



Pastor's Message

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel,

Earlier this year during the season of Lent we spent some time in a visioning process, developing ideas for expanding Immanuel's mission and outreach. (Remember those orange cards you wrote ideas on?) Now as we move into the fall, this new season is a good time for us to take stock and think about how we're doing on realizing the goals we began setting at that time. It's also a good time to set priorities for the weeks to come. Here are three priorities we're working on that I want you to be aware of:

1. Outdoor Worship Services. Our goal for developing outdoor worship was realized for the first time at a service we held on July 22, which got a very favorable response from all who attended. We'll have a second outdoor service on September 30. It will include a pet blessing as part of the service. This service represents a great opportunity for outreach. Please invite others to attend and be a part of this experience.

2. Developments on Immanuel's Property. We are making modifications to the patio area that will effectively double its size and enhance

it with pavers, a fire pit, and additional seating. This will provide a beautiful area for gatherings, receptions, weddings, and meetings for youth and adults. Construction began just a few days ago. Drop by and see the progress. More information about the project and how you can be involved in supporting this effort can be found in this newsletter.

3. Social Ministry Outreach to the Needy. In recent months we have been laying the foundation for setting up events and giving opportunities to work cooperatively with local organizations like San Jose Family Shelter and Second Harvest Food Bank. More information is coming about specific dates and projects. If you know of other ways we can serve disadvantaged people in our communities, feel free to share that information with me and Immanuel's congregational leaders.

These are exciting times at our church. We thank you for your involvement and support for these efforts as we continue to develop Immanuel's mission and ministry.

Pastor David



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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 AM – Service with contemporary music | **11:00 AM** – Traditional service and hymns
Adult Education between services | **Confirmation Class** – Sundays, 5:00 p.m. (Sept. – May)

“Immanuel Reads” Events

Join us and invite a friend, too!

Movie Night: “I Can Only Imagine”

Sunday, Sept. 9, 7:00 p.m.

Fireside Room

The inspiring and unknown true story behind MercyMe’s beloved, chart topping song that brings ultimate hope to so many is a gripping reminder of the power of true forgiveness. “Both beautiful and emotionally powerful”, (USA Today.) Starring J. Michael Finley, Madeline Carroll, Trace Adkins, Priscilla C. Shirer, and Dennis Quaid. Movie begins at 7:00 PM in the Fireside Room followed by dessert treats and discussion. Invite your friends to join us.

Book Review: “Hannah’s Dream”

Saturday, October 13, 5:00 p.m.,

Fireside Room

“Irresistibly touching, Diane Hammond’s understated yet gargantuan tale of devotion and commitment poignantly proves that love does indeed come in all shapes and sizes”, (Book list, starred review.) This is a light fun read and is hard to put down. Save the book review date for Saturday, October 13, beginning at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00, in the Fireside Room.

Movie Night: “Henry Poole Is Here”

Saturday, November 10, 7:00 p.m.,

Fireside Room

Rated PG. Film critic, Roger Ebert, said, “Henry Poole Is Here” achieves something that is uncommonly difficult. It is a spiritual movie with the power to emotionally touch believers, agnostics and atheists...it simply says that belief is real. And it’s a warmhearted love story. Mark your calendar for movie night at Immanuel on November 10th. It will begin at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside Room with dessert and coffee following.

DINNER ON US

**Mark your calendar for the next
“Dinner On Us”**

Immanuel Community Gathering

Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 6:00 p.m.

Plan to join us for the next casual dinner on
Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 6:00pm.

*On the menu this month:
Smoked Pork Shoulder.*

Chad Stearns and Tom Hampton will be
our BBQ chefs!

We’ll also have refreshments including
wine and beer. Stop by to have a glass of
wine with your dinner. Bring your favorite side
dish if you like but don’t feel obligated.

Come as you are, relax, and
enjoy a casual dinner on us!

Join Us for Immanuel’s Next “Spiritual Summit”

**Thursday, September 20,
4:30-6:30 p.m.**

**at The Bistro (Courtyard Marriott),
in Los Altos**

What’s a spiritual summit? Simple. People
from Immanuel will gather at The Bistro at
Courtyard Marriott, 4320 El Camino Real, Los
Altos, CA 94022, for conversation and
discussion on Thursday, Sept. 20, at 4:30 p.m.
If you can’t make it right at 4:30, feel free to
drop in whenever you get free. Come to enjoy
something to eat or drink (no host) and
each other’s company.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

One service at 10 AM

Youth Mission Sunday

During the service some of our youth will be sharing their experiences of their Mission Trip to Mexico this summer.

Sunday School Rally Day and Kids Carnival

10:00–11:30 a.m.



Come join us for our Annual Sunday School Rally Day, Kids Carnival and Sunday School Open House...where kids fly high in the Spirit!

Activities will include Games, Bounce House, Snow Cones, Face Painting, Prizes, and more!

10:00-10:15 Meet in the Sanctuary, meet friends and hear a children's message

10:15-11:30 Sunday School Fun & Kid's Carnival



Free workshop!

Your Journey: Retirement, Taxes and Generosity

Sunday, September 9th—11:30 a.m.

As you prepare for your journey into retirement, it's important to develop a strategy to help you make the right decisions. Cathy Grambow (Thrivent Associate) and featured guest speaker Ray Carlisle (Thrivent Wealth Advisor & Certified Financial Planner) will guide you with:

- Preparing, transitioning, and arriving at retirement
 - o Saving and investing
 - o Legal documents
 - o Social Security and retirement income
- Achieving your financial goals and controlling taxes
 - o Asset allocation
 - o Optimizing retirement income
 - o Protection plan
- Living your values with support to charities
 - o Give now: Cash, assets like stock or property
 - o Give later: Bequest and naming a beneficiary
 - o Give and receive: Gift annuities & remainder trusts



A light lunch will be served. No products will be sold at this event.

To reserve a place for yourself and guests, email the church office at office@praiseimmanuel.com.

Beautifying/Enhancing Immanuel's Patio

As part of our effort to expand our activities and outreach, we are making modifications to the patio area. This project will effectively double the size of the patio space, providing a much larger and more functional area in which to hold gatherings, receptions, weddings, and meetings for youth and adults. The entire area will be enhanced with attractive pavers, beautiful landscaping, a fire pit, and additional seating.



The entire cost for the project is estimated to be \$35,000. We have received a sizable gift to help fund that, but other donations are needed and welcome. If you would like to make a donation, indicate on your gift that the donation is intended for the "Patio Project." Or for electronic gifts, set up a one-time gift through our online giving portal designated specifically for the patio project. Thanks for your support for this and other current efforts to grow Immanuel's ministry and outreach!

Bring your pet to our Pet Blessing Outdoor Service

Sunday, September 30, at 10 AM



Our Pets are a Blessing to Us.
Let's Thank God for Them!



Confirmation at Immanuel
*Introductory Meeting on Sunday,
 Sept. 16, 5:00 p.m.*

Confirmation is a weekly gathering of young people, usually in 7th and 8th grades. In these gatherings we learn about faith, values, and life through discussion, learning exercises, play, recreation, and service. Confirmation has consistently been one of Immanuel's most successful and enjoyable programs for youth. We invite youth in your family to participate.

- **Introductory meeting for Parents and Students on Sunday, Sept. 16, 5:00 PM.**
- Weekly Confirmation meetings usually take place on Sundays 5:00-6:00 PM.
- Other youth activities such as outings, movie nights, and retreats are offered as part of the program.

For more information plan to come to the introductory meeting on September 16, at 5PM, or contact Danny Dye or Pastor David at:
dyledanny@me.com
pastordavid@praiseimmanuel.com

Pizza Party after Confirmation
Introductory Meeting
Sunday, Sept. 16, 6:00 p.m.

We will be having a planning and pizza party on Sept. 16th, following Confirmation at 6:00 p.m. We would really like to have your youth come and be a part of the planning. All ideas and thoughts are welcome as we are looking at ideas to enjoy throughout the year to not only have fun with our youth group, but also to join other churches for some fun.

**Sunday School Rally Day
 & Kids' Carnival**

Sunday, September 9
10:00-11:30am

**Come join us for our annual
 Sunday School kick-off. Where
 kids Fly High in the Spirit!**

- Bounce House
- Games
- Snow Cones
- Face Painting
- Prizes



Sunday Services Schedule in September

**Sept 9—One combined service at 10am,
Sunday School Rally Day & Kids Carnival**

Sept 16—Services at 9 and 11am

Sept 23—Services at 9 and 11am

Sept 30—One combined service at 10am

Outdoor Service

Pet Blessing

Send congratulations to Pastor Jack Ericson on the 50-year anniversary of his ordination

We have received word that the 50-year anniversary of Pastor Jack Ericson's ordination was this summer. Jack was pastor of Immanuel from 1985 to 2005 and now lives with his wife, Shirley, in Nevada. Because Shirley is experiencing some serious health issues, Jack is spending most of his time by her side while his ordination anniversary went relatively unnoticed. Some friends of the Ericson's will be visiting them on Sat., Sept. 15, and would be happy to take with them any congratulations you'd like to send to Jack (or well wishes to Shirley.) Email your congratulations to the church office at office@praiseimmanuel.com and Nancy will be sure to pass them to Jack and Shirley's friends.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September Birthdays

Gilda Seppeler	Sept. 1
Mark Hungerford	Sept. 7
Faith Peters	Sept. 8
Pam Stearns	Sept. 11
Sara Erhan	Sept. 11
Hannah Ford	Sept. 13
Livia-Marie Feller	Sept. 15
Karen Doris-Hampton	Sept. 16
Scott Davis	Sept. 17
Carla Schick	Sept. 17
Doug Daetz	Sept. 18
Mary Ann Kuenne	Sept. 18
Jan Ahrens	Sept. 19
Albrecht Baur	Sept. 19
Alex Munro	Sept. 20
Brad Munro	Sept. 20
Susan Munro	Sept. 21
Thomas Swail	Sept. 22
Melody Bast	Sept. 24
Terri Eli	Sept. 24
Petere Miner	Sept. 26
Robin Livengood	Sept. 28
A.J. Rossi	Sept. 29
Lois Kleinkauf	Sept. 30

September Anniversaries

Gisela & Doug Daetz	Sept. 1
OnJoo & Dennis Cater	Sept. 12
Dinah & Frerk-Malte Feller	Sept. 21



Celebrate With Us at Our Annual Oktoberfest

**Sunday, October 7th
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

Our annual Oktoberfest will be held on Sunday, October 7th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We'll have German potato salad, sausages, beans, strudel, beer, and more delicious food. The cost is \$15 per adult and \$5 per child. Look for tickets and a signup sheet after services. We're sure it will be another wonderful event at Immanuel.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Return Service Requested

***We believe there is no person or created thing outside the active love
and grace of God shown to us so clearly in Jesus Christ.***

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