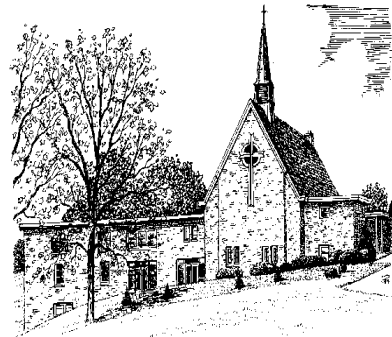


The King's Business

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The Pastor's Page

A few weeks ago, I received a catalog in the mail. A toy catalog. It was actually a bit nostalgic for me. I can remember pouring over the Christmas toy catalogs as a child, frantically circling items that I wanted to add to my Christmas list. Knowing I would be fortunate to receive even one of them, but still consumed with excitement. So it was quite entertaining to see my own daughter doing the same thing.

This particular toy catalog was from Amazon and printed across the front were just two simple words: Joy Delivered. It struck me as an interesting advertising slogan. I think just about everybody is familiar with the sight of an Amazon box by now. The brown cardboard side with a big swooping grin printed across it. Black Amazon branded packing tape sealing the whole thing shut.

We see that box sitting on our doorstep and we get excited. My package is here! What did I order again? Wait... did I order anything? Did someone buy something for me? What's inside?! It's like Christmas morning every time we drive up to our house. A moment of joy delivered, courtesy of Amazon and UPS.

And yet, that joy (if you can really call it that) is usually short lived. Because the sort of stuff you can buy at Amazon is just that: stuff. Stuff to do. Stuff to wear. Stuff to occupy your time. Stuff to distract yourself from life. It isn't really 'joy' delivered. It's 'stuff' delivered.

Don't get me wrong. I enjoy 'stuff' as much as the next guy. And there's nothing wrong with giving gifts. Gift giving has been associated with Christmas since the Magi first gave gifts to Jesus. Approached from the right

perspective, generosity toward those you love is a good and pious part of our Christmas festival.

But there's a point where all the 'stuff' just becomes too much. I heard on the radio this morning that the major delivery services are expecting to have trouble getting packages delivered on-time this year. Not because of a lack of personnel, but a lack of vehicles. We're buy so much stuff that there aren't enough trucks and vans in existence to get all of it to our homes.

That's just ridiculous. But it's, perhaps, understandable. We're all feeling isolated, this year more than most. We're all in need of a little distraction. We're all trying to find ways to connect with those we love. And in our greedy, covetous, sinful selves, we look to 'stuff' for the answer. In the end, we're all just 6 year olds pouring over a toy catalog, circling the things we want.

But we don't have to be. There is so much more to Christmas than just stuff. There is such a greater Joy Delivered than what you can find in an Amazon catalog. The delivery of Jesus. Born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law. That we might receive adoption as sons. We are not slaves to stuff. We are children of God.

And that joy delivered to us is so much greater than the joy of stuff. It is the joy of sins forgiven. The joy of eternal life. The joy of the resurrection. Where there is no mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. It is the joy of peace on earth for all mankind.

Peace in the midst of pandemics. Peace in the midst of greed and covetousness. Peace in the midst of isolation. For the God who cursed us with death and

cursed the earth because our sin has now blessed us in Christ with the riches of his grace. And unto us is born a Savior: Christ the Lord.

May the Lord deliver joy to you this Christmas and always.

Pastor Ketelsen

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Sunday Service - 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School – none at this time

Fellowship Time - Fifth Sundays 10:15 am as announced

Lord's Supper - 8:00 am and 10:30 am – 1st & 3rd Sundays & Festivals

Midweek Services –

During Advent & Lent, Weds. 6:30 p.m.

Kindergarten

All Day Kindergarten

(Pre-registration required)

Preschool

3-5 year olds

Mon-Wed-Fri, 8-11am & 12-3pm (4 & 5 year olds)

Tues-Thurs, 8-11am & 12-3pm (3 year olds)

(Pre-registration required)

Dial-A-Devotion

660-882-5377

Copies of sermons are available. If you missed a service, or just loved one immensely, copies are available on our church website, ImmanuelBoonvilleMO.church. You can also find hard copies in the red folder in the church Narthex. Please help yourself, and feel free to share with friends or shut-ins.

Find us on Facebook – Immanuel Lutheran Church and School – Check it out for periodic updates of events and classes at Immanuel.

Immanuel has another way to be part of virtual Sunday services!

We now have Zoom. Those who do not have access to Facebook can call a phone number, input a special code, and listen to the audio of the service LIVE on their phone.

Step 1: Call 1 (253) 215-8782 a little before 10:30 am

Step 2: Follow the prompt to input the Meeting ID: 9283696439

Step 3: Join "the meeting" and listen to the service LIVE
Please contact any members or friends who could make use of this service!

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday School: is looking for teachers.

Youth Class is for junior and senior high. Meets in the lounge at 9:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Study: Sunday Mornings at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Class Join us Tuesdays beginning at 1:00 p.m. We are doing a study on Colossians, *The Mighty & The Mysterious*. We meet downstairs in Fellowship Hall in order to socially distance ourselves. This is a video and book study.

Thursday Morning Breakfast Bible Study: has resumed on Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Patty in the church office by Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. if you are attending and would like to order breakfast. This study is available on Facebook Live.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

We have been very busy at school. We have learned the sounds and recognition of letters K-M. We have learned how to count to ten and we learned what the number 11-13 looks like. We have the days of the week memorized. Ms. Gerhardt goes over the days of the week and then we tell her what day it is, sometimes what month it is and she tells us the date, then we get to count up to that number. The weather frog has been dressed up in all sorts of weather appropriate clothes. Each week we have a different unit. We have learned Seasons, Shapes and Thanksgiving. We made a robot made out of a circle, square, rectangle and a triangle. We colored a picture of shapes and Ms. Gerhardt told us what color to color each shape. Ms. Gerhardt said we were very smart.

We also found shapes all around the classroom. We talked about Thanksgiving. We heard a story about the pilgrims and the Indians. It's good when we can share, teach and learn from each other.

We continue to work on a letter bag of the week. We have fun looking at everyone's show and tell. We bring really creative things to share with the class. We hear the letter of the week at least 18 times on Friday during show and tell. Our letter bags this month had items that started with the letter K, L and M.

In chapel, we have learned about Samuel as a Boy, David and Goliath and Daniel in the Lions' Den. God always keeps His promises and God always forgives us. We participated in the story of Daniel. We cheered when the name Daniel was said and we said BOO when the bad guys made a bad plan. We did a trumpet call when we talked about the king and we roared really loud when we talked about the lions. It was a fun lesson. We also made a shield out of cardboard. Ms. Gerhardt told us that Goliath had a shield and it didn't save him and David didn't need a shield because God protected Him and David, with God's help killed Goliath. Pastor Ketelsen is teaching us about the Creed. The introduction to the creed was the story of the Wiseman who came to see Jesus and bring Him gifts. The Wiseman followed the star that God put in the sky to lead them to Jesus. Pastor taught us the story of creation to explain the first part of the creed. The next week Pastor told us the story Adam and Eve and how they did not obey God. God sent them out of the Garden of Eden but made a promise to both of them and He kept His promise many years later. God always keeps His promises.

We also love reading time. We've read a book titled Over the River and Through the Woods (a turkey's tale). It was very funny. We read about Little Bunny Foo Foo and read three Elephant and Piggie Books (these are our favorites).

Our upcoming units for December are:

Animals in Winter
Transportation
Merry Christmas

Upcoming chapel stories for December:

The Birth of John
The First Christmas
A Star Leads the Way

Upcoming chapel stories with Pastor Ketelsen:

Who Is Jesus (John the Baptist prepares the way)
Jesus' Conception
Jesus Birth

Upcoming Events in December:

December 21 & 22 Christmas Party
December 23-Jan. 4 NO SCHOOL

Dec. Birthdays: Gray, Rosalie, Theo, Benjamin

Children who have snacks and show and tell in December: Gray, Wyatt, Rosalie, Theo, Benjamin

Immanuel Lutheran School is still accepting registration for Preschool and Kindergarten. For an application, please call the church office at 660-882-2208, option 1, or call Glenda Gerhardt at 660-888-9996. The application may be printed from the website at ImmanuelBoonvilleMO.church.

KEEPING UP WITH KINDERGARTEN

We can't believe that the Advent and Christmas season is upon us! Thanks to a generous donor, we will be studying The Jesse Tree with the students. It is a blessing to have the freedom celebrate a Christ centered Christmas in our classroom.

We will begin reading groups this month! It will be so exciting to hear them use their phonics skills to work! Thank you for your continued support our program! Merry Christmas!

Stefani Ketelsen
and
Nicole Thompson



Teachers Needed

The Board of Christian Education is looking for Board Members and Sunday School Teachers. This is a great opportunity to help the Church build its youth programs! If you are interested in either becoming a member or helping jump start Sunday School again, please contact Andrea Thacher at andrea.thacher@att.net or at 660-537-3292.



The new flower chart for 2021 is posted on the door across from the church lounge. If you wish to donate the altar flowers for a particular Sunday, please sign your name next to that date. Also, **please include a phone number where you can be reached.** The Altar Guild members for that month will contact you concerning floral details and the announcement for the bulletin.

A-Bow-K Floral supplies the arrangements for Immanuel. The cost for regular Sunday vases is \$35 (\$17.50 per vase) plus tax. For that price, they will use whatever flowers they have on hand for that week. If specific flowers or larger arrangements are requested, the cost will be more than the initial \$35. However, the donor can certainly use a florist of their choice. If this is the case, be sure to indicate this to the Altar Guild member when she calls.

If you are in need of assistance or have any other concerns, please contact any one of the Guild members. Your input is very much appreciated. Altar Guild members are: Brenda Scott, Julie Thacher, Kathy Handley, Kathy Loerzel, Stefani Ketelsen, Susan Templemire, Sharon Thoma, Lavill Morton, Nancee Swanson, Carol Norman, and Diane Cummins.

The Guild sincerely thanks all who have donated altar flowers for 2020. Your continued support is very much appreciated!

DECEMBER SCRIPTURE READERS

- 12/6 8:00 a.m. – Kathy Loerzel
10:30 a.m. – Tim Derendinger
- 12/13 8:00 a.m. – Craig Meyer
10:30 a.m. – Christian Stock
- 12/20 8:00 a.m. – Penny Cain
10:30 a.m. – Craig Meyer
- 12/27 8:00 a.m. – Sharon Strough
10:30 a.m. – Aiden Meyer

If you needed to change a time when you are reading, or if you would like to be added to the list of readers, please contact Craig Meyer.



Volunteers from Immanuel Lutheran Church will be ringing the bell for The Salvation Army on Saturday, December 5th, from 10:00 to 6:00 pm at Walmart in Boonville. Thank you to all who volunteered.



The suggested donations in the month of December for the NHN Food Pantry is paper products, such as paper plates, paper towels, etc. As always, any non-perishable canned and boxed goods are welcome. Food Pantry envelopes are available in the Narthex. **Recently 25 pounds of food were donated by this congregation.**

In 2019, the total value of the food distributed by the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry was over \$695,625. Thank you for your continued generosity.



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In 2019 we have received \$3,026 Thrivent Choice Dollar grants for the Church, \$1,111 Thrivent Choice Dollars Grants for Kindergarten, and \$341 Thrivent Choice Dollars grants for Preschool. We appreciate how you have supported our organization with your Thrivent benefits and hope you consider us in the future.

To learn more about Thrivent's membership benefits and generosity programs visit thrivent.com/generosity



2020 - December - 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 1pm Ladies Bible Study 7pm Elders	2 6:30p Advent Midweek Service	3 7am Breakfast Bible Study	4	5 11a-2p Baby Shower in Fellowship Hall-Craig Meyer
6 8am & 10:30am Worship/HC 9:15am Bible Class	7	8 8-10a NHN Distribution 1pm Ladies Bible Study in Fellowship Hall	9 6:30p Advent Midweek Service	10 7am Breakfast Bible Study	11	12
13 8am & 10:30am Worship/HC 9:15am Bible Class	14	15 1pm Ladies Bible Study 7pm Church Council	16 6:30p Advent Midweek Service	17 7am Breakfast Bible Study 6-8pm NHN Distribution	18 <i>Kindergarten Christmas Party Newsletter Deadline</i>	19 9-11am NHN Distribution
20 8am & 10:30am Worship/HC 9:15 Bible Class	21 <i>10am Christmas Party Kindergarten only-No School</i>	22 <i>10am Christmas Party Kindergarten only-No School</i>	23 <i>No School - Christmas Break</i>	24 4:30pm & 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Service <i>No School - Christmas Break</i>	25 9am Christmas Day Service/HC <i>No School - Christmas Break</i>	26
27 8am & 10:30 am Worship 9:15am Bible Class	28 <i>No School - Christmas Break</i>	29 <i>No School - Christmas Break</i>	30 <i>No School - Christmas Break</i>	31 6:30pm New Year's Eve Service <i>No School - Christmas Break</i>		

Those Serving the Church this Month				
Service:	Organists:	Elders:	Altar Guild:	Greeters for the Month:
12/2 Advent Midweek	Diane Cummins	8:00 am Jason Linneman	Kathy Handley	Property
12/6	Diane Cummins	10:30 am Craig Meyer	Kathy Loerzel	
12/9 Advent Midweek	Diane Cummins	12/2 Gary Naumann	Diane Cummins	
12/13	Gladys Moore	12/9 Tim Fahrenbrink		
12/16 Advent Midweek	Diane Cummins	12/16 Cody Waibel		
12/20	Gladys Moore	12/24 4:30p Craig Meyer		
12/24 Christmas Eve	Gladys Moore	6:30p Jason Linneman		
12/25 Christmas Day	Diane Cummins	12/25 Jason Linneman		
12/27	Diane Cummins	12/31 Jason Linneman		
12/31 New Year's Eve	Gladys Moore			

There are 2 services every Sunday to help with social distancing. Please follow the guidelines to help each other stay safe. Hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes are available in the narthex.

CHURCH STATISTICS				
Date	Worship	Facebook Live/Total	SS/Bible Class	Home and Missions
10/4	26/32	NA	NA/14	
10/11	22/45	9/17	1/16	
10/18	36/32	9/17	1/15	
10/25	28/22	10/23	1/11	
October Electronic Contributions				
October Home and Missions Total				
October Other Offerings				
October Total Income				
October Expenses				
YTD Expenses as of 10/30/2020				
Good Samaritan Fund as of 10/30/2020				



ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

December 21 Mark and Sara Loesing

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

- December 3** Charles Stock
Tyson Fahrenbrink
- December 5** Marissa Schnell
- December 6** Aaron Shay
- December 10** Christopher Riggert
- December 12** Jacqueline Carver
- December 13** Robyn Handley
Peyton Houston
- December 14** Alice Langkop
- December 16** Cora Linneman
Bradley Toellner
Sean Scott
- December 18** Callie Langkop
- December 19** Connor Loesing
Timothy Derendinger
- December 20** Alec Tilman
Andrew Burns
Imogen Atterbury
Aleyah Runkle
- December 22** Sara Loesing
Harper Stock
Joslin Cheek
- December 23** William Moore
- December 25** Brandy Templemire
- December 26** Jim Smallwood
- December 27** Dallas Franklin
Myles Lammers
Neveah Mosher
- December 28** Emily Ayers

Budget Reminder
 Needed Weekly
 Needed YTD as of 10/31/2020

MEMBERS SHUT-IN OR IN NURSING HOME
Nursing Home:
Candlelight Lodge - Betty Niebruegge
 1406 Bus. Loop 70W, #105, Columbia, MO 65202
Katy Manor – Harold Schnetzler
 295 Prospect, P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276
Shut-ins: Margie Loesing, Charles Loesing

You are encouraged to take time to visit with, or send a card to, those members who are no longer able to attend regular church services. How wonderful it must be to know you are remembered, prayed for, and someone has taken some of their precious hours to visit with you. Addresses for the care facilities above are shown below. The Church Office can help you with other addresses when requested.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CHANGES
Transfer out: None
Transfer in: None
Confirmed: None
Baptism: None
Deceased: None

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES



Advent Services

**Wednesday, December 2*

**Wednesday, December 9*

**Wednesday, December 16*
6:30 pm

Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 24

4:30 pm and 6:30 pm

Christmas Day Service

Friday, December 25

9:00 am

New Year's Eve Service

Friday, December 31

6:30 pm

** In order to provide a worship opportunity for those with health concerns, we are requiring that masks be worn at these midweek worship services. Thank you.*

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The Altar Guild is accepting monetary donations for poinsettia plants for the Christmas season. The plants will be purchased through A-Bow-K Floral. The suggested cost per plant is \$10. Please let us know you are donating a plant(s) by using the sign-up sheet that will be available on the table in the narthex from **November 15 – December 13**. For your convenience envelopes are available in which to place your donation. **If you are paying by check, please make it payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Please place your donation in the offering plate during the church service.** The plants may be picked up after the December 31st for those who want one. Thanks again for your continued support!