

Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to...

25-Dec: Ruth Perkins, Cathy Seegers
 26-Dec: Jameson Higgins, Danielle Irwin, Roger Otto
 27-Dec: Michael Feffer, Allie Kreuz, Anna McCannon, Christine Perkins, Kathryn Perkins, Carol Schueneman
 28-Dec: David Byrnes, Ella Danielson, Ethan Farnam, Avery Kuligowski, Griffin Smith, Colton Strauss
 29-Dec: James Berg, Ralph Cornett, Al Edlund, Shelly Faulkner
 30-Dec: Andrew Buchta, Ryan Fitzgerald, Bobby Mahoney
 31-Dec: Ame Greco, Melissa Nolte, Mark Proctor, Patrick Stapleton

Happy Anniversary to...

26-Dec: (46 yrs) Ron & Kathy Schulz
 27-Dec: (2 yrs) Joe & Kathy Malambri
 (64 yrs) Ed & Ann Meier
 (47 yrs) Tom & Jan Weddle
 28-Dec: (53 yrs) Glen & Bobby Jensen
 30-Dec: (5 yrs) Rick & Taya Pennington
 31-Dec: (17 yrs) Tony & Dayle Beyer
 (43 yrs) Thomas & Shirley Bianco
 (33 yrs) Michael & Susan Fessler

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 (12/14): 233

Sat 6 pm: 82 Sun 8 am: 84

Sun 9:30 am: 230 Sun 11 am: 93

Total: 722

Education Hour: Adults: 55; Children: 149

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



In Other Business

Contributions: (Dec 15 – 21, 2016)

Contributions: \$19,922

Budgeted Contributions: \$23,375

Mission - Northern Illinois District: \$783

Capital Reserve: \$313

City on a Hill Giving Campaign: \$3,715

City on a Hill Giving Campaign (12/21/16):

Participating Families: 214

Total Pledged: \$3,315,459

Total Received: \$1,568,130

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 25–31, 2016

Today . . .

Welcome as we continue

"The Gifts of Christmas" sermon series!

"The Gift of Peace"

Rev. Dr. Larry Tieman, Senior Pastor

Sunday School and Education Hour Classes
 Beginning Jan 8 (unless otherwise noted)

Tot Time for Parents and Toddlers in the gym
 Sunday School (3 yr old through 5th grade) Registration table located in front of computer lab
 The Verge (6th Grade) in Room 211
 The Path (7th Grade) in Room 210
 The Path (8th & 9th Graders) in MP Room
 Cup of Joe w/John (Grades 10-12) in Youth Room

Adult Studies:

Lifetree Café—Library
 The Lutheran Difference—Room 203
 God Connects — Room 204
 It Starts At Home — Room 202
 Joseph: Carpenter of Steel (Men's Study) — Room 201
 Book of Matthew — Music Room (Begins 1/15/17)

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This Week...

SUN Dec 25: Christmas Day

10 am Worship—Commons
No Education Hour or Sunday School

MON Dec 26: No School Church and School Offices Closed

TUES Dec 27: No School

7 pm Lifetree Café—The Pointe

WED Dec 28: No School

THURS Dec 29: No School

9:30 am Bible Study at The Pointe
2:30 pm Bible Study at The Pointe
6:30 pm Praise Team Practice

FRI Dec 30: No School

Church and School Offices Closed

SAT Dec 31: New Year's Eve

6 pm Worship—Historic Church

SUN Jan 1: New Year's Day

8, 9:30 & 11 am Worship
No Education Hour or Sunday School

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. A listing is also available on the front of these Announcements.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP? We are offering our next session of the class, **"God Connects," beginning on Sunday, January 8th, from 9:30-10:30am in Room 204 at Immanuel** (300 S. Pathway Ct., Crystal Lake IL 60014). 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. This is a **7 week course that runs from Jan 8 through Feb 19**. If you are interested in attending the "God Connects" class, or if you have questions, contact Monica Wolowiec at mwolowiec@immanuelcl.org.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – "Simplify": Have your time commitments, relationships and/or finances been depleting you? Join us on Monday Mornings in the Library from 7:50-9:00 am where we will talk about and gain new insights on ways we can simplify our lives...with God as our center. This is a 4 week study where Bill Hybels leads us through DVD and discussion and helps us create a life with greater peace and energy given to the things that matter most. Class will meet on Mondays Jan. 9th, 23, 30 and Feb. 6th.

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.

PRAYER SHAWL — Next meeting will be held on Monday January 9.

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

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

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.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS! I'd like to invite you to start off the new year ringing praises to God. We've been having a high school aged group of bell ringers add to worship on the second Sunday of each month. It's only a one-day commitment because we practice at 7 am and play at the 8 am worship service. I'll even bring breakfast! I hope you will join us on Sunday, January 8. Bring a friend. No previous experience is needed! Any questions, you can e-mail me at amoellerc3f3@gmail.com or text or call me at 630-667-7869.

TJUANA 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.

Other News

NO SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR OR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 25 OR JANUARY 1. Classes resume on January 8, 2017.

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

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.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED — this is an easy way to connect with other folks in our church! On Sundays, Country Donuts has donuts ready for pick-up. If you like, you can add more than the donuts, and there is always cookies, crackers, juice, and accessories at both locations. You can do it individually, as a family, partner with another family, as a group, etc. If you can help, please contact Wendy Bouchard at wendy@cai-chicago.com

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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