



IMMANUEL CHURCH

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December 17th, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude
Welcome

The Children's Christmas Pageant

Interlude
Announcements
Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Praises and Prayers
Pastor's Prayer

*The Offering #668 Doxology
The Prayer of Dedication
The Lord's Prayer

Installation of 2024 Consistory - Insert

Music (Blue) #203 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

*Benediction

*Response "New Life Has Bloomed Here..."
*Postlude

Following our Worship Service today, we invite you to stay for a short "Congregational Safety Training" We anticipate this to be ten minutes or less. Thank you, Church Security Team.

We are Live Stream on:
Facebook page – Immanuel Kettlersville
YouTube Channel – Immanuel Office

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The Church Office Phone Number is 937-693-2853

Participants and those preparing today's worship service:

YOU	GOD'S PEOPLE
Sign Language	Rebecca Lenhart
Pastor	Rev. Ed Rinehart
Musician	Joe Lammers
Greeters	Kelly Shartzter Family
Liturgist	Parker Manger
Soundbooth	Ned Meyer & Magdalene Monnin
Broadcast	Kelly Shartzter
Singers	Ned, Parker, JoAnn

Next Sunday's Schedule

Liturgist: Mark Elsass
Greeters: Ralph & JoAnn Shroyer
Sound Booth: Matt & Levi Wick
Broadcast: Curt Maurer
Singers: Ned, Terry, Anita

December Benevolence

Rustic Hope - A nonprofit, located in rural Russia Ohio. They are Christ-centered, family-focused, and strongly pro-life. Rustic Hope provides free support to single mothers before, during, and after delivery. This support includes furniture, basic household items, food, vehicles, and baby items of all sorts. Rustic Hope primarily serves a six-county area, often getting referrals from other agencies. Donations of all sorts are very much appreciated and volunteers are welcomed. Rustic Hope - Because every life matters!

Thanksgivings:

Prayer Concerns:

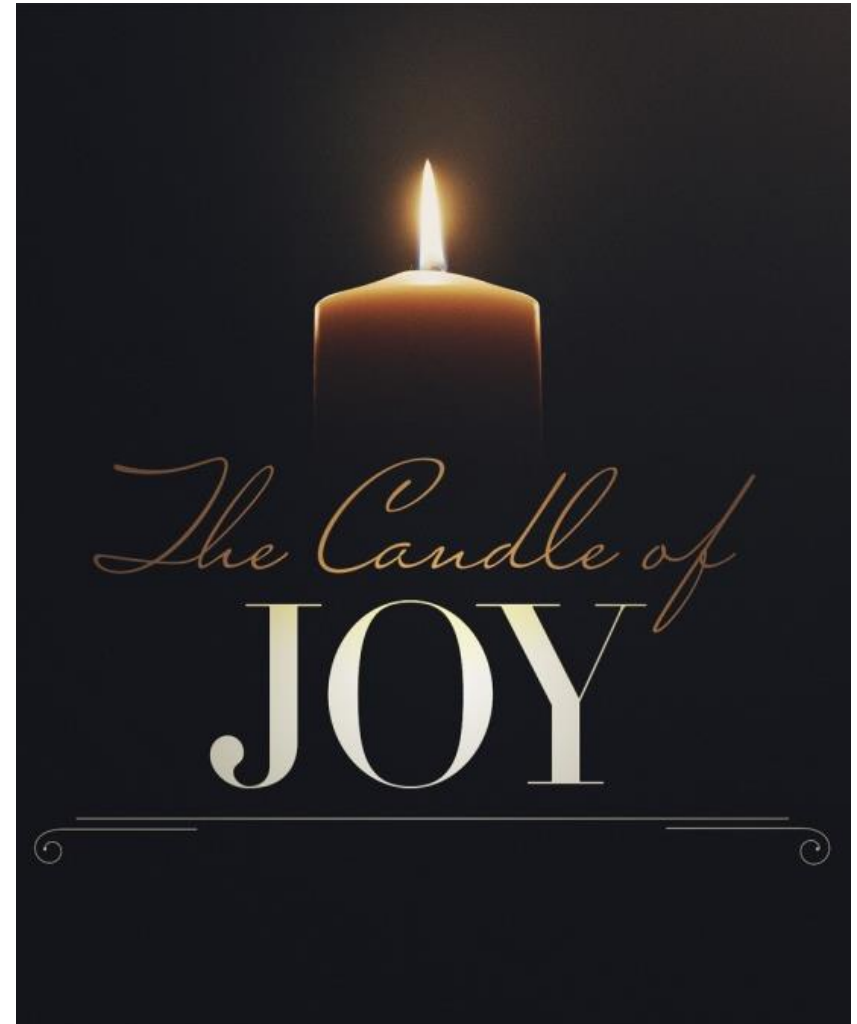
Israel, The World Conflicts, Government and World Affairs
Our Shut-ins Firefighters and First Responders
Cancer Support Group Ministry “The Shepherd’s Sheep”
Those fighting Colds, Flu, and Health Concerns
Bret Fledderjohann Jordan Banks
Priscilla Baucom Ryder Blanford
Sherry Egbert
Alli Gamble Adrian Grillot
Jane Grillot Ben Harshbarger
Gavin Herman Ashleigh Holthouse
Betty Ike Gene Kuck
Sharon Lenhart Rex Lippincott
Amy Martin Kim Nellis
Rita McCullough Connie Preston
Rita Platfoot Dean Rinehart
Avery Rohr Margie Shroyer
Jocelyn Smith Becky Tackett
Tom Went
Families mourning the loss of a loved ones
Unspoken (2)

Financial Update

<u>2023 Budget per week</u>	<u>Giving week of 12/10/2023</u>	
<u>Tithes and offerings</u>	\$1,849.06	\$1,980.00
<u>Improvement Fund</u>	\$ 144.23	\$ 20.00
<u>Rental Reimburse</u>	\$ 191.51	\$ 0.00
<u>Church Blding Rntl</u>	\$ 2.83	\$ 0.00
<u>Benevolent</u>	\$ 0.00	\$ 735.00
<u>Burkey Missionary</u>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<u>Sunday School Fund</u>	\$ 0.00	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$2,076.28	\$2,755.00

Immanuel Church

December 17, 2023



This Week around the Church

Mon. - Sat. 7-8 am Morning Coffee

December 17 Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship at Immanuel Church and Online
Children's Christmas Program during service

December 18 9:00 am – noon Pastor Ed is in the Church Office

December 19 8:30 am – 11:30 am Kelly is in the Church Office

Afternoon Pastor Ed is in the Church Office

7:00 pm Kettlersville Well Association Mtg.

December 20 8:30 am – 11:30 am Kelly is in the Church Office

Afternoon Pastor Ed is in the Church Office

December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

No Sunday School this morning.

10:15 am Worship at Immanuel Church and Online

7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Announcements

Giving Tree - The giving tree in the back of the church is for Rustic Hope. Please take one or more tags from the tree, purchase the items, and bring them back to church, unwrapped. Some of the items needed include diapers, wet wipes, shampoo/conditioner, laundry detergent, toilet paper, kid's socks, and kid's winter boots. Rustic Hope is our December benevolence recipient and cash donations may be given via the Benevolent offering throughout the month of December. All items should be brought to church by December 24.

Advent Schedule:

December 17th Third Sunday of Advent

Children's Christmas Program during Worship

December 21st Longest Night Memorial Community Christmas

Service at Holy Redeemer in New Bremen at 7 pm

December 24th Fourth Sunday of Advent

No Sunday School

7 pm Christmas Eve Service with Candle lighting and Holy Communion

The folding doors that were formerly on the front of the sound booth are no longer needed and will be removed from the building. If you are interested in having them please see Ned Meyer.

Sermons in January through March will be regarding being a Shepherd. "The Shepherd Leader" by Timothy Z. Witmer will be used to guide us on this journey. Pulling from Scripture and that of being an actual shepherd of sheep, we will explore the role.

Next week's sermon and scripture:

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon The Wait of Pregnancy - Love

Happy Birthday:

December 17th Delaney Heitkamp

December 19th Thomas Blanchard

December 23rd Magdalene Monnin

December 23rd Travis Watkins

2024 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up in the Church Sanctuary.

NO Sunday School on Sunday, December 24th. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, December 31st.

Committee Positions which are still open. If interested in being part of these ministries please see a Consistory Member.

- **Benevolent and Outreach Committee.** There are two positions open. This ministry team works on organizing the Missional projects of the Church, updating the sign outside and looking at ways to provide Outreach/Evangelism in the community.
- **Care and Hospitality Committee.** There are three positions open. This ministry team works to recognize, Graduates, newborns and other highlights in our Church family. They organize and oversee the Widow/Widower Luncheon and look to welcome new people into the congregation. This team helps to organize church wide fellowship and other opportunities for "Family Care".

Would the 2024 Consistory please come forward?

Jesus Christ is Lord of His church. Founded upon the conviction that He is the Son of God, redeemed by His blood, nourished upon His Word, upheld by His intercession, the church is His body, commissioned to do His will.

Christ did not set up His church and then abandoned her. Rather, He sent His Holy Spirit to guide the apostles into all truth, so that the body would have all it needed to do the work Christ intended and also be protected from those forces which would destroy her.

Elders were named in each congregation and given oversight in spiritual matters. Paul speaks of this responsibility in his charge to the elders from the church of Ephesus:

Be on your guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. (Acts 20:28)

An elder's work may include preaching and teaching, as in 1 Timothy 5:17; praying with the sick, as in James 5:14; shepherding the flock, as in 1 Peter 5:2-3 and also serving as a good example.

The word deacon means servant, and perhaps the word itself offers the best description of the deacon's ministry. As the elders minister to the spiritual welfare of the flock, so the deacons must minister to its material needs.

When a complaint arose in the Jerusalem church that certain widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food, the church selected seven men and the apostles turned the responsibilities over to them. (Acts 6)

This immediate and practical solution pleased everyone. The widows' needs were met; the apostles were able to concentrate on prayer and teaching; the incipient division was healed; and the church increased in numbers rapidly.

So it is today. The various ministries in the church complement each other and benefit the whole.

The elders see that the gospel is preached, taught, and lived; that prayer is continuous; that Christian love and a spirit of unity prevail; that workers are selected and trained; that the straying is brought back into the fold; and that the kingdom of Christ extends abroad.

Deacons, assist in the many areas of ministry. From their service in worship to encouraging others, assisting elders in the ministry function of the church, considering needs in our midst, and bringing them to the attention of elders and trustees. Deacons assist the Pastor in being additional eyes and ears, hands and feet in the ministry of the congregation. Deacons also consider that none in the congregation suffers a lack of food, clothing, or shelter.

Trustees see to the physical matters of the church, that facilities are available and equipped, that property is well maintained, and that financial affairs are above reproach. That the church is accessible and usable by all who wish to come and worship.

We have come today to set apart those we have selected to serve this congregation as its elders, deacons, and trustees. Let us ask God's blessings upon these individuals, that His name may be honored and His will be done.

Having prayerfully considered your nomination to your respective positions, and having been voted upon and received by the membership of the body we now ask you these questions.

Are you prepared to serve in your position?

Response: I am, with the help of God.

Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

Response: I am, with the help of God.

Members of this household of faith, having heard the commitments of these individuals, are you willing to encourage, assist, and pray for with and for these individuals as they lead this congregation?

Response: We will, with the help of God.