



# Immanuel Messenger

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*A Word from Pastor Gregory Fryer*

## Introducing Pastor Carol Fryer



Ministry begins August 1, 2019

Installation: 4 PM Sunday, October 6, 2019

**D**ear Members and Friends of Immanuel Lutheran Church,

I have occupied the Pastor's Study here at Immanuel for twenty-seven years now, and it never dawned on me to put a plant in this office. But now, Pastor Carol has placed plants in the Study windows and one out at Sean's desk. That's how good things go with another pastor: she brings her own thoughts, convictions, friendliness, experience, talents, and sense of beauty to things.



Carol and I began our ministry as co-pastors of a little Lutheran parish in York County, Pennsylvania. That is where our boys, Sam and David, were born. We loved working together and have long hoped that we could finish our ministry that way too.

The plan is that I will continue to serve as I have been serving from the beginning. That is, I am the fulltime pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Carol serves part time. To mark the distinction, our clergy cards will refer to Carol as "Pastor" and to me as "Senior Pastor." In conversation, we figure it will be natural to go on calling me "Pastor Fryer" and Carol, "Pastor Carol."

We hope to take off Fridays, but to be in the office or making pastoral calls the other days. Carol will have the mornings off, since she is part time, but neither of us is strict about schedules. We try to be available when you need us.

We figure that I will preach most of the time, with Carol preaching about as often as Pastor Caleb did — usually once

every three or four Sundays. Glad to say, when I preach, Carol can serve as Presiding Minister.

I am happy about Carol's ministry here at Immanuel because she is a seasoned, faithful pastor. I think she will make us stronger. She brings her own gifts, energy, perspective, and experience.

One of the things I loved about the Wartburg Chapel up in Mount Vernon, NY, where Carol was Pastor, was the number of icons she placed in that church. The word for making an icon is "write" rather than "paint." So, Carol has written many icons over the years. It is fun to listen to her talk about the process of writing an icon. It is surrounded by much silence and prayer. I have asked her to place one of her icons in our church:



Carol and I serve on the board of the Center for Catholic and Evangelical Theology. She has been invited to join the NALC Commission on Theology and Doctrine. I also serve on that Commission. She has made mission trips to Tanzania, served on the board for Koinonia (a Lutheran church camp), and served on the Worship Committee for the Metro New

York Synod. She and I are registered on the clergy roster for the NALC and we will be two of Immanuel's representatives at the upcoming NALC national convocation.

We have worked with the schedule of the Dean of the NALC Atlantic District Mission, Rev. David McGettigan. We can look forward to Carol's installation on Sunday afternoon, October 6, starting at 4 PM. We hope for a grand and uplifting service then, akin to the magnificent liturgy of ordination for Pastor Caleb Douglas.

We are gaining a respected clergyperson, and I think you are going to love having Carol serve here at Immanuel. Please welcome her.

In Christ,



Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

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## Pastor Caleb and Lynnae Douglas

They and their boys have arrived safe and sound in Milwaukee and are happily moving into their new home. Pastor Caleb begins his doctoral work in theology at Marquette University this fall.

## Compline

Commencing again, 8 PM, Sept. 15, Holy Cross Sunday  
A note from Pastor Gregory Fryer

I am very grateful to Pastor Caleb Douglas for bringing prayer services to our congregation. He led us in Compline, Matins, and Vespers. Now I am grateful to Pastor Carol for continuing what Pastor Caleb started. This fall, she will lead

us in Sunday evening Compline. It starts at 8 PM and is usually done in about 25 minutes. It is a lovely service, and it is good for us to join prayers going on all the time around this old globe of ours.

## The NALC Convocation

August 6-9, Indianapolis

A note from Pastor Gregory Fryer

These national gatherings have been a joy each time. And I anticipate that this one will be so too. But this is also a very important convocation because we are set to elect a new national bishop. Carol and I are very fond of the first two NALC bishops, Bishop Paull Spring and Bishop John Bradosky. Now Bishop Bradosky is retiring and we must elect his successor. Twelve fine candidates have been nominated for election:

<https://lutheranweek.com/nominees-for-bishop-announced/> Prayer is needed for such an election, and so I would be very glad for yours.

Four of us from Immanuel are set to attend this convocation: Domingo Quilems, Seminarian Lara Bhasin, Pastor Carol and me. Please say a prayer for safety and peace for all people traveling to and from this gathering. Thanks!

## Sunday School

Sunday School will return to session on Homecoming Sunday, which is Holy Cross Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

# Lion Tamers Needed!



**On** Sunday, August 18th, volunteers are needed to help decorate the undercroft for this year's Vacation Bible School: ROAR!

Our VBS is filled up with little adventurers, but we continue to welcome adult volunteers. Join us on our epic African adventure where we will explore God's goodness and celebrate our ferocious faith. The safari leaves August 19 - August 23, Mon - Fri from 10 - 12:30 pm. See Karen Bazik if you can help.

## Ongoing Collections for the Christmas Bazaar

Contributions for our annual Christmas Bazaar are accepted any and all Sundays. See Kathy Jolowicz.

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