

"God With Us"



And they will call Him
Immanuel -
"God With Us"
Matthew 1:23

A monthly newsletter from Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

Immanuel Messenger

From Pastor Vrudny

January, 2017

Immanuel Lutheran Church

We, the people of Immanuel Lutheran Church, in joyful response to all that our gracious God has done for us, seek to glorify God by bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people.

We have **GOOD NEWS!** Jesus is **ALIVE and LOVES YOU!**



Immanuel Lutheran School

Where Faith & Education Meet

A **Child** nurtured in a **Christian** Lutheran setting will be **Prepared** to live a **Joyful**, productive, God-pleasing **Life**.

Quality Christian education open to all children
Preschool through Grade 8



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ, **"I will never leave you nor forsake you."** Hebrews 13:5

Are you ready to face the *New Year*? Without doubt, in our weaker moments, we can scan the horizons of the future with apprehension and trepidation; or if you don't like those big words, you might just say: *"I'm a little worried."* Isn't it inevitable that

the year that lies ahead will bring anxious hours: hours of various sicknesses; sleepless nights and lonely hours; moments when we feel that lump in our throat and a teardrop in our eye refuses to be blinked away; hours where we will come face-to-face with death ~ our loved one, or our own.

But as the children of God, and as the redeemed of Christ, our hand-of-faith is already placed into the hand of God; He holds us! With courage we can finish today and march into tomorrow. When days of trouble come to us in the

coming year, we can decide to be found regularly when God Himself speaks to us, and determine to hear the voice of Him who declared to troubled Martha, *"I am the Resurrection and the Life!"* (Jn.11) When that

friendless or lonely hour comes to us in 2017, we know there's a place to gather with oth-

ers for worship, where the Spirit is hovering, to hear that familiar voice: *"I am with you always, to*

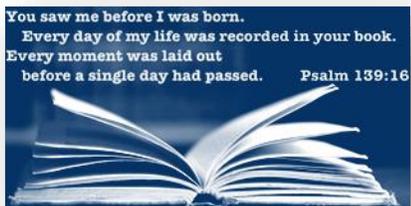


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A Blank Page

Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth; all the stages of my life were spread out before you, The days of my life all prepared before I'd even lived one day.—Psalm 139:16



I sat down at my computer and looked at a blank page. I asked God to direct my thoughts for the January newsletter. This is what came my way. I would like these thoughts to be for you, also.

God speaking: "Do you see this clean, white page? I already know what is going to fill up every page of every day for the next 365 days and beyond! You can't even see what today is bringing. I know your whole life! So, trust me. I created you to be exactly where I want you to be. I am

counting on you to obey my directions each day. I plan on using you to accomplish my purposes. I have even prepared good deeds ahead of time for you to do. I see you and I read your heart. My Spirit is working in you. You can lean on me when you're tired. You can celebrate with me when you're happy. You can rejoice in me all along the way. I have your best interests in mind. Go for it! Fill up each page each day. I am walking beside you, going before you, and guarding you! Mostly, I want you to know that I love you with an everlasting love!"

It is my prayer that you will look at your new calendar for 2017 and know that God already knows how each day ends and how each day begins. I heard one person say that God never says, "Oops!" - and I ask you to join me in a huge HALLELUJAH to that! Wishing you a blessed new year!

-Pam's Thoughts

Opportunities For Worship



- ✦ **Sunday Worship**—We worship God each Sunday at 9:00 AM and celebrate The Lord's Supper the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. Remember to invite your family member, your new neighbor or a friend to worship with you. They are welcome, wanted and needed!
- ✦ **Lutheran Hour Ministries**—Lutheran Hour Ministries can be heard on Sunday mornings at 6:05 AM on WCCO 830, 12:30 PM on KDHL 920, or 5 PM Sundays on KTIG 102.7.
- ✦ **The Lutheran Hour Ministries** has expanded into additional markets. The Lutheran Hour is now available: online, MP3, Podcast, Sirius XM Satellite Radio. For local broadcast information visit www.lutheranhour.org
- ✦ **College Students**—Students don't leave home without Him! Connect with your Campus Church now or contact: www.lcmscampus.org.

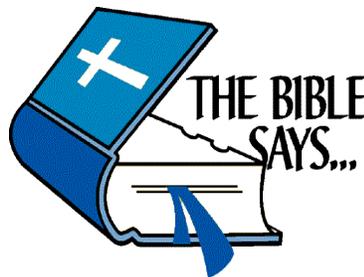
Opportunity For Bible Study

Great discussions! Wonderful discoveries! Good friendships! Everyone welcome, wanted and needed!

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Fill up your coffee cup and join a group right after Sunday Worship from 10:30—11:30, in the Fellowship Hall. Your input is valued. You will be blessed and be a blessing to us!

Youth Study: 5th—12th Graders meet by the Church Library after church each Sunday—except during summer months.

Men's Bible Study each Thursday morning at 8:30 am in the back of the sanctuary. All men are encouraged and invited to attend for the lively, informative discussion!



Women's Bible Study every Thursday morning at 8:30 am, meeting now at the church library. We would love to have you join us as we share God's Word and fellowship with one another.

Crossways: Genesis to Revelation study held on Thursdays from 10:00 am to noon. Never too late to join!

E-DiBS: now has a website that you can go to for more information on their ministry, daily Bible Studies and archived EDiBS (Every Day in Bible Study). The teacher is Rev. Paul Stark. Check it out at: www.edibs.life

Opportunity For Supporting Our Church & School



Will You Help? Stop by the bulletin board in the entry hall to read ways to help support our church. Immanuel receives many small to medium sized bills during the month. Some larger bills have been divided into smaller amounts in order to encourage members to "chip in". The

Board of Stewardship would like to thank those who have helped already and would like to ask the rest of the congregation, "Will You Help, too?"

Do you have a Thrivent product? Do you have Choice Dollars to direct? You could use you Choice Dollars to support our Lutheran School or Congregation.

The Thrivent Choice® program is a charitable grant program that allows members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes a portion of its charitable grant funds each year. Eligible benefit members can help direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to thousands of nonprofit organiza-

tions, including congregations.

You may be eligible for dollars to support your congregation, your Lutheran school, or another nonprofit. Your dollars are based on insurance premiums or contract values. Funds granted to you, if not used, have expiration dates-so stay current on funds you may have and assign them.

If you are an eligible member, please consider our Lutheran School or Immanuel Congregation when directing Choice Dollars.

To learn more about Thrivent Choice, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836, and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted. It's helpful to know your account number, but not necessary. Karen Sellner is one of your volunteer congregational coordinators for Thrivent.



Needed: COFFEE!!!

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the end of the age" (Mt.28)

Sometimes I think Christians get 'down' on themselves for not being outwardly stronger people when troubles & temptations & doubts come. Perhaps some believers do not wish to 'show' their faith much when times are good because when bad times come, they seem to fall apart ~ like many humans do; and Christians are *supposed* to be different!

But I don't think we should be too hard on ourselves; we can't expect perfection. Even though Christians are 'different' with God's own strength, it's the world that accuses us of not being strong enough. But, they don't know the 'strength' we live by. Because of our approach to the faith Lutherans, in particular, know that Scripture reveals that the most important thing about being Christian is not that we can puff out our chests and say, *"Look at me & my faith; I can handle all troubles!"*

How much more important it is for us, in all humility and repentance, to open our mouths to confess HIM, in whom alone is our true strength. Our trust is not in 'our

faith', but is in Christ who is the object of our faith. We will never be strong enough to brag about what great Christians we are; but we can always point ourselves and others to the source of all our help & strength & hope: **Jesus**. He is our forgiveness and our peace.

Do you have a family member, friend or neighbor who is worried about what 2017 might bring? They say, *"I wish I had your strong faith."* Remind them that what matters is not the strength of your faith, but the strength & promises of the Son of God, our Savior. And the KEY to possessing HIS strength against all troubles & temptations is how closely we listen to His voice, and how often we hear His promises of forgiveness and peace. The more often we hear that Living Word the more firm our foundation and our spiritual memory when troubles come.

Please join me this new year in reminding those around us == especially those who are non-attending members of our congregation == of the ONE PLACE where the Lord Jesus has promised to meet with us ~ in person! ~ that we may be strengthened for whatever we face in the *New Year*. **In church; in worship!** The Living Spirit of Christ will remain with us in-as-much-as we remain in His Word & Sacraments. What do you think of *HIS* New Year's Resolution

for US? ***"I will never leave you nor forsake you."*** Do you trust His way of keeping you strong?

In the afterglow of Advent and Christmas, the Lord's blessing from our household to yours. And His rich blessings remain with us! Thank you for what YOU do to make sure the Kingdom of God and His Gospel mission remains among us!

--pastor matthew, bonnie & household.

Thank you to the Immanuel Altar Guild in offering up our older Altar Paraments to a needy congregation. After advertising them in the LCMS Reporter, we received fourteen inquiries about them. At the end of November, they were sent to Immanuel Lutheran Church of Cincinnati, Ohio, a small congregation that worships about 30 to 40 people each Sunday. Rev. Everette Greene and the members of Immanuel were very appreciative that they would now have some liturgical colors for their worship services. And thank you, again, to our members who have put their time and giving toward our new paraments! ~ pastor v

Prayer Corner

Health Concerns & Other Issues:

- ✚ Cindy Baumeister (hospital, cousin of Karla Schmidtke)
- ✚ Lois Clark (cancer, friend of Sherman & Judy Jensen)
- ✚ Lloyd Dostal (cancer, brother of Judy Jensen)
- ✚ Debbie Douglas (cancer, aunt of Cindy Schmidtke)
- ✚ Kadlyn Eichberg (6 yr old from Laporte w/stage 3 cancer)
- ✚ Jim Eklund (Golden Living Room 116)
- ✚ David Gardemann (husband of Byrene, Stroke)
- ✚ Amy Hoseth (hospital, wife of Scott)
- ✚ Delores Kastning (mother of Wayne & Pat)
- ✚ Larry McAtee (cancer, Friend of Rick & Peggy Schmidtke)
- ✚ Carla Morgenstern (friend of Darin & Corina Bronczyk)
- ✚ Duane Payne (Lyme's)
- ✚ Deborah Peterson (Mike Keske's sister)
- ✚ Kim Puleo (cancer, friend of Keske's)
- ✚ Jim Schmidtke (heart attack & stint)

- ✚ Mike Schmidtke (surgery)
- ✚ Leroy Strand (Chemo treatments)
- ✚ Ed Thue (Pacemaker surgery)
- ✚ Kelly Woodruff (cancer treatments, friend of Rob & Nancy Albrecht)

LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces:

- ✚ Nathaniel Vrudny, Army Sergeant, son of Pastor & Bonnie— 312th engineering unit in Afghanistan
- ✚ Joshua Zieger, Marine Sergeant, nephew of Rick & Peggy Schmidtke, serving in the Middle East

Missions: Immanuel Lutheran School; Bethany and Victor Heron—Missionaries to Central Asia (Carol Gustafson's daughter)

PRAYERS
GO UP....
BLESSINGS
COME DOWN

From the Congregation President

We had our special Council meeting with congregation members on 12/12. Seventeen people listened to the presented information on the ten different project suggestions. Then each person assigned a number between 1 and 10 to each suggestion according to what they thought should be its importance. The top 4 in order of importance are:

- 1) Thank Offering
- 2) Classroom carpet
- 3) Classroom door locks
- 4) Storage Building.

We will finalize this at our January 8, 2017 congregation annual meeting.

The end of an old year and the beginning of a new one usually causes us to pause for reflection on what happened in the old

and what we want to change in the new. We look at setting goals in our spiritual and secular lives. What goals are you going to set for yourself? What changes do you want to make? It helps to write them down and then you can take them out from time to time to see how you are doing. Each of our Council members will be setting goals for the new year in their area of responsibility in our church. If you are interested in what those goals are, ask the council member or perhaps make any suggestion for change you would like to see happen.



Please come to our annual meeting on 1/8/17.

In His and your service,

Tim Duin

Men of Immanuel



The Men of Immanuel will gather together Saturday, January 7 at 8 am for fellowship breakfast and short meeting. Jack Hopen and Tim Duin are cooks for breakfast.

All men of the congregation are invited and encouraged to come and enjoy the fellowship. The coffee will be on!

LWML Update

Ladies Invited! Every woman of Immanuel is WELCOME, WANTED, and NEEDED to attend the "Mary Martha LWML" here at Immanuel. We know that God has equipped YOU with special gifts which are just exactly what is needed to accomplish His mission!

Special "Toy Collection" Project. We invite the congregation to join us in collecting new or gently-used toys during the month of December for delivery to the Bemidji Battered Women's Shelter in January. What a blessing those toys will be for the little ones who may be there without any of their familiar surroundings.

The Ladies celebrated Christmas with a luncheon fellowship at Charlie's on December 20. What a warm and encouraging time out in the middle of a busy Christmas season! Meg blessed us with a wonderful devotion about "The Twelve Days of Christmas" using her

beautiful hand-made ornaments! It was wonderful!

Our next meeting will be on January 17th at 1:00 pm. We will be meeting at Phyllis Eklund's home. PLEASE come and join us! (If you would like a ride, call Meg Duin or Pam Kruger—or the church office for arrangements.)

We thank our congregation for your continued prayers and support!



Board of Education

Touching Lives Forever 2016: The Board of Education has mailed out our annual fund drive letter. If you have not already done so, please consider donating to our school. We greatly appreciate all of your support whether it is money, prayers or time. We are blessed and thankful for your continuing support of our school.

Pie Sale Fundraiser – Sales and funds received through Thanksgiving and Christmas were at last year's pace. Thank you for all your help during pie making nights, as well as donation of supplies and of course, buying pies to help makes this tasty fund-



raiser for the school a success!

DQ Fundraiser – The Dairy Queen in Walker will again be hosting a fundraiser for Immanuel School on Monday, January 30th. 10% of total sales from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on that date will go to our school. You can also buy Scrip for Dairy Queen thereby increasing the amount we receive!! We hope to see you there, it has been a fun fellowship event for those who have attended in the past.

National Lutheran Schools Week will be held the week of January 22nd. This week

is always filled with fun, educational and entertaining events for the children and for the congregation. Open House and Registration for the 2017-2018 will be January 26th from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

Office Depot and Office Max- Immanuel School is registered as a designated school with Office Depot and Office Max. Simply make a purchase of qualifying school supplies, provide your school ID at checkout and your designated school will receive 5% back in credits for FREE supplies! It's a small act that can make a huge difference. Our School's ID# is 70232927. Thank you for thinking of us when shopping at Office Depot and Office Max!

Opportunities to Help the School

RECYCLING: Immanuel School can now recycle your old cell phones. Just drop them at the office or deposit them with the ink jet cartridges.

On-Line Search: Immanuel School has signed up as a charity on www.goodsearch.com. Every time you use this search engine, they donate 1 cent to our school. Please choose Immanuel Lutheran School as your charity when it asks you, "Who do you "Goodsearch" for?"

Amazon Smile: Take advantage of the Amazon Smile Program with your Amazon orders and help the school! Simple. Anyone who signs up for Amazon Smile and chooses the school for their charity will automatically contribute 0.5% if their purchase of

most items to the school! You can sign up at: <http://smile.amazon.com>



Scrip Orders: The school's scrip program is a great way for parents, grandparents, family and friends to help pay for tuition! 50% of each scrip order's profit may be designated toward a student's tuition. Many retailers participate in the gift card program and also offer ScripNow, where certificates can be downloaded from your account through orders placed online at www.shopwithscrip.com. Scrip packets are available by the office. New order deadline: 10th of each month. Contact Kelly Schmidtke (547-1080).

Youth Brunch Fundraiser

Immanuel Youth and their families will be hosting a Youth Brunch Fundraiser on
Sunday, January 8, 2017

immediately after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

The brunch menu will be assorted egg bakes, bagels with toppings, fresh fruit and beverages.

Proceeds from the free-will offering supports Immanuel Youth activities and events.

Thank you for your support of Immanuel Youth!

Stewardship

“Let Your Light Shine”

Scripture Readings:

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12).

Jesus said, “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:14-16).

We are dull dead sinful creatures with no light of our own. The world itself was dark and empty, we read in Genesis 1:2, until God spoke those words, “Let there be light,’ and there was light” (Genesis

1:3). What the Creator God did for the earth, the Redeemer God does for us humans. John, the apostle, tells us how this has come about: “In the beginning



was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world” (John 1:1, 14, 9).

We are to keep that light within us burning brightly and shining for the entire world to see. Jesus said, “You are the light of the world . . . let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds

and praise your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:14-16). This we can accomplish on our own no more than we could put our own lights within us. God is light. As Jesus’ followers, we reflect the light that comes from Him. Receiving God’s light, our light is intended to give light to others. Our Sanctifier God, the Holy Spirit, nourishes us through Word and Sacrament and equips us to be that “light on the hill.” He is the one Who enables us to obey Paul’s command: “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light” (Ephesians 5:8). Those who live in God’s light produce good fruit by which God is glorified.

Blessings on your journey as a steward!

Finances

Church General Fund:

November Offerings = \$11,024.11
 Rebate from Lake Country Power = 460.00
 Total Income = \$11,484.11
 November Expense = \$13,299.17
 Shortage = \$1,815.00
 Building Fund Income = \$230.00
 Building Fund Balance 11/30/16 = \$4,163.33
 Mercy Fund \$200 donation given members.
 Nov. 30 balance = \$1319.00



School Finances:

11/1/16-11/30/16 income = \$9,495.48
 11/1/16-11/30/16 expense = \$10,983.66
 (Actual income & expense
 – loan amounts removed)

Lines of credit balance owed as of 12/5/16 = \$0 (+\$40,000 to transfer to building account)



The most adorable Salvation Army Bell Ringers ever! Pat Kastning recruited the little ones, Jesse and Rosie Schmidtke, children of Kevin and Cindy Schmidtke!

Secret Servants

- * Thanks so much to Peggy Schmidtke for super cleaning and waxing the kitchen floors!
- * Thank you, Dale Ross for your continued efforts in a “million” ways. For sure you must have a hidden bed around somewhere! You seem to always be around to help with so many things! You were “nominated” by many when trying to define a person with a true “servant heart”!
- * Thank you again to Meg Duin for keeping our church and fellowship area just right for the appropriate season! Thanks for decorating the beautiful tree again (along with Bonnie Vrudny), and for coordinating the pictures, quilts, and all the other areas to look so lovely and inviting!



Yes, God is keeping track of the “good deeds” you do in private. However, if you see someone doing something “in secret”, let the church office know so we can all say thank you! The smallest thing you do is GREATLY appreciated! YOU are appreciated!

Look it up: Bibleinfo.com & kidsbibleinfo.com

Faith In Action Volunteer Drivers Needed to Help Your Neighbors

Many people in rural Minnesota depend on friends or neighbors for rides to medical appointments, grocery shopping and errands. For some, this is the only way they can connect with community, especially during the winter months. At times, finding a driver can be difficult.

In this Season of Giving, consider giving of your time and yourself by becoming a volunteer with Faith in Action and providing rides to someone in your community. Faith in Action Volunteers can choose to drive once or twice a month or weekly as their time allows.

“Without your help I would not be able to live in this community. Each person that has helped me is terrific!” exclaimed Jeannette. And Fred from Pine River said, “Thanks for sending the driver to help me get groceries. I didn’t know how I would get it done. You are lifesavers!”

If you like spending time with people and can transport them to their appointments, shopping and errands, Faith in Action is the

place for you to volunteer. Volunteers receive liability insurance coverage, coordination, recognition, mileage reimbursement, and the satisfaction of knowing they are making a difference. An application with background check and orientation session are required.

Faith in Action is currently seeking compassionate drivers in your area to help people like Jeannette and Fred to connect with community. Volunteer drivers give them the freedom to manage their health and well-being, and the freedom to remain in their homes for as long as possible. Your neighbors need you! For more information on Faith in Action services and volunteer opportunities, call

218-209-9608 or email cassfia@uslink.net.

The website for Faith in Action for Cass County is:

www.faithinactioncass.com



Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center

LIFE. Something beautiful.

The Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center exists to provide physical and spiritual life affirming choices for women and families facing an unplanned pregnancy.

Please be in prayer for women (and men) making the toughest decision of their lives...and one that will affect them for the rest of their lives, no matter what they choose. Pray for them to come to know and trust God with their future and their child's life.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is

January 15, 2017— On January 13, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day. (January 22, 1973, was the day the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion-on-demand in all 50 states.) Churches around the United States use the day to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protecting human life at every stage. Churches continue to recognize the third Sunday in January as Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.

Part-time Administrative Assistant Needed: The center has a need for a reliable, honest, pro-life person with bookkeeping/secretarial skills. Hours could be flexible. If you know of someone, please call the center!

Looking for Board Members: We are looking for board members from our service area (thirty mile radius) who have a



heart for 'life' and feel called to serve in this way. Those interested please call the Center for more information.

Adoption Celebration is scheduled for April 25, 2017. The 8th Annual Fundraising banquet will be held featuring the life choice of adoption! We would love to hear YOUR adoption story or one of someone close to you! We are looking for table hosts, which is a "short-term volunteer" position which brings great dividends!

Needs: We are in need of winter clothing outfits of all sizes, especially 3 Months—12 Months and long-sleeved Onesies of all sizes.

New Bible Study: Watch for a new Bible Study to be announced that will help churches and our center to walk more closely together.

Teal's Market: Keep those Teal's Market Receipts coming in. We get a 1% donation for each one we turn in.

"LIKE" us on Facebook: Please find us on Facebook for ministry updates and then be sure to "Like" us.

Location: The pregnancy center is located at 507 Front Street in Walker. Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11 AM to 4PM. Our phone is: 218-547-LIFE (5433). Our mailing address: P O BOX 1527, Walker, MN 56484, and our email is: walk-erpssc@arvig.net.

Thank you so much to all of you
have supported us in 2016!

ALS Snowmobile Ride

This year I will again be riding the ALS Blackwoods Blizzard Tour on February 1-4, with my son Wade to raise money for ALS. This is the largest snowmobile ride fundraiser in the United States. It is hard to believe that it will be 10 years since Hal died of ALS. We continue to raise money and awareness of this disease in the hopes that a cure will be found. Strides have been made but there is still a battle we must fight. If you would like to donate to this you can make checks payable to ALS Minnesota and I will send them in, or search for ALS Blizzard Tour, put my name in and donate on line. Thank you for your continued support.

Marie Bakker



January Celebrations

Anniversaries

- 1/12 Gary & Theresa Bilben (26 years)
- 1/17 Michael Jahn & Mary Tetzloff (4 years)
- 1/25 Randy & LaShawnda Nielson (24 years)
- 1/26 Jim & Phyllis Eklund (59 years)



Birthdays

- 1/1 Tara Anderson
- 1/3 Harry Entwistle
- 1/7 Gary Bilben
- 1/8 Johnathon Myers (18)
- 1/12 Isabel Beasley (11)
- 1/12 Nicole Beasley (11)
- 1/12 Dawna Beasley (11)
- 1/14 Marie Bakker
- 1/15 Grace Bauman (13)
- 1/16 Landon Beard (5)
- 1/17 Polly Ruhl
- 1/18 Judy Jensen
- 1/19 Sue Anderson
- 1/24 Deb Fabian
- 1/26 Amelia Anderson
- 1/26 Sandra Kushman
- 1/27 Richard Donnell (90)
- 1/29 Jason Pederson



Men's Breakfast Fellowship
Saturday, January 7
8 am



Ladies Bible Study (8:30 am)
& Crossways (10 am)
Resumes
Thursday, January 5



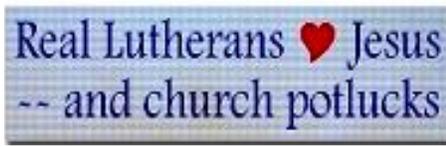
Youth Brunch
(Following Worship)
&
Congregational Meeting
(Following Brunch)
Sunday, January 8
Please come and join us!



Congregational Meeting

SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday, January 29 following worship service there will be a fellowship potluck brunch. Bring a dish to pass and join us for fellowship and some good food.



*All our sins are written
in pencil and our prayers
in ink!*

We want to include YOU!
Please let the office know your special days
so we can celebrate with you!

Immanuel Lutheran School—Where Faith and Education Meet



**“Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.”
Is. 26:4**

National Lutheran Schools Week provides our network of nearly 2,300 LCMS preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God’s work among us in Lutheran schools. We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus’ amazing love with children and their families. National Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve. Our schools are amazing incubators for faithful witness of God’s love for us through Christ by teachers and students alike.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017

8:00- 7:30

REGISTER FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR!

PRESCHOOL - 8TH GRADES

DATES for National Lutheran Schools week:

January 22 - January 27

LOOK for more information about the schedule of events during National Lutheran Schools week in Immanuel’s church bulletin or parent notes home.



THANK YOU!

We are so thankful for Bonnie, who spent a day at school conducting vision and hearing tests for our kindergarten—8th grade students.

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804
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91
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Learn more:
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lcms.org/schools



Dates to Remember:

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| January 3 | School Resumes |
| January 10 | PTL Meeting 6:00 |
| January 16 | No School |
| January 22-27 | National Lutheran Schools Week |
| January 26 | Open House & Registration |
| February 7 | Preschool/Pre-K Dad’s Night |

Christmas Program Pictures



The Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten Classes presented their Christmas program, "Manger on the Mantle", followed by snacks and activities. Here families are fishing for candy canes and creating fun projects.



The Kindergarten — 8th grade students joyfully shared the Christmas story through their musical, "All About That Baby". Thank you to all who came and shared in this Good News.



Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

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Join us for worship on Sundays at 9

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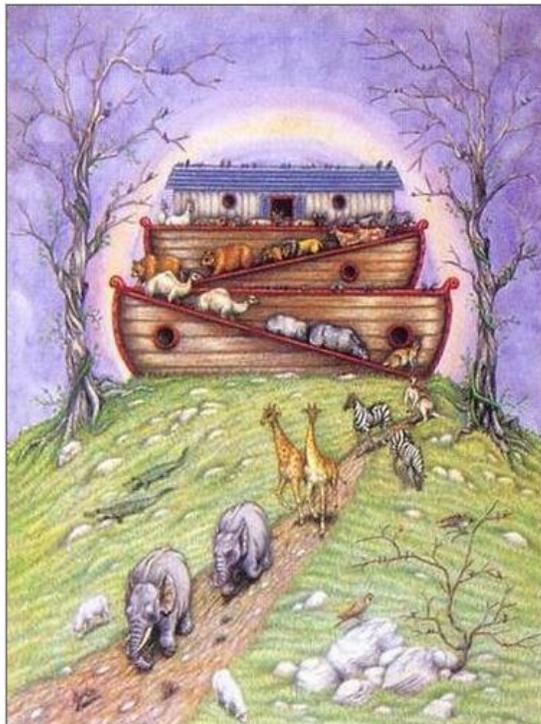
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fresh start?
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you one!

“Clean the slate God,
so we can start the
day fresh!”
- Psalm 34:1

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1/1 & 1/8 Dick Kruger

1/15, 1/22 & 1/29 Joel Vinkemeier

Greeters

1/1 Jim & Joann Loewen

1/8 Will & Dar Pehling

1/15 Mike & Kelly Schmidtke

1/22 Bill & Karen Sellner

1/29 Joel & Barb Vinkemeier

Acolytes

1/1 Jessica Schmidtke

1/8 Brandon Dodge

1/15 Mark Salvhus

1/22 Jeffrey Schmidtke

1/29 Jessica Schmidtke

Fellowship Servers

1/1 Darlene Thue & Marie Bakker

1/8 Youth Brunch/Voter's Meeting

1/15 Phyllis Eklund & Lori Reeve

1/22 Corina Bronczyk & Kelly Schmidtke

1/29 Fellowship Potluck

Ushers

1/1 Mike Keske & Bill Sellner

1/8 Vern Black & Wayne Kastning

1/15 Vern Black & Wayne Kastning

1/22 Tim & TJ Anderson

1/29 Tim & TJ Anderson



A huge **THANK YOU** to all who
continue to serve our congregation!
Bless you!

Immanuel Lutheran Church		January 2017			"God With Us"	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1 st Sunday after Christmas 9 am Worship w/Com. 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study <i>NEW YEAR'S DAY</i>	2 <i>Annual Reports Due</i> 10 am Elders 7 pm Board of Ed No School	3 School Resumes	4 3 pm Confirm.	5 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study 10 am Crossways Bible Study	6 Epiphany 	7 8 am Men of Imm. Breakfast Fellowship
8 The Baptism of Our Lord 9 am Worship 10 am Youth Brunch 11:00 am Voters Meeting	9	10 Scrip Deadline 9:30 am Pastor's Winkle @ Menahga	11 3 pm Confirm.	12 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study 10 am Crossways Bible Study	13	14
15 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany 9 am Worship w/Com. 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	16 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE No School Martin Luther King Jr Day	17 1:00 pm LWML@ Phyllis Eklund's	18	19 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study 10 am Crossways	20	21
22 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany 9 am Worship with Immanuel Students singing 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	23	24	25 Release Time 8:30 am grades K-2 1:30 pm grade 5 3 pm Confirm.	26 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study, 10 am Crossways 8 am-7 pm School Open House & Registration	27	28
National Lutheran Schools Week						
29 4 th Sunday after Epiphany 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	30	31	February 1 3 pm Confirm.	2 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study 10 am Crossways	3	4

Usher Assignments for 2017

If you are unable to serve and cannot find a replacement call Gordy Dahn @ 547-3083

January 2017

1/1 Mike Keske & Bill Sellner
1/8 Vern Black & Wayne Kastning
1/15 Vern Black & Wayne Kastning
1/22 Tim & TJ Anderson
1/29 Tim & TJ Anderson

February 2017

2/5 Jim Bodsgard & Jim Kolar
2/12 Jim Bodsgard & Jim Kolar
2/19 Darrin Bronczyk & Will Pehling
2/26 Darrin Bronczyk & Will Pehling

March 2017

3/1 Darrin Bronczyk & Will Pehling
3/5 Neil Butenschoen & Mike Keske
3/8 Neil Butenschoen & Mike Keske
3/12 Neil Butenschoen & Mike Keske
3/15 Neil Butenschoen & Mike Keske
3/19 Wayne Kastning & Bill Sellner
3/22 Wayne Kastning & Bill Sellner
3/26 Wayne Kastning & Bill Sellner
3/29 Wayne Kastning & Bill Sellner

April 2017

4/2 Tim Anderson & TJ Anderson
4/5 Tim Anderson & TJ Anderson
4/9 Tim Anderson & TJ Anderson
4/14 Tim Duin & Jack Hopen
4/16 Tim Duin & Jack Hopen
4/23 Tim Duin & Jack Hopen
4/30 Jim Bodsgard & Gordy Dahn

May 2017

5/7 Jim Bodsgard & Gordy Dahn
5/14 Glenn Bakeberg & Vern Black
5/21 Glenn Bakeberg & Vern Black
5/28 Neil Butenschoen & Duane Payne

June 2017

6/4 Neil Butenschoen & Duane Payne
6/11 Jack Hopen & Mike Keske
6/18 Jack Hopen & Mike Keske
6/25 Duane Paulson & Will Pehling

July 2017

7/2 Duane Paulson & Will Pehling



2017 Fellowship Serving Schedule

January

1 Darlene Thue & Marie Bakker
8 **Youth Brunch/Voter's Mtg.**
15 Phyllis Eklund & Lori Reeve
22 Corina Bronczyk & Kelly Schmidtke
29 **Fellowship Potluck**

February

5 Lavonne Keske & Judy Jensen
12 Liz Dahn & Kathy Pinsonneault
19 Karen Sellner & Marilyn Black
26 Nancy Albrecht & Judy Gratke

March

5 Barb Vinkemeier
12 Bonnie Vrudny & Pam Kruger
19 Kathi Hopen & Theresa Bilben
26 Sydney Bodsgard & Meg Duin

April

2 Dar Pehling & Lori Reeve
9 Marie Bakker
16 **Men's Easter Breakfast**
23 Phyllis Eklund & Corina Bronczyk
30 Joann Loewen & Darlene Thue

May

7 Clara Gerwick & Marilyn Black
14 Mary Tetzloff & Karen Sellner
21 Marilyn Bakeberg & Phyllis Payne
28 Kathy Pinsonneault & Nancy Albrecht

June

4 **Welcome Back Chicken Dinner**
11 Liz Dahn & Meg Duin
18 Barb Vinkemeier
25 Lavonne Keske & Judy Gratke

July

2 Kathi Hopen & Bonnie Vrudny
9 Clara Gerwick & Joann Loewen
16 Judy Jensen & Phyllis Payne
23 Sydney Bodsgard & Pam Kruger
30 **Fellowship Potluck**

August

6 Marie Bakker & Marilyn Bakeberg
13 Nancy Albrecht & Lori Reeve
20 Corina Bronczyk & Mary Tetzloff
27 **Summer's End Food Fest**

September

3 Marilyn Black & Meg Duin
10 Barb Vinkemeier
17 Clara Gerwick & Joann Loewen
24 Dar Pehling & Phyllis Payne

October

1 **LWML Sunday**
8 **Youth Brunch/Voter's Mtg.**
15 Judy Gratke & Liz Dahn
22 Lavonne Keske & Pam Kruger
29 **German Potluck**

November

5 Bonnie Vrudny & Sydney Bodsgard
12 Marilyn Bakeberg & Kathy Pinsonneault
19 Judy Jensen & Darlene Thue
26 Kathi Hopen & Theresa Bilben

December

3 Phyllis Eklund & Lori Reeve
10 Nancy Albrecht & Marilyn Black
17 Dar Pehling & Karen Sellner
24 **Merry Christmas**
31 Corina Bronczyk & Kelly Schmidtke

This is the 2017 Fellowship Serving Schedule.

Please take note of your dates and if it doesn't work for you, please try to trade with someone or work something out with your serving partner. Thank you all for providing treats and serving. It makes our fellowship time so special.