

The Caller

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The Pastor's Page

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Our Easter declaration still rings through the air and through our hearts. Easter Sunday may be over, but the celebration continues as we move through this Eastertide season, culminating in the festival of Pentecost on May 15.

The good news of Easter is more than the remembrance of a one-time event that happened long ago in a faraway land. The good news of Easter is the promise that God in Christ is more powerful than death, that love will eventually triumph over hate, that joy comes after sorrow, and that new life is always possible.

In many parts of the world, this season is filled with reminders of resurrection and the promise of new life. Buds are appearing on trees, flowers are shooting up from the ground, grass is starting to turn green once again. Because we had an early Easter this year, and be-

cause we live in Alaska, such signs of new life in nature are not yet present for most of us. But neither are they far off. Before the Easter season ends, we too will have the joy of watching buds pop out and seeing green shoots appear from the ground.

But nature is not the only setting in which we can be reminded of resurrection. I see numerous signs of new life here at Immanuel – increasing participation in adult forum, new energy in worship, the “**resurrection**” of the choir, the wonderful (perhaps record high?) attendance at our Maundy Thursday potluck and communion service, the festive atmosphere of our post-worship lunches,

visitors who show interest in learning more about our community, and dedicated, energetic Deacons and Elders who are committed to building up this community of faith and to seeking new ways of serving Christ.

We are Easter people. We not only proclaim the resurrection of Christ, but - in the words of the Nicene Creed – **we also “look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.”** I give thanks for the resurrection and new life that I see here at Immanuel, and I hope you will join with me in celebrating and enjoying it together.

Joyfully,

Ellen

In & About IPC....

Fall/Winter/Spring Worship and Sunday School Schedule

- *Adult Forum: Sundays 10:00 – 10:45 AM*
- *Children's Sunday School: 10:00 – 10:45 AM; Ages 3 – 11 & 12 – 17*
- *Worship Service: 11:00 am*
- *Soup, cookies, & fellowship following Worship at noon*

IPC Session

- *Moderator: Rev. Ellen Johnson-Price*
- *Business Affairs: David Weaver*
- *Christian Education: Heather MacAlpine & Laurence Zeh-Evengue*
- *Clerk: Sandy Haldane*
- *Mission: Herb Turner*
- *Pledge Clerk: Heather MacAlpine*
- *Worship: Sara Johnston*
- *Treasurer: Diane Marquiss*

IPC Board of Deacons

- *Patti Collins*
- *Rozanne Kimpton*
- *Gale Smoke*
- *Sarah Weaver*

A Colorful Year

The liturgical color during the Easter season is white. On 5/15 it is red to signify Pentecost. On 5/16 it becomes **green** for “Ordinary Time” and remains green until Advent begins in November when it turns to **purple**.

White is used for special days or

seasons signifying the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

Purple marks seasons of penitence and preparation such as Advent and Lent.

Blue can also be used for Advent

Gray signifies bareness; usually when the church is stripped of color at the end of

the Maundy Thursday service and remains “bare” until Easter. Sometimes **black** or **deep scarlet** is used.

Red is used for Pentecost (and often for ordination services).

Green is used most of the year during “Ordinary Time.”



Jesus Christ
is Risen!



Meet Laurence, Ruling Elder

I was born and raised in Cameroon...



Laurence Zeh Evengue, your newest Ruling Elder on the Session heralds from Cameroon (she speaks fluent French). Laurence has been attending Immanuel for five years and initially came to Immanuel because of its location. In the five years she's been attending, she's been a Deacon and served on the Mission Committee. Laurence felt called to be a Deacon and

Elder because of her commitment to helping. Laurence is looking forward to helping to improve our place of worship. Here's what Laurence has to tell you about herself:

Hi, I'm Laurence Zeh Evenge. I was born and raised in Cameroon (Africa). I'm a 26 years retired nurse and moved to the U.S. to support my son Fabrice who was in the Navy. In 2009 we

moved from Norfolk, VA to Anchorage. As a Presbyterian I was looking for a church close to where we lived. While driving around we found Immanuel Presbyterian Church. I have been attending Immanuel. I have served as Deacon from March 2013 to January 2016 and on January 24 I was ordained Ruling Elder. I love Immanuel because it feels like Home to me.

IPC Deacons at Work

Patti Collins, Rozann Kimpton, Gale Smoke and Sarah Weaver are your 2016 Board of Deacons who have been hard at work for you! Aside from sending flowers and cards to those who have dealt with health problems and been hospitalized – and there have been many instances of this since the first of the year (and we're especially happy about Sharon Arlian's return to us) – the Deacons met with Pastor Ellen and we came up with a plan for staying in better touch with our members and regular attending folks from Anchorage and the Mat-Su Valley. I think many of you

received a card from one of us recently regarding this. The Deacons were charged with helping to facilitate the Maundy Thursday Potluck and we'd like to thank all of those who participated and brought some wonderful dishes. And we acknowledge that Pastor Ellen conducted a poignant worship service. And, lastly, whereas attendance had been averaging about fifteen to twenty over the last several years, about thirty-five folks – give or take a few – came. How exciting!! We will be taking the Deacons' Offering on May 8th, Mother's Day, and we hope our folks will be generous.

This is our only source of income and during the first months of this year we spent more than half of our budget. Spending is always somewhat unpredictable given the nature of the needs we try to meet, so it is uncertain how much money we would need for the rest of the year. However, we again hope you'd help us with your giving on May 8th.



Just for Fun...

Church Bulletin Bloopers (source unknown)

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Tuesday at 4 pm, there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk come early.



Test Your Out-of-the-Box-Thinking

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Summer Worship Schedule

Summer Worship schedule and continental breakfasts begins May 29

(Memorial Day weekend).



That means continental breakfast at 9 and Worship at 10. Please sign up to bring some breakfast fare. Sign-up sheet located in the office.

Per Capita at Work

Per capita funding is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future. It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better elders and ministers; discern God's call in their lives; participate in the life of the wider church by serving on General Assembly committees and commissions; and how Presbyterians participate in the life of the Church universal as we commit ourselves to work and live in fellowship with "all persons in every nation" (Book of Order, G-4.0101).

Per capita is what pays for the costs of Presbytery leaders and representatives to attend the biennial General Assembly at virtually no cost to their respective Presbyteries. The Ruling Elder representative to the 2016 General Assembly in Portland, OR in July will be our very own Sara Johnston.

All congregations are required to pay their Per Capita share annually. The amount is based on membership. Immanuel's Per Capita cost to the Presbytery of the Yukon (& PCUSA) is almost \$2000. As such our individual Per Capita amount is \$47.10. We graciously ask that you consider paying your Per Capita or as much as you are able. Envelopes have been distributed at worship and /or are included in the mailing of The Caller. We thank you for your generosity!

Defy Fear Week

The Defiant Requiem (Verdi's Requiem and the story behind the Terezin Camp production) will be performed by the Anchorage Concert Chorus on Friday April 8 and Sunday, April 10.

The week preceding it is Anchorage's "Defy Fear

Week" with area-wide activities that share the powerful message of the Defiant Requiem - "answering the worst of mankind with the best of mankind."

This is an important event, well within the mission of the Interfaith

Council. Please advertise to your faith communities!

A listing of all the events occurring can be found at:

<https://http://w.consortiumlibrary.org/blogs/dmole/>

Music... will help dissolve your perplexities and purify your character and sensibilities, and in time of care and sorrow, will keep a fountain of joy alive in you.
— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Dining Out for Life

Ladies' Night Out is doing something different this month! Instead of our usual 2nd Wednesday of the month outing, we'll be participating in "Dining Out for Life" on **Thursday, April 28**. This event is a fundraiser for the Alaska AIDS Assistance Association (the Four A's) and anyone can partici-

pate! Just have a meal at one of the participating restaurants and a percentage of what you spend will be donated to the Four A's. You can enjoy good food, have a night out with friends, and support a good cause all at the same time! Current participating restaurants (more may be added) are:

Table 6

Haute Quarter Grille

Bear Tooth Grill (theater side)

Torchon Bistro

Chair 5 (Girdwood)

Pizza Man (Eagle River)

Ladies....where would you like to go? We've got until April 28 to make our choice! Men... maybe you'd like to participate too?





Meet Sarah, Board of Deacons

Sarah Weaver is one of our Deacons and has been such since 2014. She began attending Immanuel in 2012 after she had experienced a personal upset and decided it was time to re-evaluate life; so she and husband David began looking for churches on the Internet. Although she felt apprehensive at first about being a Deacon, she felt a sense of responsibility to help Immanuel. In this role, Sarah has enjoyed getting to know our Immanuel congregants in a different way and knowing that her contributions are making a difference.

Here's what Sarah has to tell you about herself:

I have been attending Immanuel since 2012. My family and I were so grateful to find a church that reflects our values of service and inclusion. Since becoming a member in 2013, I have served as a Deacon and helped out with Sunday school.

Outside of church I work as an occupational therapist at Providence Hospital and enjoy spending time outside with my husband David and daughters Lily and Kaya.



Time for Summer Camp

Youth entering grades 3 through 9 are invited to join the fun at Lutheran Summer Camp, July 24 - 29, 2016. Camp is open to all youth ready to enjoy a week of religious summer camp fun – PLUME (Presbyterian, Lutheran, United Methodist, Episcopalian) friends and more. Held at the beautiful Victory Bible Camp, mile 95 of the Glenn Highway, camp includes Bible camp worship, study, and fun music, and summer camp fun like hiking, swimming and playing at the waterfront, crafts, campfires, games, and community, and opportunities for horseback rides. Camp is open to all young people ready to enjoy a religious summer camp experience – bring a friend! High school and college youth are invited to join us as counselors or counselors-in-training.

Camp is organized and staffed by ELCA Lutheran clergy and lay leaders from Anchorage and the Mat-Su Valley: Pastor Carol George of St. Mark Lutheran, Pastor Jeff Hackler and Jane Hanson and Kathy Freeman of Central Lutheran, youth director Luis Ochoa and Pastor Rick Cavens of Good Shepherd Lutheran, youth director Amanda Lindquist and Pastor Adam Barnhart of Amazing Grace Lutheran, and youth director Laura Anderson of Gloria Dei Lutheran.

Registration is now open - learn more at: Lutheran Summer Camp Registration & more details at:

<http://www.AkLutheranSummerCamp.org> and Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LutheranSummerCamp>

Your Family in Faith at Work for You

We welcome one and all to attend any of our meetings.

Catch the committee chair regarding times, dates, place of meetings. We'd love your input

Mission Committee: Herb Turner (Chair), Gale Smoke, Roberta Long, Heather MacAlpine. Mission meets the 3rd Sunday of the EVEN months, so next meeting 4/17/16 (then June, August, October, December)

Worship Committee: Sara Johnston (Chair), Linda Green, Patti Collins, Arlene Lidberg-Jasper.

Business Affairs: David Weaver (Chair), Norm Schlittler, Mark Anderson. Business Affairs meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month, 5 PM @ IPC

Endowment Committee (Mark Anderson, Gale Smoke, Roberta Long.
Personnel Committee: Sara Johnston, Sandy Haldane, Roberta Long.

Christian Education: Heather MacAlpine, Laurence Zeh, Sandy Haldane, Sara Weaver.

Deacons (Gale Smoke, Rozann Kimpton, Sarah Weaver, Patti Collins)

Session: Ellen Johnson-Price (Moderator), Sandy Haldane (Clerk), Herb Turner, Heather MacAlpine, Laurence Zeh, Sara Johnston, David Weaver, Diane Marquiss (Treasurer)

Wash While You Worship

Stevie Anderson will be attending the 2016 Presbyterian Youth Triennium in July at Perdue University in West Lafayette Indiana. Mark Anderson will be attending as an Adult Advisor.

Presbytery of the Yukon will have between 8 and 15 young people from around Alaska attending along with 3-4 Adult Advisors.

The cost of attending includes a \$500 registration fee and travel costs of about \$1000.

While the Presbytery has

some funds saved to assist with travel and registration, it does not cover all the costs of participating. We are therefore asking for you to open your hearts and support Stevie, Mark and other kids from around Alaska to attend. We have a couple fundraisers in the works. One will be a "Money Wall" where you can pick an envelope numbered 1-50 and donate that amount. Secondly our youth will be hosting a "Wash While You Worship" where they will wash your car for a donation while you are worshipping! Lastly, for

those of you who are far away, we haven't forgotten you and so you will be offered an "Investment Certificate" in which you can invest in the faith development of our youth and future Christian leaders.

This year's Triennium theme is "GO"

GO and See

GO and Do Likewise

Teach me the way I should GO

Let my people GO

GO into the world



*...into the world
and make disciple*

The Caller is Moving...

...to an every other month publication schedule. Send news items, announcements, fun tidbits to Sandy Haldane by May 20 (to get it into the next edition).

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Come one, come all! All ages and abilities—we need you! Immanuel's Annual Spring Clean: Saturday, May 7th



Coming to a Theater Near You

Have you noticed the number of faith-based movies coming into mainstream theaters these days? It seems like at any give week, there's at least one movie that appeals to the faith community. The latest is **God's Not Dead 2**. If you've never taken in any of the latest faith-based movies, consider doing so, the messages are inspiring and talk about leaving the theater with a feel-good feeling you can't beat! *God's Not Dead 2*, *Woodlawn*, *God's Not Dead (1)*, *Facing the Giants*...check them out; you'll be pleasantly surprised; and they're especially inspiring for youth.

Earth Care Day

Yukon Presbyterians for Earth Care is promoting Kite Day as a way to celebrate Earth Day. "Yukon Presbyterians for Earth Care invite you to...."

Celebrate Earth Day, the power of the wind, community, and the simple pleasure of flying a kite!

April 23, 2016, 11 am – 2 pm at the Delaney Park Strip, 9th and G Street, Anchorage

- Beginners and Experts are welcome!
- Bring your own kite, if you have one.
- Kite-making kits available, for FREE! (Limited number, so come early)
- Learn about CCL's carbon fee and dividend plan, to protect the Earth for our future.
- Join us for a fun day at the park!!



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- 4/9: Barb Neeson
- 4/14: Maria Ashworth
- 4/16: Luke Ashworth
- 5/8: Damian (MacInness-Green grandson)
- 5/9: Gracie Ashworth
- 5/16: Lily Weaver
- 5/17: Mary Charlotte McCall, Josh Collins
- 5/22: Sara Johnston
- 5/25: Victoria Natanus Grubbs
- 5/28: Margie Logan



- 5/22: Rev. John Carey & Mary Charlotte McCall



- Kathy Haldane for continued healing and strength after her spinal fusion & as she transitions home.
- Sharon Arlian for her continued healing and strength after her kidney transplant.
- Joann Potts for continued healing and strength.
- Detta Stark for continued strength.

Dates and Things to Remember....

- 4/13: [Business Affairs meeting](#), 5 pm @ IPC to plan spring clean-up
- 4/17: International Day of Farmers' Struggles; [Mission Committee meeting](#) after Worship
- 4/18: [Men's Night Out](#) 6:30 pm, location TBD
- 4/22: Earth Day
- 4/23: Earth Day Celebration, 11-2 @ Delaney Park Strip
- 4/23-30: Jewish Passover
- 4/24: [Youth-led Worship Service](#), Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day
- 4/28: [Ladies' Night Out](#) 6:00 pm in support of 4A's, location TBD
- 5/1: Older Adult Week Begins-Wills Emphasis
- 5/5: Ascension of the Lord Day, National Day of Prayer; Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 5/6: May Friendship Day
- 5/8: 7th Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day, [Deacon's Offering](#) collected
- 5/13: 1001 Worshiping Communities Day
- 5/14: Fair Trade Day
- 5/15: Day of Pentecost, [Pentecost Offering](#) collected
- 5/16: [Men's Night Out](#), 6:30 pm, location TBD
- 5/18: [Ladies' Night Out](#), 6:00 pm, location TBD
- 5/19: Last Day of School (ASD)
- 5/20: [Nunaka Valley Teachers' Breakfast](#) provided by Immanuel
- 5/22: Trinity Sunday, Presbyterian Heritage Day, Cross-Cultural/International Church Day, [Last Day of Sunday School & Adult Forum](#) for the school year
- 5/29: Invitation Sunday, [Summer schedule begins; Worship at 10 AM preceded by a light continental breakfast](#)
- 5/30: MEMORIAL DAY

Fun & Quirky Days of Spring

- 4/10: ASPCA Day; National Sibling Day
- 4/12: National Library Day
- 4/26: National Audubon Day
- 4/30: International Jazz Day
- 5/1: Lemonade Day; Blessing of the Bikes Day; Mother Goose Day
- 5/3: National Teacher Day
- 5/5: National Day of Prayer
- 5/6: National Nurses Day; Bike to School Day
- 5/15: National Chocolate Chip Day
- 5/20: National Bike to Work Day; National Pizza Party Day
- 5/26: Eat More Fruits and Veggies Day
- Other silly, quirky, weird days of observances: Brownlocks & 3 Bears-<http://www.brownielocks.com/april.html>



- Out-of-the-Box Thinking Answers
- A) Just under the wire
 - B) Love at 1st sight
 - C) Splitting headache
 - D) Tally ho
 - E) Standing ovation