

Christmas Concert

On Sunday, December 22, 7:00 PM. The Second Presbyterian Church Beecher Singers & Orchestra will present their sixth Christmas concert at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus. The program will include the third cantata from Bach's Christmas Oratorio. Indy harpist Jill Pitz will begin her pre-concert recital at 6:40 PM

Zion Kindergarten Christmas Skit

Zion Kindergarten Classes will perform their Christmas skit "Jesus Birth" on December 19 at 6pm.



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Special Service Schedule

In addition to our regular Sunday and Monday services and Advent worship at 4:30 and 7, December 18, plan to join us for these special times of worship:

12-24, 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service led by our ILS children

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

12-25, 9:00 a.m., Christmas Communion

12-31, 7:00 p.m., New Year's Eve

9:00 am Greeters: Ann Mahan, Rosalie Grabinski, Doug & Joan Nichols **Welcome:** Joan Nichols **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 **Elders:** Lucas Wehmiller, Troy Hehman **Counting:** Craig Moore, Luke Nolting, Gary Darlage, Brian Rohr, Mark Nolting, Chad Cooper **Acolyte:** Conner VonDielingen **Audio/Video:** Mike Patmore/Jay Hubbard **Nursery:** Rhonda Thomas, Kaleigh Terrell
11:15 am Greeters: Marsha Abraham, Sandra Burbrink, Paul & Amanda Arnold **Welcome:** Sharon Klakamp **Ushers:** Max Whitsett, Larry Stahl, Robert Allman, Randy 'Dude' Dittmer, Dennis Klinge, Karl Anderson, Clayton Engel **Altar Guild:** Donna Moore **Audio:** Brandon Hubbard **Acolyte:** Mackenzie Waskom
7:00 pm Elders: Monty Siefker, Jason Skidmore **Acolyte:** Cory Robinson

15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:00 Worship/ Cantata 11:15 Wor- ship/Cantata 1:00 Christmas Basket Assem- bly& delivery 6:00 Youth Bible Study	8:35 Chapel 12:00 Gospel of Mark 3:15 7th OYR 6:00 Missions 6:00 Parish Media Team 7:00 Worship	7:00 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Pastor's Circuit 3:15 8th OYR 5:30 Evangelism 6:00 Brass 6:00 150th 6:00 Ladies Aid 3	3:15 Sr. Hi OYR 4:30 Worship 5:15 Advent 5:30 Trail Life/ Heritage Girls 5:30 OCS 6:15 Woodwinds 7:00 Worship 7:45 Choir 8:00 Confirmation	12:00 Lunch with Pastor 6:00 Handbells	10:30 Lifelight	

December 15, 2019

Cantata Today

The sounds of Christmas are as welcome as the sights of beautiful lights, trees, and manger scenes! Today at 9 or 11:15, choirs and instrumentalists help us celebrate the reason Christ was born and the gifts he has brought for us. Due to the placement of the orchestra, there **will not be Communion** at 11:15 today.

Thanks, Musicians!

Special thanks to choirs, musicians, and Mr. Scheiderer for their work in preparing for today. We appreciate your efforts and are thankful for the gifts you share!

Advent—A Time of Joy

As much as people want joy for Christmas, it cannot be guaranteed to be delivered by family gatherings and gifts. Joy to the world came in the person of Jesus, who came to deliver us from the sadness that stems from sin's failure, which brings death, sorrow, pain, and disappointment. By faith in Jesus, we receive joy that endures the trials of life and will endure forever!

Midweek Advent services at 4:30 and 7 will be held December 18. Our youth will serve a soup and sandwich meal between services. The ADVENTURE "Cookie Corner will also be available for children of all ages. Join us!

Anniversary Ornaments are Here!

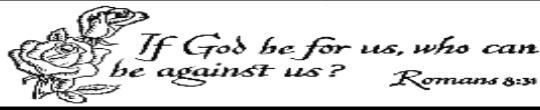
The Anniversary Committee is selling the new 150th Anniversary Ornament in between the 9am and 11:15 services TODAY in the atrium. They are also available for sale during the week in the church office. This is a Tom Pollard custom designed gold-plated brass ornament and is a special design to commemorate Immanuel's 150th Anniversary. The cost of the ornament is \$10.00 and comes gift boxed with a stand for display.

Receive Your 150th Anniversary Calendar TODAY and Verify Your Contact Info

Every family is being given a 2020 calendar that will highlight all the main events during the 150th anniversary of the congregation including guest speakers and guest musicians. Please pick the calendars up in the hallway to the atrium. Help us to verify the information that we have that will be included in the upcoming new pictorial and we will give you a calendar.

The Gift of Life

At a time when many of us are looking for the right gift to let others know we care, our gifts to support our church and school help to share the gift of Christ with children and adults. We are thankful for those whose gifts made it possible for us to learn of Jesus and we are blessed to be able to support that work for this generation too! God's action of giving His Son has given life to us and the privilege of bringing joy to others. Thank you!



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 8, 2019	
Unified Budget	\$23,365.48
Plate Offerings	\$1,863.25
Other Income	\$2,332.00
Total	\$27,560.73
Income & Gifts To Date	\$342,578.23
Donations to ILS 2019-2020	
Total Gifts	\$342,578.23
Budget Needs to Date	\$375,270.60
Benevolence	\$5,466.00
Sunday Attendance	810
Sunday Communed	365
Monday Attendance	89
Monday Communed	63
Wednesday Advent I	382
Lutheran Home Attendance	87
Scottsburg Mission	
Attendance	5
Sunday Offering	\$220.00

Great Commission

Advent 3— Matthew 11:2-15: John the Baptist was put in prison for confronting the political leaders of his day with divine truth. While in prison, he was put to death by King Herod for his straightforward witness to the coming of the Lord, the true and righteous Judge. John, like our Lord's disciples, was happy to suffer for the name of Jesus. John's example encourages us also to be bold witnesses for Jesus as the One who came to bring light and salvation to a darkened world. You may be the only Scripture some people hear. Give them the light of the Gospel in your words and actions and shed some light on the truth of Jesus.

Corner

Acknowledgements

Today's Broadcast is sponsored by Jerry & Beckie Anderson in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary, December 14.

Today's Altar Flowers are sponsored in celebration of Russ Byrnett's 94th birthday, December 10, by his family.

Thank You from Clarity!

Thank you to all who made a donation to Clarity Pregnancy Services Center. All donations turned in on Giving Tuesday were doubled. Since 2006 your generous donations have helped raise over \$100,000.

God's Blessings! Jeri Goecker

Thank You from Guild!

Thank you once again for making our annual Guild Cookie Walk a huge success! Thanks to all of the Guild members for the preparation and assistance in a smooth running Cookie Walk.. A special thanks to everyone involved.

Thank You Live Nativity Volunteers

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered this year for our Live Nativity, we couldn't have done this without all your help. Thank you also to everyone who came out to enjoy this event.

The Board of Fellowship and Assimilation

thanks the 20+ people who served as carolers at the Lutheran Home on Monday evening. Everyone, singers and residents, had a wonderful time singing the hymns and songs of Christmas. What a great family event this was! Think about it for next year!

Bible Readings

12/ 15	Colossians;	12/ 18	1Timothy
	Philemon	12/ 19	Titus
12/ 16	Ephesians	12/ 20	1 Peter
12/ 17	Phillipians	12/ 21	Hebrews 1-6

Share the 12!

The Stewardship Board encourages members to add to your weekly offering dollar bills that has a number matching the month. Each dollar bill has four identical numbers inside of the "1" on each corner. These numbers range from 1-12, corresponding to the months of the year. In December the 12th month, consider saving any dollar bills you find with the "12" on them and sharing them as an additional offering. It's fun, and it helps support our work together. Thanks!

Looking For A Place To Serve?

Lutheran Community Home is in need of some volunteers to serve getting our residents to and from Sunday Chapel services. This involves assisting residents in wheelchairs and being at LCH from 1:15 pm to around 3:00 pm on Sundays.

Contact Pastor Neuman at 812-522-5927 or pneuman@lutherancommhome.org. Thank you.

PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

As we approach the 150th anniversary of Immanuel we are planning the newest pictorial directory. This edition will be a special one in that it will include a historical documentation of the first 150 years of the congregation. It will be a keepsake for many families.

The opportunities to be photographed for this directory is as follows:

December 13 & 14; January 7-11; February 4-8 & 18-22; March 5-7

Photo Times: Weekdays 2-9; Saturday 10-5
You may register for your seating on the Immanuel website under the events tab.

If you're not comfortable registering online you may call the church office, 812-522-3118, and we will help you with the process. When you sit for a photography session you will receive an 8 X 10 print of what will be included in the directory PLUS you will receive the actual directory when they are printed. We desire all families to be included in this sesquicentennial edition of our directory. And we look forward to seeing you at one of the sessions.

Year-end gifts:

As we near the end of 2019, please keep Immanuel in mind in your year-end giving. To stay on track, we need to receive gifts of \$550,000 in the first quarter of our fiscal year, October-December. So far, we have received \$342,578.00 which is a great start! Please help us with gifts as you are able so that we can support the ministries of teaching, worship, visitation, and missions!

Save the Date!

If you did not get one stop at the Welcome Center or Atrium to get a "Save the Date" card for our 150th Anniversary! Put it in your calendar and on your refrigerator, so you can plan to be available for all the special celebrations planned for Immanuel's 150th anniversary in 2020! The Kick-Off Sunday is 0202-2020, February 2, 2020. Spread the word!

Military Christmas Packages

Operation: Centurion Shield is putting together care packages for active military members. Please bring in helpful essentials such as toilet paper, sunblock, socks, underwear, lip balm, etc. Non-crushable snacks are also welcomed. There are baskets in the hallway for donations, or you can bring them by the church office during the week. We plan on packing our packages on the 18th, so please have all items in by then. Also, if you know of a military member that you would like us to send a package to, call the church office and ask for Vicar so we can get their information.

Volunteers Needed TODAY

The Board of Human Care is still in need of volunteers to help with the assembly and delivery of the Christmas food baskets. The assembly will be **today at 1:00 at ILS cafeteria**; and the delivery will take place around 3:00, also at the cafeteria. What a great family event this is to model for your children the compassion and care that Jesus gives to us in the serving of our neighbor.