

CONNECT, GROW AND HAVE FUN

Sunday School Classes for All Ages at 9:45am:

- Preschool and Kindergarten - Room 3
- 1st through 5th grade – Room 6
- 6th through 12th grade - Youth Room
- Adult Class meets in Witherspoon Hall Rooms 12/13.

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

- August 30 – Big Group Games!
- September 06 – No Youth Group, Labor Day weekend

Bible Studies:

- **Men’s Bible Study** on Mondays at 10:00am in Witherspoon Hall
- **Women’s Bible Study** meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 10:00am in Witherspoon Hall.
- **Agape Women’s Circle on September 9** - we meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00am, held off campus. Contact Mary Kay at ausmbush3@gmail.com.
- **Lydia Women’s Circle on Monday, September 21** at 6:30pm. Join us for refreshments and the Horizons Book Study. We meet on the third Monday of each month at 6:30pm in Towner Hall.

Fellowship Groups:

- **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! Held in Witherspoon Hall.
- **Crafters Group on Thursdays** from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Want to unleash your inner artist? Express your creative talents? Join our Crafters Group - all skill levels and craft projects welcome. Meets in Witherspoon Hall 12/13.
- **Wednesday Night Meals** – Let us do the cooking! Join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month) from 5:30 -6:30pm. Meals are \$10.00 each/\$5.00 for kids 12 and under. Meets in Witherspoon Hall.

Mission Outreach:

- **Casa Maria Sandwiches on Saturday, September 26** from 8:00 - 9:00am. If you want to participate - each brown bag lunch should include two sandwiches (no mayo please); one fruit item, and two cookies. Drop off station is in parking lot by Witherspoon Hall Kitchen.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Sunday, August 30

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

Monday, August 31

- 10:00am Men’s Bible Study
- 6:00pm/7:00pm Cub & Boy Scouts

Tuesday, September 01

- 10:00am Desert Sages Games
- 6:00pm TOPS

Wednesday, September 02

- 10:00am Women’s Bible Study
- 5:30pm Wednesday Night Meals
- 7:30pm AA

Thursday, September 03

- 10:00am Crafters Group
- 6:00pm AA meeting
- 6:30am Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 04

- Offices closed

Saturday, September 05

- No events

Sunday, September 06

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

Monday, September 07

- Labor Day, church closed



Discovering and displaying Christ in here and out there



Welcome to Immanuel
August 30, 2026 11:00am
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

*Please stand as you are comfortable when noted by an asterisk.

Prelude *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*, arr. Annette Kimbrell

Welcome & Opening Prayer Pastor Kris Goorsky

*Hymn 406 *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*

Prayer of Confession Pastor John Cheek

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Children’s Message

Prayer for Understanding Debby Johnson

Scripture Reading Genesis 28: 10-19 (NRSV)

Sermon

Congregational Covenant

*Song *We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder*, African American Spiritual

Offering *There is a Balm in Gilead*, arr. Edward Eicker

*Doxology 608 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

*Hymn 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude *Fanfare*, arr. Edward Broughton

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL

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. Giving envelopes, hymnals, Bibles, printed music and other materials are located on the worship cart inside the sanctuary on the left side by comfort room window.

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.

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 and refreshments after the services today. We meet in Witherspoon Hall for coffee and refreshments. It's a great way to catch up with friends and make new ones!

Participants: Pastor John Cheek, Pastor Kris Goorsky, Minister of Christian Formation: Lori Stuckey, Interim Director of Music Ministries; Debby Johnson, lay reader; Ed Vander Woude, Audio/Video

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Office Hours: Open Monday - Thursday from 9:00am – 3:00pm; closed Fridays. Contact Kate Kelly at kate@immanuelpc.org or call (520) 296-2253. Pastor Kris Goorsky's email is kris@immanuelpc.org.



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.

PASTOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

It has been my honor and privilege to be invited to preach, on two different occasions, on the Sunday before a new pastor begins to serve a church. For me, this is such an exciting time, filled with new possibilities. It always reminds me of Isaiah 43:19, which reads:

*I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.*

My dear friends, you have heard me say again and again that God has loved us extravagantly and that our only possible response is to love others extravagantly. The corollary to that is this: God is on the move! God is on the move in Tucson! God is on the move on the east side! God is up to something right now!

The time when a new pastor is called is an exciting time to discern together what God is up to, and what role Immanuel will play in it. Every one of you who reads this knows that I can use a lot of words, but this isn't the occasion for it.

Welcome your new pastor wholeheartedly! Recognize what God has done! Seek to understand what God is doing in your neighborhood right now! See where God is on the move and grab hold as though your life depended on it!

I love every one of you,
John Cheek

UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS

DIAPER DRIVE AUG 23–SEP 20

For the Arizona Diaper Bank

Most Needed Items:

- Size 4, 5 and 6 diapers
- All sizes of adult pull ups
- Baby and adult wipes

Did you know 1 out of 2 families struggle to buy diapers?

 **You can also make a donation at diaperbank.org**



Join the Immanuel Choir! “O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the earth”. Psalm 96:1

You are cordially invited to join our music ministry. We are seeking individuals who wish to offer their voices to God and in support of congregational worship. Participation in the choir is open to all (ages 15+) who desire to serve through sacred music. No prior choral experience is necessary, and no audition is required.

Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 6:30pm. Questions? Email Lori Stuckey, Interim Director of Music Ministries at lorstuckey@hotmail.com

Every Drop Counts Be a Lifesaver Today!

Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

Saturday, Sept 12

7:00am - 12:30pm

Immanuel Witherspoon Hall

Register at redcrossblood.org

and use Sponsor Code - Immanuel



Wednesday Night Meals & Fellowship

**1st and 3rd Wednesdays
returns in September**

Sept 02: Pulled Pork BBQ Sandwiches
Sept 16: Chicken Tetrazzini

Adults are \$10.00, kids 12 & under \$5.00

Dinner served between 5:30pm-6:30pm
in Witherspoon Hall

