

# The Immanuel Herald

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## Worship at Immanuel

When you attend worship at Immanuel, the following is REQUIRED:

- ⇒ Wear a mask
- ⇒ Have your temperature taken
- ⇒ Use provided hand sanitizer
- ⇒ Keep a physical distance of six feet or more from those not in your household
- ⇒ Use the seating guides in the pews
- ⇒ After the service, you may gather outdoors to speak to friends
- ⇒ When outdoors, PLEASE KEEP YOUR MASKS ON

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## October Meeting Schedule

*Monday, October 12, 7 pm*  
Church Council

*Thursday, October 14*  
Mission, Care, & Membership deliver to "Sleep in Heavenly Peace"

*Thursday, October 15*  
November Herald Deadline

*Sunday, October 25*  
Congregational meeting following 10 am worship service

## Welcome Back Immanuel Sunday School Children!

September 20 was the first day back for Sunday School Children. The classroom was thoroughly cleaned and set up to allow children to social distance. Children are required to wear masks to class. Each child has their own supply box so there is no sharing of supplies. Sunday School will meet on October 4 at 10:00 am.

Parents are to come **pick up** their children downstairs using the **north stairway** after service. This season we will continue to use Sermon4kids curriculum. We look forward to great times, learning, and sharing together in a safe environment.

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## UPDATE: Fall Worship Time Starting October 4

We will begin worship at 10:00 am beginning Sunday, Oct. 4. On this day we will celebrate

### World Communion Sunday

with pre-packaged juice and wafers to continue our efforts to remain safe.

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## Getting To Know You!

As YOUR new pastor, I look forward to "getting to know you"! My hope is that you will come to church in October so that I may meet you and your family.

Please feel free to visit me at the church between 9:30 - 11:30 am on Wednesday or Thursday during my office hours.

I can be reached at (312) 420-6671 cell phone or text or my office phone (708) 424-3755.

You can also email me at: [mbingberg@gmail.com](mailto:mbingberg@gmail.com)

Rev. MaryBeth Ingberg

## Waiting in Faith

Still in a pandemic, people of faith remain patient, looking for the day when, like Noah, his family and all the animals on the ark can finally step out into the sunshine of new life. Meanwhile, let our prayers always include a petition to help us be patient in our hope. The following Hymn Poem is based on Genesis 6:11–9:19.

As always, your friend in Christ,  
Pastor MaryBeth

### “Hymn for Waiting in Faith: When Noah Sent a Dove to Fly”

When Noah sent a dove to fly across the ebbing sea  
to seek a sign of life’s return, he waited patiently.

Not knowing if she’d find a thing, he waited patiently,  
and prayed the dove along her way toward unknown mystery.

And as she winged her way on prayer toward unknown mystery,  
already you had freed the land and planted olive trees.

Already, as she circled high, you’d planted olive trees,  
already made the branch she’d take its green and silver leaves;

Already made new earth a jewel of green and silver leaves,  
while Noah still in patience prayed, still scanned the cloud and breeze.

Our patient prayers are like the dove that scans through clouds and breeze  
for signs that in foreseeing love you’re planting olive trees.

We hope she’ll bring a branch, but more, we ask for faith to know  
that while we’re praying unaware, the trees you’re planning grow.

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## Worship

## Ushers Teams

Sunday	4th	11th	18th	25th	Nov 1st
<b>Ushers</b>	Team #2	Team #3	Team #4	Team #1	Team #2
	Nancy Rahm	Art Busse	Karen Wyka	Erin Taylor	Nancy Rahm

## CONFIRMATION NEWS

We are very proud of our confirmands. They have gamely navigated the ups and downs of our Covid-era class changes and are preparing themselves for our **October 18 Confirmation service**.

The Immanuel UCC confirmation class for 2020 includes four of our congregation's youth:

**Benjamin Elliot Baez**, 13, 8th grade at Robert J Richardson Middle School

**Darí Mariela Ivory**, 15, 10th grade at Lincoln Park High school

**Maggie Leia Ritter**, 13, 8th grade at Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School

**Logan Patrick Taylor**, 13, 8th grade at Lindblom Math and Science Academy

Thank You, Brad Jenks

## Membership News



*Please Pray for:*

Ruth Berg      Darlene Bonner      Ron O'Toole      Don Mattz      Mary Power  
Judy Borowiak      Madeline Karge      Jack Buvelot      Bob Regan  
Dolores and Al Eriksen      Joan Schechner      Jim O'Toole      Al and Rosemarie Davidson

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## Hot Shots Split the Pot Winner

Brian Manley was the winner of \$839. His niece is Brian Hayes' daughter, a long-time Hot Shots coach.

Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser!

## October Anniversaries

*8th Bette & Ken Engemann  
37 years*

*25th Taren & Robert Gaylord  
12 years*



## October Birthdays

3rd Albert Davidson  
4th Bette Engemann  
11th Madelaine Karge  
16th Duane Feurer  
17th Joan Schechner  
20th Tristan Taylor  
22nd Karen Wyka  
27th Randy Ebling  
29th Andrew Busse



***Happy Birthday Wishes!!***

## **Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting (First Publication - 9/26/2020)**

NOTE: Our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following worship service on **Sunday, October 25**. This meeting shall cover the annual budget and such other items which are necessary for the operation of the church for the coming year. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

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## **Nominating Committee**

Vice-President Glen Ritter will be seeking volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. Their task is to secure candidates to fill the roles of council members for 2021. Please contact Glen Ritter if you are interested in serving in this capacity.

A special Thank You to Sue Mueller for the beautiful wreaths adorning our main doors, donated in memory of her husband Bob Mueller.

## **Totenfest**

Our Service of Remembrance will be held on Sunday, November 1, during regular worship. We extend a special invitation to family and friends of loved ones who have passed in the last year to attend this special service.

Anyone interested in having someone remembered on this special day, please submit their name to Susan Artwohl in the church office or Pastor MaryBeth by Sunday, October 18.

## **Mission, Care, and Membership**

Mission, Care, and Membership is asking for donations to the Evergreen Park Food pantry, where there is great need. The number of families requesting assistance has increased greatly since the pandemic. We will be collecting throughout October, November and December.

### *Items needed include:*

- Bath soaps and laundry detergent, toilet paper and tissues. Feminine hygiene products, shampoo and body wash.
- Canned fruit. Vegetables, soups, tuna, stews, pork and beans and other canned meals, such as SpaghettiOs.
- Pastas and sauces, rice mixes.
- Coffee, teas and hot chocolate.

Please place items in the box located in the narthex.

Additionally, cash is always most welcome. Envelopes are available in narthex. Please place them in the offering plate.

We will also begin sending cards to members and immediate family who are unable to attend worship in person, who are ill, in the hospital or grieving the loss of a loved one. This is a way for Immanuel to express love and care for our members and to keep us better connected during our time of being distant. If you know a member who would appreciate this ministry, please let the Committee or Pastor MaryBeth know.

*Susan Artwohl, Sue Ptak, Jane Feurer,  
and Bob O'Neill*

## Matching Funds Challenge

The floor in Schmiechen Hall needs to be replaced, and we need your help to get this completed before Hot Shots starts next year!



The repair will cost at least \$30,000.

Fortunately, two anonymous long-time members, the Lone Ranger and Tonto II, have committed to matching up to \$15,000 on a dollar for dollar basis for every new dollar contributed to the floor fund.

Please give generously for this necessary repair project. Make sure to designate your donation to the “floor fund”.

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### Hey, Amazon shoppers!

Did you know that if you shop on Amazon through **smile.amazon.com** and designate Immanuel United Church of Christ as your chosen charity, Amazon will donate a portion of each eligible purchase to Immanuel?

Take advantage of this simple way to help Immanuel!

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### Start Your Holiday Shopping Now!

Please remember to use our Scrip program when purchasing gift cards.

*Don't know what the Scrip program is?* It's a great way to do your holiday shopping and donate to Immanuel at the same time. Purchase eligible gift cards and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the church.

Order forms are available outside the church office or contact Connie Dobbin  
cdobbin2@sbcglobal.net for more information.

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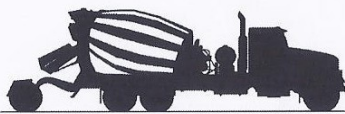
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