

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD AT IMMANUEL THIS WEEK					
DATE	TIME	EVENT	MEETING PLACE	AGE GROUP	CONTACT PERSON
Sunday 11/21	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary	Everyone	Pastor Marty
	8:00 AM	Face Book Live Traditional	Facebook Live	Everyone	Pastor Marty
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study	Various Rooms	Adults	C. McQuillan/Marks
	9:15 AM	Sunday School	Sanctuary	Ages 3—High School	Jen Allen
	10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary	Everyone	Pastor Marty
	10:30 AM	Face Book Live Contemporary	Face Book Live	Everyone	Pastor Marty
	9:30 AM	Worship Radio Service Broadcast	WLBK 1360 AM	Everyone	Doug Nelson
	5:30 PM	Thanksgiving Dinner	Immanuel	Registered Guests	Peer Ministers
Monday—Friday—Little Lambs Preschool Thanksgiving Break. No School November 22—26.					
Monday, 11/22	7:00 PM	Zoom Bible Study	Zoom	Adults	Pastor Marty
Tuesday 11/23	10:00 AM	Newsletter Assembly	Fellowship Hall	Adults	Darlene Hillman
	11:30 AM	Volunteer Luncheon	Fellowship Hall	Volunteers	Darlene Hillman
Wed 11/24	8:30 AM	Bulletin Deadline	Office	Everyone	Darlene Hillman
	9:15—11:00 AM	BSF Study	Fellowship Hall	Community	Rita Goodwin
	12:00 Noon	Offices Close	—	—	—
	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Worship	7:00 PM	Sanctuary	Pastor Marty
	7:00 PM	Facebook Live Thanksgiving	7:00 PM	Face Book Live	Doug Nelson
	—	Worship	—	—	—
Thursday 11/25	Thanksgiving Day	Offices Closed	—	—	—
Friday 11/26	—	Offices Closed	—	—	—
Saturday 11/27	—	—	—	—	—
Sunday 11/28	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary	Everyone	Pastor Marty
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Voter's Meeting— If you missed the meeting and would like a Voter's Packet, they can be found in the narthex.

New Business: Due to the age of our current fire alarm system, which no longer has parts available, and an increasing number of false alarms, the Council directed the Bd. of Trustees to obtain bids for a new system. Three bids were obtained. *The following motion was made and passed at the November Voter's Meeting: The Board of Trustees to make a motion to replace our existing fire alarm system using Alarm Detection Systems, with a maximum cost of \$12,500. Funds for the new system to be taken from undesignated savings and solicited congregational donations. Funds for the monthly monitoring and any maintenance agreement to come from the maintenance line item of the budget.*

Any donations towards this project will be gratefully accepted. — Mark as "Fire Alarm System" and place your donation in the offering plate or drop it by the office. Donations can also be made on line. (*Please*—Any gifts should not be in place of your regular giving, but rather, in addition.)

Council Election Results: The following were elected to serve as members of the church council: Chair: Brian Pringnitz; Past Chair: Jim Pfothenauer; Chair-elect: Jen Allen; Secretary: Kristen Goff; Treasurer: Justin Dooley; Elders: Mark Mistic & Jim Arndt; Campus Ministry: Dennis Maakestad; Trustees: Darlene Hillman & Tom Sawyer; Human Care: Cathy Faivre. Thank you to those who have completed terms: Carol Nelson, Jacob Cook, Chris Cook & Roger Maas.

PARTNERING IN PRAYER November 21-27, 2021

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

THOSE DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER: Kurt Rissman Glenn Lucca (*friend of Chris & Audrey Cook*)
Pam Paszotta Dale Geibel Staci McNett Ellyn Jacobsen Mandy Long
Robin Brunshon (*friend of Karen Cribben*) 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*) Sandy Petit (*friend of Linda Conrad*)
Dr. Amy Newkirk (*friend of the Marks family*) Kathy Sands (*aunt of Mishelle Rodgers*)
Donna Cyrier & MaryAnn Sisler (*friends of Mishelle Rodgers*)

OUR SHUT-INS: Marcia Kiel Merle Sawyer Irene Nelson Pat Moeller
Fred Foster Mary Ebbesen Toni Byford Helen Deschler

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Dr. Robert Bejnarowicz (*colonel*) Derrick Schoo
LTC (Lt. Colonel) Christopher Denton (*grandson of Carol*) Brendan Spartz (*son of Mindy & Bill Lynch*)
Jacob Marx: US Coast Guard; now stationed in Philadelphia PA (*grandson of Janet & Patrick Byrnes*)
Jessica (Marx) Hess: US Air Force; stationed in Dayton, OH (*granddaughter of Janet & Patrick Byrnes*)
Sgt. Kaitlan Lave (*granddaughter of Al & Shirley*)
Brad Fancsali (*grandson of Judie Wright/great nephew of Pat McKinley*)
Owen Schroeder; Evan Schroeder (*grandsons of Dennis and Jane Schroeder*)

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For Ellyn Jacobsen, who has entered hospice care.;
- 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: Jameson Dorland Donna Boldt Brittany Davis
Brogan Long Ken Moeller Gary Nieman Ursula Sarver Brad Nelson
Elizabeth Nelson Sydney Bartlett Virginia Scoughton Kevin Mull Eero Holder

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

*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.*



Current Protocol: We are following the state of Illinois mandates and CDC for Covid-19 procedures.

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

Pastor Marty: 815-501-3951 (cell and text) Rev@godwithusilc.org

At the November meeting of the Elders, the following decisions were affirmed regarding worship over the next few months.

In regard to Covid mitigations, we have decided to continue with our current mask policy which is “requested but not required.” For those who would like to remove their mask it is strongly encouraged to wear your mask while walking to your pew, then you may remove it once seated.

We will continue serving communion at the tables in front for the foreseeable future. This is partially due to Covid precautions and partially due to logistics in how the Altar guild is able to provide the elements needed to run things smoothly. We will continue to monitor the state of Covid in our community and adjust as conditions call for it, either relaxing or tightening our policy.

As for worship services during the Christmas season here is the plan:

We will have our Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday , November 24th at 7:00 p.m. It will be a communion service and it will be recorded to be broadcast on the radio Thanksgiving morning at 10:30 a.m. Tentative plans are to broadcast the service on Facebook live.

We will have midweek Advent services on December 1, 8 and 15 at 7:00 p.m. also available on FaceBook Live.



Thanksgiving Eve

Worship: Wednesday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. Worship will be broadcast live on Facebook.

The recorded service can

be heard at 10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day on WLBK 1360 AM.

Church offices close at 12 noon on Wednesday, November 24 and will be closed Thursday & Friday, November 25 & 26.



HUMAN CARE SAYS

“THANK YOU!” We would like to thank the members and friends of the congregation, and pre-school families for the generous giving of food for our Salvation Army Thanksgiving food bags and gift cards. We

filled over 55 bags and received around 50 gift cards for families unable to create a special meal and memories for their family.

We also appreciate the help of our Sunday School children for filling the bags.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

REFUGE THANKSGIVING DINNER will be served this evening, Sunday, November 21 at 5:30 p.m. You must have pre-registered to attend.



This is a prayer that Abraham Lincoln prayed.

It was for the day of prayer, but it quite appropriate for any day, including Thanksgiving.

Almighty God, Who has given us

this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable ministry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Amen



Hanging of the Greens!

If you would like to help us deck the halls— please join us Tuesday, November 30th anytime after 3:00 p.m. We will enjoy a light pizza party together once the halls are

decorated—around 5:00 p.m. If that time doesn’t work for you and would still like to help, you can schedule a time or come work with a friend—just give the office a call! We will give you an area to decorate to prepare our Lord’s house for this most joyous season!

Come—enjoy— help us prepare!

Scrip Orders: Thank you to all who ordered gift cards in our first wave! Each card purchase adds up — and each order is appreciated! Our profit from the first round was just over \$550. The second wave orders are due by 9:00 a.m. on December 14. Some have said they are having trouble using the on line version. Please grab a paper order form and turn it into the office if that works better for you. We will be happy to enter the orders in the office.

Advent Devotion Booklets from Lutheran Hour Ministries

are available in the narthex in both regular and large print editions. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact the office. This years theme is “CHILD OF PROMISE”

The birth of the Savior is celebrated again this year in *Child of Promise*, a joyful look at the miracle of Jesus’ birth. From the beginning, foretold in Genesis and proclaimed throughout the Old Testament, God announced the coming Messiah to a wayward world. In Jesus Christ, that promise was fulfilled.

Each year Christians reflect on the hope God offers the world at Christmas. Born unto us—God’s Son, our Savior—Jesus is the fulfillment of the Father’s promise to send a Redeemer. Announced beforehand by the prophets, in the Christ Child we have the forgiveness of our sins and the hope of life eternal. This God has given to us in His *Child of Promise*. Daily Devotions from LHM will help strengthen and encourage your faith as you do the same for others.



Poinsettias for Christmas:

Once again this year we are planning on decorating the sanctuary with poinsettia plants for Christmas services. If you would like to purchase one or more, call the office to sign-up,

sign up in the entryway or watch for a sign up genius. You can indicate if you will be taking your plant home or if you would like to have it taken to a shut-in. There will be a choice of 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. The florist shop wants to be sure they can get plants for us, so deadline to order plants is: **December 6th!**



It is time for our Holiday Gift Card Fundraiser! More details are available in the newsletter.

ORDER ON LINE: shopwithscrip.com

Enrollment Code: DD7427D154116

TO AVOID PROCESSING FEES: Payment may be made DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE.—(This option includes on line and paper orders.)

All physical gift card orders placed by Dec 14 will be available by Dec 17) E-cards are delivered immediately with on-line payment.

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



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM

MEMBERS TO MEMBERS will be inserted in the December 19 bulletin. 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, call the office or use our sign-up Genius. Deadline is December 12 in order to be included on the Greeting, Print your names 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.

Payment can be made on line on our web site. *The elders have decided that the Greeting Funds will go to playground renovation & upgrade. In addition to regular wear through use by the preschool and the church, we have had some minor vandalism to the playground this past summer. Little Lambs will be seeking grants in the spring to help fund playground improvement as well. Your support of this project, to be facilitated by Little Lambs and the Board of Trustees, is much appreciated.*