

GENERAL INFORMATION

Immanuel Welcomes You!

We give thanks to God that you're here with us today as we receive the gifts that our Lord gives in mercy and grace. Whether this is your first time as our guest or you are regularly worshipping among us, God is here for you and welcomes you in as His own. If you are in need of a church home or have questions about our congregation, please stop by the Connection Center (Belvidere Campus) or speak with one of the pastors or any of our ushers.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

More than just bread and wine, Holy Communion is the very body and blood of Christ. Those who partake should do so spiritually prepared (1 Corinthians 11:28): Am I sorry for my sin? Do I believe Jesus is my only Savior truly present in this meal? Will I, with the help of God, live a life that pleases Him?

Participation in this meal is also an expression of unity with this church as a congregation of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you are not communing but still desire to receive a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest when you come forward. The Lord Jesus has something for us all. The center ring of individual cups contains non-alcoholic wine, and gluten-free wafers are available for those in need. Please indicate this to those distributing the sacrament as you come forward.

Restrooms

Located just behind the Sanctuary, follow the long hallway and turn left at your first opportunity. An usher would be happy to direct you.

For Families with Young Children

Worship is for people of all ages, and we are so glad to have you and your children (with all their wiggles, noises, and questions) joining us! Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them." Encourage your children to follow along with the icons on the screens (they'll match up with the "Order of Service" in their **children's bulletins**) and shake their **egg shakers** when they see the egg icon. Help them find the **Sanctuary Star** and read together the description on the back of their insert.

We aren't worried about a little noise or activity, but if your child does need to leave worship, feel free to step out into the Narthex or hallway or visit our **Quiet Room**, but please, hurry back - we don't want you or your little ones to miss out on all God is doing in worship!

Quiet Room & Nursery

Immanuel's **Quiet Room** is open for 9:15, 11am Sunday services, and during the 10:15 bible study. It's a private, quiet spot with a changing table, diaper supplies, comfy rockers, and a livestream of the service. Of course, children (and all their noises) are always welcome in service, but for parents wanting to step out, this room is located between the bathrooms and nursery in the hallway behind the Sanctuary.

Our staffed **Nursery** is available (for children under 5 years of age) at 9:15 and 11am Sunday services, and during the 10:15 bible study. The nursery is located in the hallway behind the Sanctuary.

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO CHRIST FOR LIFE

CONNECTOR

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY JANUARY 15-16, 2022

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

SAT	6 PM	Worship — <i>Heritage</i> (Hymns + Pipe Organ)
SUN	8 AM	Worship — <i>Heritage</i> (Hymns + Pipe Organ)
	9:15	Worship — <i>Bridge</i> (Teaching + Musical variety)
	9:30	Worship @ North
	10:15	Pastor's Class "New Year with the Prophets" (Fellowship Hall)
	11	Worship — <i>Horizon</i> (Praise Team + Less formal)
WED	11 AM	'Mask Required' Worship Service

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 16	High School Lock-In
Jan. 18	LWML Mary Martha Meeting
Feb. 1	Matter of Balance

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

ISAIAH 62:1-5 | PSALM 128
1 COR. 12:1-11 | JOHN 2:1-11



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BLOOD DRIVE



Immanuel Lutheran Church Blood Drive

Friday, February 4th / 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM
1045 Belvidere Rd., Door #4, Belvidere, IL

To schedule a donation call Sue Piske
at (815) 544-8058 or scan the QR Code.



HYMN OF THE MONTH

The hymn "When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known" appears in what many of us remember as the "blue" hymnal, "Lutheran Worship" (the predecessor to the "Lutheran Service Book" that is in the pews at Immanuel and across most LCMS churches now). The text was taken from a larger poem written in the 5th century by a man named Coelius Sedulius. Little is known about Sedulius except that in his early life he was devoted to secular literature and did not become a Christian until he was well along in years. The tune used with this hymn in "Lutheran Worship" is titled "Puer Nobis," and was written by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621), a Lutheran German who held many musical positions in his time and wrote other texts and tunes. This particular tune also appears in the Lutheran Service Book with the text "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" (LSB #344).

LWML MARY MARTHA

Mary Martha will meet Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 2:00 pm in the Conference Room. (Use door 14 by School entrance) Program: Woman of Grace with Karen Laabs. Prayer Pals will be drawn. For information about LWML call Louanne Gotsch (815-765-2788).

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

John 2:1-11

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

MATTER OF BALANCE POSTPONED

Don't Let Concerns About Falling Get You Down!



Join Us for this helpful Class at Immanuel North
 13535 IL Rt. 76, Poplar Grove
 (Countryside Mall)
 Tuesday's from 9:00 - 11:00 AM
 February 1st thru March 22nd
**Sign-up in the church hallway
 or call 815-544-8058**

The **NEW** start date for Lifescape's "A Matter of Balance" Class is **Tuesday, Feb. 1st** and meets from 9-11am. The class will meet for 8 weeks and **begins** at Immanuel North-Countryside Mall on Rt. 76 and transfer over to the new Timberlane building when it's available for use. Older adults who are concerned about falling will set realistic goals to increase activity, learn ways to reduce risk factors that cause falls, and learn exercises that increase strength and improve your balance. Call the Church Office or check the Connection Center for information and to register.

ORDER OF SERVICE

We now have the Order of Services on the website. If you would like to follow along with the worship bulletins/order of service while watching the livestream, you can do so by going to the "resources" tab on the website and clicking on "Order of Service".

PRAYER TEAM

We'd be glad to pray with you!
 Members of the Prayer Team are regularly available after the worship services each weekend for any personal prayer requests you may need. You can find them at the front of the Sanctuary. Never doubt the power of prayer!



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 Last Weekend's Attendance: 287

IN OUR PRAYERS

For God's Gracious Care

Linda Dixon, Buck Hodge, Gloria Mowers, Zach Peavler, Marian Lambert, Shirley Berg, Louie Rowe, Sherry Huntington, Shelby Austin, Henry & Anita Koch, Janet Bruening, Kelly Rosik, Ellen Anderson, Ron Bakkelund, Donna Benson, Ruth Anne Behling, Keith Blaida, Cathy Selpien, Freida Manzullo, Virginia Zuliek, Miles Masters, Mike Saxton

Hospital (or recently hospitalized): Frank Bisconti

Other Needs: Virginia Braun

Deaths: Bonnie McHoe, Gary Anderson

Birthdays: Dorothy Gustafson 90th birthday Jan.11

Altar Flowers: Flowers are given by Chris Luckow and children in loving memory of Kelly Luckow who entered rest on January 18, 2009.

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

Electronic Giving

Thank you for your faithful support of our ministry in the gospel here at Immanuel. If you'd like to make your offering online, you're welcome to do so via our website.



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CONNECTION CARD

JANUARY 15-16, 2021

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- Becoming a part of the community here at Immanuel
- Immanuel Lutheran School
- Sponsoring the bulletin / altar flowers

- My offering was given electronically
- Other (Please Specify)

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