

News and Notes of Interest

CHANGES TO THE DIVINE SERVICES: Next Sunday (1/17) we will return to having one Divine Service on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. with Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible classes from 10:15-11:15 a.m. The overflow seating in the parish hall will be used for those desiring social distancing for the Divine Service. We will continue to livestream the service on Facebook live. You do not need to contact the church office to reserve your space for the Divine Service.

INSTALLATION of Officers and Board Members for 2021 takes place during the Divine Service today.

NEBRASKA WALK FOR LIFE: This annual walk in support of the sanctity of all human life will take place this coming Saturday, January 16th. You are invited to a pre-walk worship service at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lincoln (12th and G St.) at 9:00 a.m. Following the service, we will gather at the State Capitol building where the Walk For Life begins. The walk goes from the Capitol to the Newman Center next to the university campus. The Walk for Life begins at 10:00 a.m.

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!

USHERS: We still need some volunteers to usher this year. Please sign up for a month on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the kitchen.

USHERS FOR 2021: There will be a meeting for all ushers on January 17th following the Divine Service.

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

DIDACHE CLASSES 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.

THANK YOU: The Board of Trustees would like to thank all the congregation members that helped with cleaning of the church and mowing for 2020.

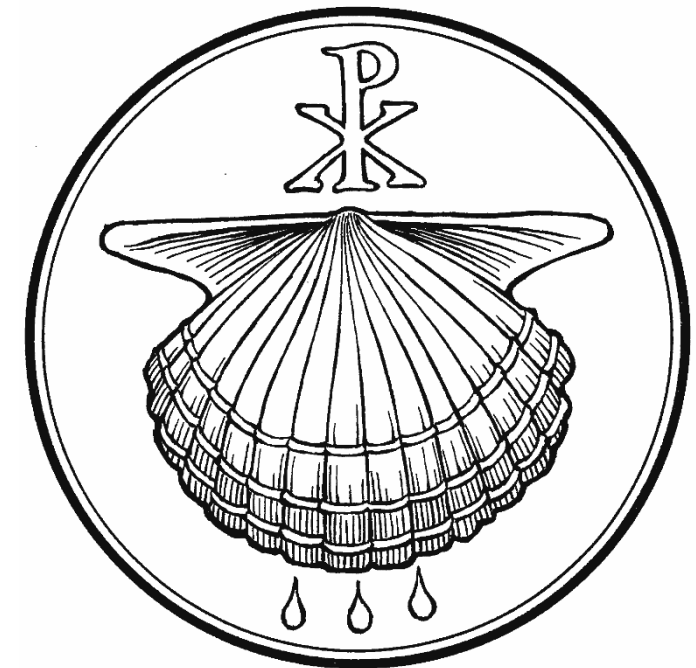
IF YOU NEED HELP in these days (finances, help with groceries, pick up medications, a ride, etc.), please contact Pastor or the church.

CHURCH REMODEL LOAN: The projects for the church remodel have been completed. There is still an outstanding loan balance of \$7,767.97. 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. ... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week’s teachings include: The Sacred Names of God, The Epiphany Hymn “The Only Son from Heaven,” Critical Theory, Responding to the Argument Against Miracles and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



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WELCOME TO IMMANUEL: 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.

ALL GUESTS 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** + Alayna Potter (Diane Bolin's niece), Melissa Fulton, Carolyn Jensen, Diane Bolin, Duane Arends, Ron Miller, Larry Ikenberry, Stuart & Jenny Henderson (Larry Severson's cousin & wife), Mike Johaneck (Sheryl Stine's cousin), Baby Anselm (Suzanne Yelkin's relative), JoAnn Schmidt (Marlene Schroder's friend), Ron Miller, Kristy Johaneck (Sheryl Stine's cousin), John Foede (friend of the Colemans), Jordon Powell (Lisa Schmidt's brother-in-law), Peggy Pauley (Jodi Manley's friend), Raven Curtis (Gregg Fusselman's granddaughter), Alma Schroder (Verda Umland's sister-in-law), Larry Harschfield (Marlene Schroder's brother-in-law).

We ask that you would include these people in the prayers during your home devotions. 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: Alexandra Cosby
 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, Jameson Hofker

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Divine Service:	80	Sunday School:	6
<u>Last Week's Offerings</u>		<u>Year To Date Offerings</u>	
*Sunday Divine Service	\$ 2,767.00	General Fund Offerings	\$ 2,767.00
Special Service	\$		
Sunday School	\$ 2.00	Sunday School	\$ 2.00
Building Fund	\$ 80.00	Building Fund	\$ 80.00
Other Offerings	\$ 10.00	Other Offerings	\$ 10.00
**Total Offerings	\$ 2,859.00	Offerings Received	\$ 2,859.00
<u>Last Week's Budget</u>		<u>Year To Date Budget</u>	
General Fund Needed	\$ 3,820.50	General Fund Needed	\$ 3,820.50
Difference	\$ (1,053.50)	Difference	\$ (1,053.50)

**Includes only General Fund Offering towards the Budget*
***Total Received includes all offerings-General Fund, Building Fund, & other offerings (special funds)*

The Lord's Week

Sunday, January 10 th	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	SS / Youth / Adult Bible Study
	11:00 am	Divine Service
Monday, January 11 th	10:00 am	Circuit Pastors' Conference
Tuesday, January 12 th	9:00 am	Matins
	9:30 am	Bible Study
	6:30 am	Didache
Wednesday, January 13 th	6:30 pm	Catechesis
	8:00 pm	Council Meeting
Thursday, January 14 th		
Friday, January 15 th		
Saturday, January 16 th	9:00 am	Pre-Walk Worship (@ Trinity)
	10:00 am	Walk For Life (State Capitol)
Sunday, January 17 th	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	SS / Youth / Adult Bible Study
	11:00 am	Divine Service

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 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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