



Due to the great need in Haiti for food we ask that you consider how you and your family can contribute financially to help meet the needs of families in Haiti who are starving. We are asking if each family in our congregation would consider making a one time or weekly contribution over the next several months. Donate to Haiti ONLINE at www.immanuelseymour.com Or drop your donation off in the **Feeding Haiti** box in the narthex.

A Drive By Party

Vera Hoevener Monroe is turning 90! To celebrate join us for a drive by party on Sunday, September 6, between 2:00 and 4:30 p.m. in the Treasure Room drive. Make a sign or grab some balloons, shout, honk and wave, your cheering will be sure to make her day special. There will be a drop off box for cards or mail to: Treasure Room, 7995 E. 200 N., Seymour.

Mum Sale!

Call the school office or ask any ILS 7th Grader to place an order for mums. Colors are purple, yellow, red & orange. Deadline to order is Tuesday, Sept. 8th. This is a fundraiser for their Washington DC Trip.

9:00 am Elders: Troy Hehman **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 **Counting:** Mark Nichols, Matt Lambert, Joe Bullard, Kevin Lister, John Thomas, Kyle Gentry **Acolyte:** Trevor Goecker **Audio/Video:** Stu Silver/Kevin Foster
11:15 am Elders/Communion: Drew Storey, Bob Hartman, Andy Gillaspay, Charlie Smith **Ushers:** Max Whitsett, John Bowen, Marcus Brooks, Joe Brooks, Mike Stuckwisch, Jeff Schneider **Altar Guild:** Sandee Helwig **Acolyte:** Lance Hubbard **Audio:** Bob Emily
7:00 pm Elders: Steve Bobb, Tony Combs **Acolyte:** Kalli Napier

6 9:00 Worship/ Communion 11:15 Worship	7 LABOR DAY Church Office Closed	8 8:35 Chapel 3:15 8th OYR 5:30 Parish Ed 5:30 School 6:00 Youth 7:00 Worship	9 3:15 Sr. Hi OYR 5:30 Stewardship 7:00 Confirmation	10 5:30 Human Care	11	12
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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 THURSDAYS 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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Living Light: Overcoming Darkness

2020 has been filled with disappointment due to pandemic, challenges to health and socialization, upheavals in society, and uncertainty about the future. That means individuals, and we together as a church, have decisions to make. Will we let circumstances beyond our control determine our future, or will we work to make the future brighter as we hold to what is certain?

This year's Stewardship emphasis helps God's people to remember that this is still God's world and we are his people. More than personal comfort, this is also to inspire us to seize important opportunities times like this provide. We can hold out a real light of hope and promise that can inspire and heal.

Jesus said, *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."* John 8:12 Watch for a mailing later this month that shows how our decisions to "Live Light" as followers of Jesus personally and as a congregation can bring light to darkness.

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.

Needed to Finish

Even with all the unusual challenges of the pandemic, thanks to the faithful and generous support of our members, we are in reach of meeting our financial needs for the fiscal year. We know without the Fair Stand and other events, it will be tougher this year, but working together, we can make it.

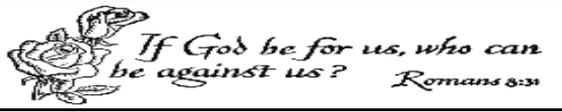
With one month remaining in our fiscal year, we need gifts totaling \$240,000 to support our commitments for ministry, missions, and education through our budget. Every gift will help us get there!

Labor Day Service Moves to Tuesday

When a national holiday falls on a Monday, the Monday night service moves to Tuesday, so worship will be at **7 Tuesday, September 8, not Monday, September 7.**

Bible Classes and Sunday School Resume!

We are gearing up for fall Bible Classes and Sunday School starting September 13. We are still doing online sign ups to help us prepare our rooms for the students we will have—children and adults. If you have not yet done so, please go to our website and click on the link for an easy form to fill out for Sunday and through-the-week offerings.



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

Totals from August 30, 2020

Unified Budget	\$30,783.74
Plate Offerings	\$982.71
Other Income	\$70.00
Total	\$31,836.45
Income & Gifts To Date	\$1,645,406.38
Donations to ILS 2019-2020	\$7,886.82
Total Gifts	\$1,653,293.20
Budget Needs to Date	\$1,801,298.88
Benevolence	\$1,721.00
Sunday Attendance/Communed	352/171
Monday Attendance/Communed	59/37
Online Views	480
Scottsburg Mission	
Attendance	11
Sunday Offering	\$136.00

Great Commission

Sunday, September 6, 2020

Matthew 18:1-20: How would you describe your “Church” community? The very name, “Church,” tells people that we are a “fellowship of the forgiven” and the Body of Christ (Matthew 16:18). The Church serves to build a community that helps each other with our imperfections, our unhealthy patterns, and the way we sin against each other and ourselves. We are indeed very unfortunate if we have no one to help us with our sinfulness and imperfections, with our deficits in character, with the pieces of our personalities which are not so healthy. We ALL have these imperfections, these flaws, these deficits, and that includes everyone we come into contact with in the world today. There is no exception! So, we have something to reach out to with them - HOPE. We are fortunate because we have Church, we have a community and a fellowship where brothers and sisters in the faith will speak honestly with you about your weaknesses to help you mature and grow into wholeness. The Church is your family, who loves you with honesty about both your strengths and your weaknesses. Christ’s blood on the cross gives us the privilege and the responsibility to take the first step to confront sin in one another, so sin doesn’t rule the day, grace does. What a joy to be a part of the fellowship of the forgiven and to know the grace that wins the day so peace can comfort the soul!

Corner

Acknowledgements

New Green Paraments were purchased with memorials from Albert Ahlbrand, Louis Abraham, and Bob Carpenter.

Today’s Informer is sponsored in celebration of Mildred Bobb’s 93rd birthday, September 5, by her family.

Today’s Altar Flowers are from the wedding of Kyle Benter and Lydia Pottschmidt.

Today’s Chapel Flowers are sponsored in celebration of Vera Monroe’s 90th birthday, September 5, by Danny & LouAnn, Gloria & Steve, and Annette.

Official Acts

Betty Stamper entered eternal life on March 23 and was given Christian burial on August 28.

Jim McCoy entered eternal life on August 23 and was given Christian burial on August 28.

Keegan Rebber and Taylor Reynolds were united in marriage on August 29.

Lennox Lea, daughter of Lucas & Kara (Prewitt) Wehmiller, was baptized on August 30.

Bible Readings

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| 9/ 6 Ezekiel 32-34 | 9/9 Ezekiel 40-41 |
| 9/ 7 Ezekiel 35-37 | 9/10 Ezekiel 42-43 |
| 9/ 8 Ezekiel 38-39 | 9/11 Ezekiel 44-45 |
| | 9/12 Ezekiel 46-48 |

One By One....one of our homebound members recently sent back her offering envelope with the pastor after his visit, which is her regular habit, but they were thicker than usual. In addition to her regular tithe, she had included 94 one-dollar bills—76 with 7s for July, and 18 with 8s for August! We thank her for this generosity and thank all our members, too. Every dollar gets us closer to finishing our support for our mission and ministry needs!

**Mission Federation Meets
September 13**

The Lutheran Mission Federation delegates are planning to meet Sunday, September 13 at 2 at Emanuel, Dudleystown.

September P.A.C.K. Event

P.A.C.K. (Planned Acts of Christian Kindness) will be collecting toiletries for the month of September for the Jackson County Clothing Center. Items needed are shampoo, deodorant, bath bar soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Items must be unopened and unused and in plastic bags (grocery bags). You can place items in the barrels located in the Atrium.

No Cookie Walk this Year!

Sadly, the Immanuel Guild has cancelled for 2020 their annual Cookie Walk. The difficulty of assuring the safety for the large crowd that gathers to enjoy these sweets led to this decision. We look forward to holding it again next year.

Face Coverings: Thank You!

The Elders thank our members for choosing to wear a face covering in worship, especially at 11:15, to help provide a safer option for individuals who have underlying health issues.

**ILS GRAB & GO FISH FRY
Sunday September 13, 2020**

**Fish, or hotdog, baked beans, slaw, chips
cookie**

**4 –7pm in the School Parking Lot
FREEWILL OFFERING**

WE’RE BACK!

Adult Senior Ministry will resume its program on Wednesday, September 23 at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. **Mary and Tom Garetson will present the program, “Garetson Mission in South Africa.”** The menu will be **Mexican fare for \$5.00, payable at the door.** Bus transportation is available if you call the church office to request a ride (812 -522-3118). We will be observing social distancing and safe practices. Looking forward to seeing you. **If you have not been to one of our events, you will find them enlightening and fun with a spiritual message and great fellowship.**

Grab and Go at Emanuel

Emanuel Lutheran Church is having a Grab & Go Cookout on Saturday September 12th from 4-8. If possible please send in your order by Monday September 7th. Call/text one of us: Amy 812-216-1764 Stephanie 812-521-8994 and 812-521-9387. There are 2 meal options. See our Facebook page for all the information.

**Volunteers NEEDED
to work the Blood Drive**

We are in need of volunteers to work each of the following shifts: 2-3:30 p.m., 3:30-5:00 p.m., and 5-7 p.m. on September 15. Please call Lisa in the church office for details at 812-522-3118. Thanks for your willingness to serve.

NO MORE MONEY FIGHTS!

With *Financial Peace University*, you and your spouse will learn how to create (and stick to) a budget, save for emergencies, and make a plan for the future. Doesn’t that sound peaceful? We’re offering FPU at **Immanuel Lutheran Church** just for you starting **Sunday, September 13, 2020 from 4-5:30 p.m.** Childcare is available. You can sign up and start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace at fpu.com/1123332. *Pastor Rodriguez, and Kyle and Alyssa Gentry will facilitate.*