

SUNDAY, September 13

Worship Service, 8:00 a.m. (50 participants)
YouTube Live Stream, 8:00 a.m.
Communion by appointment only, 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. (50 participants)
LOC Worship, 10:30 a.m. In person & Live stream
Jr High Youth Group Study, 9:30 a.m.
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74562256189>
password: 63132
Krazl Women's Study, 9:20 a.m. (NEW time)
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/631046461>
password: 3LZi8K
Moeller Study, 10:30 a.m.
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4708301524>
HS Youth Group, via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/982354437>
password: 63132

MONDAY, September 14

TUESDAY September 15

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

WEDNESDAY, September 16

Men's Bible Study, 8:00 a.m.
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/499083420>
Communion by appointment only, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Women's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/867094107>
password: sisters

THURSDAY, September 17

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

FRIDAY, September 18

SATURDAY, September 19

Worship, 5:00 p.m. (50 Participants)

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Please check out the section "Teaching the Faith to Your Child" on our website
<http://www.immanuelolivetite.org/teachingthefaithtoyourchild.html>
These are great videos to watch by Mara Springer!

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**) IF you have previously signed up to attend every Sunday we need you to go in and sign up for exactly the Sundays that you want to attend. 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.

<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

Please watch your email
Tuesdays and Fridays for
additional church information
and Bible study opportunities

Attendance Last Weekend:
Weekend worship: 157; LOC: 42
YouTube views:
ILS Sunday: 176; LOC: 78

2020 CONFIRMANDS

You can now pick up your confirmation banners in the upper Gathering Gallery of the church. We've enjoyed seeing them displayed in the church for several weeks, but now you'll want to take yours home as another special remembrance of your confirmation!

IMMANUEL CAMPOUT, September 18-20

This year's campout is on! The management has assured us that they are cleaning the cabins extremely well by wiping down and spraying everything thoroughly. So if you are planning on camping, you may want to make your reservations soon.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

In Luke 12:21, Jesus predicted disappointment for those who are not "*rich toward God*." Have you wondered what it means to be "*rich toward God*"? Certainly, we are rich toward God when we see everything as a gift from Him. Those who are rich toward God are givers rather than takers. By grace, we freely receive, and we freely give. Through faith, we are empowered to express God's love and are being rich toward Him as we love our neighbors. Those who are rich toward God will seek first His righteousness and do His will.

VOTERS MEETING

Mark your calendars, September 22, at 6:30 p.m. is the Voters Meeting. You will have the option to come to church to meet in person or join the meeting via Zoom. Details will follow later.

Immanuel Lutheran
Church & School

Compassion
For All..

Announcements
Week of September 13, 2020

Members Ill or Recuperating:

Marilyn Brockman, Tom Brockmann, Jaxson (Budner) Obrock, Bill Bunte, Dick Crane, Imogene Geib, Lois Greenway, Carmaletha Hughes, Evelyn Irving, Michele Kasban, Lera Koenig, Helen May, Carl McKenzie, Cheryl Metzler, Jean Mueller, Karen Peyton, Cindy Rowold, Cheryl Schaff and Donna Scotino

Ill or Recuperating Family Members and Friends:

Chad Abel, Larry Bennett, Jackie Bergoon, Ted Chmielowiec, Mike Fleming, Judith Hardy, Chris Lochmann, Larry Lumpe, Rhonda McMahan, Bill McMahan, Suki, Tom Walsh, and Regina Wigger

Immanuel Members Serving in Healthcare and are at Risk:

Amy Dunbar, Jared Eggerman, Rachel Erdmann, Trudi Gatteys, Julie (Stiegemeier) Hanson, Christina (Shaw) Hemenway, Lauren Martin, Rachael Ludwig Schaefer, Jennifer Schmidt 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, Greg & Stephanie Morgan, 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, 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

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have any prayer requests or praises, please email prayers@immanuelolivette.org. In your request, please note in your email:

1. Your name or your desire to be anonymous
2. Your prayer request
3. Whether or not you would like this to be shared with only Pastor or with Immanuel members who signed up to receive our prayer chain
4. How long you would like us to petition your prayer request (a week, until a specific date, a month, indefinitely? etc)

HOMEBOUND IMMANUEL FAMILIES

Due to the pandemic, a birthday card is being sent to everyone on our list. We'll continue to collect cards for Christmas and Easter for our Homebound family.

IMMANUEL FOOD PANTRY

Mid-August the Concordia Seminary Food Bank reopened for the students and their families. Food pantry donations are being accepted and Immanuel recently delivered seven bags of groceries to the food bank. Previous food pantry donations were being delivered to the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry. Food pantry donations may be left at the Immanuel Food Pantry Table located near the church elevator at any time. Both pantries are in great need of donations.

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://immanuelolivetite.org/givepluschurch.html> , Bill Pay through your bank, or the regular mail.

SEEK CONTENTMENT

Many people spend years seeking contentment not realizing that contentment is a state of mind independent of external circumstances. True contentment comes from knowing that God is in control and that He will provide for you.

As a child of God, you are no doubt aware that our society is trying hard to make you discontented. Advertisements suggest you can't be content without an expensive house, a new car, an exotic vacation, big investments, and the latest in clothes. Society tries to make you believe that happiness and contentment are within your reach if you just acquire a few more things.

Contentment does not consist of the size of income or net worth. It has nothing to do with the size of your house or year of your car. Contentment can't be bought at a department store or travel agency. Real contentment is not related to circumstances or things.

For some, acquiring money can become a preoccupation and an obsession. It's possible to become a slave to wealth. Greed will not allow contentment, because it will always urge you to acquire more. No matter how you try, you cannot be satisfied by worldly things. The love of money can potentially possess a person's life like no other emotion can. Jesus spoke to the issue of greed in Matthew 16:26 when He asked, "*What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?*" The things you possess will only contribute to fleeting happiness, not an enduring peace and contentment. "*But man, despite his riches, does not endure; he is like the beasts that perish*" (Psalm 49:12).

With money as your security, pride, self-centeredness, and self-sufficiency take over and replace your trust in God to provide. You can be like the Rich Fool, who gave himself credit for his success and desired even more. You can push God out of your life.

When God is your security, you can be content. The Apostle Paul knew both the secret of contentment and how to receive it. "*I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty*" (Philippians 4:11-12). Without Christ, you will never achieve contentment, but a relationship with Christ will redirect your focus from transient earthly pleasures to things of eternal significance. Keeping your eyes on "the prize" (Philippians 3:14) will bring about gratitude in your heart for what you have rather than desiring what you don't have. May the words of the psalmist be an expression of your heart: "*Whom have I in heaven but You? And earth has nothing I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever*" (Psalm 73:25-26).

Support Immanuel School with Scrip!

Support Immanuel School by purchasing gift cards for stores that you go to every week!



- Purchase \$100 BRANNEKY gift card
 - School gets \$10 back
- It's that easy!



The scrip ladies will be trying to sell in person, when the schedule allows. Look for us after services! If there is no in-person selling, you can fill out an order form, found next to the announcements. Just fill it out and slip it under Mrs. Mirly's office door

You can also sign up online at: shopwithscrip.com and enter enrollment code:
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Scrip has a new app! Check out RAISERIGHT in the Apple or Google store. For every order placed in the mobile app until September 12, you are entered to win a \$1,500 gift card package for yourself and \$1,500 for your organization. The runner-up wins a \$550 gift card package!

Dear Fellow Members of Immauel,

Last June we were beginning the year-long celebration of our 175th Anniversary with reminders that our very name, Immanuel, reassures us that our Father is with us. We couldn't have foreseen how much we would need that promise!

For 176 years, God has truly entrusted us with His gifts at Immanuel. We have been blessed with faithful pastors and leaders. We are confident that Word and Sacrament are administered rightly and regularly. We have many workers and volunteers who are faithful in their service. Yes, we have been given much! However, how do we respond? Do we give less than our best in the care of these gifts? Or, do we give back the best of what God gives us to fulfill our mission and strengthen our staff and join them as they work in His fields?

We rejoice that we again have access to regular worship services and the Lord's Supper. As many precautions as possible have been followed for our safety and health. Technology enables additional members to participate in worship remotely. If you haven't returned to worship, please prayerfully consider attending one of the times Communion is offered separate from a worship service.

While we have saved money in some areas, there are vital budgets that need to be met, but giving has fallen off. We cannot respond to our Father's gifts with less than our first fruits. We understand each of our lives may have undergone stressful changes, but we are still confident in His promise that He is with us and watches over us! Our congregational leaders are busy working on 2021's budget, so now is a very good time for each of us to look carefully at our white and green envelope giving. Have we given our Father our first fruits, with which He has blessed us, or do we have only leftovers to offer Him for His care of us?

Please, pray about your attendance at worship services, or alternately online, and share your first fruits so that we can continue His work. You may drop off your white envelope at church, mail it, give online through the website, or through the link provided in the notes under each worship video on YouTube.

Now is the time to pray:

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You
Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us LSB 851 st.2

With you in His service,
Board of Stewards

