



Immanuel Wisconsin Synod Lamplighter



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"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." Psalm 119:105

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."
Jeremiah 29:11-12

We all make plans. Some people are very efficient at it. Some individual are very detailed. Some of us just have a list of things to do with no particular deadline. However, if we want certain events, projects or life-altering changes to go well, we do need to plan. High profile jobs may require a professional planner. Weddings often have a planner, whether an actual person or a book that details what needs to be done and when. Extensive vacations are often booked by a travel agency that can plan all the essentials of your trip. Many jobs require a weekly, monthly or even yearly plan to be efficient. Building projects require blueprints and advance planning, with each stage carefully laid out. And yet, at times, your plans may not go as you had hoped. I guess you could blame it on fate or just bad luck. You may know the quote, "The best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry." (Robert Burns). There's always the human factor that makes errors, even when you're trying your best at planning.

These past 4+ months have really been difficult. Especially for planning. ANYTHING. Schools closed and had to go to online learning. Doctors and hospitals have had to reschedule appointments, cancel elective surgery and rethink their methods of how to treat patients who truly need their services. Churches have had to restructure their worship, cancel social gatherings and eliminate summer activities such as VBS. Businesses have changed hours, temporarily or permanently closed, remodeled to accommodate social distancing, scaled back the services that they offer, etc. Families have had to forgo their normal summer getaways and had to resort to stay-cations. Entertainment venues have been indefinitely cancelled. Until recently, Major League Baseball was on hold. The NBA has yet to crown a champion. The NFL may play to nearly empty stands. All the plans for the past few months, and the coming months have gone out the window.

And yet, one plan hasn't changed AT ALL. This plan has been in effect from eternity. You see two things that will never, ever change: the fallibility of human beings and the perfection of our Sovereign Lord. There has, and never will be anything that can change God's plan. Regardless of the course of human events and the ravages of sin, God sent his Son to carry out his gracious plan of salvation just as he planned from the beginning. It is imperious to the devil and the world. It cannot be altered by a virus. And God's plans for his children? They are all under his control as well. Come what may, his plans for us are all on our behalf. Does that include set-backs? Yup. All part of his plan to bring us home safely to his side to live forever - which was his plan all along.

As we continue on with constant changes, as we struggle with our plans being cancelled or altered over and over, remember that our Lord has this under control. Should you waver in your faith that he is Sovereign - not some virus - remember his words to us, "Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."

God's Blessings,
Pastor



Out of love toward our Lord and all people, the members of Immanuel Lutheran Church offer the following guidelines for August during the current Covid19 pandemic:

Worship - The pews have been marked with service times to help maintain social distancing. For those attending the first service on Sunday, please sit in a pew marked 9:00. For those attending the second service, please select a pew marked 10:00. This will assure that the same pew will not be used twice on the same day. The 9:00 service will require members to wear a mask while they are in the building. For the 10:00 service and Monday evening service the congregation is encouraged to wear face masks.

Communion - When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, please follow the direction of the pastor. Pastor Seelman will wear a mask and distribute the bread and wine. They will both be handled by the participant only, with a distance of six feet between each communicant. Pastor will give instructions each time.

Entry and dismissal - You may use either entrance, however, we ask that you maintain social distancing as much as possible. Before each service, please pick up a bulletin on the table in front of the bulletin board. If you have an offering, you may place it in the offering plate at the same time. Please enter the sanctuary and find a place to be seated according to the instructions above. Second service attendees are asked to stay to the back of the fellowship hall or go to the narthex until all first service worshipers have exited the sanctuary. Please allow space for members who are leaving. If you wish to fellowship, please exit the building to do so.

Social distancing - To maintain safe distancing, in accordance with CDC recommendations, all attendees are responsible to be careful. Out of love and respect for all, please make every effort to allow 6 feet between individuals whenever possible.

Sanitation - All commonly touched areas will continue to be properly sanitized. Door handles, bathroom surfaces, tops of the pews etcetera, will be a priority. Unless there is an objection, we will continue to sing during the service. However, alternatives are being considered. Hand sanitizer will be available as you enter or leave the building.

Improvement - During this time, we want those who are worshipping to feel safe. If any member has a request or comment, please do so in person at the monthly sanitation and safety meeting. The next meeting will be held on August 18, at 10:30. You may also approach any council member, however, it may cause a delay, as the council only meets monthly and the meeting may be scheduled after the sanitation meeting.

Finally, these are recommendations that have been compiled at the current time. There will be modifications as matters progress in the coming weeks and months. Consideration was made with several factors in mind - CDC guidelines for houses of worship, common practice within the WELS, and Paul's encouragement to all children of God, that we treat each other with kindness, compassion and humility at all times.

Respectfully,
Ann Gosdeck, Dave Leatherman, Barb Luft, Beverly Neumann, Joan Radtke, Pat Stieg, Arlene Stowe and Judy Zarter



~CANCELLED~

**Immanuel Lutheran Church's Annual
Outdoor Worship Service
& Church Picnic**

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken
Patties,
Sweet
Corn,
Beans,
tato Sal-
Potato
Soda,
and
Boxes.

Chicken
Po-
ad,
Chips,
Water
Juice



**Next year's picnic will be
August 1, 2021 at Immanuel**

**LUTHERAN WOMEN
MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

All activities are basically "on-hold" with our Lutheran Women's Missionary Society.

Please go to wels.net and click on "Taste & See" to view online virtual Mission events that took place this summer.





Please remember to print clearly on the lines provided on the outside of your offering envelope....

Thank you!

"See what love the Father has given us,



that we should be called children of God."

1 John 3:1

Immanuel Lamplighter, August 2020

Paul Daubert



WELCOME!

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying "This is the way; walk in it."

Isaiah 30:21



PRAYER FOR PATIENCE

Lord Jesus, you promised to comfort those who mourn and to satisfy those who hunger. In time of trial remind us of your cross, where you endured the curse of our sins. When we are weak, teach us to depend on you for strength. At your own time, deliver us from suffering and distress. Amen.



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Christian





**Marvin
Schwebke**

\$100.00
From Delores Schwebke



LAMPLIGHTER

Do you know someone that might like their very own copy of our monthly Lamplighter? If so, please provide their name and address to the church office and we will get them on the mailing list.

BANNERS

I am putting out a request to everyone for help in doing an inventory of all the banners we have at Immanuel. Also, some may need a little refreshing or updating. A specific room has been designated for storing all of the banners in the basement. Mr. Clair Kentopp donated and installed a permanent hanging system to better preserve these works of art and it is time to get the project going. Since the room is quite small, I ask that only one person at a time work with me to comply with Covid-19 guidelines. One other room has been designated for banner material storage and tables to work on. It is feasible that one person could work in that room while banners are being hung. If anyone is interested, please contact me at church (I usually attend the 9:00 a.m. service) or call me at 920-688-5033.

Darlene Zepczyk



STEWARDSHIP

Date	Attendance	Communion	Bible Class	Total Offerings
06-28-20	46	N/A	11	
07-05-20	37	N/A	9	
07-12-20	52	50	8	
07-19-20	35	N/A	11	
07-26-20	47	47	8	

Marian Pepler

\$100.00

From Family & Friends



Report of Offerings June 28, 2020 thru July 28, 2020

General Offering	Plate Offering	Special Gift (Organ Fund)	Memorials	Improvement Fund	TOTAL

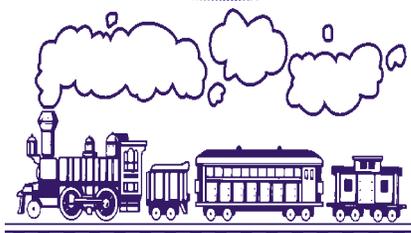
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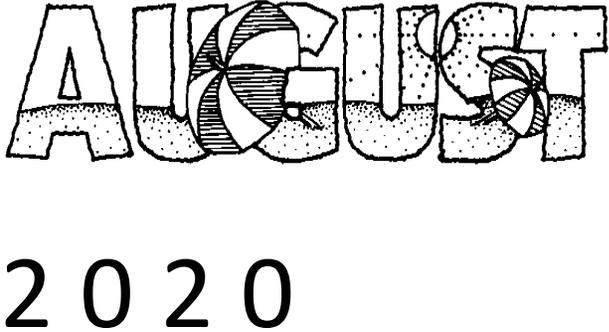
August



Altar Guild and Usher Schedule for August 2020
SUBJECT TO WORSHIP SCHEDULES

August 2	Dave & Judy Zarter & Jan Zellmer	Green	Jim Daubert, Mark Juedes, Mike Juedes & Pam Juedes
August 9 Communion	Dave & Faye Leatherman & Ruth Reiter	Green	Dave Schroeder, Gary Troutd & Dennis Troutd
August 16	Barb Luft, Ann Gosdeck & Julie Treichel	Green	Karl Luft, Dave Leatherman & Timothy Krause
August 23 Communion	Rachel Freerking, Kay Kohfeldt & Edie Nieman	Green	Jeff Reiter, Jacob Reiter, Jessie Reiter & Ruth Reiter
August 30	Dave & Judy Zarter & Jan Zellmer	Green	Mark Andersen, Mady Andersen, Tom Gregory, Randy Montgomery & Amy Montgomery

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Church Picnic Cancelled	3 6:30 p.m. Worship Service	4 9:30 a.m. Bible Class	5 5:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting	6	7	8
9 9:00 a.m. Communion Service 10:00 a.m. Communion Service	10 6:30 p.m. Communion Service	11 9:30 a.m. Bible Class	12	13	14	15
16 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	17 6:30 p.m. Worship Service	18 9:30 a.m. Bible Class	19	20	21 <i>Lamplighte</i> <i>r Articles</i> <i>Due</i>	22

<p>23 9:00 a.m. Communion Service 10:00 a.m. Communion Service</p>	<p>24 6:30 p.m. Communion Service</p>	<p>25 9:30 a.m. Bible Class</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Worship Service</p>	<p>31 6:30 p.m. Worship Service</p>	 <p>AUGUST 2020</p>				