

Cancellations

- **Immanuel Guild Cookie Walk.**
- **Immanuel Guild** has canceled their December Christmas party.
- **Ladies Aid 3** has canceled their December Christmas dinner.

Drive-thru Meatloaf Dinner

Saturday, December 5, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Redeemer. Each meal will include meatloaf, potatoes, green beans, roll and apple cobbler. You may pre-order for faster pickup (please call 522-1837 up to 5:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, and then Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) Please enter the east side parking lot from Chestnut Street to pick up your meals. There will be a separate line for those who pre-ordered. Freewill offering.

Blood Drive November 24th

Immanuel Lutheran Church will host a Blood Drive on November 24th from 2:00—7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. To schedule your appointment go to www.redcrossblood.org and search sponsor keyword “immanuelutheran” or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Christmas Cookie Tray and Bake Sale

Saturday, December 12th 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Redeemer. Trays of various sizes and assortments will be available. Items will be marked with price. All proceeds from both events will go towards Redeemer missions.

November Calendar: Your church anniversary calendar for November shows the gravestones of founding members. Like to know more about them? Check out the display in the hallway to learn more!

9:00 am Elders/Communion: Wes Baker, Ryan Williams, Glenn Benter, Dave Boggs, John Watson, Tim Meyer, Corey Zaring, Todd Behmlander **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:** Craig Moore, Luke Nolting, Gary Darlage, Brian Rohr, Mark Nolting, Chad Cooper **Acolyte:** Drew Hubbard **Altar Guild:** Rita Schepman **Audio/Video:** Kelly Luecke/Don Luecke

11:15 am Elders: Ralph Wischmeier, John Bowen **Ushers:** Max Whitsett, John Bowen, Marcus Brooks, Joe Brooks, Michael Brooks, Mike Stuckwisch, Jeff Schneider **Acolyte:** Caroline Thompson **Audio:** Jeff Hopkins

7:00 pm Elders: Steve Bobb, Monty Siefker **Acolyte:** Jack VonDielingen **Altar Guild:** Linda Schoenfelder

22 9:00 Worship/ Communion 10:15 Bible Study/AIC 11:15 Worship	23 12:00 Gospel of Mark 7:00 Worship/ Communion	24 2:00-7:00 Blood Drive 7:00 Men’s Bible Study 9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Christ Light Bible Study	25 7:00 Worship	26 <i>Thanksgiving</i> <i>Church office Closed</i>	27 <i>Church office Closed</i>	28
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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 and FM 99.3

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 Online at: <http://immanuelseymour.com/worship/>

You can also view services on the Immanuel YouTube channel at Immanuel Lutheran Seymour and at 3pm & 8pm on CinergyMetro Cable Channel 2 and Comcast Channel 96.

On the Radio 99.3 and Live Stream from anywhere in the world at www.wzzb1390.com



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November 22, 2020

Giving Thanks—Especially Now!

For some, travel and gatherings will be different this year, thanks to ongoing concerns about Covid 19. But even a pandemic can’t take away the reason for Thanksgiving.

“Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, and His steadfast love lasts forever.” Psalm 106:1 One day to give thanks is not enough, as Psalm 106:2 says: *“Who can utter the mighty deeds of the Lord, or declare all his praise?”*

We invite you to join your church family for a Thanksgiving Eve service Wednesday, November 25, at 7 p.m. If you can’t make it in person, listen in on AM1390/FM99.3 or view it at www.immanuelseymour.com. May the Lord’s un-failing love and mercy in Christ move us to worship Him with gladness.

Christmas Food Drive

Due to COVID-19 the Board of Human Care feels compelled to keep our members as safe as we can from exposure. Beginning November 22 through December 13 there will be envelopes in the bulletin to accept monetary donations for the purchase of 50 gift cards that families can use to purchase the food they need for the holidays. This is in lieu of the food baskets we normally assemble as a group. We still would like volunteers to help deliver the gift cards and other items to foster the spiritual needs of the families. The deliveries will take place the afternoon of December 20th. If you’re interested in helping deliver, please call the church office – 812-522-3118.

The Board of Human Care

More Stained Glass

Butler-Vargo installed the Ascension bay of windows on Thursday last week. Lighting will be added on the north side for both windows along the hallway to compensate for less direct sunlight there. Other windows are in various stages of production and will be installed as soon as they are available. The Stained-Glass window committee is also working to complete the dedication plaques that will be placed on ledges below the windows as well as a booklet that will tell the story of these works of art.

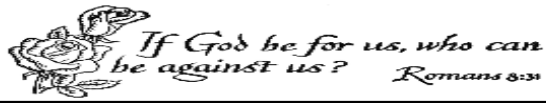
Christmas for Haitian students

Immanuel is collecting donations in order to purchase 250 Christmas gift boxes for the Haitian students. Pastor Thomas Bernard's church will be giving each child, Prek – 9th grade, a small gift box with an age appropriate toy and a book for the student to enjoy. The cost of each box is \$10. If you and your family would like to participate in this project, please send your gift to Heart4Haiti, c/o Immanuel Lutheran Church, 605 South Walnut Street, Seymour, IN 47274. You may also donate online at www.immanuelseymour.com or drop a check by the church office. Thank you for your support of this very important giving ministry.

Advent Starts Next Sunday

A new church year begins November 29 with the season of Advent. Advent is a time of hope and expectation as we look at the promises of God to come to help His people, as well as the promise of Christ’s return.

2020 has left many longing for relief and restoration of better times. Our Wednesday Advent services starting December 2 will look at the promises of God made through Isaiah that could have been written for our times! Watch for more details next week about those themes and special devotions.



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 November 15, 2020	
Unified Budget	\$32,602.92
Plate Offerings	\$411.18
Other Income	\$214.00
Total	\$33,228.10
Income & Gifts To Date	\$201,010.37
Donations to ILS 2020-2021	\$2,131.00
Total Gifts	\$203,141.37
Budget Needs to Date	\$266,543.34
Benevolence	\$1,479.00
Sunday Attendance/Communed	339/91
Monday Attendance/Communed	29
Online Views	578
Scottsburg Mission	
Attendance	10
Sunday Offering	\$216.00

Bible Readings

11/22 Galatians 1-3 11/26 Acts 18:-19:41
 11/23 Galatians 4-6 11/27 1 Cor. 1-4
 11/24 Acts 17-18:18 11/28 1 Cor. 5-8
 11/25 1 & 2 Thessalonians

Official Acts

Shirley Swindall entered eternal life on November 9 and was given Christian burial on November 12.
Carsen John Pyle, son of Nathan & Jennifer (Gallegos) Pyle, was baptized on November 15.
Larkin Kay Kilgas, daughter of Mitchell & Lindsey (Wetzel) Kilgas, was baptized on November 15.
Roland Freeman and Carol Schepman were united in marriage on November 15.
Mary Beckemeyer entered eternal life on November 11 and was given Christian burial on November 17.

Why?

Immanuel's request for wearing face coverings as well as other steps we are taking to prevent the risk of spreading Covid-19 is based on guidance from the Health Department and the CDC. The Elders have received this guidance and approved the steps we are taking. We also participate in a weekly conference call coordinated by Schneck to keep the community aware of developments. We are trying to do what we can to keep our School, Child Care, and Church open to fulfilling our work. Thank you for your cooperation and your prayers! **Please wear a face covering in worship** out of concern for others worshipping with you. Thanks!

Thank YOU!

We are thankful not only for God's generosity, but also the faithful support of our members. Thank you for setting aside a portion of God's gifts for His work in our church and school. You are providing the essential means to preach and teach the Word of God here and around the world. Remember God's promise: *"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."* Luke 6:38

"Faith in Action" Class

This week, we look at Biblical insights on issues related to the environment and the "green" movement. Outlines and presentations from Pastor Blomenberg's Sunday Bible class, "Faith in Action: Public Life and Politics" are now available at our website. You can find them under the Grow: Bible Studies tab on our website.

Church Office Closed Thanksgiving

So that our church staff can enjoy Thanksgiving, the church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26-27. In the event of an emergency, please call one of our pastors.

Advent Hope and Healing Activity Kits for Kids!

Our Advent theme this year is "Advent: A Time of Hope and Healing." The colors in the church are blue for Advent, the season of anticipation. We anticipate with joy the celebration of the birth of our Savior, and we also anticipate at time when we can be together again in-person for many of our activities that have been put on hold or cancelled. What is not cancelled is fun, creativity, and learning, and as always the opportunity to share the love Jesus. This year we will offer "Hope and Healing Activity Kits" for the children to come pick up in between the 4:30 and 7 pm Midweek service. This will be a "grab and go" art activity for home. The kit is designed to be fun, full of learning, and give families with children the opportunity to share with each other, and also with a friend or neighbor, the love of Christ during the season of Advent.

Who loves cookies!? Well, you're in luck because Immanuel Youth Ministry is taking us back in time to when Immanuel served cookies after our Advent services! In lieu of our traditional meals and to help keep everyone healthy and safe, Immanuel's youth will be serving delicious cookies from 5 -6:30 PM every Wednesday in Advent (December 2, 9, & 16, 2020). Just swing through the Fellowship Hall, pick up your individually wrapped cookies and a cup of your favorite beverage (fruit punch, coffee, milk). Donations of cookies (brownies, Rice Krispie treats, etc), cookie dough, or your favorite recipes would really help us out so please consider donating. Free will offerings will also be accepted to help support the youth ministry of Immanuel.

Communion Options

Many of our members share in worship online or on the radio, but do not yet feel safe coming to church in person. We know the Lord's Supper is a wonderful blessing. Our pastors provide for families and individual to receive the Lord's Supper either here at church or at their home by appointment. We wear face coverings to provide for safety. Call 812-522-3118.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Our Sunday School children are always excited to share the love of Jesus and learn more about Him and His Word, and they need you to help lead the way! Please consider becoming a Sunday School Teacher here at Immanuel. A meeting will be scheduled soon for all those who are interested in teaching our children ages 3 years old – 6th grade. Even if you have never taught before, or taught way back when, we have materials and lessons for you that will make this a joyful and learning experience. You and the children you lead will grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior. Please email Patti Miller at pmiller@immanuelseymour.com or call the church office and let her know you can teach a month at a time, a day a month, or every other week. A flexible schedule will be put together and all safety precautions will be in place so that we may safely re-open Sunday School soon. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this very important ministry.

Trinity Lutheran High School is seeking qualified applicants for the following salaried, full-time position (benefits included) with two primary responsibilities being: Admissions Director and Development Office Assistant. (This is a single, full-time position). Complete positional descriptions can be sent upon request. Please submit all interest letters, resumes, and/or questions to Mr. Clayton Darlage at cdarlage@trinitycougars.org

Christmas Poinsettia

If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia for our altar, please call the office. Cost is \$17.50. Thanks!

Advent Candles are available in the church office for \$4.00 per set.

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Matthew 25:31-46: The parable of the sheep and the goats does not emphasize works, but instead, it puts them in their proper perspective. Here is the most incredible perk for serving the Lord. With every task and every deed and with every person, we have the opportunity to meet Christ in that person and through that deed. So, how do we wait for Judgment Day? With certainty in His pronouncement of our sins forgiven, with the confidence of receiving an inheritance that our compassionate Judge has prepared us for eternity, and with the assurance that every day, every task, every vocation has significance to God and us, because unbelieving souls are saved through the power of the Holy Spirit and believing souls meet Christ as they wait.