



THE VOICE OF IMMANUEL

December 2015

It has been a joy and an honor to serve, but there comes a time to pass the baton on to someone else. That has been my recent assessment. And so I decided not to seek election to another four year term to the Executive Council. This gives me a chance to reflect with you the formation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC).

It was the summer of 2010 and plans were being made to form the NALC. Immanuel had taken its first vote to separate from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Pastor Mark Chavez, then director of Lutheran CORE, called to ask if I would consider being nominated to serve on the interim executive council of the NALC. He remembered me from 4-5 years before when I stood to publically disagree with him, and, perhaps, from the 2007 ELCA Churchwide Assembly when I stood to publically disagree with the direction of the ELCA. In any case, I was elected to this interim council.

I remember well having a photograph being taken with this group. I knew none of them! But over time, we became friends, some very close friends. It was an exciting time. Though no one said it at the time, and I didn't know it until much later, many thought that if the NALC could reach 100 congregations, that would already be a lofty achievement. But the Church is not a human endeavor. It is the work of the Holy Spirit! During the convocation a year later, we received St. Peter, Benson, IL, into the NALC as the 250th congregation. Thank you Lord for your faithfulness and blessing to us! At that convocation, I was elected to serve a four year term.

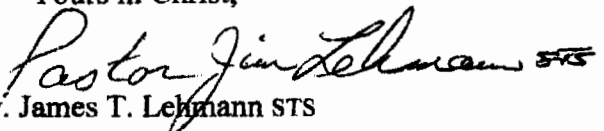
When a new congregation, or a new church body is formed, everyone comes with many hopes and expectations. They cannot all be met. But the NALC's four core values do a tremendous job of keeping us focused.

- 1. Christ Centered.** Everything depends on, and must be focused on, Him.
- 2. Mission Driven.** We make plans for mission, and seek to move into action.
- 3. Traditionally Grounded.** Scripture, creed, and confession shape and mold our proclamation.
- 4. Congregationally Focused.** Mission and evangelism takes place when people speak to their friends and neighbors about Jesus Christ. How can these four core values help shape the life and work of Immanuel Lutheran Church?

As a member of the Executive Council, I have been privileged to travel throughout North America. In an effort to make connections throughout the Church, the Executive Council meets four times a year in different congregations. Therefore, I have been in nearly every mission district. Each time, there would be an open forum so that people could hear about what has been developing in the NALC. Through the NALC, I have had the opportunity to visit Ethiopia and have some life changing experiences. Who would have ever thought?

We now have approximately 400 congregations. God is continuing to bless us. Pastor Carl Rasmussen was elected in August to take my position on the Executive Council. We will be well served! I want to thank Immanuel for their generosity is enabling me to work in the NALC. You have made me a better pastor, and I believe I have been able to serve you better. There are many stories and awesome experiences. I have seen amazing array of talents, abilities, and interests. May God continue to bless the NALC and Immanuel Lutheran Church!

Yours in Christ,


Rev. James T. Lehmann STS

PARISH NURSE

December – Holiday Blues / Stress:

Newsletter “One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.” Luke 18:1 NLT Are you overbooked for this month? Do you look at your schedule and start to panic? How can you possibly do everything? There are meetings, birthdays, gifts, decorating, parties and too many other things, not including work, family and church.

It’s time to trim your list instead of the tree.

Consider fewer gifts, fewer decorations and not so many parties. Find quiet time to spend with devotional materials and in prayer. The only way to get to the heart of Christmas is with Jesus. All of the other things are fine, but they aren’t necessary.

Practice some stress busting techniques. Here are some ideas:

- Leave. If the noise level is too much or the crowds are closing in, just leave. You don’t have to stay in the toy store with all of the screaming youngsters, and you don’t have to converse with the know-it-all at the party. You can walk away.
- Close the eyes. Take a break from the lights and activities. Closing the eyes is a great way to get re-centered.
- Try some solitude. In the middle of so much activity it helps to have time alone. Use the quiet time to set priorities, to pray, or to count your blessings.
- Go outside. Fresh air and sunshine can make a difference in how you feel. Being in God’s creation and going for a walk can help find extra energy.
- Locate some water. Listen to it, watch it, drink it or sit in it. Water refreshes in so many ways. He knows what we need; maybe that is why God put so much on earth.

- Breathe! Remember to exhale occasionally.

When the shoulders are up to the ears, it’s time to take some deep breaths. Fill the lungs completely from the bottom to the top. Pause for a couple of seconds. Exhale letting all of the air out of the lungs from the top to the bottom. Repeat three or four times. Your shoulders have relaxed with the rest of the body. Stress causes shallow breathing. Deep breathing releases it.

- Listen to music.

Choose whatever type makes you happy. Sing along. It’s amazing how good this can make us feel.

Give yourself the gift of peace in the midst of a world in chaos. Have a great holiday and share your peace with those around you. (Source: www.mayoclinic.com)

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” Matthew 5:4 NIV

The holiday season can be a mixture of feelings, especially if you are grieving the loss of a loved one. Celebrations take on a different meaning as you work through the many emotions of grief. Do you attend every party you are invited to? Do you decorate your home the same way as before the death? Do you maintain family traditions or create new ones? Do you find new ways to include the deceased such as donating gifts in

his/her name? Whether the loss is recent or old, you have to determine what kind of celebration and remembrance is right for you. Tackling the holidays after a loss is a work in progress. Make changes that feel right to you and honors those you have lost.

“Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.” Psalm 62:8 NIV

The holidays are supposed to be joyful so people who experience great sadness and depression often will not share their true feelings with others. Those who might have the holiday blues include parents whose children no longer live at home, seniors who are widowed or have lost many of their friends, and any person who is separated from family and friends. These losses and separations take the joy out of their holidays. To give them back some enjoyment, include them in your activities, encourage them to get involved in church, and acknowledge their feelings and losses. Support them when they are blue!



"Love wisdom like a sister; make insight a beloved member of your family." Proverbs 7:4 NLT

Many families have troubled relationships because of behavior, beliefs, illness, financial worries, or disappointments in life choices. These cause additional stress at holiday events when members struggle with their feelings, force holiday merriment, and create unattainable expectations. If there are bad feelings between family members don't ignore the emotion but don't dwell on it either. Limiting the time spent with each other will create less stress and prevent new problems from occurring. Try to understand the situation and determine a less stressful time than Christmas to address the problems.

"Peace and prosperity to you, your family, and everything you own!" 1 Samuel 25:6 NLT

Christmas should be a time of joy and family renewal but it doesn't always happen that way. Look at your family. What do you see? Are there members that are hiding a sense of sadness? If so, support them and include them in activities. Is there a member holding on to anger or resentment? Plan to talk with him/her about it after the holidays when stress levels are lower. Does everyone truly enjoy the season and feel blessed? Then embrace the love and thank God for your peace and happiness. All families have stressors. All families, if committed, can work to lessen them. May yours find happiness and blessings this holiday season.

Nancy Merila RN BSHA Mary Slutz RN BS MHCA



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The project for November and December for the Women of Immanuel will be the "Christmas Toy Drive". We will be collecting for the needy children of Champaign County. Please place the new toys **UNWRAPPED** in the Christmas Box in the breezeway. We will be collecting until December 14. Thank you for the help you have given us in all of the projects this past year.



Please help us beautify the church for Christmas by signing up for poinsettias. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board, across from the Church Office. The cost for each 6-inch pot is \$7.00 and the deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 13th, 2015. Let's try for 50 beautiful poinsettias!

women^{of}faith
Unwrap the **BIBLE**

Women of Immanuel/ "Women of Faith" will not meet in December.

"O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today...(ELW 279)

Enjoy this Christmas Season with family and friends as you worship our Lord and King.



**Council Minutes
November 10, 2015**

Devotions were given by Ranae Buck and refreshments were provided by Maynard Duitsman.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Lehmann lead discussion on The Way of Discovery. Transfer in of David and Tracy Grotrian, Kiera and Piper. Trip to Germany in May 2017 discussed. Jenner Wayland will be speaking with Pastor Lehmann about dates, locations and pricing.

Evangelism

2 families participated in the "Shepherding" program on All Saints Day with Robyn Camp and Tim Clink accompanying the families to the cemeteries. A letter to new members will be mailed in Jan. explaining committees and service opportunities. Discussed placing Thanksgiving and Christmas ads in newspapers. Discussed a bulk mailing in Jan. of new church brochure. Second new member reception to be held.

Parish Education

First Communion classes begin soon. Christmas Program Dec 20 at 6 p.m. Practices Dec 13 at 1:30 and Dec 19 at 9:30a.m. Presentation of Bibles to 2nd graders on Nov. 22. Catch up on youth group activities. VBS collected \$860 which bought 216 Bibles for kids in Thailand. Next mtg. will be Nov 17 at 7p.m.

Social Ministry

Trunk or Treat was Oct. 25 with 17 trunks and over 180 treaters.

Volunteer Services

Time and Talent sheets submitted on Nov 7-8 being reviewed. Including 2 months of volunteer calenders in newsletter.

Fellowship

Blake Hedrick and his committee recognized for great job at recent events.

Property

A letter sent to Owens requesting the claim settlement be sent to Immanuel. Bash & Pepper will submit an estimate for gutter problems. Steve Kaufman Concrete will finish the curb and sidewalk job on Nov. 10. Mike Jansen will do mudjacking job. Hovelns repaired boiler. Lights need to be replaced in sanctuary.

Endowment Fund

40% Crisis Nursery; 25% NALC; 25% Capital Fund and 10% Common Fund.

Unfinished Business

Discussion held on eliminating communion from 3:30 Christmas Eve Service. A decision was made to set up additional communion stations in front. Advent Devotions submitted to Pastor Lehmann. Nominating committee update provided by Callie Heidbreder and all positions have been filled. Budget committee meets Nov. 17 at 5 p.m.

New Business

Financial and spiritual support for Bonita Kopmann to travel to Haiti on a medical mission trip was discussed. Special offering will be collected. Council luncheon for current members and spouses/significant others was discussed. Council began working on the annual meeting agenda. Modifications to wedding guidelines at Immanuel were made. Letter from Bishop Bradosky received requesting Pastor Lehmann to attend Pastors Conference in 2016 in Florida.

Next meeting will be held on December 8, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.



EUCHRE

November 15, 2015

High Score: Mervyn Olson

Low Score: Betty Gronewold & Liz Page

Most Pokes: Janice Duitsman

Most Loners: Leo Studer & Roger Gronewold

EUCHRE WILL NOT MEET IN DECEMBER.

HYMN SING
There will not be a hymn sing in December.
DEVOTIONS
At Country Health will be Sunday, December 27th at 2:00 p.m.



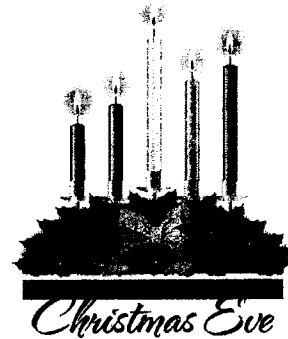
**SUNDAY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE &
PROGRAM**

Sunday, December 13th - Practice at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 19th - 9:30 a.m. Practice

Sunday, December 20th - 6:00 p.m. Christmas Program (Children need to report to classrooms by 5:30)

The First Sunday of Advent was November 29, 2015 **Advent** – the first season of the liturgical year–includes the four Sundays and weeks prior to December 25th. Advent dates from the fourth century, when it lasted 40 days and included fasting and solemnity, much like Lent. Each week we light a new candle. The increasing light reminds us we're getting closer to celebrating Christ's light coming into the world. Observing Advent is a meaningful way to prepare for Christmas. Please join us for Advent Worship.



**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
AND HOLY COMMUNION**

Christmas Eve Worship and Holy Communion is Thursday, December 24th, at 3:30 p.m. and again at 5:30 p.m.

**DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR
CHRISTMAS**
Thursday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m.



LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD

The Lutheran Brotherhood will hold its monthly breakfast meeting in Luther Lounge on Saturday, December 5, 2015, at 7:00 a.m. After breakfast and fellowship, the Nativity Scene will be set up. Come and join us. New members are always welcome.

**CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP
AND HOLY COMMUNION**

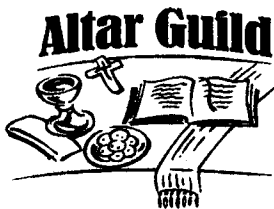
Christmas Day Worship and Holy Communion is Friday, December 25, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.

SPECIAL DATES

Second Sunday of Advent, *December 6, 2015*
 Third Sunday of Advent, *December 13, 2015*
 Fourth Sunday of Advent, *December 20, 2015*
 First Day of Winter, *December 21, 2015*
 Christmas Eve, *December 24, 2015*
 Christmas Day, *December 25, 2015*
 New Year's Eve/Watch Night, *December 31, 2015*

HOLY COMMUNION AT COUNTRY HEALTH

December 10, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. Come and join us whether or not you have a family member residing there.



ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Toni Brown (Chair)	692-2838
Judy Grussing	694-4545
Melissa Suits	595-5595
Julie Kellogg	841-4863
Nicole Crites	621-9110



Happy DECEMBER Birthdays!
 Our warmest and best wishes to each of you as you celebrate your special day!

- 12/1 Duaine Brownfield
- 12/1 Norman Busboom
- 12/1 Marvin Rademacher
- 12/3 Lewis Frerichs
- 12/5 John Reitmeier
- 12/7 Emma Bergman
- 12/7 Abbie Demien
- 12/12 Margie Huls
- 12/16 Delores Harms
- 12/25 Wilma Suits
- 12/29 Florene Ackerman
- 12/29 Emilie Steffey
- 12/31 Arlene Peavler

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletter deadline for January will be Friday, December 18th, 2015. If you have any notes, minutes, or newsworthy items you would like included in this newsletter, please get them to Katie by this deadline.

SHUT-INS

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



Brookstone Estates

- Ann Duitsman
- Dora Ehmen
- Norma Flesner
- Dorothy Fruhling
- Lela Huls
- Emilie Steffey

Country Health Nursing Home

- Alma Ackerman
- Emma Bergman
- Abbie Demien
- Albert Ehmen
- Hilda Huls
- Melvin Huls
- Arlene Peavler
- Margie Wolken

Holly Brook, Savoy

- Norma Reitmeier

Knights Templar Home

- Margie Huls

Riverview Assisted Living, East Peoria

- Donna Flessner

Helia Healthcare

- Dennis Ehmen

Homebound

- Elvin Ackerman
- Clara Graham
- Arnold Hinrichs
- Marguerite McDonald
- Hilda Swanson - in Arizona

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 illinoishomepage.net.

Amorah Lynn Swanson, the daughter of Jon and Dina Swanson, was baptized at Immanuel on November 8, 2015 by Pastor James T. Lehmann. Her sponsors are Nahla Gabra and Jaime Kofoot.



ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER

	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u> 8:00 a.m.	<u>Sun.</u> 10:15 a.m.	<u>Totals</u>
11/1	22	136	88	246
11/8	28	113	75	216
11/15	18	96	93	207
11/22	22	79	165	266
11/29	-	-	-	-

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

Looking for a Christmas gift for someone special? How about our church's cookbook? It has great recipes. In the back of the book are updated, helpful household hints for the kitchen, floors, laundry, etc. The cost of each cookbook is \$15.00. We also have copies of the 100th Anniversary Book. The cost of each book is \$20.00.

We've added something new this year, we thought you might enjoy. Each month we will try to feature one student. It's called ...

"Get to KNOW Your LYO!"

Name: Devin Wolken

Parents: Mary and Duane Wolken

Siblings: Darren

Year in school: Senior

Attend what high school: RTHS

Plans after graduation: Attend college at Parkland and the U of I for Ag Business

Favorite food: Spaghetti

If I were stranded on an island and I could only take three things with me, they would be:

Plate of endless food; solar water purifier and a Bible

Three people I would like to have dinner with (past, present, or future):

Abe Lincoln, George Washington, Teddy Roosevelt

The person(s) I would choose to model my faith after is Marie Reitmeier

My favorite Bible verse: Ephesians 1:7 "In him we have redemption through his blood. The forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace."

It is special to me because It's my confirmation verse.

My plan for maintaining my relationship with Christ is to come to church as often as possible and to read the Bible and live it every day.

O.W.L.'s: LYO is looking for Older Wiser Lutherans. We would like to have some activities with senior members of our congregation. If you would like to get to know our youth over dinner and share your faith experiences please call Diana 840-4133 or Sharolyn 841-2545.

ANNUAL REPORTS DEADLINE is Sunday, December 13th. All presidents, treasurers, and committee chairs are asked to have their reports turned in by this date.

END OF THE YEAR

In order to close the church books in an orderly manner, it is important that all financial support (pledges, year-end gifts, etc.) for 2015 be in the office by December 27th. Also, if you reserved a date for altar flowers or radio broadcasts this year, we would appreciate these being paid for before December 27th.

THANKS to the many volunteers who have helped with the bulletins, newsletters, directory and other bulk mailings during this year. Behind the scenes we have so many dedicated people, and we appreciate that they come, sometimes at the last minute, to help out. May God Bless them all!



OSTFRIESIAN CHRISTMAS SOCIAL GATHERING

The Ostfriesian Christmas Social Gathering will be held on Sunday, December 6th at 2:00 p.m., at St. John Lutheran Church basement, Royal. We will be singing Christmas carols, sharing stories, and enjoy refreshments after. Pastor Jay Johnson will deliver a brief message. Come one, come all!

RADIO BROADCAST AND ALTAR FLOWERS

The new 2016 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.

MARCH FOR LIFE

January 22, 2016, If you are interested in joining the Great Rivers Mission District to peacefully protest the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade please sign up on the bulletin board by December 13, 2015. We will be leaving Thursday evening to arrive in Washington D.C. for an ecumenical service followed by the protest. We will leave shortly after the protest to return home. The cost is \$150.00. If we do not fill a 49 passenger bus, the trip will be canceled. If you have any other questions please contact Pastor Cindy.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF INGATHERING

We write to share our joy in the results of the 2015 Ingathering. While the warm, sunny weather didn't last quite long enough, the rain on Saturday didn't dampen our spirits at the end of the day when two semis were filled to capacity with the gifts of 162 churches in central Illinois. These included 11,755 quilts and blankets, 5,966 personal care kits, 6,310 school kits, 1,474 baby care kits, 329 fabric kits and 1,927.85 lbs. of bar soap.

Thank you to the women of Immanuel for your faithful work in sewing these quilts year after year and to all the members of the congregation who contribute by supplying fabric and supplies, items for the various kits and monetary donations.

Thank you to the folks who helped load the truck Friday afternoon, which turned out to be an especially big job this year, and special thanks to Lawrence Schluter who once again patiently and cheerfully made the rounds of our four regular stops and an additional stop at Bloomington, before transporting the load to the St. Paul warehouse.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed new members with New Member Receptions in November: David & Tracy Grotrian and their daughters Kiera & Piper, Cale Heidbreder, Carson Heidbreder, Don & Deidra (DeDe) Heidbreder, Nathon Jones, Clarissa Schluter, Jon & Dina Swanson, Barry & Sandy Maury, Joane Wilson, Jacqueline Brest & her daughter Aubree Rosenstiel, and Dallas Knauer. We welcome them into our Immanuel family!

December 2015 CALENDAR-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30 a- Pastors' Study and Worship	2 6:00 a- Mens Bible Study 9:30 a- General Bible Study 6:15 p- Joy Bells 6:30 p- Youth Choir 7:00 p- Cathedral Choir/ Confirmation	3 8:30 a- LWR Sewing	4 5:30 p- Johnson/Knauer Rehearsal	5 7:00 a- Lutheran Brotherhood 2:00 p- Johnson/Knauer Wedding 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion
6 8:00 a- Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 a- Sunday School/Adult SS 10:15 a- Worship & Holy Communion 2:00 p- Ostfriesian Service Royal	7	8 9:30 a- Pastors' Study and Worship 6:00 p- Council	9 6:00 a- Mens Bible Study 9:30 a- General Bible Study 6:15 p- Joy Bells 6:30 p- Youth Choir 7:00 p- Confirmation Cathedral Choir	10 1:30 p- Communion at Country Health 6:30 p- Decorate Church for Christmas	11	12 11:00 a- Marie Reitmeier Diers Hall 5:00 p- Worship
13 8:00 a- Worship 9:15 a- Sunday School/Adult SS 10:15 a- Worship 1:30 p- Program Practice	14	15 9:30 a- Pastors' Study and Worship	16 6:30 a- Mens Bible Study 9:30 a- General Bible Study 6:15 p- Joy Bells 6:30 p- Youth Choir 7:00 p- Confirmation Cathedral Choir	17	18	19 9:30 a- Program Practice 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion
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27 St. John, Apostle & Evangelist 8:00 a- Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 a- Sunday School/Adult SS 10:15 a- Worship & Holy Communion	28	29	30 5:30 p- Quinlan/Bradon Rehearsal	31 6:00 p- Bradon/Quinlan Wedding		

Acolytes, Lay Readers, Communion Assistants, Greeters, Ushers

December, 2015

Date	Acolytes	Lay Readers	Comm Assistants	Greeters	Ushers	
Sunday, 12/6	5:00 PM		Peggy Blue		8:00 AM Mark Wood (Captain) Derek Harms Lois Harms Kyle Johnson 10:15 AM Dave Wolken (Captain) Jeff Suits Evan Suits Bob Clem	
	8:00 AM	Denley Heller Elizabeth Reitmeier	Wilma Suits	Elaine Wilson Julie Hedrick		Julie Wilson & Callie Heidbreder Julie Hedrick
	10:15 AM	Brayden Karlson	Mike Stark	Carleen Lantis Jarrod Lantis		Janice Duitsman Ray and Judy Rademaker
COMMUNION						
Sunday, 12/13	5:00 PM					
	8:00 AM	Anna Crites	Robyn Camp		Rick and Jodi Wolken Elaine Wilson	
	10:15 AM	Tyler Scott	Ellen Blue		Janine Standifer and Hailey Quintan Emma Johnson	
COMMUNION						
Sunday, 12/20	5:00 PM			Joyce Romine		
	8:00 AM	Josh Burkhardt Daniel Scott	Nicole Crites	Nicole Crites Lois Harms	Betty Ihnen Keith and Diana Sjuts	
	10:15 AM	Karsten Wayland Rhyane Bushman	Jennifer Wayland	Edgar and Sharon Hovein	Edgar and Sharon Hovein Gene and Joan Schmidt	
COMMUNION						
Thursday, 12/24	3:30 PM	Elizabeth Reitmeier Anna Crites Daniel Scott Tyler Scott	Virton Suits	Ranae Buck, Jamie Buck Bev Lehmann, Ben Lehmann Joyce Romine, Mike Stark Elaine Wilson, Robyn Camp	Gary and Lois Maury Virton and Wilma Suits	
	5:30 PM	Kale Goff Rhyane Bushman Jessica Palmer Abby Harms	Sharon Emkes	Sharon Emkes Hailey Quintan Bonita Kopmann Callie Heidbreder	Ernie and Evelyn Sjuts Rodney and Peggy Bergman	
Christmas Eve COMMUNION						
Friday, 12/25	9:00 AM	Austin Cotter Makayla Learned	Karon Currie	Karon Currie Darla Rubarts	Larry and Eunice Frerichs Ray and Elaine Uken	
	Christmas Day COMMUNION					
Sunday, 12/27	5:00 PM			Lois Harms		
	8:00 AM	Jessica Palmer Abby Harms	Emilie Steffey	Judy Rademaker Amy Jones	Bev Heiden Darius and Lois Harms	
	10:15 AM	Denley Heller	Denise Wolken	Sharon Worley Diana Sjuts	Jeff and Shari Hovein Keith and Diana Sjuts	
COMMUNION						

If you are not able to attend at a time scheduled, please attempt to find a substitute, if possible. If unable to do so, please contact Robyn Camp, rcamp@illinois.edu, or 217.493.7090. Thank you!

Acolytes, Lay Readers, Communion Assistants, Greeters, Ushers

January, 2016

Date	Acolytes	Lay Readers	Comm Assistants	Greeters	Ushers
Sunday, 1/3/16					
5:00 PM			Peggy Blue		
8:00 AM	Karsten Wayland Brayden Karlson	Teri Travis	Julie Hedrick Jamie Hedrick	Bev Heiden Julie and Jamie Hedrick	8:00 AM Blake Hedrick (Captain) Gary Busboom Adam Crites Judy Kopmann
10:15 AM	Elizabeth Reitmeier Kale Goff	Dr. Bruns	Toni Brown Sue Calhoun	Dr. Bruns Goff Family	10:15 AM Jeff Hoveln (Captain) Brant Hoveln Ryan Rademaker Tyre Stephens
COMMUNION					
Sunday, 1/10 - The Baptism of Our Lord					
5:00 PM			Sharon Emkes		
8:00 AM	Daniel Scott Tyler Scott	Bev Lehmann	Robyn Camp Alicia Dowda	Emilie Steffey Mark and Kim Wood	
10:15 AM	Austin Cotter Josh Burkhardt	Joyce Romine	Joyce Romine Mike Stark	Mary and Devin Wolken Donna Garrell	
COMMUNION					
Sunday, 1/17					
5:00 PM			Bonita Kopmann		
8:00 AM	Anna Crites Rhyane Bushman	Lloyd Duitsman	Darla Rubarts Elaine Wilson	Lawrence and Clarissa Schluter Darlene Johnson	
10:15 AM	Jessica Palmer Makayla Learned	Maynard Duitsman	Amy Jones Erin Siuts	Maynard and Joann Duitsman Marie Reitmeier and Danny Roeffs	
COMMUNION					
Sunday, 1/24					
8:00 AM	Hannah Fox	Kim Wood		Lantis Family Andy and Missy Buhr	
Annual Meeting					
Sunday, 1/31					
8:00 AM	Denley Heller	Wilma Suits		Rosetta Suits Larry and Carol Johnson	
10:15 AM	Abby Harms	Kalista Lutes		Mary Quintan Dave and Denise Wolken	

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OCTOBER 2015 TREASURER'S REPORT

Fund Balance Information

GENERAL FUND				BUILDING FUND			
Fund Balance	9/30/2015	\$	163,671.53	Fund Balance	9/30/2015	\$	57,949.97
Offerings		\$	28,848.70	Offerings		\$	6,922.75
Dedicated & Other Fund Receipts			1,889.87	Total Income		\$	6,922.75
Total Income		\$	30,738.57				
Pastoral Ministry		\$	16,647.58	Insurance			4,328.00
Worship & Service			2,542.14	Building & Repair			2,840.00
Our Church Home			2,598.04	Utilities			1,083.70
Dedicated Fund Expenses			748.92	Total Expenses		\$	8,251.70
Total Expenses		\$	22,536.68				
Total Fund Balance	10/31/2015	\$	171,873.42	Total Fund Balance	10/31/2015	\$	56,621.02
Less Dedicated Fund Total			64,097.57	Building Fund Invested as:		Checking	\$ 56,621.02
Total Unobligated Balance		\$	107,775.85				
General Fund Invested as:				Other Fund Balances			
		Checking	\$ 4,963.21	Endowment Capital	\$ 45,118.71	Memorial	\$ 26,516.99
Money Market	\$14,953.91	CD	\$ 41,382.34	Endowment Common	\$ 14,501.81	Endowment Interest	\$ 411.43
		CD	\$ 110,573.96				

Offering & Attendance October 2015

By Category

General	\$ 28,848.70
Benevolence	\$ 6,061.75
Building	\$ 6,922.75
Total	\$ 41,833.20

October Attendance

842
Average Weekly Attendance
211

Benevolence Offering Includes

Gen Benevolence	4,604.75	Food Bank	350.00
NALC Seminary	927.00	Lutheran CORE	40.00
Mission Festival	10.00	FOTCOH	30.00
Lutheran Disaster Relief	100.00		

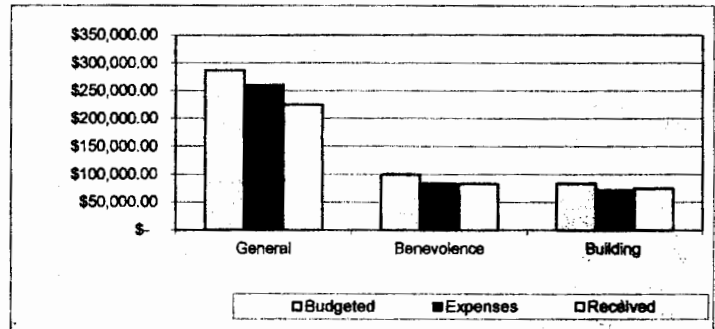
Additional Offerings Received

Sunday School	328.20	Parking Lot	400.00
LYO	173.33	CD's	4.00
KFC	13.34	Women of Immanuel	50.25
Joy	13.33	Parking Lot	400.00
Altar Flowers	35.00	Lutheran Brotherhood	120.00
Endowment Fund	132.00	Altar Guild	10.00
Historical Books	40.00	Library	5.00

Stewardship Progress Year to Date

	Budgeted	Received	Ahead/(Behind)
General	\$ 286,747.50	\$ 224,289.69	\$ (62,457.81)
Benevolence	100,000.00	83,590.11	(16,409.89)
Building	84,333.34	74,869.25	(9,464.09)
TOTAL	\$ 471,080.84	\$ 382,749.05	\$ (88,331.79)

	Expenses	Ahead/(Behind)
General	\$ 259,657.44	\$ (35,367.75)
Benevolence	83,590.11	-
Building	71,753.73	3,115.52
	\$ 415,001.28	\$ (32,252.23)



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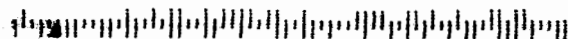
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