

St. John Lutheran School Sauer’s is seeking a highly qualified person to fill the position of principal. Do you have the desire and skills to serve God through this position? Potential candidates must hold all the required licenses. For a job description, more information, or to submit a current resume, please contact Doug Jaynes @ 812-498-0131

Registration for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year continues at Zion Lutheran School, Seymour. As plans are now being made for the new school year we encourage you to get your registrations completed quickly. In listening to comments & suggestions from parents at our feedback sessions last fall, changes to the program set-up has been made for the start of the new school year, with Extend Care to once again be open during the full school day in addition to before & after school hours. As always, Pre-school 2, Preschool 3, Preschool 4 & Kindergarten classes are also available. Specific details & information for each program is available by checking out the school website at www.zionschoolseymour.org or calling the school office at 812-522-5911. Again, plans are already being put into the place for the 2020 summer extend care program & the 2020-2021 school year; thus, get your registration process completed right away.”

Be a Part of “Feeding Seymour”

Immanuel began our involvement with the “Feeding Seymour” project last week. 120 meals were served to citizens of Jackson County who are struggling during the COVID-19 crisis. We will continue to serve every Sunday until July 5 and are still in need of volunteers to help either in the kitchen or distributing the meals. Call the church office, 812-522-3118, to see what dates/roles are available or if you need more information. **Many thanks to the members of Immanuel who donated over 100 “ration packs” to this cause. We do not need more ration pack at this time. Thank you.**

9:00 am Ushers: Kurt Fenneberg, Larry Harlow, Gordon Kovener, Troy Hehman, Nathan Nichols, Cary Bell, Dave Boggs, Chris Stahl, Corey Zaring, Charlie Tungate, Andrew Bell, Ryan Williams, Caleb Williams, David Pollert **Elders/Communion:** Corey Zaring, Troy Hehman, Doug Nichols, Carl Emily, John Hill **Audio/Video:** Mike Patmore, Jay Hubbard
11:15 am Ushers: Max Whitsett, Jeff Nicholson, John Bowen, Marcus Brooks, Joe Brooks, Jeff Schneider **Elders/Communion:** John Bowen Ben Stahl, Richard Pollert, Adam Behmlander, Jeff Fields, Mark Rudzinski **Audio:** Brandon Hubbard

17 9:00 Worship/Communion 11:15 Worship/ Communion	18 5:00 ILCCM 6:00 Missions 7:00 Worship/ Communion	19	20 Ladies Bible Study Online	21 7:00 Ascen- sion Service	22 2:00 Prison Letters: Zoom with Youth	23
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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.
Bulletins and Informers for the upcoming week are available on Wednesdays after 12 noon.
Join us for Worship and Bible Studies Online at these Locations:

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

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

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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May 17 2020

A Gradual Return

Part of the plan to emerge from restrictions on gathering for worship and business is trusting people to make decisions that work best for them. If stores and churches are closed, no one can choose to go. If they are open, each person can decide whether they are ready to go or not.

The Elders and Trustees reviewed surveys returned by members and the guidance provided by the Governor in preparing a plan to resume in-person worship. Immanuel is blessed with members who can make good decisions about when they are ready to return.

If you have any symptoms of fever, cough, or sneezing, or have underlying health issues, we encourage you to worship from home for now. We will continue live-streaming and broadcasting services for those who cannot or choose not to attend in person.

Worship Changes for Now:

In keeping with recommendations, key changes for now include using every-other pew to provide distance between worshippers (we know people have their own pews, and look forward to when they can get it back!), printing everything in the bulletin so as not to share hymnals, not passing bulletins, registration pads, or offering plates, adding hand-sanitizers, and changing the process for Communion. A more complete description is in “Frequently Asked Questions.”

Ascension Service Thursday

Worship on Thursday is rare, but it is good to celebrate how Jesus ascended to heaven 40 days after rising from death! Join us for worship Thursday evening, May 21 at 7, either in person, online, or on AM 1390/FM99.3

**Anniversary Service
May 17 Postponed**

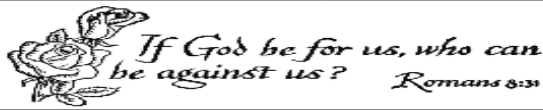
The 150th Anniversary service set for May 17 to celebrate God’s blessings through the founders of Immanuel has been postponed to the Fall. We are working with two different dates, and hope that Pastor Mark Boxman, who serves in Kansas, will be able to join us then. As of last week, restrictions in Kansas were even tighter than in Indiana, and there was no certainty that in-person worship might resume in time here in Indiana. We are still planning for the Vicar Reunion June 14.

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 on-



Join in on the Immanuel website or on the Immanuel Lutheran Seymour YouTube Page. By special request you can hear and sing along to your favorite hymns.



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

Totals from May 10, 2020

Unified Budget	\$28,326.56
Plate Offerings	\$126.12
Other Income	\$180.00
Total	\$28,632.68
Income & Gifts To Date	\$1,084,411.14
Donations to ILS 2019-2020	\$3,762.50
Total Gifts	\$1,088,173.64
Budget Needs to Date	\$1,200,865.92
Benevolence	\$2,011.00
Sunday Online Views	1237

Easter 6

John 14:15-21: At the time that Peter wrote today's Epistle, Rome was in great need of Jesus Christ. Rome needed people who were genuinely committed to Jesus Christ as their Lord in their hearts, in their minds, and their daily lifestyles. Our world needs such people today. Jesus has sent His Holy Spirit to teach our hearts and equip us to defend that which we love. Have you set apart your heart for Jesus Christ and Him alone because He first loved you? Ask the Holy Spirit to create a clean heart in you, and then prepare that heart by setting it aside, consecrating it for Jesus Christ as your Lord. Spend time in prayer, asking for God to prepare you to share the hope that you have in Christ. And then look out, because God will answer that prayer with people and opportunities. So be bold. Be ready. Be prepared. In this hope, you have the forgiveness of your sin, your future secured, and your love unconditionally realized: Because He lives, you live!

Official Acts

Leslie Sharer entered eternal life on March 30 and was given Christian burial on May 9.

Jean Hoevener entered eternal life on May 5 and was given Christian burial on May 9.

Acknowledgements

Today's Broadcast is sponsored in memory of Glenna Rigsby, by her family.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in thanks to God for all who are helping us through this pandemic.



**A Digital VBS Launching June 1
Register NOW on the Immanuel
website at
[www.immanuelseymour.com/connect/
children](http://www.immanuelseymour.com/connect/children)**

It's easy to get lost. That's why we need Jesus! At Rainforest Explorers VBS, learn how Jesus is our ultimate guide in the rainforest and in life. He leads us to the treasure of eternal life, and He'll never leave us! While we will not be having our normal on-site VBS, we will be delivering a wonderful, engaging VBS to you in your homes via our website. Each day a video full of familiar faces will be posted for your entire family to share together. **Register now to receive more information and to receive your Rainforest Explorer Adventure Pack!**

Bible Readings

5/17 2 Samuel 16-18	5/21 2 Samuel 22-23;
5/18 Psalm 26, 40, 58, 61-62, & 64	Psalm 57
5/19 2 Samuel 19-21	5/22 Psalm 95, 97-99
5/20 Psalm 5, 38, & 41-42	5/23 2 Samuel 24; 1 Chronicles 21-22; Psalm 30

Frequently Asked Questions Reopening Immanuel Lutheran Church Sanctuary

The Elders approved certain temporary changes in Immanuel's services in keeping with guidelines to protect the health of individuals and the community. Here are some of them:

Q: Will there be "physical distance" for worshippers? A: Yes, we will use only every-other row.

Overflow seating is in the Fellowship Hall.

Q: Will the church bus be running? A: No, not at this time.

Q: What other steps are taken to protect those who gather?

A: There are several important changes, including:

- **Doors will be propped open before and after services and all door handles will be sanitized before and after each service**
- **Hand-sanitizers have been placed around the sanctuary.**
- **All bulletins include hymns and liturgy, so hymnals are not used.**
Bulletins will be already where you may sit, instead of being passed out. Please take them home with you, since we will not reuse them.
- **We will not pass the attendance register.**
- **Ushers will not pass the offering plate but will have it on a table at the exits.**
- **Pews will be sanitized before and after each service.**
- **We will not have greeters to begin with.**
- **Pastors will not greet after the services.**
- **Ushers will help people find seats and dismiss worshippers to avoid crowding.**
- **If there is a children's message, children will stay with their families.**

Q: Can I wear a mask? A: Yes. It is not required, but you are welcome to do so.

Q: Will we be serving Holy Communion?

A: Yes. However, there will be changes to how it is offered for now to respect physical distancing and extraordinary precautions for sanitization:

- **We will have two stations in front of the Communion rail in the sanctuary and one in the chapel for "continuous serving" rather than gathering around the rail**
- **You are welcome to use one of the hand sanitizers on your way to Communion**
- **Those serving the bread will be 6-8 feet from those distributing the cups**
- **We will use only the individual cups for now**
- **Elders preparing Communion will not touch the bread with their hands and will use masks and one-time only latex gloves to place the cups in the trays for filling**
- **Those serving will sanitize their hands publicly before serving**
- **The host will be dropped (not placed) into the open hands of the communicant**
- **Cups will be placed on a table for the communicant to pick up to avoid contact**
- **Cups will be disposed of in the receptacle provided**
- **Individuals will come up the side aisles and return the center aisle, directed by the ushers according to family groups, who will keep separation**
- **The blessing will be provided to all communicants at the end of Communion**
- **The blessing of children will be done without touching them**

Q: How long will these changes be in place?

A: **We will review them and change them when it seems safe to do so.**

Thanks for taking time to review these questions and answers. Please continue to pray for your leaders and fellow members during this time. If you have questions not addressed above, feel free to call your Elder or the church office or email info@immanuelseymour.com.