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**The Second Week** after the Epiphany

January 15-17, 2022

### Immanuel's **GENERATIONS Campaign Update**

**Base GENERATIONS Goal:** 

\$ 900,000 (Now through December 31, 2022)

> **Total # of Homes Participating:** 165

**Donations Received Last Week:** \$104,172

**Total GENERATIONS Gifts:** (since 1/10/22): \$ 569,879

## † Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran! †

## Be sure to Vote this Weekend!

This weekend all members (in good standing, at least 18 years of age and that have communed during the 6 months prior to January 15) are encouraged to cast their vote on Bridge financing for Immanuel's Ministry Expansion. You may vote in person or online. For in-person voting, look for the voting station before and after each worship service in the Atrium or Fellowship Hall (depending on service). Online voting will be available from Saturday, January 15 at 4:00pm until Monday, January 17 at 7:30 pm by going to:



ImmanuelStCharles.org/ministry-expansion-vote/

## **Italian Dinner & Auction**

hosted by Youth Ministries Saturday, January 29th @ 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall



Tickets on sale now at Immanuel's website under Featured Events. Tickets are \$15 and include delicious pasta, salad and bread. There

will also be a dessert auction filled with tasty treats as well as a Silent Auction with many unique items. A carryout option is also available for \$20. Thanks for supporting Immanuel's youth as they attend the 2022 National Youth Gathering in Houston!

#### **God Chose You!**



Next weekend we will thank God for the miracle of life as we celebrate Life Sunday 2022 in all worship services.

To learn more about the value of human life, visit Lutherans for Life online at: LutheransforLife.org or find them on your favorite social media platform. There is also

a local chapter: LutheransforLifeStCharleMO.org

# Immanuel, We are VERY blessed, BUT... We Need Everyone's Support

We are still WAY behind on our GENERAL Offerings--by over \$150,000! We caught up some in December, but not nearly enough. The explanation is pretty simple: We have been averaging about 70% of our pre-pandemic worship attendance (lower during the omicron spike). With around 30%+ (on average) of people missing, many weekly offerings are also missing. How has God blessed you to help our Church catch up? We need everyone's support "to keep the lights on" and pay all our monthly ministry bills.

Member School Parents Please Note: We require Immanuel Member School Families to be active members in order to receive our very generous tuition discount. Our expectations are not unrealistic. We simply ask families to be faithful at worship, support the overall Ministry with ongoing offerings, and to volunteer and serve. The Church Office and Pastors are reviewing our 2021 records. Thank God most families are active! It also appears we have several member families in each grade who have not been active much or at all during 2021 and are not currently eligible to receive our member tuition discount. They will be notified by the Church Office soon. (The School office has nothing to do with this.)

The solution is simple: In order to continue receiving our member tuition discount, parents who have not been active at Immanuel will need to make an appointment to visit with one of the Pastors. We simply ask that ALL member families commit to being active disciples of Jesus and show up, support, and cheer on God's Team, the body of Christ, His Church.

The Distance resumed this month for students in grades 6-8, with games, devotions,

snacks and fun!









## **Immanuel News & Notes**

**Ministry Expansion** 

Immanuel's Ministry Expansion purchase of the two final properties (Doughnut King/St. Charles Decorating and Mirage Photography Studio) will take place in mid-January. In order to close the sale in mid-January a short-term bridge loan is needed while Generations Campaign donations and other reimbursements are received. A congregation vote to approve this short-term bridge loan is taking place this weekend, January 15-17. See front page for voting information.

#### Immanuel's Guest WiFi

If you use Immanuel's Guest WiFi, please note that the credentials have changed. On your device look for ILSGuest and then connect using a password of ILSC1847

The Annual Turkey & Sausage Dinner has been Cancelled for 2022 We hope to have our annual dinner again in 2023!

#### Diaper (& Baby Items) Drive

To raise awareness of Life Week, Ellie Nixon (LHS Senior) is promoting a Diaper Drive for the month of January. If you can, please bring in diapers- sizes 2-5 and Pull-ups, sizes 3T thru 5T, Baby wipes, baby ointment, and various baby/toddler socks and clothes. Drop items in the boxes in the Gym Lobby, Atrium & Fellowship Hall.



Items will be donated to Crisis Nursery, Sparrows Nest and LCFS. Thanks!

#### **Items Needed for Italian Dinner & Auction**

Auction items are still needed! If you have an item to donate (ie - event, tickets, basket, etc) or if you would like to donate to the dessert auction, please pick up an auction donation form in the Church Office. Thank you for your support of our youth and their participation in the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston!

#### Are You Expecting a Child?

If you are 'expecting' please contact the church office so that we may add you to our prayer list during your pregnancy and follow-up with you once you deliver. Call 946.2656 or email kohmes@immanuelstcharles.org and give your name, due date and the hospital you plan to deliver at.

#### **Thrivent Action Teams Needed by Youth Ministries**

Please contact Jolene Siebarth (636.946.2656) if you have a team you can share.

## Folks Needed!! - Maybe You?

**Ushers**—There is a big need for ushers for the 8:00 and 9:30 services on Sunday mornings. If you are able to help out once a month, with flexibility when needed, please call the church office at 636-946-2656 or Bob Cushman at 636-734-1236.

#### **Youth Ministry Summer Intern**

College students: If you are finishing up your second year of college or beyond in the spring of 2022, consider applying to be the summer Youth Ministry Intern! This paid position is part-time from mid-May to mid-August. If you are interested in applying, please contact the Church Office.

#### Preschool Teacher for 2022-2023 School Year

Immanuel is seeking a full-time preschool teacher for the upcoming school year. Our purpose at Immanuel Early Childhood is to open the little ones' hearts to the love of Jesus, their Savior. Teachers implement developmentally appropriate educational experiences for young children and assess their progress. They maintain a clean, safe and engaging learning environment, and foster the cognitive, social emotional and spiritual needs of each child. Appli-



cants must demonstrate a love for teaching young children and serving families. The candidate shall hold a current teaching certificate from the state of Missouri and it is preferred that they hold a degree in Early Childhood education. Interested applicants may send a resume to Scott Huster, Principal shuster@immanuelstcharles.org or Elissa Beaver, Early Childhood Director ebeaver@immanuelstcharles.org



Immanuel Lutheran Church is a member of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod—www.lcms.org



## Pastoral Staff and School Administration

Rev. Scott A. Schmieding Senior Pastor

> Rev. Ryan Taylor Associate Pastor

**Rev. Allen W. Schade**Pastor Emeritus

**Rev. Dr. Martin Conkling** Visitation Pastor—Part-time

> Matt Gerzevske Vicar

**Jolene Siebarth, DCE** Director of Christian Ed. ~ Youth Ministry

**Maggie Warner, DCE**Director of Christian Ed. ~ Children's Ministry

Andrew Schempf

Director of Worship & Music

**Dr. Rachel Hahn** Assoc. Dir. of Music Education & Worship

> **Erik Burgdorf** Business Manager

Scott Huster Principal

Sonya Timmerman Assistant Principal

**Elissa Beaver**Director of Early Childhood

To email any staff member:

First initial last name @immanuelstcharles.org i.e. jdoe@immanuelstcharles.org)

## **Our Mission**

We live to **connect** people with Jesus, **grow** in relationship with Christ, and **serve** one another in love.

## **Worship Information**

#### Sanctuary

Sundays 8:00 & 9:30 am & Mondays 6:30 pm Holy Communion celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sunday/Monday

#### **Fellowship Hall**

Saturdays 5:00 pm & Sundays 10:45 am Holy Communion celebrated on the 2nd and 4th full weekend 5:00 pm—Interpreted for deaf/hard of hearing

#### Video Service

The 8:00 am service will be live-streamed each week to YouTube. (Search for Immanuel Lutheran St. Charles)

**Nurseries**—closed at this time

**Off-Site Senior Worship** 

The Boulevard—1st Wed., 1:30 pm Clarendale—1st Wed., 3:00 pm Lake St. Charles—2nd Wed., 1:15 pm Mt. Carmel—3rd Wed., 1:30 pm Cedarhurst—4th Wed., 2:15 pm Windsor Estates—TBD



Beginning at 9:30 am on Sundays:

#### **Sunday School Classes**

See the latest info at Immanuel's website (ImmanuelStCharles.org) under Ministries > Children's Ministry. Contact Maggie Warner (Birth to Grade 5) or Jolene Siebarth (Grades 6-12) for more info (contact info on Page 4).

Birth-Preschool (0-4 & parents)— Toddlin' for Jesus Meets in Room 102.

Kindergarten—Grade 5 Begins in the Gym. Students picked up in the Preschool Hallway.

#### Grades 6-8

Join Mr. McSwain and meet in the Student Learning Center (School, Lower level, by the Art Room).

#### Adult Study—Dining Hall

Dr. Mark Rockenbach will lead through February 12th. His topic will be: "How to Address Life Issues using the Practical Theological Framework".

#### High School—Youth Room Fellowship Hall LL

Join us for Bible study and donuts!

#### Women's Study-FH LL

Join Debbie Hendricks for real stories of God's faithfulness as they discuss "Pew Sisters".

#### **Baptism Class-School Library**

9:30-10:15, 1st Sunday of the month— Upcoming classes: Feb 6th & March 6th

The Baptism Ministry Action Team hosts this preparatory class "Not Just Plain Water" for parents who are planning a baptism for their child. In Baptism, our gracious Lord adopts our children as His own, forgives sin and creates faith.

#### Starting Point Class—Room 308

This class provides an overview of the basics of the Bible. Great for 'newbies' and as a refresher for longtime members. At the conclusion you are welcome to become a member of Immanuel. Call Beth in the Church Office (636.946.2656) for more info on becoming a member.



## **Upcoming Activities**

Merry Pairs Sing-along Sunday, January 16th Cancelled due to COVID concerns

## Church & School Offices Closed on Monday, January 17th

There is no school due to Martin Luther King Day, so the school and school office will be closed. The Church Office will also closed, as they will be observing their New Year's Day holiday on this day.



#### The Chosen Bible Study—Tuesdays through February 8th, 7;00 pm

Join Pastor Ryan via Google Meet on Tuesdays through February 8th to discuss the series "The Chosen". *The Chosen* is a television drama based on the life of Jesus Christ, portraying Jesus "through the eyes of those who met him." It digs deeper into the backstories and context of the people and events of the gospels. Find Google Meet info on Immanuel's website under Featured Events.

### Mothers' Club Alumni & Friends—Tuesday, January 18th

Cancelled due to COVID concerns. We will meet again on Tuesday, February 15 for chili & hot dogs!

#### Naomi Circle Event—Learn About the Maji Wednesday, January 19th 11:00-1:00 pm, FH

Come hear Bri, a message she brings About wise men, some say were kings. Travelers from the east To Bethlehem came. A star to follow.

A King they gain.
Come and see!



Bring a \$5-7 wrapped gift and a friend! Lunch will be served. RSVP to Diann White (636.724.4513) by Tuesday, January 11th.

## Town Hall Meeting—Sunday, January 30th, Noon, FH

All are invited to hear ministry updates from the congregation leaders.

Dorcas Sewing Ministry Work Day—Thursday, February 3rd, 9:30 am Meets in the Fellowship Hall Lower Level (see page 6 for more info)

Baptism Class—Sunday, February 6th, 9:30 am, School Library (see left)

#### Merry Pairs Sweetheart Dinner-Sunday, February 6th, 5:30 pm

Married couples are invited to the Walnut Grill (4001 Highway K, O'Fallon, MO 63368, 636-685-0212). A choice of four \$20.00 entrees (NOT including tax and gratuity) will be available for ordering with separate checks and a cash bar. (Seating is limited for a maximum of 20 couples!) Please RSVP to hosts Tom and Ruth Wiley 636-724-0282 or Wileycoyote809@sbcglobal.net or Dan and Janet Parker 636-916-3191 or Janet.parker3303@charter.net no later than 5:00 p.m., January 30, 2022.



#### Italian Dinner hosted by Youth Ministries—Saturday, January 29th

Doors open at 5:30 pm for the auction and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Tickets are now on sale at Immanuel's website or in the Church Office for \$15 and include delicious pasta, salad and bread. You can also order carryout for \$20/person. There will be a silent auction & dessert auction. Auction items are still needed (see page 2 for more info).

Women's Retreat -- WonderFull World -- February 19, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Enjoy a whirlwind tour of the seven continents where we will explore the wonders of God's world.

#### Ladies Night Out-Tuesday, March 29th, 7:00 pm

The Yellow Umbrella by Dr. Holly Brand will show us how to let your light shine in a dark world.

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#### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

Maggie Warner, DCE-Children's Ministry (mwarner@immanuelstcharles.org)

Parent Cue: Time with our children is crucial, yet it's hard to come by. The app, Parent Cue is created to help you use the time you already have to help strengthen the relational rhythm of your home, elevate important conversations with your child, and connect you to your church so we can support your family. Download the Parent Cue app for free today from your App Store

Sunday School: This week, K-5 Sunday School is continuing our unit about self -control. There are so many choices we have to make in our life! But through His Word, God helps us make the right choices, and forgives us when we don't. Registration is always open, so join us in the gym at 9:30!

Toddlin' to Jesus: for all children birth-preschool. Parents, please come with your child for an hour of faith, fun, & fellowship with other parents, no matter the age of your child!

**Faith Milestones:** Parents of 4 year olds- mark your calendars for a new faith milestone at worship services February 12-14. Your child will be receiving a prayer box with many useful prayers written to help aid including prayer as a daily part of life.

#### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN YOUTH MINISTRIES

Jolene Siebarth, DCE—Director of Youth Ministry (jsiebarth@immanuelstcharles.org)

SUNDAY MORNING HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY—Join us from 9:30-10:30a.m. in the Youth Room. On January 9th we will continue a 4-week study on "The Nativity". Join us for Bible study and donuts!

2022 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING— We are 180-ish days away from "In All Things" in Houston! Please take note of the upcoming GROUP BUILDS for all youth participants and adult leaders:

Sunday, January, 23 - 6:30-8p.m. in the Fellowship Hall Wednesday, February 9 - 6:30-8p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Are you in grades 8-12 and want to go to the Gathering in July 2022? Contact DCE Jolene to see how you can sign up.

SAVE THE DATES: Youth Gathering Fundraisers—January 29, 2022 - Italian Dinner & Auction (purchase tickets on the website); February 19, 2022—3-on-3 basketball tournament; April 9, 2022 - Trivia Night; April 16, 2022 - Easter Egg Hunt & Carnival; May 29-June 4, 2022 - Rummage Sale

MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY-Join Mr. McSwain in the Student Learning Center on Sundays from 9:30-10:30 am.

JANUARY CONFIRMATION MODULE—The third Wednesday all-Confirmation module for youth and parents is on January 19. This will also be the service module for third quarter. Please note: the time for January is from 5-7:30p.m. We will be learning about Trinity Soulard's ministry to the homeless in their community and will be helping with projects that they will take back and distribute.

ITALIAN DINNER - If you have items to drop off for the Silent Auction, please drop off to Leslie Breite at Immanuel on Sunday, January 23 after 10:45 service until 1:00 pm in Youth Room or before the Group Build at 6:30p.m. Items can also be dropped off to the Fellowship Hall Upper Level on Saturday, January 29 beginning at 3:00 pm. Know what you are donating but won't be dropping off a physical item? Contact Leslie Breite with the info at lbreite@immanuelstcharles.org.

CONFIRMATION WEDNESDAYS - Classes are back on Wednesdays from 6-7:30p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**DINE AND DISCUSS** - High school teens: Join us for the January Dine and Discuss on Thursday, January 20 from 6-7:30p.m. at Chimis. Bring \$5 for your meal and topics you'd like to discuss.

**SPRING RETREAT** - Registration is OPEN for the April 22-24 Junior Youth Spring Retreat! The retreat will be at Lake Williamson and is for all 6-8th graders. The theme we will unpack this year is "Masterpiece". The cost is \$150 and includes all meals while at camp, lodging, programming and a tshirt. Registration forms can be picked up in the church office. We can't wait for this weekend experiencing how we are God's Masterpiece!





## Calendar Items

#### Sunday, January 16

8:00 & 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary)

9:30 am Sunday School (see page 3)

9:30 am Bible Study (Dining Hall)

9:30 am Women's Bible Study (FH LL)

9:30 am High School Bible Study (FH LL)

10:45 am Worship—Band Led (FH)

4:00 pm YM Small Groups (FH LL)

#### Monday, January 17-No School

6:00 pm CLT (FH LL)

6:30 pm Worship (Sanc)

#### Tuesday, January 18

7:00 am Quilters (FH LL)

6:30 pm Quarterlife (Atrium)

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study (FH)

7:00 pm "The Chosen" Study (Google Meet)

#### Wednesday, January 19

7:00 am Men's Bible Study (FH LL)

8:25 am ILS Chapel (FH & Sanc)

8:30 am Joy in the AM Bible Study (FH LL)

9:00 am Lifelight Bible Study (FH LL)

11:00 am Naomi Event (FH LL)

5:30 pm Stephen Ministry (FH LL) 6:30 pm

Stephen Min Supervision (FH LL) 6:00 pm Confirmation Service Project (FH)

### Thursday, January 20

8:30 am Hungry Hearts Bible Study (FH LL)

8:30 am Grace Place Bible Study (FH LL)

6:00 pm Grace Notes Handbells (FH)

7:00 pm Adult Choir (Music Room)

8:00 pm Men's Bible Study (FH LL)

8:00 pm Brass Ensemble (Sanc)

#### Friday, January 21

#### Saturday, January 22

7:30 am Men's Bible Study (off-site)

5:00 pm Worship w/ Deaf Interpreter (FH)

#### Sunday, January 23-Life Sunday

8:00 & 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary)

9:30 am Sunday School (see page 3)

9:30 am Bible Study (Dining Hall)

Women's Bible Study (FH LL) 9:30 am

High School Bible Study (FH LL) 9:30 am

10:45 am Worship—Band Led (FH)

YM Small Groups (FH LL) 4:00 pm

6:30 pm Youth Gathering Group Build (FH LL)

For a full calendar- ImmanuelStCharles.org Select Resources (top) then select Calendar



### **Donations**

Angel Fund In honor of John & Debbie Boyer by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clay, Jr.

Stephen Ministry
In honor of Dan & Bev Ramage by
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clay, Jr.



Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or ter-

minal illness, or relocation. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

If you would like more information about Stephen Ministry and how you could become involved or would like to have a Stephen Minister contact you, please contact the Dan or Bev Ramage at (636.949.5463).

## Attendance Totals Weekend of January 8-10

Sat. 5:00—138; Sun. 8:00-131, 9:30-112, 10:45-159; Mon. 6:30—30 = 570 Total

Online Views—200+; Adult Bible Study—55; Sunday School (Kindergarten through High School)—19

## **Contributions**

#### **General Fund Offerings**

from January 1-3—\$35,869

from January 8-10-\$45,450

Required Weekly Need for Ministry (Budget) - \$49,230

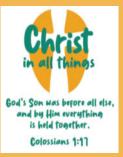


## Immanuel Lutheran School

We thank God that since 1848 Immanuel is a place for children to experience excellent academic, music, drama, STEM, athletic programs (and much more!) all in a Christ-centered atmosphere!



If you, or someone you know, is looking for an excellent Christian school (Preschool 2 through Grade 8), you can find out more about the National Blue Ribbon education and view a Virtual Tour of the School at:



## VisitOurSchool.org

or call 636.946.0051 for more info & to schedule a tour



## Lutheran High News (Lutheran High St Charles.com)

Enrollment for 2022-23 Now Open!

Visit www.lutheranhighstcharles.com/admissions/apply-now/ to enroll; contact Micah Braddy, Director of Enrollment, if you have any questions or to schedule a visit.

Winter activities, clubs, athletics are in full swing – stay aware and up to date via the Calendar tab on the front page of the LHS website.

The LHS Sapphires Dance Team is hosting a **Daddy Daughter Dance** for all ages on Friday, January 28, from 6:00 - 8:00. For more info: www.sites.google.com/view/daddydaughter



#### Zillah Comfort Dog

Be sure to look for Zillah on Instagram and Facebook too! Just search for Zillah Comfort Dog. Have a request for a visit or event? Want to become involved with the Comfort

Dog Team? Need more info? Contact Holly @ 314-960-0919.

#### Zillah's verse— Psalm 57:1

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.





"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" -Matthew 18:20

Join the battle and experience the power of thousands of people joining together in prayer over cancer consistently for 30 days. Whether you have been touched by can-

cer or are someone who just believes strongly in the power of prayer, please join our Cancer Companions ministry in our annual 30 Days of Cancer Prayer event beginning Sunday, January 30th. Joining is easy and you can participate from home and on your own schedule by:

- •Registering by text to receive the daily prayer videos to your phone
- •Registering online to receive the daily prayer videos to your email

You can also visit the Cancer Companions website at <a href="https://www.3odayscancerprayer.com">www.3odayscancerprayer.com</a> OR simply scan the QR code with your phone.

Help us push back cancer by joining together in prayer!



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### **More Items of Interest**

#### January Journey with Jesus through the Entire New Testament

Pastor Schmieding will continue his daily devotionals on the New Testament. They will provide a basic summary, doctrinal highlights, power passages and practical application comments based on each of the 27 books of the New Testament. These are sent out via eblast or posted on the website so you may feed and strengthen your faith in Christ.

#### The Chosen Bible Study

Pastor Ryan will continue *The Chosen* Bible Study, about the life of and times of Jesus, on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. via Google Meet. This study will meet for 4 more sessions. The link to join can be found on Immanuel's website: ImmanuelStCharles.org under Featured Events. If possible, please watch each episode before the Bible Study. You can download The Chosen app on your phone to watch for free, or contact Pastor Ryan for help. Please join us!



#### **Dorcas Sewing Ministry News**

Dorcas Work Day has been canceled for the month of January. Our next Work Day will be Thursday, February 3, 9:30-11:00 am in the Lower Level of the Fellowship Hall. If you need to pick up more fabric or supplies just let me know and I will meet you at the Fellowship Hall. Once again we are in need of financial assistance to mail packages, buy fabric and buy needed supplies.

Great News! We have reached our goal of 8,274. Just to make the next goal more challenging and fun for our ladies, I have set the next goal to be 10,000. WOW! I know they can do it, I just don't know when. (Of course, if we have a few more sewers we can reach that goal sooner:). Thank you again for your prayers and support. Please call Betty Moser if you have any questions, suggestions or need to pick up / drop off supplies (636.724.9866).

#### **Adult Bikes Needed**

Volunteers in Medicine (S. Duchesne in St. Charles) is a group of doctors, nurses and others who volunteer their time to help the uninsured of St. Charles and Lincoln Counties. Their clients must also meet federal poverty guidelines. They tell us that one of their greatest issues is clients' lack of transportation. So we started a bicycle program fueled by donated bikes. We are receiving numerous requests for bicycles. VIM determines that this is their only means of transportation before a bike is provided.



If you have an adult bike, in good working order that you would like to donate, please contact Gail Blackman (314-780-9956) and he will arrange for pick-up. Only bikes that are in good working order that can be put on the road with minor adjustments will be accepted. Cost of parts prohibit accepting bikes that need major repairs. Thank you for your kind consideration. You can find out more about VIM at: yolunteersinmedicinestcharles.org

#### High School Students-Careers for Christ Weekend @ CUC

Concordia University in Chicago will host Careers for Christ Weekend February 4-6. Check-in is at 6:30 pm on Friday, February 4th and the weekend concludes after brunch on Sunday, February 6th. Cost is \$75/person, with includes housing, meals, a Chicago dining experience, transportation and a t-shirt. Register at CU-Chicago.edu/C4C by Tuesday, February 1st @ 5:00 pm.

#### Interested in a Fall 2022 Trip to Germany?



Pastor Schmieding invites you to join him on a trip to Germany, which will include visiting important Martin Luther and Reformation Sites, World War 2 sites, a monastery brewery, and to see the Passion Play, performed once every 10 years in Oberammergau. The trip will be from **September 14-23**, **2022**. A brochure with travel details and itinerary is on the table in the Atrium or Fellowship Hall or you can go to: registernow.ittworld.com with a tour code of: Schmieding22. Please contact Pastor Schmieding directly via text or voice at 225-802-8602 with questions.

## **Helpful Items**

#### Immanuel's Website

For the latest Church & School information, to view Connections, find info about upcoming events, signup for Eblasts, make prayer requests, view the calendar and more—go to:

ImmanuelStCharles.org

#### Calendar of Events

From website > Resources > Calendar

#### To reserve facilities:

Contact Konnie Ohmes in the Church Office (kohmes@immanuelstcharles.org)

**Social Media-Facebook & Instagram** Follow both the Church and the School (and Zillah Comfort Dog too!)

**Bible Bubbles—Small group study** For more info go to Immanuel's website > Resources > Bible Bubbles.

**Prayer Chain**—To request or to join, contact Ruth Wiley (724.0282 or wileycoyote809@sbcglobal.net).

**Immanuel Church Library**—Now open in the Atrium.

Scrip Sales—Gym Lobby—On Sundays 9:00-10:45 am. App RaiseRight can also be used with code FL9EB7LL1LL96. Contact Angie Iver (314.599.4380; Angela.Iver@gmail.com).

**Lutherans for Life**—Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for Life. (LutheransforLife.org) or call Carol Hemwall (805.712.5652).

Worship Totes ("Busy Bags") — On the back wall of the Atrium or in the Fellowship Hall outside the Coat Room; totes on the lower rack are for younger kids, and on the upper rack for older kids.

**Listen Everywhere**—App for the hearing-impaired available in the Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall. Look for info posters with instructions to use your smart phone and stream real-time audio. Contact Galen Stanley (636.373.1534) for info.

**Giving Options**—Vanco Mobile is available for all Apple and Android devices. For those without a mobile device there is an Electronic Giving authorization form in the Church Office.

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#### **Deadlines**

**Connections**—Items must be received by Monday at 5:00 pm for the following Sunday.

**Prayer Requests & Altar Flowers** Info must be received by Thursday at 5:00 for inclusion in weekend bulletins.

For Connections, Prayers and Flowers you may email info to Chris Schikore at cschikore@immanuelstcharles.org

**Concordia Seminary Continuing Education** 

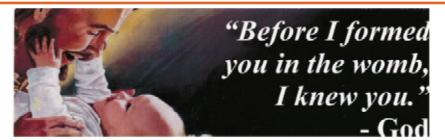
Check out the many opportunities offered by the Seminary—a Pre-Lenten Workshop, Faith & Film Festival, Lay Bible Institute (Feb 12-"Strength for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow" - led by Emeritus President Dr. Dale Meyer), Multiethnic



Symposium and Faith & Writing Workshop. There is more information about each course and you can register by going to: csl.edu/resources/continuing-education

Annual Sausage Supper February 20 - CARRYOUTS and Sausage Sales Join Zion Lutheran (3866 S Old Hwy 94) for their annual tradition CARRYOUT STYLE. Enjoy a delicious smoked sausage dinner TO GO this year. In addition, they are taking sausage orders for bulk, link, link-smoked, 1/2 slabs of ribs and backbones all being sold at \$4 per lb. Please call the office at 636-441-7425 ext. 246 or email Matt Groeteke at mgroeteke@yahoo.com to order.

Girlfriend Gathering @ Chapel of the Cross, St. Peters—February 25-26 Save the Date! The theme for this year is "Pray More, Worry Less" based on Philippians 4:6-7. Keynote speaker, Šarah Salzberg, will help apply God's teaching about worry to our daily lives. Beginning January 30th you can register at: chapelofthecrosslutheran.org by clicking on the Praying Hands. Questionsemail: girlfriendgathering@gmail.com or call 636.928.5885.



#### Serving the Church in Russia

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