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From Our Administrative Pastor...

Greetings in Christ,

When Paul was writing to the Christians in Philippi, he encouraged them to be humble and to look to the needs of others like Christ who gives us the perfect example of what that looks like as He saves us from sin and death by being born in the flesh and going to the cross. Paul says this in Phil. 2, “⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

While asking our confirmands questions before they were confirmed in 2020, one of them said something in particular that has still stuck out to me. In response to the question, “What did you learn that stood out to you while going through midweek instruction?” She said, “The fact that Jesus left the perfection of heaven to save us.” Take a moment to ponder that. As Paul said, “He was in the form of God, but took on the form of a servant to His death.” Jesus lived in the perfection of holiness in the throne room of eternity, but He stepped out of eternity and came into our meager temporal understanding of the universe in order to be born, grow, proclaim His kingdom, heal people, pray, teach, raise the dead, and then suffer for it. He did all of that for the joy that was set before Him. ...your salvation.

I’m excited to sing Hymn 386 during the Christmas season at some point. *Now Sing We, Now Rejoice* not only has a wonderful tune but it has amazing words. Take a moment to meditate on these words in the first verse: “Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heav’n our voice; He from whom joy streameth Poor in a manger lies; Not so brightly beameth The sun in yonder skies. Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!” Isn’t that spectacular? Now that the life who is the light of man (John 1) is in a feeding trough the sky doesn’t seem to be as bright as it was before He was born. The one who gives joy is here. He left heaven for you and me!

All of that led me to realize something else. We’re amazed that Jesus humbled Himself to come and suffer in this world...but then we do any and everything in our power to make sure we stay in this world for as long as humanly possible. Am I saying we shouldn’t take medicine and be cautious in the face of danger? No. I am saying that for as much as we long to depart from the suffering of this life and to arise in the resurrection, we seem determined to cling to this life and the temporary joys it provides. At times we even do so at the expense of our Christian confession. Paul says, “Whether I live or die I’m in Christ.” (Phil. 1:21). Life is found in Christ and His gifts rather than in the things of this world regardless of how long they temporarily preserve us here. True life is found under the bread and in the cup that we receive according to God’s word of promise through Christ. The world calls that foolishness. We call that the truth.

Not only are we approaching the celebration of Christ’s humility through His birth, but we are also preparing to enter a new calendar year. I have no promises for you regarding this life in the new year. I can’t promise who will or won’t get sick. I can’t promise what the cultural climate will be like in the coming days. I can’t promise that you won’t get into a car crash or have a heart attack after getting the vaccine that everyone is eager to receive as though it will

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Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

From Our Associate Pastor...

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Immanuel,

As I reflect on the Covid pandemic and how it may affect our Christmas celebration, I can't help but feel that this year's Christmas observance will be toned down from that of past years. Oh, we'll still have worship services and family gatherings, but these services and gatherings will be smaller. Quieter. And Christmas shopping will be toned down. We'll still buy presents, but not as many. We won't be going to the malls and stores quite as often as in years past. Hopefully, Christmas cookies and goodies will be as plentiful and tasty as in past years, but this might also change. All in all, I suspect the hoopla of Christmas will be down considerably this year.

But you know what? A quiet Christmas isn't such a bad thing. We don't need a lot of hoopla to reflect on the good news that God gave the greatest gift of all on that first Christmas 2,000 years ago. We can still be in awe of Jesus becoming a baby to be with us and save us. We can still praise and thank God for his amazing love in sending Jesus into our world. Think of the shepherds who first heard the good news of Jesus' coming. They weren't sitting down to sumptuous dinner under a brightly lit Christmas tree when they were told of our Savior's coming. They were just tending their sheep. It was quiet. Toned down. No hoopla. But then they heard the angel's announcement—and they hurried to Bethlehem to see and worship the Christ child.

And so we can have a quiet, toned down Christmas light on hoopla and still celebrate like the shepherds did. We can still hear that wonderful announcement, "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." We can hurry to be with our brothers and sisters in Christ and worship the Christ child. We can reflect on the Lord of the universe being wrapped in swaddling clothes and placed in a manger. Like the shepherds, we can "make know the saying" about Christ that has been told to us. Christmas this year won't be a "bah, humbug" affair, but a "glory to God in the highest" affair. In the words of that great, old hymn:

*How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His
heav'n.*

*No ear may hear his coming; But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ
enters in.*

Merry Christmas! And God bless you all!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Inoup

A Note from Our Music Director...

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love...

Immanuel's worshippers were reminded last weekend of the Advent Wreath's candle themes. The following early childhood rhyme reminds us that "Advent is a time to wait...not quite time to celebrate!" So, each week, another candle is lit... until we celebrate the birth of Jesus... when the CHRIST candle is placed in the center of the wreath to be lit.

LSB 896 Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year proclaims the beauty of the Advent Wreath's candle lighting as we travel through Advent to Christmas. Soon afterwards, we begin a new calendar year, and we will continue to see the CHRIST candle being lit.

I pray that you will find "hope, peace, joy and love" in the words of this hymn:

Now greet the swiftly changing year
With JOY and penitence sincere.

*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.*

Remember now the Son of God
And how HE shed HIS infant blood.
Refrain

This JESUS came to end sin's war;
This NAME of NAMES for us HE bore.
Refrain

HIS LOVE abundant far exceeds
The volume of a whole year's needs.
Refrain

With HIM as LORD to lead our way
In want and prosperity,
*What need we fear
In earth and space
In this NEW YEAR of GRACE.*

"All glory be to GOD on high,
And PEACE on earth!" the angels cry:
*Rejoice! Rejoice!
With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.*

The newborn KING will give us everlasting HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE as we end 2020 and begin 2021.

Serving HIM,

Jimm

December & January Birthdays & Anniversaries

<p>Happy Birthday to...</p> <p>December:</p> <p>1 Jeremiah Bell 2 Jenny Boker Dale Zeisset 3 Clayton Westfall 5 Drake Downing Becky Ellis Angie Prescher Barb White 7 Jeff Filipiak Reba Menke 8 Olivia Rusteberg 9 Brenda Schreder 10 Merry Conway 11 Nash Bradley 12 Nede Bachelier Jeffrey Haare Megan Koepke Breanna Parrott 13 Ny Bartels Christopher Moore 14 Reese Downing Virginia Horn Deborah Joellenbeck Roy Unterseh 15 Willa Mae Prange 16 Myla Eggemeyer Joel Esker Colton Glessner 17 Vickie Wynn 18 Derek Heise Jim Stueve Sam Stumpf 19 Linda Bommarito Sharon Rehmer Elijah Simms 20 Scott Kirkley Tom Wheatley 21 Timothy Johnson Greyson Kruse Ava Rehmer 23 Wayne Hargrave 24 Lillian Eggemeyer J. T. Englert John Reisner 26 Evan McDaniel Michael Quinn Haley Vernier Hannah Vernier 27 Janis Milton Sherri Morris 28 Robert Mesnarich Bill Stueve Kinley Westfall Melissa Ziegler</p>	<p>29 Marvin Henry Louella Lipe 30 Jenna Hoeffken 31 Laura Richter Dan Worley</p> <p>January:</p> <p>1 Shirley Miller 3 Marilyn Collette Carol Gruber Leah Worley 4 Phyllis Brown Wyatt Drewes Roger Kinzinger Joyce McDaniel Sandy Moore Donnie Rusteberg 5 Jim Bouquet Jr. Dennis Brandt Michael Horn Jenny Jung Gloria Knoke 7 Darrell Gaitsch Jerry Huck 8 Candi Bise Alistair Bradley Dustin Dethrow Rosie Fink Scott Janssen Kadin LaRue 9 Mike Obst Alec Trout Taylor Vernier 10 Josie Koch Nancy Rodenberg Gladys Ruff 11 Betty Anne Demski Cal Neeman Daniel Niemeyer 12 Charlie Lloyd Jackie Nichols Bob Polansky 13 Bob Elmore John Maag Kelly Mehner Diana Pulcher Ross Schrader 14 Linda Eggemeyer-Sharp Samantha Kruse Mike Lloyd 15 Kimber Prescher Jeremy Roberts 16 Larry Menke 17 Rhonda Major 18 Emily Rhodes</p>
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Parish Leaders

Pastors:

Rev. Merritt Demski, 847-254-9666 Administrative
Rev. Dr. Tony Troup, 618-340-8375 Associate

Church & School Staff:

Lisa Clamors, 618-719-4954 Office Secretary
Ann Frank, 314-346-7413 Music Director
Sandy Mueller Church & Ed Bldg. Custodian
Linda Polansky, 618-980-3475 Preschool Director
Deborah Joellenbeck Preschool Aide/Custodian

Church Council:

Wayne Collmeyer, 618-719-7235 President
Jason Valerius, 314-920-8907 Vice-President
Cathie Collmeyer, 314-749-3772 Secretary
David Powell, 618-974-9222 Treasurer
Harry Thompson, 618-792-8326 Financial Secretary
Taryn Niemeyer, 618-719-7520 Christian Education
Wayne Hargrave, 618-719-6748 Church Properties
Gina Birrittier, 314-724-1051 Evangelism/Fellowship
Sandy Mueller, 618-420-1373 Social Ministry
Jason Valerius, 314-920-8907 Spiritual Ministry
Pat Kelly, 636-373-2967 Stewardship
Cathy Whelan, 618-612-3150 Youth Ministry

Other Volunteers:

Lisa Clamors Sunday School Superintendent
Marilyn Collette Head Sacristan
Stephanie Brandt Sacristans
Diana Heins
Valerie Zeisset
Sandy Thompson Flower Coordinator

Field Education Student:

Hayden Brown, 2nd year 309-231-2183

Have you ever thought about joining one of Immanuel's Boards or committees? If so, please contact the appropriate person listed above.

Elders' Shepherding Program

(Families whose last name begins with)

A-B	Rodney Clamors, 618-719-4023
C-D	Alan Stumpf, 618-719-9033
E-Ha	Scott Janssen, 214-629-6975
He-Hu	Bob Polansky, 618-979-0918
J-K	Tyson Bradley, 618-713-1913
L-Mel	Kevin Wheat, 939-1985
Men-My	Cal Neeman, 939-5137
N-P	Elden Niemeyer, 939-7982
R-Sche	Larry Taake, 939-4757
Schi-Sw	Greg Wiegand, 618-410-1500
T-Wel	Kevin Whelan, 939-1985
Wem-Z	Aaron Thompson, 618-792-9652
Elders & Pastors: Jason Valerius, 314-920-8907	

Have a question or would like to speak to your elder, feel free to call him anytime.

Monthly Collections

Board of Social Ministry:

December & January: Concordia Seminary Food Bank

You can drop off your non-perishable food items in the wooden box in the narthex or in Lisa's office.

Bi-County Backpack Program:

This is an ongoing collection that supports children in Red Bud, Valmeyer, and Waterloo throughout the year. See the weekly bulletins for a list of items needed, and place those donations in the collection box in the narthex. Thank you!

Sunday School:

December: Lutheran Braille Workers

January: Life Network of Southern Illinois

Each month, the Sunday School classes take a monetary offering for a specific charity. Thank you to all of the Pre-K through 8th grade students that contribute to these collections each month!

For Men:

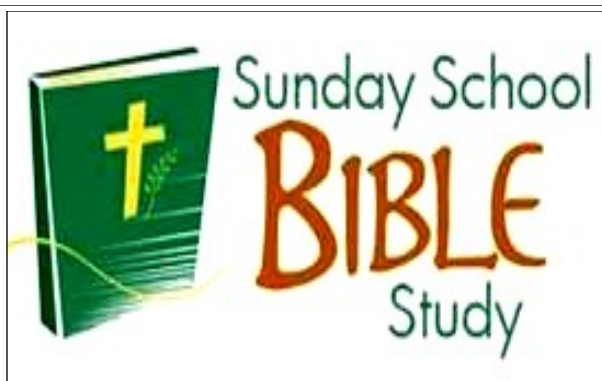
- Tuesdays at 6:30 am at Triada Advisors in Columbia. The group is studying Ecclesiastes and is led by Pastor Troup.

For All Adults:

- Sundays at 9:00 am in the overflow room. Led by Pastor Troup.
- Sundays at 9:00 am in the church basement kitchen. Led by Scott & Jen Janssen and Tim Scheibe, this class has a faith development and parenting focus. Feel free to bring your little ones, too!
- Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the overflow room. Led by Pastor Demski.

For Pre-K—College:

- Preschool—2nd grade: Sundays at 9:00 am in the church basement. Led by Pam Nagel, Sandy Mueller, Deborah Joellenbeck, and Lisa Clamors.
- 3rd—6th grades: Sundays at 9:00 am in the church basement. Led by Gayle Mesnarich & Melissa Wiegand.
- 7th & 8th grades: Sundays at 9:00 am in the multipurpose room. Led by Alan Stumpf. Parents are welcome to attend, too.
- High school and College-age: Sundays at 9:00 am in Pastor Demski's office. Led by Pastor Demski.



Please keep our people, our community, our state, our country, and our world in your prayers during this difficult and uneasy time. God is with us always!

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IN OUR PRAYERS...

Please note: The names listed below will remain on our public prayer list for two weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise. Thank you.

We Pray for our Fellow Parishioners: Millie Menke, Sandy Moore (MS), Perry Koch (nursing home), Ruby Muench (cancer), Iva Mesnarich (shut in), Wade Marshall (Alzheimer's), Shirley Elmore (treated for cancer), Alvera Jacobs, Dean Kohlmeier (recovering from surgery), Sara Schoenborn (anxiety), Lana Mueller (recovering at home), Roy Untersch (recovering at home)

We Pray for Friends and Relatives of Parishioners: Michael Washausen, Nina Van Kamp (recovering from surgery), Ken Horn (cancer), Nicole Bachelier, Gordon Curd (dialysis), Steven Muench, Sarah Castelli, Glenda Manion, Pat Bolañius (dementia), Patrick Bolañius (cancer), Susan Martin (cancer), Dustin Traw (cancer), Jean Stroisch (cancer), Dale Mueller (stroke), Daryl Bense (dementia), Ruth Nagel (brain tumor removed), Greg Colbert (recovering from bicycle accident), Eleanor Krebel (leukemia), Cindy Bachelier (health issues), Rev. Ralph Laufer (heart attack), Jim Rohe (cancer), Joan Rhower (cancer), Ed Tyler (hospice care with Parkinson's), Amy Feldmann (cancer), Diane Neusel (upcoming tests), Mitch North (Covid), Jim Smothers (father of Jim Smothers, hospice)

We Pray for Those in the Service of Our Nation: Alicia Kirkley, Dustin Bender, Aaron Bommarito, Alex Naumann, Paul Doty, Erik Brandt

We Pray for Our Missionaries and Special Missions: Immanuel's Preschool, Immanuel's Mission Team, Unity Lutheran Elementary School (East St. Louis, IL)

December 2020 & January 2021 Altar Flowers

12/5—12/6 open
 12/12—12/13 open
 12/19—12/20 open
 12/24—12/25 Given in memory of Doris Horn
 12/26—12/27 Given by Leo & Karen Hodapp

All weekends are open in January 2021.

The 2020 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Sign up for the weekend you would like! As your weekend approaches, Sandy Thompson, our flower coordinator, will contact you to give you more details.

October Finances

Total Deposits	\$ 47,045.09
Total Expenses	\$ 49,275.43
Over/(Short)	\$ (2,230.34)

October 31, 2020 Balances:

Checking	\$ 47,790.41
Scholarship Fund	\$ 9,868.21
Discretionary Fund	\$ 4,122.48
Eggemeyer Memorial	\$ 4,625.00
Mueller Memorial	\$ 1,490.00
Loan	\$325,899.09

2020 Year to Date:

Deposits	\$520,242.42
Expenses	\$494,266.55
Over/(Short)	\$ 25,975.87
Unpaid Obligations	\$ 0.00

Church Attendance

As you know, attendance has not been "normal" since March.

However, we have been recording attendance since July, and while it is down, our current weekly average is 129.

Our "normal" average is 225.

October 2020 Official Acts

Wedding:

10/17—Valerie (nee Zahra) and Taylor Vernier

THANK YOU!

Thank you for all of the cards, prayers, etc. that everyone has sent. It meant the world to me. — Millie Menke

December 2020 & January 2021 Worship Helpers

At this time, we will not be scheduling worship helpers (acolytes, ushers, servers, and lectors) to help during our services. Altar guild and media helpers will still be scheduled.

JOIN US ON ZOOM & FACEBOOK LIVE!

Our 10:15 service as well as various Sunday School classes, Bible studies, midweek classes and other meetings are being shared on Zoom or Facebook Live in addition to in person. Would you like info on how to participate through Zoom or Facebook Live? If so, please contact the church office, and we'll get you the info you need.

Saturday Accompanists:

Ron Jones—12/5, 12/19, 12/26, 1/2, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30

Joan Ruwald—12/12, 1/9

Collators:

December—Susan Hargrave
January—Sandy Thompson

Want to Stay Up to Date?

Go to our website (immanuelwaterloo.org) and check it out! Be sure to subscribe to the calendar, and you'll have the most up to date info on Immanuel's activities and events. Also, check out all of the info available right on our home page. *Notice that something is missing? Let us know!*

ALUMINUM CANS

We are NOT taking any aluminum cans currently. Please recycle them on your own rather than dropping them off at Immanuel. Thank you. We will let you know when we will begin taking these donations again.

Do You Have an Email Address?

Did you know that you could be a good steward by receiving our newsletter via e-mail? Call or e-mail the church office and let Lisa know to remove you from the mailing list and add you to the e-mail list.

ICE IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE

Due to the maintenance needed and the current Covid situation, the ice machine has been turned off until further notice.

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for a few more volunteers to serve at Immanuel in various ministries & roles.

Altar Guild—Media Team—Ushers—Sunday School Teachers

If you would like to help out in any of these ways, please contact the church office.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>December</h1>		1	2	3	4	5
		6:30a Men's Bible Study 1-4p Quilters' Guild 7:00p Elders' Meeting	9:30a Adult Bible Class 6:30p Advent Service 7-8p Midweek Classes	Pastor Demski OFF 4-9p Quilters' Guild		5:30p Holy Communion
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
7:45a Holy Communion 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Holy Communion	Pastor Troup OFF Pizza Hut Day!	6:30a Men's Bible Study 1-4p Quilters' Guild	9:30a Adult Bible Class 6:30p Advent Service 7-8p Midweek Classes	Pastor Demski OFF 4-9p Quilters' Guild		5:30p Holy Communion
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
7:45a Holy Communion 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Holy Communion	Pastor Troup OFF	6:30a Men's Bible Study 1-4p Quilters' Guild	9:30a Adult Bible Class No Midweek Classes	Church Office Closed No Quilters' Guild 1:00p Holy Communion 4:00p Holy Communion 7:30p Holy Communion	Church Office Closed 9:00a Holy Communion	5:30p Holy Communion
27	28	29	30	31	<h1>2020</h1>	
7:45a Holy Communion	<i>Lisa Clamors on vacation</i>					
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9:00a Educ Hour					5:30p Holy Communion	
10:15a Holy Communion						
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7:45a Holy Communion	<i>Pastor Troup OFF</i>	6:30a Men's Bible Study	9:30a Adult Bible Class	<i>Pastor Demski OFF</i>		
9:00a Educ Hour						
10:15a Holy Communion	<i>Pizza Hut Day!</i>	1-4p Quilters' Guild 7:00p Elders' Meeting	6:30-8:00p Midweek Classes	4-9p Quilters' Guild		5:30p Holy Communion
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7:45a Holy Communion	<i>Pastor Troup OFF</i>	6:30a Men's Bible Study	9:30a Adult Bible Class	<i>Pastor Demski OFF</i>		
9:00a Educ Hour						
10:15a Holy Communion		1-4p Quilters' Guild 6:30p Board of Social Ministry Meeting 7:15p Board of Christian Ed Meeting	6:30-8:00p Midweek Classes	4-9p Quilters' Guild		5:30p Holy Communion
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
7:45a Holy Communion	<i>Pastor Troup OFF</i>	6:30a Men's Bible Study	9:30a Adult Bible Class	<i>Pastor Demski OFF</i>		
9:00a Educ Hour						
10:15a Holy Communion		1-4p Quilters' Guild 7:00p Women's Christian Ministry Mtg	6:30-8:00p Midweek Classes	4-9p Quilters' Guild 7:00p Church Council		5:30p Holy Communion
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
7:45a Holy Communion	<i>Pastor Troup OFF</i>	6:30a Men's Bible Study	9:30a Adult Bible Class	<i>Pastor Demski OFF</i>		
9:00a Educ Hour						
10:15a Holy Communion		1-4p Quilters' Guild	6:30-8:00p Midweek Classes	4-9p Quilters' Guild		5:30p Holy Communion

Immanuel Lutheran Preschool News

Hi everyone! We are still having preschool classes, despite other schools returning to remote learning. We have been blessed. So far, no cases of COVID for Immanuel Preschool. We know that this could change at any time. No need to hold our breath or knock on wood. It is God's will that we follow this school year. We pray for the health and safety of our children and families as well as sanitize, use barrier shields, masks, health checks and much, much handwashing. If we do need to close the preschool, because of the pandemic, we will accept this with grace and patience. Please continue to pray for our school.

In October we had a wonderful playground cleanup day. Thank you to everyone that participated. Your time, talent and hard work has been appreciated. It was lots of work and lots of fun! Pastor Merritt blessed the new shed that day. We dedicated the new building to Boots Knispel-Schmidt for the Kids.

Thank you to everyone who has donated supplies and preschool equipment. People and church groups have been very generous. The kids and teachers appreciate all that our congregation does for us at school.

In November, we learned about God's blessings and the importance of thanking God for EVERYTHING.

Advent is here and we are busy teaching our preschoolers about the coming of Christ. Ms. Deborah and I pray that God fills your hearts with Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy this new Christian calendar year.

God's Blessings!
Ms. Linda



Service Reminders:

Just a few important notes about our services. As you are all aware, things change constantly, so please continue to watch your weekly announcements & emails.

1. There is currently no need to call ahead to attend a service.
Please note that the 5:30 & 7:45 services tend to be less attended if you are wondering about which service to attend.
2. Please wear masks upon entering and exiting. We'll have masks available, too. You can remove them once you are seated and distanced.
3. Please continue to respect people's space who wish to be distanced. A distance of at least 2 pews is recommended.
4. Communion is celebrated at every service. Individual cups & the common cup are offered at each service as well.
5. Currently, there are no ushers present. The bulletins & offering plate will continue to be on the table in the narthex. Please pick up a bulletin as you enter the sanctuary and place your offering and attendance card in the plate either before or after service.
6. Jesus remains our focus—nothing has changed! Praise be to God for sustaining His people now and forever!

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From Our Administrative Pastor... continued from page 1...

finally make the world right. All I can promise is what God has promised to us through Christ. Through repentance and faith, you have life through Christ by His grace. God will never leave you through Christ. His gifts remain the same life-giving gifts they always have been whether there are germs, armies, or strenuous circumstances. Continue to delight in the gifts of God through Christ and remember that His promises that you cling to are sure. Christ came down from heaven in humility and we look forward to being raised into immortality along with Him on the last day!

Go in peace. Nothing has changed!

If you have any questions, just let me know.

The Lord be with you!
Pastor Denski



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Cookie Walk Pre-Orders—Till Friday!

Pre-orders only. **Please turn in your order form or contact the church office (939-6480) by Friday, December 4th.** You can pay for your order when you pick up during Dec. 12-13. Homemade cookies are sold by the 1/2 pound (\$4.00).

You can find all the details and an order form at <https://immanuelwaterloo.org/2020/11/16/2020-cookie-walk/>

When in our music God is glorified...

...continue to stay tuned, as previously mentioned in the past several month's newsletters and



weekend notes, about Immanuel's music groups. This is a year of uncertainty regarding staying safe and healthy during the pandemic/virus we are facing. "Music groups" have been on hold since March and "baby steps" are being considered as "extra music" is added into worship services. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns about Immanuel's Music Ministry and continue to pray for those involved in music leadership.



To support Immanuel's Mission Team and their upcoming January 2022 trip

To HIM be honor and praise!
Ann Frank, Music Director

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- 19 Kelly Goforth
Alycia Otten
- 21 Barb Grant
Jackson Eybel
- 22 George Lesinger
Brian Nobbe
- 23 Bonnie Doty
Addie Janssen
Stanley Mitchell
- 25 Ernie Bartels
Denise Gruber
Mike Hemmer
- 27 David Rehmer
Evan Williams
- 28 Rose Hoeffken
- 29 Mark Johnson
- 30 Vicky Englert
Jagger Gregory
Laura Kinzinger
Kathie Naumann
- 31 Shirley Elmore
Millie Powers
Roger Weihl

Happy Anniversary to...

December:

- 5 Sandy & Jackie Nichols (22)
- 6 Bob & Barb Vernier (32)
- 8 Quinn & Mallory Rodenberg (2)
- 9 Adam & Jill Eggemeyer (15)
- 13 Bob & Shirley Elmore (17)
- 17 Bob & Gayle Mesnarich (43)
Jerry & Jane Moeser (21)
- 19 Tony & Cindy Troup (37)
- 22 Bob & Linda Polansky (36)
- 23 George & Myra Lesinger (53)
- 25 Bobby & Mandy Rehmer (17)
- 26 Les & Sandra Downing (55)
- 27 Dennis & Yvonne Brandt (40)
Leo & Karen Hodapp (49)
- 31 Clarence & Susan Vogt (63)

January:

- 8 Larry & Reba Menke (44)
- 10 Ernie & Nyla Bartels (34)
- 15 Mike & Michelle Fink (16)
- 26 Bud & Gloria Knoke (70)
- 28 Dennis & Nancy Rodenberg (37)
- 30 Dean & Susan Kohlmeier (28)

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all celebrating in December & January!

BASIC Youth Group News!

BASIC helps the Jr High and High School members of our congregation grow together as the body of Christ. That happens primarily on Sunday mornings at the Divine Service and in Bible Study, but we also get together for fun, fellowship, and service activities throughout the year. Remember, youth group is for youth in grades 6-12, and your friends are always welcome!

You can join the Immanuel BASIC Facebook group and email pastor.demski@gmail.com to be added to the weekly email list for the newest updates.

Remember to join us on Sundays from 9-10 am for Bible study! Junior high meets in the multipurpose room and high school meets in Pastor Demski's office.

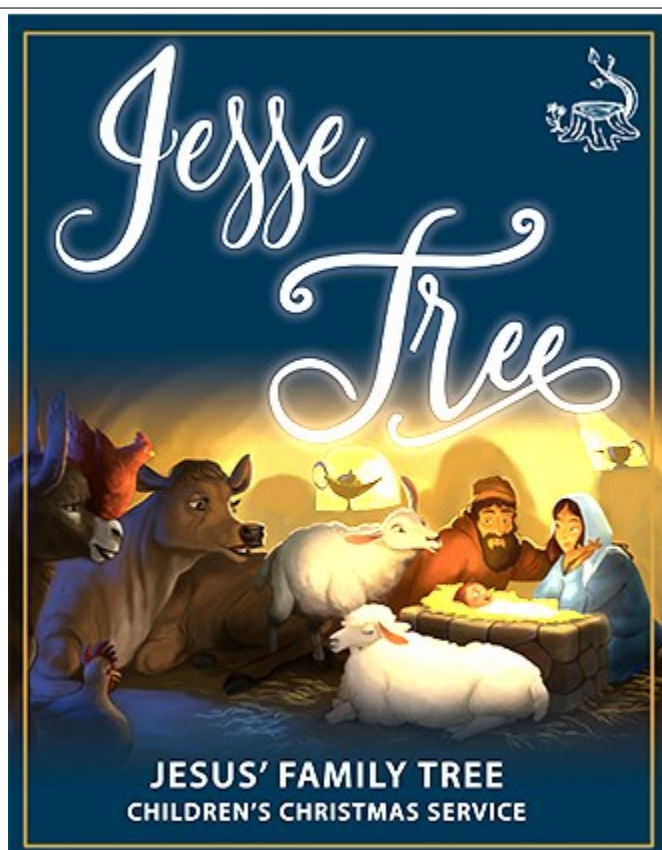
No events or activities are scheduled for December and January currently. Watch your emails and weekly bulletins for any changes.

Watch the bulletins and Pastor Demski's emails for info on our upcoming events!

**KEEP
CALM
AND GO TO
YOUTH
GROUP**

Children's Christmas Service 2020 Changes....

Although we canceled our annual Children's Christmas service, our Sunday School children have been practicing songs and recitations over the past several weeks. They will be recording videos during Sunday School on Dec. 13, and then we will include these videos during all of our services on Dec. 19-20. (Dec. 20 would have been our Children's Christmas service this year.) All are welcome!



WORSHIP SERVICES

SATURDAY

5:30 pm

SUNDAY

7:45 am & 10:15 am

*Holy Communion is celebrated at every service.
Individual and common cup are offered at each
service as well.*

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
8:00 am – 4:30 pm

***Pastor Demski's day off is Thursday.
Pastor Troup's day off is Monday.***

December 2020

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January 2021

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immanuelwaterloo.org

You'll find our weekly announcements and updates, our calendar, VBS & Preschool info, and other important news!



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