

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

December 12, 2021
Third Sunday in Advent



From prison, John the Baptist sent two disciples to Jesus asking,
“Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”

Luke 7:18b

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Rev. J. Philipp Augustine, Pastor

Welcome to Immanuel! We ask all guests to please fill out the Communication/Communion Card, which has been placed at the entrances. You can place the completed card in the offering plate, hand to an usher or elder, or drop in the basket as you come forward for Holy Communion. We hope you have enjoyed our worship service, and we invite you to join us again soon. Members, please fill out the Communion Card to inform the church office of your attendance today and any needed prayers and visits.

Liturgy: Setting Three, page 184

Sermon: “Rejoice! The Lord Will Save!” – Zephaniah 3:14-20

Hymns:

345 - Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

515 - Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

338 - Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Organist: Barb Lutringer

Elders/Ushers: 8:00 am: Mark Bartsh & Bob Walkes

10:15 am: Brent Wohlers & Don Luckstein

Acolyte & Cross Bearer: 8:00 – Brooklyn Staudacher

10:15 – Bo Brinkman

Altar Duty December: Don & Becky Luckstein, Tom & Lisa Hoekstra

Busy Bags: Will be available once COVID19 concerns are past.

Our Mission

Immanuel Lutheran Church exists to spread the Gospel in its truth and purity through Word and Sacraments in accordance with the Confession of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod.

Immanuel Lutheran School exists to share the Gospel, so children become disciples of Jesus.

Holy Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may proclaim His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor.

For our communicants: gluten-free host is available along with grape juice in the center of the individual cups for those who have allergies or sensitivities to those respective elements. Please request it as you approach the pastor or the elder.

OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 5th: 140

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS

Sunday, December 5th: 7,184.00

OUR OFFERING OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Those known to be hospitalized – *no one at this time.* For any prayer requests wanted on the Congregational Prayer Chain, or in public worship services, call the church office (534-3700) or Barb Larson (251-2138) or E-mail office@immanuelplainview.org

God's richest blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week:

December 12: Debra Bigelow, Brianne Dohrn

December 13: Susan Lamprecht

December 14: Jasmine Timm, James Ohm I

December 15: Larry Hoiland, Carter Kautz

December 16: Ryan Lamprecht

December 17: Jackson Neumann

Support the Pastoral Formation of PJ Aarsvold



PJ, Melanie, and son, Talek, Aarsvold

How can I help?

- Financial:
 - **We have raised around \$1,250 so far this year. Can you give a gift to help us get to \$2,000 by January 1?**
 - Make checks payable to “Immanuel Lutheran Church” and note “PJ support” in the memo. If giving cash, please put in an envelope and note “PJ Support” on the outside
 - Put in collection plate or bring to the church office
- Prayer: For the Lord to raise up faithful pastors and to sustain PJ and family in his final year of study and formation
- Personal: Remember the family during the holidays or on their birthdays with a card or note. PJ's birthday: May 30, Melanie: May 18, Talek: January 22. Their address as of September 1:
6531 San Bonita Ave #2W
Saint Louis, MO 63105
- Mark your calendars for April 26, 2022, when PJ will – God willing – receive his call to serve in the Lord's Church!

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS
December 12, 2021

Monday – Friday office hours	8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday, Dec 12: Divine Service	8:00 am & 10:15 am
Education Hour	9:10 am
Monday, Dec 13: Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm
Church Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec 15: Chapel	8:25 am
Advent Supper	5:00 pm
Advent Service	6:30 pm
Confirmation / Holy Communion	7:15 pm
Sunday, Dec 19: Divine Service	8:00 am
Sunday School Christmas Program	10:15 am
ILS Christmas Program	3:00 pm

Sunday School, Youth and Pastor’s Bible studies will be on Christmas break December 19 to January 2. All will resume on January 9.

Charitable contributions for 2021 must be received before the first worship service in 2022 to claim the deduction for 2021. Checks that are mailed and postmarked in 2021 will still be deductible even if received at church in January. For your contribution to be on your statement of giving, it must be in a giving envelope, a check with your name on it, or through our website with Vanco’s e-giving service. Gift made through Thrivent (Choice Dollars or their e-giving platform) are not direct gifts to Immanuel and therefore not on your statement of giving.

Year-end Gifts needed! At the special voters meeting on November 21, the assembly approved a \$740,000 ministry plan for 2022. This is roughly a \$100,000 increase due to additional school staffing, insurance/benefits increases, and building maintenance. A special year-end gift to Immanuel will help provide the resources needed to fuel this great ministry of Christ Jesus in our church and school. May the Lord reward your generosity with even greater blessings than you could ever ask or imagine (Eph. 3:20, Malachi 3:10)!

December Confirmations / Advent Service this week:

Two 9th grade confirmation students, Jenna Ferk and Alicia VanSchaick, have completed their preparations for Confirmation. Due to family availability during this busy month, they will be confirmed after the Advent service on December 15. This may seem unusual but remember that confirmation classes are about preparation for life in the body of Christ and worthy preparation to receive the Lord’s Supper. This just happens to be the time when these catechumens have finished their basic instruction. God be praised for working diligently in their hearts and lives and bringing them to this place in their faith life! Wednesday’s service will flow as follows:

- 6:30 – 7:10: Regular Advent service
- Dismissal of those wishing to do so
- 7:20: Rite of Confirmation for Alicia and Jenna
- Holy Communion will be offered to the confirmands and all communicant members of Immanuel and those in fellowship with the LCMS.
- Time for congratulations and pictures

Advent Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available by the entrances and in the resource room. More will be printed as needed, so pick one up for a friend or neighbor!

Hope LHS Christmas Concert - Join Hope LHS for worship and **CHRISTMAS CONCERT** Wednesday December 15th starting at 5:30 at St. Martin's Lutheran Church.

Calling all youth group members! The youth group is headed to Gopher Lanes for bowling on **Thursday, December 30 at 11 AM.** Lunch and bowling are provided! If you need transportation, the Feils and Bedtke families are happy to pick up and drop off. If you are interested in attending, please let Kim, Amanda, or Matthew know.

Thank you from the Youth to everyone who helped at the Old Fashion Christmas Youth Bake Sale. It was a tremendous success. Thank you to those who made baked goods for us, who worked the booth, and to those who supported us in buying. Also, thank you to those who helped set up and take down the event. This is the youth's biggest fundraiser, and we appreciate all the support. A blesses Christmas to you and your families.

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Women with joy-filled and grateful hearts thank everyone who helped make Old Fashion Christmas a huge success! If you worked diligently in the kitchen or brought food or bars for our lunch - THANK YOU! If you brought candy for our candy table or worked at the table - THANK YOU! If you supported us at the lunch counter - THANK YOU! We are humbled by the blessing of this event and thank and praise God for each of you and your support!

From the Live Nativity Stable Crew - We gratefully want to thank the young folks and families for allowing their animals to celebrate Christmas with our Live Nativity. The families include Grover, Wood, Rother, Springer, Neumann, and Bedtke. It takes time and work to prepare them. Thank You, The Stable crew

The office is selling winter themed light up lanterns to raise money for the school. We have 5 different themes to choose from (red truck, holy family, angel, carolers and a nativity scene) and the prices range from \$35 - \$45. Please stop by the office to see them and to purchase!

Quilt making will begin again in January We need sheets in good condition (no worn spots or stains) to use for backings. If you have any you wish to donate, you can leave them at the church office or bring on a Sunday. We have quite a few kits to sew for quilt tops. If you would be willing to sew one or two, please contact either Linda Zabel or Margaret Carrothers. Our biggest need is people willing to tie quilts. This task does not require any sewing knowledge, just the ability to tie a double knot.

2022 Offering Envelopes & Year-to-Date giving statements are now available for pick up in the North entrance of church. These are tools for you to use in your personal stewardship. ILC members who choose to give electronically are not automatically assigned envelopes. If you would like envelopes and do not see a packet with your name on it, or if you have been assigned envelopes but they are not useful to you, please let the office know so we can adjust our order list for next year.