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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.

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

June Lange—Sister of Edie Lange. For wellness.

George Kuhnen—Member. For wellness.

Angela Miller—Member. For healing.

Friends and Family of Val Swanson—Member. Grieving her death.

Paul Johnson—Friend of Immanuel. Grieving the loss of his partner.

Earl Heppner—Member. For healing.

Friends and Family of Jimmy Capozzi—Former member. Grieving his death

Tim Grassell—Member. For healing.

Lindsay and Nathan Hedden—Family of members George Schelter and Jane Hopper. For Healing.

Family & friends of Lois Dean—Grandmother of Jonathan Dodrill. Grieving her death.

Pat Keenan—Community member. For wellness.

Brian—Friend of The Olsens and Marcia Smith. For wellness.

For those serving in the military

For leaders in our government

For the care and protection of the “Dreamers”

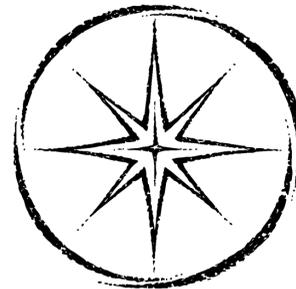
For children and families of tutoring and play group ministries

For farmers and others losing livelihood through change

THANKSGIVINGS

For those recovering from surgery

For the understanding of and care for our environment



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

You are Mine



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 a dramatic event you have witnessed or heard about?
- Have you experienced a baptism as a life-changing event? Explain.
- How was Jesus' baptism a life-changing event for the world?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 1:4-11.

Jesus' baptism is marked by dramatic events. Not only did Jesus go out to John in the wilderness, but so did "all the people of Jerusalem" (v. 5). John, who has a strong following acknowledges that Jesus, the one to come after John, is so much more important, that John is not worthy to untie Jesus' sandals. Jesus' own baptizing will bring with it the Holy Spirit, not just the call to repentance, as was the baptism of John. The Holy Spirit will make Jesus' baptism and the Christian baptism different (see Acts 19:1-7). Then, the most dramatic moment happens, the moment that defines Jesus' baptism as a cosmic shattering event: the heavens were torn apart and the Spirit of God came down, appearing like a dove. The tearing apart of the heavens will be matched by the tearing apart of the curtain in the temple at the time of Jesus death (Mark 15:38). Jesus' baptism is linked with the cosmic shattering event of his death that changes for all time our relationship to God. This is something that we participate in through our own baptisms, another earth-shattering experience filled with love that claims us as God's beloved children. Is being claimed by God in baptism earth shattering to you? Why or why not?

Pray: God of glory and might, help us to see and believe in your earth-shattering power and love for us and to see that love embrace us in the remembrance of our baptisms. Amen.

SERVICE

The baptism of Jesus took place using water. Water is essential to life. It is important that rivers, lakes, and oceans stay clean but they can get and have been contaminated by people's actions. What are some things we can do to help keep our waters clean and free of pollution?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The "Baptism of our Lord Sunday" is a time to recall our own baptisms. This week in your home, light a candle, perhaps your own baptismal candle. Dip your fingers into a bowl of water and mark the sign of the cross on your forehead or the foreheads of one another. As you mark the sign of the cross, give this blessing:

Say: You are God's beloved child.



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

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BAPTISM OF
OUR LORD**



Jesus is God's beloved, and so are we.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 1:4-11	The baptism of Jesus
Monday	Genesis 1:1-5	God creates light
Tuesday	Acts 19:1-7	Paul baptizes in Ephesus
Wednesday	Mark 15:33-39	Death of Jesus
Thursday	Ephesians 4:1-6	Unity in the body of Christ
Friday	Galatians 3:19-29	The purpose of the law
Saturday	Psalms 29	The voice of God in the storm
Sunday	John 1:43-51	Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." **Mark 1:11 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, we thank you for Jesus, your Beloved Son and our Savior and for claiming us in baptism as your loved children now and always. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of tender care, as we are given strength from this meal, may we remember with joy that we are your beloved children through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord give you strength and bless you with peace. (Psalm 29:11)

This Week at Immanuel

SUNDAY, January 10th

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

MONDAY, January 11th

8:00 AM FTCNS

TUESDAY, January 12th

8:00 AM FTCNS
12:30 PM Immanuel Seniors (Via Zoom)
4:30 PM Executive Committee

WEDNESDAY, January 13th

8:00 AM FTCNS
6:00 PM E.C.T Youth via Zoom

THURSDAY, January 14th

8:00 AM FTCNS
9:00 AM Staff Meeting

FRIDAY, January 15th

8:00 AM FTCNS

SATURDAY, January 16th

10:30 AM AA Meeting

SUNDAY, January 17th

10:10 AM Silent Prayer-In Your Home
10:30 AM Worship Live Stream
11:30 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 churchoneldale@gmail.com or at 773-743-1820

Get My People Going:

Making Positive Changes Despite a Pandemic

Take the challenge to embrace healthier habits along with others in the Immanuel community. This program, Get My People Going, encourages you to identify small changes in your life that would help you be healthier; physically, mentally or spiritually. You choose 1 or 2 things you'd like to work on. You set your own goals. Together we encourage each other as we journey together. Participants can use the program in a self-directed way with companion(s) of your choosing. Or you can join a group and be part of regular check-ins for encouragement and support, while using safe ways of communicating.

During this pandemic there is much in our lives we cannot control. But we CAN take control of some things as we seek health and wholeness and support one another. Your parish nurse will organize the groups, share ideas, help facilitate the check-ins and, most of all, cheer you on. If you have any questions or comments, or want to sign up, contact Marcia Smith at 773-743-1831 or parishnursemarcia@gmail.com.

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents Book Study

Beautifully written, original, and revealing, Isabel Wilkerson's Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents is an eye-opening story of people and history, and a reexamination of what lies under the surface of ordinary lives and of American life today.

Join in lively discussion Sunday 1/17 @ 3:00 PM for Martin Luther King weekend. Pastor Monte, facilitator.

Check the E-News for the Zoom link in the coming weeks!

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 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.

On Tuesday January 12th, we will be discussing "What's in a Name?"

All are welcome!

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 with questions.

Dismantling White Supremacy in the Church: A Conversation with Lenny Duncan: Wednesday January 13th, 2021 7pm: Via Zoom

Lenny is the author of "United States of Grace" & "Dear Church". Join Lutheran Campus Ministries at Northwestern and Northwestern Multicultural Student Affairs for an evening of discussion with Lenny Duncan.

Check out our E-News for information on how to get yourself registered for this awesome event!

Sad News of former member: Jimmy Capozzi

Jimmy (Vincent) Capozzi, a former member of Immanuel, passed away on Dec. 26th following a complicated illness involving heart failure and Covid-19. Jimmy was 98 years old. He spent several weeks in hospice at home, cared for by his friend of many years, Jerry Milan, and the hospice nurses that visited twice weekly. As Jimmy had requested, there will be no services.

Please keep the family and friends of Jimmy in your prayers.