

# 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](http://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:** Jerry & Betty Hall, Doug & Joan Nichols **Ushers:** Kurt Fenneberg, Larry Harlow, Troy Hehman, Cary Bell, Dave Boggs, Chris Stahl, Corey, Zaring, Charlie Tungate, Andrew Bell, Ryan Williams, Caleb Williams, Eli Williams, David Pollert, Wes Baker, Luke Baker **Counting:** Mark Nichols, Matt Lambert, Joe Bullard, Kevin Lister, John Thomas, Kyle Gentry **Acolyte:** Ben Beavers **Audio/Video:** Andrew Bell/Walter Batman

**11:15 am Greeters:** Sandra Burbrink, Bill & Carolyn Hubble, Andy & Leah Gillaspay **Elders/Communion:** Charlie Smith, Bob Hartman **Ushers:** Joe Brooks, Marcus Brooks, Michael Brooks, Mike Stuckwisch, Jeff Schneider **Altar Guild:** Jan Blomenberg **Acolyte:** Dane Botkin **Audio:** Bob Emily

**7:00 pm Elders:** Steve Bobb **Acolyte:** Madison Keith

1 <b>Happy New Year!</b> 9:00 Worship 11:15 Worship/Communion	2 Church Office Closed 7:00 Worship	3 5:30 Parish Ed 7:00 Guild	4 8:35 Chapel 6:15 Brass 7:00 Woodwinds 7:30 Choir	5 12:00 Lunch w/Pastor 5:00 Property 5:15 Fellowship & Assimilation	6 7:00 Campaign Cabinet	7 8:00 Planning Conference
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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](http://www.wzzb1390.com)



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## Blessed New Year!

The date this year—01-0123 may be a good way to remember the challenge of counting **up**, not counting down. As we enter a new year, we can count on the promises and blessing of God that have come in Christ. As Paul wrote: *“For all the promises of God find their Yes in Christ. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.”* 2 Cor. 1:20

Many make New Year's Resolutions to challenge themselves to be their best self or to have better health or habits. If you make resolutions, don't forget to renew, reestablish, or begin the faith-sustaining habits of prayer, worship, devotions, and gratitude, which can make each day so much better.

**Portals of Prayers and My Devotions** can be an easy way to help for individuals and families.

Pick up your free copies today!

## Christmas Continues!

We continue to use Christmas decorations and hymns to celebrate our Lord's birth through the Epiphany January 6. Thanks for all who made the church so beautiful!

## Installation of Officers Today

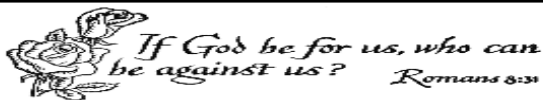
During the 9 a.m. service today we will invite to the Communion rail all members elected to various offices this past October. May the Lord bless us as we work together to do the work He has given us. **A special thanks** to all who have served faithfully, whose terms have been completed. God bless you!

## Planning Conference Set for January 7

At the beginning of each year, our elected leaders and board members meet on a Saturday morning to enjoy a wonderful breakfast, after which we share a Bible study, review the Long Range Plan, and set goals for each board for the New Year. If you are an elected board member, put January 7 on your calendar with breakfast starting at 8 and the planning session 8:30-11. My the Lord provide wisdom to address those things most important in His kingdom in this New Year.

## Office Closed January 2:

In keeping with our policy regarding holidays occurring on Sundays, the church office will be closed Monday, Jan. 2.



*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 25, 2022	
Unified Budget	\$42,841.87
Plate Offerings	\$1,620.00
Other Income	\$10,075.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,536.87</b>
Income & Gifts To Date	\$500,885.26
Donations to ILS 2022-2023	\$2,580.00
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>\$503,465.26</b>
Budget Needs to Date	\$553,475.75
Benevolence	\$50.00
7:00 Christmas Eve	840
10:30 Christmas Eve	347
Sunday Attendance	375
Monday Attendance	29

### Christmas 1

**Matthew 2:13-23:** After the visit of the wise men from the east to find and worship the newborn King of the Jews, Herod in a rage tried to kill the Child. God used faithful Joseph to take the Child and Mary to Egypt to flee from the wrath of Herod. May God also use us as faithful followers of Jesus by worshipping Him with our whole heart and sharing Him with those whose lives we touch.

## Corner

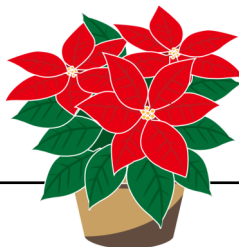
## Acknowledgements

Today's Altar Flowers are sponsored by Cary & Julia Bell in celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary, December 28.

## Official Acts

Howard Lee Robinson entered eternal life on December 16 and was given Christian burial on December 22.

If you sponsored a poinsettia, you may pick it up today. Thank you!



**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!

Happy New Year! Are you looking for a Resolution that is easy to keep and offers opportunities for growth and comfort? Subscribe to the Word From The Center at [www.LCRLFreedom.org](http://www.LCRLFreedom.org) or [www.shorturl.at/dfip3](http://www.shorturl.at/dfip3).



## Bible Readings

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| 1/1 Genesis 1-3  | 1/5 Job 6-9   |
| 1/2 Genesis 4-7  | 1/6 Job 10-13 |
| 1/3 Genesis 8-11 | 1/7 Job 14-16 |
| 1/4 Job 1-5      |               |

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:kschnitker@immanuelseymour.com) for questions. Stop by the church office to apply!

## Keeping in Touch

One way to make sure you get timely news from Immanuel is to sign up for our weekly e-blast sent personally to you. Just click the box at [www.immanuelseymour.com](http://www.immanuelseymour.com), send an email to [info@immanuelseymour.com](mailto:info@immanuelseymour.com), or call the office, 812-522-3118.

## 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!

## Calling All Prayer Warriors



Prayers are powerful. The Lord says "Pray without ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 If you would like to receive the names of people that need your prayers please contact Lisa in the church office. Every Friday you will receive a list of people via email. Be sure to give your email address to Lisa.

## 11:15 Ushers Needed

If you would like to help usher please talk to one of the ushers after service today or call the church office for more information.

## Know Your Bible

If you would like to sponsor Know Your Bible please call Carolyn Benter at 812-524-1619. You can listen to Know Your Bible it each weekday at 6:55 a.m. on AM 1390 and FM 99.3

## 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.

## Online Giving is Convenient

Many have found it to be convenient to pay bills and purchase items through EFT. You can also make your offerings with that convenience. Just go to the website, [www.immanuelseymour.com](http://www.immanuelseymour.com) and click "Give online" at the top of the page. Thank you for your support of God's work!