

The Lord's Week

- Sun. **9:00am** Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300
 10:25am Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School (Xmas Practice)
 6:00pm Priscilla Guild Christmas Party
 7:00pm Choir at Holy Cross
- Mon. 8:30am SPLGS Confirmation (M,T,R,F)
 9:45am ROBS
- Wed. 5:30pm Meal by Priscilla Guild
 6:30pm Advent Service
- Sat. 7:00am Christian Laity of Sweet Springs Breakfast@
 Baptist Church
 9-11am Confirmation
- Sun. **9:00am** Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300
 10:25am Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School (Xmas Practice)
 7:00pm Singing Saints Christmas
 Concert @St. Paul's Church

The Season of Advent



Those serving

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| <i>Musician:</i> | Judy Teufel |
| <i>The Greeters:</i> | Marc & Kristy Johnson |
| <i>The Acolyte:</i> | Madison |
| <i>The Head Usher:</i> | Steve Fuchs |
| <i>Radio and Sound:</i> | Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies |
| <i>Church Secretary:</i> | Judy Teufel |
| <i>Church Custodian:</i> | Jim Teufel |
| <i>Pastor:</i> | Rev. Dan Wing |

Whether you are a lifelong member or visiting for the first time we are honored to have you here this morning. Please feel free to contact Pastor Wing regarding questions of membership or of a spiritual or personal matter. You may contact him at: (660) 851-3810 or at church: (660) 335-4141. If you get a chance check us out online at: www.lcmsimmanuel.org
 Church office: 110 Main, Sweet Springs, MO 65351
May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!



Immanuel Lutheran Church

Powered by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim the work of the Son, in adoration of the Father.

Sola Gratia. Sola Fide. Sola Scriptura. Solus Christus.



First Sunday in Advent

December 3, 2017

- Hymn #350**
Invocation/Confession/Absolution pp.213-14
 Psalm 80:1-7
Salutation and Collect p.214
 First Reading Isaiah 64:1-9
 Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
 Gospel Reading Mark 11:1-10
The Nicene Creed (back inside cover of hymnal)
Hymn #392 (v.1 and 3)
Children's Message: Advent Celebration!
Hymn #349
Sermon: Receiving the Lord on His terms (Isaiah 64:1-9)
Hymn #789 as we receive our offerings and fill out the registers
Prayer/Lord's Prayer
Institution and Distribution of the Lord's Supper
Distribution Hymns: #637 #644 #563
Benediction
Hymn #701

To God be glory for 139 years of His grace at Immanuel and 67 years of proclaiming Jesus on our radio broadcast!



Communion Participation
at Immanuel Lutheran

As members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS), Immanuel's policy regarding the Lord's Supper is one of closed Communion. We invite all confirmed members who are in good standing with an LCMS congregation to commune with us. Participation in the Lord's Supper is, Scripturally speaking, a communal act and therefore is reserved, in our church body, for those making the same confession. (See I Corinthians 11:17-34)

Members of other church bodies are welcome to participate in our liturgy and in the hearing of God's Word, but are asked to refrain from participation in the Lord's Supper. We would be glad for you to come forward and receive a blessing; simply cross your arms in front of you after kneeling.

We respect the confession you make in the church you attend. Communing with us would signify you are no longer a member of that church body. We, along with the whole Christian Church on earth, look forward to eternal life when all divisions will cease.

If you are not a member of the LCMS and uncertain as to whether you ought to participate please refrain from participation until you have talked with Pastor Wing. He would be glad to discuss the matter with you.

Also, it is important for members of our church body to prepare for receiving the Lord's Supper and that can be done in the following manner: recognize that you are a sinner, repent of your sin, believe that you are receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine, and that what you eat and drink is for the forgiveness of your sins.

If you have time check out pp. 329-30 of the Lutheran Service Book. Walk through these Christian Questions and Answers as you prepare for worship this morning.

Communion Committee

Dec. 3 Valerie Cook
Sharon Knight
Dec. 17 Amy Vogelsmeier
Jeanette Koch/Paigelyn Bullock

Acolytes

Dec. 10 Andrea
Dec. 17 Keegan
Dec. 24(am) Kirsten
Dec. 25 Matthew
Dec. 31 Chase

Secretary is on vacation this week.

If you need something and the office is closed please call Judy at (660)202-2993 or email:jteufel3354141@gmail.com.

A-Adoration

All blessing, thanks, and praise to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, be given: Thou hast my Brother deigned to be, Thou Lord of earth and heaven. Help me throughout this day of grace to praise Thy love and seek Thy face; and when I stand before Thee forever to adore Thee. (LSB #378 v.3)

C-Confession

Thou knowest all my griefs and fears, Thy grace abused, my misspent years; yet now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ crucified, I come. Wash me and take away each stain; Let nothing of my sin remain. For cleansing, though it be through pain, Christ crucified, I come. (LSB #560 vv.2 and 3)

T-Thanksgiving

Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing; your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! (LSB #813 v.1)

S-Supplication

We commit these and many others to Your keeping this day:
Pat Duffey, Mickie Hemme, Jason Higgins, Lana Scott, Carol Thurman, and April Uricioli.

Family and Friends of Immanuel:

Jesse Bartlett, Cindy Bernard, Jamie Brandt, Alberta Bredehoeft, Deven Breland, Becky Brown, Lindy Campbell, Mike Christiansen, Shirley Colson, Boston DeWald, Mindy Dohrman, Haley Downs, Roger Driver, Eugene Eckhoff, Dana Fuerhing, Tim Hepting, Amy Gerdts, Jim Kalasing, Judy Kemmerer, Lane Kirby, Junior Krause, Annabelle Krop, Keith Lumpkin, Jimmy Moore, Rick Sarbaugh, Janet Scott, Douglas Schroeder, Steven Shultz, Vicki Siegel, Kyle Snyder, Charlotte Tally, Austin Werths, Darren Woodall and Wilmer Ziegelbein.

LGSNH: Sylvia Henley, Millie Heins, LoWanda Pinkepank, and Martha Jane Vogelsmeier

The Villa: Dorothy Krause and Violet Trautman (hospital).

Warrensburg VA: Leland Schelp

The LCMS (Synod and District): President Harrison and President Hagan
Mission Workers: Rev. Jeff and Michelle Kuddes (Madagascar) and Josh, Coco, and John Lange (China).

Seminarian: Garret Kasper (St. Louis)

For Chuck and Sharon Swopes, as they celebrated 55 years of marriage this past week. May the Lord continue to bind them in His loving care. We praise God for the beautiful witness of this couple!

For the family of Kay Crowder Callahan, as she was called home last week.

4th Sunday Hymn Sings are back! You may have noticed a wooden box in the narthex. This old, worn out wooden box has had new life breathed into it and is going to cradle your hymn requests. You will find slips of paper that can have a hymn number written on them. You are then invited to put it into the box. Whoever our musician is on the 4th Sunday of the month will select 3 or 4 hymns and call them out for us during our message time. Pastor will do his best to speak regarding these hymns for relatively brief amounts of time. Please put your suggestions in...if we have no suggestions then we can't do 4th Sunday Hymn Sings. (Our first hymn sing will be Christmas Eve Day.)

All are welcome to participate. You can put up to 3 separate selections in the box per month. The musicians have the final say. May this be a blessing to God's people! We praise God for our wonderful hymnals that allow us to sing God's Word. —Pastor Wing



Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members,
Your support has made our ministry (New Beginnings) to our local community stronger. The recipients of your donation towards those we serve will certainly be blessed. Thank you.
New Beginnings Women's Center.

Do you struggle to consistently return to God a small portion of what He has blessed you with?

Do you forget your envelope, your checkbook, or struggle to deal in cash? Fear not!

Our church has a new option for you to consistently give a portion of what you earn. You can do one time giving or set it and forget it. You can also specify particular projects you would like for your giving to go.

You will also receive a statement for tax purposes at the end of the year.

We would encourage you to visit:

<http://get.tithe.ly/>

Or search in your preferred app store for: ***Tithe.ly***

You can download the app and walk through setting up your own account. You can search for local churches or simply type in:

Immanuel Lutheran Sweet Springs

Once this is done you can choose to link a checking account or use a debit card (higher percent fee).

I have had ours set to draw out a tithe from our checking account the past number of months. It has worked very well.

If you have questions please contact either Cindi Sims or myself and we will do our best to help make this work for you.

-Pastor Wing



Thank you to Charles & Sharon Swopes for sponsoring our radio broadcast in honor of their wedding anniversary. *Charles & Sharon celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary* on December 1st. We join them as they praise the Lord for 55 years of marriage and for the many blessings they have received.

We pray for many more years of happiness, strength of faith and love. May the Lord bless you each and every precious day.

Priscilla Guild
Christmas Party
Tonight in the Fellowship Hall 6:00pm



Sweet Springs Christian Laity Breakfast
7:00am on Saturday, Dec. 9th
at the First Baptist Church
Food and drink provided. Freewill offering will be taken.

A little bit about our Adopt-A-Student 4th year seminarian Garret Kasper:

My name is Garret Kasper. I grew up in Arnold, Missouri about 30 minutes south of the Seminary. My home congregation is Saint John's Lutheran in Arnold, Missouri. I have been there my whole life and the congregation worships about 900 each week. I attended grades K-8 at the school and went on to Lutheran High School South on Tesson Ferry in Saint Louis County graduating in 2010. My wife went to Lutheran High School South too, but we did not start dating until college. She went to the University of Missouri Saint Louis and I went to Missouri Baptist University to save money for the Seminary. My wife and I have a son who is two. Last year, we did our Vicarage in New Braunfels, Texas at Cross Lutheran Church and School. The experience was amazing and we want to go back to the Texas District if God calls us there.

We are excited to conclude this year.

Thank you to all of the ladies that helped make our Cookie festival a success! Thanks to the bakers and the helpers. Thank you to Jim for setting up our tables.Lois Gieseke, Chair





Angel Tree

The Christmas season is soon approaching and we need your help. There are several children in the community, who without the help from the Angel Tree, may otherwise not have a Christmas. The Sweet Springs tree has approximately 75 kids on it. (There is a second angel tree in Concordia.) If you would like to adopt an angel or have questions please contact me at 660-281-6787. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please do so by choosing one of the following options:

1. You may mail money to Lisa Hall/Angel Tree at: 103 E. Marshall St., Sweet Springs, Mo 65351.
2. Take the monetary donation to Equity Bank downtown Sweet Springs and ask them to deposit in the Lisa Hall/Angel Tree account.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated. This is the season for giving, so give a little of yourself to help the children have a Merry Christmas!!

(Monetary donations collected are used to help with the older children on the tree as they are harder to buy for, so they usually get a gift card to Wal-Mart and they can get what they want. Plus, any angel that is not taken from the tree the money is used to buy their gifts. Each child in each family receives the same number of gifts. Donations should be made no later than December 19th so the shopping can be finished and items delivered before Christmas morning.)

Thank you so much,
Lisa Hall
Angel Tree

Chorus of Friends

Lafayette County's Chorus present "And It Came to Pass Emmanuel"

Conducted by Dr. Guy D' Aurelio

Dec. 8-Friday-7:30pm at Waverly Christian Church

December 10-Sunday-4:00pm at Higginsville Immanuel Lutheran

December 16-Saturday-4:00pm at Alma Trinity Lutheran Church

(Other times on flyer posted on Education Wing Bulletin Board)



Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church
Thank you very much for your steadfast commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ! We thank you for your gift of \$200 to the General Mission Fund for the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. The Lutheran Heritage Foundation exists to proclaim the great message of hope that Jesus Christ brings to the nations. To accomplish this, we translate into the heart language of the peoples of the world, something Luther would appreciate as he understood his German people needed the Word in their own language.

A blessed Reformation celebration and Thanksgiving to you all!

In Christ,
Rev. Matthew Heise, Executive Director,

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Please accept our most heartfelt gratitude for your recent gift of \$150.00. Your support not only sustains our ministry, but it also strengthens our spirits. Through you, our heavenly Father remains right beside us. He reaches endangered lives and touches afflicted consciences. The message that means so much to you-how precious God's blessing of life makes each person no matter what they've done or what they can't do-is changing minds and making eternal difference. Here we stand together. In truth and love,
Rev. Michael W. Salemink, Executive Director, Lutherans for Life



Poinsettias

Christmas will soon be here. It is time to order the flowers. If you would like to order one or more poinsettias, please fill in the order form (in the Narthex). Attach your check or use one of the envelopes in the narthex and place them in the folder; give them to an Altar Guild member; or you may take them to the church office. The price is \$8.00 per poinsettia.

All orders must be received by Wednesday, December 13th.

Are you looking for After School Care for Children?
Holy Cross has 3 openings in their program for children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade.
Buses run from Concordia & Sweet Springs public schools & St. Paul's in Concordia to Holy Cross each school day.



Children are to be picked up by 5:30.
For more information please contact Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 660-463-7869.
Picked up by 5:30pm.