

About the Crucifix:

Some watching on-line have seen some features in the front that may not be apparent from their normal seating spot. That includes features of the crucifix above the altar. Here's how the artist described its design: "Above the Altar is a figure of the redeeming Christ, the Crucified Savior. It is, however, the victory of the cross that redeems, and in this figurative symbol, the act of atonement is projected with a glimpse of conquest. Christ is nailed to the tree but not overcome by it. His body assumes the form of the cross just as He allowed Himself to be satisfaction for the sins of many. His head is bowed, not in anguish, but in compassion for the sons of men. His face shows no torment, but the intent of love. His right hand forms the sign of blessing around an accursed nail." Take a closer look to appreciate that design.

Registration for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year continues at Zion Lutheran School, Seymour. Specific details & information for each program is available by checking out the school website at www.zionschoolseymour.org or calling the school office at 812-522-5911. Again, plans are already being put into the place for the 2020 summer extend care program & the 2020-2021 school year.

9:00 am Ushers: Kurt Fenneberg, Larry Harlow, Gordon Kovener, Troy Hehman, Nathan Nichols, Cary Bell, Dave Boggs, Chris Stahl, Corey Zaring, Charlie Tungate, Andrew Bell, Ryan Williams, Caleb Williams, David Pollert **Elders:** Corey Zaring, Troy Hehman **Counting:** Bill Siefker, Ed Koerner, Mary Lou Siefker, Larry Meyer, Dale Siefker **Audio/Video:** Mike Patmore/Jay Hubbard
11:15 am Ushers: Max Whitsett, John Bowen, Marcus Brooks, Joe Brooks, Mike Stuckwisch, Jeff Schneider **Elders/Communion:** Mark Rudzinski, Richard Pollert, Adam Behmlander, Jeff Fields, Ben Stahl, Charlie Smith **Altar Guild:** Jan Blomenberg **Audio:** Brandon Hubbard
7:00 pm Elders: Steve Bobb **Altar Guild:** Linda Schoenfelder

19 Vicar Farewell 9:00 Worship 11:15 Worship/ Communion Online Summer Sunday School	20 2:00-4:00 Jr. High Youth 6:00 Missions 7:00 Worship	21 2-7 Blood Drive 6:30 Ladies Aid 3	22 2:00-5:00 Sr. High Youth	23	24	25 Hehman/ Henry Wedding
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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.

Bulletins and Informers for the upcoming week are available on Wednesdays after 12 noon.

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

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

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

You can also view services on the Immanuel YouTube channel at Immanuel Lutheran Seymour. Watch the 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 FREE channel.



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Face Coverings: Have to or Want to?

Wearing face coverings in public is part of the national discussion about how to prevent or slow the spread of COVID-19. While "following the science" in this situation has not been a straight line, there seems to be clear evidence that face coverings reduce the risk of spreading or getting the virus. Since people can have the virus without symptoms, it is possible without knowing it to expose someone for whom the risk of the illness is greater.

Based on information available, the Elders urge people to choose to wear a face covering in worship. *The Elders especially request that all who attend the 11:15 services wear coverings.* That would provide a safer option for individuals who have underlying health issues to attend in person. A number of them have stayed away from worship because of the potential risk. Your choice could help them reengage. When there is Communion at 11:15, those serving will also wear masks.

Why? It is simply to show our love for others in a practical way. This is not a "law." It is a request to do something that shows love for the neighbor. Jesus spoke about "going the extra mile," and we know that mask-wearing is not comfortable! Thank you for considering this temporary step. May the Lord bless us as we navigate this "novel" path together.

Vicar Farewell July 19

Join us to say farewell to Vicar Ronchetto between services Sunday, July 19. We pray that the Lord will bless him as he looks forward to his marriage to Kayla in August and his return to the seminary to complete his preparation for the ministry.

We are planning to help Vicar pack up his possessions on Monday, July 20. If you would like to help, please contact the church office.

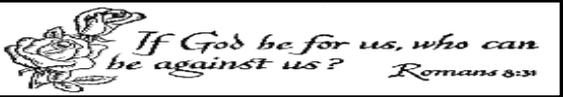
Voters to Meet July 19

The regular quarterly meeting of the congregation for this evening, July 19, is still on schedule. The meeting is to be at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall, where seating is "spaced out" for safety. All confirmed members are eligible to vote. Among items of business will be:

- o Filling some board vacancies
- o Church and school budgets.
- o The Council's Action Plan 2020

Trisha Engel Accepts Call

ILS 2nd grade teacher Trisha Engel has accepted the call to be Principal at St. John's, Sauers. We are grateful for her service to Immanuel and wish her God's blessings as she takes on this new challenge. The ILS School Board met Tuesday night to fill the vacant position in 2nd grade. Details will be shared next week in the Informer.



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

Totals from July 12, 2020	
Unified Budget	\$37,865.48
Plate Offerings	\$1,031.35
Other Income	\$140.00
Total	\$39,036.83
Income & Gifts To Date	\$1,399,410.90
Donations to ILS 2019-2020	\$6,126.82
Total Gifts	\$1,405,537.72
Budget Needs to Date	\$1,538,609.46
Benevolence	\$449.00
Sunday Attendance/Communed	425/115
Monday Attendance/Communed	49/36
Online Views	460
Scottsburg Mission	
Attendance	10
Sunday Offering	\$180.00

Sunday, July 19, 2020

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43: Our Lord continues to teach us about His kingdom. We need this teaching because it is literally “right side up” from our world turned “upside down” by sin. In His Kingdom, the weeds and the wheat will grow together until He comes again for the final harvest. Knowing this fact to be true, we don’t pray that God will remove all evil from this world (as we far too many times lament and often times pray for God to do), but instead, we earnestly pray to join His mission to overcome evil with His saving love, His grace and mercy, and His Word that never returns empty (remember last week’s message?!). Pray for eyes to see the world as Christ does: as an opportunity for mission and to see every moment as one of grace that God has given us to be about His saving work. Let us pray that as God’s people, we remain firmly built upon the Rock, so we may serve as His witnesses shining forth in the wheat field among the weeds so they may see the Light.

Corner

Acknowledgements

Today’s Altar Flowers are sponsored in honor of Jesse Brubaker and Kelsey Hubbard who were married on April 27, by their family. **Today’s Chapel Flowers** are from the wedding of Steven Whitson and Kenzi Jones who were married July 18.

Offerings

Thank you for your faithful support! You can drop your offering in the plate at the door or the regular offering boxes, mail to the church, or give on-line on our website, which is easy and secure.

Stained Glass Window

The first of the new bays of stained-glass windows was installed Friday, July 10. It is beautiful! The Nativity window depicts the birth of Jesus, “Immanuel, God with us.” As with the other bays, the center panel is an historic window, with the two additional panels on each side expanding the scene it depicts. Butler-Vargo in Indianapolis is working to complete the other windows. We will schedule a dedication when all are completed.



Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall at Immanuel, Tuesday, July 21, 2020 from 2-7p.m. Sign up today! Visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: immanuel.lutheran or call 1-800-red-cross. Appointments are encouraged.

Bible Readings

- 7/19 2 Kings 18:1-8; 2 Chronicles 29-31;
- 7/20 Hosea 1-7
- 7/21 Hosea 8-14
- 7/22 Isaiah 28-30
- 7/23 Isaiah 31-34
- 7/24 Isaiah 35-36
- 7/25 Isaiah 37-39;
- Psalm 48
- Psalm 76

Fellowship Golf Outing News

Our community is currently in extraordinary times and due to these circumstances the 2020 Lutheran Fellowship Golf Scramble has been canceled. This hard decision was prayerfully considered, but it seemed unlikely that we could assure the “Fellowship” part of this event. As we recognize the sacrifices and challenges we all face, we also know the students at Immanuel still need these funds. The golf committee would appreciate your support again this year. Gold Event Sponsor is \$1000, Event Sponsor is \$500, and Tee Sponsor is \$125. Any donation is welcome and can be made online or at the church office. Checks are payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church and please note “GOLF” on your check or online. We would appreciate Golf donations be made anytime between now and September 30, 2020 so the school can be notified of the available funds. While signs will not be on the course for a day, we hope to include them around the church and school as a show of thanks. Again, any donation for Immanuel Lutheran School will be appreciated.

Worship Changes for Now:

Until further notice, changes include using every-other pew to provide distance between worshippers, printing everything in the bulletin so as not to share hymnals, not passing bulletins, registration pads, or offering plates, adding hand-sanitizers, and changing the process for Communion to be continuous and without the Common Cup. Thanks for your patience, courtesy, and understanding.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL ONLINE NOW

This summer, our Sunday School students will explore *3 in 1: Discovering Our Triune God*. Each of the weekly Bible stories helps students discover something about our triune God.

VBS MISSION PROJECT:

An Offering Treasure Box is in the Side Atrium by the Rainforest Explorer Bulletin Board. You can mail in your offering or let your children drop off their offering in the treasure Box. Thank you for serving those in need.

School Resumes in August

The Board of Immanuel Lutheran School approved a plan to bring students back to in-person classes. Parents received a mailing that included new precautions, including temperature and wellness checks by parents before bringing students to school, use of face masks while entering and exiting and in the hallways, separating desks to allow for safe distances and using partitions where that is not practical, and changes in the use of the cafeteria. It will be great to have the students back again!

FOOD DRIVE

Immanuel is serving as a donation site for the Jackson County Community Food Drive. Please drop your donations in the bin just inside door #8 by the fountain. Healthy Jackson County will stop by daily to pick up donations and distribute to the food pantries. Thank you for your assistance and service to this project. Thanks to those who have participated in the Jackson County Community Food drive in conjunction with the Schneck Foundation.

Rummage Sale

The LWML of Lord of Life Lutheran Church in North Vernon will hold a Rummage Sale July 30th from noon to 4 pm, July 31st from 8 am to 4 pm and August 1st from 8 am to noon.

Remember to call the church office in plenty of time if you would like to sponsor the Broadcast(\$80), Informer(\$50), or Altar Flowers. We appreciate our sponsors.



A recording of Patriotic Hymns and Organ Interludes is available on the Immanuel website or on the Immanuel Lutheran Seymour YouTube channel. By special request you can hear and sing along to these and many other favorite hymns.