

WE ARE HIRING!
Immanuel Lutheran Child
Care Ministry

has openings for part-time Assistant Teachers. If you or someone you know would like to join our caring team, please call the office at 812-522-3118 or email Patti Miller at pmiller@immanuelseymour.com.

Registration for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year continues at Zion Lutheran School, Seymour. 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;

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:** Wes Baker, Ryan Williams, Glenn Benter, Dave Boggs, John Watson, Tim Meyer, Corey Zaring **Audio/Video:** Don Luecke, Kelly Luecke

11:15 am Ushers: Max Whitsett, Jeff Nicholson, John Bowen, Marcus Brooks, Joe Brooks, Jeff Schneider **Elders:** Ralph Wischmeier, John Bowen, Dave Boggs, Carl Emily **Audio:** Jeff Hopkins

7:00 pm Elders: Steve Bobb, Monty Siefker

24 9:00 Worship/ Communion 11:15 Worship/ Communion	25 Memorial Day—Church Office Closed	26 7:00 Worship/ Communion 8:00 Security	27 Ladies Bible Study Online	28 7:00 Holy Hops	29 2:00 Prison Letters: Zoom with Youth	30 8:30-9:30 Questioning Rehearsal
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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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INFORMER

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May 24, 2020

Service Tuesday this Week

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the normal Monday night service will be Tuesday, May 26 at 7. Thanks!

A Gradual Return

Part of the plan to “re-open” is trusting people to make decisions for themselves. 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. Immanuel is blessed with members who can make good decisions about when 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:

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 to be continuous and without the Common Cup. Details are in “Frequently Asked Questions on our website.”

Pentecost Next Sunday
Wear Red!

Next Sunday, May 31, we celebrate the giving of the promised Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, equipping Christ’s followers with the faith and gifts to fulfill His command to make disciples of all nations. You are encouraged to wear something red as we celebrate that the same Spirit has given us faith through God’s Word and Sacraments and equips us also to make disciples!

Confirmation, Questioning

This year, confirmation of our 8th grade students is to take place in the 11:15 service June 7. The week before, in the 9:00 a.m. service May 31, they will present the “sermon,” answering questions about the faith they are to confirm. Please keep these young men and women in your prayers!

Retirement of Mrs. Lambert

In both services Sunday, May 31, we will be recognizing and thanking Mrs. Lambert for her long and distinguished teaching career at ILS! Due to restrictions on gatherings there will be a dinner with limited numbers for her family and the faculty and staff. God’s richest blessings, Mrs. Lambert!

Offerings

Thank you for your faithful support! You can drop your offering in the plate at the door or the regular offering boxes, mail to the church, or give on-line on our website, which is easy and secure.



If God be for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31

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 17, 2020

Unified Budget	\$49,660.48
Plate Offerings	\$750.00
Other Income	\$114.00
Total	\$50,524.48
Income & Gifts To Date	\$1,134,935.62
Donations to ILS 2019-2020	\$4,988.82
Total Gifts	\$1,139,924.44
Budget Needs to Date	\$1,238,392.98
Benevolence	\$14,656.00
Sunday Attendance	269
Sunday Communed	149
Monday Attendance	51
Online Viewers	943

Official Acts

Blakely Jade Myers, daughter of Blake & Tabitha (York) Myers, was baptized on May 17.

Jan Behrens entered eternal life on May 13 and was given Christian burial on May 19.

Acknowledgements

Today's **Altar Flowers** are sponsored in honor of Mark & Susan Rouse in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary, by their children and grandchildren.

The **Daily Prayers** for the month of May are sponsored by Edna Kellermeier.



A Digital VBS Launching June 1
Register NOW on the Immanuel
website at
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

5/24 Psalm 108-110
 5/25 1 Chronicles 23-25
 5/26 Psalm 131, 138-139, & 143-145
 5/27 1 Chronicles 26-29; Psalm 127
 5/28 Psalm 111-118
 5/29 1 Kings 1-2; Psalm 37, 71, & 94
 5/30 Psalm 119:1-88

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.

Easter 7

John 17:1-11: On this last Sunday of the Easter Season, we hear Jesus praying His High Priestly Prayer, and He's praying for you; He's praying for your church family. He wants you to be people of His Word and Name unified as one Body with Him as the Head. His Body should function as ONE with Him as the Head and every member of the Body having a unique but unified function together as one for His Kingdom. Read John 17 once again today at home, and then pray for His will to be first done in your individual life and collectively as a unified church family. Pray that your life would be an answer to Jesus' prayer that His will may be done to carry out His purpose in the world that needs the Good News of salvation.