad (grade 5 & 6) at 9:00am online at [www.immanuel.us/children/sundays](http://www.immanuel.us/children/sundays) and Confirmation (grade 7-9) Wednesdays 6:15-7:45pm at [www.immanuel.us/youth/confirmation](http://www.immanuel.us/youth/confirmation). Scholarships are available by request!

**WOMEN'S PRAYER & PRAISE Mondays 10-11:30am - beginning Sept. 16** We will be studying *Sabbath (Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in our Busy Lives)* by Wayne Muller. Wayne Muller shows us how to create a special time of rest, delight, and renewal--a refuge for our souls. We ask that everyone purchase their own book which is available on Amazon. Women of all ages are invited to join us in the Living Room at Church for community & lively discussion! Questions? Contact Kim Paul at <mailto:dempauls@comcast.net>.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** Wednesday mornings 9:30-11am, September 11-October 30. Join us as we connect with the New Testament using the study "The Greatest Story". This study introduces the key people, places, and events of scripture. Participants are invited to explore where they fit in the greatest story and how the greatest story fits in their lives. Please contact Jen Johnson [jeninvictoria@hotmail.com](mailto:jeninvictoria@hotmail.com) or Janell Weum [weumjc@gmail.com](mailto:weumjc@gmail.com) if interested in joining us. All are welcome!

**SIGN UP NOW FOR TABLES OF 8--The gift of community!** The best blessings in life are the gifts we share together. These "together" gifts include friendship, faith, support, laughter, and encouragement. Immanuel invites you to share these gifts by being part of Tables of Eight! Kick-off gathering is Sunday, September 29, 4-6pm at Immanuel. More info and register at [www.immanuel.us/adults/tables-of-eight](http://www.immanuel.us/adults/tables-of-eight).

**YOGA FOR ADULTS Mondays, 6-7pm in Luther Hall.** Fall session begins September 9. Cost is pay-what-feels-right with a suggested donation of \$10-\$20 per class. All are welcome regardless of ability to pay. Instructor Tara Murphy has been practicing yoga since 2011 to feel grounded, centered, and connected to God. This candlelit, slow flow will encourage you to slow down, let go, and be present. For details contact [taramurphy3@gmail.com](mailto:taramurphy3@gmail.com)

**COMMUNITY MEAL Salem Lutheran, Minneapolis** Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve on Tuesday, August 27, 4:30-6:30pm. You are invited to enjoy a meal and community even if you can't commit to serving! Sign up at [www.immanuel.us/serve](http://www.immanuel.us/serve).

**MEN SERVE AT SIMPSON** Our next Simpson date is Saturday, September 14, once again serving lunch to the homeless guests living in Simpson Housing's emergency shelter. We will meet in the Immanuel parking lot near the front door to carpool over to Simpson's interim shelter no later than 10:15 AM and will be back to Immanuel no later than 1:30 PM.

**BECOME A PIECEMAKER! Immanuel's Quilt Ministry begins September 12.** Our quilters will start assembling quilts for Lutheran World Relief on Thursday, September 12. We meet every other Thursday from 9:00am to 1:00pm to quilt and enjoy a light lunch together. New volunteers are always welcome! If you can tie a knot, we need you! Questions? Call Jan Walton at 952-465- 9329.