

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD AT IMMANUEL THIS WEEK

DATE	TIME	EVENT	MEETING PLACE	AGE GROUP	CONTACT PERSON
Sunday 11/28	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
	10:30 AM	Worship Radio Service Broadcast	WLBK 1360 AM	Everyone	Doug Nelson
Monday, 11/29	7:00 PM	Zoom Bible Study	Zoom	Adults	Pastor Marty
Tuesday 11/30	12:15 PM	Staff Lunch	Off Site	Staff	Pastor Marty
	3:00 PM	Hanging of the Greens	Church	Everyone!	Darlene
	5:00 PM	Light Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Everyone!	Darlene
	6:00 PM	Peer Minister Interviews	Pastor's Office	College	Pastor Marty
	9:00 PM	Refuge Bible Study	College Lounge	College	Pastor Marty
Wed 12/1	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting	Upper Mtg Rm	Staff	Pastor Marty
	5:30 PM	Jr Confirmation/Parent Night	Fellowship Hall	Middle School/Parents	Pastor Marty
	7:00 PM	Advent Worship Service	Sanctuary	Everyone	Pastor Marty
	7:45 PM	Elders Mtg	Fellowship Hall	Elders	Chris Cook
Thursday 12/2	8:30 AM	Bulletin Deadline	Office	Everyone	Darlene Hillman
	—	Refuge Hang Out Night	Lounge	College	Peer Ministers
Friday 12/3	—	—	—	—	—
Saturday 12/4	—	—	—	—	—
Sunday 12/5	12/5-12/8	Can recycle drop-off	Front of Garage	Everyone	Bd of Trustees
	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service/	Sanctuary	Everyone	Pastor Marty
	8:00 AM	Cook/Rhodes Baptism	—	—	—
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Monday 12/6	9:00 AM	<i>Deadline to Order Poinsettias</i>	Office	Everyone	Darlene Hillman
	—	<i>NO Dec Bd of Trustee Mtg</i>	—	—	T. Sawyer/D Hillman
	7:00 PM	<i>Zoom Bible Study</i>	On Line	Adults	Pastor Marty

Voter's Meeting— Reports for the recent Voter's Meeting they can be found in the narthex.

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

Those who continue to serve:
 Financial Secretary C-J Motisi
 Bd. of Christian Ed Rita Goodwin
 Outreach Board Linda Hursh
 Bd of Christian Ed Krista Marks
 Elders Keith Nelson, Roger Nelson
 Will Michels, Dan Lohmeier,

Installation of ALL council members and elders will be announced.

Thank you for your time of service! Those completing terms:

Chris Cook, Roger Maas *elders*; Jacob Cook, *secretary*
 Carol Nelson, *chair Human Care Board*

Recycling Collection: The Board of Trustees continues to collect cans here at church. For those who wish to drop your cans off, you can place them in front of the garage at the southwest corner of the parking lot Sunday morning, December 6 **as well as the weekdays, December 5-9 from 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.**

PARTNERING IN PRAYER November 28—December 4, 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 Brunschon (*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*)
 Sandy Lichner 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.;
- For Sandy Lichner, a former member of Immanuel, who is undergoing cancer treatment; prayers also for her and her family for the recent loss of Sandy's mother;
- 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: Rosalie Landshaft Jackson Buehler Brian Kiel
 Nolan Knutson Gail Smith Madilynn Phelps Sherry Rolczynski Chloe Marks
 Genese Wiehle Rachel Giudice Blake Cleinmark

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES: 12/1/73 James & Abbie Arndt

*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.



**Midweek Advent Worship
“While Shepherds Watched”
Advent Worship Series**

Services are scheduled for Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. and will continue on Wednesday evenings, December 8 & 15

Services will be broadcast live on Facebook. Video will also be available on Facebook and on our website after each service. Everyone is encouraged to worship with us in a safe manner.

“A shepherd looked to the sky, received a promise and believed. His name was Abraham ...”

So begins WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED, a series of special services for Advent—a new, insightful twist on what we often consider the traditional “Christmas Shepherds.”

WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED considers, week by week, the great biblical shepherds who led, in their way, to the miracle of Jesus’ birth:

- December 1 • The Shepherd Abraham**
- December 8 • The Shepherd Moses**
- December 15 • The Shepherd David**

Children’s Christmas Program: The children will be taking part in the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, December 19th.. *(This will be in place of “Christmas of Four”; Holy communion will still be served.)*

All children are encouraged to be a part of the program. **Contact Jen Allen;** SS Superintendent for details.

Sunday School Advent Devotion Booklets are available for each child. They will be handed out during the Sunday School hour. Packets will include a devotional and an advent paper chain to make.

We encourage all youth from 3 years through high school to join us each week for Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS — NEW FIRE ALARM SYSTEM TO BE INSTALLED: *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.)*



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!

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!**

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.



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.*

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.

It is time for our Holiday Gift Card Fundraiser!

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.

