

The Lord's Week
 Sun. 9:00am Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300
 Service Lead by Pastor Kollbaum
 10:25am Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School (Xmas Practice)
 Mon.-Thurs. Pastor Wing & family out of town
 Wed. 6:30pm Advent Service lead by Pastor Kollbaum
 Sat. 4-7pm Open House at the Wing's home
 Sun. 9:00am **Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300**
 10:25am Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School (Xmas Practice)
 6:00pm "...the greatest of these is LOVE."
 11:00pm Communion Christmas Service
 Mon. 9:00am Christmas Communion Service



*Come and worship,
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Those serving

Musician:	Ron Baker
The Greeters:	Marc & Kristy Johnson
The Acolyte:	Keegan
The Head Usher:	Steve Fuchs
Radio and Sound:	Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies
Church Secretary:	Judy Teufel
Church Custodian:	Jim Teufel
Guest Pastor:	Rev. Todd Kollbaum

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!



Third Sunday in Advent

December 17, 2017

Hymn #344
 Invocation/Confession/Absolution p.151
 Psalm 126
 Kyrie pp.152-53
 First Reading Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
 Epistle 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
 Combined Mass Choir to Sing
 Gospel Reading John 1:6-8, 19-28
 The Nicene Creed (back inside cover of hymnal)
 Hymn #392 (v.1 and 3)
 Children's Message: One more week
 Hymn #341
 Sermon: The Liberation of Creation (Isaiah 61:1-4)
 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: #348 #349 #352
 Benediction
 Hymn #346

***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. 17 Jeanette Koch/Paigelyn Bull-
ock Amy Vogelsmeier

Jan. 7 Dana Melies Angie Eichholz

Acolytes

Dec. 24(am) Kirsten
Dec. 25 Matthew
Dec. 31 Chase
Jan. 7 Dalyn

Secretary's hours this week: M-T-7:30-2:30; W-Th-7:00-12:00; F off
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,
April Uricioli and Daniel Uricioli.

Family and Friends of Immanuel:

Jesse Bartlett, Cindy Bernard, Dusty Brandt (colon cancer), 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, 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

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)

Military: Rodney Haesemeier & Chris Koch

For Don and Judy Vogelsmeier, as they celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary. We praise God for the blessing of you as a couple and for all that you do for God's Kingdom! May He continue to bless you and your family.

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 and mail to:
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



Card Party at Trinity in Alma on Jan. 7th
Meal at 6:00pm—Cards at 7:00pm

PROJECT WARMTH: THANK YOU – Thank you for your participation in and support of Saint Paul Lutheran High School' s involvement in Project Warmth. Sponsored by the Kansas City Star, Project Warmth provides help for those in need in the greater Kansas City area during the cold months of the year.

Thanks to the generosity of people like you we were able to provide 510 blankets and 2115 coats for the project (nearly 50% more than our previous highest total). The effort you put forth will benefit someone in need during the coming winter season.

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.



Thank you to Don and Judy Vogelsmeier for sponsoring our radio broadcast this morning. On December 22nd they will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary. It is another year to create precious memories together and to discover new things to enjoy about each other.
May the Lord continue to bless each day . Happy Anniversary!



We know you will probably be busy, but please feel free to stop by the Wing's house (108 Medallion Dr.) on

December 23rd between 4 and 7pm.

We would like to open up our house for you to see our decorations and an opportunity for us to wish you and your family a blessed Christmas. We'll have some snacks and drinks available for you as well.

If we don't have the opportunity to see you, the Wing family would like to wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and a Christ-filled New Year.

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