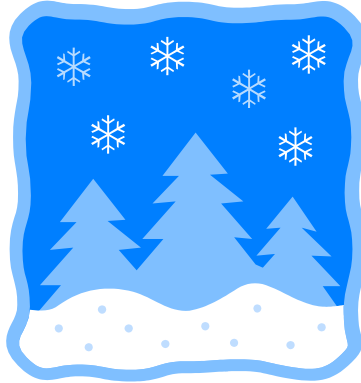


Immanuel Lutheran Church

December 2020

Messenger



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Nuestra Declaración De Misión
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From Pastor Leslie

Grace and peace to you as we enter into this holy Advent season.

May you feel the tenderness of the peace of God fill your heart and soul as we await the birth of the savior. During this holy season we will come together on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 to worship with the Holden Evening Prayer.

I have chosen four settings from various locations. I think you will enjoy each one. The first is from Holden Village, the second St. Paul Lutheran Church and School in Michigan, the third is from Transfiguration Lutheran Church, Bloomington, MN and the last one is from Redeemer Lutheran Church.

All four are different settings and give us a nice variety for our own Advent worship. I look forward to Advent worship on Wednesday nights at 6:30. You can find the Zoom link [here](#).

May you be blessed with a holy sense of peace this Advent season as we await the coming of the holy baby. And then at Christmas, when the birth of the child, the savior of the world, fills us with absolute joy, may you know that you are loved beyond measure by our God who is with you as we wait, and as we celebrate. May God bless you now and always, with love this holy season,

Pastor Leslie



UPCOMING EVENTS and IMPORTANT DATES AT IMMANUEL:

Advent Services on Zoom: Wednesdays at 6:30. December 9, 16, 23

Following the Advent worship service on December 9 at 6:30 PM via Zoom, we will have a **Christmas Carol sing**. All are welcome!

To connect to Zoom on Wednesdays go to www.immanuelutheraneverson.com Scroll down to Bible Study. Cut and paste the address into a new tab on your browser and the host will let you in.

Christmas Eve Service - via Zoom - December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

To connect to Worship services on Zoom, go to www.immanuelutheraneverson.com click on Worship and scroll down to the Zoom hyperlink.

December Birthdays

12/7 Joe Woodbury
12/10 Helen Freeman
12/14 Joanie Hirt
12/17 Dennis Finsrud
12/18 Jacob Short
12/18 Dawn Durand
12/20 Lisa Bargewell
12/22 Ben Andrews
12/25 Ike Halverson
12/27 Kathy Graham

December Anniversaries

12/20 Salvador & Belia Estrada
12/27 Randy & Linda Carson



December Scripture Readings

December 6 - 2 Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

December 13 - 3 Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55
Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 20 - 4 Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

December 24 - Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

December 25 - Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]
John 1:1-14

December 27 - 1 Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40

A note from the Substitute President:

COVID-19 has brought many changes to our lives over the last few months. Included in those changes is our financial giving at Immanuel, as noted below. *Is this because we haven't been in the sanctuary together, it's hard to remember to mail our offering, other financial priorities have occurred? – and the list goes on.* I do not have an answer. Church Council will be discussing this at our Zoom meeting on Sunday, Dec 6. If you have thoughts, comments, ideas – please share those with a council member. We continue to be God's work in progress. Pam Andrews

August	Income	\$ 10,275.25
	Expenses	\$ 8,986.27
	Income above Expenses	\$ 1,288.98
	Yr. to date	(\$ 4,072.57)
September	Income	\$ 6,960.24
	Expenses	\$ 8,511.57
	Expenses over Income	(\$ 1,551.33)
	Yr. to date	(\$ 5,623.70)
October	Income	\$ 5,670.24
	Expenses	\$ 9,318.07
	Expenses over Income	(\$3,647.83)
	Yr. to date	(\$ 9,471.73))
November	Income	\$ 10,285.21
	Expenses	\$ 9,158.21
	Income over expenses	\$ 1,127.00
	Yr. to date	(\$ 8,294.73)
To Date: November 2020 Expenses over Income		(\$12,334.07)

Dear Beloveds,

A prayer during this Advent season. *O Savior, Come.*

In these days when divisions seem unsurmountable, when hatred seems more real than love, when chaos churns, we pray, *O Savior, Come.*

In these days when a mysterious and virulent disease stalks this earth, as loved ones become ill, as we see the exhaustion of caregivers, as we grieve those whose breath is now air, we pray, *O Savior, Come.*

In these days when loneliness and anxiety are common, when we speak to one another behind masks or plexiglass, when we crave physical connection but are unable to touch, we pray, *O Savior, Come.*

In these days when lies are disguised as truth, when leaders refuse to lead, when institutions we rely on begin to crack, we pray, *O Savior, Come.*

In these days when silence is complicit in keeping others unheard, when cries for justice are treated with derision, when black and brown bodies are treated as less than sacred, we pray, *O Savior, Come.*

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In these days when voices are raised up, peaceful protestors come together, incremental change occurs, we pray, *O Savior, Come.*

In these days when truth is exposed, when the courageous stand up to injustice, when institutions give way to the Spirit's dance, we pray, *O Savior, Come.*

In these days when we gather in chat rooms and zoom calls across the miles, see faces on screens that bring smiles, hold babies up to computer cameras and we clap and sing and pray and laugh together, we pray, *O Savior, Come.*

In these days when scientists doggedly pursue a cure, nurses and doctors and medical staffs come day after day after day to bring expertise and healing to those who have fallen ill, when pastors and deacons bring comfort to the sick and to the bereaved, we pray, *O Savior, Come.*

In these days when we experience the ancient Word as the living Word, when we live into the radicalness of peace and wholeness and new life, when we join together in the Holy Community you call us into, we pray, *O Savior, Come.*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Grace & Peace,

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

