

Significant Dates in History!

In 1870, April was a busy month! After an organizational meeting February 3, 1870 to establish “The First German Evangelical Lutheran Immanuel Congregation of Seymour, Indiana,” Henry Buse, Ephraim Ahlbrand, and John Rapp were elected as trustees of the new congregation. They were instructed to look about immediately for a church-building site, as well as to draft the proper constitution. On April 3, 1870, a constitution was submitted, adopted, and signed by the eleven original founders and several others, making the following men charter members of the church: Nicolaus Deppert, John Deppert, John Rapp, Andrew Voegt, Andrew Reichel, Louis Messer, George Schad, Jacob Hotzel, Ephraim H. Ahlbrand, Martin Ahlbrand, Wm. Ahlbrand, Wm. Buehner, John Mascher, J.H. Schepman, G.H. Hallow (Harlow), J.F. Bettenbrock, and H. Buse. The trustees were instructed to buy the lot of the southwest corner of Poplar and Oak Streets at the price offered, \$25.00, which was completed April 14, 1870.

Vicarage Assignment and Call Service News

Spring is an exciting time for students at our seminaries looking forward to their assignments as vicars and calls as pastors! That includes former vicar Tyler Werner, who will receive his call as pastor. This year's Call Day service at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will be a joint service for all assignments and calls on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, at 8 p.m. Indiana time. Stream the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, call services online: csl.edu/academics/call-day-services.

19 9:00 Worship online and radio	20 6:00 Missions	21 10:00 Circuit Pastors	22 Ladies Bible Study Online	23 Holy Hops on Facebook LIVE	24	25
THESE MEETINGS BY CONFERENCE CALL IF NEEDED						

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

Bulletin and Resource Pick-up

Is available at door number 5 on Oesting Street. Drop in Monday- Friday from 8am - 5pm.

Join us for Worship and Bible Studies Online at these Locations:

Bible Studies: <http://immanuelseymour.com/grow/bible-studies/>

Worship: <http://immanuelseymour.com/worship/>

<https://boxcast.tv/view/3-25-20-immanuel-lutheran-7pm-lent-service-578220>

You can also view services on the Immanuel YouTube channel at Immanuel Lutheran Seymour. Watch the service on your smart TV and pull up a bulletin in your hand on your phone or tablet. Search YouTube for Immanuel Lutheran Seymour and subscribe to our FREE channel.



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Walls are No Obstacle!

In times of physical distancing, people can feel cooped up by the 4 walls around them. The disciples of Jesus locked themselves in a room out of fear that those who arrested Jesus would come after them!

The locked doors and walls were no barrier to Jesus. He came into the room to give them peace and hope by proving He was alive and still their leader. Today we continue to celebrate not only that He rose from death back then, but that nothing will separate the risen Jesus from His people, including us today! Christ is risen—He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter Worship Continues

When we do get back together in person, we will celebrate Easter again, joyfully! Until then, join us again Sunday on the radio or online to sing Easter hymns and celebrate Jesus' resurrection: **April 19, 9, (AM 1390 FM 99.3) or www.immanuelseymour.com**



Old Fashioned Days Postponed

Sunday, April 19 was to have been “Old Fashioned Days” as part of our 150th Anniversary celebration, but it has been postponed to August 30. We will also recognize that day members confirmed 50+ years. Thankfully, Pastor Radtke and Dr. Steven Wentz were both able to reschedule to be with us then!

Voters Meeting Postponed

Due to restrictions in gathering, the quarterly meeting scheduled for April 19 has been postponed indefinitely.

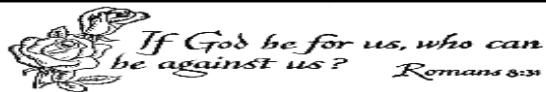
Stained Glass Window Progress

Workers have removed the windows and column of stone to the left of the Chapel altar and moved the statue of St. Luke to the right side. This will make way for the 10-foot window of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

The framing for the stained-glass windows in the sacristy area has also been installed and work on the two windows in the narthex has begun. Please keep this project in your prayers.

Confirmation Plans

We are continuing the instruction of our 8th grade students at ILS and at the Middle School by e-learning. We are working with families in case postponement is needed. Please keep these young people in your prayers.



But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. *Matt 6:33*

Totals from April 12, 2020

Unified Budget	\$44,014.96
Plate Offerings	\$272.00
Other Income	\$4,936.00
Total	\$49,222.96
Income & Gifts To Date	\$958,581.78
Donations to ILS 2019-2020	\$3,017.50
Total Gifts	\$961,599.28
Budget Needs to Date	\$1,050,757.68
Benevolence	\$2,148.00
Easter Sunday Online Views	1,534
Good Friday Tenebrae Views	836
Good Fri. Noon/Good Fri. Family	333/335
Maundy Thursday Online Views	807

Easter 2

John 20:19-31: On Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to His disciples when Thomas was absent. In joy, the disciples told Thomas, "We have seen the Lord!" Their witness was true even though Thomas at first doubted. Just because someone does not believe our witness to Jesus as our Lord and Savior should not discourage us from sharing our faith openly and boldly. Sharing is our challenge! Changing hearts is God's work! And thanks be to God; we have a patient and compassionate Savior who welcomes and encourages us in our doubts to "poke and prod" and says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe!" Pray for the opportunity to share your faith with someone who is doubting and ask the Holy Spirit to work mightily to change their heart. God is faithful, and His Word works miracles of faith every day!

Official Acts

Dianne West entered eternal life on March 22 and was given Christian burial on April 8.

Acknowledgements

Today's Broadcast and Informer are sponsored in celebration of Clifford Sierp's 100th birthday, April 23, by Kathryn and family.

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 our homepage, www.immanuelseymour.com, send an email to info@immanuelseymour.com, or call the office, 812-522-3118.

Bulletins, Informers:

These can be picked up during the week in the lobby area near the Chapel and Office entrance on Oesting Street. You can also find them at www.immanuelseymour.com

Devotions:

Portals of Prayer and My Devotions can be picked up in the lobby by the office entrance. Call if you need delivery!

Office hours:

The church office hours will continue as normal, but access is restricted. If possible, call ahead if you need something: 812-522-3118

Lenten Coin Boxes:

Lenten coin boxes can be deposited in the large marked box in the office entrance. These gifts support Bethania and other missions!

Offerings

Thank you for your faithful support! You can bring your offering envelopes during the week and deposit in the secure box in the office entrance lobby, mail to the church, or give online on our website, which is easy and secure.

Share the 4!

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 April the 4th month, consider saving any dollar bills you find with the "4" on them and sharing them as an additional offering. It's fun, and it helps support our work together. Thanks!

Scholarships Available

Scholarships are available through the Immanuel Foundation to help local students prepare at one of the Concordia Universities or seminaries for a church-work career, such as pastor, teacher or youth worker. For an application form, please check with Lisa at the church office. **DEADLINE MAY 1.**



Coming this Thursday on Facebook Live is another Holy Hops from Home. This month we will discuss government, laws, and the Christian. What should we do when a law seems to conflict with Scripture? How involved should a Christian be in the government? Join us to discuss Luther's doctrine of the Two Kingdoms and the 4th Commandment with Vicar Ronchetto!

Bible Readings

4/19 Psalm 121, 123-125, & 128-130	4/22 1 Chronicles 1-2
4/20 2 Samuel 1-4	4/23 Psalm 43-45, 49, 84-85, & 87
4/21 Psalm 6, 8-10, 14, 16, 19, & 21	4/24 1 Chronicles 3-5
	4/25 Psalm 73, 77-78

Host a Former Vicar?

We have gotten a great response so far from former vicars and their families returning for the first-ever "Vicar Reunion" June 14, 2020 as a part of our 150th anniversary celebration! Some of them have expressed the preference of staying with a host family instead of a hotel. If you would be interested in being available, or would like to know more, call the church office or Don Luecke.

150th Anniversary Plates

Ladies Aid 3 and Immanuel Guild will be taking orders from those wanting to purchase a 150th Anniversary Plate. Price is \$20 each, any profit made will go into the 150th Anniversary Fund. To pre-order your plate call Tammy Swindell at 812-525-4820 or the church office.



Online Resources on the Immanuel Website

Be sure to check in weekly to the Immanuel website at www.immanuelseymour.com. You will find online Bible Studies, prayers, links to devotional materials and children's activities, weekly Worship... and more. How blessed we are to have these tools to keep us connected in Spirit during this time of physical distancing. To God be the Glory!

Immanuel Guild's May 5th meeting has been canceled. The next meeting will be June 2 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.