

OCTOBER 15, 2017

# IMMANUEL

Broken and Loved, Saved by Jesus, Freed to Live



*Real love says, "forever." Love will always reach out toward the eternal. Love comes from that place within us where death cannot enter. Love does not accept the limits of hours, days, weeks, months, years or centuries. Live is not willing to be imprisoned by time. - Henri J.M. Nouwen*

All Saints Sunday is coming November 5. We'll gather to remember those who have gone on before us, dear ones who have blessed us with so much love. Our lives would not be the same without them, and we miss them.

Other cultures remember and celebrate those who have died, in different ways. We can learn from others by embracing ways of remembering that are new to us.

In Mexico, *Día de Muertos* (Day of the Dead) is a Christian celebration of loved ones who have died. It's not limited to people recently departed -- people long past their earthly lives are also remembered. *Ofrendas*, or small memorial altars, are made to hold remembrances. Even foods they loved can be laid out there!

One way we would like to celebrate our loved ones this year at Immanuel is by embracing parts of this cultural practice. The Sunday before, we'll have pictures to color with a place for names -- as many as you like.

You are invited to bring photos, things that remind you of your dear ones, or things they enjoyed. You may bring fruits, vegetables, special foods, candles or flowers. (Marigolds are a big deal in Mexico as they are like little glowing suns. Butterflies are signs of transformation and new life).

In this colorful way, we can learn more about the living sisters and brothers in Christ around us. We'll find out who we remember, who we miss. We'll celebrate our lives and thank God for the glimpses of eternity we have in each other. Grief transforms to gratitude as we sit with one another, even when our hearts are breaking, knowing that a promise of new life holds us fast.

## This Week

### IMMANUEL

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#### TODAY

- 9:00 Worship  
Baker Baptism
- 10:15 Coffee & Conversation  
Adult Study

#### MONDAY

- 1:00 Quilters
- 4:45 Dance

#### TUESDAY

- 10:00 Staff Meeting
- 2:00 Sabbath Afternoon

#### WEDNESDAY

- 10:00 Worship at St. Eliz
- Noon Food Truck
- 2:00 Text Study
- 3:45 Confirmation and  
Faith Adventures
- 6:00 Mutual Ministry
- 6:30 CIA at Seiferts

#### THURSDAY

- 10 & 5 Food Pantry
- 6:30 I/ELCW Meeting

#### SUNDAY

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:15 Coffee & Conversation  
Adult Study
- 1:30 Worship at Pepin Health  
and Rehab

## Announcements



Could you help us capture moments at Immanuel? We would like to share with others all the ways God is moving in our faith community. If you have a smart phone, thanks for taking and sharing photos. [office@immanuelpepin.org](mailto:office@immanuelpepin.org)



If you're a fan of Facebook, thanks for checking out Immanuel's page and sharing what's happening with others. We love to celebrate all the ways God is calling us in worship, ministry with children and youth, and reaching out in our community. Or subscribe to our newsletter on-line: [www.immanuelpepin.org](http://www.immanuelpepin.org)



### *Grace Upon Grace* **Sacred Dance**

Mondays from 4:45-5:30  
for grades K-6. Cost: \$25  
Scholarships available.  
For more information contact:  
[karolinaeldora@gmail.com](mailto:karolinaeldora@gmail.com)  
  
Session A: Oct 16 - Nov 13  
*We'll dance Sunday, Nov 19*  
Session B: Nov 20 - Dec 11  
*We'll dance Sunday, Dec 17*



**Chicken Soup Sundays**  
Chicken noodle soup is a popular quick lunch for the Backpacks for Kids program and for people who carry their lunch to work. We'll be collecting cans on Sundays in October.

THANK YOU FOR ...

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

### **THIS SUNDAY OCT 15**

#### **TEAM SIX**

Fred Diedrich & Nancy Lund,  
Mary Ehrlichmann, Jackie Grippio,  
Karen & Sam Schroeder,  
Sophie Walk

### **NEXT SUNDAY OCT 22**

#### **TEAM SIX**

Doug & Gayla Earney, Steve  
Marks, Jeannine Tulip,  
Leona Sandberg



### Prayer Group

For years, our confirmation students and guides have shared highs and lows. We light a candle and share a high or low from the week and then pray for one another. It sounds simple -- and it is. It's also an ancient prayer practice called the Examen. More than 400 years ago, Ignatius gave us this gift and even today, Christians all around the world continue to pray in this way. It's simple and powerful. I'd like to form a small group of 6 or so people who would like to meet together once a month. Give me a call if you might be interested. In a very busy world, this faith practice has helped people rest in God's faithful presence.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### PRAYERS OF HEALING

Mark, Brandon K, Bradley L, Mai Yang, Brad, Ray, Bob, Janice, Kathy, Curt D, Bob J, Tom C, John N, Meg, Jackie G, Cory S, Brenda B, Bruce O, Darlene S, Mike, Mary B, Marj K, Jim S, Erin, Steve W, Bonnie, Jennifer S, Sandy, Caitlin, Jerry M, Larry W, Tonya S, Joel W, Cindy, Leah, Sharon P, Tim I, Corey K

### PRAYERS FOR CARE CENTER FRIENDS

Ann B, Barb S, Pearl B, Muggs, Lorene, Alfred, Jean, Darlene, Carol

### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

for road construction workers everywhere --  
and that Highway 35 is nearly complete : )