

Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to...

4-Dec: Tim Behrens, Tristyn Brooks, Cynthia Funderburg, Aspen Horton, Rylan Huber, Nora Wiggs

5-Dec: Mickey Lehocky, Scott Matzer

6-Dec: Toni Heiden, Stephanie Kuligowski, Emma Martin, Joyce Montgomery, Tara O'Malley

7-Dec: Isabella Gray, Dwayne Martinez, Krista Mastroianni, Roy Voigt

8-Dec: Damien Collado, Teresa Hay, Florette Kaiser, Beverly Larsen, Grace Mertel, Tom Weddle

9-Dec: T.J. Farkas, Dean Giesey, Tori Holsten, Dane Jensen, Karin Kretschmer, Alexander White, Paul Wilbrandt

10-Dec: Karson Hollander, Lanie Kreuz, Michelle Proctor, Lisa Solak

Happy Anniversary to...

4-Dec: (40 yrs) Steve & Amy Moeller

5-Dec: (18 yrs) Steve & Carrie McWilliams

6-Dec: (8 yrs) Clay & Michelle McCarthy

7-Nov: (42 yrs) Wolfgang & Theresa Neumeier

10-Dec: (56 yrs) Herbert & Rosemarie Brierley (28 yrs) Tom & Karin Kretschmer

6 pm Sat. Evening Traditional Service
Historic Church

8 am Sun. Traditional Service
Commons

9:30 & 11 am Sun. Contemporary Service
Commons

9:30 am Sun Sunday School, Student Ministries
and Adult Bible Studies
Commons

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Connecting through Praise & Worship:

Thanksgiving Eve Worship: 148

Sat 6 pm: 81 Sun 8 am: 134

Sun 9:30 am: 160 Sun 11 am: 132

Total: 655

Education Hour: Adults: 78; Children: 136

In Our Prayers

Family & Friends

Ayares, Hannah	Peterson, Lorelei
Burns-Dorsett, Maida	Rasmussen, Blanche
Hall, Barbara	Ricker, Lenore
Haseman, Irma	Rolando, Sally
Illich, Seth	Schroeder, Chuck
Johnson, Harry	Shipbaugh, Keith
Kearley, Don	Stone, Robert
Knudsen, Ava	Tatarinowicz, Roman
Markham, Amber	Voigt, Horst
Nolte, Nova	Wilson, Char

Military Personnel

Annand, Elizabeth	Lyster, Geoffrey
Bernero, Justin	McDonald, Matthew
Bickley, Chad	Neumeier, Eric
Blasy, Bryan	Page, Daniel
Blum, Todd	Picard, Michael
Chan, Mike	Reed, Bill
Connelly, Christopher	Rizzo, Robert
Erickson, Brandon	Sanders, Joe
Fessler, Julia	Shulfer, Erin
Hanson, Erik	Sylvester, Clayton
Katzenberger, KC	Vargas III, Ramon
Kearley, Kevin	Wood, Jeremy
Lowe, Andrew	Wood, Nick

WePray

This week we prayed over the congregational prayers and Chapel prayers. We lifted up those needing your healing touch including, Gloria Wine, Jean Dorn, and Don Kearley. We prayed for Sandra Menas' Father who is in hospice care and for Jane Otto's mom. We prayed for the family, friends, and entire Prairie Ridge community in the tragic loss of a student this past week. We lifted up the Neider family and Pastor Erik's safety in serving our country. We prayed for Chad, for the Upward Ministry, Sunday School classes, and the upcoming Advent worship services for those to hear about good news of Christ. We prayed for our country and gave prayers of thanksgiving for safe travels for our Immanuel families and the many blessings we've had this year.

In Other Business

Contributions: (Nov 24 – 30, 2016)

Contributions: \$14,687

Budgeted Contributions: \$20,814

Mission - Northern Illinois District: \$259

Capital Reserve: \$471

City on a Hill Giving Campaign: \$7,215

City on a Hill Giving Campaign (11/30/16):

Participating Families: 213

Total Pledged: \$3,315,459

Total Received: \$1,542,453

Contribution Summary: Jan—Nov 2016

Actual: \$800,181

Budget: \$873,682

Share the News!

We look forward to hearing what's
happening here at Immanuel

- Deadline:** Wednesday noon
- Size of Announcement:** 50 words or less
- Must Include:** Contact Name, Phone & eMail Address

E-mail submissions to:

announcements@immanuelcl.org

Announcements are subject to approval, may be edited, and must be Immanuel related, reflecting the mission of the church and school. Announcements may run up to two weeks prior to an event, depending on space, calendar and timing. We're excited to hear about what's happening next here at Immanuel!



*"Touching Hearts and Transforming Lives
with the Light of Jesus Christ"*

December 4 – 10, 2016

Today . . .

Welcome as we begin

"The Gifts of Christmas" sermon series!

With today's sermon,

"The Gift of Hope"

Rev. Dr. Larry Tieman, Senior Pastor

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Mid-Week Advent Services:

December 7 and December 14 at 7 pm
The Commons

Christmas Services:

Christmas Eve (December 24) 2 & 4 pm
Commons

Christmas Eve (December 24) 8 & 10 pm
Historic Church

Christmas Day (December 25) 10 am
Commons

New Years Weekend Services:

Saturday, December 31 6 pm Historic Church

Sunday, January 1 8, 9:30 & 11 Commons

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This Week...

SUN Dec 4:

8, 9:30 & 11 am Worship
9:30 am Education Hour
2—5 pm Frugalista Ladies Christmas Extravaganza—The Pointe
3—6 pm Parent Night Out
8 pm Men’s Basketball

MON Dec 5:

7:50—9 am Bible Study—Library
9—11 am Prayer Shawl — The Pointe
2:30—4 pm Varsity Girls Basketball Practice
6 pm Var Boys (7th Gr) Basketball Game at St. Thomas, Crystal Lake

TUES Dec 6:

9—11 am MOPS
2:30—5 pm Varsity Girls Basketball Practice
5 pm Varsity Boys Basketball Game at Home vs. Elgin
6—7:30 pm Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice
7 pm Lifetree Café—The Pointe

WED Dec 7:

8 am Chapel
8:30 am WePray—Conference Room
4:30—8:30 pm Upward Practices
4:30—6:45 pm Youth Night
7 pm Advent Worship Service

THURS Dec 8:

9:30 am Bible Study at The Pointe
2:30 pm Bible Study at The Pointe
2:30—4 pm Varsity Girls Basketball Practice
4—5:30 pm Varsity Boys Basketball Practice at Faith
5:30—7 pm Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice at Faith

FRI Dec 9:

4:30—8:30 pm Upward Practices

SAT Dec 10:

Upward Basketball Games
10 am—2 pm Blood Drive at The Pointe
6 pm Worship at Historic Church

SUN Dec 11:

8, 9:30 & 11 am Worship
9:30 am Education Hour
3—5:30 pm Confirmation Catechism Training Event
8 pm Men’s Basketball

MEN’S BASKETBALL — Join us on Sunday evenings beginning 8 pm for men’s basketball in the gym.

LADIES OF IMMANUEL! Save the Date! April 7— 8, 2017, an “Easy Rider” Retreat in Lake Geneva, WI.

Plugging In

WE ARE EXCITED to announce that Pastor Bob Pudell has accepted the call to serve as Executive Pastor here at Immanuel Lutheran Church! We look forward to having him start after the new year!

NEW MEMBER/GOD CONNECTS CLASS — Sundays from 9:30-10:30am in Room 204. This study explains Christian faith by presenting God’s work of salvation, the key beliefs of Christianity, and various practical aspects for faithfully living the believer’s life. If you are interested in attending, contact Monica Wolowiec at mwolowiec@immanuelcl.org.

BIBLE STUDY—New topic starting this weekend. Sundays at 9:30 am in room 203 — The Lutheran Difference Series: Holy Baptism. Led by Verne and Bonnie Schultz.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY — *The Great Deceiver* meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am upstairs in room 201, led by Peter Haupt. All men are invited.

A SEARCH FOR LEGACY — Sundays at 9:30 am in the Music Room. What exactly is Legacy? Is family history relevant? And can we share faith with family that follows? Over the next six weeks explore ideas, biblical examples, and tools to help begin your search and discover the value of a family constitution.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE CLASS — “Stuff They Didn’t Teach Me in Sunday School” Led by David Schiman, Thurs., 2:30pm at The Pointe.

LIFETREE CAFÉ, Tuesday Nov 29 TOPIC: The impact of atheism in America will be explored on Tuesday, at The Pointe, 7:00pm.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS — Unshakable study! Anyone is welcome to come and join us on Thursdays at 9:30 am at The Pointe!

BLOOD DRIVE **CHANGE OF DATE TO DEC 10**— Heartland has a very special promotion going on for our next drive. They are bringing their “jingle mobile” to The Pointe on **Saturday, Dec 10 from 10 am—2 pm**. You may sign up after church services this weekend or by calling Beth Schneider at 815-4777-7332.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA FRUGALISTA STYLE! Join us Sunday Dec. 4, 2016 at the Pointe from 2 - 5 pm. Learn how to have a Frugal and Fabulous Christmas with easy DIY’s, tips and tricks! Have fun shopping with unique crafters and vendors. Want to swap a Christmas item /gift/decor you no longer use? Bring an item, swap that item and go home with something that is new to you. Prizes for everyone, appetizers and drinks.

TIJUANA 2017 MISSION TRIP — Prayerfully consider joining Pastor Tieman on Immanuel’s annual mission trip to build houses for needy families in Tijuana July 21—28. No building skills or knowledge of Spanish is required. Contact Paul or Beth Schneider for additional information at paul_beth_schneider@msn.com or call 815-477-7332.

Panther Prints

LIBRARY CORNER — December is here and we are so excited to celebrate Jesus’ birthday here in the library. HIS story is amazing! Please read or tell this wonderful story with your student! Don’t forget to ask questions, the details never fail to amaze them!!

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY — From 7:50-9:00 am in the school Library, join in to get closer to God and to one another. We are doing a DVD based, Concordia Publishing House study called, “Working For the Man Upstairs”.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS AND VENDORS!! Our annual Spring Spotlight Craft & Vendor Fair is **FRIDAY, MARCH 3** from **6—9 pm**. If you would like to display your crafts or business, please contact Marlene at marlene_mcginnis2000@yahoo.com. Registration forms are also available in the office.

CHILD’S GIVE BACK PROGRAM will benefit Operation Christmas Child now through December 31. Fliers are available in the office and the back of Church. Fifteen percent of bill will be donated.

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE — Sunday, Dec 4, 1—4 pm. All invited to visit a Christian alternative to our local public high schools, and meet some awesome cool staff and students. Come see how we have reached 100 students and growing.

MANY THANKS — On behalf of the Altar Guild, we would like to thank the school parent decorating committee for the beautiful Christmas decorations in the Commons. It looks wonderful!!

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS who are interested in ringing bells! Next Sunday, December 11, we will be meeting at 7 am to practice a Christmas song for the 8 am worship service. I’ll bring breakfast! Hope to see you there. Call or text Amy Moeller at 630-667-7869 or email at amoellerc3f3@gmail.com if you have any questions.

AMAZONSMILE is a simple way to support Immanuel while doing your online Christmas shopping! Simply go to smile.amazon.com to shop — you’ll find the exact same low prices as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price back to Immanuel! Your first time using AmazonSmile just put Immanuel Lutheran Church Crystal Lake in as your charity. Millions of products are eligible for donations — you will see eligible products marked “Eligible for AmazonSmile donation” on their product detail pages. Easy peasy!

MANY THANKS to all of you who included me in your prayers and sent cards and notes during my recent hip surgery. My surgery went well and my recovery seems to be “on schedule”. God’s good blessings to you all and again, many thanks for your prayers and concern! Pastor Bergen

CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS — The Altar Guild will be purchasing poinsettias to be used in the chancel areas this holiday season. The plants will remain there through January 1. If you wish to donate a plant(s), please complete the order form and return it to the church office by December 9. Order forms can be found at the resource table or by asking an usher.

Other News

THE GIVING TREE this year is asking for gift cards to allow families with limited resources the ability to purchase items they need. If you purchase gift cards through Manna, a percentage will go back to Immanuel, it’s a win-win situation!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION — There will be a congregational Q & A on **December 18** immediately following the 11 am service to present the 2017 budget. The annual Voters’ Meeting will be January 15, 2017. In addition, we are now receiving nominations for a Discipleship Pastor. Please give your nominations to Pastor Tieman or Tony Ebel. We are also receiving nominations for vacant positions on the Board of Governance. Please give your nominations to Randy Helm.

GREAT NEWS!! Our church’s Bible study library is now digital . . . and gigantic!! Join for free! You should have received an invitation e-mail to register for RightNow Media. Click the Get Started button in the e-mail, create your profile, then explore!! If you did not get an invite, contact Monica Wolowiec at mwolowiec@immanuelcl.org.

CL FOOD PANTRY — Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the Community Harvest food drive. We collected 120 bags totaling 1,643 pounds and \$165.00

PRAYER SHAWL meets Monday, Dec 5 at The Pointe. Pastor Tieman is coming to bless the shawls and blankets at 9 am, we need to meet earlier to set up. Please be sure to bring finished and in progress items to the meeting.

How Can We Help?

Rev. Larry Tieman, Senior Pastor

Bob Dorn, Go Leader

Edward Bower, School Principal

Lynette Mobley, Business Manager

Julie Kearley, Office Manager

Laura Gilleland, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Karl Koenig, Director of Student Ministries

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