Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

Connected In Jesus...

Announcements
Week of January 10, 2021

SUNDAY, January 10

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=V1lZejdHSn VNbzVyMDRGUHVwWHFydz09

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

MONDAY, January 11

Ladies Lifelight Bible Study, **9:00 a.m**. (via Zoom)
Contact Barb Kiehl to join barbkiehl@sbcglobal.net

TUESDAY January 12

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

WEDNESDAY, January 13

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

THURSDAY, January 14

FRIDAY, January 15

SATURDAY, January 16

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

SUNDAY, January 17

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

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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/G714w7J4tLFcYLfB9

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:

Weekend worship: 128; LOC: 45

YouTube views:

New Year's Eve: 84

ILC Sunday: 197; LOC: 44

VOTERS MEETING

The January Voter's meeting will take place Tuesday, January 26th at 6:30pm. This meeting will be held via Zoom. We will be voting for final approval of the By-law changes to the constitution and reviewing the year end financials of Immanuel.

The Zoom link is:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83435133989?pwd=TEo2Q2xaQmVtaVhFSFhIOjlYWXlzdz09

By Phone:

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Meeting ID: 834 3513 3989

Passcode: 63132

NEW STUDY CONTINUES!

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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2021 offering envelopes are now available for pick up in the church atrium. Please pick them up if you haven't already.

USHERS STILL NEEDED!

Please consider volunteering as our teams are in short supply. 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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

1 Corinthians 15 has been called the Resurrection chapter of the Bible. It rings with the promises of God concerning our victory through Christ over death and our eternal life in Heaven with Him. It ends with command to stand firm in the Lord and to use our mortal lives in His service. "Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58). This is our stewardship response to God Who has given us all we are and have.

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).

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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

<u>Ill or Recuperating Family Members and Friends:</u> 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

<u>Immanuel Members Serving as First Responders or in the U.S. Armed Forces:</u> James Hsiau, 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 Leeser, 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.

Setting Goals

It is a common and helpful practice to use the start of a new year as motivation to set goals and make plans to attain those goals. As Christians, what is our ultimate goal? What did Jesus tell us in Matthew 6:33? "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Certainly this is a worthy and all-encompassing goal for us as Christians.

We're also told that goals should be detailed and specific and measurable. How do we satisfy that criteria in light of our main goal to seek God's kingdom?

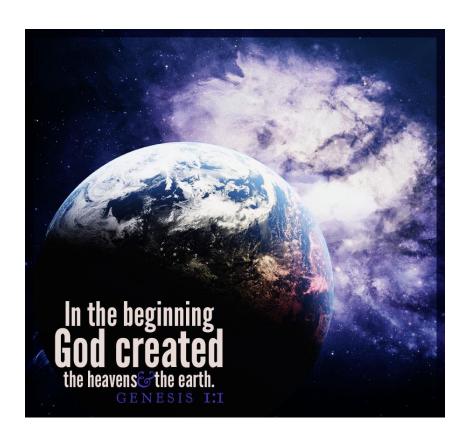
Let us remember that all we say and do and are should strain toward seeking God's kingdom. That means we'll be busy in the study of His Word and in regular attendance in church where we can hear His Word and receive His Sacraments. It means that we'll be busy about His work of seeking and saving the lost. How is that accomplished?

The Apostle Paul wrote, "You show that you are a letter from Christ . . . written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts" (2 Corinthians 3:3). Jesus put it this way, "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven" (Matthew 5:16). This is what we are – God's letters who reflect the light of Jesus to a world trying to find its way in darkness.

The psalmist commanded, "Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise" (Psalm 96:2-4). In all our words, this should be our goal: to proclaim the goodness, the glory, the greatness of our God.

Then our acts should follow up our attitudes and words. Again Paul's words speak to us: "Bless those who persecute you; Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony . . . Do not repay anyone evil for evil . . . If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone . . ." (Romans 12:14ff.). Throughout his letters, Paul urges us to share with those in need, to support those who preach and teach the Word, and to give as we have received.

These are goals worthy of setting and ones we can carry out by "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, [Who] though He was rich, yet for [our] sakes He became poor, so that [we] through His poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).



If you ordered a poinsettia, please be sure to pick it up; they can be found in the back staircase going up to church. Thank you for helping to make our chancel beautiful for the Christmas season!



