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Tuesday Night December 24th

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 10:30PM

Wednesday Morning December 25th

Christmas Day Service 10:30AM

Return Service Requested



The Immanuel Chimes
DECEMBER 2019

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
A Mission of the North American Lutheran Church
5955 South Elm Avenue
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE SUNDAYS

9:15AM Sunday School for all ages
10:30AM Worship for everyone
11:30AM Fellowship time for all

WEDNESDAYS

6TH -12TH GRADES "Refuge" 6:00-8:00pm

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December 1st Advent Begins!

*December 11th Christmas Caroling at the Harvest
Home in Fowler*

December 18th Ice Skating

December 22nd Children's Christmas Play

*"Invite Christ into your hearts in true devo-
tion and faith ...then experience the spirit of
Christmas this year." -Pastor John*

SEARCHING FOR A REAL CHRISTMAS

Every year millions of people go in search of the real spirit of Christmas. True, some want to find it only so they can try to package it and sell it. But others gaze at the Christmas tree, the presents, and all the decorations and wonder: *What is all this really about?* Sure, we know the *story* of Christmas, but what is the *spirit* of Christmas we hear so much about. Does it exist? And if so, how can we hope to find it?

In our attempt to isolate the one and only true Christmas spirit, we try to separate fact from fiction. Most of us have a sneaking suspicion that much of our emotional attachment to the season stems more from our Santa Claus days than the news announced to the shepherds some twenty centuries ago. So we read the Christmas story in Matthew and Luke and we parrot all the appropriate clichés: “Jesus is the reason for the season,” and “Let’s keep the Christ in Christmas.” But when all is said and done, we still wonder what fuels our Christmas sentiment. Is what we are feeling the true Christmas spirit or merely the lingering pleasant remnants of “the holidays”?

The greatest hope for recovering the spirit of Christmas comes from God Himself who intrudes this time of year to bless us, as He did that First Christmas in the form of a human baby born in Bethlehem – and as He breaks through our unbelief and all the commercialism and frustration of this modern time.

Peter Larson wrote: “Despite our efforts to keep Him out, God intrudes. The life of Jesus is bracketed by two impossibilities: a virgin’s womb and an empty tomb. Jesus entered the world through a door marked ‘No Entrance’ and left through a door marked ‘No Exit.’”

James Edwards echoes this theme in his book *The Divine Intruder*: “God breaks into this world, even when He is unexpected and unwelcome. God joins us in our weakest and worst moments. There is a Divine Intruder among us.”

There is no keeping the best news ever under wraps: Christ has come and Christ will come again! The Lord did not wait for an invitation to enter our world. Clothed with humanity, He lived as a teacher, died as our sacrifice, and rose from the grave as our Savior. There was no stopping His coming in the form of a babe, born in Bethlehem of Judea. There was no stopping Him from going to the cross for my sake and yours. The key, now, is to invite this Christ into our hearts in true devotion and faith – then we will experience the spirit of Christmas this year.

News Notes

Congratulations to DAREL & DIANE MEHRTEN on their 58th anniversary, December 23rd. Happy 41st Anniversary to JON & SANDY MARTHEDAL on December 30th and 52nd Anniversary to Pastor Gary & Mim Gould.

OUT TO DINNER NIGHTS the final outing for this decade is at Luna’s Pizzeria and Italian Restaurant on 349 Pollasky Ave, in Clovis at 5:30PM on Thursday, December 5th. Join friends from church for dinner after work or after a long day of shopping or cleaning house. Some folks say Luna’s serves the best minestrone soup ever made. Their bread is baked fresh and to perfection. The menu is large so there is something for everyone. Sign up on the bulletin board and come be a part of Immanuel’s OUT TO DINNER NIGHTS. We can discuss new dates and places to go in 2020, come with ideas on what or where you would like to try for nights out to dinner with friends.

Thank You Immanuel

Eva Orum and family would like to thank our church family for the love, cards, prayers and support during Eva’s recent illness and hospital stay. A big thank you to Allyson Kahn for organizing meals for us. Ladies, they were all very delicious meals. Thank you for taking care of us. Most of all thank you all for the prayers!

Velia and Martha Miranda thanks Immanuel for their prayers during their recent hospitalizations on the very same day. Velia is recovering from her hernia surgery and Martha’s sodium levels are regulated and she is back on her feet. Thank you all for your prayers.

My heartfelt thanks to all who have been praying for me, for my consultation appointments, and for my upcoming hip replacement surgery. Wednesday, November 27, Thanksgiving eve, does seem like a crazy time for surgery but I will be giving real thanks to be walking easily again when this is all done. Now let’s be praying that I’ll be cleared to drive again and back in church before Christmas. Meanwhile, texts, calls and visits are welcome!

Thanks be to God! Betty Moore

Friends and Family Immanuel,

What a wonderful surprise! Thank you so much for the gift card. I spent it on a hunting trip to Idaho! Your gift really tied my past to my future. You will always be a great big part of me.

Pastor Paul

Sympathy Love and Prayers

Catherine Elizabeth Green, passed away on October 14, 2019. She attended Immanuel as a child with her family. She was baptized at Immanuel on July 2, 1976 and confirmed on October 31, 1976. She worked at Washington Union High School for 34 years. Please pray for her mother, Betty Green, her two sisters, and her nieces and nephew as they mourn the loss of Cathy and her love for them.

Richard Alfred "Dick" Hansen passed away on November 8, 2019. He was baptized at Immanuel on June 3, 1928 and confirmed on March 24, 1942 at Immanuel. He married the love of his life, Gail at Immanuel on August 4, 1950. Their wedding reception was the first one in our brand new Social Hall. Imagine how many memories they have created here at Immanuel. Dick and Gail raised three children at Immanuel, their son Jim is currently on the council and serves as a trustee and helps maintain the property. Their daughter Janice lives in Fowler and their youngest daughter, Maribeth lives in Paso Robles. Dick and Gail have six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. The memorial service and celebration of life was held at Immanuel on November 22nd where family and friends gathered to remember and cherish so many memories of Dick Hansen that will never be forgotten.

Helen Mackersie passed away on November 25, 2019 at the age of 97. She was born on May 19, 1922 and baptized on July 23, 1922. She joined Immanuel in 1973. She was baptized, confirmed and married in Easton's St. John's Lutheran Church. She and her husband Gordon transferred to Immanuel with their two daughters, Gayle and Cynthia. Helen was very active at Immanuel after she retired from teaching. Please pray for Helen's family, she is survived by her children, grandchildren and her older brother, Art Olesen who is 101 years old and her sister-in-law, Marian who is 100 years old, also long time members of Immanuel. Thank you for your prayers for their family during this difficult time.

Bethel Lutheran Home

The 'Most Wonderful Tim of the Year' is approaching and the Bethel Lutheran Home would appreciate donations of simple gifts for their residents. These little gestures can make a big difference in the lives of their residents.

The staff can turn simple items into meaningful gifts with donations such as; wrapping paper, tape, ribbons, bows, socks for men and women, shampoo, deodorant, body wash, lip balm, 2020 calendars, tissues, pump hairspray, hair mousse, gel and other hair accessories (headbands, bobby pins, clips, combs, brushes, barrettes, shower caps). Other items like lotion for men and women, aftershave for men and perfume for women, gloves, scarves blankets, notebooks and pens, large word search puzzles, denture cleaning tablets, body powder, jewelry and cash donations too.

Donations can be taken to the Bethel Lutheran Home in Selma in care of Simon Holguin, the administrator/executive director.

There is no stopping Jesus – the world might as well accept it, and once it does, Christmas will break out all over the world with joy and celebration. May God bless of all of you with the most wonderful, blessed Christmas ever!

Pastor John

Grace in Action for Children

Come join Grace in Action! Children 4 to 12 are invited and encouraged to bring their friends. All are welcome!

A favorite song starts off with, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year", and I agree. As Christians, we love to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and an important part of that is the re-enactment of the Nativity Story. That event will take place at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 22, at 10:30a.m. All children are invited to be in the cast please bring your friends it will be fun and all are welcome.

We are in need of some help with organizing the costumes and the props for the play. They are very simple jobs, really, very simple. Please call me for more information if you like kids and want to help.

Here is what the December Sundays look like for children at Immanuel Lutheran Church from **9:15AM –10:15AM on Sunday Mornings in Grace Hall!**

December 1 - Grace in Action will reflect on the Nativity Story -

December 8 - Practice for the Christmas Program in the Sanctuary Remember to begin inviting your friends and family to Christmas Program!

December 15 - Come and make a Christmas Craft

December 22 - Final practice for the program in Sanctuary. All family and friends are invited at 10:30AM for worship and the program! Featuring the debut performance of our newest member for our Savior!

December 29 - No morning class

January 5, 2020 - No morning class

January 12, 2020 - Grace in Action resumes! We meet Bible Heroes.

Serving for our Lord,
Laurel Jacobsen



CRU Mission Ellen Nielsen

Over the summer my team set up a web page for every college campus in the United States (4,319 total!). Each web page describes what Cru offers and presents an opportunity for a page visitor to volunteer to bring Cru to their campus. (Similar to a digital front door to help identify people who would like to reach their campus with help from Cru.)



In the last few months they have had hundreds of responses from dozens of campuses across the nation! (Almost 100 contacts within the first 2 months alone!) **I specifically want to share the story of Keven who attends San Diego Miramar College, which currently does not have a Cru movement.**

Keven submitted his contact information through the web page designed for Miramar, and was connected to a member of our staff, Chris. Chris shared the Gospel with Keven, and he accepted Christ! Through the help of our digital coaching center, Keven is currently being trained in how to start a Cru movement on his campus. And, there have already been three other people from Miramar that have submitted their own contact information!

How many people will be reached through these sites? How fun is it to be able to use analytics and websites to reach people for Jesus? I am so thankful we have technology with which to work and reach the lost.

Your sister in Christ,
Ellen Nielsen

Prayers and Praises

- Pray for Keven and his fellow peers as they take steps to start a Cru movement at San Diego Miramar College! Pray specifically for God to move in the hearts of students on that campus!

- Prayer of praise and thanksgiving for the birth of my beautiful niece Aubrey Ann Nielsen. She had to stay a few days in the NICU at Valley Children's Hospital with a lung infection but is better now and settling into her new home. Please pray for her parents as they adjust to living with a newborn and begin this wonderful, new, adventure of parenthood.

- In this season of thanksgiving, I also want to share how thankful I am for my teammate Kelsey. She not only shared this amazing story with me but has taken on most of my normal Concierge responsibilities while I'm out of the office. I've been taking some time to meet with both current and new ministry partners while raising support to join Cru Staff full-time. Kelsey is doing an amazing job in my absence and I can't wait to start working with the rest of my team again once I reach my full support goal!

Jan Kersgaard Heading To Tank Again!

She's back at it again! Our retired missionary, Jan Kersgaard just can't stay home yet. Thanks be to God our Lord and Savior, she is heading back to Tank Pakistan in January. The letter below is from Jan it was dated November 8, 2019.

*Dear Friends at Immanuel,
I pray you are all well. I see in the Chimes that you are involved in growth and service in many areas. I am writing to let you know that I am planning a trip to Tank, Pakistan in January and February. I just got a VISA good for 30 days so I will apply for a month extension when I get there.*

Thank you for your prayers and support through many years. I would ask that you pray for my safe travels in late December, my health, safety and that I can help the nursing staff in some way. I am traveling with a friend who worked there when I did. She is a doctor and goes every January.

I hope to come visit you and friends and relatives in Easton sometime next year so I'll keep in touch.

May God lead you in the call process for a Pastor.

*In Him,
Jan Kersgaard.*

She sent this photo as a cover on the card. These are the Staff and children at the Tank Hospital on Palm Sunday.



Annual Reports for 2019 Due on January 8th 2020

The following committees are asked to turn in a brief recap of the years activities to share with our members in our annual report. Please submit your report to the church office or email to: immanueleaston@sbcglobal.net by **January 10th, 2020.**

Breaking Grounds Café
Blood Drive-Bleed & Feed
Call Committee
Care Bears
Caruthers Fair
Congregational President
Deacons

Fellowship Luncheon Report
Financial Secretary
Grace in Action-All Classes
Men's Bible Study
Nominating Committee
Quilters
Treasurer
Trustee
Women's Ministry President

Birth Announcement!

Aubrey Ann Nielsen was born on October 26th, 2019 at 10:46pm, weighing 7 pounds and 13 ounces. She was 20.5 inches long. She spent 9 days in the NICU at Valley Children's for an infection. Doctors were also monitoring trauma to her nose that since has healed beautifully! We are home getting settled in and enjoying all of the snuggles! At her last appointment, Aubrey weighed 9 pounds and 1 ounce and the doctor said she's a healthy baby!



We thank God for giving us peace throughout the whole birth and hospitalization process.

Phil. 4:6-7 was the verse God showed us and it gave us comfort in the unknown. We thank you all for your thoughts and prayers and can't wait to introduce her to you all!

Thank you for your prayers, we feel very blessed.

Allyson and Karl Nielsen



In Celebration of Our Member's

Birthdays

1-Michelle Hollenbeck
4-Joseph T. Perez
5-Allyson Kahn
-Michael Pilegard
8-Emilee Goff
10-Deanna Dunbar
12-Christian Jensen
-Brittney Gardner
13-Emily Ewing
15-Danell Dickey
17-Fred Johnson
20-Cindy Slaton
21-Virginia Pilegard
-Aaliyah Bell
-Isaac Orozco Jr.
24-Ellen Nielsen
25-Donna Ewing
28-Mike Nielsen
-Jacob Wood
29-Julius Perez
-Stacy Avedisian
30-Shelbi Clarkson
-Stephanie Hollenbeck
31-Debby Saethre



Baptismal Birthdays

1-Sandi Peterson
Marcia Hollenbeck
Timmy Pilegard
Sharon Reynolds
4-Brenna Severin
Andrew Severin
Stephanie Clarkson
David Clarkson
6-Mark Salwasser
7-Serena Bell
-Kobe Bell
11-Aaliyah Bell
12-Sarah Pilegard
15-Isaac Orozco, Jr.
18-Jim Hansen
19-Scott Hollenbeck
20-Fred Cogan
22-Amy Hansen
Ericka Gardner
25-Joan Lindsey
Gina Cogan

Wedding Anniversaries

16-Tim & Debbie Pilegard (30)
23-Darel & Diane Mehrten (58)
30-Jon & Sandy Marthedal (41)
-Gary & Mim Gould (52)



*Unto Us
a Child is Born*



*The Bible is
the cradle
wherein Christ
is laid.*

Martin Luther

Prayer Focus for the month

Week of 12-2:

This week let us focus our prayers on this waiting period. God, help us to know you have a plan and that in your time you will reveal that plan to us.

Bible verse: Hebrews 6:15 NIV.

Week of 12-9:

This week let our prayers rest on the assurance of those things we are hoping for in our call process. Help us to be confident that you are at work.

Bible verse: Hebrews 11-1 NIV.

Week of 12-16:

This week reveal to us in our prayers the importance you put on meeting together. Pray that we not neglect that part of our calling.

Bible verse: Hebrews 10:24,25. NIV.

Week of 12-23:

This week let us be especially mindful of the truly amazing gift of Jesus. Sent to us by a loving God to reconcile us to him. And the commission for us to fish for those who need to hear about Jesus.

Bible verse: Matthew 4:19 NIV.

Week of 12-30:

This week let's focus on the new beginnings that this new year brings. Each day is a new day to worship God.

Bible verse: Revelations 22:13 NIV.

Prayers Of Our Church

Members and their families serving in the military: *Kobe Bell, Joey Brewer, Henry Clark, Michael Hansen, Caleb Hathaway, Scott Linger, Matt Ward, & Matthew Tigchelaar.*

Those unable to travel about:

Tom Britter, Olga Hansen, Elsie Hoff, Marilyn Iversen Art & Marian Olesen, Phyllis Petersen, and Howard Nielsen.

Those in need of healing: *Bobby Bell, Tom & Sandy Britter, Joyce Butterfield, Luanne Byrd, Levi Demant, Linda Demant, Pat Griffin, Susan Hooper, Betty Jensen, Kathy Ann Little, Betty Moore, Isaac Orozco, Eva Orum, Clifford Ostergard, Chuck Phillips, Sr., Virginia Pilegard, Sandy Poindexter, Timm Trickett, Ryan Tofteland, & Joe Wozniczka.*

Those grieving the loss of a loved one: *The families of Cathy Green, Richard Hansen and Helen Mackersie*

for the chronically ill. Those who are financial stressed. Those carrying heavy burdens of guilt and shame. Those whose language has dramatically changed. Those who have withdrawn from their usual circle of friends and family. You understand what I'm saying here. Just be aware.

I and no one else is suggesting that you not feel or experience the joy that is Christmas and all that it entails. It's right that you do have that joy. It's really what Christmas is about. The birth of Jesus is an amazing event. It's central to our understanding of Christianity and should be celebrated.

I pray that you all may have the most meaningful of Christmas seasons. God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Love, John.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-8255

National Alliance on Mental Health

1-559-224-2469

National Youth Crisis Hotline

1-800-442-4673

National Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-7233

National US Child Abuse Hotline

1-800-442-4453

Crisis Text Line

Text: HOME

To: 741741

Journey

Prologue:

We are entering a truly wonderful and meaningful season. It's a time filled with busyness. Shopping, parties, seeing people we may not see very often. We get to get out those lights, put up the tree, watch seasonal movies and television shows. Christmas carols, stories of a remarkable birth from the Bible that give meaning to the season. Ummata! Special meals, special treats and cookies and candy. It's a wonderful, wonderful time. However, there is another side to this season. There are those for whom this is yet another reminder that they are alone. Some have lost those who were dearly loved. Some have brokenness in their lives. Sickness, addiction, lost jobs, financial setbacks, anger, poor self images. Perhaps the most unfortunate group are those for whom there is no Jesus. Now if you don't fall into any of those groups get down on your knees right now and thank God for all of your blessings. Be assured that no one in any of those groups wants you to feel any less joy or happiness.

What I have to say to you is this. Take a half step back and look around you. Look for those who need a smile, a hug, a listening ear. If you find that person and act on what you see I promise you you will greatly enhance your own joy this season. Why? Because you will be doing Jesus work. You will be showing someone the face of God. That IS the reason for the season. All the stuff is fine but Jesus came to bring relationships into our lives. When you reach out to a fellow creation you are showing them Jesus and in turn you experience Jesus too! Win. Win.

Main story:

Jesus loves you!

Epilogue:

Related to the prologue but not necessarily to the season. Suicide. I've been to too many funerals for suicide victims. This time of year heightens the anxiety that exasperates those inclined to go there. Be very vigilant to the signs that someone is leaning into that place. Watch for those who are particularly sad. Those who seem especially stressed. Stressed about family issues. Those who are or who care

Christmas Umatta

Happy Umatta Everyone!

It's that time of year again Immanuel. Ready or not, Christmas is coming!

As Pastor Jonna taught us, **Umatta means Community** and Christmas Umatta is quickly becoming a tradition for the start of our Advent season here at Immanuel. That's why we're going to celebrate the start of Advent again this year on December 1st after church at 12:00pm. Please sign up and come and join us.

Our Umatta schedule will remain very similar, a delicious lunch will be served, fellowship during break out groups will be enjoyed, and after dessert, fun singing Christmas Carols will end our day around 3:00pm. But.... this year we tweaked our fun just a tad and we decided that our Christmas Umatta would be totally outwardly focused. We would give rather than get. We felt it was more appropriate to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child by giving of ourselves to others, just as Christ did for us. This year our breakout groups will be working together on 8 different projects to bless 8 groups in our community that are in need of our help or our thanks.

Our groups to be blessed are:

1. The Homeless
2. The Military
3. Our shut ins
4. The Pregnancy Center
5. Hungry families from WUHS
6. New Life for Girls
7. Fireman
8. Mended Little Hearts

Our theme for the day is **1001 Blessings**. Our hope is to take the enthusiasm, fun, food and Intergenerational fellowship that we have grown accustomed to with our Summer Umatta Ministry and turn it outward to bless our community with our Christmas Umatta Ministry. What better way to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child than to focus our efforts on those that are so often forgotten. It should be a meaningful afternoon. Not only will our Community be blessed but so will Immanuel. Come and See.

Mike Nielsen, Team Umatta

Join us for a Fellowship Christmas Luncheon

“Can’t Wait For Christmas”

Featuring
The Retired Teachers
Chorus

December 12th

12:00 Noon in the Social Hall

Please sign up on the blue bulletin board by
December 8th or call to RSVP:

Judy Hooper at 275-5428
Church Office at 237-7909

If you are retired and looking for something to do, this is a ministry for you! Please contact Victoria in the church office as soon as possible for ways you can help.



Youth News!

Merry Christmas Immanuel!

December is now upon us and that means it's Advent season. Here are few dates to keep in mind.

-December 11th: Christmas Caroling at Harvest in Fowler. There will be cookies and treats following in the social hall

-December 18th: Pizza and Ice Skating at Gateway (Skating starts at 7pm)

-December 22nd: Grace in Action will perform a special Christmas program. For more info., talk to our amazing teacher, Laurel Jacobsen.

There will be no Refuge meetings on December 25th and January 1st.

A Child has Been Born!

-Jacob



Toy Collection for the Easton Presbyterian Church Star Tree

The Easton Presbyterian Church hosts a Christmas Party every year for the children who visit the Easton Clothes Closet. At this party the children watch a movie about the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The children are then treated to hot chocolate and a candy cane and then given a small gift. Each year the church gives about 500 children gifts. It's our pleasure to help them collect toys for their gift distribution. Immanuel will collect toys in a red box in our church entryway. The value of the gift should be valued between \$5.00-\$8.00. Gifts are appreciated wrapped and labeled boy or girl with the age range. If you are not able to wrap the gift, just place your donations in the box and their team of wrappers will gladly wrap and label the gifts.



Please bring all donations by: **December 15th** as the Star Tree Party will be on **December 18th**. Their deacon's will gather at **4:00PM on Dec. 16th** in their conference room to wrap the presents. If you like to wrap, grab your scissors and tape and join them, they would love your help!

Fresno Chafee Zoo

ZooLights runs from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on the following dates: November 23-25, 30-December 2, 7-9, 14-23, 26-30: 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. The entire Zoo is transformed into a holiday wonderland, fully decorated and strung with miles of brilliant lights. Enjoy holiday music, a snow machine, complimentary hot cocoa and a cookie with Santa Claus! Tickets: Zoo members are Adult \$7 Child (ages 2-11)



\$5 and Non-members are Adults \$9 children \$7

December Worship Assistants

Date	Acolyte	Altar Flowers	Fellowship Servers	Altar Duty
Dec 1	Brooke Messenlehner	Al & Judy Hooper in memory of their beautiful daughter Robin.	Christmas Umatta	Team Koinonia
Dec 8	Julius Perez			N/A
Dec 15	Tayla Tarlton	David & Allison Terrones in celebration of their Goddaughter's 1st Birthday		Deacons
Dec 22 10:30AM	Isaiah Spies	Reynolds & Bennetts in memory of Roy Johansen	Reynolds & Bennetts in memory of Roy Johansen	N/A
Dec 39	Kaylee Bennetts			N/A

Worship Assistants are needed for the weeks with empty spaces as well as the new year ahead. Please call the church office or sign up on the Fellowship Server sheet or the Flower Chart located on the Blue Bulletin Board in the church entryway.

For more information email: ImmanuelEaston@sbcglobal.net or please call the church office at 237-7909.

Women's Ministry

The Women's ministry board met on discussed the events for Women's Ministry. With consensus, we want to have another TEA PARTY!

SAVE THE DATE FOR JANUARY 11TH! Mark your calendars for an Afternoon Epiphany Tea.

We held a brainstorming session and came up with lots of good ideas for some fun events and Bible studies. We know we want to share God's word, to those who aren't hearing Him. We want to help our congregation grow in our faith. We want to be servants and raise funds to help improve our mission. We want to love as God created us to do while we worship together.

We need to work together to make our dreams come true. If you would like to serve as a helper in any way through the church please call/text me today. Victoria Salwasser, 559-285-5181

Contribution Envelopes 2020

Contribution envelopes will be delivered again this year. These envelopes help our financial secretary keep track of your donations and prepare a tax deduction form that you may use when reporting your taxes to the IRS. **If you would like your contributions credited for 2019** please have them to the **church office by Sunday, December 29th**. Please let Pat Griffin know if you want to discontinue your contribution envelopes, otherwise your envelope number will be carried over for 2020. If you would like envelopes please let her know that as well.

Family Camp in 2020

Summer Family Camp is going to be at our favorite group campground. Campground in Sequoia National Forrest. **The dates are June 24-30th**. It will be a Wednesday through Wednesday this year! Thank you to John & Sharon Reynolds for hosting Family Camp this year. Come all week or anytime you can attend within those 7 days. Mark those new calendars as soon as you get them! Truly the dates are June 24-30 12th 2019!

Church Council for 2020

Please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to serve on Immanuel's council. The nominating committee would like to compile a list of people interested in serving and in which area of the council they are interested in serving. This year we are seeking a President, Trustee, Treasurer, and Deacon. If you would like to serve on the church council please contact one of the following people: Barbara Petersen, Karl Nielsen, John Jensen, or Carol Bennetts.

Flowers & Fellowship in 2020

Thank you to all who have served with flowers and fellowship in 2019! Fellowship time after worship is a wonderful time to spend visiting and getting to know new people at church. If you would like to help serve during this time please sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office for more information at 237-7909. The 2020 Flower Chart will be hanging on the gold bulletin board soon. If you would like to place a bouquet of flowers on the altar on any given Sunday, sign your name on the chart, you can also place the flowers on the altar in memory or honor of something or someone. Simply call a florist or arrange a bouquet and place it on the altar prior to service. The flowers are yours to take after the service.



D E C E M B E R 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Riverdale Assembly of God hosts the Living Nativity Dec. 22-25 from 6:00-9:00PM. The entrance is located on Mt. Whitney and the exit is on Marks just south of Mt. Whitney. The drive through living nativity is free although donations are accepted. The event takes between 20-30 minutes depending on how many cars are attending. Don't miss this amazing living nativity scene where the story of the ages is illustrated in living color just down the road in Riverdale.</p>						
<p>1 9:15AM Sunday School & Play Practice 10:30AM Worship with communion 11:30AM Fellowship 12:00PM Umatta all generations</p>	<p>2 12:30PM Easton Food Dist. 7:00PM NA</p>	<p>3 9:30AM <i>Quilters</i> 7:00PM Faith Bible Study at Victoria's house</p>	<p>4 8:00-10:00AM Break- ing Grounds Café 12:20PM FCA Lunch 6:00-8:00 Refuge</p>	<p>5 6:00AM Men's Bible Study 10:00AM Women's Bible Study Out to Dinner Night at Lunas 5:30PM</p>	6	7
<p>8 9:15AM Sunday School & Play Practice 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Fellowship Congregational Prayer for the Call Process and the committee</p>	<p>9 7:00PM NA</p>	<p>10 10:00AM Dorcas in church library 7:00PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>11 8:00-10:00AM Break- ing Grounds Café 12:20PM FCA Lunch 6:00-8:00 Refuge Christmas Caroling at the Harvest Home</p>	<p>12 12:00PM Fellowship Lunch In Social Hall 6:00AM Men's Bible Study 10:00AM Women's Bible Study</p>	13	14 8:00am-5:00PM NA Reserved Social Hall
<p>15 9:15AM Sunday School & Play Practice 10:30AM Worship with communion 11:30AM Fellowship</p>	<p>16 7:00PM NA</p>	<p>17 7:00PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>18 11:00AM Chimes Deadline 8:00-10:00AM Break- ing Grounds Café 6:00-8:00 Refuge go ice skating!</p>	<p>19 6:00AM Men's Bible Study 10:00AM Women's Bible Study</p>	20	21
<p>22 Children's Christmas Program 9:15AM Play Practice 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Fellowship</p> 	<p>23 7:00PM NA</p>	<p>24 10:30PM Christ- mas Eve Service</p>	<p>25 10:30AM Christmas Worship Service</p>	<p>26 6:00AM Men's Bible Study No Women's Bible Study</p>	27	28
<p>29 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Fellowship</p>	<p>30 7:00PM NA</p>	31	<p>January 1, 2020 New Year's Day Watch the Parade! Happy New Year!</p>	<p>2 No Women's Bible Study</p>	3	<p>4 Rest up and drink lots of Fluids today, the Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood Drive is tomorrow-January 5, 2020 from 8:00am-Noon!</p>