

News and Notes of Interest

DIVINE SERVICES are on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. with Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible classes from 10:15-11:15 a.m. The seating in the parish hall will be socially distanced. The service is livestreamed on Facebook live.

TUESDAY MATINS & BIBLE STUDY: Matins is a service of Scripture and prayer that begins at 9:00 a.m. and at 9:30 a.m.

CATECHESIS CLASSES throughout the Season of Lent will begin at 5:30 p.m.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES are on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. This year we will be focusing on the Passion History of Our Lord.

LENTEN DINNERS will be served at 5:30 p.m. before each midweek Lenten Service. This week (2/24) the Board of Evangelism will be serving enchiladas. Please sign up to bring food for these dinners. Sign-up sheets are located in the parish hall by the kitchen.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN VOLUNTEERS: You can volunteer at the OGT warehouse in Lincoln, sorting of clothes and packing boxes. The group from Immanuel will meet this Saturday, February 27, from 9-11:30 am at 4817 N 56th Street, Suite 10. If you are interested, please contact Becky Obenland. Masks are required at the warehouse.

YOUTH GROUP FUND RAISER: Let the Youth Group make some easy meals for you. The youth will be making Bierocks on March 13th which will be ready for you to pick up on Sunday, March 14th. Please turn in your orders to Charity Baker by Sunday, March 7th.

VBS DIRECTOR NEEDED: It is hard to believe with the weather we have been having, but summer will be here before we know it--so it is time to seek a Vacation Bible School Director or Co-Directors. If you are interested, or just have questions, please speak with a Board of Education member (Elizabeth Hofker, Rachel Hrabik, Stacy Reimer or Charity Baker).

FLOWERS: Anyone wishing to purchase flowers for a worship service, may do so. Please sign up on the flower chart in the hallway.

USHERS: There are still 4 open slots on the 2021 Usher Schedule. If you can serve in this way, the sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the kitchen.

CHURCH REMODEL LOAN: The projects for the church remodel have been completed. There is still an outstanding loan balance of \$7,456.55. You can help to pay off the loan by giving an offering to the Building Fund (please mark your donation accordingly).

LIBRARY BOOKS: A variety of books from our library are on display on the table in the narthex. Check them out (and check out the other books and resources 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.

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

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. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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FEBRUARY 21, 2021

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** + Sharon Hestermann, Jeff Royer (former member), Alayna Potter (Diane Bolin's niece), Melissa Fulton, Carolyn Jensen, Diane Bolin, Duane Arends, Larry Ikenberry, Stuart & Jenny Henderson (Larry Severson's cousin & wife), Mike & Kristy Johaneck (Sheryl Stine's cousins), Baby Anselm (Suzanne Yelkin's relative), 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), 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)
 Organist: Barbara Hohman
 Acolyte: Lydia Baker
 Altar Guild: Tina Luedders and Abbie Porath
 Elders: Dallas Obenland (786-7277), Shawn Luedders (960-0659)
 Ushers: Elijah and Kevin Bolin, Kevin Schroder, Scott Washington

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Divine Service:	68	Sunday School:	n/a
<u>Last Week's Offerings</u>		<u>Year To Date Offerings</u>	
*Sunday Divine Service	\$ 1,741.00	General Fund Offerings	\$ 19,383.00
Special Service	\$		
Sunday School	\$	Sunday School	\$ 21.00
Building Fund	\$ 30.00	Building Fund	\$ 455.00
Other Offerings	\$ 10.00	Other Offerings	\$ 40.00
**Total Offerings	\$ 1,781.00	Offerings Received	\$ 19,899.00
<u>Last Week's Budget</u>		<u>Year To Date Budget</u>	
General Fund Needed	\$ 3,820.50	General Fund Needed	\$ 26,743.50
Difference	\$ (2,079.50)	Difference	\$ (7,360.50)

*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, February 21 st	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	SS / Youth / Adult Bible Study
Monday, February 22 nd		
Tuesday, February 23 rd	9:00 am	Matins
	9:30 am	Bible Study
	6:30 am	Didache
Wednesday, February 24 th	5:30 pm	Catechesis
	5:30-6:45 pm	Lenten Dinner
	7:00 pm	Midweek Lent Service
Thursday, February 25 th		
Friday, February 26 th		
Saturday, February 27 th	9:00-11:30 am	OGT-Lincoln
Sunday, February 28 th	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	SS / Youth / Adult Bible Study

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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