



# Welcome

September 8, 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.)

- Bruce Christopher, surgery. Prayers for successful surgery and healing.
- David Velde, friend of Harriet Johnson, stomach cancer. Prayers for comfort and healing.
- Laura Savereide, broken foot. Prayers for continued healing.
- 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.

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

- Paul Erdmann in memory of Stephanie Coltvet Erdmann
- Jennifer & Glenn Andis celebrating Quinn Erickson

**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!

**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!

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8-14, 2024

Monday	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
	7:30 p.m.	Church Council-Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study-Fellowship Hall
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Café-Atrium <b>Dinner: Pasta</b>
	6:00 p.m.	Praise Ringers-Library
	6:15 p.m.	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Stepping Stone-Luther Hall/Sanctuary
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation-Luther Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Sr. Pastor Transition Listening Session-Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Servant Song-Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Reformation Choir-Music Room
	7:30 p.m.	Audit Committee-Library
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study-Chanhassen Legion
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting-Room H
Friday	1:00 p.m.	SALT Planning Meeting-Library
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study-Library

**MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDIES Tuesdays with Pastor Dan, Thursdays with Pastor Paul.** Join us either morning, 7 - 8 a.m. at the Chanhassen Legion, 290 Lake Dr. E. No experience in Bible study is needed, just come!

**HOPS & HOPE Book discussion group - begins Monday, September 30.** Hops and Hope is back, and we will have our first gathering on Monday, September 30 at 6pm here at Immanuel! Feel free to bring along treats and beverages (beer, wine or non-alcoholic) to share. All are welcome to join, whether you've read the book or not! More information at [www.immanuel.us/justice/hops-and-hope](http://www.immanuel.us/justice/hops-and-hope)

**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)

**WEDNESDAY CAFÉ STARTS SEPTEMBER 11.** Supper is served 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. beginning September 11. Enjoy a hot meal with dessert for you and your family - and you don't have to cook or clean up! Visit with friends and make it easy for you and your family to participate in Immanuel groups and events like kids' choirs, confirmation, adult education, adult music groups, etc. There is a suggested donation of \$5/adult, \$2.50/child 10 and under, but if this cost is a burden, please accept it as a gift, gladly given.

**WEDNESDAY CAFÉ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Do you have the gift of service? Do you love feeding others? Help is needed only once a month prepping, serving, and cleaning up for an EASY catered meal. Almost all food is simple to prep or heat. For more information or to volunteer email [marykay@immanuel.us](mailto:marykay@immanuel.us)

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT EDUCATION 6:15 - 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall** - Beginning September 18, *The Great Courses: Understanding the New Testament*. Video presentations by Professor David Brakke, an award-winning Professor of History at The Ohio State University with discussion led by Pastor Paul, Pastor Dan, and Deacon Savannah. Register at <https://www.immanuel.us/adults/bible>. Questions? Contact Pastor Dan Nelson at [Dan@immanuel.us](mailto:Dan@immanuel.us).

**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.

**PROtoberfest 2024. VOLUNTEER FOR THIS FUN EVENT SEPTEMBER 22!** This year, Immanuel will be hosting the pumpkin decorating booth at PROtoberfest! We are looking for volunteers to help lead this event. Two shifts are needed: 11:00am-2:00pm and 2:00pm-4:30pm. We are also looking for someone who is interested in creating some decorations for our booth beforehand. Sign up to help at [www.immanuel.us/about/register](http://www.immanuel.us/about/register) under the Service and Justice tab.