



ImmanuelNews

The newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greeley, Colorado

DECEMBER 2020

A Light Has Entered the World

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

John 1:1-5

One thing I love about living in Greeley is that I don't have to drive too far to see the heavens. I can head out east on Highway 34 and find myself immediately surrounded by a dark sea of farmland speckled with dots of lights overseeing barns, equipment, and homes. Or, I can head west, and with a little more driving, find myself in the foothills and mountains that shade the city lights. When I drive far enough, I stop and get out of the car waiting for my eyes to adjust and breathe in the heavenly light. It may be as close as I can come to the wonderment of those skies over Bethlehem when shepherds guarded their sheep and peered into the heavens full of angels and light.

Almost two thousand years ago, a light entered our world, our universe. A light that the writer of the Gospel of John called the "light of the world." It was this light that entered time and space in the form of an incarnate wriggling baby, named Jesus. He came with the cries of a fragile infant, a Jewish-child born during a Roman census, hailing from a backwater town called Nazareth. What good could come from Nazareth? The answer: the Son of God.

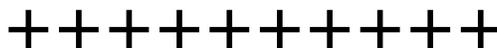
As we enter this season of Advent—of darkness and light, shepherds and sheep, a tired young couple and a newborn child—we enter a sacred space together. We may be weary from the disorienting challenges of this year, but our path in this world is lit before us. Friends, we are part of an ongoing story of God's expansive love through this child whose birthday we celebrate every Christmas. It is in this light that our faith begins. It is in this light that we are able to see God's purpose. It is in this light that we proclaim that no darkness can overcome.

God bless you!

Pastor Daren



As we have been planning and preparing for inside worship, we recognize and thank John Holbrook for creating communion cup trays for the pews. Thank you John! They are a work of art!



EFTF –Endowment Foundation Trust Fund

The Endowment Foundation Trust Fund (EFTF) uses interest earned on the donations in the trust fund to support special needs and work of the church that is not covered by the church budget. If you have a special need in mind, please submit a request for fund disbursement. The EFTF Committee considers requests quarterly. Please see an EFTF Committee member if you have questions or pick up a request form from the EFTF mailbox in the church office.

Committee members: Cindy Thompson, Jacqui Larson, Bev Peterson,
Joan Chapman, Phyllis Johnson



WELCA

Love and Priscilla/Ruth Circle will not be meeting in December

Please call the church office, 352-3003, for additional information



Sewing Group

Please join us...
Sewing dates for
December are:

Tuesday, December 1 at 9:00 am

December Birthdays

5	Brooks Carlson
10	Teya Hawkins
	Madelynn Peterson
14	Elaine Morrison
16	Luke Larson
18	Tim Adams
	Karen Karst
19	Wayne Alm
24	Ron Thompson

December Anniversaries

1	Marvin & Connie Deines
	David & Melanie Hoyland
12	Lelyn & Jacqui Larson
15	Carlee & Cody Hauska

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the church office so that we can update the records

Your Immanuel Council is aware of the rising COVID numbers and will be monitoring the situation.

Council is ready to comply with any health mandates that may be issued.

In the meantime, plans are progressing for new worship procedures starting November 29, 2020.

You will have the option to worship in person, in the parking lot or on-line.

Inside, social distancing is designed to exceed the 6 feet distancing recommendation, masks must be worn at all times, and congregational responses and singing will be strongly discouraged.

In the parking lot, you will tune in to an FM station to hear and participate in worship. Communion will be provided for those worshipping in the parking lot. And, on-line, the worship service will be live-streamed. You will be able to worship at home at the same time with those worshipping inside the church and in the parking lot.

Thank you for responsibly choosing the worship option each week that will work best for you and your Immanuel family members during this health crisis.



Tied in Faith

Tied in Faith will be taking a break until the first of the year!

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

- Annual meeting set for January 31, 2021
- Nicaragua fund to be kept at Immanuel until Dec 31, 2021
- The Giving Tree will be collecting financial donations this year instead of gifts.

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Join us for our next meeting on
Tuesday, December 8, 2020 @
6:30 pm via Zoom

(contact Janet Willis if you would like to attend)

Annual Report submissions are due by
December 31st. Please submit to the
office in Word format.



Immanuel would like to extend congratulations to Patrick Alm who will be graduating from CSU this month with dual degrees in Ag Business and Crop & Soil Science.

ASAP Team has been praying for you since 2008. For Prayer Requests, contact Pastor at 352-3003 or any member of the prayer team.

Roma Arithson
Dianna Fuller
Shirley Marine



Don Peterson
Diane Filipe
Janet Willis

Our Immanuel Family

Please notify the church office of births, deaths, marriages, address changes or other news and events.

YOUTH



ALIVE



“For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling

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IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Rainbow Trail 2021 Summer Camp registration has BEGUN!
Talk to Amy H. if you have questions or would like to attend!

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Are you looking to bless someone in need this Christmas season? Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp (RTLCL) could use your help!



RTLCL had a very memorable 2020 summer camp! “Even with working around COVID-19 and living in a world of masks, gallons of hand sanitizer, and lots of health protocols, God was fully present this summer and it felt like camp.” However, attendance was low due to COVID and RTLCL boldly committed to training and paying their summer staff no matter what! “The summer staff was amazing. They were courageous, adventurous, adaptive, innovative, genuine, Christ-filled, loving and caring. They made the conscious decision to stay at camp and serve our campers, even in the midst of a global pandemic.” Due to the lack of attendance, RTLCL needs help covering the summer staff salaries. They need \$158,000 to cover salary expenses and at the time of writing this article they had raised \$131,750. They need help covering the remaining \$26,250. If you would like to help, please visit the following website to donate.

<https://www.classy.org/campaign/2020-summer-staff-salaries/c282379>

Thank you for considering helping this life-changing camp for our youth!



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THANK YOU for supporting Immanuel’s Youth by purchasing calendars & notepads in November! We have a few items left so don’t delay order these AWESOME Christmas gifts today!



2021 Wall Calendars: \$10

Magnetic Notepads: \$5



Due to COVID restrictions, kindly place your order with Amy at 970.978.0870 or by email at herold_amy@hotmail.com. All orders can be paid for and picked up at Immanuel on **Sunday, December 6 from 10am-12pm.**

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Feeding Students at Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry

Immanuel will be providing dinner once a month for the students of Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry (LECM).

The meal should feed approximately 10 people and be delivered to the LECM house before 6pm.

If you would like to provide the meal this month or another month in the future, please contact Amy Herold at 970.978.0870 or email her at herold_amy@hotmail.com. Thank you!





For if the willingness is there,
the gift is acceptable according
to what one has, not according
to what one does not have. –
2 Corinthians 8:12

IMMANUEL GIVING TREE

In an effort to keep everyone safe, this year Immanuel will be collecting monetary donations through -

Friday, December 18, 2020.

The collected funds will be used to benefit local families in need. If you are able to help, please note on your donation that the funds are intended for the Giving Tree.

Please send your contribution to:

Immanuel Lutheran Church
1865 14th Ave.
Greeley, Colorado 80631

Merry
Christmas!

Financials thru Nov. 2020

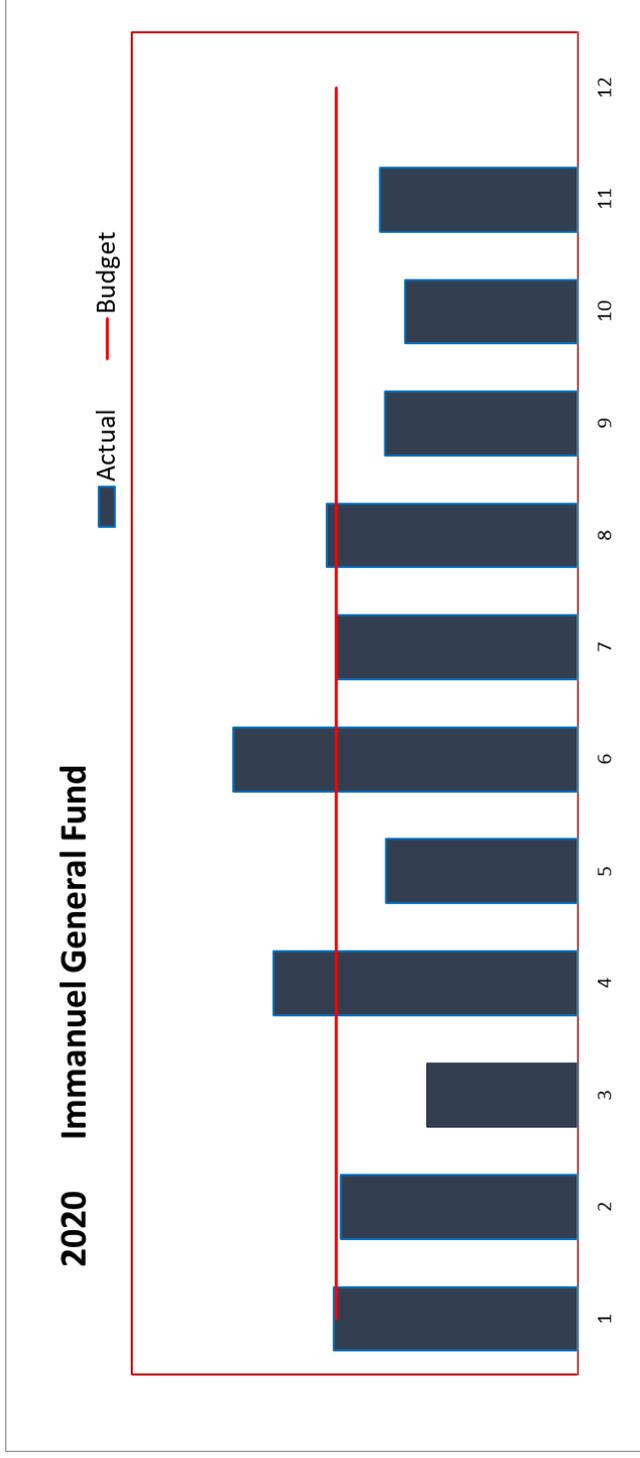
GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

DESCRIPTION	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Budget	13,537	13,537	13,537	13,537	13,537	13,537	13,537	13,537	13,537	13,537	13,537	13,537
Actual	\$13,705	\$13,312	\$8,458	\$17,055	\$10,745	\$19,312	\$13,533	\$14,077	\$10,821	\$9,695	\$11,100	\$0
(Over) / Short	(168)	225	5,079	(3,518)	2,792	(5,775)	4	(540)	2,716	3,842	2,437	

YTD Short

7,094.04



DECEMBER

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 am—Sewing & Lunch	2	3	4	5
6 2nd Sunday of Advent 10:30 am—Holy Communion	7 Common Sense Cleaning Church Building	8 6:30 pm—Committees & Council	9	10	11	12
13 3rd Sunday of Advent 10:30 am—Holy Communion	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 4th Sunday of Advent 10:30 am—Holy Communion	21 Common Sense Cleaning Church Building	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Worship 4:00 pm—Holy Communion In the parking lot	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26
27 10:30 am—Holy Communion	28	29	30	31		

Thanks to our Volunteers!

December 2020

December 6:

Greeter: Julie Elmquist
Ushers: TBD
Assisting Minister: Janet Willis
Communion Setup: Cindy Thompson

December 13:

Greeter: Julie Elmquist
Ushers: TBD
Assisting Minister: Marcia Hutton
Communion Setup: Cindy Thompson

December 20:

Greeter: Julie Elmquist
Ushers: TBD
Assisting Minister: Marcia Hutton
Communion Setup: Cindy Thompson

December 24:

Greeter: Julie Elmquist
Ushers: TBD
Assisting Minister: Julie Elmquist & Marcia Hutton
Communion Setup: Cindy Thompson

December 27:

Greeter: Julie Elmquist
Ushers: TBD
Assisting Minister: Janet Willis
Communion Setup: Cindy Thompson

CONTACT INFORMATION

Secretary: Denise Pollard Stricker 970-352-3003
Office Hours: M, T, Th 8:30 am to 1:00 pm
W 8:30 am to 12:00 pm
F 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Daren Erisman 760-814-5171

Executive Council

Lelyn Larson 970-371-0307

Juan Cruz 970-371-3707

Janet Willis 970-356-6046

Treasurer: Connie Deines 970-378-1475

Financial Secretary: Bob Morse 303-359-5919

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PURPOSE STATEMENT

*IMMANUEL IS CALLED TO PROCLAIM THE
LIFE, DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF
CHRIST; TO PROVIDE PLACES AND
OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND
FELLOWSHIP; AND TO BE THE SPIRIT OF
CHRIST IN THE WORLD.*

We welcome and encourage submissions for our newsletter. Please make all submissions in writing. We prefer that the material be submitted in electronic form, if possible. All material is subject to editing for content, clarity and style, as needed. The deadline for the newsletter is the **15th** of every month.

Please forward your submission by mail to 1865 14th Ave., Greeley, CO 80631, by fax to 970-352-7096, or by email to office@immanlutheran.org

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Return Service Requested

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