

Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to...

19-Nov: April Callahan, LeeAnn Cropsey, Monica Feltes, Jack Goeddeke, Andrew Haupt, Scott Luetschwager, Matt Paul, Matthew Warfel
 20-Nov: Barry Phelps
 21-Nov: Hazel Brozenec, Paul Haack, Pam Hickey, Ginger Karnatz, Jan Smith
 22-Nov: Stacy DeCristofaro, Micaiah Noack, Maggie Sherly, Aiden Shulfer, Erick Walter, Darren Wright, Jennifer Wright
 23-Nov: Lino DeCristofaro, Grant Johnson, Susan Poduch, Isaiah Williams
 24-Nov: Glen Jensen, Bob Ratcliff, Mariya Scott
 25-Nov: Terry Bandu, Joe Bartell, Amy Hunter, Mark Sherly

Happy Anniversary to...

19-Nov: (23 yrs) Martin & Jana Tarazi
 21-Nov: (47 yrs) Howard & Karen Tisch
 23-Nov: (16 yrs) Joe & Stephanie Marco
 25-Nov: (39 yrs) Paul & Beth Schneider

Connecting through Praise & Worship:

Saturday 6 pm: 74 Sunday 8 am: 153
 Sunday 9:30 am: 144 Sunday 11 am: 132
 Total: 503

Education Hour: Adults: 129 Children & Youth: 208

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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Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran
Congregation, Inc.

In Our Prayers

Family & Friends

Bottcher, Sabrina	Schneiderwind, Joy
Dorsett, Maida	Schroeder, Chuck
Haseman, Irma	Schumacher, Jeri
Nolte, Nova	Seegers, Lil
Rasmussen, Blanche	Shipbaugh, Keith

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 Family and friends listed in the prayer section above
 can be added by calling the church office at 815-459-
 1441. These names will remain in print for two
 weeks unless otherwise requested.

Military Personnel

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

WePray

We prayed for the congregational prayer concerns from the Connection Cards. We praised God for the wonderful Grandperson's day as we honored all veterans. Praise and thanksgiving for the talents of Dana Robinson and Amy Moeller. We prayed for safe travels during the upcoming Thanksgiving break and for our country and the tensions with North Korea. We prayed for the college kids who are questioning their faith; please allow God's guidance to lead them into churches and Christian groups on campus. We prayed for the upcoming surgery and recovery of Jan Smith's son, Greg. We prayed for Chad's interview and for Valerie's recent car accident. We prayed for our Pastors and Bob and Jean Dorn. Lastly, prayers for our military, those who will be away at Thanksgiving and all those who served our great country.

In Other Business

Contributions: (Nov 9—15, 2017)

Contributions: \$27,928

Budgeted Contributions: \$19,811

Mission - Northern Illinois District: \$632

Capital Reserve: \$177

City on a Hill Giving Campaign: \$5,972

City on a Hill Giving Campaign (11/15/17):

Participating Families: 217

Total Pledged: \$3,317,992

Total Received: \$1,937,273

Contribution Summary: Jan-October 2017

Actual: \$750,416

Budget: \$753,550

Thrivent Choice Dollars (November 2017):

Immanuel Lutheran Church: \$406

Immanuel Lutheran School: \$731

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.



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

November 19—25, 2017

Today . . .

"Call of Duty – Our Vocation of Vigilance!"

Rev. Robert Pudell, Executive Pastor



As we count our blessings, we would especially like to give thanks to God for all our faithful Immanuel Lutheran volunteers!

Thank you for your dedication!

Thank you for sharing in the responsibilities!

Thank you for caring for others!

Thank you for serving with joy!

Thank you for seeing the vision!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

**From the Immanuel Lutheran Church
and School Staff**

This Week...

SUN Nov 19:

8, 9:30 & 11 am Worship
9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Education Hour
12 Noon Houston Mission Trip Mtg—Conf Room
5—7 pm Jr. High Youth Night
7—9 pm High School Youth Night
8 pm Men's Basketball

MON Nov 20:

7:50 am Bible Study—Library
9—11 am Prayer Shawl—The Pointe
2:20—3:20 pm Sticky Fingers Cooking—Art Room
2:30—4 pm JV Boys Basketball Practice
4—5:30 pm Var Girls Basketball Practice
5:30—7 pm Var Boys Basketball Practice
5:30—7 pm JV Girls Basketball Practice @ Faith

TUES Nov 21:

9—11 am MOPS
2:15—3:15 pm Chess Scholars—Library
2:30—3:30 pm Adult Bells—Music Room
2:30—4 pm JV Boys Basketball Practice
4—5:30 pm Var Girls Basketball Practice
5:30—7 pm JV Girls Basketball Practice
5:30—7 pm Var Boys Basketball Practice @ Faith
7 pm Lifetree Café—The Pointe
7—8 pm Adult Choir—Commons
8—9 pm Cantata Rehearsal

WED Nov 22: No School

7 pm Thanksgiving Worship

THURS Nov 23: Thanksgiving (No School)

FRI Nov 24: No School

7—9 pm Praise Team Practice

SAT Nov 25:

6 pm Worship—Historic Church

SUN Nov 26:

8, 9:30 & 11 am Worship
9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Education Hour
5—7 pm Jr. High Youth Night
7—9 pm High School Youth Night
8 pm Men's Basketball

LADIES, 'SAVE THE DATE'. Immanuel's next Women's Retreat will be on **MAY 11-12, 2018**. We will gather at The Geneva Bay Centre in Lake Geneva, WI.

Plugging In

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT IMMANUEL

Mid-Week Advent Worship

December 6, 13 & 20, 7 pm, Commons

Christmas Cantata

December 10, 8 & 9:30 am, Commons

Christmas Eve

December 24, 9:30 am & 3 pm, Commons

Candlelight Services

December 24, 8 & 10 pm, Historic Church

Christmas Day

December 25, 10 am, Commons

HOUSTON MISSION TRIP – January 6 - 14, 2018. Information meeting on SUN NOV 19 at noon in the conference room. Scope of work includes dry walling homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey and community outreach projects. Information handbook available in the main hall – including special trip pricing for Immanuel members. Register at www.chicagoareamissionpartnership.com.

THRIVENT CHOICE PROGRAM allows you to direct your "Choice Dollars" charitable funds to our congregation. Please consider choosing "Immanuel Lutheran" when selecting your recipient choice. Immanuel has been blessed by this program. Go to www.thrivent.com, click on "Choice Dollars" or call 1-800-847-4836.

REFORMATION ACTIVITIES CONTINUE . . . 95 Acts of

Kindness! As of November 15, 60 Acts of Kindness have been completed. Meals, kind notes, baskets of love, and more have been done! Share God's Love with the Community! Send updates of your act of kindness to Sharon Tieman at stieman@immanuelcl.org. **95 Days in the Word!** Grow in God's Word!

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT — Ladies of Immanuel are invited to attend the 11th Annual Advent By Candlelight! Join us for a festive evening of dessert and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season. Caryn Rivadeneira will be our guest speaker. She will be sharing her talk of "Women of Christmas" at The Pointe on Friday, December 1 at 7 pm. Admission is only \$5.00!! Sign up as a hostess or as a participant. Invite your friends! RVSP to Debbie Risner by Nov. 24 at 815.347.6855 or risnerfam27@sbcglobal.net.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — The 2018 Budget Q & A Presentation will be held in the Commons on Sunday, December 10 following the late service.

PRAYER SHAWL meeting Monday, November 20 at the Pointe from 9—11 am. All are welcome!

Plugging In

LIBRARY CORNER — It's almost Thanksgiving time and we have so much to be thankful for here in the Library. Besides amazing students and a large selection of books, we have many fine folks who support our "Ready Readers" with lovely gifts. Kreagan Shipbaugh is sharing a Birthday book with us this week. Yay! Mr. & Mrs. Roger Otto donated a fabulous rocking chair to us. Also books and stuffed animals continue to fill the need to read. Thank you all! We plan to read all about Thanksgiving this week. It's not all about the turkey after all! Maybe your student will tell you the story!

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM — Our paper bag Turkeys were well received by grandparents and shut-ins. Also, with MOPS MOMS, we put together over 50 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child — thank you to everyone who contributed to this effort. We thank God for THRIVENT monies that paid for much of the shipping. For December we plan to make Christmas trees and visit an assisted living facility and sing some songs. We ask for prayers as we all focus on the TRUE meaning of Christmas and the beautiful story of the Christ Child's birth.

BACKYARD BBQ — Save the Date for the ILS Spring Gala on **Friday, April 27th!** Join us for an evening of BBQ, beverages, and bidding. A live and silent auction will take place, and childcare will be provided. Interested in joining the fun of planning such a delightful event? Please contact Chris Becker at chrismbecker@att.net.

SHADOW DAY! Faith Lutheran High School is hosting a special Shadow Day for students to spend the day shadowing (following) some of our High School students on Friday, December 1. Student will be able to see what life at Faith Lutheran is like, as well as interact with current students. Come and see why we say that Smaller = Greater Opportunities. Register online at www.faihlhs.org

VETERANS WALL OF HONOR — The Immanuel Student Council would like to thank everyone who helped with the Veterans Wall of Honor. We especially would like to thank everyone who donated to the cause and especially Thrivent Financial who helped as well. The wall is a living wall so periodically it will be updated with additional names as they become available. If you know of additional names please drop them off at the school office and they will be added soon.

IMMANUEL'S NATIONAL JR HONOR SOCIETY cookies for prisoners challenge! The NJHS from Immanuel and two other area Lutheran schools have a goal of baking 1,000 dozen cookies for the prison ministry. Dozens and dozens have been prepared, but we need your help! If you can help out with the baking of some cookies (specific recipe provided), please contact Amy Moeller at amoeller@immanuelcl.org.

Other News

FACEBOOK — Go to Immanuel Lutheran School or Immanuel Lutheran Church on Facebook and "LIKE" these sites to get updates and more! Watch for more news on what is happening on our Facebook sites!

THANKS TO THE TIDY UP TUESDAY GROUP — Jane, Marlene, Lalin, Linda, and Shanna, and Sharon! Their work made a big difference! All are invited to join us next time Tuesday, 12/12 for some cleaning and lunch!

GIVING TREE — As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving and the many things we are thankful for, let us also remember those people in need. Gift cards with a \$25 limit are needed to give to people with limited resources so they can have a Merry Christmas! Return cards by November 30. Stop by the ministry table this weekend. Questions, call Sue Holtz at 815-459-7976.

UPWARD WINTER BASKETBALL & CHEER Registration Deadline DECEMBER 3. Upward is a nurturing sports program that helps kids grow in character, confidence, faith, sportsmanship, and athletic ability. Registration is currently open for Boys Basketball grades 2nd – 8th and Cheerleading grades Kindergarten – 5th. For more information and to register, visit www.immanuelcl.org. For questions, contact Shelly Davidson at sdavidson@immanuelcl.org

How Can We Help?

Rev. Larry Tieman, Senior Pastor

Rev. Bob Pudell, Executive Pastor

Bob Dorn, Invite Leader

Sharon Tieman, Connect Leader

Edward Bower, School Principal

Lynette Mobley, Business Manager

Julie Kearley, Office Manager

Robert Blazek, Director of Music

Laura Gilleland, Dir. of Children & Family Ministries

Shelly Davidson, Director of Upward Sports

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