

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD AT IMMANUEL THIS WEEK

DATE	TIME	EVENT	MEETING PLACE	AGE GROUP	CONTACT PERSON
Sunday 12/5	12/5-12/8	Can recycle drop-off	Front of Garage	Everyone	Bd of Trustees
	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service/ Reiman/Cook 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
	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 12/6	9:00 AM	Deadline to Order Poinsettias	Office	Everyone	Darlene Hillman
	—	NO Dec Bd of Trustee Mtg	—	—	T. Sawyer/D Hillman
	7:00 PM	Zoom Bible Study	On Line	Adults	Pastor Marty
Tuesday 12/7	9:00 AM	Circuit Pastor's Mtg. (Winkel)	Fellowship Hall	Pastors	Pastor Marty
	5:30—6:30 PM	Girl Scout Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Community	Jen Allen
	6:00—8:30 PM	Boy Scout Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Community	Nathan Allen
	9:00 PM	Refuge Bible Study	College Lounge	College	Pastor Marty
Wed 12/8	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting	Upper Mtg Rm	Staff	Pastor Marty
	5:30 PM	Jr Confirmation	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
Thursday 12/9	8:30 AM	Bulletin Deadline	Office	Everyone	Darlene Hillman
	12:30—2:00 PM	N of N Women's Group	Fellowship Hall	International	Linda Sons
	—	Refuge Hang Out Night	Lounge	College	Peer Ministers
Friday 12/10	12:00 Noon	Council Reports Due	Jacob Cook	Council	Jacob Cook
Saturday 12/11	—	—	—	—	—
Sunday 12/12	—	Deadline: Member to Member	Office	Everyone	—
	—	Food Pantry Sunday	Front of Garage	Everyone	Bd of Trustees
	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service/ Moore Baptism	Sanctuary	Everyone	Pastor Marty
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Monday 12/6	—	Pastor Marty Off	—	—	—
	9:00 AM	Scrip Orders Due	Office	Everyone	Darlene Hillman
	4—5:30 PM	NO Dec Bd of Trustee Mtg	—	—	T. Sawyer/D Hillman
	—	NO Zoom Bible Study	—	Adults	Pastor Marty

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.

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 December 5-11, 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*)
 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 Lettilynn Michelle Reiman, infant daughter of Brian Reiman & Kaitlynn Cook. We pray for her, her family and her sponsors, Ashley Mapes and Maddie Phelps;
- For Ellyn Jacobsen, who has entered hospice care.;
- For Staci McNett who continues to struggle with cancer issues;
- 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: Amanda Banks Mark Whitman Jeremy Buehler Anastasia Mitchell
 Max Giudice Evelyn Kurasz Phyllis Cress Kyla Carlson Ava Carlson

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES: 12/9/61 Floyd & Jan Schroeder

*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.*

LATEST UPDATES

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 8 and 15 at 7:00 p.m. also available on FaceBook Live.



Midweek Advent Worship "While Shepherds Watched" Advent Worship Series

Services continue Wednesday, December 8 & 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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:

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



TODAY is the last day to sign up for 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 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!**



Hanging of the Greens! Thank you so much to the crew that came to help "hang the greens!" What a lovely evening of food, fellowship and partnership as we prepared for the coming of the baby Jesus.

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." Daily Devotions from LHM will help strengthen and encourage your faith as you do the same for others.



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. Watch for details.
Sunday School Advent Devotion Booklets are available for each child. If you would like one, please contact the church office. Packets will include a devotional and an advent calendar.

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



Immanuel Youth grades 6-12 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.



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*



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 13. 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.
ORDER ON LINE: shopwithscrip.com
Enrollment Code: DD7427D154116

Remember Food Pantry is December 12th
Bring a nonperishable item for the local Salvation Army food pantry.
Food Pantry Sunday is a collection day to support the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Add an item to your grocery list and put it in our shopping cart in the church narthex!