



Rev. Thomas Baker is our interim pastor. If you need to talk to Pastor Baker in St. Louis, please call 314-395-5050 or the following toll free long distance number: 1-877-267-1962. If there is no answer, leave your name, phone number and the reason for the call and Pastor Baker will return your call ASAP.

Contact Numbers:

Tom Burtch - 309-252-2408
Hans Moll - 309-837-9296

THE LORD WILLING, THIS WEEK THROUGH IMMANUEL ... IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Sunday, December 20

Worship Service (C) Communion 8:30 AM
Elders: Quick & M. Standard
Christian Education (C) 9:45 AM
Pastor Baker's office hours (C) 10:30 AM
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM) 1:00 PM

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service (C) 7:30 PM

Sunday, December 27

Worship Service (C) Communion 8:30 AM
Elders: Wolfmeyer & Strode
Christian Education (C) 9:45 AM
Pastor Baker's office hours (C) 10:30 AM
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM) 1:00 PM

SC=Student Center (303 N Clay) C=Church (906 E Grant)

Listen to **"The Lutheran Hour"** at 1:00PM Sundays on WGNX 96.7 December 20 **"Experience God "**
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler We will never fully grasp the idea of God, but that doesn't keep us from experiencing God's love for us in Christ.(John 1:1-18) December 27 **"Welcome to the Family!"**
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook The book of Galatians gives us a glimpse inside the family of God. It describes the Christian family as one that stands firm in Christ's freedom, walks united in the Spirit, and bears one another's burdens in love.(Galatians 4:4-7) (*You can also listen to TLH at 7:00AM on Sundays at 92.5FM out of Beardstown.*)

Weekly green sheet can be viewed at ImmanuelMacomb.com by scrolling down on the Home Page.

Please send any information to be included in the weekly green sheet by Thursday at noon.
Please send any prayer requests to Cindy at Secretary@ImmanuelMacomb.com.

Our servant-leaders on the Church Council and Council of Elders for 2020-21 are:

- President -- *Tom Burtch*
- Vice-President --
- Recording Secretary -- *Mary Jane Bruketta*
- Financial Secretary -- *Diny Burnell*
- Treasurer -- *Hans Moll*
- Board of Christian Education Chair --
- Board of Outreach & Fellowship -- *Mary Strode*
- Board of Trustees Chair -- *Mike Powell*
- Council member At-Large – *Michelle Wemndt*
- Council of Elders – *Mitch Standard, Lynn Wolfmeyer, Tom Quick, Curt Strode, Terry Standard*

Cindy will be working from home and in the office with no set office hours while WIU students are off campus. If you need something you can send an email to secretary@immanuelmacomb.com or call 309-833-5483 and leave a message.

2021 Offering Envelopes are now in your church mailbox. Please direct any questions to Diny.

ALTAR FLOWERS.

It's time to sign up for altar flowers to enhance our worship at Immanuel for 2021. The cost is \$25.00 to provide flowers for two Sundays. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board at Immanuel. If you have questions, contact Miriam Satern at 837-2808 or MN-Satern@wiu.edu.

We are looking for some volunteers to be trained to use the ipad to play music on the organ at church. When we do go back to singing we'll need this vital service once again. Training will be provided.

A sign-up sheet for **2021 Ushers** is on the bulletin board at church. Please consider signing up for a week or two or a whole month.

"As we look forward to Christmas dinner and the celebration of our Savior's birth, let us remember that Christ's coming into the world began with an unexpected pregnancy. Mary of Nazareth was unmarried and certainly had reason to be confused and afraid when she was asked to carry the Son of God. But she courageously let God's plan unfold for her and her Child and brought our Savior into this world, despite her uncertain circumstances." *Right to Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

2 Samuel 7:4 – **"But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan. . ."** Nathan thought David's idea was great, so he blessed it with the Lord's name. But, later that night, the Word of the Lord set him straight. The Word of the Lord must be the basis for what we think, say, and do in God's Kingdom – not our own desires or whims.

*****Communion Notes*****

If anyone would prefer a gluten-free wafer or a non alcoholic cup at communion, please see an usher or Elder before service begins so arrangements can be made to accommodate your request.

As a reminder during communion, please take a small plastic tray from the Elder before receiving the wafer and cup. Pastor will place the wafer in your tray and the Elder will then set a cup in your tray. Please do not reach for either the wafer or cup by hand. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated to minimize any potential contamination.

Thank you.
Tom Quick, Head Elder

Lutheran Student Fellowship Officers

President – Sam Spaletto Secretary/Treasurer – Ben Efnor
Vice President – Luke Jesgarz Outreach/Activities – Dylan Smith

Due to COVID-19, LWML will not be able to sponsor an Angel Tree for the Elms this year. However, there is a need at the elementary buildings served by our own Immanuel teachers and staff. Beginning Sunday, November 22, 2020, you will be able to take ornaments, purchase the described items, and return them (unwrapped) by the end of December. Items include:

- underwear 4-6X stretchy pants 5/6, 7/8, 10/12 (gender neutral)
- plain white, short-sleeved T shirts 6/8, 10/12 socks hats mittens
- children's masks, preferably from Old Navy (5 for \$12) because they are adjustable

Sudden illness, spills, falling into puddles, etc., necessitate changes at school quite often, and these items are much needed. Thank you all for your support!

Portals of Prayer will be available in the narthex at church and in the Little Free Library. If you want one mailed please contact the church office.



Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Please find, enclosed, a check for five hundred dollars in memory of my parents, Raymond and Irene Morrison. Both were long time members of your congregation and church. My father went to meet the Lord in February 1999 and my mother in May of 2007. Rev. Burdick was there to officiate both.

I am comforted to know, as they are both resting peacefully at Baughman Cemetery, and that the good people at the Immanuel Lutheran Church are worshipping nearby.

Thank you, very much, for all that you do. May God bless your congregation. I wish your congregation a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours Truly,
Ralph Morrison