News and Notes of Interest

<u>DIVINE SERVICES ON SUNDAYS</u> are at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. The 9:00 a.m. service will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook live. Once again, we ask that you would contact the church office (<u>immanueloffice@windstream.net</u> or 402-781-2190) to sign up for one of the two services.

<u>CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS</u> will be taken down after the 11:00 a.m. Divine Service today. If you can stay and help, that would be greatly appreciated!

EPIPHANY SERVICE will be held on Wednesday, January 6th at 7:00 p.m.

<u>CATECHESIS CLASS SCHEDULE</u>: Classes will meet again on January 6th <u>from 5:30-6:30 p.m.</u> because of the Epiphany Service that evening.

THANK YOU: Pastor and Catherine would like to thank everyone for the wonderful cards and gifts for Christmas. We are truly blessed to be part of the family of God here at Immanuel. Merry Christmas!

INSTALLATION of Officers and Board Members for 2021 will take place next week during the 9:00 a.m. Divine Service.

<u>USHERS</u>: Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway to serve as an usher in 2021.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS are on display on the table in the narthex. Check them out (and check out the books in the library)!

<u>DIDACHE CLASSES</u> are being held on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Didache means "the teaching." These adult instruction classes are for those who might be interested in becoming members of Immanuel, those who are interested in the teachings of the Christian faith, and/or those who would like a refresher on the basic teachings of the Christian faith. All are welcome to attend.

GIVING TREE: The LWML has again set up a "giving tree" in the parish hall. Please take a clothespin ornament with a tag, or two, or three, and buy the item listed! These items will be donated to the Pregnancy Center in Lincoln after Christmas. Please have your donations under

the tree by TODAY. Thank you! If you have questions please ask an LWML member.

<u>IF YOU NEED HELP</u> in these days (finances, help with groceries, pick up medications, a ride, etc.), please contact Pastor or the church.

CHURCH REMODEL LOAN: The projects for the church remodel have been completed. There is still an outstanding loan balance of \$13,069.44. You can help to pay off the loan by giving an offering to the Building Fund (please mark your donation accordingly).

PORTALS OF PRAYER for January-March are available on the guest book table in the narthex. Take one for your family devotions, or take one to a friend.

ISSUES, ETC. ... A Daily, 15-Minute, Verse-by-Verse Bible Study....The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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<u>WELCOME TO IMMANUEL:</u> We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you have not already done so, we ask that you would sign the guest book at the entrance to the church. If you do not have a church home, we would love for you to find a home here at Immanuel. If you have questions about the Christian faith and Lutheranism, please contact Pastor Porath, 781-2190.

THE LORD'S SUPPER IS A GIFT ... and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is given for our benefit, but God's Word also says: "Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Immanuel follows the historic practice of closed communion.

<u>ALL GUESTS</u> are therefore asked to visit with our pastor before coming to the altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with him prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

Prayers of the Church

+ Military + Daniel Yslas (Dan & Susan Vrbka's grandson), Jonathan Umland (Bill & Verda's grandson) + Hospitalized, Suffering, Ill or Recovering + Melissa Fulton, Carolyn Jensen, Diane Bolin, Duane Arends, Ron Miller, Larry Ikenberry, Stuart & Jenny Henderson (Larry Severson's cousin & wife), Mike Johanek (Sheryl Stine's cousin), Baby Anselm (Suzanne Yelkin's relative), JoAnn Schmidt (Marlene Schroder's friend), Ron Miller, Kristy Johanek (Sheryl Stine's cousin), John Foede (friend of the Colemans), Jordon Powell (Lisa Schmidt's brother-inlaw), Peggy Pauley (Jodi Manley's friend), Raven Curtis (Gregg Fusselman's granddaughter), Alma Schroder (Verda Umland's sister-in-law), Colleen Boekenhauer (Suzanne Yelkin's cousin), Larry Harschfield (Marlene Schroder's brother-in-law).

We ask that you would include these people in the prayers during <u>your home</u> <u>devotions</u>. Also include the governing authorities, those in medical professions, those suffering because of the coronavirus, and all who mourn the death of loved ones. Please call 781-2190 if you have a petition to be included in the prayers.

In His Service

Pastor: Rev. Scott T. Porath (Cell: 440-4965; Parsonage: 781-2776)

Organists: Barbara Hohman

Acolyte: Lydia Baker

Altar Guild: Susan Vrbka and D'Ann Washington

Elders: Frank Maurer (580-2585), AJ Reimer (515-0748),

Dallas Obenland (786-7277), Tom Cosby (659-2618)

Ushers: Adam Vrbka, Dan Vrbka, Terry Reynoldson

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Divine Service:	59	Sunday School:	n/a
Last Week's Offerings		Year To Date Offerings	<u>i</u>
*Sunday Divine Service	\$23,418.00	General Fund Offerings	\$ 176,639.90
Special Service	\$ 4,237.00		
Sunday School	\$ 0.00	Sunday School	\$ 75.73
Building Fund	\$ 5,250.00	Building Fund	\$ 19,455.00
Other Offerings	\$10,500.00	Other Offerings	\$ 17,030.00
**Total Offerings	\$43,405.00	Offerings Received	\$ 213,200.63
Last Week's Budget		Year To Date Budget	
General Fund Needed	\$ 3,615.87	General Fund Needed	\$ 188,025.00
Difference	\$24,039.13	Difference	\$ (11,385.10)

^{*}Includes only General Fund Offering towards the Budget

The Lord's Week

Sunday, January 3 rd	10:15 am	Divine Service SS / Youth / Adult Bible Study Divine Service
Monday, January 4th	7:00 pm	Board of Elders
Tuesday, January 5 th		Matins Bible Study Didache
Wednesday, January 6 th	•	Catechesis Epiphany Service
Thursday, January 7th		
Friday, January 8th		
Saturday, January 9th		
Sunday, January 10 th	10:15 am	Divine Service SS / Youth / Adult Bible Study Divine Service

<u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u> are 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion, so please call ahead.

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