



ImmanuelNews

The newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greeley, Colorado

NOVEMBER 2020

Pastor Daren: A More Detailed Look at Upcoming Worship Options

In last month's newsletter, I mentioned our worship services were becoming a buffet of options—liken to a former family favorite: Furr's Cafeteria. Furr's Cafeteria was great because my whole family could find dishes that they liked. For me, it was usually a combination of chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, and some sort of pie. I remember my mother would always say that I had to choose a vegetable. I then pointed at the mashed potatoes and added some corn to my tray. She seemed unconvinced, and she said I had to eat something green. I, of course, pointed at the green Jell-O.

As we enter November and into Advent, I hope that you will try the worship options that seem best for you and your family. I'm not sure what will be your chicken-fried steak, or your piece of warmed pie a la mode—or even your green vegetable, but I pray that you will find something that feeds you.

The first weeks in November feature only online Sunday services. Hopefully, you have tried this option of watching the Sunday service on YouTube by clicking the video link on the church website (<http://www.immanlutheran.org>). This worship option might be considered a bread-and-butter option that you can always choose, even if you are away, or sick, or trying to avoid being sick. In some ways, it looks and feels the most like "normal" church where you don't have to wear masks, and you can join the worship with full voice. To get a bulletin, either click on the website link for a digital bulletin or ask Denise in the church office (970-352-3003 or office@immanlutheran.org) to put you on a list to receive a paper bulletin each week.

Starting in Advent, which begins November 29th, two additional worship options become available: inside worship in the sanctuary and outside worship in the parking lot. These service options are variations on what you have done in the past but are also quite different. If you are expecting the same chicken-fried steak you've always enjoyed, then be prepared for a worship service that is similar but not the same. My advice would be to think of this as new menu items that will take time for you to adjust.

Inside worship will feel a lot like going to a buffet (or a weird wedding). You will park your car and wait in a socially-distanced line to get into the church with the doors opening around 10:15 am and the service beginning at 10:30 am. Like a buffet, there will be a host (greeter) who will sign you in and ask you to wait to be seated by an usher. At this point, you may feel like you are going to a wedding, except everyone is wearing a mask and a heavy winter coat. You also can't sing or talk loudly, and you are seated in a way where it appears there has been a terrible family feud—and no one is talking to each other inside the church. Yet, you will be together, which is the main point of any wedding: being public witnesses to the love of God in our lives. You will be able to hear the organ first-hand, hum along with a wonderful cantor, and be communally fed through communion already set up in your pews. The pews where you will be seated are marked with beautiful quilt pieces on each side, and communion cup/wafers are set within the wooden hymnal holders. During communion, you will reach out and take the cup/wafer,

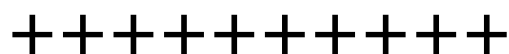
partake of the bread and juice, and then set the used cup back into the wooden tray. An Usher will dismiss you at the end of the service. Having listened to the experiences of other worshipping communities who have recently begun to worship inside, it feels pretty odd in those first weeks, but, like everything in this time, people learn to adapt.

Outside worship, similar to our very last "Praise in the Parking Lot" worship service, will involve listening to the worship service through your vehicle's radio. Using your radio, you can tune to a specific radio channel and listen to the sound broadcast from the indoor worship service. This worship option has its advantages because you can turn up the volume as loud as you need and can loudly sing/talk without masks. This worship opportunity is best for those who would like a safer option than going inside the church but still want to see and worship with folks as well as take communion. On a Sunday morning, you would park your vehicle, tune your radio to the selected station number and wait for someone to come and bring you a bulletin and the communion cup/wafer. You might have to wave so that people know your vehicle is occupied! At some point, we will try to create a way for the parking lot worshippers to see what is going on inside. We are working on beefing up the WIFI in the church and parking lot so people can watch the same video of the service inside that folks are enjoying online at home. One advantage of the parking lot worship is that you can make your vehicle as warm as you want--unlike the inside worship, which has fresh air constantly being brought in and moved through the sanctuary so that any virus doesn't build up and make people sick. We will try to warm the air inside the church as much as we can but be sure to bring your jacket and even a blanket.

To be honest, it will all feel quite strange at first. Like a good class at the beginning of the school year, things will be strict early on so that we may safely move through these months making adjustments and working to avoid people getting sick. We will continue to create safe spaces for worshipping and building community, but it will be up to each of us to keep us all well. Thankfully, we follow the one who teaches about true love for the sake of the other. It is in such a love that we see Christ in our midst and a Holy Spirit that fills our congregation anew.

God bless you as we prepare for the upcoming Advent season of light and hope!

Much love to you and your family,
Pastor Daren



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.

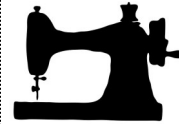
Committee members: Cindy Thompson, Jacqui Larson, Bev Peterson,
Joan Chapman, Phyllis Johnson



WELCA

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

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



Sewing Group

Please join us...

Sewing dates for November are:

Tuesday, November 3 & Thursday, November 19 at 9:00 am

November Birthdays

8	Juan Cruz
	Mike Herold
10	Mary Ulrich
16	LaVina Schmahl
17	Aidan Herold
18	Ann Richardson
21	Cindy Thompson
27	Janessa Ruby Padilla
	Ronald Richardson
30	Janet Crespín
	Shirley Uhrich

November Anniversaries

There are no anniversaries in November.

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



Tied in Faith

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

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

- Fall clean-up is scheduled for November 7.
- Pledge Sunday was set for November 29.
- Funds were approved to replace furniture in Pastor's office.
- FM transmitter was purchased to provide sound for the parking lot.

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Join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 @ 6:30 pm via Zoom

(contact Janet Willis if you would like to attend)

FALL CLEAN-UP!!



Fall clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, November 7th beginning at 9 am. In case of inclement weather, the make-up date is November 14th.

We will be cleaning outside the church and the annex.

Hope to see you there!
Property Committee



Dear Immanuel,

Thank you for the generous gift of \$979.50 for Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry! We so appreciate you sharing your oil money with LECM. God continues to bless our ministry with our partnership and Pastor Daren. He is building relationships with students at Dinner Church and one-on-one coffees. Great networking is happening as he connects with conference churches/pastors and school faculty.

It truly takes a village of supporters, role models and community. Again God provides.

Thank you for being a continued support in prayer and actions!

God is Good! LECM Students & Board

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.



With the last Praise the Lord in the Parking Lot taking place on October 18, we need to take time to thank those who helped make worship possible. There were many, many people who pitched in to usher, hand out communion, take care of chairs, etc. There were a few faithful that made sure worship was ready Sunday after Sunday.

Thank you, thank you to:

Juan Cruz—our parking lot coordinator
 Stan & Julie Elmquist—music and sound system coordinators
 Mike & Amy Herold—service taping coordinators
 Vera Sylvester—who would do anything coordinator
 Marv & Connie Deines—grounds keeping coordinators

King Soopers



Community rewards from King Soopers for the 3rd quarter were \$90.02. This money will be distributed like Thrivent Choice Dollars to help programs at Immanuel. Just recently \$250 went to the Blessing Bag Project sponsored by the youth.

Lap Quilts for Indoor Services



If you chose not to bring your own blanket for services, we have lap quilts you can purchase for \$10.00/each. If you would like a bigger quilt or a fleece blanket, shop our sewing display room off the Fellowship Hall. All items are for sale. Proceeds are used to purchase supplies, participate in Immanuel projects and assist in paying for repairs.

Immanuel Sewing Group

Any questions? Call Bev Peterson at 970.324.0106

Layette Project

November is when we purchase flannel and onesies for our layette project. We are now donating the layettes to local organizations. We buy the flannel at the "Black Friday Sale". Any donations for this project are appreciated.

This year we gave layettes to the Resource Center For Pregnancy & Personal Health and the Monfort OB/GYN Clinic.

Immanuel Sewing Group



YOUTH



ALIVE



Blessing Bag Update

On Sunday, November 1, 2020 the youth gathered to complete their goal of assembling 50 Blessing Bags for the homeless! Mission accomplished!

If you would like to carry a bag (or two) in your car so you can bless someone in need, we will have a drive-thru bag pick up in the parking lot at Immanuel on

Tuesday, November 10 from 3-6 pm.

The remaining bags will be donated to the Housing Navigation Center on Wednesday, November 11th!

Thank you to everyone that helped us complete this important project!

Feeding Students at Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry

Immanuel would like to provide dinner once a month for the students of Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry (LECM). The meal needs to feed approximately 10 people and must be delivered to the LECM house before 6pm.

Our Date This Month:

Sunday, November 15, 2020

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!



Immanuel's Youth are selling Wall Calendars & Magnetic Notepads!



2021 Wall Calendars: \$10

Magnetic Notepads: \$5



This year, due to COVID restrictions, we are asking that you kindly place your order with Amy at 970.978.0870 or by email at herold_amy@hotmail.com

before **Sunday, November 29, 2020.**

All orders can be paid for and picked up at Immanuel on

Sunday, December 6 from 10am-12pm.

Or, if you are unable to pick up your order, contactless porch delivery will be available for an additional \$3.00 fee!

These make great gifts and stocking stuffers for all your friends and family!

Supplies are limited so be sure to place your order ASAP.

This is will be the only fundraiser Immanuel's Youth will do in 2020.

Your support is truly appreciated! Thank you!



November is Stewardship Month ! by John Johnson

Members:

I volunteered as part of the stewardship committee to submit a kind of a "Heads Up" for our congregation to be cognizant that our Pledge Cards are due on November 29. Along with the Pledge Cards you will also have the opportunity to fill out a Time and Talent questionnaire to determine the interests you may have in donating your time for our church proceedings. As you are aware, we need a lot of volunteers to keep Immanuel alive and well. Your Pledge Cards are so important to help our budget committee formulate a budget for the 2021 church year. It is vital to this committee to be able to plan for the upcoming year. So please make a commitment to turn in your Pledge Card on time and prayerfully indicate your financial help and talents.

Giving is such a tough subject to bring up. Many people do not want to hear sermons (me included) that make them feel guilty or uncomfortable. So with that in mind I would like to share a bit of humor that make this subject somewhat palatable:

"There once was a strongman at a circus sideshow who demonstrated his power every night to large crowds. One such show of strength was to squeeze all of the juice he could from a lemon and would say, "I will offer anyone here \$100 if they can squeeze just one additional drop of juice from this lemon!" ...A thin older lady with bony fingers hobbled up to the stage and took the lemon and squeezed out a teaspoon of juice. The circus strongman was amazed and asked her the secret of her strength. The older lady answered, "I have been financial secretary of my church for forty-two years!"




And sometimes an anecdote will prove just as effective as a joke:

A father and son were traveling down the freeway. The little boy announces he is hungry and would love to stop for a snack. The father sees the Golden Arches and they pull off the road. The little boy sits at a table and father brings back some delicious, hot, steamy french fries. The father takes a seat across the table from the little boy and is enjoying watching him eat the awesome french fries. Then the dad does what all dads do; he reaches over and takes one of the French fries. The little boy replies, "Dad these are mine!" After they leave the dad is driving down the freeway and thinks back about the incident in the restaurant. He thinks, "my son doesn't realize I could take away all of the french fries in an instant. Or, if I felt it best for him I could add an abundance of french fries. He thinks they were his but he doesn't realize who bought them and brought them to him.

From Matthew Chapter 6 vs 19-21: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."



November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Sunday  Online Church Services	2	3  9:00 am-Sewing & Lunch	4	5 1:30-4:pm — Taping for November 8th Service	6	7
8 Online Church Services	9 Common Sense Cleaning Church Building	10 9:00 am-Men's Coffee@ Epic Egg, 3830 W 10th St (check weekly for update) 6:30 pm-Committees & Council	11	12 10 am- 3 pm — Taping for November 15th & 22nd Services	13	14
15 Online Church Services	16	17 9:00 am-Men's Coffee@ Epic Egg, 3830 W 10th St (check weekly for update)	18	19 9:00 am-Sewing & Lunch	20	21
22 Christ the King Sunday Online Church Services	23 Common Sense Cleaning Church Building	24 9:00 am-Men's Coffee@ Epic Egg, 3830 W 10th St (check weekly for update)	25	26 	27 Church Offices Closed	28
29 First Sunday of Advent 10:30 am—Holy Communion	30					

Thanks to our Volunteers!

November 2020

November 29:

Greeter:	Julie Elmquist
Ushers:	Tom & Elaine Morrison
Assisting Minister:	Janet Willis
Communion Setup:	Cindy Thompson
Tellers:	Bob & Sue Morse

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
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Executive Council

Lelyn Larson 970-371-0307

Juan Cruz 970-371-3707

Janet Willis 970-356-6046

Treasurer: Connie Deines 970-378-1475

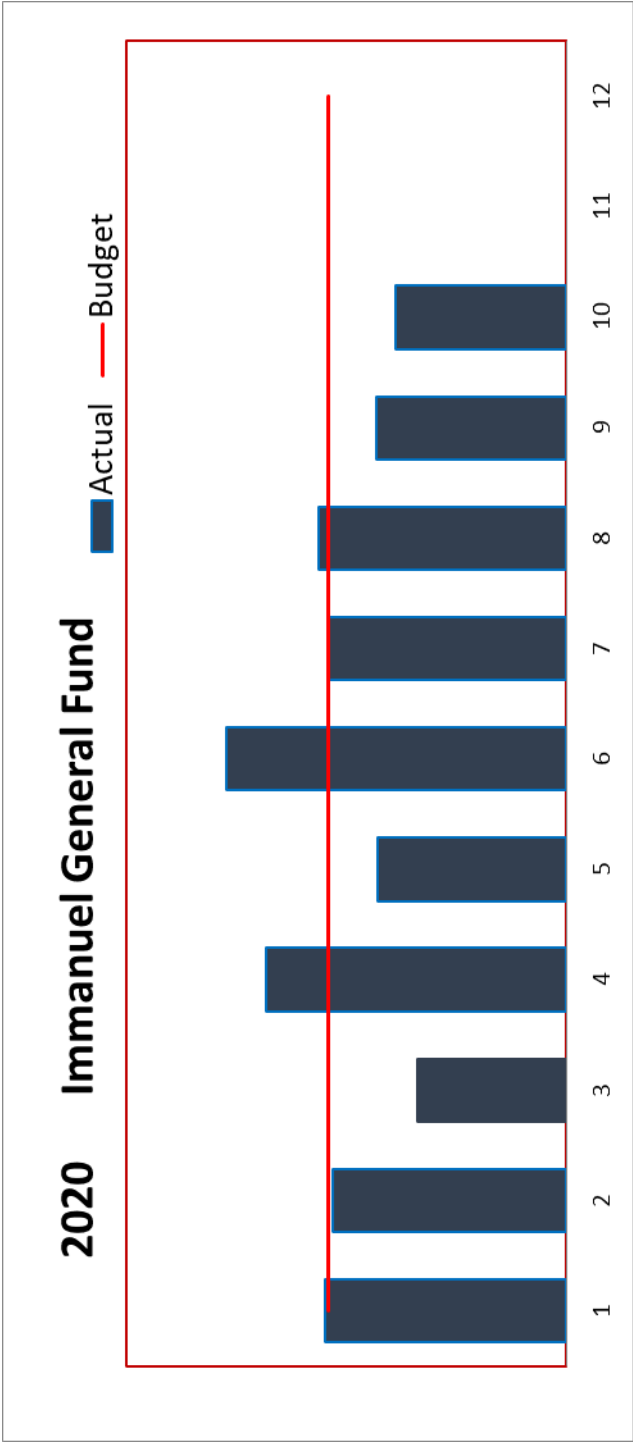
Financial Secretary: Bob Morse 303-359-5919

Financials thru Oct. 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	\$0	\$0
(Over) / Short	(168)	225	5,079	(3,518)	2,792	(5,775)	4	(540)	2,716	3,842		
YTD Short	4,657.04											



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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