

(Communion Policy) In preparation for the Lord's Supper, we recognize that we are sinners, are sorry for our sins and desire the Lord's forgiveness. In the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, we believe that the Lord is bodily present in, with and under, the bread and the wine. Our Lord offers Himself in this sacrament to assure us of our sins forgiven through Christ's atoning sacrifice on the cross. Living in that forgiveness, we intend with God's help to amend our sinful life.

Guests, who are communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, have visited with one of our Pastors, and have communed in the past, are invited to come forward for communion. If you are not a member and wish to be placed under the spiritual care of our Pastor and this congregation, you are invited to visit with the Pastor.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Lee Hagan, Pastor Gary Griffin, Reed Fuemmeler, Finley Kukal, Donna Kyler, Stephanie Van Ulft née Wehrman, Sonie Walker, Reed Gastel, Connie Finley, and the family of Leanna Jackson
Circuit Congregation: St. John's Monett & Pastor Andrew Kennell

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: 12/10: Megan Allison; 12/11: Levi Mareth; 12/12: Jacob Stone

ALTAR FLOWERS: Altar flowers this week are from Debbie Oeltjen in memory of Marvin.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 11/26: 82; 11/30: 280 SS 104

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: 11/26 \$3,763.96; 11/30 \$8,036.70

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146; James 5:7-11; Matthew 11:2-15

THOSE WHO SERVE IN DECEMBER

Accompanist: 12/7 Phyllis Obert
Elder: Lee Eggerman Assistant Elder: Kyle Caldwell/Clay Lasater
Ushers: Roger Stone, Mike Theurer, Randy Hayes, Mike Singleton, Dan Hawks, Whatt Hawks, Seth Meinzen and Mike Thieman
Joseph Lasater, Kyle Caldwell, Shawn Watson
Altar Guild: Communion – VACANT & Debbie Stone
Paraments – VACANT & Kathryn Shaw
Flower Coordinator – Maria Schnelle
Acolytes: 12/07 Thor Combs

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun Dec 7
8 am Bible Study (Cafeteria)
9 am Worship (children sing)
10:15 to 11:15 am Bible Study and Sunday School

Mon Dec 8 – OFFICES CLOSED

Tues Dec 9
9 am Dorcas Quilters
6:30 pm School Board

Wed Dec 10
8:30 am Braille
5 pm Bell Choir
5 pm Advent Meal – (proceeds to Tanzania Mission)
7 pm Midweek Advent Worship
8:00 pm Adult Choir

Thurs Dec 11
8:30 am Braille

Fri Dec 12
2-4 pm Food Pantry

Sat Dec 13
10 am Muncy's Bell Ringing

Sun Dec 14
8 am Bible Study (Cafeteria)
9 am Worship / Communion
10:15 to 11:15 am Bible Study and Sunday School

ADVENT MEALS: December 10 -**Tanzania Mission Meal**
December 17 - **LYF / JYF Soup Supper**

VACANCY UPDATE: The Elders met with Circuit Officials Monday. They encouraged us to proceed with a search for an Interim Pastor. The Call Committee is going to try and interview candidates before Christmas. If you have questions, call Jerry Schnelle at 417-880-4254.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:
Children's Christmas Program practices will be
All Sundays in December from 10:15-11:15 am,
(or right after church until 11:15);
Saturday, December 20 from 9-11 am, and
either Monday, December 22 or Tuesday, December 23 Time TBA

MIDWEEK ADVENT: Midweek advent worship is at 7 pm. The theme this week is "Peace".

Second Sunday in Advent
Opening Hymn: LSB 341
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
* Invocation
* Confession & Absolution
* Hymn of Praise
* Introit (on screens)
* Prayer for the Day
* Lighting of the Advent Candle
388 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10
Children Sing 3rd-7th grade
Second Lesson:
Romans 15:4-13
* Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12
* Apostles' Creed
Children Sing Pre-K-2nd Grade
Children's Message
Sermon Hymn: 344
On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
Sermon: "The God of Hope
Filling You with All Joy and Peace"
* Offertory
Offering & Attendance
* Prayers of the Church
Lord's Prayer
Benediction
Departing Hymn: 383
A Great and Mighty Wonder

* marks where to stand

WORSHIP SERVICES: Pastor Griffin will be covering mid-week worship services during Advent and Good Shepherd Chapel and Communion services. Pastor Backs will be covering worship services on Sundays in December and on January 4. Pastor Ken Lampe will cover Christmas morning.

VISITING PASTOR: If you or a family member is hospitalized, shut-in, have a prayer request, or if you desire a visit, please contact or text Pastor Backs at 417-840-1610.

THANK YOU: On behalf of the Ministerial Alliance, thank you to all who attended the Wednesday night Advent meal and donated so generously. A total of \$403.00 was raised for the benefit of the Alliance. Thank you all! *Michelle & Chance Kleeman.*

JYF / LYF SOUP SUPPER: The annual JYF/LYF soup supper is December 17th in the FLC. Worship will be in the FLC. Once again, Tracy Bean’s students will be providing the entertainment that evening. We welcome other piano students who would be willing to play as well! Parents please call or text Tracy at 417-214-0809 with your child’s name/s and list of songs, so she can include them in the program. Thanks!

FOOD PANTRY is in need of a volunteer for the first and third Fridays of the month beginning in this week. The pantry is now open from 2 – 4 pm. Please call Nyla Hefling at 928-587-4723 or the church office if you are willing to help.

SAVE THE DATE! Trinity Lutheran Church, Freistatt, will be presenting “Journey of Promises”, a Christmas cantata on December 20, 2025, under the direction of Carol McIntyre. If you have family visiting for holidays, bring them. What a great evening for all to enjoy! 40-45 voices from the surrounding communities will be bringing the Christmas message in songs. Come and share in the celebration of our Savior’s birth. For more information, contact the church office (417-235-7300) or website at Trinity1874.com.

TO THE SAINTS AT IMMANUEL LUTHERAN: Thank you for your support of the Lord’s work in Indonesia. Your partnership is a huge source of encouragement for us and strengthens Lutheran congregations and extends the proclamation of the Gospel in Asia. Thank you for being a part of this ministry! In Christ, *Rev. Matthew Wood & Family.*

CHRISTMAS SEASON OFFICE HOURS: The church secretary will be travelling to visit family this year and will be away from the office December 22 through January 2. There will be times when no one will be in the office and doors will be locked as the school will also be closed. (Church messages will be checked periodically from volunteer members.) If you need anything, the last day I will be here will be December 19. You can email me at churchoffice@immanuelcms.net or leave a message at 417-232-4642 and I will get back to you as soon as I return. Thank you.

Welcome to Worship!
Second Sunday in Advent
December 7, 2025

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School
Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
P. O. Box H, (212 W. 4th Street),
Lockwood, MO 65682
Sunday Worship: 9 am
Sunday School/Bible Class: 10:15 am

Pastor: Currently Vacant

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Mrs. Sarah Baugh, Director, Early Childhood Center
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The Lutheran Hour: AM 860, Sun 9:30 am; FM 104.1, Sun 6:30 am; FM 90.1, Sun 8:00 am

IMMANUEL’S MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of God's people who have been brought together as one Body in Christ at Immanuel Lutheran Church is growing in personal faith in the Triune God and Sharing the Good News of Salvation in Jesus Christ with each generation.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES
MTG ROOM – Galatians
CAFETERIA – Trusting God
SPECIALS ROOM – Marriage and Family

PRAYER CHAIN: The Prayer Chain, organized by the LWML, is a group of disciples that will immediately pray for a specific need. Please obtain permission of the family before calling Liz Hand (417-262-2097) to request prayers.