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– Psalm 78:4

Dear friends in Christ at Immanuel,

Recently, we were looking through old church photo directories. The pictures are wonderful (though, what was up with all those shoulder pads in the 80s?) and flipping through the pages feels like going through old family albums. We loved seeing all the faces that helped to create the Immanuel we know today. While we didn't personally know everyone in the pictures, we do know that each one helped shape our church by investing time and energy, faith and love, resources and skills to help build up Immanuel's mission and ministry. This unbroken chain of faithful, generous people now stretches back almost one hundred years.

Every church is a place that connects the past with the present and the future. Even the way we worship does this! Each Sunday we read *ancient* texts while simultaneously *livestreaming* our services beyond the walls of our sanctuary. The present is always changing, and so the church must always be adapting, ready to share and communicate the Gospel in new ways, and to embrace the future that God is creating.

As we approach Immanuel's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and launch our Centennial Capital Campaign, we've chosen a theme that reflects this reality. “Honoring the Past, Embracing the Future” is the call of the church.

We are here because every generation who came before us preserved and proclaimed the Gospel. And the next generations need *us* to do the same, to “tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and the wonders that God has done” through our words and actions. (Psalm 78:4)

This Centennial Campaign is an opportunity to invest in the future of our church. We want those who come after us to inherit the same incredible legacy of faith and generosity that we have known! We want them to be equipped to meet the opportunities for ministry and mission in their time.

Our actions now will help make these things possible at Immanuel. Through the Centennial Campaign, we can restore what needs repair, preserve this physical place that has blessed countless people, and prepare for the future of the church.

We hope you'll join us in that work and in dreaming big about Immanuel's *next* hundred years!

Your co-workers in Christ,

Pastor Sarah    Pastor Josh