

Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to...

10-Dec: Karson Hollander, Lanie Kreuz, Michelle Proctor, Lisa Solak
 11-Dec: Courtney Burman, Tiffany Davila, Randy Helm, Sarah Morgan, Brett Oates, Ali Storz, Jon Tuit, Grace Warfel
 12-Dec: Charles Polash
 13-Dec: Emily Jensen
 14-Dec: Travis Biggar, Nathan Cochran, Jack Finn, Tom Lillegard, Matt Sopchyk, Jason Szmurlo
 15-Dec: Hunter Bartell, Sandra Elpers, Patti Paul, Lisa Pudell
 16-Dec: Selah Martin, Debbie Risner

Happy Anniversary to...

10-Dec: (57 yrs) Herbert & Rosemarie Brierley
 (29 yrs) Tom & Karin Kretschmer
 11-Dec: (24 yrs) Charles & Connie Proch

Connecting through Praise & Worship:

Saturday 6 pm: 64 Sunday 8 am: 124
 Sunday 9:30 am: 170 Sunday 11 am: 239
 Total: 597

Education Hour: Adults: 150 Children & Youth: 222

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	Pfeifer, Norma
Dorsett, Maida	Rasmussen, Blanche
Gumprecht, Charles	Schumacher, Jeri
Kahl, Bonnie	Seegers, Lil
Nolte, Nova	Shipbaugh, Keith
Nerby, Ron	Williams, Roy

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	Shulfer, Erin
Fessler, Julia	Sylvester, Clayton
Hanson, Erik	Vargas III, Ramon
Helsom, Tyler	Wood, Jeremy
Katzenberger, KC	Wood, Nick
Kearley, Kevin	Yentsch, Alex
Lowe, Andrew	Yentsch, Randy

WePray

We prayed for the congregational prayer concerns from the Connection Cards. We prayed for our first grade class, by name, including their teacher, Mrs. Gottschalk, and their families. We prayed for Pastor Tieman and Pastor Bob. We lifted up our upcoming Advent worship services in prayer as well as our 4th grade Sunday School class. We prayed for God's healing and strength for those with health concerns, especially Steve Glasshagel, Gail Handrock, Linda Herwy, Jean Dorn and Charles Gumprecht.

In Other Business

Contributions: (Nov 30 — Dec 6, 2017)

Contributions: \$18,607

Budgeted Contributions: \$22,291

Mission - Northern Illinois District: \$450

Capital Reserve: \$282

City on a Hill Giving Campaign: \$17,450

City on a Hill Giving Campaign (12/6/17):

Participating Families: 217

Total Pledged: \$3,317,992

Total Received: \$1,960,163

Contribution Summary: Jan-November 2017

Actual: \$835,689

Budget: \$838,455

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 10 — 16, 2017

Today . . .

8 am & 9:30 am Worship Services:

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Directed by Robert Blazek, Director of Music

"Prepare the Way"

Rev. Dr. Larry Tieman, Senior Pastor

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS
 AT IMMANUEL

Mid-Week Advent Worship

December 13 & 20, 7 pm, 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 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

MON Dec 11:

7:50 am Bible Study—Library
2:30—3:30 pm Var Girls Basketball Practice
4 pm JV Boys Basketball Game at Home
5 pm Var Boys Basketball Game at Home

TUES Dec 12:

2:15—3:15 pm Chess Scholars—Library
2:30—4 pm Var Girls Basketball Practice
4:30 pm JV Boys Basketball Game at Home
5:30 pm Var Boys (B) Basketball Game at Home
6:30 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

WED Dec 13:

8:30 am WePray—Conference Room
12:45 pm Chapel
2:30—4 pm JV Boys Basketball Practice
7 pm Advent Worship Service

THURS Dec 14:

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 15:

2:30—4 pm JV Boys Basketball Practice
5 pm Var Girls (B) Basketball Game at St. Catherine
6 pm Var Girls (A) Basketball Game at St. Catherine

SAT Dec 16:

6 pm Worship—Historic Church

SUN Dec 17:

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

Plugging In

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.

LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR is posted daily on Immanuel Lutheran Church and School's Facebook pages. The daily Advent activities will continue through December 25. Not on Facebook? The Living Advent Calendar can also be seen on the www.immanuelcl.org website. Go to resources and click on Facebook. Remember, Christmas . . . it's still about Jesus!

TJUANA MISSION TRIP 2018 — Immanuel's annual mission trip to Tijuana will be June 8—14. Save the date! Please prayerfully consider joining Pastor Tieman on this life changing mission trip. The first informational/organizational meeting will be January 7 in the library after the 11 am service. Please contact Paul or Beth Schneider for more information. paul_beth_schneider@msn.com or 815-404-0263.

INTERESTING IN JOINING IMMANUEL? Learning more about Lutheran teachings? A new God Connects Class will be taught January 7—February 11. To register, contact Sharon Tieman at stiemman@immanuelcl.org.

TIDY UP TUESDAY will be December 12 at 10 am in the Commons. We will focus on cleaning that area as we prepare for Christmas. Bring a sack lunch and join us for a productive and fun time!

NEW YEAR...NEW STUDY! As the New Year rolls in and we get back into our routines, Immanuel will be doing a new Sermon Series and Small Group study. We are excited to return to and complete the final, third installment of the Living and Loving Generously series with a study called, Leading Generously. This 5 week series will run Jan. 7-Feb. 3 and will encourage all of us to lead by serving others through the power of generosity. In addition to the captivating sermons on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings, Small Groups are encouraged to further the learning through discussion. Check out the bulletin boards at both the Commons and Historic Church for options for Small Groups or to add your group to the list. For more information or for questions, contact Laura Gilleland at lgilleland@immanuelcl.org.

Plugging In

LIBRARY CORNER — Yes, we have over 100 Christmas books! Yes, we have the Nativity set up! Yes, we are telling the Christmas story! Yes, we have the JOY of Jesus . . . we hope that you do too! A special thank you to Chris Sabatka for allowing us to display her mom's Nativity. Her mom, Mrs. Dorothy Halvensleben, was a teacher here at Immanuel for many years.

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.

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!

DINNERS FOR EIGHT — 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. If interested, contact Sue Koedoot at 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.

BLOOD DRIVE sign up after all services this weekend. Please help us achieve our goal of 20 donors at Immanuel's Blood Drive Jingle Bus Tour on Dec 16 from 9 am—1 pm. You can also sign up online at www.heartlandbc.org or contact Janet Schab at 224-567-9912.

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.

Other News

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

POINSETTIA ORDERS are due! Please return your order and payment to the office as soon as possible (by Mon 12/11). Forms are available on the resource kiosk.

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.

MANY THANKS to the helping hands and cheerful hearts that put up the Christmas tree, decorated our facilities and made it a beautiful and welcoming place for all this Christmas season!

THANKS to Jeremy Horton and Thrivent for the awesome new fellowship serving table. Jeremy designed and built the table that was donated through a Thrivent Action Grant and the Horton family!

HARVEST FOOD DRIVE — Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the Community Harvest Food Drive. We collected 136 bags weighing 2,011 pounds and monetary donations of \$255.

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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