

Advent Hope and Healing Activity Kits for Kids!

Kits are available at door 5 and between service each week. Look for an instructional and devotional video on the Immanuel Website and Facebook page. 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.

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.

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.

9:00 am Elders/Communion: Mike Patmore, Doug Nichols, John Hill, Troy Hehman, Greg Prange, Carl Emily, Jeff Schneider, Matt Nieman **Ushers:** Kurt Fenneberg, Brent Kilgas, Ben Thompson, Brian Burbrink, Baron Bullard, Dale VonDielingen, Greg Wehmiller, Roger Wehmiller, Mitchell Kilgas, Will Borchering, Dustin Nichols, Tony Combs, Gary Schneider, Jay Hubbard, Daniel Luecke, Jed Strange **Counting:** Jerrell Hubbard, Max Siefker, Kyle Stanfield, Rick Zschiedrich, Greg Prange, Grant Hubbard **Altar Guild:** Prima Heideman **Acolyte:** Evan Rudicel **Audio/Video:** John Fox/Conner Sims
11:15 am Elders: Richard Pollert, Charlie Bell **Ushers:** Max Whitsett, Larry Stahl, Robert Allman, Randy ‘Dude’ Dittmer, Dennis Klinge, Karl Anderson **Acolyte:** Mitchell Hackman **Audio:** Jeff Hopkins
7:00 pm Elders: Steve Bobb, Tony Combs **Acolyte:** Addyson Coomer **Altar Guild:** Linda Schoenfelder

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| 9:00 Worship/ Communion 11:15 Worship | 8:35 Chapel 3:30 7th OYR 5:15 Trustees 5:30 Trail Life/ AHG 7:00 Worship | 10:00 Circuit Pastors 3:30 8th OYR 5:30 School | 4:30 Worship 6:00 WW/Brass 7:00 Worship 7:45 Choir 8:00 AIC/Conf | 6:00 Handbells | | |

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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December 13, 2020

Lessons and Carols Next Sunday

This year we will not, unfortunately, have a full orchestra for our annual Choir Song Service/Cantata, but we will have a service of Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 20, at 9. The 11:15 service will be a regular order with Communion. We hope you join us to sing some of our favorite Advent and Christmas hymns and carols while hearing from God’s word about His promises come true in Christ! If you can’t make it in person, tune in on the radio or at www.immanuelseymour.com

More Adjustments:

With our county going to “red” with a high infection rate for Covid, we are taking some additional steps to help keep people safe.

- o Until further notice, all in-person Bible Classes on Sunday and during the week and all Sunday School classes are suspended. Check our website for some online resources.

- o We are leaving it up to individual boards to determine whether to meet remotely or in person, spread out in the Fellowship Hall.

- o Wednesday night confirmation classes will be by Zoom until further notice.

- o We are not serving funeral meals until further notice.

- o **Services stay the same.** The sanitization, physical distancing, and mask-wearing guidelines we have in place allow us to continue in-person worship at 9 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday, 7:00 p.m. Monday, and 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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. Be sure to check them out and enjoy their talents as they share Christmas music! Go to www.immanuelseymour.com.

Wednesday Advent Series continues

“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.

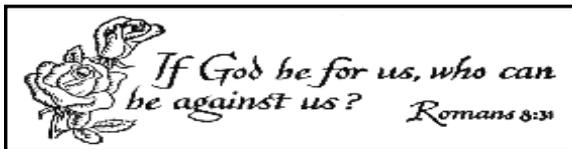
Dec. 16: “Good news that is more than a promise!”

Even 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).

Year-End is Coming!

As we near the end of 2020, your faithful gifts for Immanuel Lutheran Church and School make it possible for us to do our work for our members, our community, and the world. These difficult times have made it even more important to share the message of Christ, who gives us life and hope.

Thank you for setting aside a portion of God’s gifts for His work in our church and school. 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



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

Totals from December 6, 2020

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| Unified Budget | \$61,317.53 |
| Plate Offerings | \$639.42 |
| Other Income | \$753.00 |
| Total | \$62,709.95 |
| Income & Gifts To Date | \$313,275.57 |
| Donations to ILS 2020-2021 | \$2,498.00 |
| Total Gifts | \$315,773.57 |
| Budget Needs to Date | \$380,776.20 |
| Benevolence | \$4,342.00 |
| Sunday Attendance/Communed | 289/84 |
| Monday Attendance | 26 |
| Online Views | 640 |
| Scottsburg Mission | |
| Attendance | 5 |
| Sunday Offering | \$150.00 |

Great Commission Corner

Sunday, December 13, 2020

John 1:6-8, 19-28: As the forerunner of Christ, John the Baptist was sent to bear witness about the Light. John pointed ahead to the Savior of the world – Jesus. Today, we also are given the privilege and joy of pointing others to Christ. We do this so that others might believe through Him and literally - see the Light - Jesus!

Official Acts

Beckham Marcus Aynes, son of Brian & Marcie (Pardieck) Aynes, was baptized on December 6.

Rhett Christopher Venderley, son of Christopher Venderley & Lindsey Fleetwood, was baptized on December 6.

Don Russell entered eternal life on December 3 and was given Christian burial on December 7.

Richard Greenwood entered eternal life on December 4 and was given Christian burial on December 8.

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.

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.

Help for Givers!

A tax deduction for charitable giving is now available, even if you don't itemize! Normally, charitable donations aren't tax-deductible unless you itemize on your tax return. But due to the coronavirus pandemic and the CARES Act that was passed in March to provide relief for it, charitable donations of up to \$300 can be deducted for 2020 tax purposes, even if you don't itemize on this year's return.

Bible Readings

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| 12/13 Colossians; | 12/16 1 Timothy |
| Philemon | 12/17 Titus |
| 12/14 Ephesians | 12/18 1 Peter |
| 12/15 Phillipians | 12/19 Hebrews 1-6 |

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.

Jackson County Clothing Center

is in need of winter coats for men, women, and children, men's gloves, blankets, sheets, and towels. Drop off at 622 West 2nd Street or call Cheryl Vierling for pick-up at 812-522-7331.

From the Foundation

The Immanuel Church Foundation provided over \$300,000 to groups, organizations and individuals to support our ministry every year. These funds have impacted the following groups, needs and individuals:

- Meals for visually impaired
- Dial a Meditation
- Human Care Charity Banquet
- ILS Library
- PACK Events
- Scholarships for Seminary students and teachers
- Funding for new Fair Stand
- Webcast for our Services

By including the Immanuel Church Foundation as a beneficiary in your will or trust (estate planning) agreement, or by donating cash, securities, personal property, real estate and/or life insurance to a fund or Endowment you will support our mission at Immanuel long after you leave this earth. As this year comes to a close please consider giving to the Immanuel Foundation

Financial Peace at Immanuel:

Sign up NOW! A great start for 2021! Financial Peace University (FPU) is the nine-lesson class that will teach you how to pay off debt, save and invest for your future. You'll also connect with others, just like you who can hold you accountable, encourage you, and celebrate your progress. Sign up at this link: <https://www.financialpeace.com/classes/1129121> to attend the class here at Immanuel that begins January 10th and runs through March 7, 2021!

Christmas Food Drive

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 Classes and Sunday School Suspended

All Sunday and Midweek Bible studies and Sunday School are suspended until further notice due to the "red" condition of the county relative to Covid 19. We will keep you posted on when we can safely resume. Check the website for online resources. Thanks for your understanding.

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. Makes a great Christmas gift or stocking stuffer. These are available while they last at our church office.