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Jesus Christ and the exhilarating power and
undefeatable joy He brings to life!*

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GOOD NEWS

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Remembering 9/11

by Pastor Rebecca Craig

It's hard for me to believe it's been 18 years since 9/11. A day that changed and shaped so much of our country. It's a day I know that altered the course of my life. Perhaps not as drastically as it did for those who lost a husband, wife, child or parent that day. I did lose a family friend, though, and I know how it altered and changed their lives.

In a strange way, 9/11 is how I wound up in seminary three years later. I'd just moved back to Nebraska earlier that spring after living in California for 5 years. Thoughts of "ministry" were pretty far from my mind, but I was in a period of discerning what to do with my life going forward.

Then 9/11 happened. I remember the night before my friend Randy's funeral, who was killed when the second plane hit the second tower, and

I was with his parents. His mother, a devout Catholic, said, "I think this is all just part of God's plan. This all has happened for a reason."

I remember having two reactions to that statement. 1) What an incredible faith this woman has, and 2) Well that plan stinks.

The next few years were a mix of anger and struggle. It led me to going back to church, searching for answers that I would later realize just didn't exist. Going back to church eventually led to my pastor talking to me about that whole "you should go to seminary thing." In 2004, that's where I wound up.

The anger and struggle had not gone away, however.

In fact, the struggle only got worse. The anger... well, that I was working

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Pastor Rebecca's

MONTHLY MESSAGE

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on. Or should I say, God was working on me in that department.

Seminary forced me to wrestle with some of the realities of scripture - things you just don't learn in church Bible Studies. And I soon realized, following Jesus wasn't easy. Believing in him, oh sure, that was no problem. But actually following him, becoming his disciple... that was hard work. That was also work that flew in the face of so many of the things I'd believed about my Christian faith. The struggle intensified as many of my ideologies were shattered, and I desperately wanted to cling to the last vestiges of the person I had been.

Getting to know Jesus is dangerous - because you are in danger of being transformed.

During this time at Luther Seminary, they also had an Islamic Studies department. I signed up for classes to study the Qur'an and even signed up to go on a trip to Egypt that would have us studying with Egyptian Christians and being immersed in their struggles in an Islamic-dominated state.

But more than anything... I wanted to understand why people would

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KNOW YOUR COUNCIL



*by John McCluskey
Council President*

It is easy to tell when Summer is coming to an end. Schools reopen, traffic picks up and some of our Snowbird friends start returning. It is also the time when we begin preparing our Ministry Plan for 2020. Ron Froelich will lead this effort again this year. He has already asked each Council Member to outline their key initiatives for next year. Ron will consolidate these and then the entire Council will set next year's priorities for our Church. The Ministry Plan will then be presented at the Voter's Meeting on December 15th.

Fall is also the time of the year when the Nominating Committee begins to look for Council Members. Immanuel's Constitution states that half our Council Member's terms expire each year. It also states that no one can serve more than 3 terms in one position. This provides continuity as half the members carry over each year. It also creates open positions when members reach their term limits. This allows individuals with new ideas and fresh energy to join the Council. The positions under consideration this year include President, Treasurer, Evangelism, Learning, Property, Service, and Stewardship. The Nominating Committee works very hard to identify individuals whose talents can help strengthen and grow Immanuel's Ministry. Please listen and prayerfully consider their request if one of the members should contact you.

I started to introduce our current Council Members in my last letter. This month I would like to mention:



Marcie Balow, Worship. Marcie oversees the Altar Guild, Readers, Ushers, Slide Assistants, Greeters so we can focus on the message when we attend the service of our choice. Marci is also very active in our Souper Sunday Ministry.



Gary Winslow, Vice President. While Marcie keeps our Worship experience running smoothly, Gary Winslow helps keep our Church running smoothly. As VP of Administration, he leads our Administration Committee, which includes Finance, Treasurer, Property and Stewardship. He also oversees our Staff hiring and salaries. This is a big responsibility that Gary handles very smoothly even when he spends his summers in Washington State.



CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?



by Pastor Chad Fair

Can you hear me now? Perhaps we should begin every worship service this way because the one thing I've heard most in the year I've been here has been issues with hearing in one way or another. Believe it or not, we have been listening (pardon the pun). We've been making various adjustments to our current system with varying degrees of success, but at the end of the day the system we have is out-dated. Sound systems have come a long way since our Sanctuary was built and the current system is showing its age.

A few months ago, we had a company, Breeze Stage and Studio, come in to do an assessment of our sanctuary. Immediately, they identified one of our major issues: the acoustics. While our sanctuary is beautiful, it isn't acoustically friendly. The sound bounces all over the place, which is why some of you say the sound isn't as clear as it should be. To further complicate the acoustics, the speakers (just two of them) direct the sound to the areas that feed into the acoustic challenges. Breeze also looked at our control panel which is very outdated. New control panels provide much better control over sound volume and quality.

That's just a sampling of why our sound in worship isn't as clear as it should be or as it needs to be. So, we asked Jennifer at Breeze to put a package together to address all of our sound quality issues. After taking measurements of our space she put together a comprehensive package for us. She recommended:

- Acoustic panels to address the acoustic issues (sound bouncing off the walls).
- A digital sound board which can be adjusted from the sanctuary to get a better sense of what adjustments need to be made. The digital board will automatically adjust volume levels, when I speak softer, to levels that are more audible. And because it's digital we will have the ability to adjust the board back to default settings if someone adjusts the board improperly, giving us more consistency.
- Jennifer is also recommending new speakers which will concentrate the sound more directly to the congregation rather than the back wall. Depending where you sit in the sanctuary the sound level and quality is not the same. We have dead zones, because the sound you hear is bouncing off something and not coming directly from the speakers.
- The last piece is an inner-ear system for our contemporary service. This system eliminates the need for amps. It will allow the praise team to hear the music more clearly and reduce the overall sound level.

Yes, that's a lot of information, but we want you to know we have heard you and are working to make our worship experience even better. Jennifer was able to identify the issues many of you have expressed by looking at our current system. The overhaul of our current system addresses those issues. By now you are asking, what's the price? The total price is \$48,000, which given the scope is reasonable. But yes, that is a lot of money. We are blessed to have an initial contribution of \$10,000 secured for this project. We need your help to make this improvement to our worship experience. If you would like to make a contribution to this project please speak with Pastor Chad or John McCluskey.

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fly planes into a building and kill thousands of people. I still wanted to understand why my friend was dead.

What I learned on that trip is way too much to go into in a newsletter article. My most important take-aways, however, were that 1) the West's relationship with the Muslim world is complicated and nuanced and 2) I learned what it was like to live as a minority. To be the object of derision. To have limited freedoms. To not look like any of the people around you on the street.

Until you've lived as a minority, I don't think you ever fully comprehend the reality of the struggle. And I only had to do it for a month. Not my entire life. I could escape. It made me think more deeply about how we treat minorities in a country where I am part of the majority.

Long story short, over the past 18 years, my anger transformed into compassion. I realized that the problems of our world are not as clear-cut as we want to make them out to be. I realized I can still honor the life of my friend, and not hate all Muslims. I learned that fear is never a good basis for policies and only exacerbate already existing tensions.

Transformation is never easy. It can be incredibly painful. And the struggles? I still have those. (Yes, your pastors still continue to struggle and wrestle with scripture and our callings as disciples of Jesus.) The transformation is also on-going. I can safely say, my faith has never been static or remained the same.

And the Jesus I know today is a little different than the Jesus I thought I knew eighteen years ago. But then, I'm a very different person than I was eighteen years ago as well. Jesus didn't change, but rather it's Jesus who changed me - and my heart. ■

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HOW CAN WE KNOW GOD?



by Cheryl Gundersdorff

Deacon

How can we know what God is like? What does it mean to live like Jesus? These are important questions we all ask. We can learn the answers to these questions as we worship, sing praises, and hear scripture, prayers, and sermons. Do you do all of those actions during the week apart from worship services? You can and the best place to start is scripture.

If you aren't in the habit of reading your Bible every day, I invite you to take it down off the shelf, dust it off, and start reading. You might want to use our devotional books or others to get you started. But don't stop there. Read the chapter before and after the devotional scripture to get a feel for the context in which it is written. But don't stop there. Read a Psalm every day and think about what God is like. Look for hints of Jesus in the Old Testament and his teachings in the New Testament. But don't stop there. Use the scriptures just read to launch you into prayer and praise. But don't stop there. Join one of Immanuel's many Bible studies.

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We now have more ways for you to give!



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Envelopes

MONTHLY GIVING REPORT

A report of our giving compared to the approved budget the congregation agreed to at the annual meeting.

	July 2019	YTD
Given	\$28,687.63	\$310,002.32
Needed	\$44,320.00	\$332,400.00
Difference	(\$15,632.37)	(\$22,397.68)

OPERATING FUND INCOME & EXPENSES

Our year-to-date operating income and expenses using the latest report of the treasurer.

Through 07/31/2019	ILC	IELC	Combined
Income	\$360,053.11	\$193,243.89	\$553,297.00
Expenses	\$384,338.24	\$151,288.18	\$535,626.42
Difference	(\$24,285.13)	\$41,955.71	\$17,670.58

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The more you read God's Word, the more you will learn about what God is like and how much he loves you. The more time you spend with Jesus, the more you will learn what it takes to live like him. And a surprising thing will happen. The more you read the Bible, the more you will want to read the Bible. It will soon become a lifelong habit of joy! ■



FROM THE CHOIR LOFT AND ORGAN BENCH

by *Jim Peppers*
Cantor/Organist/Choir Director

We are pleased to announce that the Madrigal Dinner will be Friday, December 13 at 6pm. This event will help you bring the spirit of Christmas into your hearts and minds. We begin rehearsals on September 24 at 7pm. Please consider being a part of this event by attending or participating. It takes a lot of hands to make this event happen. So, help out with singing, planning, decorating, encouraging and praying that it's an inspiration to all who attend. Let's make this the best event we have done. The event is catered and is a great time for reflection and great fellowship. We are able to keep the event at a donation of \$20 per person. The meal is served buffet style. This year let's have more congregation participation. We have a great many visitors and that is amazing. The more hands involved, the richer the blessing of the night. If you haven't attended, please mark your calendar to do so. Wear Elizabethan costumes, if you have one, and let the spirit of love move us all closer to the perfection of God's love in his greatest gift to us at Christmas, his son, our Lord. ■

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Family Promise of Martin County Bed Races

Saturday, October 26

Citrus Grove Community Park

This fun filled fundraiser features teams that design, construct and race wheeled beds to raise money to end family homelessness. You can help end family homelessness by creating or supporting a team or becoming a race sponsor.

If you are interested in participating, contact Pastor Chad
pastorchad@ilcpalmcity.org

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Prayer Requests

To add someone to the prayer list contact:

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To add someone to the prayer chain contact:

Cheryl Gundersdorff, 221-8939 or

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Jessica Morejon

YOUTH & FAMILY UPDATE

It has been a wonderful welcoming month here at Immanuel. From half-truths and playing dress up to stewardship and goldfish for the children's sermons have been educational and yet rather entertaining to us all. We have kept ourselves busy tidying up, after a ton of great summer memories made with friends and family. Additionally, plenty of brainstorming and scheduling has also taken place within the month to ensure growth of both faith & fellowship with our youth and families. Now that the backpacks have been blessed and the school year has officially begun, we look forward to upcoming events such as Confirmation Kick-off, Children's Chimes and Fall Festival just to name a few.

A sincere thank you to all those that were able to attend the "Meet & Greet" and shared their contact information with us. This is where we took the time to register those families interested in participating in our 2019-2020 Sunday School curriculum. Moving forward, any families interested in receiving communications regarding Youth & Family involvement opportunities please feel free to email

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CHILDREN, Y

Youth Sunday



Children's Sermon



YOUTH & FAMILY

Jessica's Installation



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your contact information to:
jessicamorejon@ilcpalmcity.org.

Once again, we look forward to a magnificent year filled with an abundance of love towards our faith, family and fellowship here at Immanuel and within our communities.

September Events

- **Every Monday: Children's Choir**, 12:30 pm in the FDC
- **Every Tuesday: Children's Chimes** (starts Sept. 10), 5 pm in the sanctuary
- **Sept. 15:**
Youth Sunday, 9:30 am
Confirmation Class, 10:45 am, Room 203

October Events

- **Oct 20th:**
Fall Festival Worship - 10 am w/ Preschool singing
Youth Sunday - 10 am
Fall Festival - 11 am
- **October 27th:**
Confirmation Class:
10:45 am, Room 203

Fall Festival

**Sunday, October 20th,
10 am**

Single Contemporary-style worship followed by our **Fall Festival** activities
(*No 11:15 am service. Traditional service will be held Saturday evening at 6 pm)

Kids wear your costumes to church!

**Food Trucks
Trunk-or-Treat
Bounce House
Games
Face Painting
& MORE!**

Accepting
Candy
Donations in
the Narthex

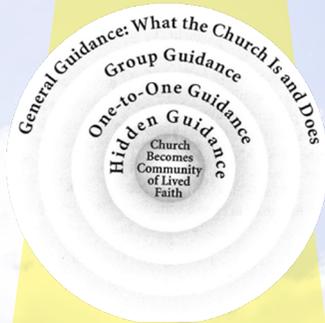
TEAM SPOTLIGHT



Small Groups

Kate McCormic

A while back Pastor Rebecca shared this diagram with council:



It showed the different levels of spiritual care and guidance within a church. The outer diagram is the General Guidance; these are the basics, what the church is and does. The next level is group guidance, think SMALL GROUPS, bible studies, services activities, etc., this is where we really begin to develop those one-to-one relationships and share in mutual support and guidance. The more connected and involved we are we begin to receive hidden Guidance, not necessarily from leaders, but from anyone as "Guidance comes in many guises." At the heart of the diagram is a community of lived faith, in essence close relationships with others in the church leads to a sense of connectedness, support, and spiritual growth. Part of the process of moving from a churchgoer, to a church "belonger" is developing these more
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Thank You...

Dear Sir or Madam (Endowment Team)

I would like to thank you for your gift of \$750.00 to the Quilts of Valor® Foundation. Because of the support of generous donors like yourself, Quilts of Valor has recorded awards of over 200,000 Quilts of Valor! Your donation enables our dedicated volunteers to continue the mission to cover service members and veterans touched by war with a comforting and healing Quilt of Valor.

We recently received this note from an award recipient. "You need to understand what my Quilt of Valor means to me. Let me tell you some of my story. Before I received my Quilt of Valor, I had nightmares almost every night. I had to take medication and I do not like to take meds. I received my Quilt of Valor and started sleeping with it. I no longer have nightmares and I no longer take medication to sleep. What you do matters a lot."
F.W. (Iraq/Afghanistan)

This is why we do what we do.

I cannot thank you enough for your generous donation. It is sincerely appreciated.

-Tammy McDaniel

Dear Immanuel Family

Tony and I would like to say thank you to everyone for doing what the Immanuel family does best, making us feel loved...even in our farewell!

It wasn't easy to say good-bye, but all the cards, letters, gifts and the well-wishes really helped to ease that transition.

Tony and I had an amazing trip around the country ~ 40 states in under 40 days ~ also helped this transition. Maddison took the summer to complete her 1st semester at VCF, as well as volunteering for Young Life getting to do outreach with middle & high school students (including some of our own Immanuel Youth!).

As each of the Cyrs settle into our new routines we love that Immanuel will always be family and that we can always call it home.

With lots of Love.

Tony, Jenn & Maddison Cyr ☺❤

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY

The Narrative Lectionary is back for fall! Once again, starting September 8th, we will begin our trek through the Bible beginning with Genesis and the story of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, and pick up with the Gospel of Mark after Christmas.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER



by Director Beth Tatem

Welcome Back to all our Immanuel Families! We will be starting our Curriculum the last week of August. Chapel will be on Mondays and Thursdays, Movement class will be on Tuesdays, Music will be Fridays, all starting next week. All after-school activities: Choir class will start on Monday,

Aug 26th. Yoga trial class starts Tuesday, Aug 27th, Happy Feet and Flag Football will start in Sept. Fun Bus starts Aug 21 and Aug 22nd, Spanish class will start Aug 22nd and Dance class will start in Sept.

Immanuel Early Learning Center will be starting its Fall Fundraiser "Save Around" coupon books soon. Please help Immanuel to buy new supplies and playground equipment for our school by participating in this worthy fundraiser. Remember if you sell 5 or more books, your book is FREE. The child that sells the most books will receive a \$25.00 gift card.

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intimate, authentic, and supportive relationships with others. I attended this church for many years before getting connected through service activities and attending a mom's book study and bible study. It was through these different activities that I came to truly be a part of ILC. I continue to grow in my faith and work to live the life I believe Jesus intended. Now I don't just show up for a great message, I am invested, this is my church and you are my people; you have committed to supporting me and my children, and I am committed to you and yours!

Developing these closer relationships can be challenging for some; participation in a small group is an excellent way to start. William Boekestein, the pastor of Immanuel Fellowship Church in Kalamazoo, Michigan, identified 10 benefits from memberships in a small group: 1. Discipleship, 2. Study, 3. Curiosity, 4. Accountability, 5. Shepherding, 6. Evangelism, 7. Hospitality, 8. Commitment, 9. Prayer, and 10. Socializing. We sent out a survey last spring inquiring about what interests you have and received great feedback. We are excited to tell you that as the result of the feedback we will have a few new small groups beginning this fall.

Prayer Shawls - Christina Fair will be facilitating a group to teach those interested in knitting/crocheting prayer shawls for those in need (elderly, ill, babies, or anyone who would like one!). We are collecting yarn donations.

Book Group - Several people indicated an interest (there may be more than one depending on how many sign up!!)

Social Group - Will include dinners, game nights, and outings.

Don't forget the small groups we already have: **Quilts of Valor, Sisters in Spirit, Deborah Circle, Survivors of Abuse Support Group, Altar Guild, and the Bridge Group.**

We will have a sign up at the back of the church for the month of September. More details to come!! ■

Meet the Teachers

Each month we will be introducing you to some of our preschool teachers so you can get to know them better.



*Pictured left to right:
Ms. Jana, Ms. Michelle, Ms. Shari*

Ms. Jana Russo (Aide):
I grew up on a farm in Kansas and after graduating from the University of Kansas I moved to Denver where I met my husband Tim. We moved to Brooklyn and lived there for 10 yrs before making Palm City our home! We have 3 girls, Juliana, Emelia and Samantha who keep us very busy. We love to travel and spend time with our families. We love living the relaxed Florida life!!!

Ms. Michelle Hill (2 year olds):
Hi, my name is Ms. Michelle. I am the teacher for the 2 yr olds. I have been in the preschool field for 2 yrs. I have been married for 9 yrs to my husband Brian. I also have 2 daughters. In my spare time I like to make jewelry and read.

Ms. Shari Blizzard (Aide):
I am from Minnesota and love it there. I have been married for 26 yrs to my amazing husband Brian. He is the Assistant Fire Chief for St. Lucie County. We have 3 children, Austin 23 and also a St. Lucie County Firefighter. Lexi 21 and attends UCF where she cheers. Jake 9. We love boating, camping, vacationing and especially cruises.

MONTHLY GOOD NEWS DEADLINE

The deadline to submit items for the monthly newsletter is the 15th of each month. Items received after the 15th may or may not make it into the newsletter. To submit items, send an email to: ilcmedia2655@gmail.com

ADULT EDUCATION

Deborah Circle
2nd Monday of the month

Sisters in Spirit
3rd Tuesday of the month
7 pm @ Panera

Adventures through the Bible
Weds, 6:30 pm
Off-Site

Reading Scripture from 30,000'
Thursdays, 6 pm • Rm 202

Mom2Mom Bible Study
Date/Time TBD

Men's Bible Study
October 23 - November 27
Wednesdays 6 pm - 8 pm
Room 201

FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE MINISTRIES

Quilts of Valor
Weds 6:00 pm • Room 202
Info: Jackie Koch, 772.834.8058

Altar Guild
Second Wednesday of the
month 10 am • Choir Room
Info: Marj Smith, 772.286.8974
or Alice Windle, 772.220.1590

Stephen Ministry
Second and Fourth Mondays
6:30 pm in Room 202

Thursday Bridge Group
Thursdays at 1 pm • Choir Room

Souper Sundays
Every Sunday @ 4:30 pm • FDC
Immanuel's Weeks to help are
the 3rd and 5th Sundays
Contact: Marcie Balow
772-283-0982 or
mbalow45@gmail.com



Don't forget that every first Sunday of the month we bring non-perishable food items and drop them off in the Narthex.

Bible Study & Adult Ed



Sisters in Spirit Women's Ministry

Ladies of Immanuel, we invite you to join Sisters in Spirit for Bible study and fellowship. Come make new friends as we grow in faith together. We meet the **3rd Tuesday of each month at 7PM** at Panera Bread in Palm City.

Contact Deacon Cheryl Gundersdorff (221-8939) for more information.

Deborah Circle Women's Ministry

Ladies of Immanuel, we welcome you to join a wonderful group of ladies in the Deborah Circle. We begin our time together with Bible study then assemble layettes for the indigent babies born at our local hospital. Those that wish to continue in fellowship then meet for dinner. We meet the **second Monday of each month at 3PM** in the choir room and look forward to you joining us. Contact Deacon Cheryl 221-8939 for more information



Balance Your Wellness Wheel

Tuesday, September 10th 6-7:30 pm
Room 201

Join GentleWave Counseling to learn how to balance your wellness wheel and set realistic goals for yourself to get back on track.

Workshop Goals

- Learn about the wellness wheel
- Create your own wellness wheel
- Identify "flat" areas of your life
- Learn about SMART goals
- Identify new goals to balance your wellness wheel

Workshop is FREE

RSVP to
Dr. Christina McGrath Fair
at GentleWaveCCC@gmail.com
or 772-410-4619 to register



If you or someone you know has experienced physical, emotional or mental abuse, please contact Pastor Rebecca for times/locations of group meetings. (Meeting times/locations are confidential in order to protect the participants.)
772.287.8188

Fellowship & Service Ministries

Prayer Chain Ministry

Did you know that you have faithful sisters and brothers in the Lord who look forward to the opportunity to lift you or someone you know before God in prayer? Call Deacon Cheryl (221-8939) to begin those prayers.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Everyone goes through difficult times. Having someone to care, to listen, to share God's love with you can help you get through the confusion, stress, or loneliness you may be experiencing.

To learn more about how Stephen Ministry can be of help to you during a difficult time in your life contact your Stephen Ministry leaders, Deacon Cheryl Gundersdorff 221-8939 or Dr. Dave Hakala 219-0715.

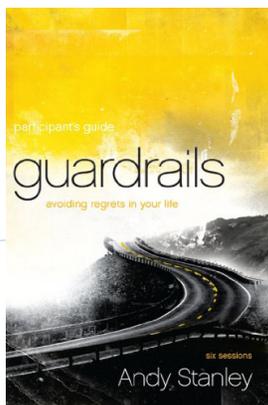


Men's Bible Study "Guardrails: Avoiding Regrets in Your Life"

October 23-November 27 • Wednesdays at 6 pm

In this six-session small group Bible study (DVD/digital video sold separately), Andy Stanley challenges us to stop flirting with disaster and establish personal guardrails.

Guardrails. They're everywhere, but they don't really get much attention ... until somebody hits one. And then, more often than not, it is a lifesaver.



Altar Guild Meeting

Our summer break is over! The Altar Guild will meet on **Wednesday, September 11, 2019, at 10 am** in the Choir Room. Anyone interested in helping serve communion or care for the altar, please come. If you have been thinking of joining us, this would be a good time to check us out. We welcome ALL volunteers into fellowship with us.

For more information, call Marj Smith at 772-286-8974 or Alice Windle at 772-220-1590.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Contemporary Worship Team
Wednesdays @ 5 pm • Sanctuary
Contact Brittany Lustig
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Bell Choir
Tuesdays at 6 pm • Sanctuary
(Starts Sept 24)

Chancel Choir
Sundays at 10 am • Choir Room
(Starts Sept 8)
Madrigal • Tuesdays at 7 pm
(Starts Sept 24)

Cornerstone Singers
Saturdays @ 5:15 pm • Sanctuary
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Children's Choir
Mondays at 12:30 pm • FDC

Children's Chimes
Tuesdays at 5 pm • Sanctuary
(Starts Sept. 10)



Souper Sundays

Immanuel serves every third and fifth Sunday. Sign up in the Narthex or contact Marcie Balow at 283-0982 or mbalow45@gmail.com

NEW PARTNERS IN MINISTRY CLASS!

(Formerly known as a
New Member Class)

**Thursday,
September 12th
6 - 8 pm
Room 202**

Sign up in the Narthex



LUTHERAN CHURCH
& EARLY LEARNING CENTER

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Regular Worship Schedule

Saturdays:
6:00 pm

Relaxed Traditional

Sundays:

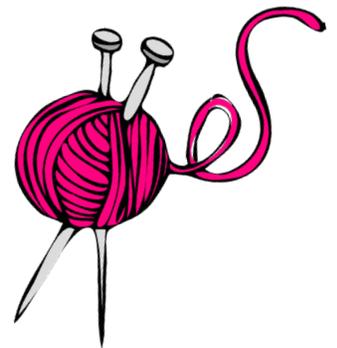
9:30 am Contemporary

11:15 am Traditional

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

COMING SOON! NEW KNITTING/CROCHET MINISTRY!

For those who like to knit and crochet, we are looking to start a prayer shawl ministry. Once we have collected the supplies, we will schedule a training session for anyone who wants to learn how to knit or crochet. Then, during worship, our group will sit at the back and crochet or knit our prayer shawls so they can be given to the hospitalized, shut-ins, or anyone just in need of special prayers.



SUPPLIES NEEDED BY SEPTEMBER 22ND



- Knitting needles - any size but long length are helpful
- Crochet hooks
- 5 Baskets (similar in size) - any material, big enough to hold a skein of yarn, needles, and the project being worked on
- A large Rubbermaid tote - to hold excess yarn and needles not being used
- Skeins of yarn - any colors but plain string

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Not this:



SEPTEMBER 2019

(Official Immanuel & IELC Events Only. To view our full calendar go to our website, immanuelpalmsvcity.org)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>9:30 - Contemp. Worship 10:00 - Sunday School 11:15 - Traditional Worship 4:30 - Souper Sunday</p>	<p>2 - LABOR DAY Office Closed</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11:15 - Staff Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00 - Quilts of Valor 6:00 - CWT Rehearsal 6:30 - Bible Adventures</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:00 - Reading Scripture</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:15 - Cornerstone Rehearsal 6:00 - Relaxed Traditional Worship</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:30 - Contemp. Worship 10:00 - Sunday School 10:00 - Chancel Choir Practice 11:15 - Traditional Worship 4:30 - Souper Sunday</p>	<p>9</p> <p>12:30 - Children's Choir 3:00 - Deborah Circle 6:30 - Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:15 - Staff Meeting 5:00 - Children's Chimes 7:00 - Balance Your Wellness Wheel Workshop</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 - Altar Guild 6:00 - Quilts of Valor 6:00 - CWT Rehearsal 6:30 - Bible Adventures</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1:00 - Bridge Group 6:00 - New Partners in Ministry Class</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:15 - Cornerstone Rehearsal 6:00 - Relaxed Traditional Worship</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:30 - Contemp. Worship 9:30 - YOUTH SUNDAY 10:00 - Sunday School 10:00 - Chancel Choir Practice 10:45 - Confirmation Class 11:15 - Traditional Worship 4:30 - Souper Sunday</p>	<p>16</p> <p>12:30 - Children's Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11:15 - Staff Meeting 5:00 - Children's Chimes 7:00 - Sisters in Spirit</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00 - Quilts of Valor 6:00 - CWT Rehearsal 6:30 - Bible Adventures</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1:00 - Bridge Group 6:00 - Reading Scripture</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:15 - Cornerstone Rehearsal 6:00 - Relaxed Traditional Worship</p>
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<p>29</p> <p>9:30 - Contemp. Worship 10:00 - Sunday School 10:00 - Chancel Choir Practice 11:15 - Traditional Worship 4:30 - Souper Sunday</p>	<p>30</p> <p>12:30 - Children's Choir</p>					

SEPTEMBER_WORSHIP_ASSISTANTS

		Aug 31 st & Sept 1 st	Sept 7 th & 8 th	Sept 14 th & 15 th	Sept 21 st & 22 nd	Sept 28 th & 29 th
Greeters	6:00	George Brunkhorst	Linda Pierr	Kaija Hakala	Judith Holley	David Hakala
	9:30	Judy Wakeman	Janelle McPartland	Jerry Schuler	Amber Castro	Jerry Schuler
	11:15	Marlys Dickmeyer	Ron Froehlich	Lynnea Valpatic	Harry Lerch	Ron Froehlich
Ushers	6:00	Doug Dattoma Donelle Heyns	Brian Patri Dave Vanderslice	Gary Blodgett Sally Blodgett	Jim Ryan Carol Klingelsmith	Doug Dattoma Donelle Heyns
	9:30	John Wakeman Bernie Muckenfuss Kim Neal	Jeff Carson Rex Noble Kim Neal	Youth Ed Williams	Pam Mahon Maria Lustig Kim Neal	Stephen Kiss George Schneider Kim Neal
	11:15	James Dickmeyer Marlys Dickmeyer	Doug Dattoma Donelle Heyns	Bob Ebbersten Harry Lerch	Greg Seefeldt Karter Seefeldt	Ron Froehlich Dave Vanderslice
Readers	6:00	George Brunkhorst	Linda Pierr	Kaija Hakala	Judith Holley	David Hakala
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 COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	6:00	Kaija Hakala Margaret Kowatch	Linda Pierr Barbara Shank	Barbara DuBree Jim Ryan	Linda Pierr Barbara Shank	Kaija Hakala Nancy Vanderslice
	9:30	Marcie Balow Phyllis Williams Nancy Prince Youth	Jeanne & Jerry Schuler Ruth Ann Katilius Youth	Youth Set-Up: Nancy Prince	Jakie & Bob Reisig Margie King Youth	Marcie Balow Al & Ginger DeLorenzo Youth
	11:15	Jean Friedman Belinda Lowe	Susan Bielefeld Linda Gallo	JoAnn Muller Nancy Vanderslice	Martha Eckenrode Marj Smith	Jean Friedman Belinda Lowe
Slide Assistants	6:00	Gary Winslow	Joy Williams	Trish McCluskey	Joy Williams	Joy Williams
	9:30	Kim Nicholas	Kim Nicholas	Youth	Kim Nicholas	Kim Nicholas
	11:15		Linda Severino		Bill Easter	Bill Easter