

Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to...

24-Dec: Maxwell Danielson, Cathy Grindstaff, Sean Lohmeyer, Jenna Rupe, Doreen Warfel
 25-Dec: Ruth Perkins, Cathy Seegers
 26-Dec: Jameson Higgins, Danielle Irwin, Roger Otto
 27-Dec: Trevor Bosack, Michael Feffer, Allie Kruez, Christine Perkins, Kathryn Perkins, Carol Schueneman
 28-Dec: David Byrnes, Ella Danielson, Ethan Farnam, Deangelo Kalamatas, Avery Kuligowski, Griffin Smith, Colton Strauss
 29-Dec: Al Edlund, Shelly Faulkner, Colton Lemley
 30-Dec: Andrew Buchta, Ryan Fitzgerald, Bobby Wheaton

Happy Anniversary to...

26-Dec: (47 yrs) Ron & Kathy Schulz
 27-Dec: (3 yrs) Joe & Kathy Malambri
 (65 yrs) Ed & Ann Meier
 (48 yrs) Tom & Jan Weddle
 28-Dec: (54 yrs) Glen & Bobby Jensen
 30-Dec: (6 yrs) Rick & Taya Pennington

Connecting through Praise & Worship:

December 13 Advent 7 pm: 320
 Saturday 6 pm: 61 Sunday 8 am: 123
 Sunday 9:30 am: 418 Sunday 11 am: 120
 Total: 1,042

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, Lill
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

This week we prayed for the congregational prayers. We lifted up Pastor Tieman and Pastor Bob in prayer. We prayed for safe travel for all our Immanuel families over Christmas break. We prayed for the health concerns of Breanna Reiman, Diane Curtiss, Brian (friend of Renee's), Jean Dorn, Charles Gumprecht, and Justice. We prayed for the Abbate family as they mourn the loss of their husband and father, Joseph. We prayed for those mourning the first Christmas without loved ones, especially Lois Popp, Ellen Frenk, Carla and Hannah. We lifted up prayers of praise and thanksgiving for the Baptism of Lincoln Craig Kearley. Prayers were lifted up for praise and thanksgiving for 2017 and all the blessings and answered prayers. Lastly, we prayed for the 4th grade Sunday School class and for the Christmas program that was shared last Sunday.

In Other Business

Contributions: (Dec 14 —20, 2017)

Contributions: \$23,013

Budgeted Contributions: \$22,704

Mission - Northern Illinois District: \$619

Capital Reserve: \$194

City on a Hill Giving Campaign: \$5,875

City on a Hill Giving Campaign (12/20/17):

Participating Families: 217

Total Pledged: \$3,317,992

Total Received: \$1,980,850

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 24 — 30, 2017

Today . . .

"The Scandal of God's Love for Us"

Rev. Robert Pudell, Executive Pastor

Merry Christmas

From the Staff of Immanuel Lutheran
 Church & School

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT IMMANUEL

*No Sunday School or Adult Education Hour
 on December 24 or 31*

Christmas Eve

December 24, 3 pm, Commons

Candlelight Services

December 24, 8 & 10 pm, Historic Church

Christmas Day

December 25, 10 am, Commons

New Year's Weekend

(Regular Worship Services)

Saturday, Dec 30 6 pm—Historic Church

Sunday, Dec 31 8, 9:30 & 11 am—Commons

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This Week...

SUN Dec 24:

No Sunday School or Adult Education
9:30 am Worship—Commons
3 pm Worship—Commons
8 & 10 pm Worship—Historic Church

MON Dec 25: No School Offices Closed

10 am Worship—Commons

TUES Dec 26: No School Offices Closed

WED Dec 27: No School

THURS Dec 28: No School

FRI Dec 29: No School

SAT Dec 30:

6 pm Worship—Historic Church

SUN Dec 31:

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

January 7—February 4, 2018

Sunday at 9:30 am

Tot Time (1 & 2 Year Olds w/Parents)	Gym
Sunday School (Age 3—5th Grade)	Classrooms (Sign in by computer Lab)
Verge (6th Grade)	Room 203 (6th Gr)
Confirmation (7th - 9th Grades)	Multi-Purpose Room
High School (10-12 Grades)	Youth Room
God Connects	Art Room
Parenting: The Early Years (Carole Fiesman & Kelly Nanos)	Room 201
Leading Generously (Chris & Amy Morgan)	Music Room
Prodigal God (Pastor Bob)	Library
Nursery is available	

Plugging In

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 stieman@immanuelcl.org.

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. 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 at lgilleland@immanuelcl.org.

SHOE DRIVE — Immanuel is partnering with Hillside Running Club to sponsor a shoe drive. Bring your gently used shoes to ILS or the Historic Church January 7—14. Monies raised will be donated to the CL Food Pantry. For questions, please contact Anne Haseman at anne.haseman@gmail.com.

MISSING MEN'S TRENCH COAT — During one of the Cantata services on December 10 a men's trench coat was mistakenly taken while the other was left behind. Wraparound sunglasses were in one pocket and the coat was originally hung relatively close to the computer room, whereas the remaining coat was in the middle of the coat rack. Please contact Caryl Wenzel at 847-458-5767 if you are missing a gray trench coat with dark blue or black collar. The missing coat in question does not have a contrasting collar.

CHOIR CANTATA HOAGIE SALE — During the month of January, the Chancel Choir will be taking orders for homemade Hoagie Subs. You can order your choir member made Hoagie Sub after our January church services. Hoagies are made for Super Bowl Sunday, February 4. Hoagie pick-up will be at the church on Saturday, February 3 from 10:00am-noon. Hoagies are \$7 each and will be delicious. Perfect for your Super Bowl parties! Proceeds will help fund next year's Cantata music and musicians. You can also donate hoagies to our area PADS organization.

Plugging In

TRIVIA NIGHT will be February 16, [Mark Your Calendars Now!](#) Trivia Night proceeds go to the Tijuana Mission Trip and this year to the ILS 7th and 8th graders Washington trip! Watch for sign up tables in January between services. New this year, an option to order pizza and beverages for sale. Any questions, contact Amy Moeller amoeller3f3@gmail.com or Lora Anderson ljanderson.5@comcast.net.

LIBRARY CORNER — I spent some time at the book store this week browsing for books for Christmas. Books make great gifts for children and adults! Pinterest also has some great ideas for making READING CORNERS in your child's room. We all like to find a cozy place where we settle down to read. Do you have a favorite spot? Maybe it could be a gift you give yourself and your student. Have you read "Mortimer's Christmas Manger" or "Room for a Little One?" Kids love these stories!

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM — We are going on a field trip! Tuesday, December 19, we plan to visit the Sunrise Assisted Living Facility. Of course we will sing carols and bring cards and gifts to the wonderful residents. Our Kids LOVE to share the GOOD NEWS and spread CHRISTMAS joy! AFTER ALL, IT'S STILL ALL ABOUT JESUS!!

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.

LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR ENDS ON CHRISTMAS DAY! — Thanks for watching, sharing and liking Immanuel Lutheran Church and School on Facebook. Thanks to all the participants! Check out our sites in the New Year!

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.

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.

IMMANUEL KEEPSAKE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT!! Don't forget to pick up your *Christmas 2017* ornament at Christmas worship services this weekend.

Other News

PRAYER SHAWL group will resume meeting again after the holidays on January 8 at 9 am at The Pointe! Please join us!

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. March 31 is the last day to direct monies for the fiscal year. Immanuel has been blessed by this program. Go to www.thrivent.com, click on "Choice Dollars" or call 1-800-847-4836.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES — Are now available for pick up in the back of the Commons worship area. Please refrain from using these 2018 envelopes until the new year begins. If you have any questions, please contact Lynette Mobley in the church office or at lmobley@immanuelcl.org.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS — The church and school offices will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 25 & 26 as we celebrate Christmas and again on Monday and Tuesday, January 1 & 2 in celebration of the New Year!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW for our annual Voters' Meeting on Sunday, January 14, following the 11 am worship service.

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

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