

CONNECT, GROW AND HAVE FUN

Sunday School Classes for All Ages on Sundays at 9:45am. The adult class on April 27 and May 18 will be Fearless Conversations, and meets in Witherspoon Hall. No class on May 4 (Town Hall) and May 11 (Mother's Day).

Youth Group on Sunday Nights - Join us from 5:00 – 7:00pm for dinner, games and bible fellowship for youth ages 6-12th grade.

Men's Bible Study on Mondays at 10:00am in Witherspoon Hall. Come hang out with the guys, have coffee and dig deeper into scripture and connect with friends.

Desert Sages Games on Tuesdays from 10:00am – 12:30pm. Come make new friends, play a variety of card and board games, eat popcorn and then top it off with dessert! Questions? Contact Mary Kay Bush at (520) 661-6737 or ausmbush3@gmail.com. Held in Witherspoon Hall.

Crafters Group on Thursdays from 9:30am – 12:00pm. All are welcome to come and work on your crafts together and enjoy fellowship and laughs. We make quilts, blankets and projects for local missions. We also work on our own projects for fun – grab your gear and join us! Meets in Witherspoon Hall 12/13.

Agape Circle Women's Bible Study May 14 - Meets on the second Wednesday of every month from 9:00am -12:00pm at Mary Kay Bush's home. A light brunch is provided by members prior to the bible study. New members are always welcome! Please contact Jean Nelson at 520-886-6586 or Mary Kay Bush at 520-661-6737 for more information.

Lydia Circle Women's Bible Study May 19 - Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30pm in Witherspoon Hall. We start with refreshments then dive into our bible study. All are welcome – email Kay Schmidt for details at hkschmidt10@aol.com

Casa Maria Sandwiches on Saturday, May 31 from 8:00 – 9:00am. Come drop off your bagged lunches and also any clothing or hygiene products. (Casa Maria is the last Saturday of every month).

Prayer Concerns

- For those with health challenges and continuing concerns



Online Giving - If you would like to make an offering online, please use this QR code. Accepts all major cards, Venmo, Apple Pay, or Google Pay. Giving envelopes are located on the worship materials cart.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, May 11

- 8:30am Alternative Worship Service
- No Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship Service
- No Youth Group

Monday, May 12

- 10:00am Men's Bible Study
- 5:30pm MST Meeting
- 6:00pm Cub/Boy Scouts

Tuesday, May 13

- 10:00am Desert Sages Games
- 6:00pm TOPS
- 6:30pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, May 14

- 9:00am Agape Circle
- 7:00pm Handbells Rehearsal
- 7:30pm AA

Thursday, May 15

- 9:30am Crafters Group
- 6:00pm AA meeting

Friday, May 16

- 7:00pm AA Meeting

Sunday, May 18

- 8:30am Alternative Worship Service
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship Service
- 5:00pm Youth Group



Welcome to Immanuel

May 11, 2025 • 8:30am
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE

*Please stand as able when noted by an asterisk.

Gathering Music

***Song** *Lead On Good Shepherd*, Patrick Mayberry

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Bart Smith

*Passing the Peace

***Hymn No. 591** *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination Laura Fennema, adapted from *Christian Aid UK*

Old Testament Reading Psalm 23 (The Message)

New Testament Reading John 10:22-30 (First Nations Version)

Sermon *Have It Your Way*

Anthem *The Lord is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)*, Keith Green

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication adapted from Mary Petrina Boyd

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

***Song** *Mighty to Save*, Hillsong

*Charge and Blessing

Discovering and displaying Christ in here and out there



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WELCOME! Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card and let us know that you are here and also if there are any changes to your contact information or a prayer request. All services are live-streamed on our website or YouTube – all past services are available to view as well.

First time at Immanuel? We are so glad you chose to worship with us today! We would like to give you a welcome gift bag – it's full of goodies and helpful information about our church. Please see an usher to receive yours.

→ **NEW! Worship Materials Cart** – Giving envelopes, hymnals, Bibles, printed music and other materials are located on the new worship cart inside the sanctuary on the left side by comfort room window.

The Nursery is Open for children ages infant to 3yrs. Our Comfort Room is available in the Sanctuary for parents of young children who need comfort and care. We also have children's activity bags, and the playground is open.

Time Together for Children ages 3 - 5, from after the Children's Message in worship until the worship service ends. Please pick up your children in Towner Hall Room 3.

Join us for Fellowship Hour after each service in Witherspoon Hall – Come for conversation and refreshments after the service – we usually have coffee and donuts. It's a great way to make new friends and take some time to connect with each other.

Participants: Rev. Bart Smith, Interim Pastor; Laura Fennema, Lay Reader; Ed Vander Woude, Audio/Video

Special thank you to Carol Van Gelder for leading music today.

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WEEKLY MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Mother's Day has a long history in the United States but a history of far more than flowers, cards and brunch. Early Christians observed "Mothering Sunday," a time when the faithful would return to their "mother church."

Ann Reeves Jarvis, a devout Christian organized "Mothers' Day Work Clubs" in the 1850s to teach women how to care for their families. After the Civil War, she brought mothers together—Union and Confederate alike—for reconciliation and healing. In 1870, abolitionist Julia Ward Howe issued a "Mother's Day Proclamation" urging women to join in promoting peace. And in 1968, Coretta Scott King led a Mother's Day march for the rights of poor women and children. All of this history points to a broader truth: Mother's Day has never only been about biological motherhood. It has long been a platform to celebrate nurturing, care, and justice.

Scripture, too, shows us that God's care is not limited to one role or relationship. In Isaiah 66:13, God says, "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you." Jesus Himself speaks of wanting to gather His people "as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings" (Luke 13:34). These images remind us that the love we associate with mothering is, at its heart, divine.

This Mother's Day, let us be intentional in our recognition. Let us give thanks for mothers, yes, but also for all who care for us through compassion and care. Let us also hold space for those who are grieving: those who have lost mothers, who have lost children, who are estranged, or who face infertility. Let this be a day of tender inclusion, not silent pain.

In our churches, we can embody a broader, deeper understanding of what it means to mother. Mothering is not just a role—it is a reflection of God's own heart. And that is something we can all celebrate.

Kris Goorsky

UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS

Wednesday Night Meals on May 21 – Join us for a delicious home cooked meal and we do the dishes! Dinner is served from 5:30 - 6:30pm. Adults \$7.00/kids \$3.00. Please RSVP to Anne Marie Fujii at annemfujii@yahoo.com or sign up after church.

One Worship Service Begins May 25 – We will switch to one 10:00am service on Sundays for the summer – from May 25 through July 27.

Baby Shower for Stewart Family on May 25 – Join us in showering the Stewart Family with love as they await the arrival of a baby boy! Everyone (women, men, and kids) is invited to celebrate with us at a baby shower for Taylor and Isaiah Stewart and family on **Sunday, May 25 after the 10:00am service** in Witherspoon Hall. We will have cake and refreshments for fellowship time and then begin the games and gifts at 11:30am. Please RSVP to Shannon Cain at shannon_dooling@hotmail.com.

TRUE NORTH
Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 9 - 13 ••• 9am - 12pm
For kids age 3 - completed 5th grade
\$15/child - \$45/family of 3+

WILD BIBLE ADVENTURES
GLACIER GAMES
SING & PLAY PEAK
IMAGINATION STATION
TUNDRA SNACKS

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