

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM MEMBERS TO MEMBERS TO BENEFIT
WALCAMP CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES.**

This long-standing custom originated when members decided to convey Season's Greetings to fellow members via a special insert, donating what would otherwise have been spent on postage to a separate fund. Sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex by December 13 in order to be included on the Greeting. Print your name(s) exactly as you would like to have them put on the Christmas Greeting. You may turn your donation in to the office or place it in the offering plate and designate "Christmas Greeting" on the memo line. The greeting will be inserted in the December 20 bulletin.



Hanging of the Greens! Everything looks a little (lot!) different this year, but we are still planning to hang the greens! If you would like to help — Call the office for a time. Decorating will be Monday or Tuesday, November 30 or December 1 from 12:30—4:00. Pick an area, or we will give you an area to decorate to prepare our Lord's house for this most joyous season! Give the office a call to set up a time — Come by yourself, or invite a friend— Enjoy— Help us prepare—while maintaining social distance! (*Bring a mask!*)



Poinsettia Plants to decorate the sanctuary: To ensure plant delivery, the deadline to order is **very early this year: December 6th!** If you would like to purchase one or more you can call the office to sign-up, sign up in the entryway or watch for a sign up genius. We will list the names of those who donate flowers—you can also chose to give your flowers in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one.—If you do not want your name listed, simply list "anonymous." (No long dedications please—we will simply list the name and either "in memory of," or "in honor of.") Indicate if you will be taking your plant home or if you would like to have it taken to a shut-in. Choices are pink, red or white. You can pick up your plant after services on Christmas Day or request that it be delivered to you. Each plant will cost \$15.00.



Tentative Christmas Worship Plans Per Elders:

- **7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve** Candlelight Service (no communion serve) Service will be on Facebook Live Christmas Eve and will be replayed on the WLBK 1360 AM at 10:30 a.m. Christmas morning. Sign up NOW so we can have a handle on how many to expect. We can safely seat about 100 people. If numbers warrant we will contemplate a second service on Christmas Eve — but we will need to know SOON if we should start that planning process. NO communion (this is for both safety and time concerns)
- **9:00 a.m. Christmas morning worship w/ Holy Communion** (*no plan to air the Christmas morning service on Facebook*)
- **Holy Communion: Dec 25 & Sun Dec 27:** Communion will be celebrated
- NO New Year's Eve worship service.



PARTNERING IN PRAYER November 22-28, 2020

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone" —1 Timothy 2:1-2

WE OFFER PRAYER ON BEHALF OF THE FOLLOWING:

THOSE WHO ARE CHRONICALLY ILL: Diana Hedlund Glen Roberts Rachael McEwen
Kirsten Foss Fran Tatiana (*friend of Jeneane Bejnarowicz*) Rob McKinley (*son of Pat McKinley*)
Robin Nielsen Tiernan Merman

THOSE DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER: Glenn Lucca & Julie Suter (*friends of Chris & Audrey Cook*)
Pam Paszotta Paul Plapp Dale Geibel Staci McNett David Wickstrom John Sprinkle
Robin Brunshon (*friend of Karen Cribben*) Jackie Kostbade (*cousin of Jeneane Bejnarowicz*)
Michael Stache (*father of Melinda Goodman*) Chris Mamosser (*former student of Audrey Cook*)
Rob Wessels (*friend of Bejnarowicz*) Colleen Chavez (*granddaughter of Carlos Woolbright*)
Lisa Kazcmarczyk (*friend of Sue Harms*) Jonal McKinley (*daughter-in-law of Pat McKinley*)
Debbie Teason (*cousin of Audrey Cook*) Michael Johnson (*friend of Bejnarowicz*)
Dennis Moore (*friend of Dankia Nelson*) Mattea & Maddox Lesorgen (*friends of the Hamel's*)

OUR SHUT-INS: Marcia Kiel Roger Meyer Merle Sawyer Irene Nelson Jean Curley
Fred Foster Mary Ebbesen

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Dr. Robert Bejnarowicz (*colonel*) Derrick Schoo
Major Christopher Denton (*grandson of Carol*) Jacob Marx (*grandson of Janet & Patrick Byrnes*)
Sgt. Kaitlan Lave (*granddaughter of Al & Shirley*) Lt. Brett Stewart (*friend of the Sprinkle family*)
Brendan Spartz (*son of Mindy & Bill Lynch*)
Jessica Marx (*granddaughter of Janet & Patrick Byrnes*)
Brad Fancsali (*grandson of Judie Wright/great nephew of Pat McKinley*)
Owen Schroeder (*grandson of Dennis and Jane Schroeder*)

We pray for all those serving in the military. If you would like the specific name of a loved one added to the weekly prayer list, please contact the office by phone or email or write the name on your attendance sheet.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For Dorothy Knudson who fell this past week and was to undergo surgery for a broken bone;
- For Lynn Phelps, a friend of Danika Nelson. Lynn fell and underwent surgery for head injuries; she has subsequently suffered a stroke and is on life support;
- For wisdom and compassionate hearts to care and advocate for all who are victims of, or affected by racism, injustice or other sinful practices in our community and world;
- May the Lord grant healing to those in need, comfort to those who mourn, wisdom to those who lead and compassion to all during this time of difficulty. May opportunities open and may we be wise enough to recognize them to see God's love in this situation and convey it to others. Grant this to us all Lord!

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS: Donna Boldt Brittany Davis Brogan Long Kenneth Moeller
Gary Nieman Ursula Sarver Brad Nelson Elizabeth Nelson Sydney Bartlett
Virginia Scoughton Kevin Mull Eero Holder Madilynn Phelps Sherry Roleczynski
Genese Wiehle Rachel Giudice Blake Cleinmark

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES: 11/22/1987 Gary & Sally Nieman 11/26/1977 James & Carol Nelson
11/24/2012 Jeff & Sherry Roleczynski 11/24/18 Dan & Jennifer Springmire
11/26/1971 Bruce & Diane Griffith 11/26/2011 Roy & Jennifer Pffingsten

*If you are an active member of Immanuel, and we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office so we may add you to the prayer list for the following week, and correct our records. We have a **DESIRE TO MINISTER** to all who are hospitalized or in some way shut-in. However, we (Pastor and the Elders) cannot provide pastoral care if we are not made aware of the need. If you know of someone hospitalized or needing a visit, please contact the church office.*



WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES:

All events listed are tentative and may be amended as things change.

Worship Schedule Until Further Notice:

• **8:00 a.m. In Person Worship.** We do need to continue contact tracing, and ask that you register before attending worship. Contact the office to sign up by calling 815-756-6669 or email office@godwithusilc.org.

- Registration links can also be found on our web page: www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com.
- **8:00 a.m. Facebook Live**

- **10:30 a.m. WLBK Radio Broadcast**
- **Holy Communion is also offered by appointment— following social distancing guidelines.**
- Bulletins, Portals of Prayer and other information is available after noon each Thursday. They are in a tote outside the church.
- Email bulletins & announcements will be sent via email each week by Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
- Bulletins/Announcements & all radio and worship videos are on our web page: www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com.
- If you would like the bulletin mailed to you, contact the office and we will be happy to mail you a copy. These are extenuating circumstances and we understand that. If at any time you have specific needs, or just feel the need to talk or visit, please contact:

Church office: 815-756-6669 (church direct line)

office@godwithusilc.org (office e-mail)

Pastor Marty: 815-501-3951 (cell and text)

Rev@godwithusilc.org



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As members of the Lutheran Student Fellowship, "Refuge", we want to extend our sincerest gratitude for our use of the church facilities. Despite the chaos that 2020 has thrown our way, we have been able to find consistent support and stability at Immanuel.

Through this church we have been able to strengthen our relationship with God, build new friendships, and create warm memories we can look back on for many years to come.

We would like to thank the congregation for providing such an accepting community, the Campus Ministry Committee for giving us the resources necessary to meet our goals, and Pastor Marks for his continued support and guidance in this difficult time. Thank you all!

Blessings,
Refuge



VOTERS MEETING

TODAY: The November Voter's Meeting is today, **SUNDAY, November 22**

immediately following worship. This will be an abbreviated meeting will be

limited to agenda items only. Voter's packets are available in the narthex. Voting will include approval of minutes, financial reports and election of officers. Positions up for election are: chair elect, financial secretary, 2 elder positions, and chairs of Christian Education, Outreach and Youth boards. Terms begin January 1. Board positions are each 2 years, elder is a 3 year term and chair-elect is a three year transition which includes chair-elect, chair and past chair. Our plan is to have a Facebook live stream of the meeting available for informational purposes only. (You will not be able to vote via Facebook.)

Those attending in person are reminded to sign the attendance book. - Thank you.

Preparing to Celebrate our Saviors' Birth

TOY DROP-OFF: We were not able to sponsor our annual Christmas in July due to Covid-19, so Human Care is sponsoring a toy box for toys for children of the community now!

A box will be in the Narthex to drop out a new toy or toys (unwrapped) for a child/(ren). The Human Care committee will deliver the toys to The Salvation Army. Please have toys to church by December 16.

Any questions please contact a Human Care member.

Thank you for making a child's Christmas a little better this year.



Sunday School Advent Packets: Since we are currently unable to meet with the Sunday School children, advent packets are being prepared for each child from birth through high school. If you are in the church, packets can be picked up in the office to save postage. Please take time to look through the packets, which contain activities, calendars and devotion booklets. We might suggest that you set aside time each day to use these materials to prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Savior. If you do not get one, and would like one, please contact the church office. Packets will include a family devotional, a project and an advent calendar. There will also be a separate age-appropriate packet of activities for each child.

Advent Devotion Booklets from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available in the narthex in both regular and large print. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact the office. We will also place them in the tote outside the building from Thursday—Sunday.

This year's theme is "**God with Us**":

What better news is there than to know that God is always by our side! In *God with Us*, we learn again what God the Father has done—He has kept His promise. In so doing, He has announced that grace and forgiveness are available to all, freely given in the birth of Jesus: God's Son, our Savior. He is Immanuel, "God with us."

The story of God coming to earth as a human child is a profound one.

In *God with Us*, we find no aloof divinity who is unconcerned and remote somewhere in the cosmos. Rather, He is deeply involved in all our affairs—our joys as well as our heartaches. He *knows* us for He became one of us. At Christmastime, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, Lord of the universe, Savior of the world, Shepherd of our lives.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD AT IMMANUEL THIS WEEK					
DATE	TIME	EVENT	MEETING PLACE	AGE GROUP	CONTACT PERSON
LITTLE LAMBS ON THANKSGIVING BREAK—No classes November 23—27, 2020					
Sunday 11/22	8:00 AM 8:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM	Facebook Live Worship Service Worship Service (<i>must register</i>) Voters Meeting Voters Meeting FB Viewing Adult Bible Study (<i>must register</i>) Worship Service Broadcast	Face Book Live Sanctuary Sanctuary Facebook Live Fellowship Hall WLBK 1360	Everyone Limit to 75 Limit to 75 Membership Limit to 10 Everyone	Pastor Marty Pastor Marty Jen Allen Jen Allen Carolyn McQuillan Doug Nelson
Monday 11/23	—	—	—	—	—
Tuesday 11/24	1:00 PM 2:00 PM 9:00 PM	Staff Meeting Two for Tuesday Bible Study Refuge Bible Study	Upper Mtg Rm Zoom Hybrid	Staff Adult College	Pastor Marty Pastor Marty Pastor Marty
Wed 11/25	9:00 AM 12:00 Noon — 7:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline Offices Close for Thanksgiving NO Jr. Confirmation Thanksgiving Eve Worship	Office — Fellowship Hall Sanctuary	Everyone — Middle School Everyone	Darlene Hillman — Pastor Marty Pastor Marty
Thursday 11/26	—	Thanksgiving Day—Offices Closed	—	—	—
Friday 11/27	—	Offices Closed	—	—	—
Saturday 11/28	9:00 AM	Bulletins & Announcements Sent	Constant Contact	Registered Recipients	Darlene Hillman
Sunday 11/29	5th Sunday 8:00 AM 8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM	LWML Mite Sudany Facebook Live Worship Service Worship Service (<i>must register</i>) Adult Bible Study (<i>must register</i>) Worship Service Broadcast	Narthex Face Book Live Sanctuary Fellowship Hall WLBK 1360	Everyone Everyone Limit to 75 Limit to 10 Everyone	LWML Pastor Marty Pastor Marty Carolyn McQuillan Doug Nelson



Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wednesday, November 25
7:00 p.m.
Worship will be broadcast live on Facebook.
The recorded service can be heard at 10:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day on WLBK 1360 AM.

Church offices close at 12 noon on Wednesday, November 25 and will be closed Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27.

Bible Study Opportunities:

Sunday Morning Bible study is currently being offered following worship, however, you *must* pre-register—Class is strictly limited to 10 participants. The topic is the study of the book of John.

2:00 on Tuesday on ZOOM! (Tuesdays at 2pm via Zoom) continues to meet every week and explore the Gospel of Matthew. It is never too late to jump in. While strictly online, this Bible study still has the close friendly feel of an in person group enjoying time in the Word with each other. See our website for a link to the Zoom meeting: www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com. Call the office if you have any questions or need help accessing the information.

Sunday School: Watch for an advent packet being mailed soon. Share pictures of activities on our Facebook Page: Immanuel Lutheran Church DeKalb Illinois Sunday School.

For College Students: The traditional Tuesday Bible study will now meet virtually at 9:00 p.m. The invitation to join via Zoom can be found on our website, Refuge Facebook page, Instagram or by contacting Pastor Marty.

Ways to give you offering:

- **Online Giving on our Web Site; Mail your offering; Drop it by in Person; We also accept Credit/Debit Card payments.** (Call the church office at 815-756-6669);

QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THIS? - Or need help setting up your on line offering? Call the office Monday - Thursday from 9:00 - 3:00 at 815-756-6669 and we will be happy to assist you.



"She out of her poverty has put in everything she had."
MARK 12:44

MITES Sunday, November 29th, will be the 5th Sunday of the month. This is the time *Men, Women, and Children* can participate in bringing their mites (coins!) and putting them into the Big Mite Box in the entryway on August 30!
LET'S FILL THE MITE BOX! — Dollars are fine too!



Salvation Army Food Bags:

Today is the final day to donate food for the Salvation Army Thanksgiving Food Bags. **Our record has been 66 bags and 56 gift cards. What will be the total this year??? 70???** We will report back next week!

Little Lambs
GIFT CARD FUNDRIASER INFO
TO ORDER ON LINE: shopwithscrip.com

Enrollment Code: DD7427D154116
December Deadline: Monday, December 14
PAYMENT MUST BE MADE ONLINE OR BROUGHT TO THE OFFICE BEFORE THE ORDER WILL BE PROCESSED.

Paper order forms are available in the narthex or call the office.

ShopWithScrip



Scrip Gift Cards: Thank you to all who ordered gift cards. Please sign the sign-out sheet when you pick yours up. Orders can be picked up any time during the week in the office. The next wave will be due Monday, December 14 and will be available by Thursday, December 17th. Thank you for your support!

Midweek Advent Worship will begin Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. At this time we are planning on allowing individuals to take part in the service in person. We believe this will be a limited number, and the service will be more informal. Service will be available live on Facebook and posted on our web site for viewing anytime after the service.



Midweek Advent Theme: Prepare Ye: In this worship series for traditional worship for Advent, we contemplate the many ways we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child on Christmas, taking cues from the psalms of old and from those whom God chose to play a part in the story of our Lord's birth. As we draw near to the manger bed of our Savior from sin and death, our hearts prepare him room for his everlasting love.

Week 1: Ponder (Psalm 48:9): We consider ways in which we can ponder the meaning of the birth of our Savior through the reading of Scripture and through reflection. Mary serves as a model for us in this pondering in the Annunciation.

Week 2: Pray (Psalm 69:13): We think about ways in which we can take more time during this season to communicate to our God through prayer as we wait for Christ. Zechariah, who went to the temple to pray, serves as an example for us of how hard that waiting in prayer can be.

Week 3: Praise (Psalm 30:4): We celebrate the upcoming arrival of our Savior through songs and shouts of praise as we prepare for him. Elizabeth, in her greeting of Mary, provides a benchmark for rejoicing with others over the good news of salvation in Jesus, even as we wait.