



# IMMANUEL NEWS

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## May 2024 Newsletter



## Rite of Confirmation - Sunday, May 19

### Staff:

Rev. Deon A. McKenzie, Pastor

Debbie Bahr, Property Manager

Sarah Hemingway, Youth Coordinator

Jennifer Jansen, Financial Manager

Shamar Jordan, Music Coordinator

Linda Stoecklin, Parish Nurse

Derick Winterberg, Social Media Coordinator

Church Office hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00am - 1:00pm

# PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

## **In-Person Worship**

Sundays at 9:30am

126 Church St.

Ferguson, MO 63135

## **Live-Streaming**

Sundays at 9:30am

on Facebook

Our Facebook page is:



Immanuel United Church of  
Christ, Ferguson MO

Immanuel United  
Church of Christ,  
Ferguson MO

## **Past Worship Services**

Available on Facebook

or

on our website at

[www.immanuelucc.org](http://www.immanuelucc.org)

(click on "Past Sermons")

## **Tele-Ministry (Audio only)**

Listen to the latest church service by calling

314-255-1873

## From our Pastor

### *Spiritual Gifts*

The Bible describes several spiritual gifts, and the ways we as believers of Jesus Christ use them. All gifts are significant, and all come from the same Spirit. They are all meant to point us to God, and they are to be used for the good of God's people. Below are the gifts given by the Spirit and the scriptural references:

**Administration** (1 Corinthians 12:28)

**Apostleship** (1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11)

**Discernment** (1 Corinthians 12:10)

**Evangelism** (Ephesians 4:11)

**Exhortation/Encouragement** (Romans 12:8)

**Faith** (1 Corinthians 12:9)

**Giving** (Romans 12:8)

**Helping** (1 Corinthians 12:28)

**Knowledge** (1 Corinthians 12:8)

**Leadership** (1 Corinthians 12:8)

**Mercy** (Romans 12:8)

**Pastoring** (Ephesians 4:11)

**Service** (Romans 12:7)

**Teaching** (Romans 12:7; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11)

Romans 12:6-8 (GW) Paul says, ***“God in his kindness gave each of us different gifts. If your gift is speaking what God has revealed, make sure what you say agrees with the Christian faith.<sup>7</sup> If your gift is serving, then devote yourself to serving. If it is teaching, devote yourself to teaching.<sup>8</sup> If it is encouraging others, devote yourself to giving encouragement. If it is sharing, be generous. If it is leadership, lead enthusiastically. If it is helping people in need, help them cheerfully.”***

## From our Pastor Cont'd

While each of us has specific gifts, all the gifts serve one primary purpose: to glorify God and God alone. Spiritual gifts draw attention to God's goodness and encourage those who believe in Him. Spiritual gifts should never be used to call attention to us or to make ourselves appear more important than anyone else. The Spirit empowers us to use our gifts in ways that point to God.

### **How to determine your gift.**

As we grow in our faith and learn to recognize the Holy Spirit in our lives, we grow in awareness of the gifts we already have. When we obey the Holy Spirit, we open ourselves up to be led and guided in every aspect of our lives, including utilizing our spiritual gifts. In essence, growing in faith and recognizing the Holy Spirit in our lives is inseparable from increasing awareness of our gifts. It is a continual transformation and renewal journey, marked by moments of revelation and empowerment.

### **What's the next step.**

Prayerfully meditating on the above scriptures allows us to open our hearts and minds to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Through prayer, we humbly seek God's guidance and illumination, asking Him to reveal the gifts He has graciously endowed us with. This, my friends, invites God to work in our lives, shaping and molding us according to His purposes.

*Pastor Deon*



# Church Council

## Minutes of the Church Council Meeting

April 9, 2024

Present: John Bogdajewicz, Doug Daniels, Karl Klasing, Walter Martinez, Don Morice, Nancy Remmert, Melinda Schuster, Judy Sherman, Martha Snead, Pastor Deon McKenzie.

The meeting was called to order by President Don Morice at 6:59 p.m. John Bogdajewicz offered a devotion.

Minutes of the March 12, 2024 Council meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Council packet was made by Judy Sherman and seconded by Melinda Schuster. Motion carried.

The Financial Reports were given by Karl Klasing and Doug Daniels. A motion was made by Judy Sherman and seconded by John Bogdajewicz to accept the financial report as printed. Motion carried.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

#### Church

Pastor reported that he has been assisting the family members of Geraldine Becker who passed away this afternoon.

Pastor reported that the Council Transformation Conference held March 23 was successfully attended by the entire Council as we considered our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and our visions for the future. He acknowledged the return of the Choir after they sang on Easter. He reported that the Ash Wednesday/Lenten Midday and Evening Devotional Study/Good Friday Services/Easter Sunday Service/and Easter Egg Hunt were successful and well attended.

The new alarm system has been installed in the Education Building and instructions on its use will be put in place once it is activated. Carbon Monoxide detectors have been installed in both

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buildings. Smoke detectors have been checked. Unleashing Potential has announced their Summer Camp will be held from June 10 to July 26. They have requested use of the Parsonage for the older children in the program. The repairs that are needed at the Parsonage will be completed in time for the Camp session. Facebook/Livestream continues to be monitored for optimal operation.

### Community

Pastor Deon reported that he has been elected to the Executive Board of Unleashing Potential.

The St. Louis Association is looking for Camp MoVal summer staff to fill various positions. Kevin Zimmer is available by phone (636-583-2730) if anyone is interested in receiving more info.

Missouri Mid-South Conference Great Lakes & West Central Regional Youth Event will be held July 17-20, 2024 at Augustana College in Rock Island, IL Theme: Team-Fear. This is the first Regional Youth Event since 2018. The event is for youth who will complete grades 6-12 before the event. One adult is required for each 1-5 youth attending. Camp Shannondale held a Great American Eclipse Day Program on April 8.

Camp MoVal Women's Retreat will be May 3-5 Theme: God's World, Handle with Care. Registration deadline is April 23. Cost \$150 for full weekend or \$75 for one day-only. Pastor also shared events that the National Office has announced. Details are available on the UCC website. <https://www.ucc.org>

**PARISH NURSE:** Linda Stoecklin reported spending 31 hours on our behalf making 40 phone calls, sending 14 texts and 5 emails, and writing 2 notes. She expressed her appreciation for the cards and prayers at the time of her pacemaker procedure. She also reminded us that the cost of updating the First Aid Kits should come from the Parish Nurse fund.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Property and Grounds: John Bogdajewicz John reported on

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completed projects: New locks and panic bars in Sanctuary Building, Concrete work at both buildings, light fixtures in the Education Building, Cameras and alarm system in the Education Building, Reception Room refrigerator/freezer replaced, Light fixture in Women's Powder room in Sanctuary building replaced. Other items in both buildings and the Parsonage are being prioritized and will be updated as plans progress.

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Martha Snead At the April 2, 2024 meeting, Sarah Hemmingway reported an upcoming project for the youth will be creating an Inspirational Rock Garden near the Blessing Box. The youth will be doing an "Introduction to Prayer" series on April 14 and 28. There was a request for the TV to be returned to the Youth Room. Sign-up sheets for the Pickleball program will be in the Narthex for interested persons. Peggy Nofles reported on the Vacation Bible School (VBS) a planning meeting was held April 6. She is visiting local churches to determine their interest in participating in VBS at Immanuel. Volunteers have signed-up to assist from Immanuel and Blessed Theresa Church. Jennifer Janson volunteered to coordinate information and registration for Camp MoVal. Tentative plans were discussed regarding celebrating Mother's Day on May 12 and recognize our Graduates (from Kindergarten through College) in June. Confirmands will present their individual Statements of Faith on May 5 and they will be confirmed on May 19, 2024. A discussion was held regarding how we can engage them more fully after becoming official members of Immanuel. Updating the Board of Christian Education By-laws was discussed.

**MISSION POSSIBLE:** Melinda Schuster Every Child's Hope is having their grand opening of the new center on April 18, 2024. They are in need of volunteers to help with this event. St. Louis Association Spring Fellowship Gathering is May 2, 2024 from

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5:30 to 9 p.m. at St. Lucas UCC, 11735 Denny Road, 63123. Reverend Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, UCC General Minister and President, will be the keynote speaker. A ZOOM option will be available. Early registration is encouraged. Immanuel will provide meals for Room at the Inn on 5/30/24, Lydia's House and All Among Us on 6/5/24. Habitat for Humanity build will be on 9/28/2024. Krescene Beck has brochures and posters giving information on where to go for help if you are a victim of Domestic Violence. A presentation will be made regarding this program and posters will be displayed in the women's restrooms and information will be placed in the Blessing Box. Safe Connections will do a program at the Immanuel Fellowship meeting on September 5, 2024. Recipients of the food from the Blessing Box have expressed their appreciation for the items provided.

**TECHNOLOGY:** Walter Martinez spoke with Tom on Sunday and there was a slight glitch toward the end of Sunday's service.

The following Committees had no report at this time: Stewardship, Christians in Action (CIA), Worship, Nominating, Budget and Finance, Investments.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The plans for the celebration of Russell Viehmann's 50 years recognition of his ordination are moving forward.

Karl Klasing will call the Ferguson Fire Department to see if they could supply an instructor for CPR & AED training.

Don Morice reported that a new contract has been made with UP to include the use of the Parsonage for their older children's camp.

The Council went into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. and adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Remmert, Secretary



# Board of Christian Education

## Minutes of Board of Christian Education Meeting 4-2-2024

Meeting start: 6:06pm

**Present:** Karin Oelzen, Pastor Deon McKenzie, Laura Payer, Peggy Nofles, Melissa Lawrence, Jennifer Jansen, Martha Snead, Sarah Hemingway, George Hildebrand. **Absent:** None

Devotion by Martha Snead: Prayer to feel God's presence.

### Reports

Secretary's Report: (No changes) Approved by all.

Treasurer's Report: To be approved at next month's meeting.

Council Report: (Martha S.): Plans for Russell Viehmann's 50<sup>th</sup> yr of ordination in June are underway. Julie Guethler and Melinda Schuster are coordinating this event.

Staff Report: (Pastor Deon) – The Choir is back! They sounded wonderful and we truly missed.

- Education building alarm procedures are being drafted

- Unleashing Potential summer camp dates are June 10 – July 26

- Parsonage repairs are scheduled to be completed June 1, in time for the Unleashing Potential summer camp June 10. It will be used by the children in middle school.

- Facebook live stream being evaluated for optimum operation

- Ash Wednesday Service, Lenten Midday and Evening Devotional Study, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Easter Egg Hunt were all successful and well attended.

- Camp MoVal is looking to hire staff. Available positions: Program Staff, Facilities Staff, Kitchen Staff, and Lifeguards. To apply, email Kevin Zimmer or call (636) 583-2730.

- Missouri Mid-South – Great Lakes regional youth event July 17-20 in Rock Island, Illinois.

- Camp MoVal Women's Retreat - God's World, Handle with Care. May 3-5<sup>th</sup>.

## Board of Christian Education Cont'd

For more information about the above and other upcoming opportunities, please refer to the Immanuel UCC website.

Youth Coordinator Report: (Sarah Hemingway)

-A suggestion for an inspirational rock garden by the Blessing Box.

Youth Sunday's are April 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

-There is a request for a television to help with engagement during Youth Sunday events.

Pickleball League: Those interested should sign up. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of the church. No obligation, just looking for those interested.

VBS – Planning meeting April 7 @ 11:00 -We have a good response of volunteers

### **New Business:**

-Camp MoVal Registration – Jennifer Jansen will coordinate.

-Mother's Day flowers will be given out on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Pink Carnations are the chosen flower. George Hildebrand will coordinate.

-Graduate acknowledgment June 23 – Please let the Church office know if you have a graduate in your family.

-Confirmation statement of faith will be May 5<sup>th</sup>. All will be confirmed on May 19<sup>th</sup>. They will wear robes and parents will be their sponsors. Communion cups will be engraved. There will be cake after worship.

**Adjournment** –7:14pm

**Close** – Lord's Prayer

**Devotional Next Meeting** – Melissa Lawrence

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 6 p.m.

BCE Meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month in the library of the educational building. All Church members are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Lawrence

## From our Music Coordinator

The choir is back!



The choir during worship on Easter Sunday.

Choir rehearsals continue on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00pm in the Reception Room. All singers are welcome!

Shamar  
314-723-3394  
[music@immanuelucc.org](mailto:music@immanuelucc.org)



## **IMMANUEL FELLOWSHIP**

The next meeting is Thursday, May 2. Lieutenant Jason Schafer, from the Florissant Police Department, will be our guest speaker.

## **MISSION POSSIBLE**

Immanuel will provide the evening meal to Room at the Inn on Thursday, May 16. The theme will be Cardinal Baseball. The entrée will be barbecue, Chef Tim Guethler will prepare either pull pork or brisket. Donations to cover the cost are welcome. We ask that donations be kept to no more than \$10 to honor budgets. Side dishes of anything you like to eat at the ballgame are also needed. Crackerjacks would be a big hit! Please let Melinda Schuster (314-323-5957) know if you can help. Thank you!

## **INTERFAITH DIALOGUE**

Interfaith Dialogue meets on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 2:00pm in Room 102. Everyone is welcome to attend. The next meeting is Sunday, May 19.





## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

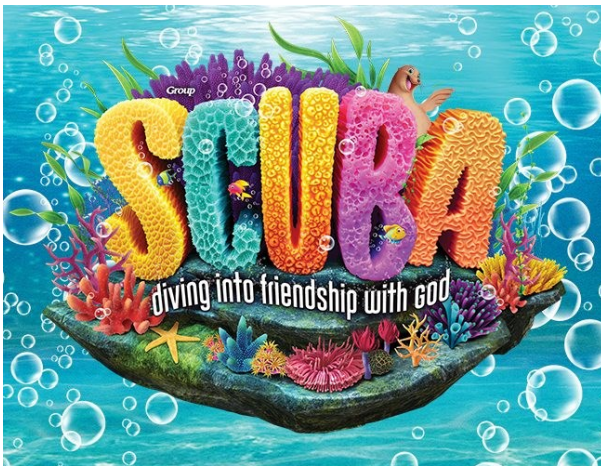
This summer's VBS theme is SCUBA - Diving into Friendship with God. VBS will be held from June 24-28 from 9:30am - 12:00pm (noon) at Immanuel.

The Ferguson Partnership of Churches has been contacted and visited to introduce the VBS Coordinator and to deliver materials for VBS.

Several churches have notified their parents and/or included VBS information in their Sunday church bulletins. An ad will be placed in the Ferguson newspaper and the marquee in front of the Ed Bldg will advertise the VBS dates.

A starter church, The Bridge Over North County, is nesting in the lower level of Zion Lutheran Church. The starter church has lots of children, two pastors, and will be given a packet by Zion Lutheran Church.

Please use the following forms (on the next two pages) to register as a participant or volunteer.





# VBS 2024 Participant Form

Ages 5-years-old-(by August 1<sup>st</sup>) to 6<sup>th</sup> grade (completed)

**Ferguson Partnership Vacation Bible School**

**June 24-28, 2024**

**9:30 a.m. - 12:00p.m. (Noon)**

**Immanuel UCC Education Building  
221 Church Street in Ferguson**

**SAVE TIME IN LINE by registering online**



Paper forms are available in the Church Narthex  
or the Church Office.



# VBS 2024 Volunteer Form

Must have completed 7<sup>th</sup> grade

**Ferguson Partnership Vacation Bible School**

**June 24-28, 2024**

**9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Immanuel UCC Education Building  
221 Church Street in Ferguson**

**Save Time Register Online**



**I am available to help on the following days:  
(please circle)**

**Mon**

**Tues**

**Wed**

**Thur**

**Fri**

I am available to help with clean up  
following VBS on Fri., **June 28** - Yes or No

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Must attend a Training Session to volunteer:

June 2 - 11:00am - 12:30pm

June 4 - 4:30pm - 6:00pm

June 9 - 11:00am - 12:30pm

Meet at Immanuel UCC, Room 102

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## From our Youth Coordinator

Welcome to Mission May!

Over the past month, the youth have studied How and When to pray! This has been an exciting time for the youth, they have come up with so many new ideas and understandings. We are amping up for Mission May!

The youth will be making graduation/confirmation cards on May 5 after the Statements of Faith are read by the Confirmands, we will be doing this in the Reception Room. On May 12 the youth will be handing out flowers to the mothers of the church, and on May 19, after worship, the youth will be serving cake and lemonade to celebrate Immanuel's confirmation class.

This is a very exciting time for all of the church. Look forward to see you all at church!

Have a blessed month!!

Sarah Hemingway

### Confirmation Class

The confirmation class will read their Statements of Faith on Sunday, May 5. The Rite of Confirmation will be on Sunday, May 19, which is Pentecost Sunday. Please pray for our confirmands as they prepare to affirm their faith.





# Camp Mo-Val Summer Camps

Immanuel will pay 50% of the registration cost to attend summer camp at Mo-Val. Registration is online at

<https://missourimidsouth.org/camp-moval>




Please let the Church Office know if you are interested in attending so we can provide Mo-Val with the church's 50% payment.




## SUMMER *at a glance*

May	5/29 - 6/2/24 Young Adult Camp (ages 18-30)
June	6/9 - 6/12/24 Mini Camp Session (ages 7-9)
	6/9 - 6/14/24 Leadership Camp (ages 14-17)
	6/16 - 6/21/24 All Ages Camp (ages 8-15)
	6/23 - 6/28/24 All Ages Camp (ages 8-15)
	6/23 - 6/28/24 PRIDE - Summer Camp (ages 8-17)
	6/30 - 7/4/24 Family Camp (all ages)
July	7/7 - 7/12/24 All Ages Camp (ages 8-15)
	7/7 - 7/12/24 M.A.D.D. Camp (ages 8-17)
	7/14 - 7/19/24 All Ages Camp (ages 8-15)
	7/14 - 7/19/24 S.T.E.M. - Summer Camp (ages 8-17)
August	8/4 - 8/9/24 Adventures in Community (ages 18+)

# MAY

	MON	TUE	WED
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<b>5</b> Blood Pressure Check Coffee 9-9:30 and 10:30am Worship 9:30 a.m. * <b>Communion</b> * <b>Confirmation Statement of Faith</b> Youth Event - Reception Rm Adult Faith Exploration 10:30	6	7  BCE Meeting 6:00pm, Library	8  Quilters 9
<b>12</b> <b>Mother's Day</b>  Coffee 9-9:30 and 10:30am Worship 9:30 a.m. Youth - in-worship help Confirmation 9:30am Donuts with Deon 10:30am	13	14  Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Room 102	15  Quilters 9  <b>Newslett</b>
<b>19</b>  Coffee 9-9:30 and 10:30am Worship 9:30 a.m. * <b>Rite of Confirmation</b> Youth Event - help with confirmation reception Adult Faith Exploration 10:30 Interfaith Dialogue - 2pm	20	21	22  Quilters 9  Newslette Assembly Library
<b>26</b> Coffee 9-9:30 and 10:30am Worship 9:30 am Confirmation 9:30 am Donuts with Deon 10:30am	<b>27</b>  Office Closed	28	29  Quilters 9

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	THU	FRI	SAT
am	<p>2</p> <p>Immanuel Fellowship 11a.m. Reception Rm</p> <p>Choir Rehearsals 7:00-8:00pm, Reception Room</p>	3	<p>4</p> <p>UP - Gym reserved 9-11am</p>
am	<p>9</p> <p>Ascension Day</p>  <p>Choir Rehearsals 7:00-8:00pm, Reception Room</p>	10	11
a.m.  er Deadline	<p>16</p> <p>Immanuel Fellowship Exec Meeting 10:00am, Library</p> <p>Room at the Inn meal</p> <p>Choir Rehearsals 7:00-8:00pm, Reception Room</p>	17	<p>18</p> <p>UP - Gym reserved 9-11am</p>
a.m.  r Crew , 9:30am,	<p>23</p> <p>Newsletter Assembly 9:30, Library</p> <p>Choir Rehearsals 7:00-8:00pm, Reception Room</p>	<p>24</p> <p>UP - Gym, Room 203, 204, reserved 12-4pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>UP - Gym, Room 203, 204, reserved 8-1pm</p>
a.m.	30	31	



# GRADUATES

Immanuel has many graduates to celebrate.  
Congrats, we are proud of you!

## Kindergarten Graduates -

**Laney Bahr** - Graduating from Kindergarten at Sacred Heart Catholic School. Her parents are Luke and Fallon Bahr; Grandparents are Debbie and Denny Bahr.



**Layla Bahr** - Graduating from Kindergarten at Sacred Heart Catholic School. Her parents are Luke and Fallon Bahr; Grandparents are Debbie and Denny Bahr.



## 8th Grade Graduates -

**Emma Burke** - Graduating from 8th grade at St. Ferdinand Catholic School. Her parents are Jamie and Tom Burke; Grandmother is Nancy Messer.



## High School Graduates -



**Damian Ewald** - Graduating from Ladue Horton Watkins High School. Damian will be going to Maryville University. His parents are Sarah and Tom Hemingway.

Favorite thing about high school - "The gaming club I established."

What I will miss most about high school - "My friends at Ladue and the teachers that helped me throughout high school."



**Kayla Jansen** - Graduating from St. Joseph's Academy.

Kayla will attend St. Louis University starting this summer while playing on the volleyball team. Her parents are Jennifer and Greg Jansen. Grandparents are Shirley and Glenn Cordes.

Best class in high school - "Calculus 3"

What I'll miss most about high school - "Seeing my friends every day."



**Nicolas Picaud** - Graduating from Parkway West High School. He will be attending the University of Central Missouri to pursue a degree in Construction Management while wrestling on the DII wrestling team. His parents are Ann and Patrice Picaud; Grandparents are Russ and Virginia Viehmann.



The best thing I learned in high school - "how huge the world is, lots of opportunities!"



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**Nicolas Picaud Cont** - What I'll miss most about high school - "My sports teams at West, but I am looking forward to working with my new team."

## College Graduates -

**Blake Boatright** - Graduating from the University of Tulsa with a Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Future plans include to travel around the world and help educate children in different countries.



Best thing I learned in college - "The best thing I learned in college is balance."

What I will miss most about college – "I'll miss the people and my study abroad trip to Columbia and host family."

**Logan Boatright** - Graduating from Eastern Kentucky University with Bachelors of Science in Nursing. Future plans include going to Thailand with his mom after graduation and going to work in the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit at SLU Hospital.



Best thing I learned in college – "I learned how to stay discipline and keep a good work ethic."

What I will miss most about college – "I'll miss being a kid."

## College Graduates Cont-



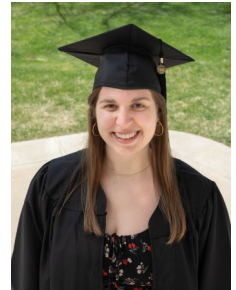
**Luke Jansen** - Graduating from the University of Kansas with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Future plans include a summer research internship in Austria, and then looking for full-time work in August.



Best thing I learned in college – “How to learn from my own initiative.”

What I will miss most about college – “The freedom of schedule, coming home to the apartment and talking with my roommates.”

**Anna Klasing** - Graduating from Southeast Missouri State University with a Bachelors of Science in Interior Design and a minor in Architectural Design. Future plans include moving back to St. Louis to look for work in the greater St. Louis area after graduation.



Best thing I learned in college – “How to live on my own. Being in an apartment for the first time let me understand how to live on my own for the first time and it was a great life lesson to learn in a controlled environment of sorts!”

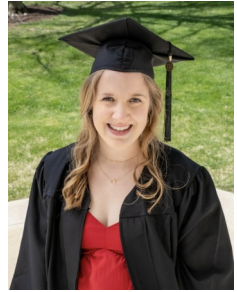
What I will miss most about college – “I will miss being so close to all the friends I have made in college. “



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## College Graduates Cont -

**Olivia Klasing** - Graduating from South-east Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Mathematics Education. Future plans include teaching at Francis Howell Central High School in August. She will be teaching Algebra 1 and Geometry.

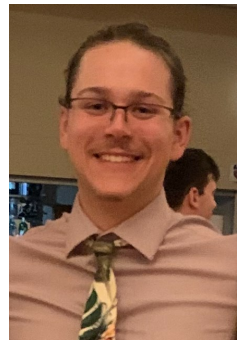


The best thing I learned in college - “Try to prepare for life after school as best you can but to be aware that school can't prepare you for everything. There will still be opportunities for learning throughout the rest of life.”

What I'll miss most about college - “Being in such close proximity to the friends I've made.”

## Master's Degree Graduates -

**Garrett Miller** - Graduating from the University of Kansas with a Masters of Architecture and Bachelors in Art. Future plans include working at an architecture firm in Kansas City and pursuing his architecture license within the next year or two.



If there are other graduates, please send the Church Office the information and we will include in the next newsletter.





## Every Child's Hope - Volunteer Program

Looking for a fun way to help out & give back?  
Have a little extra time & talent to volunteer?

Whether you would like to volunteer on your own, or with a group- We have opportunities for you! Here are a few ideas.....

*Office work, Gift Shop, Mentor, Tutor, Christmas Prep, Event Committee, Campus Beautification, Organize/Clean, Customer Relations*

To schedule your ECH Volunteer opportunity, please contact:  
Sarah Deweese, Community Engagement & Volunteer Manager  
314-427-3755, ext 299 or [sdeweese@everychildshope.org](mailto:sdeweese@everychildshope.org)



Rose Bollinger  
Eric Frahm  
Melba Holtgrewe  
Tim LaFever  
Billy & Deanna Price  
Carol Shinn  
Kolene Thies  
Edward Viehmann  
Sharon Winterberg

Ron Caguin  
Sheri Gibbson  
Cyndi James  
Carol Lewis  
Nick Racker  
Christine Struble  
Barbara Thompson  
Sheila Wedemeyer  
Family of Jerry Becker

Dana Emert  
Joyce Gowdy  
Karla King  
Dwayne Middendorf  
Cayden Shiadek  
Johnny Thies Jr.  
David Trudo  
Bonnie White

***"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord." James 5:14***

Thank you everyone!



Thank you one and all who helped provide, prepare and/or pack all the goodies for our Cookies for College Students Ministry. It is so important to keep these students in our prayers while they are away or even close to home during their studies. It means so much to us all too keep them close in thought and prayer.

Your Cookie Crusaders.  
Krescene & Brenda

A special thanks to Pastor Deon for his phone calls and prayers before my total knee replacement and afterwards.

Also a hearty thanks for Linda Stoecklin and many friends at Immanuel who sent cards, emails, and made phone calls during my recovery!

With much appreciation!

Shirley Cordes



Dear Friends of Immanuel UCC,

Thank you for your generous gift to the Church World Services (CWS) Bantket program. As families and communities around the world recover from emergencies and struggle in the face of unprecedented challenges, you are standing with them. We are so grateful for your generous support.

Your contribution provides warmth, comfort, and hope to neighbors near and far. It wraps refugees in warmth as they arrive in the US to build a new future. It provides comfort to our neighbors who have lost homes or are struggling in the face of extreme challenges.

Because of you, CWS is able to respond when disasters occur and support is needed. Thanks to your compassion, we can -- and will -- change lives.

Rick Santos, President & CEO



## May Birthdays!

Name (First Last)	Birth Date
Barbara Thompson	5/1
Audrey Turner	5/2
Charlene Trachte	5/3
Julie Trejo	5/6
Peggy Nofles	5/8
JoEtta Vortmeier	5/8
Martha Snead	5/10
Melinda Schuster	5/11
Joyce Strughold	5/15
Michelle Henderson	5/19
Jennifer Jansen	5/19
Jack Schwarz	5/20
Bill Wootten III	5/20
Louise Pennell	5/21
Gary Batteiger	5/22
Blake Boatright	5/27
Logan Boatright	5/27
Mallory Duncan	5/27
Jo Snead	5/28
Sarah Hemingway	5/29
Amy Schwarz	5/31





## *Memorials and Honorariums*

### **In Loving Memory of Al Conrad**

**To:** General Fund

**Given By:** Mary Nakazono  
Glenn & Shirley Cordes  
The Family of Al Conrad  
Lynn and Fred McCall

### **In Loving Memory of Jerry Becker**

**To:** General Fund

**Given By:** Patricia Crowe  
Glenn & Shirley Cordes  
Melinda Schuster  
Nancy & Sam Valenti

**To:** Music Enhancement Fund

**Given By:** Bill & Darlene Kinderman

### **In Loving Memory of Shirley Wood**

**To:** Glenn Fox Scholarship Fund

**Given By:** Susan Deuser  
Carol Pohl

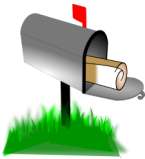


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**DEADLINE!**

The deadline for the newsletter is

Wednesday, MAY 15, 2024.

Thank You



## Flowers for May



May 5 -

May 12 - Terry & Karen Fox

May 19 - Gary & Janet Batteiger

May 26 -

***Geraldine's Florist is now closed. If you are interested in Sunday flowers, please call the Church Office to discuss the different options.***

***The Worship Committee is scheduling scripture readers. If you would like to read scripture, please call the Church Office or Charlie Miller.***

## Lay Readers for May

May 5 - Karen Fox

May 12 - Judy Sherman

May 19 - Melinda Schuster

May 26 - Teddy Branom



