

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.

9:00 am Elders: Corey Zaring, Troy Hehman **Ushers:** Kurt Fenneberg, Brent Kilgas, Ben Thompson, Brian Burbrink, Baron Bullard, Dale VonDielingen, Greg Wehmiller, Roger Wehmiller, Mitchell Kilgas, Will Borcharding, 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 **Acolyte:** Grace Schrader **Audio/Video:** Mike Patmore/Jay Hubbard
11:15 am Elders/Communion: Mark Rudzinski, Richard Pollert, Adam Behmlander, Jeff Fields, Ben Stahl, Charlie Smith **Ushers:** Max Whitsett, Larry Stahl, Robert Allman, Randy ‘Dude’ Dittmer, Dennis Klinge, Karl Anderson **Altar Guild:** Susie Claycamp **Acolyte:** Shelby Self **Audio:** Brandon Hubbard
7:00 pm Elder: Steve Bobb **Acolyte:** Brayden Stockelman

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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

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 Devotions

A special Advent devotion booklet is available free of charge. We plan to mail out some to those who have not been able to attend worship in person. Please 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.



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INFORMER

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December 20, 2020

New Member Welcome Today

We welcome new members in the 11:15 service today. The following attended the Adult Instruction Class: Valerie Burns, Briana Hehman, Samantha Kelley, Ora Lee Schwade.

The following have transferred in from other Lutheran congregations: Nan Burke, Daniel Kelley, Michael, Rhonda, Ryan, & Emma Mellencamp, Dick & Debbie Wilde, Steve Zabel.

We welcome you and look forward to serving you and serving alongside of you!

ILS Concerts Go Virtual

To provide for safety as Covid cases rise, the three Christmas concerts scheduled for ILS bands and choirs are 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.

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

Lessons and Carols at 9

Instead of a full orchestra for our annual Choir Song Service/Cantata, today we will have a service of Lessons and Carols at 9. If you are attending at 11:15 or 7, you can watch a recording of the Lessons and Carols at www.immanuelseymour.com

Christmas Worship Opportunities:

Join us this week in person or online to celebrate the birth of Jesus and the gifts He brings to us!

- o **Christmas Eve School service** at 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. **Due to space concerns, this is intended for children and their families.** Children with last names starting with A-L will lead the service at 4:30; M-Z at 6:00. Both services will be streamed on our website.
- o **Candlelight Communion** at 10:30 p.m. We plan to have overflow seating, if needed, in the Fellowship Hall.
- o **Christmas Day Communion** at 9:00 a.m.

Advent Things—Last Call

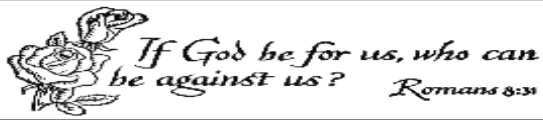
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Wednesday Advent Series Ends this week

“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. 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. , watch Boxcast or youtube (www.immanuelseymour.com).



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 13, 2020	
Unified Budget	\$36,478.48
Plate Offerings	\$837.00
Other Income	\$877.00
Total	\$38,192.48
Income & Gifts To Date	\$351,468.05
Donations to ILS 2020-2021	\$2,498.00
Total Gifts	\$353,966.05
Budget Needs to Date	\$418,853.82
Benevolence	\$1,156.00
Sunday Attendance/Communed	376/137
Monday Attendance/Communed	40/29
Dec. 9 Midweek Advent Attendance	121
Online Views	583
Scottsburg Mission	
Attendance	8
Sunday Offering	\$160.00

Thank You!

Our special thanks to each of our members who took time to bring goodies for our church staff to enjoy. We appreciate your support and wish you a very blessed Christmas! *The church office staff*

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Luke 1:26-38: It can be easy for us to fall into the temptation of thinking that God couldn't possibly use us to share His Good News with others. God responds to our doubts of "I'm not a good enough speaker." or "I can't really make a difference." or "What if I say the wrong thing?" with – "For nothing will be impossible with God!" Our God – with whom nothing is impossible – promises to bless our faithful witness to Him!

Great Commission

Corner

Acknowledgements

Today's Broadcast is sponsored in memory of Claude Schryer, by Helen.

Today's Altar Flowers are sponsored in loving memory of Esther Martin Aynes on her birthday, December 18, by Jim & Linda Kamman.

Today's Chapel Flowers are sponsored in memory of Emy Lou Wischmeier on her heavenly birthday, December 21, by Brent & Sandy Kilgas and family.

Thank You Live Nativity Volunteers

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered this year for our Live Nativity, especially to Vicar Fredstrom who organized everything, we couldn't have done this without everyone's help.

Thank you also to everyone who came out to enjoy this event. A total of 272 cars drove through.

The Board of Evangelism

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

12/20 Hebrews 7-10 **12/24** 1 John
12/21 Hebrews 11-13 **12/25** 2 John; 3 John
12/22 2 Timothy **12/26** Revelation
12/23 2 Peter; Jude

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.

Vicarage Endowment Started

Vicars have been an integral part of Immanuel for many years, helping to serve the needs of our members while also helping to train pastors for the church. Immanuel budgets about \$21,000 per year for the salary of the vicar, plus insurance, travel, and housing costs. The Immanuel Church Foundation would like to start a perpetual endowment to help offset these costs.

The long term goal is to reach a fund balance of \$500,000 or more in order to provide annual financial support to the Unified Budget that would cover most if not all of the vicar salary. The goal for 2020 is to raise \$150,000 or more of new dollars that are donated and received during 2020 with the Foundation offering a 50% match up to a maximum amount of \$75,000.

The Foundation believes that starting the Vicar Endowment is a great way to celebrate our past Vicars and embrace the future by providing funding for future Vicars. If you are interested in donating to the Vicar Endowment or would like additional information about this endowment or the Foundation, please contact the church office or one of the members of the Immanuel Foundation.

There is still time to contribute to the Vicar Endowment in 2020. The funds received in 2020 would still get the 50% match.

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!

Bible Classes and Sunday School Suspended

All Sunday and Midweek Bible studies and Sunday School are suspended until further notice due 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. 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.

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.