



We are a Christian community rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ that gathers to worship, learn and share, and reaches out to welcome, witness and serve.



Immanuel Lutheran Foundation Winter Gala 2020

Thursday, November 19, 2020, 6:00pm



Virtual Event with gourmet dinner delivered to your home or picked up at Buffalo Hill Terrace between 3:30 & 5:30pm. Virtual Auction Items Include Decorated Trees, Local Excursions, and More. RSVP by November 13 by calling 890-7165 or 890-7164 or visit www.immanuelfoundation.org/wintergala. All proceeds will help Immanuel Lutheran Communities provide services to area seniors in need.



We've made the difficult decision to suspend activities here at church for the next few weeks at least. Because of the rising numbers of COVID cases here in the Flathead, council thought it best to encourage as much staying at home as possible. Plus, fewer people in our building limits the exposure of our staff (especially Kent). Worship will continue with the 2-group model that limits our numbers to less than 50 each Sunday. I pray that we all stay healthy and well.

But limiting church activities does not mean that the work of God in our lives stops. In fact, it may give us an opportunity to follow the Spirit into new ways of service to our neighbors. You can certainly call one another on the phone and offer a word of encouragement. Or you could write an old-fashioned note card to someone – what a great opportunity this might be to adopt a pen-pal for a while! Go through your closet and pull out some clothes you don't need anymore, then donate them to Goodwill, a thrift store, or to the Heart Locker. Perhaps Immanuel or FLBC have some projects you can help with. Bake some cookies and take a few to the neighbors (even if you don't know them!).

The point is... God is not cancelled! The Spirit continues to bless us and make us a blessing to others. Celebrate that blessing! Give thanks to the Lord for all that is good and of service to our neighbors. Certainly, pray for those who are sick, or lonely, or sad. And don't ever, for a moment, think that God has abandoned us or that the church is dead. Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!

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Be well...
Pastor Scott

Advent Services

Wednesday Advent Services

December 2, 9, 16 and 23

6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer

Christmas Eve Service

7:00pm Outdoor Worship Celebration

Christmas Day Service

10:00am Worship

Online Bible Study

We are studying the book of **1st Corinthians**. It's one of Paul's most compelling letters in which he calls for unity among the believers in Corinth. Paul warns against fractiousness, condemns the urge to one-up each other, and cautions against individualization or privatization of faith. He reminds believers that they are "the body of Christ," and that their highest calling is to love. Join Pastor Scott at **7pm** on Thursday's for **1st Corinthians**. For the Zoom link, see Pastor Scott's weekly email, contact the church office, or join us on Facebook Live.

Coffee Hour With Pastor Scott

Would you like to Congregate with other church members from the comfort of your own home? Pastor Scott hosts **Coffee with Pastor Scott** on Wednesday's at 9:00am via Zoom where we meet as a group and enjoy fellowship with one another discussing the topics of the day. It's a wonderful way to stay connected with one another and experience church and fellowship in a new way. Link to either Coffee via Pastor Scott's weekly email update, or contact Pastor Scott and he can walk you through how to join.

Can you help with a little sewing?

Immanuel Lutheran Communities has pre-cut kits to make 5 PPE gowns. All you have to do is sew the pieces together! They'll even deliver the kits to you and pick them up when done. If you're interested, contact Charlene Payne at charpay57@gmail.com.



Louise Gullick, Beverly Hubbard, Ada John, Maurice Serna, Sandy Kacarka, Jane Beller Carlson, Kathy Branson, Linda Augusta, Helen Dollan, Steve Arno, Linden Wendle, Justin Goulet, Billy Byrd, Les McKean, Richard and Judy Rossow.

BLC COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
(Meeting conducted via Zoom)
October 13, 2020

Treasurer's Report (Duane Anderson)

- September Income \$36,054; expenditures \$33,952.
- Ending balance September 30th \$34,652.
- Starting balance for 2020-2021 fiscal year is \$67,642

Music Ministry Report (Marshall Jones)

- Handbell quartets off to great start; learning new techniques
- Experimenting with ways to make sound for live stream and radio better.
With broadcast audio the more things directly mic'd, the more control there is in sound that goes out.
- Recommended a dedicated piano microphone (to use exclusively for live streaming) that will give better balance of the piano with other things going on in the broadcast.

Pastor's Report (Pastor Scott Thompson)

- Pastor in quarantine so new director for Spiritual Care at Immanuel, Pastor Al Jensen, will lead worship Sunday, Oct. 18th.
- Sunday School began Oct. 4th and will meet every other Sunday at 9 am
- FLY, sponsored by Love Lives Here, began meeting in Hjortland Bldg Wednesday evenings, 6-8 pm.
- Worship/Music Committee proposed mid-week Advent services, using Holden Evening Prayer, to begin Dec. 2nd. Recommended not having soup suppers during Advent.
- Worship/Music also planning a Christmas Eve celebration at 7 pm, outside, in the parking lot, around a campfire, (weather and fire dept. permitting) with singing of Christmas carols and reading of Christmas gospel. Christmas Day service at 10 am is also being planned – inside, and it'll also be live streamed.
- UpComing Dates;
Oct. 25 – Confirmation Sunday; Nov. 1 – All Saints Day/Sunday
Nov. 8 & Dec 13 – Confirmation gatherings at FLBC 3-7 pm

Old Business

- Bill Pursell reported insurance company declined claim regarding cracks and broken bricks. It is a maintenance issue. Has contacted numerous contractors about repair but haven't heard back. Motion made/approved to authorize spending up to \$10,000, from the property contingency fund, for repairs of the bricks.
- Discussed proposal to create interim Finance Committee to review BLC's finance planning and prepare annual Mission Plan. Duane Anderson, Paul Holmgren, and Pastor Thompson will meet to propose simple ByLaw changes for vote in May to add the Finance Committee.
- Accountant Bryan Gilbertson is waiting for a new, simpler form to submit for the PPP loan forgiveness.

New Business

- A motion was made, seconded and approved to appoint Duane Anderson as Treasurer.
- Next steps on the Southside property proposal/LEAD discussed. Motion made/approved to appoint a strategic planning team by an application/nomination process by Thanksgiving and that the team be commissioned and celebrated in a worship service by Dec. 13th with the expectation that active work by the team to begin immediately after Jan. 1, 2021.
- Motion made/approved to purchase dedicated piano microphone for \$3,000, with \$2,000 from the Grand Piano fund and \$1,000 from the formerly named Air Conditioning fund.

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

November Calendar 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>9:00am</u> Worship A-M <u>9:00am</u> KOFI	2	2 <u>4:30pm</u> Hymn Histories with Marshall via Zoom <u>6:30pm</u> Committee Directors, Zoom <u>7:00pm</u> Committees, Zoom <u>8:00</u> Executive Committee, Zoom	4 <u>9:00</u> Coffee with Pastor Scott via Zoom <u>10:00am</u> Staff	5 <u>7:00pm</u> Bible Study with Pastor Scoot via Zoom	6	7
8 <u>9:00am</u> Worship N-Z <u>9:00am</u> KOFI <u>3:00pm</u> Confirmation Class, FLBC	9	10 <u>4:30pm</u> Hymn Histories with Marshall via Zoom <u>5:30pm</u> Council, Zoom	11 <u>9:00</u> Coffee with Pastor Scott via Zoom <u>10:00am</u> Staff	12 <u>7:00pm</u> Bible Study with Pastor Scoot via Zoom	13	14
15 <u>9:00am</u> Worship A-M <u>9:00am</u> KOFI	16	17 <u>4:30pm</u> Hymn Histories with Marshall via Zoom	18 <u>9:00</u> Coffee with Pastor Scott via Zoom <u>10:00am</u> Staff	19 <u>7:00pm</u> Bible Study with Pastor Scoot via Zoom	20	21
22 <u>9:00am</u> Worship N-Z <u>9:00am</u> KOFI	23 <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	24 <u>4:30pm</u> Hymn Histories with Marshall via Zoom	25 <u>9:00</u> Coffee with Pastor Scott via Zoom <u>10:00am</u> Staff	26 Happy Thanksgiving!	27	28
29 <u>9:00am</u> Worship A-M <u>9:00am</u> KOFI	30 <u>1:00pm</u> Women on the Go via Zoom					

Locations:

CM-Commons
 FH -Fellowship Hall
 FR-Fireside Room
 HB-Hjortland Bld.
 KB- Kalispell Brewing

Abbreviations

Jr. & Sr. High– Youth groups
FTF– Feed the Flathead

All in-person groups apart from Sunday worship are suspended for the time-being. However, this is subject to change. Please go to our website or watch for Pastor Scott's weekly updates for

Blood Drive

Because of you, life doesn't stop.

#VitalToLife

Kalispell Community Blood Drive Sponsored by Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Date: Tuesday, December 8th

Time: 1:15pm - 5:30pm

**Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church
603 S Main St Kalispell, MT**

Vitalant is now testing blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies.

*Appointments are strongly recommended

*Do not donate if you are sick

*This antibody test does not test for the presence of COVID-19 disease

*All successful donations will be tested for antibodies to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19

*Donors can view results in your online donor account 2 weeks after you donate

*Make an appointment with Gary Aasheim @406-698-4138 or use information below



For more information or to schedule a donation,
call **877.258.4825** or visit **vitalant.org**

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Electronic service requested



Jeanine	Pederson	11/2	Lauri	Erickson	11/18
Connor	Gilchrist	11/3	Jill	Black	11/19
Linda	Fredenberg	11/3	Margerette	Dahlgren	11/19
Austin	Gilchrist	11/3	June	Seelye	11/23
Kaitlyn	Gunderson	11/4	Hannah	Klassy	11/25
Brian	Miller	11/4	Deloris	Hofeldt	11/26
Roe	Hatlen	11/6	Mckenna	Wilson	11/27
Sherry	Baker	11/7	Bob	Anderson	11/28
John	Keith	11/8	Paul	Gregory	11/28
Katherine	Anderson	11/9	Carol	Vish	11/28
Larry	Simpson	11/9	David	Mattson	11/28
Hailey	Alvord	11/13	Heidi	Lane	11/28
Nancy	Brosten	11/14			
Jane	Spain	11/16			
Shawn	Schmid	11/16			
Sharon	Hagel	11/16			
Garth	West	11/18			

The deadline for the
 December newsletter
 is November 16th.
 Thank you!

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