

Announcements

“Food for Thought” Dinner Church Wednesdays — We have had our last meal for the school year but not our friends at St James! They are starting a summer Wednesday Evening Meal Ministry this week on June 12th. Join them for food and fellowship!

Hospitality Training with Pastor Scott Carlson: Wed, June 26, 6:30 p.m.—Warm and friendly faces are the best part of Emmanuel. Learn how to build on this strength and welcome new people with Rev. Scott Carlson, Director of Congregational Development. Everyone with a friendly smile is encouraged to join us!

Outdoor Jazz Worship — Our first will be June 30th at 10AM, followed by July 28th and August 25th. Mark your calendar, and invite a friend or two!

Join the Bucket Brigade—Our corner garden is planted! Help is needed every 2-3 days to refill the buckets for the irrigation system. If you can help, please contact Joe Coenen.

Help Emmanuel by sponsoring a piano key—We are blessed to have a new (to us) Steinway piano. Insurance and a generous gift from the Felton family provided most of the funds needed. Because of other factors (humidity system, bench, piano dolly, moving, tunings), we are still short of the total amount. We are hoping to get each of the 88 keys sponsored before choir starts in fall. \$23 sponsors 1 key. Sponsor as many keys as you want. We are grateful for your support.

Sponsoring a key is easy:

- Decide how many keys you would like to sponsor.
- Write a check to Emmanuel with PIANO in the memo line.
- Enjoy knowing that you helped support the music program here at Emmanuel.

Save the Date for Senegal Golf Outing — Wednesday, August 14th! Signup sheets for Golfers and Sponsors are in the back! Thank you for supporting the Senegal ministry!

Emmanuel Prayer Joys and Concerns

- ♥ Joy! For Karen Olson’s Birthday
- ♥ For Safe Travels for Miranda Madson on her trip to Italy
- ♥ For Lynn, friend of Bev Stan, who has been diagnosed with bladder cancer
- ♥ For the family of Kasy and Kathy King, who have both passed in the last month
- ♥ Prayers of safety for Audrey’s daughter and her husband teaching in Zambia
- ♥ For a friend of Jill’s experiencing back pain

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Planting Seeds

Mark 4:26-34

June 16, 2024

Prelude— Ella Dorsey

Welcome — Pastor Ben Morris

Prayer of Invocation for Father's Day

**We gather today with grateful hearts,
lifting our voices in praise and thanksgiving.
On this, we honor the fathers among us
and the fatherly figures who have shown us love, guidance, and strength.
Lord, we thank You for the fathers who have nurtured us,
provided for us, and protected us.
We ask that You bless them with wisdom, patience, and joy.
May they feel appreciated and valued,
and may their hearts be filled with Your peace.
For those who have lost their fathers, we pray for Your comfort and healing.
May they find solace in your embrace
and cherish the memories that bring them peace.
For those who may have difficult relationships with their fathers,
we ask for your grace to bring healing, understanding, and reconciliation.
We also remember the fatherless today.
Lord, be their Father, provide for them, and surround them
with loving and supportive figures in their lives.
May they feel Your love and know that they are never alone.
Open our hearts today to the Word
you might have for us during this time of worship.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

Call to Worship

Scattered seeds, emerging seedlings . . .
We all are welcome here.
Youngest children, rugged shepherds, mighty rulers . . .
We're here to worship God.
In the love of Christ, created anew . . .
We gather to worship and remember.

Hymn – Rejoice the Lord is King — RED 715

Prayer of Confession — all

**God of new beginnings, you make the world new each morning:
delighting our eyes with the tender, green shoots of early summer;
awakening our ears with the sounds of day.**

**You remind us that seeds sprout and grow according to your will,
even when we are not paying attention.
Teach us to see with the eyes of faith: to look beyond appearances;
to know ourselves as your new creation, members of the body of Christ,
living for the sake of a broken world. Amen.**

Passing the Peace

Children's Moment — Pastor Ben

Breakthrough Prayer

**God of Community,
thank you for going with
us as we walk in your world.
As the seasons change, change also our hearts.
Breakthrough, as we step out in faith. Amen.**

Call to Prayer — Hymn of Promise— RED 707

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offering Response — Doxology— RED 95

Offering Prayer

**Faithful God, you have blessed us
with so many gifts, both seen and unseen.
We come now to offer back
a portion of what you have given us.
Bless these gifts, and bless the hands that offer them,
so that your kingdom may continue to flourish and grow.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

Scripture — Mark 4:26-34

God, we thank you for your Word.
The story of your grace.

Sermon — Planting Seeds — Pastor Ben

Hymn— You Are the Seed — RED 583

Benediction

Postlude— Ella Dorsey