



Today's Message

Second Sunday in Advent
"The Gift of Hope"

Rev. Dr. Larry W. Tieman · December 4, 2016

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New Here... Welcome!

If you are new to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, we would love to meet you! Be sure to stop by our "Connection Center" where a **welcome gift** is waiting for you, and thanks for sharing worship with us today!

What's Happening:

You can always keep in touch with what's happening by checking in at our website: www.immanuelcl.org

Connecting

A Connection card helps us to get to know you! We like to send a thank you for visiting us, and to help you find classes or connections that might best fit what you are looking for.

I'd like to Know More

We would love to answer your questions! Call the church office or email: mwolowiec@immanuelcl.org

Service Times: Saturday Evenings, 6:00pm Historic Church • Sunday Mornings 8:00 - 9:30 - 11:00 Pathway Court *

SERMON NOTES

"In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" (Matt. 3:1-2)

What does John's message mean?

I. A _____ Has Begun

- A. All we have to do is look for the s _____.
- B. Christmas is right around the c _____.
- C. And so is Christ's r _____.

II. Be P _____, Don't D _____

- A. Remember It's a W _____ L _____.
 - 1. The d _____ builds.
 - 2. George c _____.
 - 3. He heads out to do the unt _____.
 - 4. God i _____.

B. We've all been there!

- 1. We've all stood on the edge of d _____.
- 2. We've all felt the unc _____ of life.

III. There is Always H _____

- A. You can't preach repentance without the hope of f _____.
- B. ...without the gift of God's g _____.
- C. ...without acknowledging something is w _____ or b _____.

"The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." (1 Timothy 1:15)

- D. The m _____ can never be looked upon without the Shadow of the c _____.
- E. Open the Gift of Hope!

Memory Verse

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."
(Romans 15:13)

MY NEXT STEPS...

- Memorize Romans 15:13.
- Get ready for Christmas by recognizing the signs, being prepared, and opening the gift of hope that is our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- Attend worship next week to receive the "Gift of Love."

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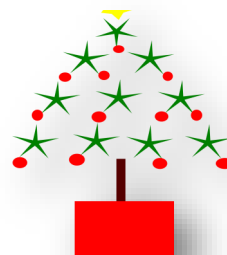
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Eternal Light given in memory of Laurie Kearley by her family.



The Altar Guild will be purchasing poinsettias to be used in the chancel areas this holiday season. The plants will remain there through January 1. If you wish to donate a plant(s), please complete the order form and return it to the church office by December 9. Order forms can be found at the resource table or by asking an usher.



The Giving Tree is here!

This year we will be asking for gift cards for our Christmas Giving Tree ministry as we reach out to families in need. If you purchase gift cards through Manna, a percentage will go back to Immanuel, it's a win-win situation! See the Manna table in the foyer on Sunday or stop by the office during the week.



CONGREGATIONAL PRESENTATION

There will be a congregational Q & A on December 18 immediately following the 11 am service to present the 2017 budget.

The Annual Voters' Meeting will be held January 15, 2017.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS AND VENDORS!

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.

The Gifts of Christmas sermon series begins today!

Get the latest weekly Announcements, event postings, and information at: www.Immanuelcl.org

* **Families with Young Children:** Changing tables are found in the washrooms down the hall on the left of the worship area. Nursing Mom's room is located behind the desk in the Library (doors on the back wall of worship area).