

Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to...

3-Dec: Rick Burman, Graham Denley, Gina Gottschalk, Jan Kashmir
 4-Dec: Tristyn Books, Cindy Funderburg, Aspen Horton, Rylan Huber, Nora Wiggs
 5-Dec: Matt Bartelt, Mickey Lehocky, Scott Matzer
 6-Dec: Toni Heiden, Stephanie Kuligowski, Emma Martin, Tara O'Malley
 7-Dec: Isabella Gray, Krista Mastroianni, Roy Voigt
 8-Dec: Damien Collado, Teresa Hay, Florette Kaiser, Beverly Larsen, Grace Mertel, Thomas Weddle
 9-Dec: T.J. Farkas, Dean Giesey, Tori Holsten, Dane Jensen, Karin Kretschmer, Paul Wilbrandt

Happy Anniversary to...

4-Dec: (41 yrs) Steve & Amy Moeller
 5-Dec: (19 yrs) Steve & Carrie McWilliams
 6-Dec: (9 yrs) Clay & Michelle McCarthy
 7-Dec: (43 yrs) Wolfgang & Teresa Neumeier
 8-Dec: (2 yrs) Tim & Tiffany Mitsven
 9-Dec: (11 yrs) Jamie & Marie Pektrakovitz

Connecting through Praise & Worship:

Thanksgiving Eve 7 pm: 140
 Saturday 6 pm: 60 Sunday 8 am: 150
 Sunday 9:30 am: 153 Sunday 11 am: 127
 Total: 630

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	Nerby, Ron
Dorsett, Maida	Rasmussen, Blanche
Gumprecht, Charles	Schumacher, Jeri
Kuhl, Bonnie	Seegers, Lil
Nolte, Nova	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 prayed for strength, wisdom, God's guidance and discernment for both our pastors this Advent season. We prayed for the continuing preparations for the upcoming Cantata. We prayed for Upward and leaders, Darrin & Shelly Davidson. We lifted up Mrs. Larson and her Kindergarten class, my name, along with their parents. We prayed for Chad, Justin, Sharon Tieman's mom, Judy, who was involved in a car accident, Pastor Tieman's mom, Jean Dorn, Steve Glasshagel, and Barbara Rett. We lifted up the family and friends of Dorie Berg who passed away this past week. We prayed for the Bouchard and Gentile families. Lastly, we prayed for safe travels home for Gerda & Tass Lawin.

In Other Business

Contributions: (Nov 23 —29, 2017)

Contributions: \$17,084

Budgeted Contributions: \$19,811

Mission - Northern Illinois District: \$205

Capital Reserve: \$79

City on a Hill Giving Campaign: \$1,518

City on a Hill Giving Campaign (11/29/17):

Participating Families: 217

Total Pledged: \$3,317,992

Total Received: \$1,942,713

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"*

December 3 — 9, 2017

Today . . .

"Who Is Your King?"

Rev. Dr. Larry Tieman, Senior Pastor

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

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This Week...

SUN Dec 3:

8, 9:30 & 11 am Worship
9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Education Hour
1:30—3:30 pm Senior Social @ The Pointe
5—7 pm Jr. High Youth Night
7—9 pm High School Youth Night
8 pm Men's Basketball

MON Dec 4:

7:50 am Bible Study—Library
9—11 am Prayer Shawl—The Pointe
2:30—4 pm JV Boys Basketball Practice
5:30 pm Var Girls Basketball Game at Batavia
5:30—7 pm Var Boys Basketball Practice
5:30—7 pm JV Girls Basketball Practice @ Faith

TUES Dec 5:

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

WED Dec 6:

8:30 am WePray—Conference Room
12:45 pm Chapel
2:15—3 pm Kids of the Kingdom
2:30—4 pm Var Girls Basketball Practice
7 pm Advent Worship Service

THURS Dec 7:

9:30 am Bible Study @ The Pointe
2:30 pm Bible Study @ The Pointe
2:30—4 pm Var Girls Basketball Practice
5:30—7 pm JV Girls Basketball Practice @ Faith
7—8:30 pm Var Boys Basketball Practice @ Faith

FRI Dec 8:

2:30—4 pm JV Boys Basketball Practice

SAT Dec 9:

6 pm Worship—Historic Church

SUN Dec 10:

8 & 9:30 Christmas Cantata—Commons
9:30 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
12 noon Congregational Q & A Budget Meeting
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

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.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: DINNERS FOR EIGHT:

Having 4 services to choose from is awesome, but the people that attend the 8AM service never see those 11AM attendees. Here's your chance to get to know your fellow members. Dinners for Eight is going to start again in January. This ministry requires a small commitment of 1 dinner per quarter with 3 other couples (or singles) and you only have to host once for the year. Please stop by the ministry table between services to sign up and email Sue Koedoot if you have any questions, susan.koedoot@thermos.com.

YOU ARE INVITED to join the small group that meets Thursday 2:00 pm at the Pointe. The study will be on Judges-Stuff we didn't learn in Sunday School. Prayerfully consider this time in the Word. Contact Jan Smith at 815-455-2210 for more info.

"TIS ALWAYS THE SEASON TO SAVE LIVES" Please help bring holiday cheer to patients in need by donating blood Saturday, Dec 16 during the Jingle Bus Tour at Immanuel 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sign up online at www.heartlandbc.org or contact Janet Schab 224-567-9912.

WOW! IMMANUEL COMPLETED THE CHALLENGE!

Over 95 Acts of Kindness were done in November! Food Pantry, Prayer Shawls, Operation Christmas Child, meals, leaves raked, Notes to college kids, the list was filled with the many ways Immanuel members were a blessing to the Crystal Lake Community, and to people across the globe! What a gift!

SENIOR SOCIAL — Sunday, December 3, 1:30—3:30 pm at The Pointe. A Christmas celebration! Enjoy a free lunch and entertainment including a sing-a-long and Santa! Bring your friends!!

LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR will be on Immanuel Lutheran Church's Facebook page daily **December 1st – 25th**. Like Immanuel Lutheran Church or facebook.com/immanuelcl.

Plugging In

LIBRARY CORNER — We are celebrating our Savior's birthday here in the library with JOY! The Christmas storybooks by various authors and illustrators never cease to be exciting! The story remains the same! Why not join us and with your student review the details of the great event. If you read it in the Bible together, ask questions of your student and take time to thank our God for the ultimate gift of His Son. If you want, come into the Library and see the various books we have here! Happy Reading!

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM — Mrs. Koenig and I plan to take the Kids of the Kingdom to a local assisted living place to share Christmas with gifts and songs. More information will be forthcoming as to the date. This coming week we plan to make a gift and Christmas cards to share with the seniors. Also a special "thank you" to those families who generously shared their leftover Halloween candy with us. We plan to send them to our sweet college students along with a card!

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.

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.

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL (CRYSTAL LAKE) OPEN HOUSE — Have you started to think about High School for your child yet? Have you considered how a small school can offer more opportunities? Come to our Open House on Tuesday, December 5 at 7:15 pm and hear about how "Smaller = Greater - Opportunities." Take a look at our website (www.faithlhs.org) or call 815-479-9305 for more information.

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!

Other News

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

CHRISTMAS CAR MAGNETS available now in the church/school office and the ministry table on Sunday mornings. Donations accepted. Show the community that you are keeping Christ in Christmas.

PRAYER SHAWL — The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 4 from 9—11 am at The Pointe. All are welcome!

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM IRA'S TO IMMANUEL — The Pension Protection Act of 2006 first allowed taxpayers age 70 ½ and older to make tax-free charitable donations directly from their IRA's. By making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from an IRA directly to a qualified charitable organization, older IRA owners are allowed to exclude up to \$100,000 annually from gross income. These gifts would otherwise be taxable IRA distributions. Contact Stan Kottke or Amy Green at Thrivent Financial, or your financial advisor, to determine if this is a viable way for you to continue the Lord's work here at Immanuel.

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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