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October 18, 2020

## Welcome to Immanuel

The community of Immanuel strives to be *a living sanctuary of hope and grace.*

We are united in God's love for us in Jesus, poured out for the world through our service to Christ. Our faith made active in love opens doors for all people to encounter God's love hidden in Christ, the source of our hope.

We rejoice that diversity in God's creation enriches, nurtures and challenges our life and ministry as followers of Jesus Christ and as servants in the world.

Because we believe that God's grace is truly amazing, we are committed to welcoming all people to this place. No matter where you come from, no matter what age, race, socio-economic, family, or immigration status, no matter your gender identity or sexual orientation, you are welcome here.

*Grace is for everyone or it isn't grace.  
It's that simple, it's that amazing*

Please help us get acquainted by filling out a welcome card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the liturgy. Nursery care is available for children 0-5 upstairs through the gym beginning at 10:30. This worship folder and the red hymnal in the pews will guide you through our liturgy. All who desire communion are welcome to receive. Instructions are in the worship folder. If you are not baptized and are interested in knowing more about life in Christian community, please contact the pastor

New here? We're glad you're with us!

## In Our Prayers

To add a prayer request, please contact the church office. **Names will be kept on the list for four weeks unless noted otherwise.** Names are not published without permission.

**Gloria Evenson**—Member. Thanks for resources and prayer for future employment.

**Doug Fox**—Member. Recovering from surgery.

**Ettie Wiens**—Daughter of former members. Undergoing treatment for leukemia.

**June Lange**—Sister of Edie Lange. For wellness.

**George Kuhnen**—Member. For wellness.

**Family and friends of Dennis Hanson** —Brother of Wayne and Margaret Hanson. Grieving his death.

**Stephanie Lutiger and Family**—Grieving the death of Joesph Todd Morrison.

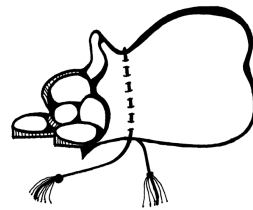
**Sela**—Niece of John and Laura Damer. For wellness.

**Friends and Family of Bernice Budzileni**—Member. Grieving her death.

For those serving in the military  
For leaders in our government  
For the care and protection of the “Dreamers”  
For children and families of tutoring and play group ministries  
For farmers and others losing livelihood through change

## THANKSGIVINGS

For those recovering from surgery  
For the understanding of and care for our environment



**OCTOBER 18, 2020**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*Open Your Ears,  
O Faithful People*



**WEEKLY MILESTONES**

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you have accomplished and are proud of?
- How can God use your efforts—your deeds—for others?
- Is it a surprise that God can use your efforts to accomplish God's will on earth? Explain.

**DEVOTIONS**

*Read:* Isaiah 45:1-7.

Cyrus is a Persian king. He is not part of God's chosen people through Abraham, Isaac or Jacob. Cyrus doesn't even know the God of Israel, and yet Cyrus does God's will by setting God's people free to return home from exile in Babylon. Isaiah lifts up the supreme power and authority of God's rule throughout the world. Besides the LORD, there is no god (v. 5). All that is, is God's. It is easy for us to forget that God can use others outside of the body of Christ to do God's will on earth. No wonder Psalm 96 commands all the earth to sing to the LORD (v. 1). In the midst of the tragedies that happen all too often around us, it is important to remember that we are a people of hope and trust in the God who holds all things together. The Apostle Paul wrote with thanksgiving for the Thessalonians' faith, love, and hope (1 Thessalonians 1:3). As a chosen people, Paul gladly affirms that they do God's work of love on earth through their "work of faith" and "steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (v. 3). How does God's rule on earth give you hope and encourage you to act with love and faith?

*Pray:* **God of power and might, we thank you for your glory that breathes hope and love into all corners of the earth through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SERVICE**

God is the ruler of all of creation and we, God's servants, have responsibility to care for all that God has created. One of the greatest concerns for our world today is to care for the earth that is suffering under the weight of carbon emissions, overflowing landfills and polluted air and water. What can you do to reduce the waste that harms the earth?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Psalm 96 is a song of praise to God. It tells of the sea roaring, the creatures and fields rejoicing, and the trees singing. In what ways do you praise God through sounds and music? Sing a favorite Christian hymn. Think about what the words say about God. Then say: **Sing a new song to the Lord! Everyone on this earth, sing praises to the Lord, sing and praise his name.** (vv.1-2a)



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)

OCTOBER 18, 2020  
TWENTIETH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



*God does great things through people.*

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 22:15-22	The question of paying taxes
Monday	Isaiah 45:1-7	Cyrus serves the Lord
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	The example of faith
Wednesday	Exodus 33:12-23	Moses' intercession
Thursday	Psalms 99	Our Lord is king
Friday	Isaiah 42:1-9	The Lord's servant
Saturday	Psalms 96:1-13	Sing a new song
Sunday	Matthew 22:34-46	Loving God and neighbor

#### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. **1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (NRSV)**

#### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

##### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God, use our gifts, our faith, our hope in you, to do labors of love for the sake of Jesus Christ and his reign on earth. Amen.

##### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, we thank you for how you provide for us and for the hands that have brought this food to us today. Amen.

##### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the God who has chosen you in love, give you grace and peace. (1 Thessalonians 1:1, 4)



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## This Week at Immanuel

### SUNDAY, October 18<sup>th</sup>

10:10 AM Silent Prayer-In Your Home  
10:30 AM Worship Live Stream  
11:45 AM Coffee Hour Via Zoom

### MONDAY, October 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM Families Together Cooperative Nursery School

### TUESDAY, October 20<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM Families Together Cooperative Nursery School  
12:30 PM Immanuel Seniors (Via Zoom)  
7:00 PM Council

### WEDNESDAY, October 21<sup>st</sup>

8:00 AM Families Together Cooperative Nursery School  
7:00 PM Wednesday eucharist for 10 People or Less

### THURSDAY, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:00 AM Families Together Cooperative Nursery School  
9:00 AM Staff Meeting

### FRIDAY, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:00 AM Families Together Cooperative Nursery School

### SATURDAY, October 24<sup>th</sup>

10:30 AM AA Meeting

### SUNDAY, October 25<sup>th</sup>

10:10 AM Silent Prayer-In Your Home  
10:30 AM Worship Live Stream  
11:45 AM Coffee Hour Via Zoom

For members of the Immanuel community, offering is part of our expression of gratitude to God. If you are visiting with us, your presence here is already a great gift. *If God is moving you to give, use the pew envelope or visit our website. (QR code on back cover).*



To find out more about all the wonderful Children, Youth & Family Activities, use your smart phone to scan this QR symbol.



Catch-up on the wide variety of activities and service opportunities available at Immanuel. Use your smart phone to scan this QR symbol. We are glad you're here!



### Church Office Closed

You can still contact Mary at [churchonlmdale@gmail.com](mailto:churchonlmdale@gmail.com) or at 773-743-1820

### NEW COVID-19 Relief Fund

The current COVID-19 crisis has left many without work or a steady income. For many individuals and families, this need has continued to grow over the past four months. At the end of March, we launched a GoFundMe fundraiser to help assist many of our neighbors and friends with purchasing groceries, medicine, toiletries, and other items. From the end of March through early July, we raised just over \$10,000. Due to some technical difficulties with GoFundMe, we have moved our online fundraiser to Fundly. You can find the link to our Fundly page in this week's E-News.

### Need a Hymnal for your online worship experience? Let us know!

Contact the church office at [churchonlmdale@gmail.com](mailto:churchonlmdale@gmail.com) or by phone at 773-743-1820 to let us know if you would like us to arrange for you to have a hymnal at home!

### Every Tuesday at 6:30pm ONE Northside holds a Tenants Rights & Organizing Session with Northside Action for Justice & Northside Tenant Network.

Contact [nmoskowitz@onenorthside.org](mailto:nmoskowitz@onenorthside.org) or 312-566-8385 for the link to join! We welcome anyone who's dealing with a housing problem, organizing their neighbors, or just wants to help.

### Zoom Bible Study is Back! Mondays at 7:00pm

Did you miss the comedy, terror, and excitement of the 1 Kings bible study over the summer? Let your heart not be troubled, for a bunch of tuned-in prophets wrote a sequel! Join Kevin Davis-Crowder for an in-depth look at 2 Kings on Monday nights beginning 10/12. You'll laugh! You'll learn! You'll forget that you're on mute! Grab your chopsticks and your mechanical bull, because a splendid time is assured for all...or your money back! Check out the Zoom information in our E-News!

### Calling (Virtual) Tutors for E.C.T. Youth Group and Immanuel Tutoring Students:

This year, most of our E.C.T. Youth Group and Immanuel Tutoring students will be doing full remote learning or a hybrid. This comes with a lot of extra challenges for our students, teachers, and parents/guardians, and thus a need for additional tutors and support. Pastor Emily and Tutoring Director Edie Lange are working together to match E.C.T. Youth Group and Immanuel Tutoring students with tutors. Tutoring will take place virtually (via zoom, facetime, google meeting, etc.) and tutors and tutees can choose a time and day of the week that works best for them.

Please email Pastor Emily at [pastoremilys@gmail.com](mailto:pastoremilys@gmail.com) if you or someone you know might be interested in tutoring a youth or child (virtually) this year.

### Seniors & Friends to Meet Every Tuesday on Zoom

The Immanuel Seniors are continuing to meet every Tuesday on Zoom. It's true that fellowship and staying connected with our faith community are more important than ever. It's simple to participate. Those with computers can connect online. Others can join the meetings with a simple phone call. Everyone is welcome! Another decision made was to have a short, modified exercise session prior to our conversation each week. Having to stay at home makes it harder to keep active but very important for our physical and mental health. Now we can do it together on Tuesdays. Our beloved Bonne Podgee will be here to lead us in the exercise.

**Exercise:** 12:00pm

**Fellowship:** 12:30pm

Join the Zoom Meeting by either clicking on the link in the E-News Seniors announcement OR by telephone by dialing 1 312 626 6799. When prompted, enter the meeting ID: 991 9756 4712. Contact Marcia Smith at 773-743-1831 or [parishnursemarcia@gmail.com](mailto:parishnursemarcia@gmail.com) with questions.

### Wednesday Eucharist For Groups of 10 or less

Beginning July 1, Pastor Monte will be offering weekly Eucharist for 9 people. On the first and third Wednesdays, Eucharist will be offered at 7:00pm. On the second and fourth Wednesdays, Eucharist will be offered at 12:00pm. Sign-ups are first come first served. Contact the church office at: [churchonlmdale@gmail.com](mailto:churchonlmdale@gmail.com) or 773-743-1820 if you'd still like to sign up for a Wednesday! **Join us next time on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm.**

### The Forum is Back!

Join us on Zoom on Thursdays at 7pm! Check the weekly E-News for a link to join and a schedule.

### Intergenerational Immanuel Pal Program:

This year, we would like to start an Immanuel Pal program, where an Immanuel member or household is partnered with another member or household of a different generation. These pals will connect with one another at least 1-2 times a month over facetime, zoom, phone, or through cards/letters to get to know one another and encourage each other. During their time together, they might: check in with each other, share a craft, piece of artwork, poem, musical piece, something they've learned, an encounter they've had with God, or reflect on a worship service together, etc.

If you, your kids, or your household would like to become an Immanuel Pal, please contact Pastor Emily at [pastoremilys@gmail.com](mailto:pastoremilys@gmail.com). (People of ages are invited to participate!)