



# Immanuel Messenger

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*A Word from Pastor Gregory Paul Fryer*

## Our Live Stream Workers

**D**ear Members and Friends of Immanuel Lutheran Church,  
In my opinion, we had a really good Holy Week this year. It was good both spiritually and in terms of participation. Part of the credit for the good number of people taking part in our Holy Week liturgies goes to our live stream workers. So far, we only have four of them — Jeff Rudat, Deirdre Grant, Chris Siverd, and Sam Fryer. So, our live stream workers are few in number, but they are mighty folks! They help make our worship services available to homebound and traveling people — also to people in other parts of our land who like to join us for worship.

The new thing this year is that we added live stream for our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday liturgies. I feared that providing those liturgies online would hurt our attendance in church. But it did not hurt our attendance in church, while greatly increasing the number of people who joined us for those evening services. I hope that next year, a good number of people who joined us online will join us in church for these Holy Week services.

In fact, I wish we could live stream our Easter Vigil service as well as Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. That would give a chance for people who do not know that liturgy to experience it online and so maybe attend

in person next year. But it would be hard to live stream the Easter Vigil because so much of the service is in a darkened church, lit by candlelight. And there are processions from the Blessing of the Fire out on the sidewalk into our darkened church and then, later, a procession back out to the sidewalk while the chancel is prepared for the happy first celebration of Easter. It would be hard to live stream all of that with our present technology, and so we have to ask you to use your imagination about the Easter Vigil and come and join us someday.

It is a significant contribution to our church, what our live stream workers do! I wish we had more of them. If you could join the roster of workers, that would be excellent. Our current workers would be glad to train you.

Thank you, everyone, for your attendance this past Holy Week and for helping in all the ways we need for those moving liturgies.

In Christ,  
  
Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

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## Immanuel's Sunday School Lenten Food Drive

The Sunday School children (and teachers) want to thank everyone who donated items. The food will be delivered to the New York Common Pantry later this month.

## Easter Vigil Potluck

Thank you to everyone who donated food and helped out with setting up the Undercroft, the preparation and serving of the dinner and the clean up afterwards.

## Special Coffee Hour – April 14<sup>th</sup> in honor of Ann Siemer.



Ann lived to be 103 years old, and I bet that for 90 of those years she worshiped right here at Immanuel. If ever the term “pillar of the church” is right, it fits Ann Siemer. Not only did she serve as our Parish Secretary for 37 years, but also she was faithful in worship, taught Sunday School to the little children, helped lead the Ladies Aid Society and many Christmas sales, sang in our Choir, and served as a counselor for the Walther League (thereby touching the lives of many of Immanuel’s teenagers and young adults). She phoned people, checking on them to make sure they were alright. She prayed for us continually, even when she was elderly and frail. She loved us. Anyone who knew Ann knew that about her. She loved us, in a beautiful reflection of the love of Jesus for each of us.

Ann’s family is sponsoring our Coffee Hour on April 14th. Please come and share your memories of Ann.

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# The Bible: The Big Picture – A Class for All Ages

A class led by Pastor Lara Bhasin

From time to time, during Coffee Hour in the Martin Luther Room

Next class: Sunday April 21. The topic will be  
“A Scriptural Look at the Role of Mary”

## Looking Ahead: Vacation Bible School

This summer’s Vacation Bible School is set for August 19-23. It is a beautiful program helping to shape children in the pattern of Jesus. It would be great if you could help us that week.

## Immanuel Book Club: *The Screwtape Letters* By C.S. Lewis

Once a month. Next class: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, 2024  
In the Martin Luther Room and via Zoom

And the May class is set for Wednesday, May 8.

Please join Pastor Lara for the class discussion at 8 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room, or sign in via Zoom. There is no need to read ahead. We will read it together in class.

Here is the Zoom information:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81940413904?pwd=PyJZ56im1YnRyRCVq3ur1OEDwCCR9Z.1>

Meeting ID: 819 4041 3904

Passcode: 535156

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Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81940413904?pwd=PyJZ56im1YnRyRCVq3ur1OEDwCCR9Z.1>

# Coffee Hours

If you can host Coffee Hour or contribute a dish to Coffee Hour, that would be great! It would be most welcome. Please let Kathy Jolowicz know: [Kaj133@aol.com](mailto:Kaj133@aol.com). Letting Kathy know will help with our planning. Also, the Board of Deacons would greatly appreciate donations of soda, iced tea or juice. We have coffee and tea, but some people (and the kids!) like to have cold beverages.

## Choirmaster Zac Schurman's Graduate Recital

7 p.m. Friday evening April 19 at nearby Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

Our Choirmaster, Zac Schurman, is set for his Julliard graduate organ recital at nearby Church of St. Ignatius Loyola. That recital is set for 7 p.m. Friday evening April 19. So Zac will be playing the mighty Mander organ there at St. Ignatius. Music of Bach, Messiaen, Brahms, and Duruflé. St. Ignatius Church is nearby: Park Avenue and East 83/84 Streets. Welcome!

# Also at Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

7 p.m. Tuesday, May 7

Wallace Hall, Church of St. Ignatius Loyola  
980 Park Avenue (83/84 Streets)

The Interfaith Ministry at nearby Church of St. Ignatius Loyola invites us to commemorate Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day). The presentation will be led by Lisa Salko — a descendent of one of the owners of the “13 Drivers’ Licenses.” Register at [ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com](mailto:ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com).



## 13 DRIVERS' LICENSES



### PRESENTER

Lisa Salko

**Tuesday**  
**May 7th at 7 PM** (Doors open at 6:45 PM)

Wallace Hall | Church of St. Ignatius Loyola  
980 Park Avenue

**A light reception to follow at 8 PM**

The Ignatian Interfaith Ministry of St. Ignatius welcomes you as we commemorate Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) with an extraordinary story of discovery, exploration, reflection and reconciliation.

In February 2017, a cache of 13 driver's licenses, confiscated by Nazi authorities from Jewish citizens in 1938, was found in an envelope in a government office in the small Bavarian town of Lichtenfels, Germany.

Student researchers were able to locate relatives of many of these individuals who assisted in filling in the missing details. Among the descendants was Lisa Salko, who will be leading this presentation, taking us on an emotional journey of hope.

To register, email  
[ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com](mailto:ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com).

# Online Giving to Immanuel

A Note from Pastor Gregory Fryer

Nowadays we have the option of giving online. Here is our QR code.



I find that if I simply point the camera on my iPhone to this code, a link comes up leading directly to our Immanuel online giving form. It is pretty easy.

## In Our Prayers

IN OUR PRAYERS IN RECENT TIMES: Jazo Ichikawa, Jonathan Jenkins and Judy McKee (friends of Pastors Carol and Gregory Fryer), Dorothy Leung and Dakota Chin (family to Priscilla O'Carroll), Wolfgang Hahn, Edna Szmodis, Carole Smith, Diane Kinley, Davida Goldman, Clifford Rose, Susan McIntosh (Richard McIntosh's sister), Timna Rosenheimer (friend of David Kiehl), Melodee Kelly (friend of Thomas Wicks), Celia Cabrera, Minfang Cheng (friend of Louisa Laverde), Stephen and Jean Fischer, Sister Angela (friend of Pastor Carol, David Kiehl, and Maria Barbera), LyAsia Beltre and her mother, Carol Dittbrenner, Ann Wareham, Carlos Opio, Sally Gaudons, Luz Ortiz, Jonathan Lochrichio (nephew of Luz Ortiz), Jennifer Loughrey, Marcia Rudat (Jeff's mother), Richard Shuta (Jeff Rudat's uncle), Naomi Kinley (Jeff Rudat's friend), Karl Fritsch (Louise Laverde's brother-in-law), Alan Brook (Matt O'Donnell's father), Cayle Powell and Raymond Hernandez (Florida family members of Eric and Ester Neubacher), Tracy Leung (Priscilla's cousin), Robert Huckfeldt (David Kiehl's brother-in-law), Patricia Sanders, David Kiehl

RECENTLY DIED .. Joe Smith (brother-in-law to Ester and Eric Neubacher)  
(2/6/1963 to 3/21/2024)

BEREAVED .....Maria E Smith and children:  
Danny White, Sammi Molher, Joseph M Smith, III and Grandchildren