

Spotlight on Life

Join us Saturday, January 28, at W.R. Ewing in Brownstown for a full day of adult conversation and understanding surrounding life's toughest topics from beginning to end. This is presented by Lutherans for Life and hosted by St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Brownstown. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

LWML Grants

Lutheran Bible Translators travels to remote areas in Ethiopia and Sierra Leone to provide Bibles translated into the people's local or heart language. Robust vehicles are needed to travel on the rough, washed-out roads. This LWML grant will help purchase two vehicles to make travel easier. For more information, go to lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-22.

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 Greeters: Rocky & Katie Kaufman, Chris & Anne Stahl, Duane & Dona Williams **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:** Craig Moore, Luke Nolting, Brian Rohr, Mark Nolting, Chad Cooper, Parker Wiethoff **Acolyte:** Anna Fish **Audio/Video:** Jordan Richart/Jay Hubbard

11:15 am Greeters: Randy "Dude" Dittmer **Elders:** Mark Hopkins, Ben Stahl, Adam Behmlander, Jeff Hopkins, Charlie Smith **Ushers:** Max Whitsett, Larry Stahl, Robert Allman, Randy "Dude" Dittmer, Dennis Klinge, Karl Anderson **Acolyte:** Cadin Gruenwald **Audio:** Rick McAllister

7:00 pm Elder: Steve Bobb **Acolyte:** Addalyn Helton

18 9:00 Worship 11:15 Worship	19 8:35 Chapel 3:15 7th OYR 6:00 Missions 7:00 Worship	20 7:00 Men's Bible Study 3:15 8th OYR 5:00 Heritage 6:00 Ladies Aid 3	21 4:30 Worship 5:30 Stewardship 6:15 Woodwinds 7:00 Worship 7:50 Choir	22 12:00 Lunch w/ Pastor 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Holy Hops 7:00 Brass	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 7:00 ILS Children's Service 10:30 Candle- Light Service
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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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Special Services for this Christmas Week:

It is a busy time, but what a blessing to take extra time to thank God for the gift of His Son, our Savior! Join us this week for the following services, which will also be broadcast live and available by streaming:

Wednesday, 12-21, 4:30 and 7, "He exalts the Humble." (No meal between services)

Saturday, 12-24, 7:00 p.m. ILS children will present the Christmas service. All are welcome!

Saturday, 12-24, 10:30 p.m.: Candlelight service with Communion

Sunday, 12-25, Christmas Day, worship at 9 and 11:15, with Communion at 9.

Monday, 12-26, 7:00 p.m. Christmas Monday worship with Communion

No Advent Meal this Wednesday

Thanks to our youth for serving delicious soup suppers for us the first three Wednesdays of Advent! There will **not** be a meal on the 21st.

Please Register your attendance using the booklets in each pew. Visitors, please use the Guest Registration form. Thank you, and thanks for the teams that gather this information!

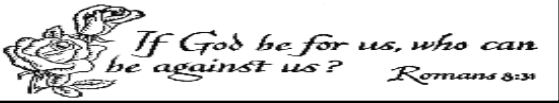
Christmas Cantata Today!

On this Sunday before Christmas, we gather to enjoy the beautiful hymns and Carols of Christmas accompanied by gifted musicians! Our musicians have been preparing for this day and look forward to sharing it with you. The insert of the bulletin includes the words to follow. Because of the location of the orchestra, we will not have Communion at the 11:15 service. However, there will be extra opportunities for the Lord's Supper, including on Christmas Eve.

"Old" Stained Glass Window Art Available!

Some beautiful art pieces have been made from the "old" windows in the church removed to make way for the new stained glass windows! Carl Emily has been working patiently to take them out of the original frames and resize, engrave, and reframe them in oak. He has donated his time and wants to make them available as a way of raising funds for the project to renovate the School and expand our child care facilities.

There are 3 different sizes available, which could make great Christmas gifts or personal keepsakes. Donation levels go from \$25 for a 5" x 5" engraved piece to \$200 for a 5" x 18" to \$700-\$1000 for larger 4-panel displays. Check the Facebook page for photos or stop by the table in the hallway this Sunday to see them.



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 11, 2022	
Unified Budget	\$26,423.00
Plate Offerings	\$1,229.73
Other Income	\$786.16
Total	\$28,438.89
Income & Gifts To Date	\$400,355.20
Donations to ILS 2022-2023	\$2,210.00
Total Gifts	\$402,565.20
Budget Needs to Date	\$468,325.63
Benevolence	\$1,440.50
Sunday Attendance/Communed	739/346
Monday Attendance	48
Wednesday Attendance	311

Matthew 1: 18-25: At first, Joseph had trouble believing that the Holy Spirit was directly involved with Mary’s pregnancy. He planned to divorce her quietly until an angel of the Lord came to assure him that Mary would bear a Son and he was to give this special Child the name “Jesus” because He will save His people from their sins. What a blessed privilege we have to share the Good News of Jesus for the salvation of many people. By just sharing the truth of His name, you are sharing God’s plan to save us from the slavery of sin, the wretchedness of the devil, the defeat of the grave and the challenges of the sinful flesh. It’s all in a name. It’s all in Jesus - the reason for the season.

Acknowledgements

Today’s Informer is sponsored in loving memory of Esther Martin Aynes, on her birthday today, by Jim & Linda Kamman,

Today’s Altar Flowers are sponsored in memory of our sister, Doris Pollert and brother, Robert Morgan, by Evelyn “DeeDee” Krebs, Glenn & Carlana Able, Brad & Linda Pollert.

Official Acts

Madelyn Ann Gentry, daughter of Kyle & Alyssa (Nichols) Gentry, was baptized on December 11.

Marian Ruth Pardieck entered eternal life on December 6 and was given Christian burial on December 12.

MANY THANKS!

We would like to thank our Board of Evangelism and all who gave of their time on Thanksgiving morning to help plate and deliver meals to members our of community. Special thanks to Blake Hackman and Joan Rieckers for preparation and for all our wonderful volunteers.

We also thank Vicar Farney and all our volunteers who served at this year’s Live Nativity! Special thanks to Larry Thomas for the beautiful props and backgrounds that added to our celebration this year! God’s blessings to you all this Christmas!



There is still time to donate this tax year, see <https://www.lcms.org/givenow/LCRL> to make an online donation.

Bible Readings

- 12/18

1 Peter
- 12/19

Hebrews 1-6
- 12/20

Hebrews 7-10
- 12/21

Hebrews 11-13
- 12/ 22

2 Timothy
- 12/ 23

2 Peter; Jude
- 12/ 24

1 John

St. Paul, Columbus Hosts Christmas Concert

You are invited to a Christmas Concert **Tonight, December 18**, at St. Paul (Clifty), Columbus, presented by the VOCE of Indianapolis. A pre-concert harp recital will be at 6:40, and the concert at 7 p.m. Admission is free. The church is located at 6045 E. State Street, Columbus, Indiana.

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.

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!

ILCCM is Hiring

Immanuel Lutheran Child Care is hiring a part-time assistant teacher for the afternoon shift. The hours would be 12:00-5:30 PM Monday- Friday. Call Katlynn at 812-522-3118 or email kschnitker@immanuelseymour.com for questions. Stop by the church office to apply!

Year End Gifts

Christmas is a time to remember the priceless gifts of forgiveness and eternal life that Jesus came into our world to give. We honor Him by our worship and praise, and also by supporting the cause close to His heart—sharing the good news of faith through our church and school. Thank you for your faithful support of our ministry throughout the year, and for considering a year-end gift to help us prepare for the New Year.

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!