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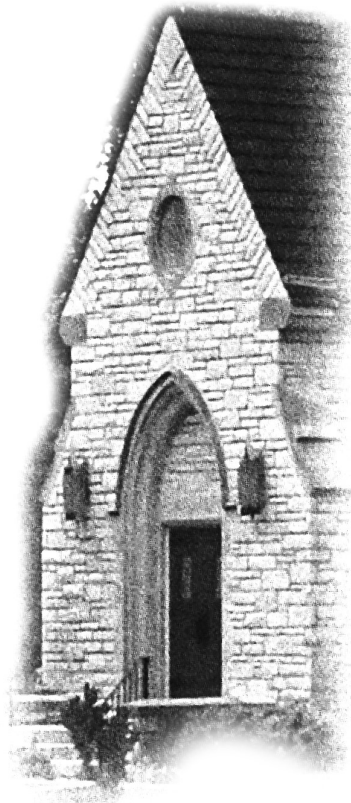
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Compassion for all



Immanuel Lutheran Church
Light of Christ Chinese Lutheran Mission
Immanuel Lutheran School



Holy Week/Easter Worship Schedule

Reservations needed for all services

April 1

Maundy Thursday Worship – 7:30 pm

April 2

Good Friday Worship – 12:15 pm

Tenebrae Service – 7:30 pm

April 3

Easter Vigil – 7:30 pm

April 4

Easter Worship – 7:00, 8:30, and 10:30 am



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BAPTISM

Emry Kaslin on Dec. 30, 2020

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MARRIAGES

Martina Karg to Adam Naftzger on
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Maria Karg to Eric Sotelo on Feb.
14, 2021

DECEASED

Gerald Schultz on Dec. 27, 2020

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2021

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Update: Immanuel Call Process for Associate Pastor

At the Voters' meeting on Feb. 23, it was decided that Immanuel will extend a Call to an individual who is graduating from Concordia Seminary with his MDiv degree and will be receiving his Call placement on April 28. Please keep this process in your prayers.





From the Pastor's Desk

It has been a year. It has really been a year! Of memorable things in our life time, the shared experience of COVID this past year might go down as the most impactful.

Personally, I have missed the connections. Now this is not to say that I don't have connections in my life, my immediate family alone is a small tribe. Beyond family, there are connections with co-workers and of course our Immanuel church family. And while connections remain, early on in the

pandemic it was very much like someone had turned the faucet handle to allow only a small trickle of those connections. At times even family traffic at our house slowed because of COVID exposure or positive tests. For those first months, many on the church staff worked primarily from home, coming to the office only rarely; our school teachers went virtual and had to be content seeing and teaching their students through screens. The connections slowed way down.

Eventually, opportunities came to increase the number of those who could gather for worship; this was a welcome relief, because you cannot virtually receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins. School kids would come back in person but with the caveat of protocols meant to keep the virus at bay. Slowly the stream of connections was beginning to flow again; but not quite enough to quench the thirst of what makes us most human in our need to be connected to others.

I have missed the connections. I have missed the handshakes and hugs; I have missed those conversations in close proximity with each other. I have missed the smiling faces and sharing a meal without a conscious concern of the health of another. I have missed sitting together and singing without the muffle of a mask. I have missed community and the unbounded opportunities to invite people we don't know to our church or school; to say "Hi" to a stranger and extend my hand. I have missed kneeling and touching the communion rail, being shoulder to shoulder in the fellowship of the Lord's Supper. I have missed the connections. I miss every opportunity that used to be. How about you?

Now to be fair, those connections are not missing completely, just throttled back. There are still joy filled moments; my heart leaps when I see folks return to worship for the first time. There is joy to see us pushing the limits of present seating restrictions and to have everyone coming to communion. There is joy because even through the pandemic, we have been blessed to be a beacon in our community to share the good news of Jesus. There is joy in the One who reminds us that through it all, we are connected to Him. **"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5).**

We should be encouraged, for while we may feel our connections have been diminished because of COVID; God in His grace, through His Word and Sacraments has never ever been disconnected from you. Remember Jesus said, **"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide..." (John 15:16).** The One who has connected you and me, connecting this very ministry to himself, continues to nourish and strengthen each of us for His service. May we by His grace, be ever ready to embrace the full flow of those connections we have sorely missed and be ready for the new ones God will provide as we live out our mission, **"Connected in Jesus | Compassion for all"**

~ Pastor Karg





Partnering with Families to Prepare God's Children for the Future **Immanuel Lutheran School's Mission**

Responding to God's grace through Christ, Assisting families with whole child development, and Preparing children for God's service.

Theme 2020-2021 *Be Kind, Gentle, Humble, and Patient* – Colossians 3:12

By Principal Wendy Morris

Immanuel Lutheran School Update

Our current enrollment has increased since January. As of April 1st, we will have had three inclement weather days and 134 school days. As families of preschoolers feel more comfortable sending their children to preschool, we have had a number of our preschoolers re-enroll. It also helps that our preschool classrooms have been open for in person learning 100% of those 134 days. We have added 7 preschool students to raise our current enrollment total to 31 preschool students. Last year in March we had 55 students prior to going into lockdown and e-learning.

Our K-8 program has attended 129 of the 134 school days in person. The five days not in person were the first five days after Christmas break as a precautionary measure due to several staff members who had Covid over break. Currently we have 127 kindergarten through 8th grade students enrolled (last year we had 122). Our 8th graders will graduate on the evening of May 27 at 6:30 pm. Due to Covid restrictions, the graduation celebration will be held in the gymnasium and limited to families. The event will be live streamed (details pending). Our last school day with closing chapel at 10:30 am and dismissal at 12:30 pm will be on May 28th. Closing chapel will be livestreamed as well.

Power of Our Words and Actions

As your children at ILS Olivette grow and learn daily, they experience success and setbacks. The teachers spend intentional time in the daily schedule building a classroom community where students show mutual love and respect toward one another. This foundation is built on the love God showers upon us and God's expectation that our words and actions are to build one another up.

When a teacher is aware of a child or the class hurting someone with their words and actions, the teacher takes the time to address the issue because it is central to preparing students for God's service. Immanuel means 'God With Us' in our words and actions. We are thankful for our partnership with parents.

May we all see ourselves as students ready to study, mark, and inwardly digest God's Word. May our words and action reflect Immanuel 'God With Us' in our words and actions..

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2021

Nicholas Copeland	Eleanor Krenning	Grace Schaff
Madison Corley	Olexa Labovskiy	Emill Tate
Margaret Farra	Benjamin Mitchell	Talya Williams
Wentao "John" Gong	Shaela Morgan	Zoe Williams
Blake Huber	Davonne Newell	Harlee Wood
Evan Jander	Jackson Rosetti	



Upcoming Calendar

- April 26–29: Iowa Assessment of Academic Achievement (3rd-8th grade), 8:30 am–1:00 pm
- May 8: Auction/Trivia Night via Zoom (sponsored by PSCE), 7:00 pm
- May 14: Field Day and Early Dismissal, 12:30 pm
- May 27: 8th Grade Graduation, 6:30 pm
- May 28: Last Day of School and Early Dismissal, 12:30 pm

Food Pantry

Look for the WISH LIST available for pick up at the Food Pantry Table.

Recap of Advent Food Pantry Collection

How wonderful to see the red tote at the church entrance and the food pantry table full of donations for the Advent Food Pantry collection. Immanuel's donations of 47 bags of groceries were delivered to the Jewish Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone who participated in the collection.

Concordia Food Bank wasn't accepting food pantry donations. Students and their family food pantry needs were still being met. A check for \$1,000 was sent to the Concordia Food Bank by the Community Care Team.

Thank You Notes from Concordia

Dear Friends in Christ,

How wonderful to ring in the New Year with your wonderful gift of \$1,000.00! Thank you! In donating to Concordia Seminary during these challenging times, you are advancing our mission to form faithful servants who will go out into the world and boldly proclaim the love of Jesus Christ!

Many seminarians are currently taking three-week Winterim courses, and all will resume regular studies at the upcoming start of our spring semester. Their faith, strength and flexibility have been steadfast since the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic, and we join together in praying that 2021 will be a year of revival and renewal for all people.

Thank you again for your generous support. God's richest blessings to you and your loved ones in the New Year!

Most cordially yours,

Vicki Biggs

Senior Vice President, Seminary Advancement

Chief Communications Officer

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your caring donation to Concordia Seminary's Food Bank! Your support is a true blessing to our students, the large majority of whom live with limited means. The Food Bank, in providing a wide variety of no-cost, healthy foods, ensures that our students' nutritional needs are met while also providing household budget relief.

With our spring semester having begun two weeks ago, our seminarians remain strong and resilient amid their COVID-19 challenges. The adaptations in their lives include the Food Bank's changed operating processes necessitated by the pandemic. They place their grocery orders online and pick them up on a preset, staggered schedule in a large reception room just upstairs from the Food Bank. I enjoy seeing their deep faith and optimism as they pick up their items!

In addition, our students - along with the Seminary's faculty and staff - are becoming excited about our upcoming Call Day and Commencement celebrations. This is especially the case with soon-to-be-graduating pastoral and deaconal ministry students, who will learn where they will be sent, in our Lord's name, on their first calls to preach, teach and serve. Among these final-year seminarians is Jake Bellinghausen, a Master of Divinity student from Kansas City, Missouri, who has made full use of the Food Bank during his formation to become a pastor.

"The Food Bank always has been very important to me," Jake says. He adds that it's kept him from worrying about food, which has helped him to fully focus on his studies. "Also, I think the Food Bank is a big symbol of unity within our church because it shows that so many people across the Synod care about seminarians and that they know the Food Bank is worth supporting. It's a wonderful example of how Christians provide for Christians."

On behalf of Jake and his fellow Seminary students, I thank you once more for your important support of the Food Bank.

God's blessings to you,

Hannah Loum, Interim Food Bank Coordinator

Thank You!

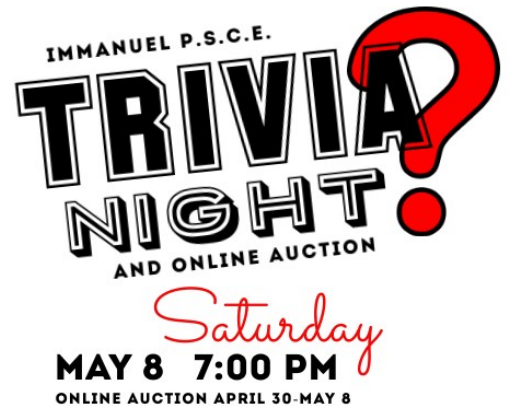
Men's Club thanks everyone for their continued support of their Sausage Sale. Proceeds from the sales are used for many projects at Immanuel, as well as for outreach. Enjoy your sausage and watch for our fall sale!



Trivia Night Returns to Immanuel....virtual style!

Saturday, May 8, 7:00 pm, Immanuel's PSCE (Parents Supporting Christian Education) will host a Trivia Night and Online Auction. This year's event will be live-streamed--hosted by our own Phil Weinstein--and include fun and interactive rounds of trivia that you can play as a team from the comfort and safety of your home or remotely with other team members. The silent auction will open one week before the event, and all bidding will take place online with winning bidders picking up their items from Immanuel on May 9. The funds raised from this event will help pay for improvements to our playgrounds, teacher professional development and supplementary curriculum for our students.

The cost for Trivia Night is just \$15/person, and you can determine how many people are on your team! There is no cost to bid on items in the auction. To register for trivia night and bid on items, visit <https://www.biddingowl.com/ilsolivette>. You can also register by calling the school office at 314.993.5004. Questions? Contact Amy Klein, PSCE Treasurer, at 636.399.7625.



News from North Lutheran North MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

As the school year comes to a close, plans are being made to keep things as "normal" as possible. Track season, a spring musical, a Senior Formal, the Honors Assembly, and Graduation will all take place in person with limited attendance. Congratulations to the three LN graduates from Immanuel: Courtney Wittler will attend Southeast Missouri State University and pursue a degree in Psychology/Social Work; Ellie Jander has enrolled at Concordia University-Nebraska with plans to major in Biology/Environmental Science; Christian Salemink will go to Concordia University-Wisconsin and is in the process of choosing a major. God's blessings on all our graduates' future endeavors.



Support Immanuel with Gift Cards

Immanuel School is still selling gift cards to benefit all students! Our SCRIP ladies are still selling in person after some services and the website is available 24/7. You can order online and pick it up at church the following week.

Check out the SCRIP site: <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/>

NEW APP! SCRIP also has a new app (RAISE RIGHT) that is really easy to use and you can get your gift card within minutes on your phone.



Contact Katie Krenning at the number or email below and the gift cards can be left at church for pickup.

You can also order online for physical cards, electronic gift cards, or to reload your current gift cards at:

www.shop.shopwithscrip.com and enter code:
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contact Katie Krenning:
immanueldayscrip@gmail.com or call
314-567-5828

Order forms are also available at church.

Retailer	Re-bate	Denom	Qty	Total \$
Amazon	3%	\$25		
AMC Theatres	8%	\$25		
Applebee's	8%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10		
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10		
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$25		
Best Buy	4%	\$25		
Bob Evans	10%	\$10		
Buffalo Wild Wings	10%	\$25		
BRANNEKY	10%	\$10/25		
Build-a-Bear	8%	\$25		
Burger King	4%	\$10		
Dick's Sporting	8%	\$25		
Dierberg's	4%	\$25		
Disney	4%	\$25		
Foot Locker	9%	\$25		
Gap/Old Navy/Athleta	14%	\$25		
Hardee's	5%	\$10		
Home Depot	4%	\$25		
iTunes	5%	\$25		
Jack in the Box	4%	\$10		
Kohl's	4%	\$25/100		
Lowe's	4%	\$25		
Macy's	10%	\$25		
Maggiano's/Chili's	11%	\$25		

Retailer	Re-bate	Denom	Qty	Total \$
Michael's	4%	\$25		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster/ Longhorn	9%	\$25		
Panera	9%	\$10/\$25		
Pizza Hut	8%	\$10		
Shop N Save	4%	\$25		
Starbucks	7%	\$10		
Subway	6%	\$10		
Target	3%	\$25		
Total Wine	5%	\$25/100		
TJ Maxx/	7%	\$25		
Walgreens	6%	\$25		
Walmart/Sam's	3%	\$25		
Wendy's	4%	\$10		
Whole Foods	3%	\$25		
Shutterfly	9%	\$25		

LIGHT OF CHRIST 2020

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever." – Psalms 136:1

2020 is now history but we are still impacted by it. There were challenges as we adapted to the changes and the impact of the pandemic which affected us personally and corporately. Immanuel and Light of Christ are no exceptions and we made adjustments to our methods and practices of doing ministry and mission. In spite of all these challenges, we have made headway as God guided us to expand our ministries instead of shrinking them. God has been good to us and we want to wholeheartedly give praise and thanks to Him for His goodness.

Here is a brief report on what was accomplished with God's help at Light of Christ in the year 2020:



1. More than 70% of our members were in worship each week, either in-person or on-line.
2. We have 7 on-line Bible study classes held weekly and were well attended:
3. Our senior Fellowship continues to meet regularly on the 4th Saturday of each month via zoom.
4. Our on-going lay-training on-line session is being held once a month with close to 40 people attending.
5. We received 6 new members – 2 by adult baptism and 4 adults by transfer of membership. We lost two members who have gone to be with the Lord in the church triumphant.
6. Have one high school student in confirmation instruction with Pastor and Yin Lim.
7. Two of our members, Kan Hsu and Helen Qiu were enrolled in the Concordia Seminary's Ethnic Institute of Theology program to be trained as Deaconesses. This is a 4 year program.
8. Two prayer groups meeting regularly every Wednesday and Sunday evenings.
9. Youth group for middle school and junior high meeting every Saturday afternoon led by Yin Lim and Pastor Lim.
10. Held a Day of Prayer on Reformation Sunday, Oct 31 with more than 60 in attendance both in-person and on-line.
11. Special Events during the holidays were organized to connect and encourage our members through Zoom with very good response. These events were Thanksgiving (46 people), Christmas Family Video Greetings (each family made a unique video sending Christmas wishes), and a Dumpling Party on New Year's Eve (30 families participated).
12. Last but not least, at the beginning of the pandemic, we initiated and organized a 'Mask Drive' and got tremendous support from the church and the community. We provided free masks, upon request, to more than 50 health facilities, hospitals and nursing homes.

We are hopeful that this year will continue to be a year of growth and blessings from the Lord!
To God be the Glory!

Rev. Ed Lim

WOMEN'S GUILD LWML

Women's Guild – Calling All Ladies!

It was good to see 18 Guild members at the March Prayer Service and meeting. Thanks to Pastor Karg and Vicar St. John for leading us and to Rachel Erdmann for accompanying on the piano. Sheri Loock was installed as our new Treasurer and Rita Eckert as Vice President for a 2nd term. Angela Gatteys, as President of our LWML Northwest Zone, reported on upcoming LWML conventions.

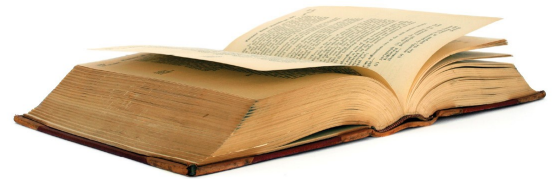
It was decided that Women's Guild will meet next on June 1. At that time we will have election of a new President and Secretary. Also, names will be drawn then for new Secret Pals. Please plan to attend! If you cannot attend, but would like to participate in the Secret Pal program, please let one of the members know. We welcome guests, visitors, anyone not-ready-to-join-but-want-to-see-what-it's-like! Mark June 1 on your calendar and watch for further details of the meeting!

Spring *LWML Quarterlies* are now available for pickup on the table in the entryway. Help yourself to some good reading!

Immanuel's Library News

Many people are considering travelling in the coming months and for some, this means pulling out travel guides and atlases. These tools are remarkably helpful when we read the Bible as well.

Context is everything! Places in the biblical narrative are sometimes difficult to place. *Then and Now Bible Maps* from Rose Publishing offers a very helpful atlas with plastic overlays of modern cities and countries that help you see where ancient sites are in relation to the present. This resource covers both Old and New Testaments. A similar book is *The Bible Then & Now* by Jenny Roberts. This book covers 14 biblical sites. Archaeological excavations have see-through pages of reconstructions of what it might have looked like in biblical times to lay over the photos. These are both fascinating!



Many of us remember the National Geographic Society's *Everyday Life in...* series. The photos and drawings in *Everyday Life in Bible Times*, along with lucid explanations help us understand what we read in the Bible. This is also helpful if you are teaching children about the Bible.

Recovering Capernaum can help us learn the history of Capernaum through photos and narrative from archeological excavations. Now we can see what Jesus might have seen in His visits to the city. The difference in name spellings occurs because the first is more closely a phonetic spelling of the Hebrew name, but the second is more familiar to us.

Illustrated History of the Reformation is a 1967 CPH publication that is chock full of text, photos, and drawings. While it may feel difficult to read this tome from cover to cover, the scholarly writing and quality of illustrations make it very worthwhile to page through.

These books are located in the right hand bookcase on the same wall as the sets of Luther's Works in the elevator library. On top of the bookcase are additional atlases and books too large to fit on the shelves. These include a Bible timeline, which coupled with an atlas, can bring the places of the Bible to life for us in 2021. Remember, visual aids help us understand what we read, and help put geography and history into context even thousands of years later !

Immanuel Cemetery

Please remove all winter floral arrangements, etc. from graves as soon as possible to prepare for the Easter/Spring season. Thanks for your cooperation.



Care Team

Our Mission: To reach out in compassion and care to those in need in our community in the name of Christ.

Feeding the Homeless

Finally! In late February, we received notice from Peter and Paul Community Services that the shelter in Soulard is accepting meals cooked in home kitchens. Since COVID struck in March 2020, the shelter has been closed to volunteers. Although we weren't able to prepare, deliver, and serve the meals to the men housed in the shelter, the Community Care Team did support the shelter financially most of the months this past year. But, it's much better to be able to prepare and deliver the meals. Beginning Monday, March 1st, we were able to prepare and drop off dinner. Volunteers are not yet allowed to go inside the shelter to serve the meal. Hopefully, that will return in the next several months as we all emerge from COVID. There are currently just 30 men living in the shelter, down from the typical capacity of 60.

The calendar for 2021 is completely covered, thanks to our faithful dinner preparers! We'll let you know when we can resume serving the meals. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry!

April: Prepare Meal – Cheryl Rohan

May: Prepare Meal – Becky Weinstein

Here's a thank you message we received from Peter and Paul for a \$500 contribution we made for the November and December dinners:

Thank you for your 11/19/2020 gift of \$500.00 toward Meals, in lieu of volunteering. We miss you! Your generosity brings smiles and hope to our clients while they work on solving the root causes of their homeless situation.

Of all the things we are facing this year, perhaps what is most unsettling is not knowing what the future holds. We know our life is affected for now, but we don't know what is next, or when the threat will end. What gives great comfort to us and to those we serve is knowing we can trust that our community will continue to offer care and support. That's what your gift means to us.

If you would like to know more about the proactive measures we are taking to make the health and safety of our residents, staff, and community our top priority, you can read our latest COVID-19 update at www.ppcsinc.org.

Your help and encouragement are deeply appreciated. Please take care of yourself. Thank you for your continued support for our neighbors without homes.

Sincerely,

Steve Campbell, CEO, Peter and Paul Community Services

Immanuel Inbound Family

Remember our Inbound Immanuel Family with Birthday Cards. Your greetings sent to them mean so much! In **June** our Inbound members are: Christina Chancellor, Joan Gansman, and Lois Greenway.

Cards will be picked up on **Sunday, June 6 at 10:30 a.m.** from the mail box in the atrium for delivery. Contact Diane Tallyn (314) 910-2032 or diane_tallyn@hotmail.com with any questions.

Thanking our Immanuel Congregation for reaching out to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ!

Christmas Cottage - Save the Date! Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021

How you can help the 2021 Christmas Cottage:

Gift donations for any age

Donations of white tissue paper; gift bags (all sizes)

Be a volunteer on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021.

Donations may be left at any time in the tote by the food pantry table near the church elevator.

JEWISH FOOD PANTRY

The Jewish Food Pantry demand has been up by 30%. In 2019, the food pantry had 15,100 guests. That jumped to 20,500 for 2020. Before the pandemic, the pantry would at the most get five new families a day as guests. Now, amidst the economic decline and huge spike in unemployment, the pantry often has been getting 30 new families in a day. They have experienced as many as 46 new families in a day. It was clearly people who are not used to coming to a food pantry. It's people who were newly unemployed and living paycheck to paycheck and were making choices between rent and food. The pantry had also seen an influx of clients who previously picked up food from other local pantries that have closed during the pandemic. According to Operation Food Search, a local food bank, 14 percent of the 200 pantries that it supplies have temporarily suspended operations.

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The food pantry relies heavily on its dedicated volunteers largely comprised of retirees who are in the age range that is at the highest risk of becoming severely sick because of the virus. The pantry previously had about 200 volunteers, but since the pandemic started, that number had decreased by about 80 percent. At one point, it was necessary to hire paid temporary help to fill that void. A magical thing happened; the community came together as more people started to volunteer and more of the existing volunteers were able to come back at different times once procedures were in place that were safe for them. Now more than 250 people are volunteering.

To ensure that clients, staff, and volunteers remain safe, the nonprofit has changed its shopping model, so clients now wait in their cars outside the building and receive a box of food rather than pick up individual items inside the pantry, as had been the practice before the pandemic. They have come up with the best solution to still be able to help people get food. It's been a lot of extra work and straining at times, physically and mental.

An Army veteran who had once been homeless, stands outside taking information from clients who wait in their cars and roll down their windows. The Jewish Food Pantry really cares about people and the quality of food that they give to guests. We hear on the news and the radio about healthcare workers, and yes, they are doing a wonderful job, but think people forget about food pantries and other agencies that are helping in a different way.

Ready-to-eat Meals

Erica Steen knows the stress that food insecurity can have on families. As the director of the [Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry](#), she spends her days helping people assuage the angst they feel at not knowing how they are going to put food on the table or whether or not their kids will go to bed hungry. Typically, this assistance is in the form of groceries, but thanks to a new grassroots program, she's been able to offer ready-to-eat meals courtesy of a talented local chef.

"One of the neat things we've been able to do is get people premade food," Steen says. "Usually, they have to go home to make meals, but now, they can get something ready-made in addition to what we would normally give them. I don't think people realize how helpful that is."

The Harvey Kornblum pantry has been able to offer these prepared restaurant meals thanks to **Community Carry Out**, a program started this past November by Liz Kniep-Engelsmann, co-owner of the spirits company, Pinnacle Imports. Because her company works directly with many restaurants and bars in St. Louis, Kniep-Engelsmann has seen firsthand the negative impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on businesses. Determined to do something about it, she enlisted the help of fellow business owners and individuals within the St. Louis area to donate the money they'd typically spend at these establishments to a new fund, called Community Carry Out. Restaurants could apply to the fund for grants, then use that grant money to provide meals for local food assistance agencies.

The idea of Community Carry Out is simple. By giving money to restaurants to do what they are supposed to be doing, i.e. cooking for people, the program could simultaneously keep hospitality workers employed while serving those in need. So far, it has worked. **Community Carry Out has given approximately \$300,000 to 44 different restaurants and provided 15,000 meals to 18 area agencies.**

The Harvey Kornblum pantry is one of the organizations that has partnered with Community Carry Out, and so far, it has been a success. According to Steen, her organization is working with the Grand Center restaurant, Turn, to prepare 500 meals for those it serves over the next several weeks. Turn's chef, David Kincaid, has been a wonderful partner, says Steen, and though she has not yet been able to get feedback from the pantry's clients, she is certain that his food is being well-received.

"This week, he brought grilled rosemary chicken with wild rice, and last week, he made a wrap and a salad," Steen says. "I think that when you cook at home, whether you are able to go to the grocery store or not, a restaurant might prepare something different or use different spices that normal folks wouldn't think of using. It's a nice treat."

Community Carry Out has provided a bright spot for the Harvey Kornblum pantry in the midst of such a difficult time for the community. Steen believes that the people it serves are thankful to have a restaurant quality meal, something that is seen as a luxury when finances are tight. However, she also notes that it's equally heartening to see restaurants benefit from the arrangement as well.

"The whole purpose of this is to help support local food businesses, so in the end, this is a win-win for everyone," Steen says. "Restaurants are able to keep paying their staff and, as a pantry, we are able to offer something special to those we serve. It's fulfilling a need by fulfilling a need."

Steward Builders

To help you grow as a steward.

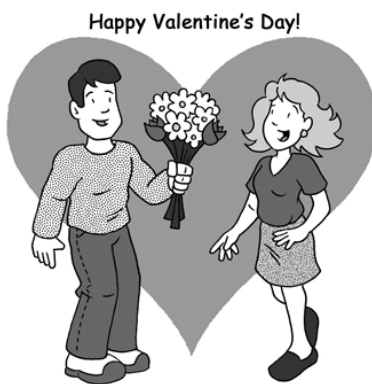
The purpose of this newsletter is to share God's Word so that our members will better understand who we are to be and what we are to do in the light of the Scriptures. It is our hope that this publication will help you grow in your relationship with the Lord and as a Christian steward.

Stewardship is a Matter of the Heart

God gives us the privilege and opportunity to be His stewards. Even though God gives us all things, He still allows us the freedom to choose whom or what we will serve. Whether we are stewards for the Lord, for ourselves, or for some other master depends on what controls our hearts. What or whom we love, serve, and follow is dictated by what our hearts value as most

important. The choices we make reflect what is in our hearts. Satan is doing everything possible to take the love, compassion, and peace, that only Jesus offers, from our hearts.

In Matthew 6:21 Jesus said, *"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* We can paraphrase this by



saying, "Show me your treasure and I will show you your heart." What we treasure the most receives our time, energy, money, and heart. Each of us determines where his treasures lie. What do you love and treasure the most? Unfortunately, some of us may find treasures in our homes, careers, cars, hobbies, or investments. God continually invites us to make Him our treasure. If our hearts are right, our treasures will be right.

Jesus spoke about the relationship between the condition of a tree and the fruit that it bears. *"Make a tree good and the fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit"* (Matthew 12:33). In the same way that the condition of the tree determines its fruit, so will the thoughts of our hearts dictate our words and actions (Matthew 12:34-35). When our hearts are filled with

God's presence, we reflect God's love, goodness, and kindness. When our hearts are right with God, our eyes are opened to the opportunities to serve and help others. When God controls our hearts, we willingly use our time, talents, and money in ways that glorify Him. Good hearts produce good fruit. Through time spent in God's Word and through participation in the Sacraments, God changes our hearts, making us into faithful disciples and stewards for Christ. As Solomon wrote, *"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life"* (Proverbs 4:23).

Say It!

Many of us admire the strong, silent type of person for whom Vermont has become famous. But I think it was rather too long a silence which the Vermont farmer broke, when he said to his wife as he sat whittling on the porch, "Do you know, Sarah, you have meant so much to me that sometimes it's almost more than I can stand not to tell you about it." Most of us go too long without telling those nearest to us how much they mean to us. Silence is golden, but it can become leaden. So is it in our relations with God. We become more responsive to God's goodness by expressing our response.

(Ralph W. Sockman)

Loving All People

Jesus said, *"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you"* (John 15:12). Jesus showed His tremendous love for us by going to the cross to suffer and die for us so that we can be reconciled with our heavenly Father. Christ's love is in us, and He asks us to reflect His love to others. As Christ loved all people, we are called to love all people whether or not they like us.

Former President Abraham Lincoln exemplified the ability to reach out in love to an enemy. His staff often criticized him for his positive treatment of his sworn enemies. One of the president's enemies once stated in print that he thought Lincoln was an obvious incompetent in the White House. The nature of the critic's attack (cont. on next page...)

on Lincoln even degenerated to the level that Lincoln's physical features were compared to those of a gorilla. Later, when war broke out between the States, Lincoln asked that critic to serve as his secretary of war.

Lincoln's advisers were appalled with the president's actions. When they asked him why he would choose his critic for such an important post, he responded that he thought



Stanton was the best man for the job. When they advised him that he should seek to destroy his enemies rather than treat them like friends, he reminded them he was destroying his enemies when he made them his friends. When Lincoln died some years later, Stanton was standing by the president's bedside. As he watched Lin-

coln breathe his last breath, he uttered the words, "There dies the greatest ruler of mankind the world has ever seen."

We show our spiritual maturity by how we respond to those

who have treated us wrongfully. It is easy to show kindness to friends or people who treat us with kindness. God's love is most evident when we show our love to those who dislike us or mistreat us. It is by God's grace that we are enabled to show Christian kindness to all people.

Poor Jesus

A woman tried to teach her daughter the meaning of proportionate giving. She took ten pennies from her daughter's bank and laid them in a row. The mother said, "These are your ten pennies." She then put one penny aside and said, "This is for Jesus."

The young girl looked at the nine pennies, then at the one. She looked up at her mother, and glancing at the one lonely penny, said, "Poor Jesus."

Blessings on Your Stewardship Journey!

What's for Dinner?

Perhaps you are aware that Immanuel has a history of having excellent cooks! Consequently, an Anniversary Cookbook was published for our 150th year. There are still some of those books in storage and available for \$4 each from the Women's Guild. Here's one of the recipes from Bev Wagner (one of the BEST cooks ever) you might like to try:

Gourmet Leftovers

- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 c. diced leftover pork or beef or chicken
- ¼ c. chopped onion
- Dash salt & pepper
- ¼ c. chopped nuts (cashews, walnuts, or pecans)
- ½ c. water
- 1 c. sliced celery
- 1 sm. Green pepper cut into strips (opt.)
- 2 tsp. soy sauce or sherry
- 1 can chow mein noodles



Put ¾ of the noodles into a bowl. Mix remaining ingredients with noodles. Put this into a buttered casserole. Top with rest of noodles and bake, uncovered, at 350 for 30 minutes. Really good!

Confirmation 2021

The Rite of Confirmation will take place during the 10:30 service on Sunday, April 25. The eleven 8th graders who have completed their formal instruction and will publically confirm the faith given to them in Holy Baptism are:

Nicholas Copeland
Maddison Corley
Margaret Farra
Melina Finnegan

Blake Huber
Evan Jander
Eleanor Krenning
Grace Schaff

Emill Tate
Talya Williams
Harlee Wood

Please keep these young Christians in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey after Confirmation.




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APRIL 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Our Mission Statement: Connected in Christ—Compassion for All 				1 Maundy Thursday 7:30 Worship	2 Good Friday Offices Closed 12:15 Worship 7:30 Worship	3 7:30 Easter Vigil
4 Easter 7:00 Worship 8:30 Worship 10:30 Worship	5 Easter Monday Offices Closed	6 11:00 Ladies Bible Study	7 	8 9:30-10:30 Quilters	9 	10 5:00 Worship TBD Jr. High District Retreat
11 8:00 Worship 10:30 Worship 5:00 Confirmation Classes 6:30 Sr. High Youth	12 	13 11:00 Ladies Bible Study	14 	15 9:30-10:30 Quilters	16 	17 5:00 Worship
18 8:00 Worship 10:30 Worship 5:00 Confirmation Classes 6:30 Sr. High Youth	19 	20 11:00 Ladies Bible Study	21 	22 9:30-10:30 Quilters	23 7:00 Confirmation Essay Night	24 10:00 Shred Event-Shepard Funeral Home 5:00 Worship
25 8:00 Worship 10:30 Confirmation Service (Confirmands Only) 5:00 Confirmation Classes 6:30 Sr. High Youth	26 	27 11:00 Ladies Bible Study	28 	29 9:30-10:30 Quilters	30 	

MAY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Morning Schedule Immanuel: 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship			Sunday Morning Schedule Light of Christ: 10:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School			1 5:00 Worship
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9 Mother's Day Anchor Deadline 8:00 Worship 10:30 Worship 5:00 Confirmation Classes 6:30 Sr. High Youth	10 	11 11:00 Ladies Bible Study	12 	13 Ascension 9:30-10:30 Quilters 7:00 Worship	14 	15 5:00 Worship
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30 8:00 Worship 10:30 Worship 6:30 Sr. High Youth	31 Memorial Day Offices Closed					



*I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"*
Psalms 122:1

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WORSHIP

Schedule

**Worship Services by [Reservation](#)
with Holy Communion Celebrated:**

Saturdays – 5:00 pm

Sundays – 8:00 am (Live streamed [YouTube](#)) and 10:30 am

Holy Communion by [Appointment](#)

Please call the church office @ 314-993-2394

Light of Christ Worship

Sundays – 10:30 am (also Live streamed on [YouTube](#))

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