



Welcome Pr. Carl Johnson to Immanuel Staff!

Pr. Carl Johnson will be joining the Immanuel Staff beginning this June as our '*Pastor of Caring Ministry*.' The position is just 10-15 hours per week, but will enhance our ministry tremendously. He brings a lot of experience, wisdom, and energy to our already amazing staff. His primary responsibility will be in keeping up with our prayer list and coordinating Pastoral Care with Pr. Sara and Pr. Paul.

We will spend this summer developing our pastoral care ministry to ensure that we are better able to handle the care needs of Immanuel. We have been working hard to keep up with all ministry needs, but pastoral care is too often the first area to get dropped when things get busy. Pr. Carl will be the one to make sure that pastoral care needs remain a priority. You may be wondering... How is it possible for us to hire staff on a tight budget?

Last year Immanuel received a very generous gift for ministry from retired pastors Mark and Mary Ann Moller-Gunderson. We still have almost half of that gift left and the council has designated that money to fund Pr. Carl's position on the staff. We have enough in that fund to cover Pr. Carl's position for a full year. We will address future funding for this position when we set the church budget for next year.

We hope that everyone is as excited to welcome Pr. Carl as we are. But we hope that the more senior members of Immanuel are the most excited of all. Our present staff has not spent a lot of time thinking about ministry in that area. But at 80 years old, Pr. Carl considers himself to be a member of the 'senior' community, and he thinks about ministry for the 'OWLs' (Older and Wiser Lutherans...) all the time.

May 29th - Pr. Carl's 1st days w/ staff & getting started w/ Caring Ministry!

June - You will see Pr. Carl around Immanuel!

June 17th - Pr. Carl's day of installation!