

IMMANUEL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers: Christa Edwards

Lector: Randy Schlesinger

Communion Assistants: Harlan & Karla Eames

Altar Committee: Rhonda McCormick & Pam Wohlrabe

Order of Worship

Gathering

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Welcome

Gathering Song – *ELW #248*

Confession & Forgiveness

Kyrie – *ELW #232* “Let My Prayer Rise Up”

Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading – *Isaiah 35:1-10*

Psalm *146:5-10*

Second Reading – *James 5:7-10*

Gospel Reading – *Matthew 11:2-11*

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Song of the Day – *ELW #266*

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing the Peace

Meal

Offering

Offering Song – *ELW #561* (vs. 1)

Offering Prayer

Communion

Great Thanksgiving/Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Communion Distribution

Communion Blessing & Prayer

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn – *ELW #267*

Dismissal

LAST WEEK IN OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Offering: \$3629.00

Attendance: 56

The benevolence offering this month is for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI). Please use the envelope found in your newsletter.

THIS WEEK IN OUR LIFE TOGETHER

TODAY: 1:00 LYO Christmas Gathering

MONDAY: *NEWSLETTER DEADLINE*

TUESDAY: 12:30 Sewing & Tying Quilts

FRIDAY: 9:00 Bible Study

SUNDAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 Worship, here

10:30 Worship at First, Lee

WELCOME, EVERYONE! We invite you to sign the Friendship Pad as a way to get others to know your name and for Immanuel to keep accurate records of the numbers of congregants who receive Holy Communion each Sunday. After the pad has been passed to the sides of the sanctuary, we would ask you to pass them back so others will know those names they did not see and that the pads can easily be collected at the end of the service.

HOLY COMMUNION – We practice open communion at Immanuel. We believe that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is truly present, “in, with, and under” the bread and wine. All are welcomed at this table. Children may accompany their parents for a blessing. **Communion is by “intinction”. The silver chalice has wine and the stoneware chalice has grape juice.**

PASTORAL NEEDS – Please call Pastor Jeff Schlesinger at 815/878-4503 or e-mail him at photo.pastor1965@gmail.com for emergencies, hospital visits, or other concerns or **call the church office (815/539-6567).**

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Members – Whitley Clayton (Ashley Clayton’s daughter); the family of Paul Albers at his death; Ron Rebholz. Friends & Family – Janet Derrico-LeRoy (Kathy Ross’ mother); Sharon Whatley (Jim Eich’s sister); the family of Paul Betz at his death (Adam Betz’ father); Fran Voyce (Theresa Schlesinger’s mother). Our Leaders - ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton; NIS Bishop Jeffrey Clements; Immanuel/First Pastor Jeff Schlesinger. Our Partner Ministries - Another Child Foundation; N.I.C.E.; ELCA World Hunger; Mendota Lutheran Home.

Please fill out a “Sermon Response Card” following today’s message. They can be found in the red pew book. Please place them in the offering plate.

2020 WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available in the overflow. Please pick yours up (or a family members) today! Also available are 2020 calendars.

Copies of the 2020 Committee Yearbook, Bible Study, and Directory booklets are available in the overflow. Please pick one up for yourself or for someone you know who would like one.

WORD IN SEASON devotional booklets for January-March are now available.

The “**Thanksgiving Tree**” will remain up through the 4th Sunday of Advent. You are invited to bring a picture or two in anytime and hang it on the tree. If you forgot to bring photos, cards are provided so you can write or draw things for which you are thankful.

The **Christmas Angel Tree** for the Roma families of the Point of Hope in Tarneveni, Romania will remain up through Christmas. Ornaments on the trees in each of our churches represent the families we are sponsoring in the Christmas dinner project. Take an ornament, and place your \$14 donation to cover the cost of a family’s Christmas meal in one of the envelopes provided. The funds will be transferred to Romania through Another Child Foundation, and the Christmas meal bags will be distributed through the Point of Hope ministry in Romania. At home, hang the ornament where it will remind you to pray for the Roma families who will be receiving these Christmas meals. **Let’s clear the tree!**

CHRISTMAS CANTATA “Emmanuel” at the Paw Paw Methodist Church today at 4:00 p.m. Soup supper to follow. All are welcome!

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is held every Friday morning. We discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Coffee & conversation at 9:00, bible study at 9:30. Come join us and bring a friend!

P.A.D.S. homeless shelter is asking for some ‘Christmas Comfort’ items for adults & children. Items are: pajamas, socks, gloves, scarves, hats. Please leave items in the designated tote in the room next to the office.

During December N.I.C.E. is asking for donations of *Canned Tuna & Canned Chicken* to be distributed to the food pantry families. **Also needed: canned spaghetti’s/ravioli and canned corn.** Items may be left in the N.I.C.E. box in the room next to the office.

N.I.C.E. Christmas Room serves all ages of children of our food pantry families. Please bring your donations to church and we will quickly deliver them to the N.I.C.E. Center or you can deliver them to the Center yourself. Games, toys, clothes, underwear, socks, hats, gloves, scarves, etc. Also gently used items are welcome. Thank you for your generosity.

Mendota Lutheran Home Angel Tree gift items

Hand lotion (must not state “keep out of reach of children”)
Soft Candy *Circle Word Puzzles*
Diabetic Candy *Stamps*
Books or Magazines (large print) *Stationery*
Diabetic Socks ONLY
Sweatshirts (size XL, XXL, XXXL)
Items should be taken to the Home by tomorrow!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, December 24

7:00 p.m. at Immanuel

9:00 p.m. at First, Lee

Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

Christmas Day, December 25

10:00 a.m. at Immanuel

Worship with Holy Communion

(no worship at First, Lee)

Joint Worship, Sunday, December 29

10:30 a.m. at First, Lee

Pastor Jeff's Brunch during worship

Everyone Welcome!