

Volunteer at LCH

Volunteers are needed to staff the Gift Shop at the Lutheran Community Home for weekday afternoons from 1-4 pm, one day a month. Experience the good feeling of assisting residents and patrons as they visit the shop. A complimentary lunch is also available. Please call Angie or Anita at 812-522-5927.

Soup Supper

St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Brownstown will have a Soup Supper on December 11 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Dine in or carry out is available.

Opportunities to Serve!

We are seeking willing and enthusiastic volunteers to help in welcoming to worship members and guests as **Greeters**. This can be a single person, a couple, or even a family. Greeters are scheduled in a rotation, and we especially could use some folks at the **11:15 am** service. Requirements: a handshake, smile, and friendly greeting! We are also updating our **Registration Helpers** and could use some volunteers to serve in this capacity as well. These teams meet on Tuesday mornings are responsible for gathering attendance registrations, separating, and alphabetizing names, and replenishing items in the pew racks for the services each weekend. If you can help, please call the Church office at 812-522-3118 and sign up!

9:00 am Greeters: Rosalie Grabinski, Mary Lou Stockamp, Bill Nolting **Elder:** 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:** BJ Sinclair, Ryan Sinclair, P.J. Stein, Chad Hageman, Gerry Sinclair, Eric Fish **Acolyte:** Alyssa Fields **Audio/Video:** Andrew Bell/Kevin Foster

11:15 am Greeters: Marsha Abraham, Sandra Burbrink, Amanda Arnold **Elders/Communion:** Andy Gillaspay, Bob Hartman, Charlie Smith, Chad Hageman **Ushers:** Max Whitsett, Larry Stahl, Robert Allman, Randy “Dude” Dittmer, Dennis Klinge, Karl Anderson **Altar Guild:** Carol Hill **Audio:** Bob Emily

7:00 pm Elders: Steve Bobb **Acolyte:** Mackenzie Pumphrey

4 9:00 Worship 10:15 Bible Class/SS/ AIC 11:15 Worship 12:30 New Member Dinner 4:00 Advent by Candlelight	5 8:35 Chapel 12:00 Gospel of Mark 3:15 7th OYR 4:30 ILCCM 5:30 AHG/Trail Life 5:30 Grief Support 7:00 Worship	6 7:00 Men's Bible Study 3:15 8th OYR 5:30 Parish Ed 5:30 ILCCM Family Christmas at the school 6:30 Guild	7 4:30 Worship 5:00-6:30 Meal 7:00 Worship 7:50 Choir 8:00 Conf	8 11:30 Adult Sr. Ministry 6:00 Human Care 6:00 Elders 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Council 7:00 Woodwinds	9 6:00-8:00 Live Nativity	10 7:30 Men’s Prayer Breakfast 6:00-8:00 Live Nativity
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Additional Spiritual Support:

- Dial a Meditation:** call 812-522-1345 anytime for a devotion 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.

Listen to WZZB 99.3 and streaming at www.wzzb1390.com



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December 4, 2022

Welcome, New Members!

At the 11:15 service today, we look forward to welcoming those who have completed our fall instruction class and those who have recently transferred to Immanuel. Please take time to introduce yourself to the newest members of our church family!

Being received by confirmation today: Robert Stephens, Brayden Myers, Jay Goad, Matt Engleking, Renissa Engleking, Chelsie Redicker, Andrew Earl.

Being received by transfer is Michael Schulte.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, December 10, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Breakfast donations needed!

If you are able to make and donate a breakfast dish call Pastor Fredstrom.

Please sign up through the Immanuel website or call the church office.

Advent Devotion Book

Pick up your free copy of “A Son is Given,” an Advent devotion book from Lutheran Hour Ministries. It is available in booklet size and in large print at the various exits. There are also children’s devotions for the family. It’s great for use personally or to share with the family!

December 7 Advent Meal: Ham and bean soup, served with grilled cheese sandwiches, hot dog, and/or PB&J as well as dessert and drink. Alternate soup will be chicken noodle soup.

Advent is Here!

Advent reminds how Jesus came to fulfill the promises that a Savior would come, and also helps us be alert to the promise that He will return again on judgment day.

Join us for special midweek services at 4:30 and 7 p.m. each Wednesday before Christmas. Our youth will serve a delicious meal between services, and we encourage you to attend!

If you can’t join us in person, the 7:00 p.m. service will be broadcast live on WZZB AM1390/FM99.3. You can also tune in on our website or YouTube.

Here are the weekly themes:

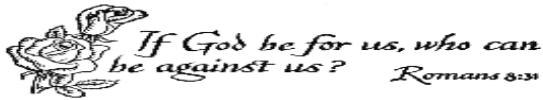
12-7: He Regards the Lowly

12-14: He Brings Down the Mighty

12-21: He Exalts the Humble

Live Nativity

Join us here at Immanuel Friday December 9 and Saturday December 10 for our live nativity from 6-8 PM both evenings. See the Holy Family in the stable surrounded by the animals, shepherds, and angels. Hear the Christmas story unfolding through readings of God’s promise and its fulfillment in Christ. Listen to music proclaiming the joy of the Christmas message. Come on out and bring a friend or two to celebrate this Christmas season!



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 27, 2022	
Unified Budget	\$28,426.50
Plate Offerings	\$1,086.75
Other Income	\$1,705.00
Total	\$31,218.25
Income & Gifts To Date	\$294,280.35
Donations to ILS 2022-2023	\$1,790.00
Total Gifts	\$296,070.35
Budget Needs to Date	\$383,175.52
Benevolence	\$170.00
Sunday Attendance/Communed	731/368
Monday Attendance	74

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.

Matthew 3:1-12: John the Baptist was sent by God to prepare the way for the first coming of His Son as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. We, like John the Baptist, have the opportunity to give a bold witness to Jesus, our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. May the Holy Spirit bless our witness and use it to change hearts for eternity.

Acknowledgements

Today's Altar Flowers are sponsored by Kyle and Katy Mathena in honor of Kipp Alan's baptism.

Today's Broadcast and Informer are sponsored by Bob & Theresa Vondielingen in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary on December 3.

Official Acts

Deborah Sons entered eternal life on November 19 and was given Christian burial on November 28.

Chelsie Redicker was baptized on November 29.

Offering Envelopes Still Available

Please pick up your new box of offering envelopes today. Boxes are arranged alphabetically in the north hallway. These envelopes allow you to give privately, while allowing us to account for your gifts and report them to you. If you choose to give online and do not need envelopes, please call the office or email hfooster@immanuelseymour.com. Thanks!



Are you looking for a last-minute Christmas present for you or your family? How about joining us for the LCRL Freedom Tour – Washington DC on September 17-20, 2023. Space is limited, but still available, see <https://www.lcrlfreedom.org/index.php/lcrl-freedom-tour-washington-dc>

Bible Readings

12/4 2 Cor. 10-13 12/ 7 Romans 8-10
 12/5 Acts 20:1-3; 12/ 8 Romans 11-13
 Romans 1-3 12/ 9 Romans 14-16
 12/ 6 Romans 4-7 12/ 10 Acts 20:4-23:35

Christmas Caroling

Please join the Board of Fellowship and Assimilation on **Thursday, December 15 5:30-7:00 p.m.** for an opportunity to bring joy to the residents at the Lutheran Community Home by bringing the gift of Christmas music, then returning to the church for hot chocolate and other treats. This makes a great family event and helps focus on the Christ-child whose coming we recall. Words to the songs are furnished. Just missing your voice, no matter what it sounds like!

LWML Christmas Luncheon

Lutheran Women's Missionary League will have a luncheon and program on December 13 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Food will be provided. All ladies of the church are welcome!

Big Impact

Check out the bulletin board on our church history to see the stories of several members who have had an impact well beyond this community. Do you know who from Immanuel served as Treasurer of the Synod and founder of the Lutheran Hour? Or Speaker of The Lutheran Hour, or President of Concordia College, or Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing? How about candidate for Governor of Texas, or world-acclaimed composer? For the answers, and much more, check out the display! Thanks to Larry Cooper for his research.

End-of-Year Donations Can Help ILS Students

Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) tax credits are still available to provide financial aid for ILS students. Your end-of-year donation to the SGO provides scholarship money for ILS students and gives you a 50% credit on your IN State tax return. Your gift of \$100.00 only costs \$50.00 after you file IN taxes. Don't owe state taxes? You'll still get 50% of your donation back in a tax refund. Learn how you can prudently help ILS students by visiting www.lutheransgo.org or call the school office.

ADULT SENIOR MINISTRY Will have its December event on Thursday, December 8 in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. A program of Christmas music will be presented by students of Mr. Scheiderer. A meal of chicken with sides of mashed potatoes, corn cranberry, and dessert will be served for \$5.00. Transportation is available, if you call the church office at 812-522-3118 to request a ride. **COME JOIN US IN A PROGRAM WITH A DEVOTIONAL AND FELLOWSHIP.**

Children's Ministry Coordinator Applications:

We are seeking applications for Children's Ministry Coordinator, a part-time position of about 10 hours per week with responsibilities in the nurture of children and families from infancy through elementary years. Duties would include contact with families before and after baptism, supporting the Board of Parish Education in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, helping to connect with families in our Child Care Ministry, and a variety of other tasks. A position description and application form can be obtained from the Church office.

See the Impact of Your Generosity

If you are 70 ½ years old or older, you can take advantage of a simple way to help Immanuel Lutheran Church or Immanuel Lutheran School and receive tax benefits in return. You can give up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as Immanuel Lutheran Church or School without having to pay income taxes on the money. This law no longer has any expiration date so you are free to make annual gifts to Immanuel Lutheran Church or School this year and well into the future.

Why Consider This Gift?

Your gift will be put to use today, allowing you to see the difference your donation is making.

You pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your tax deductions.

If you have not yet taken your required minimum distribution for the year, your IRA charitable rollover gift can satisfy all or a part of that requirement.

Talk with your Financial Advisor or Tax Professional to see the power of the direct gift on your tax return. Thank you!