

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD AT IMMANUEL THIS WEEK

DATE	TIME	EVENT	MEETING PLACE	AGE GROUP	CONTACT PERSON
Sunday 12/12	—	Deadline: Member to Member	Office	Everyone	—
	—	Food Pantry Sunday	Narthex	Everyone	Human Care Bd.
	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service/ Moore Baptism	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
Monday 12/13	—	Pastor Marty Off	—	—	—
	9:00 AM 4—5:30 PM	Scrip Orders Due Children's Home & Aide Party NO Zoom Bible Study	Office Parking Lot/Building	Everyone Community	Darlene Hillman Office Pastor Marty
Tuesday 12/14	5:30—6:30 PM	Girl Scout Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Community	Jen Allen
	6:45—8:30 PM	Boy Scout Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Community	Nathan Allen
Wed 12/15	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting	Upper Mtg Rm	Staff	Pastor Marty
	5:30 PM	Jr Confirmation/Mentor Night	Fellowship Hall	Middle School	Pastor Marty
	7:00 PM	Advent Worship Service	Sanctuary	Everyone	Pastor Marty
	7:00 PM	Facebook Advent Service	Facebook	Everyone	Pastor Marty
	7:30 PM	Council Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Council/Elders	Jim Pfothenauer
Thursday 12/16	8:30 AM	Bulletin Deadline	Office	Everyone	Darlene Hillman
	5:30/6:30 PM	Little Lambs Christmas Program	Building	Little Lambs	Katie Martinez
Friday 12/17	—	—	—	—	—
Saturday 12/18	—	—	—	—	—
Sunday 12/19	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/ Children's Christmas Program	Sanctuary	Everyone	Pastor Marty/ Amy Haesecker
	10:30 AM	Face Book Live Contemporary	Face Book Live	Everyone	Pastor Marty
	6—8 PM	Worship Radio Service Broadcast Youth Christmas Party	WLBK 1360 AM Immanuel	Everyone Grades 6—12	Doug Nelson Jenna Dooley

PARTNERING IN PRAYER December 12-18, 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 Mandy Long Sandy Lichner
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*) 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 Porter Bronx Moore, son of Matt & Sarah Moore. We pray for him, his family and his sponsors, Justin Hames and Thomas Franks;
- For the family and friends of Ellyn Jacobsen, who passed away on December 6. Funeral services were held at Immanuel on Saturday, December 11;
- Thanksgiving on behalf of Linda Hursh who is recovering from a fall and thankful that her injuries were not severe;
- For the family and friends of Steve Douglas who passes away on November 27;
- 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: Bob Dailey Riley Marks Bradley Sorenson
Norman Gilbert Brynn Phelps Linda Hammes Jasper Baie Christine Taylor
Emma Goodman Tiffany Kousoulas

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES: 12/12/09 Doug & Kara Brouwer
12/16/72 Gary & Stacy Knutson 12/17/88 Glenn & Julie-Ann Fuchs

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.



Celebrating 25 years in the community.

Date Change: The Little Lambs Christmas Program has been changed from December 9th to Thursday, December 16th. It will be offered in two shifts so that we can accommodate immediate families of the children and a few special guests and still maintain a good amount of social distancing. Traditionally we would invite the congregation to attend, however this year, we will limit attendance to invited guests of the children. Although it is still not "normal," we are pleased to be able to welcome these families to rejoice with us in the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Remember Food Pantry is today, December 12th
Nonperishable items for the local Salvation Army food pantry can be placed in the grocery cart in the narthex.

Food Pantry Sunday is a collection day to support the Salvation Army Food Pantry.





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.

We will have conclude our midweek Advent services on December 15 at 7:00 p.m. also available on FaceBook Live.

Two services will be offered on Christmas Eve, one at 3:00 p.m. and one at 7:00 p.m. Both services will be candlelight with Holy Communion. There will be one 9:00 a.m. worship on Saturday, December 25 and Sunday's December 26 & January 2. No Sunday School. Bible Study will be at the discretion of each class.



**Midweek Advent Worship
"While Shepherds Watched"
Advent Worship Series**

Services conclude Wednesday,
December 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
The Shepherd David

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 in the manner which works for them.

"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:

Advent Devotion Booklets from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available in the narthex in both regular and large print editions. This years theme is "CHILD OF PROMISE."



TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO SIGN UP FOR OUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM MEMBERS TO MEMBERS. The card 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.*



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.

TODAY: Gingerbread Nativity Activity.
Parents, grandparents, and anyone else will be welcome to join in the fun, but you are also welcome to go to Bible Study if you prefer. (It would be nice to have an adult partner, especially for younger children to help complete the nativity project.)

Join us for Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings.
Education Classes for children
Ages 3—Middle School;
High School & Adult Bible Study Classes!
Jen Allen; SS Superintendent



NEXT SUNDAY! Immanuel Youth in Grades 6-12:
Our Annual Christmas Party will be held December 19th from 6-8 at the church. Bring a silly gift (wrapped) and a dessert to share.



Memorial Tree: We will once again this year put ornaments on our Memorial Tree. There will be a book available to register ornaments. If you would like to add a memorial ornament to the tree, just bring it by, note it in the book, add a tag, and put it on the tree. We will store the ornaments from year to year, and put them on the tree for you in coming years.

**Special Services & Times
Through January 2, 2022**

**7:00 p.m. Midweek Advent Service:
Wednesday, December 15**


**5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Little Lambs Preschool
Christmas Program
Thursday, December 16**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday, December 19
A Worship Service with the Children
9:15 a.m.: Rehearsal
(Both the 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. service will include Holy Communion)**

**3:00 & 7:00 p.m. Friday, December 24
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service**

**9:00 a.m. Saturday, December 25
(Christmas Day)
Christmas Morning Worship
10:30 a.m. Broadcast of Christmas Eve Service
on 1360AM WLBK radio**

**Sunday, December 26, 2021
& January 2, 2022
9:00 a.m. Worship
(No 8:00 or 10:30 service/no Sunday School)**

The deadline for our second wave of the Holiday Gift Card Fundraiser is Monday, December 13 at 9:00 a.m. 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 13 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.
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.