

**Welcome to Worship at
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
STORY CITY, IOWA**

January 10, 2016

Mission Statement

Building Strong Relationships in Christ,
And Making Him Known to All



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Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

January 10, 2016

We Prepare to Meet God

Prelude

Opening Hymn

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

No. 210

Prayer

Time for Greeting

Announcements

We Hear God’s Word

Lesson - Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴ When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. ¹⁵ When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶ because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel - Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

We Witness God’s Saving Grace through Holy Baptism

Baptismal Anthem *“Come, Be Baptized”*

Senior Choir – Susan Amensen, Director

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (see bulletin insert)

We Respond to God's Blessings

Offering
Offertory *"We Are An Offering"* (on screen)

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed in Song and Word

Anthem *"We Will Be Your People"* Don Phillips
The Senior Choir - Susan Amensen, Director
Sermon Pastor Bob Nordvall
Hymn *"Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine"* No. 467

We Receive God's Promise to Go with us into Daily Life

Prayers of Praise and Intercession
The Lord's Prayer
Benediction
Hymn *"Song for the Nations"* (v.1-4) No. 439
Postlude

Organist: Emily Anderson

Ushers: Dion & Brenda Whipple, Bo Ammerman, Tyler
Oberender, Al Hermanson

Greeters: Dave & Carol Ann Morris

Reader: Dave Morris

Sound Engineer: Craig Sargent

Visitors: A special welcome to our guests today! We sincerely desire that everyone present will feel welcome in the Lord's house.

Baptized today is Sabrina Marie Schaufenbuel, daughter of Jason & Kari Schaufenbuel. Her sponsors are Brian & Amy Wille. Please remember this new child of God and her family in your prayers.

Today is our monthly Improvement Fund offering. This fund is used for capital expenditures to maintain and improve our church buildings. Please place your improvement envelope in the regular offering plate.

We welcome Pastor Bob Nordvall to our worship service today. He is Field Coordinator for East European Mission Network, a mission organization that sends out short and long term missionaries to that part of Europe. Our congregation has helped support EEMN for a number of years.

Vitae for Bob Nordvall

Bob grew up in Roseau, MN and attended Concordia College in Moorhead, where he and Karen met. They were married in 1967, and moved to St. Paul, where he attended Luther Northwestern Seminary.

Their first call was to Papua New Guinea, where they served for over a decade. On returning from the mission field in 1982, they took calls to western ND, first to Taylor and Richardton, and in 1985 to Charity Lutheran in Bismarck. This congregation sent him and Karen on a sabbatical in 2006 to Estonia and Latvia, and while there, they received a new call from God, recycling back into global mission work with the East European Missions Network.

After 25 years in Charity, Bob left parish ministry in 2010 to be "re-fired" as a part of the Great Commission mandate. In his work with East European Missions Network (EEMN) as Field Coordinator, he travels the Midwest telling the story of the church in the former Soviet Union, and leads short-term teams each year working with the Tartu Academy of Theology and pastors in Estonia.

On Sept. 20, 2013 Bob lost his wife and partner of 46 years, Karen, to a stroke. He continues to live in Minneapolis. He has two grown and married children; Karl (son) and Tina live in Edgerton, WI, and Siri (daughter) and Mike live in Minneapolis, with their toddlers, Elena (4) and, Stella (2).

Recently, Bob became engaged to Patti Ivey, Bismarck, ND, and they will be married April 2, 2016, at Charity Lutheran Church in Bismarck. They are long time friends of 23 years, and Patti was Karen's best friend and prayer partner for many years. Patti lost her husband 10 years ago in a car accident. God is good, gracious and healing, as He restores His people, always bringing them back into new life with Him.

January is Mission Month. In the weeks ahead we will have representatives from various mission organizations, that we help support, share at our Adult Class (8:30-9:15 A.M.) in the Social Hall. Today Pastor Bob Nordvall shared about the ministry of East European Mission Network. Next Sunday our Mission and Trustee boards will share about our 2016 budgets and some of the exciting projects in store for the new year. We encourage all voting members to come. We need your input.

Attendance last Sunday: 234

The Annual Meeting of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church is set for next Sunday, January 17, following the 9:30 A.M. worship service. All active confirmed members are eligible to vote. The Middle School and High School Youth will serve a dinner following the meeting. Items on the agenda will include:

1. The mission commitment for 2016,
2. Update on Endowment Fund,
3. Vote on pastors' salaries, and
4. The election of new council and committee members and delegates.

Ballot for Annual Meeting - January 17, 2016

Church Officers:

President: Brad Waline

Vice President: John Abrams

Secretary: Gail Nordholm

Treasurer: Dennis Bauman

Board of Education:

Brenda Lykins

Deacons:

Al Hermanson

John Nordeen

Trustees:

Rich Corcoron

Marcus Seaton

Nominating Committee:

Karen Waline

Linda Narigon

Matt Sporleder

Endowment Fund Committee:

Dennis Bauman

Mike Billings

Miriam Skartvedt

Tyler Whipple

Delegates:

LCMC National Gathering: Pastor Kurt Jensen, Joel Danielson

Riverside Bible Camp: Kim Sporleder, Laurie Thompson, Bambi Cerka

Bethany Manor: Edgar Christian, Clayton Gabrielson, Gloria Oberender, Sue Uthe, Mike Valen

Waldorf College: Ole Skaar

Submitted by the Nominating Committee – Joel Gabrielson, Justin Hanson, Rachel Winecoff, Sarah Gelner, Julie Skaar

Youth Quake. Please pray for us - A group of 32 (a 400% increase from last year) are in Des Moines this weekend for a fun, challenging and powerful Youth Quake event. There are 26 sixth through ninth graders, as well as six adult chaperones attending this event. Pray for safety, good health, great discussions and that we would listen to what the Spirit is doing in our lives. Thank You! — Zachary

Offering – January 3

Current & Mission Fund	3,706.00
Improvement Fund	135.00
Missionary Support Fund	50.00
World Hunger	1.01
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry	10.00
Designated – Emergency Fund	20.00
Total	3,922.01

Current & Mission Fund Offering needed each week - \$7,000

Upcoming Events

- **Quilt Tying.** We have a half day scheduled for quilt tying Thursday, January 14, from 9 A.M.-12 noon in the Social Hall. Drop in for an hour or stay for the morning. Coffee time at 10:30 A.M. Treats are welcome but certainly not required! Come share in the fellowship with others while providing a service to people in need.
- **The annual mother and son pizza and game night** will take place on Saturday, January 23 at the Riverside Bible Camp dining hall. Cost is \$10 per person. Register online or call 733.5271.

Reminders

- **A nursery/playroom** is available across from the restrooms on the main floor of the educational wing.
- **The Children's Activity Bulletins** are available from the ushers for young children.
- **The winter issue** of the "Our Daily Bread" devotional book is on the shelf in the narthex. The new "Connections" magazine and the new "Lutheran Digest" are also available.
- **Hearing devices** for those who have a difficult time hearing the service can be found on the shelf in the narthex. If you have been thinking of trying a unit, please ask an usher to assist you.
- **Tune in** to the Immanuel Lutheran Radio Broadcast each Sunday morning at 8 A.M. on KASI Radio (AM 1430).
- **During the winter months**, if you would like an usher to pick you up and take you to worship, feel free to let the church office know and we will make arrangements.

January 10 - January 17, 2016
Worship & Study Opportunities at Immanuel



As a congregation, let's be in prayer for:

- East European Mission Network as they send out workers for Christ in that part of the world.

We praise God for:

- The privilege we have to witness our faith to our neighbors next door and across the world.
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Youth Activities

High School Youth Activities

Our next meeting - Will be January 24th from 3:30-4:45PM. Bring a friend and get ready for some fun!

Middle School Youth Activities

Our next meeting - Will be January 24th from 2:00-3:15PM. Bring a friend and get ready for some fun!

Middle and High School Youth Activities

Annual Meeting Lunch - A postcard was sent out at the end of last week in regards to what you will be doing and what is needed from each class. If you did not receive your postcard, please talk with Zachary and he can help you! The Annual Meeting is next week after Worship. I hope to see you there. Remember, any confirmed member of Immanuel can vote! So that means YOUR OPINION matters 10th-12th Graders. See you there.

Youth Group Volunteering - ALL adults over the age of 18, we need your help!! We're using VolunteerSpot to organize our Sign-ups for the Immanuel Lutheran Church Youth Group. Go to this link to see our Sign-Up on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/UYDWZS> Thank You so much. We can't do it without you.

Sunday, January 10

- 8:00 A.M. Radio Broadcast on KASI (1430 AM)
- 8:30 A.M. Sunday School
- 9:00 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Narthex)
- 9:30 A.M. Worship
- 10:30 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Social Hall)
- 10:30 A.M. Stephen Ministers
- Youth Quake*

Monday, January 11

Tuesday, January 12

- 9:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 P.M. Youth Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 13

- 6:30 P.M. Junior Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 P.M. Pizza Supper for Trinity & Confirmation Students
- 6:45 P.M. Trinity & Confirmation Classes
- 7:30 P.M. Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 14

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Ministry Quilt Tying Work Day
- 7:00 P.M. Board of Deacons Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. Board of Trustees Meeting
- 7:45 P.M. Board of Education Meeting
- 8:15 P.M. Church Council Meeting

Friday, January 15

Saturday, January 16

- 8:00 A.M. Men of Immanuel (Cornerstone Room)

Sunday, January 17

- 8:00 A.M. Radio Broadcast on KASI (1430 AM)
- 8:30 A.M. Sunday School
- 9:00 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Narthex)
- 9:30 A.M. Worship - Kingdom Kids Sing (3 year olds-1st grade)
- 10:30 A.M. Congregational Annual Meeting
- 11:15 A.M. Congregational Dinner served by Middle School & High School Youth

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR
SABRINA MARIE SCHAUFENBUEL,
DAUGHTER OF JASON & KARI SCHAUFENBUEL

Dear Friends in Christ,

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus commands us to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. In the waters of Baptism, we are joined to the death and resurrection of our Lord and made members of the Body of Christ. Living in fellowship with Him and His people, we grow in faith, love and obedience to the will of God.

The Gospel of Mark tells us that once some people brought children to Jesus for Him to touch them, but the disciples scolded those people. When Jesus noticed it, He was angry and said to the disciples, "Let the children come to Me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Then He took the children in his arms, placed His hands on them and blessed them.

Jason and Kari, you have presented Sabrina for Holy Baptism. By doing so, you are accepting the responsibility of raising her in the Christian faith. Before God and this congregation I ask you then, do you promise to faithfully bring her to worship, read Scripture and pray together, teach her the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer, and help her grow in Christian faith?

If so, answer: "We will with the help of God."

You who are sponsors of this child are to be witnesses of Sabrina's baptism. You are also to remember her in your prayers and encourage her as she grows in Christian faith.

If this is your intention, please answer: "We will with the help of God."

Dear Congregation,

Are you as Christ's community, ready to support these persons in their duties as parents and sponsors and to remember Sabrina in your prayers?

If so, answer: We are.

(Please stand for the confession of faith.)

Pastor: I address you now as parents, sponsors, and congregation. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

Congregation: We do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Let us pray:

God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon Sabrina's father and mother. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for her. Strengthen them in their own commitment so that they may live out the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sabrina Marie Schaufenbuel, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross, on your head and on your heart, as a sign that you will know the Lord and the grace that came through His death and resurrection. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.

Let us pray:

Almighty and merciful God and Father, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through water and your Word. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Sabrina. Defend and keep her in your grace, that she may never depart from you, but may always live according to your will, finally receiving the fullness of your promise in your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: This congregation has a new daughter in Christ.

Congregation: We welcome Sabrina into the Lord's family. We receive her as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God.

Pastor: The blessing of almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all. Peace be with you. Amen.