



THE VOICE OF IMMANUEL

January 2020



COUNCIL MINUTES December 10, 2019

Somehow, not only for Christmas,
But all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others,
Is the joy that comes back to you.

And the more you spend in blessing
The poor and lonely and sad,
The more of your heart's possessing
Returns to you glad.

- John Greenleaf Whittier

The staff of Immanuel
Lutheran Church pray that
God will bless you in the
coming year!

Pastor Jan Lehman

Vicar Ryan Herkel

Melissa Skut

JoAnn Quintman

Julie Wilson

Kathy Walker

Pastor's Report- Discussed the website created by Shannon Childress, Seven Marks of the Church. Each month the website focuses on one of the Seven Marks. It can be found at www.smsimmanuel.com

Property- Spot lights in the sanctuary above the organ will be replaced by Waters Electric. A lift will be required. Diedem will be contacted to look at issued with two of the stained glass windows on the south side of the sanctuary.

Social Ministry - The collection for the Multi Cultural Center was a huge success.

New Business- A motion was made to apply for an Intern for the 2020/2021 term.

Next Meeting: January 8th at 6:00 p.m.

LIBRARY NEWS

Many new books have been added to the church library. We have six new Jan Karon books; an exciting book The Light in the Ruins which talks about a fictional Dark Age; Karen Kingsbury's Halfway to Forever; and many new children's Bible story books. Check out the shelf labeled "Great New Reads" to enjoy new fiction and nonfiction!

STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

HYMN SING will be held on Sunday, January 26th at 1:30 p.m. at County Health.

DEVOTIONS

Devotions with Pastor Barbara



Busboom will be on Sunday, January 26th at Country Health at 2:00 p.m.

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

- 1/1 Lou Ann Mennenga
- 1/3 Judy Park
- 1/6 Fern Becker
- 1/6 Sharon Duitsman
- 1/14 Dennis Meyer
- 1/16 Larry Frerichs
- 1/16 Joan Schmidt
- 1/17 Diana Frerichs
- 1/17 Shirley Wyatt
- 1/19 Anna Duitsman
- 1/19 Norman Uken
- 1/21 Norma German
- 1/28 Del Dahl



TIME AND TALENT

If you have not yet submitted your Time and Talent sheets for 2020, please get them to the church office as soon as possible.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletter deadline is February 17th.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion at **Brookstone** will be on Thursday, January 9th at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion at **Country Health** will be Thursday, January 9th, at 1:30 p.m.

Come and join us whether or not you have a family member residing there.

Our January Stewardship Project will be “Sock it to ‘em Campaign”. The number one thing needed in most homeless shelters is socks. All types of socks are needed, not only for men and women but kids as well. Once the bin is full, we will deliver them to our local shelters. Help keep someone warm this winter with something as simple as a new pair of socks. Drop socks off in the bin/box in the breezeway.



We are Blessed to Bless!

EUCHRE



Euchre was not held during the month of December. We will resume again on January 19th at 3:00 p.m. See you then!

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday, 6:00 a.m., Men’s Bible Study Group donated \$365.00 to the Eastern Illinois Food Bank. For every \$1.00 donated, the Food Bank can provide five meals for distribution in the local community.

As a reminder, the Men’s Bible Study will not meet during the month of January.



Alfred Ideus

Alfred Ideus completed his baptismal journey on December 14, 2019 at OSF-Heart of Mary, Urbana. His funeral was December 21, 2019 at Immanuel officiated by Pastor James T. Lehmann, STS and assisted by Vicar Ryan Henkel. Committal was at Kopmann Cemetery.



ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Immanuel Lutheran congregation has been set for 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, January 26th, 2019, in Diers Hall. All confirmed members of Immanuel's congregation, at least eighteen years old, are eligible to vote at the meeting. The Annual Report to the congregation will be mailed soon. Please read the information in the report and bring your copy with you to the meeting.

RADIO BROADCAST AND ALTAR FLOWERS

The new 2020 sign-up charts for Altar Flowers and Radio Broadcast are on the bulletin board next to the church office for you to make your reservations. Altar Flowers are \$35.00 and Radio Broadcast is \$70.00. You may call the church office to reserve a date or sign up on the charts. Please pay for your flowers or radio broadcast when you make your reservations.

ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER

	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u> 8:00 a.m.	<u>Sun.</u> 10:15 a.m.	<u>Totals</u>
11/24	28	118	146	292
11/28		Thanksgiving		160
12/1	24	81	76	181
12/8	16	117	45	178
12/15	19	101	65	185
12/22	23	116	72	211
Christmas Eve Service:				
		3:30 p.m.		385
		5:30 p.m.		176
Christmas Day				119

WEATHER CONCERNS

In case of inclement weather, the decision regarding cancellation of worship services will be made between 6:00 - 7:00 a.m. The decision will be announced on our website and Facebook page, as well as on WCIA-TV, WIXY and WHMS. You may also look on wcia.com.



FINANCIAL NOTE

Determination of contributions are effective for 2019 or 2020 according to the IRS. The general rule is that a contribution is effective when delivered. A check deposited in the church offering in January 2020 cannot be deducted in 2019, even if it is backdated to 2019. One exception - checks that are mailed and postmarked in 2019 are deductible in 2019, even if they are not received until 2020.

SPECIAL DATES

- New Year's Day, January 1, 2020
- Epiphany, *January 6, 2020*
- Baptism of our Lord, *January 12, 2020*
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, *January 18- 25, 2020*
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *January 20, 2020*



The Wednesday morning Men's Bible Study is not held during the month of January. Please plan to join us again beginning February 5th at 6:00 a.m.

WOMEN OF IMMANUEL

SHUT-INS

Keep our homebound and shut-ins in your thoughts and prayers. They would all enjoy calls or visits:

Brookstone Estates

- Marie Duitsman
- Dora Ehmen
- Lela Huls
- Emilie Steffey



Carriage Crossings

- Leo & Judi Studer

Country Health Nursing Home

- Gesina Erdman
- Dorothy Fruhling
- Esther Kopmann
- Berl Peavler

Holly Brook, Savoy

- Bill & Norma Reitmeier

Supportive Living of Washington

- Donna Flessner

Autumn Fields

- Joan Gordon

Home Bound

- Anne Duitsman - Florida

Ladies, start your new year out right, by joining us Tuesday night, January 28th at 6:30 p.m. as we watch and discuss the "Real Women, Real Faith," Session 4-Video, "Meeting Martha." Her story and example should encourage us, inspiring us to keep serving, while reminding us that all God-honoring service must flow from a heart that is fully engaged with the Savior!

THANK YOU!

We thank you for your many acts of kindness during this past year. They are received with thanksgiving and deep appreciation. May God continue to bless us as we work together to share the Gospel and to further His kingdom here on Earth.

In His Service,

Pastor James T. Lehmann, STS

Vicar Ryan Henkel

Jo Ann Duitsman

Julie Wilson

Melissa Suits

Kathy Waller

LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD

The men of Immanuel will meet on Saturday, January 4th at 7:00 a.m. to take down the nativity scene. Breakfast will be served. Please come and help if you are available.

POINSETTIAS

We would like to thank everyone who purchased the many poinsettias this year. The sanctuary was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season.

PUZZLE

A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.

We were there**fo**re buried with him through bapt**is**m into death in order that, just as Christ was rais**e**d from the dead through the g**l**ory of the Fath**e**r,

we too may live a _____.

Roman**s** 6:4, NIV

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Answer: f i e l e w n u n e w l i f e

JANUARY 2020 CALENDAR-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5 Epiphany of our Lord 8:00 & 10:15 a- Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 a-SS/Adult SS</p>	<p>6 8:30 a- LWR Sewing 7:00 Martin Luther Men's Chorus</p>	<p>7 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 6:00 p-Council</p>	<p>1 New Year's Day Office Closed</p>	<p>2 8:30 a- LWR Sewing</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 7:00 a- Lutheran Brotherhood 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion</p>
<p>12 Baptism of Our Lord 8:00 & 10:15 a- Worship and Holy Communion 9:15 a- SS/Adult SS 7:00 p- High School Bible Study</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 2:00 p- Auditing Comm</p>	<p>15 6:15 p- Bells 7:00 p- Choir 7:00 p- Confirmation</p>	<p>16 8:30 a- LWR Sewing</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion</p>
<p>19 8:00 & 10:15 a- Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 a- SS/Adult SS 1:00 p- Ostfriesian 3:00 p- Euechre 7:00 p- HS Bible Study</p>	<p>20 8:30 a- LWR Sewing 7:00 p- ML Men's Chorus</p>	<p>21 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 7:00 p- Parish Education Meeting</p>	<p>22 6:15 p- Bells 7:00 p- Choir 7:00 p- Confirmation</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 5:00 p- Worship Baptism: Peyton Bruns and Palmer Ideus</p>

<p>26 8:00 a- Worship 9:15 a- SS/no Adult 10:15 a- Annual Meeting 1:30 p- Hymn sing at Country Health 2:00 p- Devotions at Country Health</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 6:30 p- Women of Immanuel</p>	<p>29 6:15 p- Bells 7:00 p- Choir 7:00 p- Confirmation</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	
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JANUARY 2020 - Volunteers

Date	Acolyte	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Ushers
Sunday, January 5 5:00 pm 8:00 am	Cain Buhr Caleb Cotter	Elaine Wilson Teri Travis	5:00 Sharolyn Worley 8:00 Karon Currie Shirley Wyatt 10:15 Hailey Braden Callie Heidbreder	8:00 Larry & Carol Johnson Rosetta Suits/Dr. David Bruns 10:15 Marie Reitzeimer Janine Standifer/Hailey Braden	January: 8:00am (Capt) Neal Silver Don Sjuts Susie Sjuts Dave Wolken
Sunday, January 12 8:00 am 10:15 am BAPTISM OF OUR LORD - COMMUNION	Brodie Harms Kodey McKinney Blake Learned Makenna Ackerman	Kim Wood Sue Calhoun	5:00 Shannon Childress 8:00 Nicole Crites Lois Harms 10:15 Toni Brown Barb Hall	8:00 Mark & Kim Wood Louise Busboom/Kenny Heimbarger 10:15 Bill & Kim Learned Jason & Kris Stalter	January: 10:15am (Capt) Tyler Suits Rick Wolken Jodi Wolken Andy Buhr
Sunday, January 19 5:00 pm 8:00 am 10:15 am COMMUNION	Brenden Maury Spencer Stockwill Paige Schoonover Taylor Fulk	Nicole Crites Dr. David Bruns	5:00 Sue Calhoun 8:00 Amy Jones Bev Lehmann 10:15 Mike Stark Joyce Romine	8:00 Bev Lehmann/Judy Rademaker Rodney & Peggy Bergman 10:15 Donna Garrell/Barb Hall Lester & Beverly Wolken	ALTAR GUILD: Julie Wilson (Chair) Carol Johnson Callie Heidbreder Janine Standifer Sharolyn Worley Shannon Childress
Sunday, January 26 8:00 am 10:15 am	Chelsea Suits ANNUAL MEETING	Robyn Camp ANNUAL MEETING		8:00 Joyce Romine/Mike Stark Evelyn Sjuts/Ranae Buck	

FEBRUARY 2020 - Volunteers

Date	Acolyte	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Ushers
Sunday, Feb 2, 2020 5:00 pm 8:00 a.m.	Adam Wilson Caleb Cotter	Lloyd Duitsman	5:00 Sharon Emkes 8:00 Sharolyn Worley Judy Rademaker 10:15 Denise Wolken Hatley Braden	8:00 Lloyd Duitsman/Lois Harms Casey Roelfs/Molly Flesner 10:15 Norman & Darlene Uken Janice Duitsman/Carolyn Flesner	February: 8:00am Wally Worley (Captain) Trent Worley Tad Worley Keith/Ryan Sjuts
COMMUNION 10:15 a.m.	Madison Wolken Carmen Sage	Angie Sage			
Sunday, Feb 9, 2020 8:00 am 10:15 am	Cain Buhr Brooks Brown	Sharon Emkes Toni Brown		8:00 Dale & Connie Franzen Larry & Eunice Frerichs 10:15 Jeff & Toni Brown Callie Heidreder /Julie Wilson	February: 10:15am Rodney Bergman Mike Stark Bob Clem Brett Brown
Sunday, Feb 16, 2020 5:00 pm 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Taylor Fulk Kodey McKinney Tinley Ideus Makenna Ackerman	Shirley Wyatt Maynard Duitsman	5:00 Bonita Kopmann 8:00 Matthew Lehmann Elaine Wilson 10:15 Ranae Buck Janna Buck	8:00 Bev Heiden/Betty Ihnen Darlene Johnson/Shirley Johnson 10:15 Maynard & Jo Ann Duitsman Gene & Joan Schmidt	Altar Guild: Brenda Barr (Chair) Teri Travis Denise Wolken Bev Heiden Donna Wiltshire Casey Roelfs
COMMUNION 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Brodie Harms Blake Learned	Shari Hovelh Joyce Romine	5:00 Sue Calhoun 8:00 Nicole Crites Karon Currie 10:15 Joyce Romine Toni Brown	8:00 Jeff & Shari Hovelh Nathon & Amy Jones 10:15 Bill & Kim Learned Neal & Darcy Silver	
Wednesday, Feb 23, 2020 7:00PM COMMUNION	Brenden Maury Spencer Stockwill	Bev Lehmann	Bev Lehmann Shannon Childress	Barry & Sandy Maury Mary Quinlan/Dr. David Bruns	