

Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to...

17-Dec: Michael Dykstra, Carter Evans, Emily Ferguson, Clifford Grable, Paul Litke
 18-Dec: Andrew Czarniecki, Elfriede Moliviat, Inge Twaddle, Liam Wahler
 19-Dec: Matthew Hardt, Judy Lockwood, Jane Otto
 20-Dec: Dawn Clark, Maeva Cochrane, Rachel Linden
 21-Dec: Kurt Farnam, John Grischow, Lauren Hillers, Harold Jahnke, William Kashmir, Rebecca Nomikoudis, Lane Repholz, Skyler Shaffer, Jocelyn Shulfer, Danell Waters
 22-Patrycja Cress, Kalyrn Dodd, Jenny Helm, Kevin Koenig, Shanna Laird, Joey Marco, Aidan Olmstead, Harlee Randall, Georgia Simonsen, Kathryn Wine
 23-Dec: Shannon Brusseau, Curtis Slack

Happy Anniversary to...

19-Dec: (58 yrs) Jerry & Sandra Elpers
 20-Dec: (4 yrs) Brian & Stephanie Lachel
 21-Dec: (49 yrs) Tom & Patricia Tews
 22-Dec: (10 yrs) Gareth & Katie Gabb

Connecting through Praise & Worship:

December 6 Advent 7 pm: 263

Saturday 6 pm: 50 Sunday 8 am: 282

Sunday 9:30 am: 406 Sunday 11 am: 104

Total: 1,105

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, 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 prayed for the second grade class, by name, and their teacher Mrs. Brenda Koenig. We lifted up the 4th grade Sunday School class in prayer. We rejoiced in the birth of Zachary Reiman; congratulations to Mark & Breanna and praise God for a healthy baby. We gave praise and thanks for the Cantata last week and the beautiful voices praising God. We asked for care and sympathy for Jan in the passing of her friend, Randy, and for Erika Kirk in the passing of her sister. We prayed for health and healing for Ron Burke, Charles Gumprecht, Mike Staudt's Father, Gail Handrock, and Mark Tieman. Lastly, we prayed for the Advent services, for our congregation this Advent season and praise God for the gift we will celebrate and receive this Christmas.

In Other Business

Contributions: (Dec 7 —13, 2017)

Contributions: \$27,188

Budgeted Contributions: \$22,704

Mission - Northern Illinois District: \$296

Capital Reserve: \$185

City on a Hill Giving Campaign: \$14,812

City on a Hill Giving Campaign (12/13/17):

Participating Families: 217

Total Pledged: \$3,317,992

Total Received: \$1,974,975

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 17 — 23, 2017

Today . . .

"Getting the Program Right"

Rev. Dr. Larry Tieman, Senior Pastor

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS
AT IMMANUEL

Mid-Week Advent Worship

December 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 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

MON Dec 18:

7:50 am Bible Study—Library
5 pm JV Boys Basketball Game at Rochelle
6 pm JV Girls Basketball Game at Rochelle
7 pm Var Boys Basketball Game at Rochelle

TUES Dec 19:

2:15—3:15 pm Chess Scholars—Library
2:30—4 pm JV Boys Basketball Practice
4—5:30 pm Var Girls Basketball Practice
5:30—7 pm JV Girls Basketball Practice
5:30—7 pm Var Boys Basketball Practice @ Faith
7 pm Lifetree Café—The Pointe
7—8 pm Adult Choir—Commons

WED Dec 20:

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 21:

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

FRI Dec 22: Early Dismissal—11:30 am No Bus Service

8 am—2 pm ILC Volunteers at CL Food Pantry

SAT Dec 23:

6 pm Worship—Historic Church

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

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.

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.

MANY THANKS to Jane, Marlene, Lalin, Linda, Gerda and Sharon for coming to Tidy Up Tuesday. The chairs in the Commons were cleaned. Great job! Next Tidy Up Tuesday is January 16 at The Pointe. All are invited to make a difference.

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.

HOME FROM COLLEGE? ATTEND MCC? All college aged people are invited to meet at Portillo's, Crystal Lake, on Tuesday, December 19 at 6 pm. Great opportunity to see your Immanuel friends and make plans for Christmas break. Text Sharon Tieman at 815-404-4685 or Kristian at 224-829-2664 to let us know you will be there.

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

Plugging In

NO BUS SERVICE ON FRIDAY, DEC 22 Dismissal 11:30

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 lranderson.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.

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.

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

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

CRYSTAL LAKE FOOD PANTRY — The next Immanuel volunteer workday is Friday, Dec 22, 8 am—2 pm at 42 East Street. We are in need of replacements for recently lost volunteers. For information about volunteering, please contact Linda Mader at 815-459-3349 or Kathy Schulz at 815-459-4894.

THANK YOU! Delayed, but no less sincere, we want to express our gratitude to the many hearts and hands that expressed their love during Bob's illness and his passing to eternal life. Our dear pastors, the helping hands, cards, calls, gifts, and most of all, your prayers have helped to ease the pain of his loss for us. We know he is with the Lord he has loved and served. The Lord blessings be with you all. Lois Popp and Family

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.

CHRISTMAS CAR MAGNETS are now available! Donations accepted. Show the community that you are keeping Christ in Christmas.

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

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