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Sunday Worship:

- 9:30AM Divine Service
- 10:45AM Sunday School/Bible Study

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PUZZLE

Reminder rocks

When Joshua and the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, they set up stones for a special reason.

Directions: Shade all the rocks that aren't completely rounded. Unscramble the remaining rocks to reveal a message from Joshua 4:24, NIV.

one tell LORD what

is all the you some the

from upon a the always So powerful ask of the

God men that fear are the the

to might if the truth of each the

river peoples call the had together the

a water know

JOSHUA 4:24, NIV

Answer: So that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful. Joshua 4:24, NIV

“STEP” INTO THE NEW YEAR

Make this craft to remember God's many blessings.

What you need:

- Small stones
- Permanent markers
- Foil pan and cooking spray
- Drop cloth
- Gloves
- Quick-set concrete (and adult help)
- Bucket and paint stirrer

What you do:

1. After reflecting on the past year, use markers to decorate stones with memorable words, dates and drawings.
2. Spray pan with cooking spray. Set pan outside on a drop cloth.
3. Wearing gloves, mix concrete in a bucket, according to instructions.
4. Pour concrete into pan. Smooth top with paint stirrer.
5. Press in stones, handprints and other decorations.
6. Let dry completely. Remove from pan.
7. Place the stepping-stone outside as a reminder of God's continued goodness.



Immanuel’s Images

“Reaching out to make and strengthen disciples of Jesus Christ, with emphasis in north central New Mexico”
~ the official Mission/Ministry Motto of
Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Santa Fe, New Mexico ~

January/February 2020

Number 01/02

Quote for January/February

“What joy to know, when life is past,
the Lord we love is first and last, the
end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
transport us to that happy place
beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness! We are yearning
for the day of your returning!”

--Lutheran Service Book, #395.6
The above verse by Lutheran Pastor and Hymnwriter, Philipp Nicolai, offers comforting words as we enter into a new year. Jesus is the end and the beginning of our life.

...from the Pastor

Vision for 2020: Where Every Neighbor is a Friend

“Happy New Year! Happy New Year! May we all have a vision now and then of a world where every neighbor is a friend.” These are the beginning lyrics of a song I recently heard on the internet, performed by the 1970’s Swedish Rock group, ABBA. The song begins with a great wish for the new year. We might be able to learn something from these old pop stars, however, it would be even

Because of Jesus’ atoning work at Calvary, ...we are made friends with God.

Consequently, we fail to act on this vision—or to even have such a vision. That is why we need Jesus. He makes this vision possible. The possibility of loving friendship with others is built on the friendship that He has established between us and God. St. Paul puts it this way, “For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.” (Romans 5:10). Jesus removes that impediment (SIN) between us and God. Because of His atoning work at Calvary, we have been reconciled to God. We are made friends with God. If we are friends of God, then we can be friends with every person we meet and interact with. Embrace the vision for 2020: Because of Jesus, every neighbor is a friend.

better to turn our attention to the “Star”, the bright Morning Star who “sings” the greatest song about a shining vision for every new year—a vision that involves our service to our neighbor (neighbor being every person). Jesus says, “....and, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matt. 22:39). St. Paul reaffirms our Master’s instruction: “Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.” (Romans 13:10).



those sponsoring flowers

Altar Flowers for Jan. & Feb.

01/05: Christmas poinettias
01/12: Nancy Stoerner, in celebration of the 43rd anniversary of her husband Larry's 29th birthday (01.22)

01/19: **Please, sign up to sponsor**
01/26: **Altar Flowers in 2020.**
02/02: **Cost is \$35. On the sign-**
02/09: **up poster at the back of**
02/16: **the church, state the**
02/23: **reason for your**
sponsorship.

~ The Church Year in January & February ~

The months of January and February are part of the liturgical season of Epiphany. Minor festivals that occur in January and February:

Jan. 1: Circumcision and Name of Jesus
Jan. 18: The Confession of St. Peter
Jan. 24: St. Timothy, Pastor and Confessor
Jan. 25: The Conversion of St. Paul
Jan. 26: St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor

Feb. 02: The Purification of Mary & the Presentation of Our Lord
Feb. 24: St. Matthias, Apostle

NOTE: The *Lutheran Service Book* (p. xii) includes a calendar of commemorations of men and women from both the Old and New Testaments and from the first 19 centuries of the church's life. The purpose of recalling these individuals is not that we honor them for their own sake, but as examples of those in whom the saving work of Jesus Christ has been made known. You can learn more about those commemorated by typing a web search

Commemorations

- **Jan. 2:** J. K. Wilhelm Loehe, *Pastor*
- **Jan. 10:** Basil the Great of Caesarea, Gregory of Nazianzus, Gregory of Nyssa, *Pastors & Confessors, 4th ca.*
- **Jan. 20:** Sarah, *Old Testament Matriarch*
- **Jan. 27:** John Chrysostom, *Preacher, 4th ca.*
- **Feb. 05:** Jacob (Israel), *Patriarch (OT)*
- **Feb. 10:** Silas, *Fellow Worker of St. Peter and St. Paul*
- **Feb. 13:** Aquila, Priscilla, Apollos, *Church Workers (NT)*
- **Feb. 14:** Valentine, *Martyr (3rd cent.)*
- **Feb. 15:** Philemon and Onesimus (NT)
- **Feb. 16:** Philip Melanchthon (birth), *Confessor (16th cent.)*
- **Feb. 18:** Martin Luther, *Doctor & Confessor (16th cent.)*
- **Feb. 23:** Polycarp of Smyrna, *Pastor & Martyr (2nd cent.)*

JANUARY Birthdays

Those celebrating January birthdays in our congregation:

Synthia de Saussure	January 5
Steve Zappe	January 5
Kelly Hypes	January 7
Rebecca Vollmer	January 7
Rayann Bishop	January 9
Adriene Riddle	January 13
James LeFevre	January 16
Diane Wahl	January 16
Samuel Escue	January 17
Carolyn Barnett	January 19
Mary Asendorf	January 21
Larry Stoerner	January 22
Neal LeFevre	January 23
Rick de Saussure	January 25
Tim Honnell	January 30
Elsie Beevers	January 31

FEBRUARY Birthdays

Those celebrating February birthdays in our congregation:

Valeria Brown	February 6
<i>Don Leffelbein (former member)</i>	
Feb. 9 (100 years!)	
Barbara Kleiber	February 17
Curtis Lardy	February 17
Elizabeth Linder	February 17
Mary Ellen Butler	February 25

JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Anniversaries

- Daniel & Sharon Trujillo 02/19/80

...enjoy the fellowship in January

“SECOND SUNDAY” BRUNCH AND VOTERS’ MEETING

- bring your favorite main dish
and a side dish or dessert

January 12, 2020
10:45AM

...enjoy the fellowship this month

VALENTINE’S BRUNCH

bring your favorite main
dish and a side dish or
dessert

February 9, 2020
10:45AM

Divine Service Assistants for January

We thank all those who will serve God's people at Divine Services this month.

Ushers (9:30AM):

JANUARY:

**Todd Frybarger, Steve Madsen, Susan Mickelberg,
Nathan Redecker**

(Men and women are invited to serve as ushers for the 9:30AM service. If you would like to serve as an usher, please, contact the church office, 983-7568.)

Organists:

01/5 Marla Clark	01/19 Ray Graumlich
01/12 Barbara Damron	01/26 Ray Graumlich

Communion Assistants/Lectors:

(Members of Immanuel's Board of Elders serve on Communion Sundays. NOTE: beginning this month, Immanuel Divine Services will include the celebration of the Sacrament every Sunday.)

01/05 Larry Stoerner	01/19 Steve Zappe
01/12 Phil Hypes	01/26 David Linder

Altar Care:

JANUARY — Susan Michelberg
FEBRUARY — Elizabeth Linder

Acolytes:

JANUARY — Nathan Wagner, Natalie Bodelson

... for 2020

Church Offering Envelopes

Church Offering envelopes for 2020 are now available (Information Table). Please, pick up your box of envelopes and commit to using them in 2020 to support the mission and ministry of our congregation.

“Stewardship Thoughts”

In 2020, members of the congregation will continue to read "Stewardship Thoughts" during the Divine Service. Each presentation will point to the Bible's teaching on how, as God's stewards, we are to use our God-given gifts.

*January Stewardship
Thought...*

**Our giving is to
be done
cheerfully!**

*“So let each one give as he
purposes in his heart, not
grudgingly or of necessity; for
God loves a cheerful giver.”
(2 Corinthians 9:7).*

Financial Report for 2019

We wish to thank Immanuel Church Treasurer, **Annette Baker**, and Financial Secretary, **Todd Frybarger**, for their faithful service. Each week, Annette and Todd deposit, record, pay bills and provide timely reports of the gifts that are given by God's people to Immanuel's mission and ministry. Thank you, Annette. Thank you Todd!

Financial Summary for 2019:

- 2019 Work Plan (Budget): **\$ 187,750.00**
- Expenditures (Jan.-Dec. 2019): **\$ 189,929.24**
- Contributions (Jan.-Dec. 2019): **\$ 207,157.89**
- Contributions (special ministries): **\$ 2,667.67**

(Special Ministry contributions include: Bethesda Lutheran Home, CareNet, Evangelism Outreach, Food Depot, Gentle Shepherd Pre-School, Lutheran Bible Translators, LCMS Disaster Relief, LCMS World Missions, Lutheran Hour Ministries, Lutherans for Life, Military Bible Sticks, Vacation Bible School, Youth Ministries, Ysleta Lutheran Mission and Human Care)

The above figures will be reported at the January 12, 2020 Voters' Meeting. Also, the proposed Mission and Ministry Plan (2020 Budget) will be presented for adoption. Immanuel's Church Council will be proposing a budget in the amount of **\$196,489.00.**

Offerings/Tithes/Gifts 2019

Please, note, contribution summaries for members who contributed to the congregation in 2019 will be sent via email in mid January. On behalf of the congregation, Church Treasurer, **Annette Baker** writes:

“We thank God for your financial commitment to Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church-Santa Fe, NM for 2019. Because of your contributions, our congregation has been able to support the work of Jesus Christ locally, regionally, and around the world....”

February Stewardship Thought...

**Our giving is to be done
sacrificially!**

*“We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.”
(2 Cor. 8:1-2)*

...pray every day for those in need

Prayer Requests

In need of prayer? Jesus declared to all those who have faith in Him: *“I tell you the truth, My Father will give you whatever you ask in My Name.” - John 16:23.* Please, contact the Pastor or the Board of Elders (983-7568) for prayer. Requests will be printed in the Sunday bulletin and offered during the Divine Service.

Requests made and presented in December:

Sunday, Dec. 1st

- Glenn Strock--Pastor of Pecos Valley Cowboy Church--terminal brain cancer

Sunday, Dec. 8th

- Sharon Trujillo, on-going treatment for cancer
- Judy Macks--in ICU on respirator (sister-in-law of Bruce & Anna Adams)

Sunday, Dec. 15th

- Samuel Escue--recovery from skiing accident (11.30)
- Sharon Trujillo--undergoing chemotherapy
- Marie Larson--complications from Parkinson's (friend of Annette Baker and Liz Radic)
- family of +DR. DONALD WITCHER+ d. 12.10.2019 (neighbor of Immanuel/friend of Ted & Nancy Price)
- Katie Frybarger--graduation from NM State University (12/16)

Sunday, Dec. 22nd

- thanksgiving to God for the incarnation of His precious Son!
- those traveling for the holidays
- residents of Santa Fe retirement homes
- that God's Spirit will work in the hearts of those who attend church only on special days, such as Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Sunday, Dec. 29th

- a new year in which our hearts and thoughts are turned toward God
- those traveling for the holidays
- the family of +CHARLES RIGGINS+ who mourn his passing d. 12.22.2019, Havana, IL (brother of Marla Riggins-Clark)

*“...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God”
- Philippians 4:6*

...Christmas gifts

THANK YOU!



On behalf of Pastor Doug & Laura, church staff, and musicians, a hearty **“Thank you!”**

On Christmas Eve, congregational President, Steve Zappe extended thanks and presented gifts to Pastor Doug and Laura Escue, along with others who have assisted with the mission and ministry of ILC this year. (Church staff: Carolyn Barnett, Liz Radic; Musicians: Marla Clark, Barbara Damron, Ray Graumlich, and Cindi Stetson.

NOTE: These annual gifts, given by members of Immanuel, came in response to a special letter from congregational President Steve Zappe sent in December.

VISITORS IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

We were happy to record the following visitors at Divine Services in December and January:

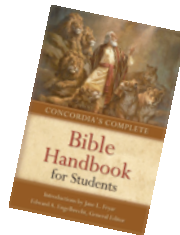
Dec. 1 st	Rev. Ken & Val Hennings	Burnet, TX
Dec. 8 th	Larry & Jeanne Thomas	Arvada, CO
Dec. 15 th	Debby Hamp Jim Cooper Matt & Vicky Dirmyer	Clarence, NY Santa Fe, NM Santa Fe, NM
Dec. 22 nd	Aigul Omarova	Texas/ Kazakhstan
Dec. 24 th	none registered	
Dec. 25 th	Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Walther Hank & Lowene Werkmeister	Harlingen, TX TX
Dec. 29 th	Roy Morinaga Dillon Bitner Lee & Martin Brasted	St. Louis, MO Tempe, AZ Kingwood, TX

...from the Bible Handbook for Students:

The Wise Men

How many Wise Men were there?

Most people assume there were three Wise Men because of the popular carol, “We Three Kings.” Scripture, however, does not specify the number of kings. It only states that they brought three gifts--gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



How old was Jesus when the Wise Men visited?

Again, Scripture does not state the age of Jesus when the Wise men arrived. It does tell us that Jesus was living in a house when they came (Matthew 2:11) Also, when Herod realized that the Wise Men had tricked him, in his anger, he had all the boys under two years old put to death (Matthew 2:16), indicating that Jesus could have been nearly two by the time the Magi arrived.

...beginning of Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY

Feb. 26, 2020

7:00PM

Communion and Imposition of Ashes

...annual Congregational Voters' Meeting

Voters Meeting, Sunday, January 12, 2010, 10:45AM

The meeting will be called to order during the **"Second Sunday Brunch."** Please, bring a favorite main and side dish to be shared.

Voting members of the congregation are those who have read and signed the church constitution. You can obtain a hard copy of a constitution/bylaws by calling the church office (983-7568). Also, copies of the constitution/bylaws will be mailed out in a group email the week prior to the meeting. At the meeting, the President will ask if there is anyone who wishes to become a member. A copy of the official constitution signature page will be provided for new voter's signature. Everyone is welcome to attend the Voters' Meeting and Brunch.

- Primary agenda item: **Presentation, discussion and adoption of the 2020 Work Plan (Budget). The church council is proposing a 2020 budget of \$ 196,489.00**
- other business

Steve Zappe, President. 660-0353

...let the children come

Sunday School News

Immanuel Sunday School:

- for children, ages 3-14
- meets 3 Sundays a month following Divine Service
- SS hour begins with an opening in the basement.

Lessons for January 2020:

- 01/05--**No SS
- 01/12--**Second SundayBrunch--NO Sunday School
- 01/19--**“The Good Shepherd”
- 01/26-** “Jesus Teaches Us to Pray”

Parents, please, note that if you can't make it for Sunday School, you can find excellent summary and study notes, including an audio discussion of the lesson at: <https://seedsofffaith.cph.org/> (Seeds of Faith Podcast).

Select in menu: Chronological>New Testament 2: Jesus Shows He is True God



New members (L to R)
Agnus Quintana, Ian Baker

New Members in 2019

We thank God for those who became members of Immanuel in 2019 by Transfer of Membership and Profession of Faith:

- Oct. 27: **Richard Robinson, Betty Stevens, Julie Walker**
- Dec. 08: **Ian Baker, Agnus Quintana**



The Season of Epiphany:

Epiphany is from a Greek word, meaning to "reveal" or "make manifest." The season of Epiphany focuses on the revelation of "who" Jesus is—both true God and true man. The season serves as a bridge between the birth of Jesus and His passion (Lent).

Because it is associated with the visit of the Wise Men, Epiphany is a time for emphasis on world missions. It also highlights Jesus' prophetic ministry--His baptism, preaching, exorcizing of demons, and healing.

(Notes from *Manual on the Liturgy*)

2020 Epiphany Season: January 06 - February 25

Bible Verse for January...

“Arise, shine, for your light has come....” (Isaiah 60:1)



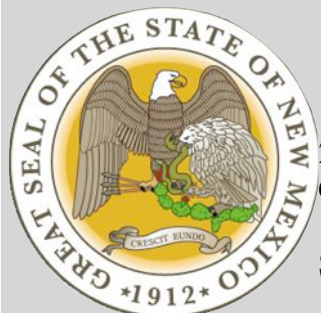
...remembering the great
Reformer

**Dr. Martin
Luther**

d. Feb. 18, 1546

In February, we
remember and honor M.

Luther for his life-long emphasis on the biblical truth that, through Christ, God declares us righteous by grace through faith alone!



....64th session begins

New Mexico State Legislature Convenes on January 21st

The 2020 session of the New Mexico State legislature will begin on Tuesday, January 21st at noon. The 30-day session will convene following the State of the State address by, Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham.

Do you know your elected Representative and Senator? They need to hear from you. Stay informed:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov>

Remember to pray for and communicate with our elected state leaders.



...honoring human life Sanctity of Life Sunday January 19, 2020

Each year Immanuel joins many other Christian congregations in recognizing the value of life from conception to death. On Sunday, January 19th, church bulletin inserts and prayers will reinforce this powerful truth that “*God has made me and all creatures.*”

The *Precious Feet* pin is the international pro-life symbol. Precious Feet pins are tiny – just 3/8 an inch square. The size is significant. The pins are the size of a 10-week-old pre-born baby’s feet.



...a very special birthday

DON LEFFELBEIN

God willing, on February 09, 2020, former Immanuel member, **Don Leffelbein**, will celebrate his 100th birthday. Along with his wife, †PINA† and his sister †ESTHER†, Don had been a long time member of Immanuel. In 2018, Don moved to Utah, where he lives with his daughter, Lois, and her husband, David.

You are encouraged to celebrate Don’s special birthday by remembering him with a birthday card.

**Don Leffelbein ~ 13360 N. Mountain Home Rd
Lewiston, UT 84320-2101**



...walk for Life

Life March and Rally

Date: January 22, 2020

Join LCMS clergy, laity, members of Lutherans for Life, along with Roman Catholic and other Christians for the annual Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day March and Rally

1:15—Procession to the New Mexico State Capital Roundhouse (begins at the front steps of the St. Francis Cathedral Basilica)

1:30PM—Rally at the Capital Rotunda



Gary Runner and sons, Gordon and Clayton, pose for a photo at the “*Birthday Party for Jesus*” reception on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2019. 85 members and friends were in attendance for this year’s Christmas Eve Vespers.



Alice Bodelson, John Stetson, Betty Stevens, Cindi Stetson, Ian Baker and Annette Baker waiting to enjoy Oktoberfest on Oct. 27. 76 members and guests were present to celebrate the Lutheran Reformation at Immanuel on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019.



... beginning weekly Communion

Service of Word and Sacrament

Beginning in January 2020, Immanuel Lutheran Church will offer the Sacrament of the Altar at each Sunday Divine Service. Immanuel’s Pastor and Board of Elders, having discussed the possibility last year, concluded that beginning in January 2020 the Sacrament of the Altar will be a part of each Sunday Divine Service. Members of the congregation have also expressed interest in weekly Communion.

Like any change involving worship, there will be challenges. However, as Lutherans who strongly believe in the means of grace, we understand the importance of receiving Christ’s forgiveness as often as we can. God bless our ongoing mission of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our community, and strengthening the faith of our fellow members.

It is also encouraging to remember that in 1995 the congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Convention passed the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the opportunity to receive the Lord’s Supper each Lord’s Day was a reality cherished by Luther and set forth clearly with high esteem by our Luther confessions (Article XXIV of the Augsburg Confession and of the Apology); and

WHEREAS, Our Synod’s 1983 CTCR [Commission on Theology and Church Relations] document on the Lord’s Supper (p. 28) and our Synod’s 1986 translation of Luther’s Catechism both remind us that the Scriptures place the Lord’s Supper at the center of worship ([Acts 2:42](#); [20:7](#); [1 Cor. 11:20, 33](#)), and not as an appendage or an occasional extra; therefore be it

RESOLVED That the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in convention encourage its pastors and congregations to study the scriptural, confessional, and historical witness to every Sunday Communion with a view to recovering the opportunity for receiving the Lord’s Supper each Lord’s day.

... class resumes this month

Thursday Brown Bag Bible Study

Join the **BBBS** each **Thursday at noon** for a one-hour study. Bring your Bible and a sack lunch. The class, taught by Pastor Escue, includes the reading of portions from a chapter of a book from the Bible and discussion on the verses read.



Informative handouts are also distributed. The class is currently studying the *Book of 2 Kings--the Monarchy of Israel*. **Classes will resume on Jan. 9th.**



... sing and chime to the Lord Choir and Handchime Ensemble

Members of both Immanuel Lutheran Choir and the Handchime ensemble will take a break from formal rehearsals in January.

We thank the Lord for the 16 individuals of Immanuel who sing and play in these groups. Both groups will resume for rehearsal on **Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020**.

If you would like to join either group, contact the church office (983-7568).

....thank you

Christmas Decorations

Immanuel Church looked beautiful and festive in December, both inside and out, thanks to the efforts of members who gathered on Saturday, Dec. 07, to “hang the greens.” The annual decorating of the church for Advent and Christmas is coordinated by Immanuel’s Altar Guild.

This year’s beautiful Christmas Tree (Oregon Blue Spruce) was donated and delivered to the Church by Delancy Street



Ministries. The Christmas Tree was decorated by the children and staff of Immanuel Sunday School.

The Christmas decorations were removed on the last day of Christmas, Jan. 05, by faithful volunteers. Please, note that poinsettias are available in the brick room to anyone who wishes to take one.