

Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to...

18-Dec: Andrew Czarnecki, Elfriede Moliviatis, Inge Twaddle, Liam Wahlert

19-Dec: Matthew Hardt, Judy Lockwood, Jane Otto

20-Dec: Dawn Clark, Maeva Cochrane, Rachel Linden, Matt Waughon

21-Dec: Kurt Farnam, John Grischow, Lauren Hillers, Harold Jahnke, Lane Repholz, Skyler Shaffer, Jocelyn Shulfer, Danell Waters

22-Dec: Patrycja Cress, Kalynn Dodd, Kevin Koenig, Shanna Laird, Joey Marco, Aidan Olmstead, Georgia Simonsen, Kathryn Wine, Jenny Wirth

23-Dec: Blanche Rasmussen, Curtis Slack

24-Dec: Heather Denny, Cathy Grindstaff, Sean Lohmeyer, Jenne Rupe, Doreen Warfel

Happy Anniversary to...

19-Dec: (57 yrs) Jerry & Sandra Elpers

20-Dec: (3 yrs) Brian & Stephanie Lachel

21-Dec: (48 yrs) Tom & Patricia Tews

22-Dec: (9 yrs) Gareth & Katie Gabb

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:

Advent Service (12/7): 337

Sat 6 pm: 72 Sun 8 am: 105

Sun 9:30 am: 114 Sun 11 am: 132

Total: 760

Education Hour: Adults: 74; Children: 165

In Our Prayers

Family & Friends

Ayares, Hannah	Peterson, Lorelei
Burns-Dorsett, Maida	Rasmussen, Blanche
Gray, Gabby	Ricker, Lenore
Haseman, Irma	Rolando, Sally
Illich, Seth	Schroeder, Chuck
Johnson, Harry	Shipbaugh, Keith
Kienzle, Charlie	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, Chad, Don Kearley, Lauren Major, Hannah Ayares and baby Graham in ICU following a premature birth with mom, Haylie. We prayed for Sandra Menas' Father who is in hospice care and for Jane Otto's mom. We prayed for Pastor Tieman and for the new pastor that will be starting in January. We prayed for the upcoming congregational meeting and the call process for the Discipleship Pastor. We prayed for Upward, as another season comes to a close, for the leaders and children involved in Upward. We prayed for our church and school staff. We prayed for Chaplain Neider's safe homecoming. Also, for the Advent services, Dana Robinson, leader of our children Advent services, and praise and thanksgiving for the beautiful Chapel led by Grades 1—4 this morning.

In Other Business

Contributions: (Dec 8 – 14, 2016)

Contributions: \$15,813

Budgeted Contributions: \$23,375

Mission - Northern Illinois District: \$251

Capital Reserve: \$306

City on a Hill Giving Campaign: \$4,403

City on a Hill Giving Campaign (12/14/16):

Participating Families: 214

Total Pledged: \$3,315,459

Total Received: \$1,564,415

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 18–24, 2016

Today . . .

Welcome as we continue

"The Gifts of Christmas" sermon series!

With today's sermon,

"The Gift of Joy"

Rev. Dr. Larry Tieman, Senior Pastor

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

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 18:

8, 9:30 & 11 am Worship
9:30 am Education Hour
12:15 pm Congregational Q & A Meeting—
Commons
8 pm Men's Basketball

MON Dec 19: No School

9:30 am—2 pm Volunteer Day at Crystal Lake
Food Pantry

TUES Dec 20: No School

11 am—12:30 pm Var Girls Basketball
Practice
4—5:30 pm Var Boys Basketball Practice
7 pm Lifetree Café—The Pointe

WED Dec 21: No School

4:30—6:45 pm Youth Night

THURS Dec 22: No School

9:30 am Bible Study at The Pointe
11 am—12:30 pm Var Girls Basketball
Practice
2:30 pm Bible Study at The Pointe
6:30 pm Praise Team Practice

FRI Dec 23: No School

Church and School Offices Closed

SAT Dec 24: Christmas Eve

2 & 4 pm Worship—Commons
8 & 10 pm Worship w/Communion—Historic
Church

SUN Dec 25: Christmas Day

10 am Worship—Commons

Plugging In

EDUCATION HOUR — The new session of the Education Hour (Sundays at 9:30 am) will kick off on January 8, 2017. Visit Immanuel's website at www.immanuelcl.org or pick up a handout from the connection center to learn about what classes will be available.

PLEDGE CARDS — Don't forget to turn in your 2017 Stewardship Pledge Cards. Extra cards are available at the Connection Desk.

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!

ADULT CHOIR WELCOME!! I am honored and delighted to be the new Director of Music at Immanuel Lutheran Church. For the past 22 years, I was the Director of Music at First Congregational Church in Dundee and a recently retired Wheaton middle and high school band director. It's time to start getting excited about starting up choir once again. Whether you are seasoned veteran singer or wish to try singing God's praise for the first time, you are welcome in our choir. Our first rehearsal together is set for **Tuesday, January 10 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the Music Room.** So, warm up those vocal chords, sing your favorite Christmas carols and get ready to part of an active and spirit led choir. I wish you and your family a Blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year. My wife Cheri and I look forward to being part of the Immanuel family.

Peace, Robert Blazek

WELCOME FAMILY AND GUESTS AT CHRISTMAS! A willing heart is all that is required as the men of Immanuel get together, don red scarves, and sing carols outside the start of each Christmas service. Check in with Dave Schumacher at 815-630-2215 or Roger Otto at 815-459-4015, let us know you're joining in!

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.

CRYSTAL LAKE FOOD PANTRY — The next Immanuel volunteer workday at the CL Food Pantry is Monday, December 19, 9:30 am—2 pm. For information about volunteering, please contact Linda Mader at 815-459-3349.

Panther Prints

LIBRARY CORNER — I would like to thank you all for your help and generosity in maintaining our beautiful school library. Give yourself a gift and take time to read the "Happy Birthday Jesus" story with your children or encourage them to read it to the family! It is found in Luke, written by my favorite AUTHOR and HE loves us all! Merry Christmas! P.S. Books make a great gift!

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM — Mrs. Koenig and I want to thank the volunteers who so lovingly help us out every month. We so enjoy your precious children and love watching them serve others in so many ways. This year Kids of the Kingdom celebrate 25 years at Immanuel; many of our former Kids continue to make a difference in this world. We are, after all, HIS hands and feet. Thank you for your support!

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is off for Christmas break and will resume on January 9, 2017.

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.

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!

LIFETREE CAFÉ, Tuesday Dec 13 TOPIC: Perspectives on intelligent design theory 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!

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

MANY THANKS! On behalf of the Heartland Blood Center and their Jingle bus promotion, we want to thank all donors and potential donors for taking the time to participate in this special event that was held at The Pointe on December 10. If you are able to donate now and would like to donate at another Jingle bus site, please contact Beth Schneider at 815-404-0263 for more information. Dates available are December 19, 21, 22 and 28. Our next Community Blood Drive will be in early march. Watch for updates as we get closer.

Other News

IMPORTANT INFORMATION — There will be a congregational Q & A **TODAY, Sunday, December 18** immediately following the 11 am service to present the 2017 budget. The annual Voters' Meeting will be January 15, 2017. 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.

LET'S KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS — This year and every year!! A limited supply of "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets are available to display proudly on your car. Donations are welcome (but not necessary). Visit the Immanuel office to pick one up!

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.

NO PRAYER SHAWL meeting on Monday, December 19. Next meeting will be held on Monday, January 9.

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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