

## December 6, 2020 Attendance & Giving

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Weekly Income:</b>	
9:00am 34	Weekly Offering (Sunday )	\$ 3,496.97
11 Live Streamed	Additional Income (Special Donation	\$7,515.00
10am 50	Gym Usage, etc.)	
3 Live Streamed	Capital Campaign/Debt Reduction	-00
<b>Total: 14 / 84</b>	<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$11,011.97</b>
	General Fund Weekly Need	\$12,140.80
	Weekly <b>Shortfall</b>	<b>\$ 1,128.83</b>

## Week at a Glance —December 13—December 20

<b>Sun 9am</b> Divine Service-Comm	<b>Sun 9am</b> Divine Service-Comm
<b>10am</b> Divine Service-Comm	<b>10am</b> Divine Service-Comm
<b>6:30pm</b> Sr. Youth Bible Study-YR	<b>6pm</b> Youth Christmas Party at
<b>Mon 6pm</b> Evangelism/Stewardship Zoom	Mike & Danielle's
<b>7pm</b> School Board—Zoom	
<b>7pm</b> Boy Scouts-YR Cub Scouts-FLC	
<b>Tues 6:30pm</b> Hand Bells	
<b>Fri 8:15am</b> Chapel	
<b>ILS 1/2 day</b>	

Due to changes envelopes will not be available until 1-13-21. Envelope numbers will be changing.

**COME JOIN THE CUB SCOUT PACK 79**—For more information go to [joinpack79@gmail.com](mailto:joinpack79@gmail.com) or text/call 727-686-6237. We look forward to seeing you at our next den or pack meeting. **We meet on Mondays at 7pm**

**Due to COVID exposure we have cancelled in-person Advent Services. Instead there will be an Advent Devotional recorded and posted to our YouTube Channel.**



**Advent Series—Jesus: The Son of David, the Son of Abraham and the Son of Joseph**

**Advent I—Midweek, December 2nd**

Jesus: The Son of David—Matthew 1:1, 6

**Advent II— Midweek, December 9th**

Jesus: The Son of Abraham—Matthew 1:1-2

**Advent III—Midweek, December 16th**

Jesus: The Son of Joseph—Matthew 1:16

### USHERS NEEDED

For Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Please email [beverlyl@godsoloved.org](mailto:beverlyl@godsoloved.org) if you can help once or twice

## Holiday Worship Schedule

**Advent Devotional recorded and posted to our YouTube Channel on Wednesday 12/16**

**Due to COVID No Pre-Service Meals this year**

**Christmas Eve**

5pm—Children's Candlelight Service

7pm Candlelight Service

**Christmas Day—10am Communion Service**

### Gifts for our Pastor

Should you desire to donate to a "purse" which will be presented to the Pastor, place your cash or checks (payable to ILC) in a plain white envelope and mark it "**Pastor's Gift**". You may give it to our greeters, put it in the collection plate or drop it off at the Church office.



## Blue News

**Weekly Newsletter for Immanuel Lutheran Church & School**  
**Sunday, December 6, 2020**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL — Closed until further notice**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES**

**Lessons are being sent out each week to children 3 yrs to 6th grade.**

If your child is not receiving one and you would like to please contact church office. If you have questions please call Beverly at the church office or email [neoda.rae@gmail.com](mailto:neoda.rae@gmail.com)

## Bible Studies

### Sharing your faith in the age of COVID-19

This is posted on the website under Bible Studies. If you need a printed out copy there will be a few available on Sunday or you can come by the church office and pick one up. Hope this Bible study is a blessing to you. Please share it with others.

Please watch on Facebook or the website at [godsoloved.org](http://godsoloved.org).

**What comes after "sharing your faith in the age of Covid"**

Soon we will be concluding our Bible study. This of course was a substitute for Sunday morning Bible study. As we conclude that study we will announce a new Bible study to begin right after. This Bible study will have a different format and a specific time of live broadcast on our Facebook page. It'll also be available afterwards on our Website. On **Tuesdays at 7:30** I will be doing a **live broadcast** of our new Bible study. The Bible study will be based on the Good News Magazine "Abraham your faith foundation" -Issue 46. If you would like to have that issue during the Bible study **please let the church office know** so they can **order you one at a minimal cost**. I'm looking forward to this live broadcast and especially the study concerning Abraham. **Start time will be announced as we conclude the present Bible study.**

We have begun offering you the **opportunity to receive Private Communion** in the Chapel room of the church office.

An appointment needs to be made, and the appointment would be limited to yourself and only members of your immediate household.

Face masks must be worn. Also, we will be sanitizing the chapel before and after each private communion. And of course, if you feel ill or have a fever, please do not come to the church; please cancel your appointment.

If you would like to receive private communion at Immanuel, please call the church office and we will be happy to schedule this for you. 813-689-1787

We are reducing the size of our **mailboxes** to half. There are many that are never used. **If you would like to keep yours please respond to [beverlyl@godsoloved.org](mailto:beverlyl@godsoloved.org) and we will be sure to keep your mailbox there.**

### GIFTS FOR THE CHRIST CHILD

Just a reminder in the midst of this busy Holiday season, and all the extra money being spent at this time of year, if you find that you have some funds that you would like to designate help out families both inside and outside of the congregation, that could use our help. If you can afford to give to the Alms Fund just write on the **envelope or memo line on check. "Gifts for the Christ Child Alms Fund."** These funds are greatly appreciated.

Envelopes are available in the breezeway year round.



### POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR

There is a sign-up sheet in the breezeway or you can email [beverlyl@godsoloved.org](mailto:beverlyl@godsoloved.org) if you would like to purchase poinsettias for the altar. The cost will be \$10 and you will be able to take your poinsettia(s) home with you after Christmas Day Service. You can mail the \$10 if you are not able to come into church, or pay with PayPal

## School Board

**SCHOOL NEWS****Purchase Christmas Gift Cards from SCRIP**

ILC will be placing a SCRIP order in time for giving at Christmas. Not sure what the SCRIP Program is all about? The SCRIP Program allows you to purchase gift cards for many different retailers where you are probably already shopping. ILS purchases those gift cards at a discount and resells them at face value. The savings goes directly to the school. **We will have two orders before Christmas. That order will be processed on December 7th and December 14th.** Submit your order before 2pm on Monday, and you will receive your gift cards on Friday of the same week. Order forms are available in church breezeway or school office or email [beverlyl@godsoloved.org](mailto:beverlyl@godsoloved.org) and I can email you a form. If you have questions, please contact Beth Bruce in the school office—813-685-1978.

**To Enroll—call Christal Trlak at the school office for more information—813-685-1978**  
**New families may now apply through Step Up For Students** for an Income-Based Scholarship (either the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship or the Family Empowerment Scholarship) for the 2020-21 school year.

For the second quarter of the school year, the Chapel offering will be given to the Samaritan's Purse—Christmas Operation Child. What is Operation Christmas Child? Something so ordinary as a shoebox can accomplish the eternal when it is packed with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and God's love. Powered by prayers, it can help lead children and families to faith in Christ, inspire pastors, plant and grow churches, and encourage disciples in some of the most unreached places in the world. For more information about what to put in the shoebox, please see November newsletter.

**REMEMBER TO SAVE & BRING IN YOUR BOX TOPS** Did you know that BoxTops Marketplace offers gift cards for purchase to many retailers? ILS will earn eBoxTops dollars every time you shop and designate ILS for your earnings. Sign up today and shop on line to earn eBoxTops for our school! **Thank you for bringing in these Box Tops—ILS received \$620 from Box Tops for Education.** **ALSO, turn in your Cell Phones to ILS to earn money for the school.**

**NO LONGER TAKING INK CARTRIDGES**

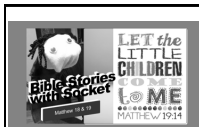
## Christian Growth &amp; Education

**We would like to set up an Adult Membership Class soon**  
**"Faith for Today"**

This is designed for those people who would like to become members, or those who would like a refresher course.

If you are interested in attending please call the church office at 813-689-1787 or email [beverlyl@godsoloved.org](mailto:beverlyl@godsoloved.org).

Please state if Saturdays or evenings are better for you.



We are happy to share with you and your children our YouTube series: **"Bible Stories with Socket"**. Please gather the whole family and watch as Pastor Farnsworth and Socket share God's word with us!

**Stewardship Notes for December 13, 2020****1 Thessalonians 5:18**

*"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

*Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord's work, in acts of service to others, and in faithful living in their daily callings.*

*Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord's many gifts to us.*

**ECHO—DECEMBER****In dire need of Toiletries**

**Shampoo, Deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soaps, razors and feminine products (& Pet Food)**

(Please donate only 6 & 12 count egg cartons —NO 18 count egg cartons)

As always, be sure and keep ECHO and our efforts to help them in their ministry in your prayers. **ECHO needs Volunteers!! Please stop by their North Parsons office and see how you can help!**

December is a great time to gather resources, energy, and take the time to reach out to others and share the Love, Joy, and Peace of Jesus.

Idea #1: At dinner, ask this question to those at the table: "Is there someone you would like to help this Christmas season? Think of a person who may feel lonely that you could call on the phone, send a card, take some Christmas cookies, or provide a meal... What will it take so that this idea can actually happen?"

Idea #2: Take home a copy of Portals of Prayer from the church narthex and as part of saying table grace at dinner, have someone read the devotion for the day. During the dinner have each person answer the question, "During this Advent/Christmas season, how can we make a difference to someone outside our family that has been affected by the Covid-19? How would this demonstrate Jesus' love for us?"

**Family Life & Youth****ILC Youth would like to express our sincere Thanks to the entire ILC**

**Congregation for all of your support in our Canned Food Drive... Literally!** Thanks to your support, we had a record year and raised over \$2023, with which we shopped for specific needs of **ECHO and Everyday Blessings**. We were able to provide many, many cartloads of food for Holiday Meals, everyday needs and to meet needs throughout the Christmas Season and into the coming year. We are all truly blessed and humbled by your generosity. Our lesson learned: Set Big Goals! God comes through!

Our **ILC Senior Youth Bible Study** will continue this week on Sunday Nights from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, in the Youth Room.

**Upcoming Meeting: December 13<sup>th</sup>.** We'd love to see your Youth there...they can join in at any time.

**Mark your Calendars for our Annual Youth Christmas Party on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm** hosted by Danielle Farnsworth. More details to come...

But dig out that Ugly Sweater and Polish off those Elf Shoes!!!

Stay tuned in the new year for our Upcoming ILC Virtual and In-Person Book Club, and more...

**Board of Property Management**

This week we Replaced overhead gym light bulb; Filled in the erosion on both sides of the spillway; Replaced 4 bulbs in the bus garage; Reconnected the sound bar in the youth room