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OT: Isa. 7:10-16
NT: Matt. 1:18-25

Immanuel- God with Us


The true meaning of Christmas is not the sappy sentiment that many programs and songs try to express. The joy of Christmas is the fact that God wants to live with his people. Immanuel literally translates as "God pitches his tent in the midst of his people". We do not have a distant God unconcerned about our welfare. God is our loving father who wishes to walk with us through our journey: Through the good and the bad. Joseph was a good man and things were not going the way he had envisioned. Marriage and family were important to him and doing things the right way mattered. Here he was confronted with a delicate situation. His intended wife was pregnant, and under the law, deserved death. But being a compassionate man, he didn't want to subject her to that punishment. But God often uses unexpected things to bring about his will. Christ did not come as royalty, but as a child of a carpenter and a young maiden. He came to walk with us, teach us, die on a cross for us, and be the first raised from the dead. And he continues to be close to his people.



Blessings,
 Scott



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Christmas Joy Offering

The Christmas Joy offering will be received this Sunday, December 22, 2019. Be watching for more information.

**The office will be closed from
 December 25th - January 3, 2019.
 The next issue of the Messenger will be
 published on January 6, 2020.**

Thank you Dear Eastminster Family,
 I want to thank everyone for all the cards, thoughts, and prayers sent my way through my last surgery and hospital stay. You have always been there for me and my family and have given us the strength we have needed to realize that God has worked through all of you. We send Christian love and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and blessed New Year.
 Tracey Manis

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The entire Eastminster staff would like to extend Happy Holiday wishes to you and your family as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

Scott, Mary, Trey, Erin
 Alanna, Rachel
 Marian, Mike & Anslee

Sunday, December 22, 2019

8:00 A.M. Service

Liturgist
Tony McClees

Usher
Allen Helmstetter

10:30 A.M. Service

Liturgist
Stacie Schalasky

Head Usher
Mel Ellsperman

Ushers & Greeters
Pam Doerter & Team
Corey Fritz, Pat & Jayne Manis

Acolyte
Bella Kuhs

Sunday, December 29, 2019

8:00 A.M. Service

Liturgist
John Niehaus

Usher
Matt Fiedler

10:30 A.M. Service

Liturgist
John Niehaus

Head Usher
Mel Ellsperman

Ushers & Greeters
Pam Doerter & Team
Corey Fritz, Pat & Jayne Manis

Acolyte
Elizabeth Lee

Eastminster Staff

Mike Cantrell - Housekeeper
 Scott Solether - Pastor
 Mary Fulkerson - Office Manager
 Trey Fulkerson - Youth/Pastoral Assist.
 Alanna Keenan - Director of Music
 Marian LaChance - Housekeeper
 Rachel Luttrull - Organist
 Erin Tipton - Christian Ed Director
 Anslee LaChance - Nursery Worker

Church Office Hours

M - F: 8:30 - 4:00 P.M.

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January 2020

Birthdays

- 1/1 Carolyn Tying
- 1/2 Patricia Garcia
Jane Williams
- 1/5 Jacob Webb
- 1/6 James Shelton
- 1/8 Virginia Redden
- 1/10 Brian Bailey
- 1/12 Barb Ferguson
- 1/13 Jocelyn Kuhs
Suzanne Lokey
- 1/15 Ralph Frasier
- 1/16 Sherie Hambidge
- 1/17 Sabrina Holden
- 1/19 Carol Oglesby
Brandon Solether
- 1/21 Owen Bethel
- 1/24 Barb Kuykendall
- 1/27 Ava Kuhs
- 1/28 Tyler Kuhs



Sunday Schedule

- 8:00 Worship
- 9:00 Sunday School
- 10:00 -10:30 Fellowship
- 10:30 Worship
- 6:30 PM Youth Group

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			Office Closed	Office Closed		8 AM Men's Breakfast
				4 PM Mahjong		7 PM Choir
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		9 AM Quilters	7 AM Men's Breakfast @ Carousel	9 AM 4C Play & Learn		8-11 AM Civic Theatre Annual Pancake Breakfast
		4:30 Youth Office Hours	6 PM Assembly Night	4 PM Mahjong		
		6:55 PM Men's Bible Study		7 PM Choir		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		9 AM Quilters	7 AM Men's Breakfast @ Carousel	9 AM 4C Play & Learn		
		4:30 Youth Office Hours		4 PM Mahjong		
		6:55 PM Men's Bible Study		7 PM Choir		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Office Closed	9 AM Quilters	7 AM Men's Breakfast @ Carousel	9 AM 4C Play & Learn		
		4:30 Youth Office Hours	6 PM Session	4 PM Mahjong		
		6:55 PM Men's Bible Study		7 PM Choir		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		9 AM Quilters	7 AM Men's Breakfast @ Carousel	9 AM 4C Play & Learn		
		4:30 Youth Office Hours		4 PM Mahjong		
		Noon: Book Club		7 PM Choir		
		6:55 PM Men's Bible Study				

Christian Education



Joseph and Mary



The Angels



The Narrators



The Shepherds



The Wise People



The Whole Christmas Pageant Crew

Thanks to all those who helped with the Christmas Pageant this year! It was so wonderful and the kids did such a great job. A huge thank you to Alanna Keenan, Daniel Holden, Jenny and Chris Kuhs, and all the children and youth for always being willing to participate. A job well done!

Christmas Blessings from the CE Committee