



Welcome

March 31, 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, brain surgery 3/27. Prayers for successful surgery and 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.
- Diane Schubbe, sister of Sharon Peterson, cellulitis from knee replacement. Prayers for healing.
- Nick Haugen, son of Anna & Nate Springer, broken arm and broken leg. Prayers for family.
- Michael Krieger, brother of Karen Atkins, cancer diagnosis. Prayers for 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 share the resurrection hope with:

- Lorraine Maenke and family. Lorraine's husband, Orly, passed away Sunday, March 24. His service will be Sunday, April 21.

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!

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!

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/

BLOOD DRIVE AT IMMANUEL. Are you at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds? If you answered yes to the above question, please consider donating a pint of your blood at the blood drive at Immanuel on **Wednesday, April 3 from 1 - 6pm**. There are 17 time slots available; go to www.mbc.org/donate-blood to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Evangelista at 952-457-9755.

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.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 31-APRIL 6, 2024

Monday		Church Office Closed
	6:00 p.m.	Yoga-Luther Hall
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting-Library
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study-Fellowship Hall
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Café-Atrium – Dinner: Sloppy Joes
	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.	Adult Faith Formation-Fellowship Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation-Luther Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Servant Song-Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Reformation Choir-Music Room
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study-Chanhassen Legion
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study-Library
	5:00 p.m.	Worship-Sanctuary

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. She has been to Palestine 35 times, actively supports the Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, and sponsors to college students from Palestine. 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 April 25, 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). Thanks for your donations and for spreading the word about this popular annual sale!

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.

SHEETS NEEDED FOR QUILTERS. Our Piecemakers (Quilters) need twin flat sheets in colors or prints. They must be clean and with no stains or tears. Bring donations to the sign-up desk in the Atrium.

FREE PUZZLE LIBRARY Over 200 puzzles are available to borrow from Immanuel's Puzzle Library housed in the cabinet outside the west door of the church. It is open for everyone to use. Sign up on <https://PuzLib.com> to check out puzzles. Besides being fun, puzzles provide cognitive, emotional, and social benefits.

COMMUNITY NEEDS TARGET REGISTRY An easy way to help with ongoing needs. Help supply needed items for our Ministry Partners by purchasing from our Target online registry! Items are updated frequently based on needs and current donation drives. Check back often. Registry link: <https://www.immanuel.us/serve>