

# THE VOICE OF IMMANUEL

January 2019

# JOY

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 Jim  
Lehman SS  
Sandra & Sunborn  
Go Ann Dittman  
Melissa Jantz  
Kathy Walker  
Julie Wilson*



## ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Immanuel Lutheran congregation has been set for 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, January 27, 2018, 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



## RADIO BROADCAST AND ALTAR FLOWERS

The new 2019 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.

**HYMN SING**

Hymn Sing at Country Health will be on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.



**DEVOTIONS**

Devotions with Pastor Barbara Busboom will be on Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at Country Health at 2:00 p.m.



**HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!**

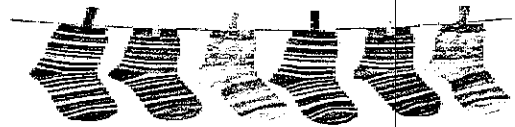
- 1/1 Lou Ann Mennenga
- 1/6 Fern Becker
- 1/6 Sharon Duitsman
- 1/16 Larry Frerichs
- 1/16 Gloria Schmidt
- 1/17 Diana Frerichs
- 1/17 Shirley Wyatt
- 1/19 Anna Duitsman
- 1/19 Norman Uken
- 1/21 Norma German
- 1/22 Norma Flesner
- 1/28 Del Dahl

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Holy Communion at **Brookstone** will be on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion at **Country Health** will be Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 p.m.

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



**STEWARDSHIP PROJECT**

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 want to say “THANK YOU” to everyone who donated to last month’s stewardship project, “Shop With a Cop”. We collected \$865.00!

We are Blessed to Bless!



**EUCHRE**

Euchre was not held during the month of December. We will resume again on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. See you then!

**TIME AND TALENT**

If you have not yet submitted your Time and Talent sheets for 2019, please get them to the church office as soon as possible.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The newsletter deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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.



**COUNCIL MINUTES  
December 11, 2018**

**Pastor's Report-** Approved the request for transfer out of Cory and Ava Worley and Michael, Adam, Alexis and Alivia Wolken to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in St. Joseph, IL. Discussed the great turnout for "Seeing Through the Scripture" on Saturday, December 1.

**Property-** Spot lights in the Sanctuary are on order from Deidem to convert to LED. The interior of the parsonage is in need of attention. A work day will be scheduled. The committee is looking into the threshold to the outside entrance south of the stage in Dier's Hall which needs reattached.

**New Business-** Approved to receive Kevin Brown, Shannon Childress, Scott Harris and Angie Sage into membership. The new member reception will be December 30, 2018.

**Next Meeting:** January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE FOR  
DECEMBER**

	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u> 8:00 a.m.	<u>Sun.</u> 10:15 a.m.	<u>Totals</u>
11/25	16	95	138	249
12/2	17	115	53	185
12/9	26	140	140	242
12/16	29	109	101	239
12/23	23	115	69	207
Christmas Eve Service:				
		3:30 p.m.		500
		5:30 p.m.		154
Christmas Day				96

**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 2018 or 2019 according to the IRS. The general rule is that a contribution is effective when delivered. A check deposited in the church offering in January 2019 cannot be deducted in 2018, even if it is backdated to 2018. One exception - checks that are mailed and postmarked in 2018 are deductible in 2018, even if they are not received until 2019.

**SPECIAL DATES**

- New Year's Day, *January 1, 2019*
- Epiphany, *January 6, 2019*
- Baptism of our Lord, *January 13, 2019*
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *January 21, 2019*
- New Year's Eve/Watch Night, *December 31, 2018*

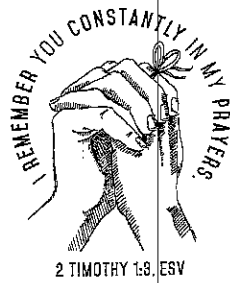
From a church newsletter:

Join us for a holiday treat

Family photos will be taken by the Christmas tree.

Open by December 9

That's one talented evergreen!

**SHUT-INS**

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

## Brookstone Estates

Dora Ehmen  
Norma Flesner  
Lela Huls  
Emilie Steffey  
Wilbur Wilken

## Carriage Crossings

Leo & Judi Studer

## Country Health Nursing Home

Gesina Erdman  
Dorothy Fruhling  
Esther Kopmann

## Holly Brook, Rantoul

Berl Peavler

## Holly Brook, Savoy

Bill & Norma Reitmeier

## Riverview Assisted Living, East Peoria

Donna Flessner

## Home Bound

Anne Duitsman - Florida

**LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD**

The men of Immanuel will meet on Saturday, January 5th at 7:00 a.m. to take down the nativity scene. Breakfast will be served. Please come and help if you are available.

***Disciples of the Cross***

## In-home Group Study

Written as an introduction for those who are new to the subject of intentional discipleship, or are engaging in a congregational program in this area, ***Disciples of the Cross*** series is intended to lay the groundwork for the exploration of what it means to be an active follower of Jesus Christ and how that is reflected in our personal life and ministry. This series approaches the subject from an intentionally Lutheran theological perspective, emphasizing a sacramental theology of the cross, the distinction of law and gospel, and an understanding of the Christian believer as one who is both saint and sinner.

“Part 1: Who We Are – An Introduction to the Theology of Discipleship” is a six-session course which we will use as an in-home small group (6-10) discussion. This is a great way to grow in faith and in relationship with one another. We will start right after January 1. We are looking for people who are willing to host and/or lead. We hope to have a high percent of Immanuel and friends participating.

Are you willing to host? Are you willing to lead? Please contact the church office (694-4156).

**POINSETTIAS**

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

**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

Pastor Barbara Busboom

Jo Ann Duitsman

Julie Wilson

Melissa Suits

Kathy Waller



**HOLY BAPTISMS**

**CHILD:** Alden John Hammond  
**PARENTS:** Andy & Molly Hammond  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** September 8, 2018  
**BAPTISM:** December 9, 2018 by Pastor James Lehmann, STS  
**SPONSORS:** Drew Barringer and Mary Warren

**CHILD:** Glenn Sawyer Kerns  
**PARENTS:** Rick Kerns & Kasi Neukomm  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** July 12, 2018  
**BAPTISM:** December 16, 2018 by Pastor James Lehmann, STS  
**SPONSORS:** Jason & Kris Stalter and Matthew & Nichole Kerns



**RICKY LYNN EHMEN**

Ricky Lynn Ehmen completed his baptismal journey on December 10, 2018 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, IL. His funeral was on December 14, 2018 at Immanuel officiated by Pastor James T. Lehmann, STS. Committal was at Beckman Cemetary.

**PICTURES**

For those of you only receiving the free 8x10 photograph - the photos are being mailed to the church and can be found in the red basket in the breezeway.

**NEW SAFETY PROCEDURES**



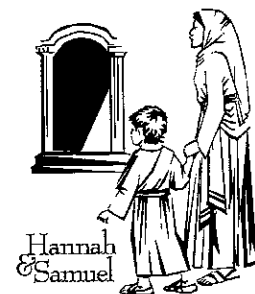
During the month of January we will implement a test of new safety procedures. Following are the practices that will be tested:  
\* The South and West entrances to the Sunday School building will be locked at all times. These doors will be used for exit only.  
\* All doors to the sanctuary will be locked during the last verse of the first hymn. This will include the door in the breeze way that leads to the sanctuary. If you need to exit and re-enter, you will need to use the main entrance on the west side. Ushers will be available to let you re-enter.  
\* Ushers will patrol the grounds at least once during each worship service.

It is unfortunate that these practices need to be implemented and we know that they will create some inconveniences. However, for the safety of everyone, the Security Committee has recommended these practices be tested for permanent implementation.

Congregation members may provide feedback to the ushers, church office or the church council with recommendations for changes.

**WOMEN OF IMMANUEL**

Ladies, start your new year out right, by joining us Tuesday night, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. as we watch the DVD "Hannah" surrendering in waiting. Real Women, Real Fath. You'll learn how God moved in the life of Hannah and how the struggles she faced long ago are not unlike the struggles we face today.



## NOVEMBER 2018 TREASURER'S REPORT

### Fund Balance Information

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				<b>BUILDING FUND</b>			
Fund Balance	10/31/2018		\$ 162,521.38	Fund Balance	10/31/2018		\$ 114,424.21
Offerings		\$ 23,736.37		Offerings		\$ 7,229.02	
Dedicated & Other Fund Receipts		3,948.10		Total Income			\$ 7,229.02
Total Income			\$ 27,684.47				
Pastoral Ministry		\$ 13,023.75		Building & Repair		\$ 294.16	
Worship & Service		4,065.12		Miscellaneous		404.57	
Our Church Home		2,762.16		Utilities		889.74	
Dedicated Fund Expenses		2,478.48		Total Expenses			\$ 1,588.47
Total Expenses			\$ 22,329.51				
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>11/30/2018</b>		<b>\$ 167,876.34</b>	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>11/30/2018</b>		<b>\$ 120,064.76</b>
Less Dedicated Fund Total			73,128.51	<i>Building Fund Invested as:</i>		<i>Checking</i>	\$ 120,064.76
<b>Total Unobligated Balance</b>			<b>\$ 94,747.83</b>				
<i>General Fund Invested as:</i>				<b>Other Fund Balances</b>			
		<i>Checking</i>	\$ 3,342.02	Endowment Capital	\$ 48,291.23	Memorial	\$ 34,504.78
<i>Money Market</i>	\$53,018.22	<i>CD</i>	\$43,323.77	Endowment Common	\$ 37,585.95	Endowment Interest	\$ 18.40
		<i>CD</i>	\$ 68,192.33				

### Offering & Attendance November 2018

#### By Category

General	\$ 23,736.37
Benevolence	10,874.67
Building	7,229.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 41,840.06</b>

#### November Attendance

960
<b>Average Weekly Attendance</b>
240

#### Benevolence Offering Includes

Gen Benevolence	3,864.52	Lutheran CORE	40.00
Rantoul Food Bank	1,419.00	NALC Seminary	340.00
Christmas Eve	5.00	Thanksgiving	5,146.15
Christmas Day	5.00	Men's Shelter	50.00
Mission Festival	5.00		

#### Additional Offerings Received

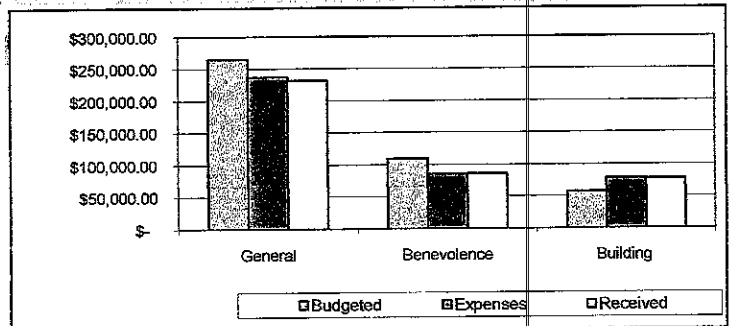
Sunday School	875.75	Parking Lot	400.00
LYO	45.00	Social Ministry	25.00
W of I - Shop w/ a Cop	745.00	Special Flowers	28.00
Lutheran Brotherhood	187.00	Altar Flowers	35.00

### Stewardship Progress Year to Date

	Budgeted	Received	Ahead/(Behind)
General	\$ 265,177.00	\$ 231,413.55	\$ (33,763.45)
Benevolence	110,000.00	85,385.09	(24,614.91)
Building	57,007.00	77,442.69	20,435.69
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 432,184.00</b>	<b>\$ 394,241.33</b>	<b>\$ (37,942.67)</b>

	Expenses	Ahead/(Behind)
General	\$ 237,194.55	\$ (5,781.00)
Benevolence	85,375.09	10.00
Building	78,431.64	(988.95)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 401,001.28</b>	<b>\$ (6,759.95)</b>



**JANUARY 2019 CALENDAR-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00 p- Choir 7:00 p- Confirmation	<b>3</b> 8:30 a- LWR Sewing	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00 a- Lutheran Brotherhood 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion
<b>6</b> Epiphany of our Lord 8:00 & 10:15 a- Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 a- SS/Adult SS	<b>7</b> 8:30 a- LWR Sewing	<b>8</b> 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 6:00 p- Council	<b>9</b> 6:15 p- Bells 7:00 p- Confirmation	<b>10</b> 10:00 a- Communion at Brookstone 1:30 p- Communion at Country Health	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion
<b>13</b> Baptism of Our Lord 8:00 & 10:15 a- Worship and Holy Communion 9:15 a- SS/Adult SS	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 5:15 p- Endowment Freese Scholarship & Newsletter Deadline	<b>16</b> 6:15 p- Bells 7:00 p- Choir 7:00 p- Confirmation	<b>17</b> 8:30 a- LWR Sewing	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion
<b>20</b> 8:00 & 10:15 a- Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 a- SS/Adult SS 1:00 p- Ostrifresian 3:00 p- Euchre 5:30-9:30 p Joy Movie Night	<b>21</b> 8:30 a- LWR Sewing	<b>22</b> 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 6:30 p- Women of Immanuel 7:00 p- Parish Education Meeting	<b>23</b> 6:15 p- Bells 7:00 p- Choir 7:00 p- Confirmation	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 5:00 p- Worship
<b>27</b> 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	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship	<b>30</b> 6:15 p- Bells 7:00 p- Choir 7:00 p- Confirmation	<b>31</b>		

# JANUARY 2019 - Volunteers

Date	Acolyte	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Ushers
<b>Sunday, January 6</b> 5:00 pm 8:00 am  10:15 am <b>COMMUNION</b>	Grace Flessner Madison Wolken  Brodie Harms Hallie Harms	Angie Sage  Dr. David Bruns	5:00 Bonita Kopmann 8:00 Ranae Buck Jamie Buck  10:15 Karon Currie Stacey Huls	Rodney & Peggy Bergman Scott & Jana Sage  Maynard & Jo Ann Duitsman Rick & Jodi Wolken	January: 8:00am Blake Hedrick (Capt) Grant Goff Ryan Sage (1/13 only) Todd Wilson
<b>Sunday, January 13</b> 8:00 am  10:15 am <b>BAPTISM OF OUR LORD - COMMUNION</b>	Adam Wilson  Paige Schoonover	Wilma Suits  Denise Wolken	5:00 Lois Harms 8:00 Robyn Camp Nicole Crites  10:15 Joyce Romine Mike Stark	Larry & Eunice Frerichs Julie Hedrick/Bev Heiden  Darlene Johnson/Shirley Johnson Lester & Beverly Wolken	January: 10:15am Rodney Bergman(Capt) Brian Emkes  Kyle Johnson Jerrod Lantis
<b>Sunday, January 20</b> 5:00 pm 8:00 am  10:15 am <b>COMMUNION</b>	Brodie Harms Hallie Harms  Brooks Brown Brett Brown  Taylor Fulk Kyle Meccoli	Lloyd Duitsman  Toni Brown	5:00 Lois Harms 8:00 Sharolyn Worley Denise Wolken  10:15 Toni Brown Bonita Kopmann	Dave & Denise Wolken Mary Quinian / Robyn Camp  Jeff & Toni Brown Bonita Kopmann / Barb Hall	<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b> Toni Brown (Chair) Melissa Suits Nicole Crites Adam Crites Julie Kellogg Stephanie Vogelsang
<b>Sunday, January 27</b> 8:00 am  10:15 am	Bev Lehmann  ANNUAL MEETING	ANNUAL MEETING	Barry & Sandy Maury Dan & Becky Dunlap		



## FEBRUARY 2019 - Volunteers

Date	Acolyte	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Ushers
<b>Sunday, Feb 3, 2019</b> 5:00 pm 8:00 a.m.	Paige Schoonover Kyle Mecolli	Elaine Wilson	5:00 Hailey Braden 8:00 Sue Calhoun Robyn Camp 10:15	8:00 Louise Busboom/Kenny Heimburger Casey Flesner/Evelyn Sjuts 10:15 Jeff & Toni Brown	February: 8:00am Derek Harms (Captain) Andy Buhr Anna Crites Adam Crites
10:15 a.m. <b>COMMUNION</b>	Brooks Brown Brett Brown	Dr. Stephen Rudawski	Toni Brown Barbara Hall	Don & Susie Sjuts	
<b>Sunday, Feb 10, 2019</b> 8:00 am  10:15 am	Paige Schmidt  Brenden Maury	Nicole Crites  Mike Stark		8:00 Mary Quinlan/Darlene Johnson Ray & Judy Rademaker 10:15 Maynard & Jo Ann Duitsman Jeff & Shari Hovel	February: 10:15am Marvin Rademacher (Captain) Tyler Suits Mike Stark Ryan Rademaker
<b>Sunday, Feb 17, 2019</b> 5:00 pm 8:00 a.m.  10:15 a.m.	Blake Learned Colin Wayland  Lindsay Suits Chelsea Suits	Bev Lehmann  Eric Suits	5:00 Darla Rubarts 8:00 Amy Jones Bev Lehmann 10:15 Sharolyn Worley Bonita Kopmann	8:00 Bill & Kim Learned Nathan & Amy Jones 10:15 Larry & Carol Johnson Donna Garrell/Shirley Johnson	Altar Guild: Callie Heidbreder (Feb Chair) Julie Wilson Janine Standifer Sharolyn Worley Carol Johnson Sudie Johnson (Feb only)
<b>Sunday, Feb 24, 2019</b>  8:00 a.m.  10:15 a.m.	Adam Wilson  Brody Harms	Sue Calhoun  Leon Schmidt		8:00 Dale & Connie Franzen Barry & Sandy Maury 10:15 Callie Heidbreder/Julie Wilson Neil & Darcy Silver	

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Casey Flesner  
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Darla Rubarts

**Cathedral Choir Pianist** Lois Harms

**Bell Choir Director** Laveda Clem

**Organists:** Irene Buhr, Janice Siuts, Brenda  
Anderson, Linda Pein, Laveda Clem,  
Heidi Brown

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Amy McElroy  
Marie Reitmeier  
Angie Sage  
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