

Cancellations

- **Immanuel Guild** Cookie Walk.
- **Immanuel Guild** December Christmas Party.
- **Ladies Aid 3** Christmas dinner/meeting.
- **LWML** Christmas luncheon/meeting.
- **Sr. Adult Ministry** December meeting.

Trinity Lutheran High School is looking to partner with church workers from around the country and world who desire a Christian education for their children, but do not have a local Lutheran high school. Our plan is to reach out to military chaplains, overseas missionaries, and other church workers domestically and overseas. To help us facilitate this program we are looking for local families who would be willing to house students during their time at Trinity. For more information please contact Ryan Cremeans at rcremeans@trinitycougars.org or Clayton Darlage at cdarlage@trinitycougars.org. Thank you and God Bless you as you prayerfully consider this service to the church.

Drive-thru Meatloaf Dinner

Saturday, December 5th 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Redeemer. Each meal will include meatloaf, potatoes, green beans, roll and apple cobbler (no variations). You may pre-order for faster pickup (please call 522-1837 up to 5:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4 and then Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) Everyone will enter the east side parking lot from Chestnut Street to pick up your meal(s). There will be a separate line for those who pre-ordered. Freewill offering.

Christmas Cookie Tray and Bake Sale

Saturday, December 12th 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Redeemer Trays of various sizes and assortments will be available. Items will be marked with price. All proceeds from both events will go towards Redeemer missions.

If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia for our altar, please call or stop by the church office to purchase one, they are \$17.50 each.

9:00 am Elders/Communion: Mike Patmore, Doug Nichols, John Hill, Troy Hehman, Greg Prange, Carl Emily, Jeff Schneider, Matt Nieman **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 **Counting:** Mark Nichols, Matt Lambert, Joe Bullard, Kevin Lister, John Thomas, Kyle Gentry **Altar Guild:** Donna Moore **Acolyte:** Charlie Tungate **Audio/Video:** Don Luecke/Jay Hubbard

11:15 am Elders: Richard Pollert, Charlie Bell **Ushers:** Max Whitsett, John Bowen, Marcus Brooks, Joe Brooks, Michael Brooks, Mike Stuckwisch, Jeff Schneider **Acolyte:** Mackenzie Waskom **Audio:** Kevin Foster

7:00 pm Elder: Steve Bobb **Acolyte:** Cory Robinson **Altar Guild:** Linda Schoenfelder

29 9:00 Worship/ Communion 10:15 SS/Bible Study/AIC 11:15 Worship	30 8:35 Chapel 12:00 Gospel of Mark 3:30 7th OYR 5:30 Trail Life/ AHG 7:00 Worship	1 7:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Bible Study 3:30 8th OYR 5:30 Parish Ed. 6:00 Heritage	2 4:30 Worship 6:30 Brass/ Woodwinds 7:00 Worship 8:00 AIC/Conf	3 5:00 Property 5:15 Fellowship & Assimilation 6:00 Handbells 6:30 Elders	4 10:30 Bible Class	5
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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 and FM 99.3

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 THURSDAYS after 12 noon.

Join us for Worship Online at: <http://immanuelseymour.com/worship/>

You can also view services on the Immanuel YouTube channel at Immanuel Lutheran Seymour and at 3pm & 8pm on CinergyMetro Cable Channel 2 and Comcast Channel 96.

On the Radio 99.3 and Live Stream from anywhere in the world at www.wzzb1390.com



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INFORMER

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November 29, 2020

Advent—A Time of Hope

Today, the colors in the church are **blue** for Advent, the season of anticipation. Even as we anticipate with joy the celebration of the birth of Jesus, so we look forward with joy to His coming in glory. While it is a busy time, additional times of worship can help keep us focused on His gifts, which are most important.

Good News for Right Now

Right when we need it most, God has a good word of hope! By nearly every measure, 2020 has shown how vulnerable people, institutions, and events are to circumstances beyond our control. There has never been a better time than now to anchor our hope and plans on the actions and promises of God.

A **special Advent devotion booklet** is available free of charge. Please take one and use it as you light your Advent wreath. Don't have a wreath or candles for it? Call the office or check at the Welcome Center.

Communion Options

Many of our members share in worship online or on the radio, but do not yet feel safe coming to church in person. We know the Lord's Supper is a wonderful blessing. Our pastors provide for families and individual to receive the Lord's Supper either here at church or at their home by appointment. We wear face coverings to provide for safety. Call 812-522-3118.

Wednesday Advent Series Begins

"Advent—A Time of Hope and Healing" is the special Advent worship series for our Wednesday evening services at 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. It seeks to apply words from Isaiah that sound like they were written for this very time.

Advent—A Time of Hope and Healing

Dec. 2: "Life on Hold: How Long for Relief?"

Dec. 9: "Brought to Our Knees, then to Our Feet"

Dec. 16: "Good News that is More than a Promise"

Dec. 23: "God's Global Plan for Justice"

If you are not able to be with us in person, tune in by radio (AM 1390/FM 99.3) at 7:00 p.m. or watch Boxcast or youtube (www.immanuelseymour.com).

Advent Devotions for Adults and Kids

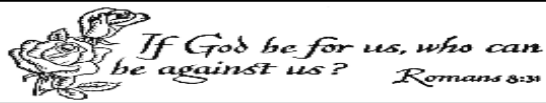
Be sure to pick up your **free** Advent devotion book, one for adults, and another for children. The children's version includes a book with stickers and a display to put them on, so be sure to get both of them.

Advent Wreaths and Candles

Need an Advent Wreath for your family devotions, or new candles (\$4) for your wreath? Check at the Welcome Center in the narthex or call Lisa at the church office: 812-522-3118.

Power Assist Door Opener

When you enter the Fellowship Hall by the kitchen, you will soon have the option to press a button to open the door for you. This should be a great help for parents bringing babies to our childcare, ladies carrying dishes of food, and people carrying umbrellas or using walkers. Funds for the project are provided by a bequest from Sheila Toppe.



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 November 22, 2020	
Unified Budget	\$20,202.48
Plate Offerings	\$428.28
Other Income	\$632.00
Total	\$21,262.76
Income & Gifts To Date	\$222,273.13
Donations to ILS 2020-2021	\$2,131.00
Total Gifts	\$224,404.13
Budget Needs to Date	\$304,620.96
Benevolence	\$1,637.00
Sunday Attendance/Communed	334/175
Monday Attendance/Communed	29/21
Online Views	590
Scottsburg Mission	
Attendance	7
Sunday Offering	\$166.00

Official Acts

Robert Thomas entered eternal life on November 16 and was given Christian burial on November 19.

Matthew Dean Jenkins, son of Tyler & Katie (Woodard) Jenkins, was baptized on November 20.

Marin Ann VonDielingen, daughter of Grant & Heather (Schneider) VonDielingen, was baptized on November 22.

Thank YOU!

Thank you for setting aside a portion of God's gifts for His work in our church and school. You are providing the essential means to preach and teach the Word of God here and around the world. Remember God's promise: *"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."* Luke 6:38

Christmas Food Drive

Due to COVID-19 the Board of Human Care feels compelled to keep our members as safe as we can from exposure. Beginning November 22 through December 13 there will be envelopes in the bulletin to accept monetary donations for the purchase of 50 gift cards that families can use to purchase the food they need for the holidays. This is in lieu of the food baskets we normally assemble as a group. We still would like volunteers to help deliver the gift cards and other items to foster the spiritual needs of the families. The deliveries will take place the afternoon of December 20th. If you're interested in helping deliver, please call the church office – 812-522-3118.

The Board of Human Care

Bible Readings

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| 11/29 | 1 Cor. 9-11 | 12/3 | 2 Cor. 5-9 |
| 11/30 | 1 Cor. 12-14 | 12/4 | 2 Cor. 10-13 |
| 12/1 | 1 Cor. 15-16 | 12/5 | Acts 20:1-3; |
| 12/2 | 2 Cor. 1-4 | | Romans 1-3 |

Christmas for Haitian Students

Immanuel is collecting donations in order to purchase 250 Christmas gift boxes for the Haitian students. Pastor Thomas Bernard's church will be giving each child, Prek – 9th grade, a small gift box with an age appropriate toy and a book for the student to enjoy. The cost of each box is \$10. If you and your family would like to participate in this project, please send your gift to Heart4Haiti, c/o Immanuel Lutheran Church, 605 South Walnut Street, Seymour, IN 47274. You may also donate online at www.immanuelseymour.com or drop a check by the church office. Thank you for your support of this very important giving ministry.

Advent Hope and Healing

Activity Kits for Kids!

Our Advent theme this year is "Advent: A Time of Hope and Healing." The colors in the church are blue for Advent, the season of anticipation. We anticipate with joy the celebration of the birth of our Savior, and we also anticipate at time when we can be together again in-person for many of our activities that have been put on hold or cancelled. What is not cancelled is fun, creativity, and learning, and as always the opportunity to share the love Jesus. This year we will offer "Hope and Healing Activity Kits" for the children to come pick up in between the 4:30 and 7pm Midweek service. This will be a "grab and go" art activity for home. The kit is designed to be fun, full of learning, and give families with children the opportunity to share with each other, and also with a friend or neighbor, the love of Christ during the season of Advent.

Who loves cookies!?

Well, you're in luck because Immanuel Youth Ministry is taking us back in time to when Immanuel served cookies at their Advent services! In lieu of our traditional meals and to help keep everyone healthy and safe, Immanuel's youth will be serving delicious cookies from 5-6:30 PM every Wednesday in Advent (December 2, 9, & 16, 2020). Just swing through the Fellowship Hall, pick up your individually wrapped cookies and a cup of your favorite beverage (fruit punch, coffee, milk).

Donations of cookies (brownies, Rice Krispie treats, etc), cookie dough, or your favorite recipes would really help us out so please consider donating. Free will offerings will also be accepted to help support the youth ministry of Immanuel.

"Faith in Action" Class

This week, we look at Biblical insights on issues related to the environment and the "green" movement. Outlines and presentations from Pastor Blomenberg's Sunday Bible class, "Faith in Action: Public Life and Politics" are now available at our website. You can find them under the Grow: Bible Studies tab on our website.

ILS Concerts Go Virtual

To provide for safety as Covid cases rise, the three Christmas concerts scheduled for ILS bands and choirs will be online instead of in person.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Our Sunday School children are always excited to share the love of Jesus and learn more about Him and His Word, and they need you to help lead the way! Please consider being a Sunday School Teacher here at Immanuel. A meeting will be scheduled soon for all those who are interested in teaching our children ages 3 years old – 6th grade. Even if you have never taught before, or taught way back when, we have materials and lessons for you that will make this a joyful and learning experience. You and the children you lead will grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior. Email Patti Miller at pmiller@immanuelseymour.com or call the church office and let her know you can teach a month at a time, a day a month, or every other week. A flexible schedule will be put together and all safety precautions will be in place so that we may safely re-open Sunday School soon. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this very important ministry.

150th Anniversary Ornaments

If you did not purchase your 150th Anniversary ornament this past year, we still have a few left. This is a Tom Pollard custom design gold-plated brass ornament and is a special design to commemorate Immanuel's 150th Anniversary. The cost of the ornament is \$10.00 and comes gift boxed with a stand for display. An information sheet about Immanuel's history is also enclosed. This ornament is beautiful and looks great on your tree and can be displayed on its stand year round. Makes a great Christmas gift or stocking stuffer. These are available while they last at our church office.

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Mark 13:24-37 Watch! Wait! Pray! These are all wonderful words of Advent. The watchman's prayer is also the call to witness to stand faithfully and fervently, watching and waiting for the hands of God the Potter to work at the clay of His people. Isaiah understood the simple truth that in the hands of the Potter, nothing is impossible for the clay. Boldly share the watchman's prayer: Potter God, mold me and shape me according to Your will, for in You there is life and purpose and a future for eternity.