

Immanuel Lights

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SERVING TODAY: Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Phillip Callahan; Organist: Tom Fricke; Pianist: Darlene Collins; Elders: Don DeMoss, Kurt Thornsborough, Ken Kuhn; Ushers: Team E: Cpt. Denny Hilton; Communion Assistant: (8:30) Al Julian; Lay Reader: (8:30) Mike & Sue Heidle (5:00) Gail & Barb Garner; Altar Guild: Tina Ammermann, Mary Powell; Greeters: Dianne Seibert, Roger Seibert; Acolyte: (8:30) Noah Christensen (5:00) Tiffany Walters; Counters: Team B.

SPIRITUAL CARE: *Your well-being is important to us and we want to pray for you!* Please call us at 442-5675 when you or a loved one is hospitalized or having a procedure, or in any time of spiritual need, so we can pray or visit with you! We are pleased to pray for your (non-member) family and friends alongside Immanuel members. Please keep us informed of their needs.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: The Old Testament reading is Isaiah 40:1-11 ("Comfort, comfort, My people."); The Epistle reading is 2 Peter 3:8-14 ("The day of the Lord will come like a thief."); The Holy Gospel is Mark 1:1-8 (John begins baptizing and preaching.)

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Dianne Seibert.

HOSPITALIZED: We pray for those hospitalized this week: none known.

HOMEBOUND/HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for **Ruth Burress, Taylor Funk, Janet Gale, Kitty Lee, and Rob Dahlenburg.**

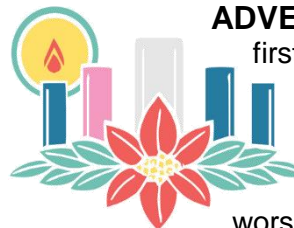
TUNE IN THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (12/06) "**Seek My Face**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We sometimes hear the voice before we see the face that goes with it. Seek God's face where you hear God's Word. (Daniel) Tune in any time to hear this and other great sermons at: www.lutheranhour.org

INGATHERING: The November/December collection is for the VA. They are in great need of men's tennis shoes in size 9-13. There is a collection tote near the canopy entrance. If you prefer to give a donation and let someone else do the shopping, give your donation to Diana Pratt or Mary Powell. Thanks!

MITES: Next Sunday is the Guild's monthly LWML Mite collection. Please bring your mighty mites next week and place them in the large Mite box. Thanks!

ADULT BIBLE CLASS Please join us as we continue with the study of **Echo: Unbroken Truth. Worth Repeating. Again.** Christianity is not the ability to memorize or recite from books of Scripture or doctrine. It is not magic. It is not a social club, counseling group, or self-help support group. It does not promise that you will be healthy, wealthy, wise, or even happy. Christianity is a truth—a truth first heard at the beginning of time that has echoed to this present age. A truth so profound that no man can master it, yet even a child can learn it.

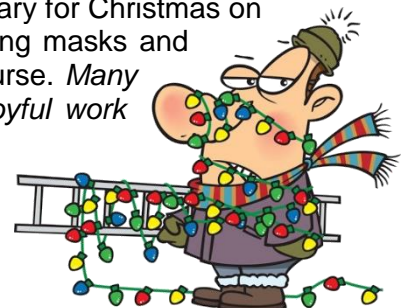
SUNDAY SCHOOL: During most of November, children will study "God Controls the Sun and the Moon" from Joshua 10:1-15. God answered Joshua's prayer and protected His people by controlling the forces of nature to enable Israel to win the fight against its enemies. God hears our prayers and protects us, granting our request because of Jesus, who fought for us on the cross against our enemies of sin, death, and the devil.



ADVENT IS COMING! Today is the first Sunday in Advent. Midweek **Advent Services** are at 6:30 pm on the **Thursdays** in December before Christmas: **Dec. 3, 10, & 17.** Come to worship our coming King to prepare for Christmas. Please plan to join us on **Dec. 20** at 8:30 am for the Children's Christmas program and on **Dec. 24** at 4:00 and 10:00 pm for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Services with Communion.

DOOR OFFERING: There is a door offering following the service today to benefit the Zora Drews Scholarship Fund. Please prayerfully consider making a special donation – this money is used to keep families struggling financially in our school!!

COME ONE, COME ALL! We will **deck the halls** of the church and sanctuary for Christmas on **Dec. 5**, at 9 am – wearing masks and socially distanced, of course. *Many hands make light and joyful work* as we prepare for our Lord's birth this Advent and Christmas season. **Please join us!**





SCRIP: December Scrip orders are due to the church office by 9:00 am on **Dec. 7**. This is one week earlier than usual. Orders will be available for pick up the following Sunday, **Dec. 13**. Scrip cards make great gifts and stocking stuffers!

CHILI LUNCH TO GO: Grab a sack lunch after church on **Dec. 13** for just \$5.00. The meal includes chili, cornbread, cheese, crackers, and dessert. YUM!

CHRISTMAS COOKIES: It is our custom to remember our home bound members and friends, as well as those with current health concerns, with the gift of Christmas cookies. Please sign up on the hall bulletin board to bake cookies and/or deliver them. Cookies should be



brought to the all purpose room on Sunday, **Dec. 13** or Monday, **Dec. 14** (by 11:00 am). Cookies will be packed and ready to be picked up for delivery on that same Monday by 1:00 pm. For further information, contact Diana Pratt or Janet Terry.

WEIHNACHTSGOTTESDIENST: Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, 645 Poplar Street, Terre Haute, IN invites you to their annual **German Christmas Service** on **Dec. 13** at 4:00 pm. There will be German hymns and carols, hearing the Gospel and sermon in German, and afterwards, enjoying some *Gemutlichkeit*. They are serving some authentic German pastries and cookies. This year, refreshments will be prepackaged to "grab and go". An English translation of the liturgy will be provided as well as a sermon synopsis. One need not know German to enjoy this Service! Call 812-232-4972 for more info.

A MESSAGE FROM JERRY YOUNG: *"To such a caring congregation as Immanuel, thank you to all who prayed for me and my family, sent caring cards, and made phone calls. I am ever grateful. All of it helped me get through the loss of my husband, Carl. God bless you all!"*

COVID: We are asking everyone to please wear a mask while in the narthex and hallways. To help keep the heat inside, we will only use the narthex entrance and the canopy doors. From time to time, we may need to direct you to a different door and we thank you for your understanding! Please continue to sign up for services either in the Narthex, using the online registration program, or for those without internet access, please call the church office. We kindly request that you inform the church office if you test positive for Covid and have recently attended church services. We are keeping attendance so we can inform any one at risk of exposure as they will need to monitor themselves for symptoms.

YEAR END GIVING: Per IRS regulations, all donations have to be received in the church office no later than **Dec. 31** to be considered a 2020 donation. If they are received after that time, they will be put on the 2021 giving statements.



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Attendance Sunday (11/22)	88
Bible Class / Sunday School	21

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$4,691. ⁰⁰
Needed Weekly	\$9,925. ⁰⁰
Checking Account Balance	\$33,577. ⁰⁰
Bills Due This Week	\$8,339. ⁰⁰

BIRTHDAYS:

Nov. 29	Caleb Hammer	Dec. 1	Luke Humblet
30	Kelly Kochvar	1	Randall Radloff
30	Kevin Kochvar	5	Kimberly Davis

ANNIVERSARIES:

Nov. 30	Joe & Kathy Kyle	10
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CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK...

Sunday (29)	8:30 am	Worship with Communion
	9:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	5:00 pm	Worship with Communion
Monday (30)	6:30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday (3)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	5:45 pm	Handbells
	6:30 pm	Advent Worship
Saturday (5)	9:00 am	Christmas Decorating
Next Sunday (6)	8:30 am	Worship with Communion
	9:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	5:00 pm	Worship with Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Second Sunday in Advent, Dec. 6
- Third Sunday in Advent, Dec. 13
- Chili Lunch to Go, Dec. 13
- Fourth Sunday in Advent, Dec. 20
- Sunday School Christmas Program, Dec. 20
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, Dec. 24

