

## IMMANUEL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor – Jeff Schlesinger  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Director of Music – Sarah Goetz  
December 22, 2019

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers: Christa Edwards

Lector: Fran Sellers

Communion Assistants: Rhonda & Rachel McCormick

Altar Committee: Rhonda McCormick & Pam Wohlrabe

### Order of Worship

#### Gathering

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Welcome

Gathering Song – *ELW #251*

Confession & Forgiveness

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

Prayer of the Day

#### Word

First Reading – *Isaiah 7:10-16*

Psalms *80:1-7, 17-19*

Second Reading – *Romans 1:1-7*

Gospel Reading – *Matthew 1:18-25*

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Song of the Day – *ELW #242*

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 #283, #277, #296*

Dismissal

### LAST WEEK IN OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Offering: \$2631.00

Attendance: 69

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

CHRISTMAS EVE: 7:00 Candlelight Service/Holy Communion, here

9:00 Candlelight Service/Holy Communion at First

CHRISTMAS DAY: 10:00 Worship with Holy Communion, here

FRIDAY: 9:00 Bible Study

SUNDAY: 10:30 Joint Worship/Brunch 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](mailto: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.

ANNUAL REPORTS from committees & organizations should be turned in to the church office as soon as possible.

Copies of the New Immanuel Constitution are now available in the overflow. We will be voting on this at the annual meeting. Please take one copy per family.

**Take a look at the sheet in the overflow for our 2020 Committees. Please sign up where you would like to help out.**

*Thank you for recognizing us on our 30 years as Immanuel's organist and church secretary. Thanks also for the peace lilies, cards, and delicious cake. It was greatly appreciated.*

*Sarah Goetz & Debbie Rebholz*

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 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, then take the ornament home and hang it on your tree. **Let's clear the tree!**

### 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)

***Everyone  
Welcome!***

*Joint Worship, Sunday, December 29*  
10:30 a.m. at First, Lee  
Pastor Jeff's Brunch during worship

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