

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.

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/Communion:** Wes Baker, Ryan Williams, Glenn Benter, Dave Boggs, John Watson, Tim Meyer, Corey Zaring, Todd Behmlander **Counting:** Jeff Hubbard, Kevin Foster, Charles Fox, Greg Hackman, Ron Pollert, Grant Schneider, Craig Flinn **Altar Guild:** Laverne East **Audio/Video:** Kelly Luecke/Don Luecke
11:15 am Ushers: Max Whitsett, John Bowen, Marcus Brooks, Joe Brooks, Mike Stuckwisch, Jeff Schneider **Elders:** Ralph Wischmeier, John Bowen **Audio:** Jeff Hopkins
7:00 pm Elders: Steve Bobb, Monty Siefker **Altar Guild:** Linda Schoenfelder

26 9:00 Worship/ Communion 11:15 Worship Online Summer Sunday School	27 2:00-4:00 Jr. High Youth 7:00 Worship/ Communion	28 5:30 Evangelism 6:00 150th Anniversary	29 2:00-5:00 Sr. High Youth	30	31	1 Wedding Abplanalp/ Hougland
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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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July 26, 2020

Results of Voters Meeting July 19

Members of Immanuel met last Sunday evening for the quarterly Voters meeting. After receiving reports from boards and reviewing and approving financial reports, they acted on the following:

- Appointed Jeff Schneider and Josh Daugherty to fill Elder vacancies, Kelly Luecke to Parish Education, and Linda Kamman to Memorial Committee;
- Adopted 20-21 budgets for Immanuel Lutheran School and Immanuel Lutheran Church;
- Adopted the 2020 Action Plan prepared by the Church Council;
- Granted a peaceful release from Call to Trisha Engle, who accepted a Call to serve as Principal of St. John's, Sauers

Copies of reports and budgets as well as the agenda and minutes are available at the Welcome Center and Atrium.

Vicar Fredstrom Begins August 2

Seminarian Will Fredstrom and his wife, Charlea, moved to Seymour this past week and are looking forward to getting to know and serve our members. He is to be inducted as vicar in our services August 2 and 3. A reception is planned so that you can meet them. May the Lord bless our work together!

Stained Glass Window Installation:

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.

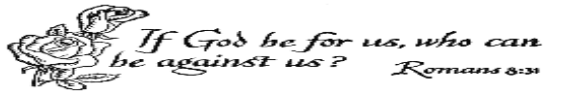
Vicar Endowment Fund Gets Boost

Immanuel's involvement in the vicarage program of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has been a blessing to our congregation, community, and the work of our Synod. The Immanuel Foundation established the Vicarage Endowment Fund at the beginning of 2020 as a way to celebrate in our 150th anniversary year the blessings it has given and to help assure that it will continue to be a part of our future.

The Foundation also agreed to match 50 cents for each dollar contributed to this fund during 2020 up to \$100,000. At its meeting last Thursday, the Board received a \$60,000 bequest to the Vicar Endowment Fund from the Carvin Bode Estate. With the match, that has provided a huge boost totaling \$90,000 to this fund!

Starting in 2021, interest earned on these funds and others added to them will help Immanuel support the cost of the vicarage program. The hope is to build this fund to \$500,000 in time so that the earnings would cover most of the annual costs.

If you would like to contribute any amount to this fund, please contact Holly at the church office. The 50% match will still apply to make your gift go even farther.



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 19, 2020	
Unified Budget	\$21,916.48
Plate Offerings	\$842.66
Other Income	\$20.00
Total	\$22,779.14
Income & Gifts To Date	\$1,422,190.04
Donations to ILS 2019-2020	\$6,236.82
Total Gifts	\$1,428,426.86
Budget Needs to Date	\$1,576,136.52
Benevolence	\$621.00
Sunday Attendance/Communed	395/81
Monday Attendance	51
Online Views	412
Scottsburg Mission	
Attendance	7
Sunday Offering	\$170.00

Sunday, July 26, 2020

Matthew 13:44-52: We look all around us and question the value of “things.” How can it all be worth so much? In our daily experiences, we are accustomed to the value of “things” being driven higher and higher. And then we look at the things of God - His Word, worship, music, water, bread, wine - and they all look pretty ordinary. But in God’s Kingdom, these are the pearls of greatest value because they reveal His love and presence with us. We need wisdom from the kingdom. If someone doesn’t tell us what something is truly worth, we would never know. That is why it so important that we tell the world about the true treasures found in the things of God. How will they ever know if we don’t tell them? Let someone in on the pearls and treasures that you know in the wisdom of God.

Great Commission

Corner

Acknowledgements

Today’s Altar Flowers are sponsored in celebration of Rabel & Ruth Newkirk’s 65th wedding anniversary, July 24, by their children & grandchildren, Karl & Cathy, Kurt & Dawna, Andrea, Emilee, Jacob & Taylor.

Today’s Chapel Flowers are from the wedding of Troy Hehman & Briana Henry.

Official Acts

James Lambert entered eternal life on July 14 and was given Christian burial on July 18.

Steven Whitson & Kenzi Jones were united in marriage on July 18.

Declan Michael, son of Karec & Kaleigh Terrell, was baptized on July 19.

Richard Schwade entered eternal life on July 15 and was given Christian burial on July 20.

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.

School Resumes in August

The Board of Immanuel Lutheran School approved a plan to bring students back to in-person classes August 6. 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!

Bible Readings

7/26 Isaiah 40-43	7/29 Isaiah 49-53
7/27 Isaiah 44-48	7/30 Isaiah 54-58
7/28 2 Kings 18:9-19:37; Psalm 46, 80, & 135	7/31 Isaiah 59-63
	8/1 Isaiah 64-66

Face Coverings: Have to or Choose to?

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. When there is Communion at 11:15, those serving will also wear masks.

While “following the science” with COVID-19 has not been a straight line, there is 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.

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.” Thank you for considering this temporary step.

Help Needed

We are in need of help moving items in the balcony so the floors can be cleaned. If you would like to help please meet in the balcony on August 2 after the 9:00 service. Any questions, please call the church office. Thank you!

Graduates

The Board of Fellowship and Assimilation would like to recognize our high school graduates with a gift. If you graduated from high school this year please stop by the office for a token of our admiration of your achievement!

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.

Jackson County Community 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.

Apple dumpling season!

Zion Lutheran Church will be taking pre-orders for dumplings from August 2 – 23, for pick up October 1, 2, & 3 at Brooklyn Pizza’s NOfest. More details next week. Make plans now to order in August.

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.

Pictures

If you had your picture taken for the pictorial directory and only ordered the free 8 X 10, those pictures were sent to the church. There will be a table set up in the hallway this morning where you can pick up your picture. During the week you can stop by the office and get it. Thanks



Hymns and Organ Interludes are on the Immanuel website or on the Immanuel Lutheran Seymour YouTube Page this next week. By special request you can hear and sing along to these and many other favorite hymns.