

Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to...

11-Dec: Courtney Burman, Tiffany Davila, Randy Helm, Sarah Morgan, Ben Neider, Brett Oates, Allison Storz, Jon Tuit, Grace Warfel
 12-Dec: Charles Polash, Lottie Puls
 13-Dec: Emily Jensen
 14-Dec: Jack Finn, Tom Lillegard
 15-Dec: Hunter Bartell, Sandra Elpers, Patti Paul
 16-Dec: Selah Martin, Debbie Risner, Abby Swinson
 17-Dec: Michael Dykstra, Carter Evans, Clifford Grable, Paul Litke, Emily Voyles

Happy Anniversary to...

11-Dec: (23 yrs) Connie & Charles Proch

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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Connecting through Praise & Worship:

Advent Service (11/30): 235

Sat 6 pm: 68 Sun 8 am: 114

Sun 9:30 am: 138 Sun 11 am: 120

Total: 675

Education Hour: Adults: 102; Children: 159

In Our Prayers

Family & Friends

Ayares, Hannah	Peterson, Lorelei
Burns-Dorsett, Maida	Rasmussen, Blanche
Hall, Barbara	Ricker, Lenore
Haseman, Irma	Rolando, Sally
Illich, Seth	Schroeder, Chuck
Johnson, Harry	Shipbaugh, Keith
Kearley, Don	Stone, Robert
Knudsen, Ava	Tatarinowicz, Roman
Markham, Amber	Voigt, Horst
Nolte, Nova	Wilson, Char

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	Sanders, Joe
Fessler, Julia	Shulfer, Erin
Hanson, Erik	Sylvester, Clayton
Katzenberger, KC	Vargas III, Ramon
Kearley, Kevin	Wood, Jeremy
Lowe, Andrew	Wood, Nick

WePray

This week we prayed over the congregational prayers and Chapel prayers. We lifted up those needing your healing touch including, Gloria Wine, Jean Dorn, Chad, Don Kearley, Lauren Major, Hannah Ayares and baby Graham in ICU following a premature birth with mom, Haylie. We prayed for Sandra Menas' Father who is in hospice care and for Jane Otto's mom. We prayed for Pastor Tieman and for the new pastor that will be starting in January. We prayed for the upcoming congregational meeting and the call process for the Discipleship Pastor. We prayed for Upward, as another season comes to a close, for the leaders and children involved in Upward. We prayed for our church and school staff. We prayed for Chaplain Neider's safe homecoming. Also, for the Advent services, Dana Robinson, leader of our children Advent services, and praise and thanksgiving for the beautiful Chapel led by Grades 1—4 this morning.

In Other Business

Contributions: (Dec 1 – 7, 2016)

Contributions: \$20,370

Budgeted Contributions: \$23,375

Mission - Northern Illinois District: \$355

Capital Reserve: \$391

City on a Hill Giving Campaign: \$17,559

City on a Hill Giving Campaign (12/7/16):

Participating Families: 214

Total Pledged: \$3,315,459

Total Received: \$1,560,012

Contribution Summary: Jan—Nov 2016

Actual: \$800,181

Budget: \$873,682

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. We're excited to hear about what's happening next here at Immanuel!



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

December 11–17, 2016

Today . . .

Welcome as we continue

"The Gifts of Christmas" sermon series!

With today's sermon,

"The Gift of Love"

Rev. Dr. Larry Tieman, Senior Pastor

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Mid-Week Advent Services:

December 7 and December 14 at 7 pm
The Commons

Christmas Services:

Christmas Eve (December 24) 2 & 4 pm
Commons

Christmas Eve (December 24) 8 & 10 pm
Historic Church

Christmas Day (December 25) 10 am
Commons

New Years Weekend Services:

Saturday, December 31 6 pm Historic Church
Sunday, January 1 8, 9:30 & 11 Commons

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This Week...

SUN Dec 11:

8, 9:30 & 11 am Worship
9:30 am Education Hour
3—5:30 pm Confirmation Catechism Training Event
8 pm Men's Basketball

MON Dec 12:

7:50—9 am Bible Study—Library
4:30 pm Var Girls Basketball Game at Home vs. Dundee
5:30 pm Var Boys (A) BB Game at Home vs. Dundee
6:30 pm Var Boys (B) BB Game at Home vs. Dundee

TUES Dec 13:

2:30—4 pm Varsity Girls Basketball Practice
4—5:30 pm Varsity Boys Basketball Practice
5:30 pm Upward Evaluations
7 pm Lifetree Café—The Pointe

WED Dec 14:

8:30 am WePray—Conference Room
9:15 am Chapel
2:15—3 pm Kids of the Kingdom
4:30—6:45 pm Youth Night
7 pm Advent Worship Service

THURS Dec 15:

9:30 am Bible Study at The Pointe
2:30 pm Bible Study at The Pointe
4 pm JV Girls Basketball Game at Home vs. Marengo
5 pm Var Girls Basketball Game at Home vs. Marengo
6 pm Var Boys Basketball Game at Home vs. Marengo

FRI Dec 16:

Early Dismissal—11:30 am—No Bus Service Home

SAT Dec 17:

6 pm Worship at Historic Church

SUN Dec 18:

8, 9:30 & 11 am Worship
9:30 am Education Hour
12:15 pm Congregational Q & A Meeting—Commons
8 pm Men's Basketball

Plugging In

PLEDGE CARDS — Don't forget to turn in your 2017 Stewardship Pledge Cards. Extra cards are available at the Connection Desk.

WE ARE EXCITED to announce that Pastor Bob Pudell has accepted the call to serve as Executive Pastor here at Immanuel Lutheran Church! We look forward to having him start after the new year!

WELCOME FAMILY AND GUESTS AT CHRISTMAS! A willing heart is all that is required as the men of Immanuel get together, don red scarves, and sing carols outside the start of each Christmas service. Check in with Dave Schumacher at 815-630-2215 or Roger Otto at 815-459-4015, let us know you're joining in!

BIBLE STUDY—New topic starting this weekend. Sundays at 9:30 am in room 203 — The Lutheran Difference Series: Holy Baptism. Led by Verne and Bonnie Schultz.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — *The Great Deceiver* meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am upstairs in room 201, led by Peter Haupt. All men are invited.

A SEARCH FOR LEGACY — Meets Sundays at 9:30 am in the Music Room.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE CLASS — “Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School” Led by David Schiman, Thurs., 2:30pm at The Pointe.

LIFETREE CAFÉ, Tuesday Dec 13 TOPIC: Perspectives on intelligent design theory will be explored on Tuesday, at The Pointe, 7:00pm.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS — Unshakable study! Anyone is welcome to come and join us on Thursdays at 9:30 am at The Pointe!

TIJUANA 2017 MISSION TRIP — Prayerfully consider joining Pastor Tieman on Immanuel's annual mission trip to build houses for needy families in Tijuana July 21—28. No building skills or knowledge of Spanish is required. Contact Paul or Beth Schneider for additional information at paul_beth_schneider@msn.com or call 815-477-7332.

CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS — 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.

MANY THANKS to all of you who included me in your prayers and sent cards and notes during my recent hip surgery. My surgery went well and my recovery seems to be “on schedule”. God's good blessings to you all and again, many thanks for your prayers and concern! Pastor Bergen

Panther Prints

LIBRARY CORNER — Looking for a way to bless your students' classroom teacher? I have lists of books that Kindergarten, first and second grade teachers can use for read-a-louds in their classrooms! They are all part of the New SUPERKIDS program and, unfortunately, our library here does not have most of them. A couple examples of books on the list is *Squirrels on Skis* by J. Hamilton Ray for kindergarten, *Ukulele Haley* by Judy Cox for first grade and *The Sheep Go On Strike* by Jean-Francois Dumont for second grade. Please see me if you would like a copy of the lists. Thanks so much!! A gift of a book BLESSES many!
Mrs. Lawin

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM — Merry Christmas! We are excited to visit and sing with our friends at the nursing home this coming week. We are making cards and a Christmas mouse for the residents there. The Kids would like to thank Mr. Jim Boge, father of Wendy Hargraves, for the beautiful handmade “Cross in my Pocket” gifts and verse. We will be passing them out along with the love of Jesus!

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY — From 7:50-9:00 am in the school Library, join in to get closer to God and to one another. We are doing a DVD based, Concordia Publishing House study called, “Working For the Man Upstairs”.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS AND VENDORS!! Our annual 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.

CHILD'S GIVE BACK PROGRAM will benefit Operation Christmas Child now through December 31. Fliers are available in the office and the back of Church. Fifteen percent of bill will be donated.

AMAZONSMILE is a simple way to support Immanuel while doing your online Christmas shopping! Simply go to smile.amazon.com to shop — you'll find the exact same low prices as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price back to Immanuel! Your first time using AmazonSmile just put Immanuel Lutheran Church Crystal Lake in as your charity. Millions of products are eligible for donations — you will see eligible products marked “Eligible for AmazonSmile donation” on their product detail pages. Easy peasy!

Other News

THE GIVING TREE will be coming down this weekend, but we are still in desperate need of donations for the families in need. Gift cards and monetary donations will continue to be accepted all next week.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION — 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 January 15, 2017. In addition, we are now receiving nominations for a Discipleship Pastor. Please give your nominations to Pastor Tieman or Tony Ebel. We are also receiving nominations for vacant positions on the Board of Governance. Please give your nominations to Randy Helm.

GREAT NEWS!! Our church's Bible study library is now digital . . . and gigantic!! Join for free! You should have received an invitation e-mail to register for RightNow Media. Click the Get Started button in the e-mail, create your profile, then explore!! If you did not get an invite, contact Monica Wolowiec at mwolowiec@immanuelcl.org.

LET'S KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS — This year and every year!! A limited supply of “Keep Christ in Christmas” magnets are available to display proudly on your car. Donations are welcome (but not necessary). Visit the Immanuel office to pick one up!

MEN'S BASKETBALL — Join us on Sunday evenings beginning 8 pm for men's basketball in the gym.

LADIES OF IMMANUEL! Save the Date! April 7—8, 2017, an “Easy Rider” Retreat in Lake Geneva, WI.

How Can We Help?

Rev. Larry Tieman, Senior Pastor

Bob Dorn, Go Leader

Edward Bower, School Principal

Lynette Mobley, Business Manager

Julie Kearley, Office Manager

Laura Gilleland, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Karl Koenig, Director of Student Ministries

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