

(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, Nancy Lowe
Circuit Congregation: Trinity Nevada and Pastor Johannes Brann

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: 12/14: Patti Hayes, Reuben Kreissler; 12/15: Brantley & William Bowen; 12/16: Shipley Losack; 12/18: Blake Schnelle, Henry Schnelle; 12/19: Logan Sparkman; 12/20: Clay Lasater, Collin Ohnmacht, Seth Meinzen

ALTAR FLOWERS: Altar flowers this week are from Chance & Michelle Kleeman in celebration of Kolton's 19th birthday tomorrow.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 12/03: 93; 12/7: 280 SS 70

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: 12/3 \$1,135.83; 12/7 \$6,827.07

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 7:10-17; Psalm 24; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

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: 12/14: Whitlee Combs & Dela Hawes

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

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

Mon Dec 15 – SCHOOL IN SESSION

Tues Dec 16
9 am Dorcas Quilters

Wed Dec 17
8:30 am Braille
5 pm Bell Choir
5 pm JYF / LYF Soup Supper
7 pm Midweek Advent Worship
8:00 pm Adult Choir

Fri Dec 19
2-4 pm Food Pantry

Sat Dec 20
7 pm Christmas Cantata at Trinity Freistatt

Sun Dec 21 \$unday
8 am Bible Study (Cafeteria)
9 am Worship
10:15 to 11:15 am Bible Study and Sunday School

ADVENT MEALS: December 17 - LYF / JYF Soup Supper

VACANCY UPDATE: The Elders met with Circuit Officials last week. 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 "joy".

Third Sunday in Advent
Opening Hymn: Adult Choir
A Voice Cries Out in the Wilderness
* Invocation
* Confession & Absolution
* Hymn of Praise
* Prayer for the Day
* Lighting of the Advent Candle
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10
Second Lesson: James 5:7-11
* Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:2-11
* Nicene Creed
Children's Message
Sermon Hymn: 350
Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come
Sermon: "The Gift and Blessing of Patience"
* Offertory
Offering & Attendance
* Prayers of the Church
* Preface
* Santus
* Prayer of Thanksgiving
* Lord's Prayer
* The Words of Our Lord
* Pax Domini
* Agnus Dei
Distribution Hymns
628 Your Table I Approach
357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
364 Away in a Manger
* Nunc Dimittis
* Post Communion Collect
* Benedicamus
* Benediction

* 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.

FOOD PANTRY is in need of a volunteer for the first and third Fridays of the month. 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.

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!
Third Sunday in Advent
December 14, 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

Interim Principal: Mrs. Amy Schnelle - 417-693-0852
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Mrs. Sarah Baugh, Director, Early Childhood Center
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[LCMS: LCMS.org](http://LCMS.org); Missouri District: MO.LCMS.org

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 <i>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.</i>	<u>SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES</u> MTG ROOM – Galatians CAFETERIA – Trusting God SPECIALS ROOM – Marriage and Family
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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.