

SUNDAY, January 3

Worship Service, 8:00 a.m. (*limited attendance*)

YouTube Live Stream, 8:00 a.m.

Pastor Karg's Lutheran Faith Study, 9:30 a.m. via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87837832823?pwd=V1lZejdHSnVNbzVyMDRGUHVwWHFydz09>

Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. (*limited attendance*)

LOC Worship, 10:30 a.m. In person & Live Stream

Women's Bible Study, 1 Peter. Led by Carla Krazl, 9:40 a.m.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/631046461>

password: 3LZi8K

Moeller Study, 10:30 a.m.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4708301524>

Church Undecorating, 12:30 p.m.

HS Youth Group, in person, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, January 4

Ladies Lifelight Bible Study, **9:00 a.m.** (via Zoom)

Contact Barb Kiehl to join barbkiehl@sbcglobal.net

TUESDAY January 5

Communion by appointment only, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, January 6

Communion by appointment only, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, January 7

Worship Service, 5:00 p.m. (*limited attendance*)

FRIDAY, January 8

New Year's Day – Offices Closed

SATURDAY, January 9

Worship Service, 5:00 p.m. (*limited attendance*)

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Sunday school

Please join Mrs. Springer on Zoom
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/339366309>

Meeting ID: 339 366 309

Passcode: 316

To register to attend Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 8:00 am or Sunday 10:30 am worship services, please use the link below: (***we will do 1 month at a time***) Also, because space is at a premium, if you sign up and your numbers decrease or you cannot attend please contact the church office ASAP so we can give others an opportunity to attend. You must **sign up by Thursday Noon** to be added to one of weekend worship opportunities.

<https://forms.gle/G714w7J4tLFcYLB9>

To register to attend communion other than during a worship service, please follow this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040944acab2aa4f58-communion>

Once you hit the enter/submit button you can enter a number of people in your group; you don't need to make separate entries.

These days/times are available:

Tuesdays: 10-11 am

Wednesdays: 5-6 pm

Attendance Last Weekend:

ILC Christmas Worship: 337

Weekend worship: 128; LOC: 45

YouTube views:

ILC Christmas: 444

ILC Sunday: 175; LOC: 59

Please watch your email
Tuesdays and Fridays for
additional church information

HELP US UNDECORATE THE CHURCH!

Help is needed at 12:30 this Sunday, January 3, to take down and pack away the Christmas decorations that have beautified our church.

NEW STUDY!

Join Pastor Karg (and others) as we take an overview of the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. Each half-hour session will include a short video of introduction followed by discussion. If it has been a while since you last took even a casual look at the teachings of the Lutheran church and the faith you profess, then we invite you to join us for this 12 week course. Can't join us every week, then join when you can. **Sunday mornings 9:30 – 10:30.**

Here is the Zoom link. (Password: **Faith**)

Topic: Overview of the Christian Faith

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Meeting ID: 878 3783 2823

Passcode: Faith

CHANCEL FLOWERS FOR 2021

The colorful 2021 flowers sign-up chart is up, on the bulletin board in the back of the Fellowship Hall!

Please write your name on any date you wish to place flowers. The charge to place 2 altar bouquets is \$50. You must coordinate with another person if you wish to place only one altar bouquet, and share the cost. The third, larger bouquet, placed near the floor, is \$40.

If you wish to provide all 3 bouquets please write "ALL 3" by your name, and you will be expected to remit \$90 for the flowers on that date.

After the 10:30 Sunday service on the week you reserved the flowers, you may take the bouquets with you, or they may be left to be given to shut-ins or to decorate for other church activities.

There are still a few January dates open, so sign up now, and liven up your home during those chill, stark days with lovely blooms for a couple of weeks.

Thank you for helping to beautify the chancel for worship each week in the new year.

PORTALS OF PRAYER

The January-February-March issue of Portals of Prayer and Hopeful Living is now available for pick up on the table in the church vestibule

USHERS NEEDED!

Please consider volunteering as our teams are in short supply, especially for the upcoming Christmas services. Women are welcome! Also, consider partnering up with a spouse or teenage son/daughter or grandchild. Contact Tom Murray by murray23@juno.com, 314-324-0487 or 314-807-4105.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2021 offering envelopes are now available for pick up in the church atrium.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Do your kids need braces while the car is making a funny noise just as the income tax forms arrived in the mail? Don't worry! Easy to say, right? Yet that's exactly what Jesus tells us: *"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?"* (Matthew 6:25) Put your faith and hope in God, for He cares for you.

EDUCATION GRANT

Attention Widows and Single Mothers

The Immanuel Endowment Fund has been given to help widows, single mothers and their dependent children with obtaining a quality education to help them develop skills to support their family. If you feel you qualify for this program, please contact Pastor Karg. Application deadline is Feb. 14, 2021.

BREW IN THE LOU (Virtual this year!)

There's still time to pick up your Brew in the Lou Passport to help support LESA's financial aid for our Lutheran Schools. It's good through October 2021 and we have them available in the school office for \$30 right now!

LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL

If you are currently receiving the Lutheran Witness, the **March 2021** issue will complete your subscription. If you wish to continue receiving the Witness, please use the envelope in your offering box, enclose **\$15.96** and return it to the church office no later than **January 31, 2021**. If you are not receiving the Lutheran Witness and wish to do so, please return **\$15.96** in your envelope and mark **"new subscriber"**. **YOUR CHECK SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH** (not Lutheran Witness).

Immanuel Lutheran
Church & School

Compassion
For All...

Announcements
Week of January 3, 2021

Hospitalized: Patricia Whitener

Members Ill or Recuperating:

Marilyn Brockman, Tom Brockmann, Dick Crane, Imogene Geib, Char Gordon, Lois Greenway, Carmaletha Hughes, Michele Kasban, Lera Koenig, Marguerite Krenning, Helen May, Carl McKenzie, Cheryl Metzler, Jean Mueller, Todd Parisi, Karen Peyton, Cindy Rowold, Cheryl Schaff, Donna Scotino, and Zane Zeable

Ill or Recuperating Family Members and Friends: Jackie Bergoon, Ted Chmielowiec, Rev. Burneal Fick, Mike Fleming, Sally Handrick, Kathryn Hann, Judith Hardy, Steve Janssen, Ruth Lauer, Chris Lochmann, Rhonda McMahan, Bill McMahon, Paul Migneron,

Dave Peters, Bernadette Phillips, Cathy Plese, Jim Simpson, Suki, Velma Walkmaster, Tom Walsh, Regina Wigger, and Kristin Williams.

Immanuel Members Serving in Healthcare and are at Risk:

Sara Bunte, Amy Dunbar, Jared Eggerman, Rachel Erdmann, Trudi Gatteys, Julie (Stiegemeier) Hanson, Christina (Shaw) Hemenway, Lauren Martin, Rachael Ludwig Schaefer, Jennifer Schmidt, Erin Stiegemeier, and Michele Zalmanoff

Immanuel Members Serving as First Responders or in the U.S. Armed Forces: James Hsiao, Matthew Hsu, Greg Hsueh, Chris Kaslin, Richard McKenzie, Steven Musselwhite, David Peters, Ransom Springer, Alexandra & Michael Wagener, and Michael Xu.

Family Members & Friends Serving as First Responders or in the U.S. Armed Forces: All First Responders, Greg & Stephanie Morgan, Bethany Siress

MOVING FORWARD Please be respectful of others as you venture out and please follow the guidelines set out for our area. *So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love...*

Philippians 2:1-2

REMEMBER OUR INBOUND FAMILY

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY is Dick Crane, Donna Leaser, Helen May, Marilyn Weinstock and Patricia Whitener. They are always grateful to be remembered by their Immanuel Family.

Birthday cards will be picked up from the mail box in the atrium on **Sunday, February 7 at 10:30 a.m.**

Questions??? Contact Diane Tallyn (314) 910-2032 or email diane_tallyn@hotmail.com.

OFFERING While we are **all** not yet able to attend in person worship please prayerfully consider continuing with your regular tithing. You may do this through online giving <http://immanuelolivette.org/givepluschurch.html>, Bill Pay through your bank, or the regular mail.

Forgetting What Is Behind

“Forget about it.” It’s a phrase we may say to ourselves when we don’t want to face up to something. Perhaps we give it in the form of advice to someone who’s complaining about an offense he’s received. According to Paul, it’s a good thing to do. It’s counsel he followed himself: *“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me Heavenward in Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 3:13b-14).

Paul had a past anyone would want to forget. In his Pharisaical zeal, he had caused the imprisonment, persecution, and even death of many who were followers of the Way. All that changed, we know, when he himself faced Jesus on the road to Damascus.

Yet, from our reading of Scripture, we know he didn’t “forget what was behind.” He brought it up many times as he explained the change that Jesus had brought about in his life to the other apostles and as he testified in the highest courts of the day.

Like Paul, we can’t forget about our past sins – and maybe that’s good, as long as we remember that Christ has forgotten them! Remembrance of our sins serves the purpose of keeping us humble and grateful, aware that we walk in God’s ways only as we rely on Him to lead us, thankful that He forgives all sin, past, present, and future. Then we are not encumbered by guilt (1 John 3:20). We can “[forget] what’s behind” and “press on toward the goal” that Christ has laid out before us as we serve Him with all the gifts He so graciously gives us.

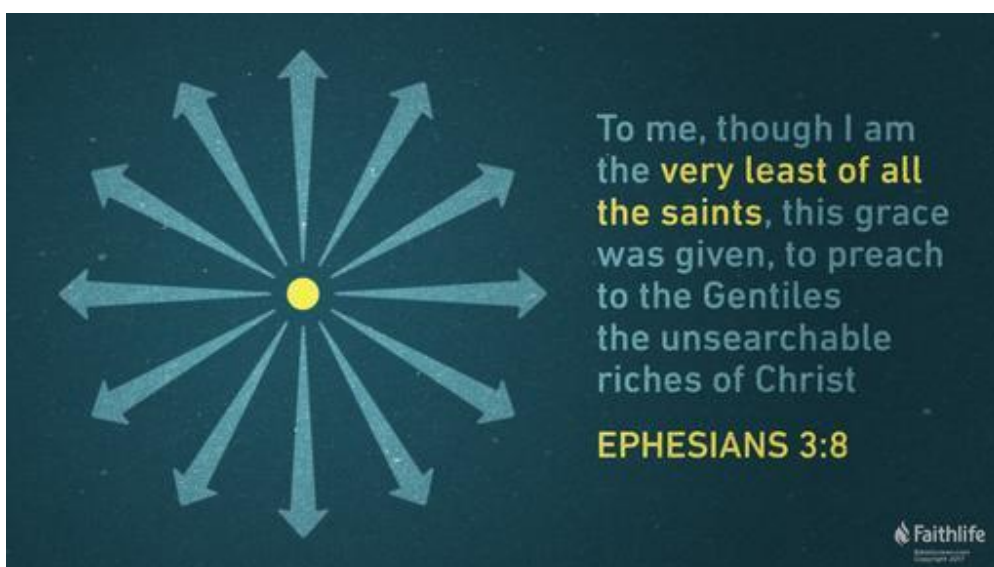
We begin a new year in God’s grace. We also begin each day, sometimes each moment, as newly forgiven, cleansed stewards equipped through Word and Sacrament to fulfill God’s purposes for our lives.



Arise, shine;

for your **light** has come!
Isaiah 60:1

If you ordered a poinsettia, please be sure to pick it up and take it home after today's 10:30am service. Thank you for helping to make our chancel beautiful for the Christmas season!



To me, though I am the **very least of all the saints**, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ

EPHESIANS 3:8

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WISE MEN STILL SEEK HIM

Matthew 2:1-12