

Boys Soccer Coach Needed

Trinity Lutheran High School is beginning the search for our next Boys Soccer Varsity Head Coach to begin with the fall 2021 season. Our preference is to hire our coach by the end of January to allow for spring conditioning and to build rapport with current and future players. Prior experience coaching soccer is required. Experience coaching or playing at the high school level is preferred. Interested candidates can email questions and/or resumes to Athletic Director Ryan Cremeans at: rcremeans@trinitycougars.org.

Blood Drive

January 19, 2021 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.
To Schedule an appointment please go to www.redcrossblood.org and search sponsor keyword "immanuelutheran" or call 1-800-RED CROSS.
If you would like to help donors check-in or work the canteen, please call Lisa in the church office. Thank you!

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.

9:00 am Elders/Communion: Wes Baker, Ryan Williams, Glenn Benter, Dave Boggs, John Watson, Tim Meyer, Corey Zaring, Todd Behmlander **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:** Bill Siefker, Ed Koerner, Mary Lou Siefker, Larry Meyer, Dale Siefker **Acolyte:** Morgan Waskom **Altar Guild:** Donna Moore **Audio/Video:** Kelly Luecke/Don Luecke

11:15 am Elders: Ralph Wischmeier, John Bowen **Ushers:** Max Whitsett, Larry Stahl, Robert Allman, Randy 'Dude' Dittmer, Dennis Klinge, Karl Anderson **Acolyte:** Breanna Lawrence **Audio:** Jeff Hopkins

7:00 pm Elders: Steve Bobb, Monty Siefker **Acolyte:** Jackson Sutherland **Altar Guild:** Linda Schoenfelder

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| 27 9:00 Worship/ Communion 11:15 Worship | 28 7:00 Worship/ Communion | 29 | 30 | 31 New Year's Eve Church Office Closes at Noon 7:00 New Year's Eve Service | 1 New Year's Day Church Office Closed | 2 |
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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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December 27, 2020

Christmas Continues!

The lights, colors, decorations, and gifts of Christmas continue through the season of Christmas! Though around us, trees and decorations may come down, the gift of Jesus is too important to celebrate one day. Our church decorations will stay up to January 6, Epiphany, when we remember how through a special star God led the Magi to worship the newborn king.

New Year's Eve Service Thursday

Many have long been ready to ring out the old and ring in the new! Join us in worship at 7 on New Year's Eve as we offer our thanks for God's faithful care and commend into His hands the New 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

Celebrating 30 Years in Ministry!

Today we give thanks to God for the faithful ministry of Pastor Bloch for 30 years and counting! We had hoped to have this recognition earlier, but like many other things, it was postponed.

Pastor Bloch was ordained in 1990 and served in Dennison, Iowa, before accepting the Call to serve at Immanuel, being installed here December 5, 1995. May the Lord continue to bless his service with us!

Happy Anniversary, Lisa and Jacquie!

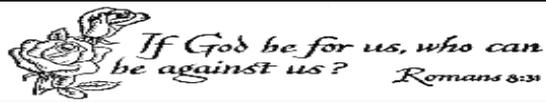
We offer thanks to God for Lisa Robertson and Jacquie Bryant, who mark anniversaries of service in the church office. If you have the chance, let them know you appreciate the many things they do to serve our members!

Lisa has served 15 years, having worked in the office for about 10 years starting in 2001, then rejoining the church office in 2015. We appreciate all she does in the front office and in her work with publications!

Jacquie came to work at Immanuel in 2015. She works side by side with Holly Foster to take care of financial matters for the Church, School, and Child Care. She also works with the Elders and keeps membership records up to date.

Offering Envelopes for 2020-2021

It has been an unusual fall, but if you have not yet picked up your new box of offering envelopes, you can call the church (812-522-3118) and we can have it available at Door 5 for convenient pick up. They are also on the tables in the hallway.



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

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| Unified Budget | \$30,389.48 |
| Plate Offerings | \$641.89 |
| Other Income | \$1,974.00 |
| Total | \$33,005.37 |
| Income & Gifts To Date | \$385,030.42 |
| Donations to ILS 2020-2021 | \$2,744.00 |
| Total Gifts | \$387,774.42 |
| Budget Needs to Date | \$456,931.44 |
| Benevolence | \$5,964.00 |
| Sunday Attendance/Communed | 409/117 |
| Monday Attendance | 29 |
| Dec. 9 Midweek Advent Attendance | 139 |
| Online Views | 493 |
| Scottsburg Mission | |
| Attendance | 12 |
| Sunday Offering | \$165.00 |

Sunday, December 27, 2020

Luke 2:22-40: When we receive good news, it can be challenging for us to keep quiet about it. Whether it's a promotion, an engagement announcement, or acing a big test – we have to tell the news! How did Anna respond to the news of the Messiah? She gave thanks to God and spoke of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. May the Good News of Jesus Christ lead us to give thanks to God and to boldly speak of Him to the people God puts in our lives. They may be just as eager and awaiting the news as Anna was.

Acknowledgements

Today's Altar Flowers are sponsored in celebration of our 55th wedding anniversary and in honor of granddaughter, Sidney Howard, on her birthday, December 28, by John & Marvina Lewis.

The Christmas Day Broadcast was sponsored in loving memory of Earl Goecker, by Hulda.

The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Altar Flowers were sponsored in memory of loved ones, by Janet Cooper & Beckie & Jerry Anderson and families.

Official Acts

Valerie Burns was baptized on December 16.

Gwendolyn Michelle Goecker, daughter of Brandon and Kristen (Perkins) Goecker, was baptized on December 20.

Trevor Ray Conner, son of Daniel & Samantha Kelley and Henry Conner, was baptized on December 20.

Confirmed on December 20, 2020: Valerie Burns, Briana Hehman, Samantha Kelley, Ora Lee Schwade.

Received from other Lutheran congregations: Nan Burke, Daniel Kelley, Michael, Rhonda, Ryan & Emma Mellencamp, Dick & Debbie Wilde, Steve Zabel.

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.

Bible Readings

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| 12/27 | 2 John; 3 John | 12/31 | Revelation 19-22 |
| 12/28 | Revelation 1-5 | 1/1 | Genesis 1-3 |
| 12/29 | Revelation 6-11 | 1/2 | Genesis 4-7 |
| 12/30 | Revelation 12-18 | | |

Lessons in Life:

A Virtual Sunday School

Join us on the Immanuel Social YouTube Channel or check the links on the Immanuel Facebook or website.

More information about this engaging and creative program that will teach our Sunday School Children about God's wonderful gift and value of life.



ILCCM is Growing!

And we need YOU!

On January 11, 2021 ILCCM will officially open an additional Infant room allowing us to care for an additional 8 infants. Our other classrooms continue to grow as well, and I commend our staff for pushing through what has been challenging year! There are many reasons for rejoicing and many exciting things we look forward to as we look at the little smiles and see the children in this program grow. Not only is it a joy to see them grow physically and socially, but they spiritual growth and their love for Jesus and for their classmates and teachers is always a special blessing to witness. As we open our new room and grow this ministry we have need. The immediate need that we have is the filling of two additional part-time teachers. COVID-19 has taken its toll on our applicant pool and we need your help to spread the word that we have two positions to fill as we step into 2021. Please prayerfully consider your list of family and friends, or even yourself, who might be looking for a part-time job. We have a fantastic team, and it is an exciting time to be a part of the growth and blessings of this program! I am happy to receive calls or emails at the church at 812-522-3118 or at pmiller@immanuelseymour.com from anyone interested in these positions. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of this important ministry.

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.

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.

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!

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. These are available while they last at our church office.