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Each weekend of month on:

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The second and fourth
Sunday
10:30 am Sunday and 7:00pm
Monday

The fifth Sunday
8am Sunday



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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Prepare – The Promise November 28, 2021



AS WE GATHER

Advent is a season for us to grow in hope. We gather amid a world that in many ways seems hopeless. Extremists on both ends of the political spectrum seem to control almost everything we hear, read, and see. Deep divisions over race, politics, and economics loom over us like a dark storm cloud. How can the Church possibly make a difference in all of this? Today's Readings acknowledge the distress and fear that the world's foundations are being shaken. And right in the middle of it all, there is hope. Jesus says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away" (Luke 21:33). The prophet Jeremiah declares God's promise to restore His people and all creation. If we were left to ourselves, there would be little room for such hope. But God does not leave us alone. By His Word and Sacraments, God establishes our hearts and prepares us for Jesus' coming final restoration. Until that day, we wait, we pray, we hope.

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It is official! It is the time of the year that the phone rings and you begin to wonder who it might be. I get contacted in numerous different ways - phone calls, emails, letters with return envelopes, and even approached when going into stores. There are many great organizations that ask for donations at the end of the year! They might even encourage giving as a tax benefit! When I see or hear these requests, I don't get angry or frustrated! Rather, I get a smile on my face. I know that I am part of the GREATEST mission in history! I get to speak of Jesus to those who don't know Him! I get to serve others so that my light can shine brightly and others give glory to my Father in heaven. I get to serve His people as we gather together in worship and fellowship! I get to see how my gifts transform lives and even how my offerings can transform other's eternity! I get to see the blessing of being invited into this mission that we call the church! What a blessing to get to live my life on a mission with Immanuel +1! What do you rejoice in as you get to be a part of this, the GREATEST mission in history? Share with me as we step out of a special week of gratitude for the God who opens His hands and satisfies all our desires (Ps 145:16)! Pastor Steve

It's not too early to start marking your calendar for these great worship services that are coming quickly, so we want to share with you our holiday worship schedule so that you can join us and make your holidays about Jesus! Think about who your +1 will be this holiday season We can't wait to celebrate with you!

ADVENT MID-WEEK

Wednesday, December 1: 4:00pm & 6:30pm (6th-8th at 6:30- Sanctuary)
Wednesday, December 8: 4:00pm & 6:30pm (1st-5th at 6:30- Gym)
Wednesday, December 15: 4:00pm & 6:30pm (3K-5K at 6:30- Gym)

ADVENT

Sunday, December 19: Sunday School kids sing during the 10:30am service.

† PREPARATION †

HYMN The Advent of Our King

LSB #331 Stanza 1-3, 6

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Pastor: The LORD says, "I will fulfill the promise I made to the houses of Israel and Judah."

People: **We thank You, O Lord!**

Pastor: The LORD says, "My righteous Branch will cause justice and righteousness to spring up."

People: **We adore You, O Lord!**

Pastor: The LORD says, "You will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."

People: **We praise You, O Lord!**

Pastor: The LORD says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away."

People: **We worship You, O Lord!**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, let the lighting of this candle signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

One Advent candle is lit.

HYMN O Come, O Come Emmanuel

LSB #357 (Stanzas 1 & 2)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Luke 23:42; Philippians 1:6*

Pastor: As we live in the last days, waiting for Jesus to return, we are called to remember His promises and that we are His people. Yet, sometimes we forget what He has asked us to do. As God's beloved, we are called to build ourselves up in our most holy faith.

People: **Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect being built up by Your Word and Spirit. Forgive us and remember us.**

Pastor: As God's beloved, we are urged to pray in the Holy Spirit.

People: **Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to converse with You in prayer and to guide our prayer life according to Your Word and Your will. Forgive us and remember us.**

Pastor: As God's beloved, we are urged to keep ourselves in the love of God.

People: **Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to remember our Baptism. Forgive us and remember us.**

Pastor: As God's beloved, we are urged to wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to embrace the mercy that is ours in You as we look forward to Your return. Forgive us and remember us.**

Pastor: As God's beloved, we are urged to have mercy on those who doubt.

People: **Lord Jesus, we confess that we fail to love others as You have first loved us. Forgive us and remember us.**

Pastor: As God's beloved, we are urged to share our faith with others.

People: **Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect opportunities to share Your saving grace with others. Forgive us and remember us.**

Silence for private confession

Pastor: As Jesus was on the cross, the thief next to Him asked, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." As Jesus remembered the thief, He remembers you are His beloved child, and He remembers your sin no more. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus the Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

† **WORD** †

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 33:14–16* (The prophet Jeremiah foresees a day when God would come to bring righteousness to His people.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 3:9–13* (Paul reminds us that God can cause us to abound in love for one another as we await the coming of the Lord.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE **The King of Glory Comes**

(Printed) (Vs 1)

Refrain:

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him, lift up your voices!

Who is the King of glory, how shall we call him?

He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages! (Refrain)

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 21:25–36* (The kingdom of God is near.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

LSB #338

SERMON "The Promise in that Branch"

Pastor Gregg Stanton

CREED *Nicene Creed (10:30am & Mon) / Apostles' Creed (Sat & 8:00am)*

OFFERING & OFFERTORY God Loves Me Dearly

LSB #392 Stanza 1 & 5

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

(The 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 8:00 a.m. Sunday conclude with the benediction and closing hymn)

† **SACRAMENT** †

(10:30 a.m. Sunday and 7:00 p.m. Monday services)

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI Lamb of God (Sung to the tune of “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”)
O Lamb of God, You take away, The Whole world’s sin; now hear us pray.
Have mercy on your people, Lord, and grant Your peace to hearts restored.
O Lamb, of God, Emmanuel, Your grace and mercy with us dwell.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Thank You, Lord, for this gift of Christ’s body and blood. Grant that His presence with us in the Meal fill our hearts with Your peace, that our hope for that great coming day of restoration may abound; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION SONG (Sung to the tune of “Angels From the Realms of Glory”)

**Thank the Lord, His praises voicing, for His promised faithfulness!
All who seek the Lord, rejoicing, tell His love His name confess.
For He leads us, with thanksgiving, in the paths of righteousness!**

**At Your Word, Lord let Your servant, go in peace for with my eyes,
I have seen Your bright salvation, Israel's light begin to rise.
At the glory, of the nations, leading us to paradise!**

BENEDICTION 1 Thessalonians 3:12–13; Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, . . . so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN Christ The Word of God Incarnate

LSB #540 Stanza 1, 3 & 6

10:30am Celebration Service ~ a modern blended worship service ~ words and service on screens

Opening Song	<i>Jesus Messiah</i>	
Announcements		
Song	<i>Hope Has A Name</i>	
Lighting of the Advent Wreath		
Song	<i>Light One Candle</i>	
Confession & Absolution		
Old Testament Reading	Jeremiah 33:14–16	<i>(The prophet Jeremiah foresees a day when God would come to bring righteousness to His people..)</i>
Epistle Reading	1 Thessalonians 3:9–13	<i>(Paul reminds us that God can cause us to abound in love for one another as we await the coming of the Lord.)</i>
Holy Gospel	Luke 21:25–36	<i>(The kingdom of God is near.)</i>
Children’s Lesson		
Sermon Song	<i>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (LSB #700 Melody)</i>	LSB # 338
Sermon	<i>“The Promise in that Branch” ~ Pastor Gregg Stanton</i>	
What We Believe	Nicene Creed	
Our Offerings are Received	<i>God Loves Me Dearly</i>	LSB #392 Stanza 1 & 5
Sacrament		
Distribution Songs	<i>Living Hope</i> <i>His Name Is Jesus</i>	
Benediction		
Closing Song	<i>All The World Awaits (Hosanna)</i>	

Praise Band Leader & Keyboard:
Jay Isaacson

Drums: Brian Carter **Bass:** Jim Carey **Guitar:** Landon Olp

Singers: Kelly Wagner, Karen and Jay Isaacson



You're invited to the
Young at Heart Christmas party
Wednesday, December 8th 2021.

Please note: the Christmas party will be held at
Pilgrim Glenn Club House Judy Reich’s Condo Complex
Pilgrim & Amberleigh - Turn right (2 blocks south of Good Hope)

11:30am Social

12:00pm Menu: Pork Tenderloin, Red Potatoes, Green Beans,
Salad, Bread and Apple Pie Ala Mode

Christmas sing a long

Cost - \$5.00 per person

RSVP by tearing off the bottom portion, put it in an envelope
along with your payment.

The RSVP box will be in the fellowship hall. You can also mail
your reservation to the church. RSVPs are due by Dec. 6th For
questions you can contact Maxine Kuderer at: 262-781-8835 or
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Calendar of Events

Calendar

Sunday, November 28th

-8:00am Worship
 -9:15am Bible Study/Sunday School
 -10:30am Worship
 -8:00pm Rental/APR

Monday, November 29th

-5:30pm Confirmation/7th/8th
 -6:00pm PTL Mtg./Cafet.
 -7:00pm Worship

Tuesday, November 30th

-6:00pm M & M Mtg./FH
 -7:30pm Rental/APR

Wednesday, December 1st

-4:00pm Advent Worship
 -6:30pm Advent Worship
 -7:30pm Rental/APR

Thursday, December 2nd

6:00pm Pack Mtg./Cafet.
 6:30pm Handbells

Friday, December 3rd

Saturday, December 4th

5:00pm Worship
 Fellowship Hall Rental



Prayers and Celebrations

Prayers:

Hospital/Upcoming Surgery

Judy Reich-Now home
 Deb Schneider-recovery
 Rebecca Schaeffer-Now home
 Coleen Thomas-Froedtert
 Mike D-Testing
 Barbara A-hospice
 Cindi Bohmann-treatments

On going needs

Jessica-healing
 Espn
 Bill Leissring
 Rogina Polzin
 Trish Sauers
 Jean Turner
 Truman Gussick
 Judy Gallagher
 Keith P
 Dave Erickson

Congratulations to Matthew Denkert and Morgan Mahan who were married this weekend.

Birthdays

27th-Jessica Heckert, Jill Potosnyak
28th-Tony Balisteri, Matthew Hoffmann, Andie Peterson, Peggy Reynolds
29th-Sarah Wollert
30th-Issac Roberts, Joshua Beverung, Kayla Schaeffer
1st-Alex Ortega, Michael Ames, Marvin Erb, Barb Schmidt, Taylor Schwartz
2nd-Jaxon Uravich, Elyse Chamberlain, Joseph Fry, Gina Wozniak, Rachel Henderson
3rd-Charlotte Sakac, Christina Ott

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Announcements

Attention Bakers of Immanuel-

Christmas is just around the corner and Women In Ministry are again looking for your support with our Annual Christmas Bake Sale. We are looking for donations of cookies, breads, sweet rolls and candy. Our sale will be the weekend of December 11-13. Please bring donations to church no later than the morning of December 11th. Thank you for supporting this ministry over the years.



Attendance Last Week 11/13 75, 159, 179, 35 = 448

Sunday School- Jr/High School- Adult Bible- Volunteers- High School Youth- Jr. High Event-

Serving this week Nov. 27-29

Altar Guild: R. Keinert, B. Thomas, L. Grunzel

Greeters: 8:00am N. Partin, M. Below 10:30am R. Klein

Guest Service: 8:00am S. Hummer 10:30am C. Kennedy

Organist: 5:00pm M. Vahl 8:00am B. Henry 7:00pm M. Vahl

Praise Team: 10:30am J. Isaacson

Elder: 5:00pm R. Thomas 8:00am J. Hanschke

10:30am A. Wissmueller 7:00pm J. Scherer

Readers: 8:00am D. Hanschke 10:30am A. Wissmueller

Ushers: 5:00pm #7 8:00am #1 10:30am #2/C 7:00pm #3/C

Acolytes: 5:00pm I. Ott 8:00am J. Robinson 10:30am J. Brown

The Giving Tree will be set up and ready to go before the 5:00PM service November 20th. Immanuel has been very generous supporting this mission. Questions contact Terry Krueger 414-464-2591.



The Mission & Ministry Council has formed a committee to review Immanuel's constitution and bylaws. Members of the committee are Ray Klein, Sandy Chapman, and Christine Jahncke and is chaired by Bob Denkert. Immanuel's current constitution has been in effect since 2005. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions relating to the constitution and bylaws, please contact one of the members of the committee.

Quilter's are looking for some New 100% unwashed cotton material. Through the efforts of this mighty group they made 178 quilts that were donated to Froedtert Hospital and also 24 shawls as well. What a wonderful outreach to our community.




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Sign up in the hallway to help adorn our altar for the Christmas season. Each plant is a 6 1/2 pot and is \$17. Deadline is November 29th.



Immanuel's Care Team is in need of volunteers to call, or visit, or grocery shop, or pray for a less mobile member of Immanuel. Please contact Jackie Trettin if interested 262-366-1771

There will be a voters meeting Dec 12 following the 10:30 worship service.

Agenda items are as follows:

Motion to accept new voting members

Election of Mission and Ministry members (3 positions)

Motion to approve the 2022 housing allowance (IRS requirement)

Motion to form a standing call committee for teaching positions that may be needed in 2022 Motion to form a call committee for Associate Pastor

Child care will be provided!



The Nominating Committee has been working hard to help fill 3 Mission and Ministry seats. Listed below are five nominees and biography information.

Kelsey Barth

My husband, Kyle, and I live in Menomonee Falls with our 4 kids—Oliver(2nd Grade), Isaiah (Kindergarten), Ezra (3K) and Audrey. I spend my days being a stay at home mom and running my Photography Business. We have been members at Immanuel for 6 years. I have enjoyed taking on various roles at Immanuel throughout the years. I have served on the Call Committee for teachers, the Auction Committee, and most recently served on the Pastoral Call Committee. My family and I feel so blessed to have found a place that feels like home. We are proud to be Church members and our kids all love attending Immanuel for school. We look forward to continuing to use our abilities to serve our community at Immanuel however God calls us.

Randy Clinard

Randy grew up in Detroit, Michigan. He graduated from Concordia Lutheran Junior College in Ann Arbor, Michigan with an Associate Degree. He then graduated from Concordia Lutheran College in River Forest, Illinois with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. He received a call to teach 4th grade at Christ Lutheran School in New Orleans, Louisiana. After 3 years in New Orleans he accepted a call to teach and be athletic director at Gospel Lutheran School in Milwaukee. After 6 years at Gospel Randy earned a Master's Degree in Library Science from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee and accepted a call to be the Librarian/Media Director at Milwaukee Lutheran High School. He retired after 32 years at MLHS and 43 years in Lutheran ministry. Randy and his wife Mary Jane joined Immanuel when Mary Jane received a call to teach at Immanuel. We have been members at Immanuel for 30 years. Randy has served on the Ministry Council at Immanuel for the last year and has a passion for Lutheran ministry and sharing his faith through his photography.

Rachel Janousky

"My name is Rachel Janousky and I have been a member at Immanuel Lutheran Church for 10 years. My husband, Evan and I have 3 children who attend Immanuel Lutheran School. Noah is in 5th grade, Anna is in 3rd grade and Elias is in 3rd grade. We are also expecting our fourth child any day now.

I have spent the last 16 years working at Milwaukee Lutheran High School. Currently, I am their Director of Admissions, which is a position I have held for the past 4 years. Previous to that, I was a Business Education Teacher, Yearbook Advisor and Student Activities Director at MLHS.

It has been a pleasure serving on Mission and Ministry Council the past 3 years alongside so many wonderful individuals who also value growing God's Kingdom. I also enjoy volunteering for the Immanuel Auction Committee."

Beth Ann (Romnek) Meckstroth

Hello! My name is Beth Ann (Romnek) Meckstroth, and I've had the pleasure of being an Immanuel member for almost 30 years! I attended grade school at Immanuel and went to Milwaukee Lutheran High School. I completed my education at the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse and moved back to the Milwaukee area after graduating. I currently live in Wauwatosa with my husband, Jake and our adorable dog, Penny. I work in Human Resources as a Talent Development Specialist at Continental Properties where I get to coach team members to reach their professional development goals. My parents, Barb and Jim Romnek, are also Immanuel members, and have served the church for many years. I was blessed with great Christian role models growing up, and I'm excited by the opportunity to follow in their footsteps and serve our church in a new way. 2 Corinthians 5:7 "For we live by faith, not by sight." has been a theme in my faith journey, especially the last few years. Although we can't always see the plans God has for us, I believe He has brought this opportunity to me to help me to grow in my faith. I am truly blessed to be considered for the Mission and Ministry Council. Thank you for your consideration!

Deb Schneider

I have been a member of Immanuel since 1976 when I received a call to be the First Grade teacher. I taught for 6 years here, subbed for 2 years at various Lutheran Schools around Milwaukee, taught part time for 11 years at Our Redeemer Lutheran, and then received another Call back to Immanuel to teach full time in grades 6,7, and 8. I retired after 38 total years of teaching in 2016. Throughout that entire time my husband Jim and I maintained our membership here at Immanuel because we considered it then and now to be our Home Congregation. Our two sons, Greg and Nathan, attended Pre-K through 8th grade here and went to Milwaukee Lutheran for all 4 years of high school. Over the years I have worked on numerous committees and in congregational service groups. I am presently involved in Ladies Choir, Welcome Desk, Cradle Roll, Food Drive, Teacher Call Committee, and have been filling in a vacated seat on the M&M Council. I would welcome the opportunity to remain on the Council for the next term.