

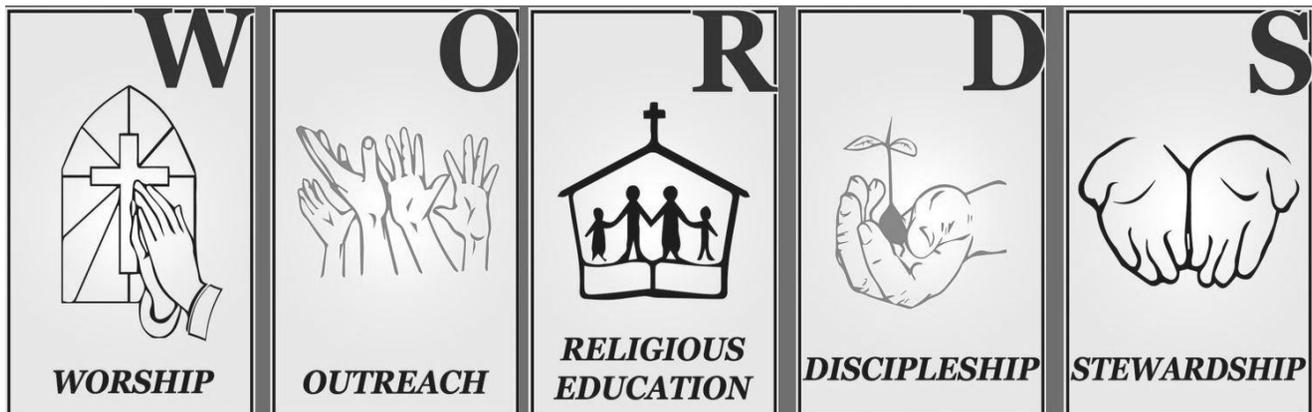


**Immanuel Lutheran**  
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

**2020**

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:  
GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION**

*The mission of Immanuel Lutheran Church is “to draw people closer to the person of Jesus Christ and assure them of His gifts; namely, the abundance of life on earth and the endless life in heaven.” This mission is made reality as we focus on the strategic plan for Immanuel which is centered around the “WORDS of eternal life” as we strive to enhance Worship, Outreach, Religious Education, Discipleship and Stewardship. Please browse through this pamphlet and get to know us a little better so that together we may continue to draw more people closer to Christ.*





## WORSHIP MINISTRY

This ministry includes a number of different parts making up the whole. Our student **Acolytes** light and extinguish chancel candles, assist with baptismal candles, and receive the offering and other duties as needed during worship services. The **Altar Guild** members care for and change altar linens and paraments. They are responsible for the maintenance of pastoral robes, the chancel area, as well as arranging plants and flowers used in worship. **Communion Care** members clean and store communion ware after services. **Communication/Audio Visual Teams** monitor and maintain the sound systems for worship services, videotape, edit and duplicate worship services, and reach out to the community in many ways as they share the message of God and his love by way of live radio broadcast, pod streams, and other forms of media. **Worship Aides** assist at worship services, handing out bulletins, collecting the offering, and helping those with special needs. **Greeters** are the first “face” of Immanuel that people see.

**Greeters** welcome all with a smile and a warm greeting as they come into God’s House for worship. The **Banner Committee** meets when needed to discuss the design of a new banner, choose the fabric and colors to be used, and assign parts for each member to create at their own time and place. Other sewing projects may be done together to support a special mission. Please contact the church office for further information about our worship ministry opportunities.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Those involved in Immanuel’s music ministries regularly enhance both the traditional and contemporary worship services. Individuals participating in these ministries have the opportunity to grow close in fellowship as they learn of the Lord’s love through the music practiced, and as they hold each other up in prayer at rehearsals. Directors Bill Gade (847-428-4477 ext. 227) and Kris Bartelt (847-428-4477 ext. 226), along with Cena Becker (847-428-1010 ext. 270) and Shelly Pieper (224-678-9727) lead vocal, bell and instrumental ensembles which sing, play and lead worship for various services as well as for other venues beyond Immanuel’s church and school walls. Groups for adults, youth and children include Sacred Choir, Sacred Ringers, Immanuel School’s Chancel Choir, Joyful Noise High School Bell Ensemble, School Chancel Ringers and Chancel Chimes, Praise Teams, Immanuel Brass and Instrumental Ensembles.



## ADULT INFORMATION for MEMBERSHIP (AIM)

Twice a year or so our congregation holds classes on Immanuel’s church campus to both give more information on the teachings of Immanuel and help people make an informed decision in joining our church. These classes led by Pastor Yonker (as well as other church staff) are called A.I.M. (Adult Information & Membership). The AIM class is fast moving, direct, filled with humor and stories and each week you will dig into God’s Word to see what it has to say about our life, our faith and our church. At the conclusion of the study, participants are welcomed into our church at the Comin’ Alive services scheduled twice a year. A celebratory breakfast held in their honor is hosted by our Acts 2 groups. The class is for those interested in becoming members as well as for members desiring to review the basics of the Christian faith.

## COMFORT DOG MINISTRY

Our congregation is blessed to be part of Lutheran Church Charity’s national K-9 Comfort Dog ministry. Our dog, Levi, a pure bred golden retriever, along with his trained handlers and ministry partners, bring the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who are suffering and in need. Locally, Levi visits hospitals, nursing homes, schools, funeral homes and individuals in their home. Comfort Dogs have been invited to serve across the country in many places of tragedy and disaster. Besides serving as handlers, “Team Levi” includes ministry partners that go along and help with visits and are ready to offer comfort and prayer. Other areas of service include fundraising, planning celebrations and letter writing and communication. Whatever your gift we would love to find a way to use it to bring comfort to a hurting world. For more information, please contact Barb Christie (847-542-1203).

## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Beginning in November through early December, Immanuel has a Giving Tree. Tags are prepared with requested gifts for children, families, upcoming mission trips and other special needs. The tags are hung on a tree in the atrium for givers to choose and return with item requested. Then the gifts are delivered to the families. If interested in helping out, contact Lisa Buker (847-428-8953 please leave message if no one answers) or Lindsay Laas (Lindsay.Laas@yahoo.com).

## COMPASSION IN ACTION (C.I.A.)

Through the generosity of so many over the last dozen years, our Compassion In Action ministry has touched people's lives with the love of Christ. It has helped pay for such things as utility bills, car repairs, rent, medical expenses, food, gas for cars, tuition for Immanuel students, and many, many others. Pastors Yonker and Baerwolf would be more than happy to tell you more about Compassion in Action.

## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SUMMER YOUTH THEATRE

In the summer of 2003, a dream was launched to give aspiring performers the opportunity to sing, dance and act. Many years later we continue to live out our mission to bring children closer to Christ through development of their God given talents. We promote Christian fellowship, community involvement as we open our doors to not only Immanuel members but to our friends and neighbors who want to participate in building relationships through teamwork. We hope to introduce the theater to all those enrolled and bring entertainment to our community. If you would like to be involved, sponsor a child, or be a corporate or individual contributor, please contact Courtney Dougherty (cdougherty@immanuel-ed.org). We have many needs for new items, as well as updating our supplies and equipment. We are completely self-supporting and welcome any donations in order to continue to grow and improve year after year.



## DAY SCHOOL AND PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

Immanuel offers an excellent educational program for students in preschool through eighth grade. Church membership is not required to attend our school. Our school is nationally accredited by the National Lutheran School Association and recognized by the state of Illinois and prepares our students for success in the classroom and beyond. Students learn and grow in a caring Christian environment that emphasizes *straight A's: academics, arts, athletics and an active service*. Immanuel students excel both in our school and in high school in honors classes, prestigious music ensembles, competitive athletics and service organizations with a strong foundation in faith. Extracurricular offerings include competitive athletics, band, hand bells and chorus, an annual musical production and Student Council, as well as afternoon classes in chess and art. The environment and offerings are all grounded in faith, giving our students and staff a place to learn and grow together in the faith.

Immanuel families are highly involved in our school as well, with parent participation strongly encouraged at all levels. Classroom involvement opportunities include room parents, prayer and care parents and volunteers for reading and lunch time help. Our Parent-Teacher League unites us in service to our school, raising much needed financial support for special projects and providing fun social events to encourage fellowship such as family movie nights and dances and adult evenings such as trivia night and our bi-annual auction. Our music program's Supporting Notes group gives parents an opportunity to support our young musicians, whether in band, chorus or hand bells, in putting on concerts and raising funds. Our Eagle Nation mobilizes to provide fans in the stands for all our athletic teams, including our travels to tournaments out of town.

For more information about our school, please contact our Principal, Sue Domeier, at 847-428-1010 extension 262 or our Director of Admissions, Courtney Dougherty (847-428-1010 extension 264). You can also visit our website: [www.immanuel-ed.org](http://www.immanuel-ed.org). We also offer Extended Care which provides loving, Christian childcare for our school students and children from the community. Extended Care is offered on all school days from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. giving children a safe, nurturing environment.

## FUN, FRIENDS AND FAITH MINISTRY

Children who are turning three or a young three are invited to attend Immanuel's Fun, Friends and Faith (FFF) class during the school year where they will experience Jesus' love in a first classroom environment. These annual sessions run September-November, December-February, and March-May and appropriate age students are invited to attend any or all of the sessions. Taught by a qualified early childhood teacher and aided by a caring professional, the class offers weekly thematic fun with crafts, Jesus time, stories and more, giving these young students a great introduction to the classroom setting. For more information, please contact the church office at 847-428-1010 or visit our FFF webpage at [www.immanuel-ed.org](http://www.immanuel-ed.org)



MOPS

*this is motherhood*

## MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) helps to gather and support moms. We believe in the simple but revolutionary idea that remarkable things happen when moms come together, face to face. We rally women to come together here at Immanuel and help each other through this thing called motherhood, one gathering at a time. If you are expecting or have an infant, toddler or preschooler please try our MOPS group. We provide childcare, so you can get a chance to connect with moms, face to face, while your kids are safe and making new friends as well. Food, coffee, snacks, children...we are here to help each other. For more information contact Courtney Dougherty at [cdougherty@immanuel-ed.org](mailto:cdougherty@immanuel-ed.org).

## IMMANUEL KID'S MINISTRY

Children are a vital part of our congregation. It is important to us that they are encouraged in their faith as they discover more about God who created them and loves them so very much! Immanuel Kids—Sunday morning is held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. during the school year. Children ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to attend as we take a look at stories from God's Word each week. All classes meet in the lower level of the church.

Immanuel Kids—Wednesday Nights are held on the first three Wednesdays of each month during our **Piano Prayer and Preaching** mid-week service. This time is for students in preschool through second grade. Children are dismissed to Luther Hall just prior to the message and return to their parents when it is finished.

Each summer Immanuel also hosts a week-long Vacation Bible School. A different theme each summer creates an unforgettable experience for children as they come to grow in the relationship with God through Bible stories, music, games, crafts, and service projects.

**The director of Children's Ministry is Dave Meier ([dmeier@immanuel-ed.org](mailto:dmeier@immanuel-ed.org) or 847-428-4477 ext. 251).**



## Bible Study Opportunities

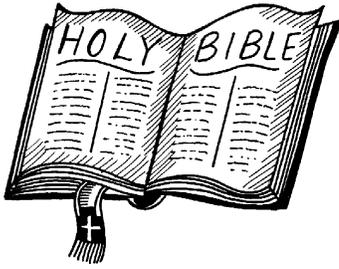
### ACTS 2 ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Luther Hall in the Christian Life Center (CLC) is divided into two areas on Sunday mornings for groups led by Pastor Baerwolf, (847-428-4477), Vicar Glombicki (224-239-4239), and Pastor Meissner (847-854-5761). Each meets from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning to study God's Word. Each class includes time for discussion and prayer for the concerns of those in attendance and for others. Announcements of church events are given and plans made to care for the needs of those in and outside of the group. Fellowship is enjoyed with breakfast treats brought in by members of each group. These classes are open for anyone to participate and join in at any time.



### SENIOR BIBLE STUDY

Senior men and women meet weekly on Tuesday afternoons in Luther Hall C at 1:30 p.m. Ken Becker, Immanuel's Parish Assistant (847-428-4477 ext. 230), leads this class. The goal of this Bible study is to apply God's Word to the participants' lives as Christian senior citizens. A time of fellowship follows with treats supplied by members.



## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Men gather on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. with Pastor Bojens (224-569-2698 or bojensdon@comcast.net) in Luther Hall. This year the class will focus on topics from Lutheran Hour Ministries including Scripture, videos and books of the Bible.

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

A group of women meet weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Virginia Ikert for a Bible study led by Marilyn Koehlert (847-426-7452).

## **THURSDAY MORNING MOMS' BIBLE STUDY**

The focus of this ladies' Bible study is to offer a comfortable, welcoming environment for mothers to fellowship with each other while strengthening their relationship with Christ through the study of His Word. Child care (a small fee is collected from those who are able) is provided in the church nursery. This Bible study meets on Thursday mornings during the school year in Luther Hall starting with fellowship at 8:30 and study from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Alison Lyon currently leads this group. Her contact info is: (630-709-6546) or a.lyon@comcast.net.

## **THURSDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

All women who are interested in studying God's Word together are invited. The class meets from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings during the school year. The class meets in Luther Hall and they are always looking for new ladies to join them in studying God's Word. Please contact Alison Lyon (630-709-6546) or a.lyon@comcast.net.

## **COUPLES BIBLE STUDY**

The Couples Bible Study meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Luther Hall C. We invite you to join us for study, fellowship and a deepening of the faith. If interested, contact Peter and Maris Johnson at (847) 639-8720 or the church office.

## **ROMANS 12**

This men's Bible study group grew from the former Promise Keepers Ministry. It meets weekly on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Conference Room in the church office. The class's facilitator is Carl Fischer (847-426-8265). This men's accountability group is currently working through The Case for Faith by Lee Strobel.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY**

This group meets from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. in Luther Hall for Saturday breakfast prepared by members, followed by Bible study led by a member of the group or a pastor as facilitated by Doc (Henry) Karolus (224-242-0149), Ted Myers (847-404-2945), Mike Fritz (847-428-4385), Joe Smedinghoff (847-836-7384) and Tim Bishop (224-239-0475).

## **FIVE.10.10**

The name for this men's ministry group led by Phil Sheldon, Cliff Surges and Bill Gade (847-428-4477 ext. 227) is derived from "as 5 is related to 10, so we are related in our weakness; as 10 is to 10, so are we the same in our strength, which is Jesus Christ." Men gather several times a month informally to study God's Word or to share in a Christian book study, connecting with each other in a spirit of encouragement and accountability. They usually meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Immanuel Ministry Outpost ("The House on the Hill"). They also help facilitate men's Saturday morning retreats with special speakers during the year.



## **YOUNIQUE**

This ministry of mothers and daughters meets at different special functions throughout the school year. YOUNIQUE is a unique, interactive Bible study for moms and daughters including projects, crafts and events which explore God's Word and the ways God is working in the lives of mothers and daughters together. Please contact Courtney Dougherty (847-428-1010 ext. 264) for more information.

## **IMMANUEL YOUTH MINISTRY (IYM)**

Immanuel Youth Ministry focuses on encouraging the faith journey of middle school and high school students as they gather, study and serve together. Each month events for middle school and high school students are planned to encourage relationships and connect students through various activities.

Weekly studies are designed to deepen students' relationships with their Savior, as they study His Word. Middle school Bible study is held on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the youth room and high school Bible study happens at the same time in the auxiliary kitchen, across from the youth room. High school youth nights are held in the youth room on Sunday evenings, beginning with dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by a time of fellowship and Bible study.

Service opportunities are also an important part of our ministry to students as they are encouraged to put their faith into action. Local service projects work to make an impact on our community while serving as an expression of our faith journey. Each summer high school students are encouraged to attend a life-changing summer trip where we travel to serve a community as part of a week-long mission experience.

For more information about Youth Ministry, please contact Dave Meier in the church office at [dmeier@immanuel-ed.org](mailto:dmeier@immanuel-ed.org) or 847-428-4477 ext. 251.



## **DORCAS SOCIETY**

The Immanuel Dorcas Society is named in honor of the Dorcas of Acts 9 who was known for her acts of charity. All Immanuel women are welcomed at any Dorcas meeting on the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in Luther Hall. We gather for fellowship and planning activities. We love seeing new faces. Our society supports the the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) with mite boxes and and Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois (LCFS) through Christmas stockings and a layette collection in the spring. We also have our own service ministries of making greeting cards, knitting and looming as we make baby hats for hospitals and we support grieving families by cooking and serving funeral luncheons when requested. Come meet with us as we together we serve the Lord. For further details, check the Nexus for meeting times or contact Linda Jensen ([lindajensen811@icloud.com](mailto:lindajensen811@icloud.com) or 847-373-7905) or Dorcas Meissner ([bwdmmeissner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bwdmmeissner@sbcglobal.net) or 847-854-5761).

## **FEED MY LAMBS**

This ministry usually meets in the church kitchen on the first Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. to share Jesus' love and compassion while strengthening their relationship with Christ and each other. They prepare freezer-friendly casserole-type meals for later distribution to homeless sites in Elgin. Members also meet each Friday morning to organize the bread donated by Panera Bread for distribution to at-risk children in preschools and day care centers. Please check with Alison Lyon (630-709-6546) for further information.

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

This ministry training led by Biff and Eileen Hawkey, Steve Harrison and Ramona Baerwolf meets every other Thursday. The mission of this program is summed up in Ephesians 4:12-13, which begins with the words, "Go equip the saints for the work of ministry." Stephen Ministers (caregivers) are trained to reach out on a one-to-one basis with the voice, hands, and feet of Christ to care receivers within the church and community who are hurting, lost, suffering, lonely, or otherwise unable to enjoy the abundant life our God provides. For more information please contact Biff and Eileen (847-426-5877), Ramona (630-337-4691) or Steve (630-740- 2665).

## **KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY**

The mission of the Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women, youth as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities. Here at Immanuel we participate in the “Kairos on the inside” portion of this ministry. In this ministry we spend 4 days in a maximum security prison guiding participants step by step through a program that is designed to help residents of these prisons increase their understanding of the Christian life. Please contact Joel Schiltz (630-747-9525) or schiltz17@yahoo.com for more information.

## **CHICAGO AREA MISSION PARTNERSHIP**

In recent years, Immanuel has taken part in this group’s efforts to restore people to their homes and communities following natural disasters. We have traveled to New Orleans and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Joplin, Missouri, and Houston, Texas to share Christ’s love to those who are hurting. The trips usually take place early in January. Other Immanuel members participated in this ministry with their prayers and gifts of materials and travel expenses. Immanuel continues to draw people close to the love of Christ through loving actions towards those in need of help. Please contact Pastor Baerwolf (847-428-4477 or pbaerwolf@immanuel-ed.org) if interested in learning more or participating in these life changing mission trips.

## **COLLEGE MOM’S GROUP**

Several times a year, moms of college aged students gather at church to pack care packages for their kids who are attending school. They get to share a devotion and a great time of fellowship while providing some love to their children away at college. We are currently looking for a leader for this special ministry—if interested please call the church office.

## **Prayer Ministry**

### **EMAIL PRAYER MINISTRY**

The email prayer chain of over 100 members is led by Nancy Flynn. Members pray daily for the needs of our congregation and the prayer list is updated weekly or as often as needed. A prayer box is located in the atrium at church for all your prayer requests. You can contact Nancy at (815-459-8053) or immanuelprays@hotmail.com.



### **TUESDAY PRAYER GROUP**

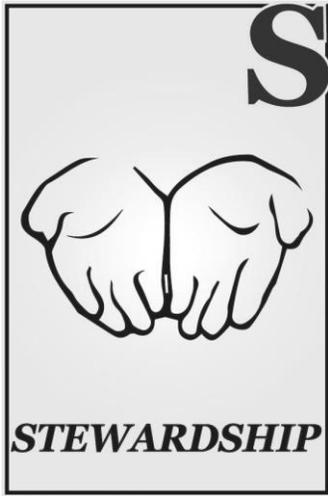
This prayer group meets every other Tuesday for an hour of group prayer. For more details regarding this ministry, contact Nancy at (815-459-8053).

### **PRAYER VIGILS**

Immanuel Lutheran Church holds a 12 hour Prayer Vigil twice a year (spring and fall) during which we have an open church for silent prayer time. You are welcome to come any time during the twelve hours (Noon-Midnight), to pray for your own needs and the needs of others. Prayer cards are available to fill out and prayers are made with the assistance of these cards. A member is praying each hour and is available if you have any questions. Dates for the Prayer Vigils are listed in the Weekly newsletter and the monthly Nexus.

### **MEN’S BASKETBALL**

Are you interested in some fun Christian fellowship while playing basketball? Are you between the ages of 20 and something, and love recreational basketball? Then we have a place for you! Each Wednesday night from 8pm-10 pm we have fun, fellowship and basketball in the school gym. If you have any questions you may contact Al Navarro at (847)254-6357.



## **IMMANUEL GOVERNING BOARDS/COMMITTEES**

Many individuals at Immanuel serve on the various boards and committees that oversee the carrying out of Immanuel's mission. The Board of Trustees facilitates the work of the congregation's standing committees which include the Board of: Elders, Day School Education, Property, Stewardship, Communications and Finance.

## **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**

We invite you to join us for Financial Peace University. This informational class will help you be a better steward of the good gifts God has given to you. Talk with our coordinators: Jon and Carolyn Mensching (847-878-2154) to learn more. Check with the Menschings for the link to sign up online for the next class. There is a one-time fee for enrolling in the class but the benefits are extraordinary. Many Immanuel families have been blessed by completing this class.

## **MEN'S CLUB**

Men of the church gather on the third Thursday each month for a meal prepared by Men's Club members. At this time, they work on various maintenance and properties projects to benefit both the church and school. Contact Dave Bartelt (847-428-2298) and Steve Bartelt (847-209-4226) with questions about Men's Club.

# **B E Y O N D**

**“All that you have commanded us we will do  
and wherever you send us we will go.”**

**Joshua 1:16**