

April 22

Pinwheels for Prevention Sunday

Karina Forrest-Perkins

Executive Director, Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota

The prevention of child maltreatment is critical for our families, communities and societies as a whole. Child maltreatment is preventable. Learn how we can join with Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota and their partners in laying the foundation for building environments that support healthy children, families and communities.



April 29

Immanuel Hunger/Poverty Round Table Discussion

Facilitated by Alice Seuffert

Part 2 of 3. See description from January 29

May 6

Living Bible Museum: Jonah

Presented by Immanuel 5th & 6th Grade Sunday School

In a new format this year, visit our Living Bible Museum with our Our 5th & 6th grade museum interpreters. Learn alongside the students in this interactive museum experience.



May 13

Why We Care

Pastor Patricia Lull

Executive Director

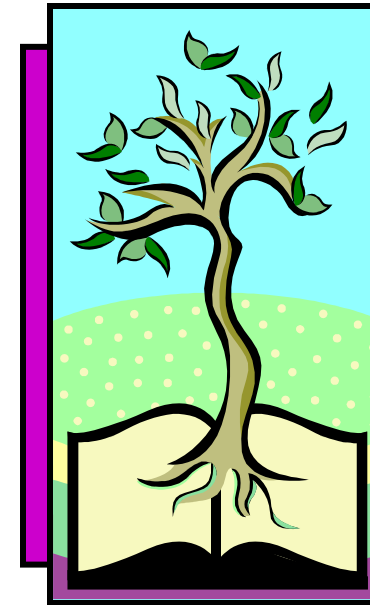
St. Paul Area Council of Churches (SPACC)

Pastor Patricia Lull, executive director of the Saint Paul Area Council of Churches, will address the motivation for the collaborative work of the Council as it meets the needs in our community from theological and pragmatic perspectives. Homelessness, hunger, and the educational achievement gap cost everyone. This discussion will outline concrete steps Christians can take to create a different future where we live. SPACC has been a long time ministry partner of Immanuel.

Adult Forum is offered weekly during the Education Hour in the East Lounge. Come as often as you can, for as much as you can! You are welcome to bring your coffee and treats with you. The nursery is staffed for little ones during the Education Hour and babes in arms are welcome to attend the forum.



104 Snelling Avenue South
St. Paul, Minnesota 55105
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Adult Forum

Sundays, 9:20-10:10am

East Lounge

Immanuel Lutheran Church

104 Snelling Avenue South

St. Paul, MN 55105

January - May 2012

January 1

No Adult Forum

January 8 (9:15am)

The Very Important Pageant

Presented by Immanuel Preschool-6th Grade Sunday School

January 15

Visioning Update

Pastor Cindy Bullock

In January, the Church council will take time to examine Immanuel's gifts and God's calling, working to establish our values (what is important to us as a congregation), our calling (what difference is God calling us to make in the world), and some ends (goals) to work toward. If you'd like to know more about the process, come on January 15 for a short description of what the council will be doing, as well as a chance to offer some of your own input into the process.



January 22

Global Mission Sunday: Our Tanzanian and Guatemala Partnerships

Dave Klevan & Ann Derr

Immanuel members Dave Klevan and Ann Derr will present information about our sister congregation Mkimbizi Lutheran Church in Tanzania and ways our congregation has been involved in ministries in Guatemala.

January 29 & April 29
5th Sundays Hunger/Poverty Series

January 29
A Minnesota Without Poverty

Bryan Goltzman
Director of Justice Squared

In the second of our three part hunger/poverty series, Bryan Goltzman will share the work of A Minnesota Without Poverty initiative. Ending poverty is possible, but it takes all of us to work toward a more promising tomorrow – where all Minnesotans thrive. Today, you can take part in the special Hunger/Poverty Awareness Coffee Hour, we will be serving a minimal, no treat coffee hour that day. All donations will help pay for the monthly meal Immanuel serves at Dorothy Day.

April 29
Immanuel Hunger/Poverty Roundtable
Facilitated by Alice Seuffert

In the third in our three part hunger and poverty series, we will look at the ways Immanuel currently tries to address hunger and poverty issues, from food shelf collections and hand knit scarves to benevolence giving. What do we do well? What is not so effective? What opportunities are there for us to expand or concentrate our efforts? Come ready to join this discussion and offer your input and experience.

February 5 & 12
Faith in History: Civil War Series

Nancy Koester
Author and Professor of Church History at Augsburg College

February 5
African American Christianity before the Civil War

February is Black History Month, so this is a great time to explore how African American Christianity was shaped in the crucible of slavery. Christian faith helped slaves find courage and dignity, and gave them hope for a better life in heaven and on earth. Find out how risky it was to be a Christian in the times of slavery.

February 12
Abraham Lincoln's Faith

Celebrate Abraham Lincoln's Birthday by coming to the adult forum. Nancy Koester will teach about Abraham Lincoln's religious faith. Discover how Lincoln used Christian themes and national symbols to offer hope and meaning to a nation during the Civil War.

5th Sundays
Hunger/Poverty Series

An Adult Forum Series
on the 5th Sundays of the month:

Oct. 30, 2011	The State of Hunger in Minnesota Paul Mattessich, Wilder Research
Jan. 29, 2012	A Minnesota Without Poverty Bryan Goltzman, Justice Squared
Apr. 29, 2012	Immanuel Hunger/Poverty Roundtable What can WE do now?



February 19
Open—Watch News and Notes for updates

February 26—April 1
Lenten Bible Study Series: Making Sense of the Cross
Pastor Cindy Bullock

The heart of the cross is an element of mystery that can't be resolved either easily or entirely. In Making Sense of the Cross, we are invited to engage in a conversation, one we imagine discussing around the kitchen table, about major questions of the Cross. More than a standard Bible study, Making Sense of the Cross will be a dialogue that encourages you to bring your questions or doubts to the table. No experience necessary, bring a Bible if you have one.

Making Sense of the Cross

- Feb. 26: **Why does the Cross Matter?**
- March 4: **Portraits and Perspectives**
- March 11: **Ransom and Victory**
- March 18: **Substitution, Satisfaction, and Sacrifice**
- March 25: **Example and Encouragement**
- April 1: **Event and Experience**



April 8
Easter Sunday
No Adult Forum

We encourage all Immanuel members to support the Immanuel Youth Group by attending the Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

April 15
Immanuel Art Show Opening and Reception
Hosted by the Worship and Music Committee

Meet the artists and be the first to see the artwork of the 2012 Immanuel Art Show.