

## Scout Troops in Search of a Fundraising Chairperson

Our Trail Life USA and American Heritage Girls scouting troops at Immanuel are seeking a faithful and excited volunteer to help assist these groups in fundraising for their programs to ensure they have adequate funds for outings, badges, and awards and other necessary program costs. Below is a brief description of what is involved and the time commitment is flexible depending on the kind of fundraisers supported. If you are interested in helping the youth of Immanuel and our community in this way, please contact Pastor Bloch (812-522-3118), or Steve or Peggy Stark (812-569-3387, 812-528-3831) for more information. Come and serve the Lord in this way!

**Troop Fundraising Chair (CM-FUND)** | Organizes and supervises fundraising events and ensures that every youth member has the opportunity and tools necessary to participate. Coordinates exciting kickoffs of your one or two focused fundraisers each year

29 9:00 Worship online and Radio	30	31	1 7:00 Worship online and Radio	2	3	4
---	----	----	---------------------------------------	---	---	---

### Keeping in Touch

One way to make sure you get timely news from Immanuel is to sign up for our weekly e-blast sent personally to you. Just click the box our homepage, [www.immanuelseymour.com](http://www.immanuelseymour.com), send an email to [info@immanuelseymour.com](mailto:info@immanuelseymour.com), or call the office, 812-522-3118.

### Additional Spiritual Support:

- **Dial a meditation:** call 812-522-1345 anytime for a devotion prepared by one of our pastors or vicar.
- **Know Your Bible:** You can hear it each weekday at 6:55 a.m. on AM 1390

### Bulletin and Resource Pick-up

Is available at door number 5 on Oesting Street. Drop in Monday- Friday from 8am - 5pm.

### Join us for Worship and Bible Studies Online at these Locations:

Bible Studies: <http://immanuelseymour.com/grow/bible-studies/>

Worship: <http://immanuelseymour.com/worship/>

<https://boxcast.tv/view/3-25-20-immanuel-lutheran-7pm-lent-service-578220>

You can also view services on the Immanuel YouTube channel at Immanuel Lutheran Seymour. Watch service on your smart TV and pull up a bulletin in your hand on your phone or tablet. Search YouTube for Immanuel Lutheran Seymour and subscribe to our channel.

## 150th Anniversary Plates

Ladies Aid 3 and Immanuel Guild will be taking orders from those wanting to purchase a 150th Anniversary Plate. Price is \$20 each, any profit made will go into the 150th Anniversary Fund. To pre-order your plate call Tammy Swindell at 812-525-4820 or the church office.

## Easter Lilies

If you would like to sponsor an Easter Lily, please call or stop by the church office. They are \$17.50 each.

## Progressive Euchre Tournament

Redeemer Lutheran Church Parish Hall

504 North Walnut, Seymour

April 19th, 2020 2:00pm — 5:00pm

\$6/person \$10/couple

Snacks and a light meal will be provided.



**Immanuel**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

605 South Walnut St Seymour, Indiana 47274

[www.immanuelseymour.com](http://www.immanuelseymour.com) 812-522-3118

Member, the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod

March 29, 2020

### Our Current COVID-19 Plan

Immanuel is trying to help protect the vulnerable, contain the spread of the virus, and respect the restrictions that have been imposed, while also attending to needs that continue and even increase during times like this. Here are a few of our current plans:

**Worship:** Until further notice, we have suspended in-person worship and will provide our 9:00 a.m. Sunday service and 7:00 p.m. Wednesday service **only on the radio (AM 1390 FM 99.3) or on Boxcast, YouTube, and at [www.immanuelseymour.com](http://www.immanuelseymour.com)**

**Bulletins, Informers:** these can be picked up during regular office hours during the week in the lobby area near the Chapel and Office entrance on Oesting Street. You can also find them at [www.immanuelseymour.com](http://www.immanuelseymour.com) **If you need one mailed to you, call 812-522-3118.**

**Devotions:** Portals of Prayer can be picked up in the lobby by the office entrance. Call if you need delivery!

**Visitation:** Visitation at hospitals, nursing homes, jails, and other facilities are restricted. We will continue to work with these entities to provide pastoral care as needed and will use discretion in making home visits.

**Child Care:** ILCCM is closed until further notice.

# INFORMER

**Office hours:** The church office hours will continue as normal, but access is restricted. If possible, call ahead if you need something.

**Offerings:** Your generous support is needed, even if you can't come to church. You can bring your offering envelopes during the week and deposit in the secure box in the office entrance lobby, mail to the church, or give on-line on our website, which is easy and secure.

**Updates:** we plan to use Eblast, Facebook, and our website to update these plans.

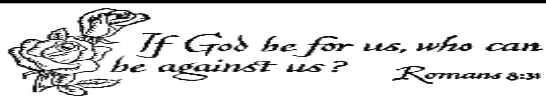
### Let My People Go!

God in mercy freed His people from slavery and brought them to freedom and life. Along the way, He did many miracles! God is still delivering His people from powerful captors. Join us as week by week we see from Exodus how He brings deliverance to us.

*This week: Digging ourselves into a hole!"*

### On-Line Options

Not only do we offer the options of viewing the services online at our website; you can also support your church financially that way. If you are not able physically to bring a donation, but want to continue to support the church, call the office or check the website at the top right, where it says "Give online." It is free, secure, and easy. Thanks for supporting us in these challenging times!



*If God be for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31*

*But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matt 6:33*

Totals from March 22, 2020	
Unified Budget	\$15,747.00
Plate Offerings	\$23.00
Other Income	\$205.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,975.00</b>
Income & Gifts To Date	\$848,929.79
Donations to ILS 2019-2020	\$2,902.50
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>\$851,832.29</b>
Budget Needs to Date	\$938,176.50
Benevolence	\$200.00
Sunday Online Attendance Not Counting the Radio Broadcast	1,137 Views on Boxcast, website, and Youtube
Wednesday Online Attendance	557 Views

## Lent 5

**John 11:1-45:** Do you know anyone who is facing a time of despair, a feeling of hopelessness or some struggle in the flesh? YOU HAVE A WORD OF RESURRECTION FOR THEM! Dry bones live! God calls what was dead to life! God has the power to bring change to your circumstances! God's Word of resurrection life breathes new life into every situation and circumstance of life and gives renewed hope. That's why you are a light-bearer; you are salt; you are living, breathing hope, and a ray of Good News. Pray for someone today who is weighed down by the things of death in this world and the struggles that leave one feeling like a bunch of dry, lifeless bones. God has given you a Word of resurrection to share with them, both in this life and for the next. Jesus is the I AM. He is a personal God. He is the Resurrection and the Life. May God send you to someone with this Word to be a breath of resurrection Good News.

## Aknowledgements

Today's Broadcast and Altar Flowers are sponsored in celebration of Mike & Rita Stuckwisch's 50th wedding anniversary, March 28, by Lori, Lisa, Lindsey and families.

## Painting in the Atrium

The Property Board approved painting the Atrium ceiling and walls and making minor repairs to drywall.

## Mulch Day April 7

To get the church and school looking good for Easter, our Property Board is scheduling a work-day Tuesday, April 7, starting at 4 to put down new mulch. If you can help for an hour or two, bring gloves and a willing heart! We will have wheelbarrows, but if you can bring your own wheelbarrow and shovel, that will make the work go even faster! If it is a rain-out, we will postpone to the next day at 4.

## Handsewn Masks for Healthcare

In an effort to address an anticipated shortage in protective masks for healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, community sewists are welcome to sew masks that will extend the use of hospital-grade protective gear. Deaconess Hospital from Evansville, IN, has published a simple pattern that is preferred by area healthcare facilities. Find those instructions online at (<https://www.deaconess.com/How-to-make-a-Face-Mask>.) You may use cotton fabric ties in place of elastic. USE 100% cotton fabric. Quilting cotton or similar. Please do not repurpose fabric or use cotton blends. Immanuel will act as a secondary drop-off location. Completed masks can be dropped in the donation box by Door #5 on Oesting St. during regular office hours. Please **DO NOT** drop off masks at Schneck or other medical offices at this time.

## Bible Readings

3/29 Judges 1-2	4/2 Judges 10-12
3/30 Judges 3-5	4/3 Judges 13-15
3/31 Judges 6-7	4/4 Judges 16-18
4/1 Judges 8-9	

## FROM STEWARDSHIP: Action ⇨ Reaction: Cradle Roll

Isn't it great to have babies in church? And you are helping them grow! After a child is baptized, we assist the family in helping the child grow up in their baptismal faith through mailings, devotional materials, and including the child's name and date of baptism on the plaque in the church. Thank you for supporting this ministry to young children through your gifts to the Unified Budget. Your gifts make a difference!

## Share the 3!

The Stewardship Board encourages members to add to your weekly offering dollar bills that has a number matching the month. Each dollar bill has four identical numbers inside of the "1" on each corner. These numbers range from 1-12, corresponding to the months of the year. In March the 3rd month, consider saving any dollar bills you find with the "3" on them and sharing them as an additional offering. It's fun, and it helps support our work together. Thanks!

## A Holy Week Experience Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 5-7pm

Come experience 7 unique stations of spiritual growth set up within the Parish Hall and classrooms at Immanuel. Each station will allow individuals, on their own or with their families, to read a devotion and prayerfully consider topics such as forgiveness, salvation, compassion and more. There will also be several "take home" items to serve as a reminder of Jesus' finished work upon the cross and His ongoing work in our lives even now. The time you spend at each station is open ended and you are welcome to come and go during the hours of 5-7pm. This Holy Week Experience is

## Easter Candy Donations

The Board of Parish Education invites you to donate candy for the Easter Egg Hunt! Please bring your **individually-wrapped candy donations** to the Church office. Donations will need to be in by Monday, April 6th. Thank you!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

individuals and/or groups, weekly and/or monthly! ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN Jonesville could use help in working down the donated clothing inventory. So much to do so many places to send shipments, so we need you to help as you are able. Please call 812-405-2045 to set up a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday time for you or your group to come. Other times are by appointment, please call to discuss options. Thank you.

## Scholarships Available

Scholarships are available through the Immanuel Foundation to help local students prepare at one of the Concordia Universities or seminaries for a church-work career, such as pastor, teacher or youth worker. For an application form, please check with Lisa at the church office. **DEADLINE MAY 1.**

## Host a Former Vicar?

We have gotten a great response so far from former vicars and their families returning for the first-ever "Vicar Reunion" June 14, 2020 as a part of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration! Some of them have expressed the preference of staying with a host family instead of a hotel. If you would be interested in being available, or would like to know more, call the church office or Don Luecke.

## Just a Few Spots Left!

We have nearly reached our goal of having 150 members contribute \$150 to support our celebration of Immanuel's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary! If you can help, just stop by or mail to the church office. These funds support expenses involved with guest speakers, the vicar reunion, yard signs, food for meals and receptions, giveaways, and other expenses. Thank you!

The Board of Evangelism is short a few volunteers to help pick up visitor slips after 11:15 services. If you'd like to volunteer for this easy task in April (or another month) please call, text, or email Charlie Smith at (812) 525-9756 or [csmith.ils@aol.com](mailto:csmith.ils@aol.com). This volunteer opportunity is perfect for a family or on your own and doesn't take very long (less than 20 minutes most weeks). Thank you for your prayerful consideration.