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A Member Congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER
EPIPHANY**

January 17, 2021



LISTENING DEVICES and **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available in the overflow area of the church. Please speak with an elder or usher to assist you. (St. John's)

PRIOR TO SERVICE: Please be respectful of those who would like to meditate and pray before the worship service by keeping conversational voices low. Thank you for your consideration and love in Christ. **Please be mindful of the social distancing we are practicing at this time.**

ATTENDANCE PADS: Will not be in use at this time.

OUR WORSHIP BEGINS WITH PRAYERFUL MEDITATION

AS WE GATHER: Today we consider the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives. How we live and interact with others is important, for we are representing the Holy Spirit. How we act when we are alone is important, for the Spirit is always present with us, and He has no desire to take part in sin of any kind. As we reflect, we remember the glorious news that we were bought with a price—the blood of Jesus, which forgives all our sins and removes all our shame. For that we are most thankful!

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP IN PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, You paid for our lives with the price of Your blood on the cross. Strengthen us to serve You with pure hearts and minds, that we may be witnesses to the word of Your forgiveness; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS & MINDS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

St. Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, bids us to examine ourselves before taking Holy Communion. Therefore, to faithfully prepare to receive our Lord's TRUE body and blood, we

- ▶ **CONFESS** that we are sinful people- unwilling and unable to be righteous according to God's just Law.
- ▶ **BELIEVE** that Jesus shed His Blood for us on the cross for the forgiveness of our sin;
- ▶ **BELIEVE** that, in the Supper, Jesus gives us His true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine – that is, the bread and wine are NOT merely symbols of the body and blood of Jesus, but truly are united to the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, as He said, *“Take eat; this is My BODY... Take, drink; this is My Blood.”*
- ▶ **INTEND**, by the power of the Holy Spirit, repent of our sinful lives and strive to walk according to God's will.

In joyful obedience to the teaching of Holy Scripture, we ask that only those who share unity with us in our confession of doctrine and faith join us at the altar. Guests who are members in good standing in fellow congregations of the Missouri Synod are invited to join us in the Holy Supper. If you have questions or would like to have information about joining our fellowship, please visit with an elder or the pastor. Thank you.

**TOGETHER IN WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD AND STEWARDSHIP
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
January 10, 2021**

Adult Bible Study	5		Offering	\$ 18.00
Worship Attendance	45		Offering	\$ 2,930.00
			Pastor Kaster	\$ 100.00
Total for Orphanage			Needed for goal	\$ 265.00/mo
(as of 1-3-2021	\$1,810.00)		Monthly Average	\$ 1,810.00
Budget for 2020	\$162,013.25		(needed per week: \$3,115.64)	
Total Giving to Budget in 2020	\$ 5,159.00		(2 week avg: \$2,579.50)	

**TOGETHER IN WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD AND STEWARDSHIP
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
January 10, 2021**

Worship Attendance	35		Offering	\$ 880.00
			Mission	\$ 10.00
Budget for 2020	\$ 60,539.01		(needed per week: \$ 1,164.21)	
Total Giving to Budget in 2020	\$ 2,120.00		(2 week avg. \$ 1,060.00)	

This week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jackson Haughton.....	17 th
Dwayne & Janene Bartels (52 nd Wedding Anniversary).....	18 th
Isaac Beethe.....	18 th
Elaine Harms	19 th
Sharon Mandery	20 th
Randy & Kerri Miller (15 th Wedding Anniversary).....	21 st

Worship Assistants

Greeters Today: Steve Nolte (St. John's)
..... Jeff & Sarah Dean (Immanuel)

Greeters Next Sunday: Eric Moran Family (St. John's)
..... Merlyn Saathoff (Immanuel)

Today's Acolytes: (St. John's)
..... Wyatt Rathe & Jocelyn Rathe (Immanuel)

Next Sunday: (St. John's)
..... Wyatt Rathe & Jocelyn Rathe (Immanuel)

January Elder: Dave Borrenpohl (402) 429-5463 (St. John's)
..... Jon Rathe (402) 866-2142 (Immanuel)
February Elder: Kirk Bartels (402) 921-0774 (St. John's)
..... Galen Bartels (402) 866-1057 (Immanuel)

January Trustee: Fred Pooch (402) 335-7044 (St. John's)
..... (Immanuel)
February Trustee: (St. John's)
..... (Immanuel)

January Altar Guild: Fred & Petey Pooch (St. John's)
February Altar Guild: Deborah, Madalyn & Gabrielle Kohlmeyer (St. John's)

January Flower Committee: Rachel Goracke & Donna Rathe (Immanuel)
February Flower Committee: Sandy Weyers (Immanuel)

Transportation: Ron Rathe (402) 335-2208 (St. John's)

Organist Today: Chris Eltiste (St. John's)
..... Laura Heiden (Immanuel)



Needing Urgent prayers: Frank Foetisch (*healing – broken back & concusstion*), Mary Jo Foetisch (*Alzheimers*), Jim Hestermann, Arlo Miesbach (*cancer*), Arylenn Moran (Eric Moran's mother), Mary Alice Grove (*cancer - Mother-in-law of Cheryl Grove*), Ardythe Haynes (surgery recovery), Alan DeJonge (pancreatic cancer), Natalie Dean (*Broken ankle*), Cindy Sayers (cancer – Joyce Moss' daughter), Addy Kohlmeyer (*Cancer*), Herb Lueders (hospitalized - Covid), Doug Kohlmeyer (*cancer*), Mindy Johnston (*kidney issues -Shirly Hestermann's great niece*), Josh Wilkins (spinal cancer – Dave & Paula Carnagey's former foster child), Deb Lance (*cancer – Katie Griess's mother*), Robin Schermbeck (*health issues*), and Kris Kelle (*cancer*) in your prayers this week. May God grant each of them His protection and peace and bless them with good health.

†**Those needing our sustaining prayers:** Norma Lee Hahn (*Broken Hip*), Trish McKinney (*rehab -Kevin McKinney's niece*), Amy Borrenpohl (*cancer*), Brian Thies (*Amputation below knee on both legs– Rick Thies' cousin*), Deb Dalluge (*liver transplant surgery - recovery*), Kathleen Barone (*health issues*), Shari Boudle (*cancer – Lisa Bartels' sister*), Sherri Sapp-Stutheit (*fell – recovery*), Ronald Bradley (*cancer – brother of Barb Jenkins*), Diana Birdsley (*Stroke - Sherrie Sapp-Stutheit's step-daughter*), Harry Bartels (*brother of Dwayne and Lavern Bartels –severe osteoporosis & pneumonia*), LeRoy Buethe (*health issues*), Ron Rathe (*cancer*), Dwayne Bartels, Ray Bartels, Suzanne Hughes (*niece of Dwayne and Laverne Bartels - cancer*), Loren Bartels (*brother of Dwayne and Lavern Bartels – muscle disease*), Arlene Bohling (*health concerns – mother of Lisa Bartels*), Bonnie Smith (*continued good health reports*) and all others who look to God in their time of need.

†**We pray for the family and friends of Norman May** (Paula Carnagey's father), as they mourn his passing last week. May God's peace be with them all as they remember our Lord's resurrection and look to the future, of a heavenly reunion to come.

†**We pray for God's loving and gracious care for those homebound and in the nursing home** including: Aladene Buente, Eldon Bartels, Gary Wilhelm, LeRoy & Evelyn Buethe, Sharon Laue, Vicki Mandery,, (*Darla Gottula and Don Cooper*).

†**We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces** including: Spencer Kuhl (Loretta Kuhl's grandson), Bailey Bohling (Kirk & Lisa Bartels nephew) and Jonah Walters (son of Ben & Rachel Walters).

†**We lift up all missionaries**, including: Sarah Kanoy, Joanna Johnson, Johanna Heidorn, Pastor Kaster and all other church workers. For those served by our adopted orphanage in Latvia.

† **We give God thanks for the gift of Baptism**, as we celebrate **Kevin McKinney, Marcel Kohlmeyer, Madalyn Kohlmeyer, Jonathan Schmid and Lind Eis** who celebrates their baptismal birthdays (this week). May God continue to bless them and all of us- with complete joy and confidence, through the promises He bestowed on us through His Sacrament of the Water and the Word!



Joint Announcements

Please let Pastor know when you or a family member are in hospital and would like him to visit because HIPPA laws we don't get informed.

With the COVID-19 virus infection rates increasing, please keep in mind social distancing by not gathering in the back prior to and after worship service. Please take conversations outside. Thank you for your understanding as we seek to be faithful to God and good citizens of our nation.

New Website: The new joint website is up & running. Find it here: <https://2gatherinchrist.org>.

JOINT BIBLE STUDY: We will be continuing our topic of Luther's Small Catechism. We will explore the Six Chief parts and relate what we believe as Lutherans to those of the world around us. It should be a lot of fun and very informative! Whether you a new Lutheran or a life-long Lutheran, this course will have something for you! We will be using the new edition of Luther's Small Catechism (2017 edition) which will be provided.

Immanuel's Announcements

Meals on Wheels: Immanuel has Meal on Wheels the month of January. Thank you to all those who signed up the deliver meals this month.

St. John's Announcements

Meals on Wheels: St. John's has Meals on Wheels during the month of February. Sign-up sheet is on the back table.

Council Meeting: January 21st at 7:00 pm

Voter's Meeting: January 24th after Church.

Valentine's Bag: for the shut-ins are in the back. Please consider sending a card to our people in the nursing homes, assisted living or those who can't make it to church anymore. A simple card means so much to them. A list is names are on the table – any questions please talk to Cheryl Grove. They will be distributed February 10th.

A BIG thank you to my Church family for remembering me at Christmas with the many cards and letters. Hopefully this year will make it possible for us to visit in person again. God's Blessings to you all. Gary Wilhlem

Thank you to our Church family for the cards and well wishes during the holiday, also for the generous surprise. Sam & Elaine Kuhl

Thank you for all the get well cards and wishes that I received during my recovery. Also thank you for all the cards that I received during the holiday season. Norma Lee Hahn

This Week With God

Sunday, January 17 *(Second Sunday after Epiphany)*

- ✠ Divine Service w/ Communion (Immanuel) 8:30 am
- ✠ Sunday School (Immanuel & St. John's) 9:30 am
- ✠ Adult Bible Study (St. John's) 9:30 am
- ✠ Divine Service w/ Communion (St. John's) 10:30 am

Monday, January 18

- ★ Pastor's Family Day

Tuesday, January 19

Newsletter deadline

- ★ Quilting (St. John's) 9:00 – 3:00
- ★ Priscilla's Meeting 5:00 pm

Wednesday, January 20

- ★ Preschool Chapel 9:00 am
- ★ **Midweek /Confirmation (St. John's)** 4:30 pm
- ★ **Bible Study (Immanuel)** 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 21

- ★ Stewardship Board Meeting (St. John's) 6:00 pm
- ★ Council Meeting (St. John's) 7:00 pm

Friday, January 22

- ★ No Activities.....

Saturday, January 23

- ★ No Activities.....

Sunday, January 24 *(Third Sunday after Epiphany)*

- ✠ Divine Service w/o Communion (Immanuel) 8:30 am
- ✠ Sunday School (Immanuel & St. John's) 9:30 am
- ✠ Adult Bible Study (St. John's) 9:30 am
- ✠ Divine Service w/o Communion (St. John's) 10:30 am
- ★ Voter's Meeting (St. John's) 11:30 am

FAMILY WORSHIP REFLECTION

WHERE THE FAMILY SAVORS GOD'S WEEKLY FEAST

Bring Church
Home

REVIEW What was the sermon about last Sunday?

LISTEN What grabbed your attention the most? What is something new I learned from the sermon? How did it deepen my understanding of Christ & the Gospel?

RESPOND How can you put it into practice in your life this coming week?

Share Stories
and
Testimonies

SEE How did you see God at work in your life this past week?

SEEK What has God been teaching you in His Word?

SHARE With whom did you share something about God this week?

Encourage

SERVE Is there something we can do for someone this week?

PRAY How can we pray for you this week?

Confirmand Sunday Worship Attendance

Name: _____

Date of Service: _____

Day of Church Year: _____

Pastor or Elder Signature: _____