



THE VOICE OF IMMANUEL

January 2018

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

GREET NOW THE SWIFTLY CHANGING YEAR

Slovak; translated by Jaroslav J. Vajda

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¹ Greet now the swiftly changing year
with joy and penitence sincere.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace.
Another year of grace.

⁴ His love abundant far exceeds
The volume of a whole year's needs.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace.
Another year of grace.

⁶ "All glory be to God on high,
And peace on earth!" the angels cry,
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace.
Another year of grace.

⁷ God, Father, Son, and Spirit hear!
To all our pleas incline your ear;
Upon our lives rich blessing trace
In this new year of grace.

Pastor Jim Lehman 875

Katie McKinney

Jo Ann Dietsman

Kathy Waller

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January – Year of Health:

*“This is a permanent law for you, to purify the people of Israel from their sins, making them right with the Lord once each year.”
Leviticus 16:34 NLT*

In the Chinese culture, the New Year is the time dedicated to finish with the old and to start with the new. Their traditions include visiting friends and family to re-establish relationships, cleaning the house to prepare for the coming year, stocking cupboards with household provisions, settling all old debts, and putting forth their best behavior. All of these activities are to make the new year better and healthier.

What are you going to do for your health this year? Are you going to keep all of your old habits and ignore healthier ones? For example have you considered limiting your meals at fast-food restaurants? Can you develop healthier choices at the grocery store? Will you improve your exercise habits by walking or joining a health club? Have you considered the health benefits of practicing self-care and a well-balanced lifestyle? Any and all of these will guide you to a healthier life.

Once you decide to make an improvement, you must first choose what area to change then make the commitment to see that change occur. Many of us take the first step of making the promise to change our behavior or habit but find it difficult to take the actual steps and then follow through on the lifestyle change. To be successful when making the commitment to alter behavior you need to have dedication, strategy, and action. Until you have a plan and begin to follow it, change is only a verbal statement.

The New Year is a good time to look at your life and determine what you need to change

or improve. Start the year by considering your health. Follow the monthly tips from your parish nurse to see how you can become healthy, prevent disease, or minimize complications to your current health. Focusing on the future and a well balanced life will help you participate more fully in the love and joy of your family.

(Source: Chinese Culture Center of San Francisco)

MEN'S MINISTRY

LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD

The Lutheran Brotherhood will hold its monthly breakfast meeting in Luther Lounge on Saturday, January 6, 2018, at 7:00 a.m. After breakfast and fellowship, we will take down the Nativity Scene. Come and join us. New members are always welcome.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion at **Brookstone** is Thursday, January 11th at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion at **Country Health** is Thursday, January 11th at 1:30 p.m.





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,

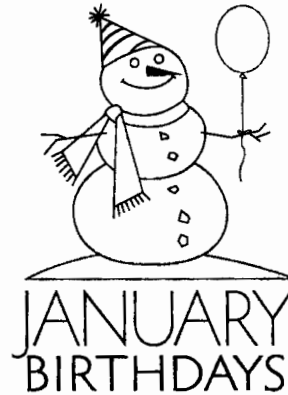
Pastor James T. Lehmann, STS
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Katie McKinney

BIBLE STUDIES BREAK

The Wednesday Men's Bible Study will take a break during the month of January and will start up again on February 7, 2018.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The February newsletter deadline will be Monday, January 15, 2018. Please give any information to the church office that you would like to be included.



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

- 1/1 Lou Ann Mennenga
- 1/6 Fern Becker
- 1/6 Sharon Duitsman
- 1/9 Margaret Priebe
- 1/11 Wilbur Dixon
- 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
- 1/26 Ernest Sjuts
- 1/28 Del Dahl

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

Country Health Nursing Home

Clara Graham
Esther Kopmann
Dorothy Fruhling

Holly Brook, Savoy

Bill & Norma Reitmeier

Riverview Assisted Living, East Peoria

Donna Flessner

Brookdale

Ann Duitsman

Prestige Assisted Living, Arizona

Hilda Swanson - in Arizona

Homebound

Gesina Erdman



Arnold Klaas Hinrichs

Arnold Hinrichs completed his baptismal journey on Decemer 4, 2017, at Country Health, Gifford. His funeral was on December 7, 2017, at Immanuel officiated by Pastor James T. Lehmann, STS, and Pastor Barbara Busboom. Committal was at Kopmann Cemetery.

KFC

KFC will be meeting on January 14, 2018, at 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. We will be having a soup/sandwich lunch, scavenger hunt and games! All 3rd- 5th graders are welcome to join us. Bring a friend if you would like!

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. Board games and other card games will be available for those who would like other options. The fellowship is tremendous for all ages! Please join us!



Cathedral Choir will practice on January 3rd and January 31st at 7:00 p.m.



HYMN SING & DEVOTIONS

Hymn Sing at Brookstone will be on Sunday, January 28th, at 1:30 p.m. Devotions at Country Health are at 2:00 p.m.



JANUARY ALTAR GUILD



- Wilma Suits (Chair) 893-9398
- Karon Currie 643-6825
- Mary Quinlan 643-7958
- Marie Reitmeier 377-3763
- Elaine Busboom 694-4738
- Amy Jones 778-4672

SPECIAL DATES

- New Year's Day, *January 1, 2018*
- Epiphany, *January 6, 2018*
- Baptism of the Lord, *January 7, 2018*
- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance, *January 15, 2018*
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, *January 18-25, 2018*

CANCELLING WORSHIP SERVICES

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





The Annual Meeting of Immanuel Lutheran congregation has been set for 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, **January 28, 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.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

New Member Class will begin Sunday, January 7, after the 10:15 a.m. worship service and continue weekly until February 18th. If anyone is interested, please talk to Pastor.

ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER

	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Totals</u>
		<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:15 a.m.</u>	
12/3	22	93	78	193
12/10	14	107	77	198
12/17	25	99	62	186
12/24		67	32	99
Christmas Eve Service				
		3:30 p.m.		395
		5:30 p.m.		159
Christmas Day				75

RADIO BROADCAST AND ALTAR FLOWERS

The new 2018 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.

SECRETARY OPENING

Congratulations to Katie McKinney on her new job at the University of Illinois. We are looking for someone to work four days per week. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor or Robyn Camp.

CALL THE PASTORS

You may be sure of this: Your pastors are willing to come to the hospital or your home, the street corner, or anywhere at any hour of the day or night when they are needed. Call them if you need them. Otherwise they will not know of your need until it is too late. Do not trust the grapevine to get the message to them. "Everyone already knows" is seldom true and the messages coming through the grapevine are often incorrect. Call the pastors. It is better that they receive the same message several times than to not know of the need at all.

EVANGELISM

1 Timothy 5:17-18 - *"Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching"*

Strong roots and strong faith. These are two ways that describe our congregation. Flatville has always taken pride in our deep history. Much time is spent documenting and preserving this information to pass on to generations to come. While the history of our church is an integral piece of the story, we cannot forget about those who helped us make history. The Evangelism Committee would like to start a new initiative to honor birthday milestones for our church family. Members who are celebrating at least 90 years of age will receive a special flower arrangement, along with a special mention in the church bulletin during their birthday week. It is our hope to honor those who have richly blessed Immanuel during their lifetime.



EVANGELISM

CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS

Check out what's new in the library!

Children's Books

Sean Covey wrote a series (7) of children's books - The 7 Habits of Happy Kids. These are great for preschool or young children to learn skills and habits that will help them be successful in life. There are 7 books in the series, each focusing on a different habit.

Adult Non-fiction

Ordinary Sarah is a book written by Pastor Sally Meyer about her struggles with her daughter joining a cult.

Unscripted by Ernie Johnson Jr.

Ernie Johnson is the popular host of TNT's "Inside the NBA" TV halftime show. This book features his life and how he has dealt with all the struggles he and his family have faced.

All of this became a matter of finding and accepting Christ in 1997 and dealing with all the "unscripted" moments in life (things you never plan for). His motto becomes "Trust God...period."

He finds those "blackberry moments" in life (those unpredictable moments that make life extraordinary, those unforeseen moments that catch you off guard and mark your life forever, those hear Him whisper, "That's what I'm talking about") to be when you feel closest to God.

This is one of the most inspirational books that I have read and you will find it very hard to stop and lay it down.

Fiction

In the Moment by Karen Kingsbury

The most recent book in the Baxter family series, this book leaves the reader with a lot to think about!

Alexander Hamilton, one of the founding fathers of our country, said, "Those who stand for nothing fall for anything." This book explores the implications of separation of church and state. The principal of a high school, totally dismayed by the behaviors and lack of hope, suicides, pregnancies and gang wars in his school, finally decides to start a Christian Bible Study after hours at the school. He thinks he might get a few kids, but is shocked when he has over 80 attend! God and the club turn the school around, but Satan shows he is hard at work to ruin everything.

*New
in the
Library*



**MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2017**

Pastor's Report- New Member Class is set to begin in January, classes will take place after the 10:15 a.m. worship service.

Evangelism- Immanuel will be honoring its members who are age 90 and above. The committee is still working on a mentoring program pairing young children with adults in the church.

Social Ministry- Christmas Eve and Christmas Day offerings will be equally split amongst the Multicultural Center in Rantoul, NALC Disaster Response, and Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County.

Unfinished Business- A group of members attended a meeting at Living Word Christian Church to plan for church safety.

New Business- A motion to approve the 2018 Benevolence fund to be as follows:
30% to North American Lutheran Church
30% to North American Lutheran Seminary
10% to NALC Theological Education Fund
10% to World Mission Prayer League
10% to St. Elias Church, Chicago, IL
10% to Life Stream Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

At our last 6 AM Wednesday morning Men's Bible Study for this year, \$320 was collected for a donation to the Times Center in Champaign. Upon calling the Times Center they suggested their facility could use more meat. So we were able to buy quite a few pork loins and about 100 lbs. of hamburger at Sams and delivered it to the Times Center. They were very appreciative of the donation. Thanks guys!

We will be taking a break for the month of January and will resume our Bible Study on Wednesday, February 7 at 6:00 a.m. We welcome anyone who would like to join!

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who bought a poinsettia for Christmas. We ordered 54! Also, a big thank you to our organists, pianists, choirs, musicians, soloists for the beautiful music this Christmas!



YOUTH CHOIR

We want to form a youth choir to sing occasionally in worship. Angela Palmer is willing to work with students in grades 3-8. If you or your son/daughter would like to be part of this group, please talk to Angela or to Pastor. Practice time will be determined once we know who is interested and the schedules that are available. Please give this prayerful consideration. It is a great way to add to the praise of God!



Sock it to 'em Campaign

The number one thing needed in most homeless shelters is socks. All types of socks needed, not only for men and women but kids as well.

Once the bin is full, we will then deliver them to our local shelter.



Help keep someone warm this winter
with something as simple as a new pair of socks

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Our January project will be collecting socks.

Lutheran World Relief Items shipped this year:

502 Quilts

60 Personal Care Kits

115 School Kits

24 Fabric Kits

39.74 lbs. Of bar soap

Thank you everyone for your donations!

WOMEN OF IMMANUEL

The Women of Immanuel will not meet for Bible Study in January....but will resume on February 27th at 6:30 p.m. – Lesson 3 “The Vocation of Marriage & Family” page 20-25.

JANUARY 2018

Date	Acolyte	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Ushers
Sunday, January 7, 2018 5:00 pm 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. COMMUNION	Hallie Harms Josh Burkhardt Austin Cotter Rylie Huls	Lloyd Duitsman Shirley Wyatt	5:00 Lois Harms 8:00 Adam Crites Darla Rubarts 10:15 Judy Rademaker Stacey Huls	Jason Stalter & Family Emilie Steffey Norman & Darlene Uken Molly Flesner	January: 8:00am Kyle Johnson(Captain) Brian Emkes Dave Wolken Judy Kopmann
Sunday, January 14, 2018 8:00 am 10:15 am	Kyle Meccoli Colin Wayland	Angie Sage Mike Stark		Rodney & Peggy Bergman Casey Flesner Jake & Marla Goff Janice Duitsman	January: 10:15am Jeff Suits(Captain) Evan Suits Todd Wilson Kale Goff
Sunday, January 21, 2018 5:00 pm 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. COMMUNION	Denley Heller Grace Flessner Brayden Karlson Cain Buhr	Wilma Suits Shari Hoveln	5:00 Bonita Kopmann 8:00 Diana & Rylee Sjuts 10:15 Erin & Megan Siuts	Tyler & Stephanie Vogelsang Julie Wilson & Callie Heidbreder Maynard & Jo Ann Duitsman Darlene Johnson	
Sunday, January 28, 2018 8:00 am 10:15 am	Anna Crites Annual Meeting	Teri Travis Annual Meeting		Dan & Becky Dunlap Julie Hedrick	

JANUARY 2018 CALENDAR-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2 8:30 a- LWR Sewing 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship	3 7:00 p.m. Choir Confirmation	4 8:30 a- LWR Sewing	5	6 7:00 a- Lutheran Brotherhood 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion
7 8:00 a & 10:15 a- Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 a- SS/Adult SS After 10:15- New Member Class 12-5 p.m.- Diers Hall Lehmanns	8	9 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 6:00 p.m. Council	10 6:15 p- Joy Bells	11 10:00 a- Communion at Brookstone 1:30 p- Communion at Country Health	12	13 5:00 p- Worship
14 8:00 a- Worship 9:15 a-SS/ Adult SS 10:15 a- Worship Baptism Owen Mennenga After 10:15 worship- New Member Class 11:30-1 p- KFC	15 8:30 a- LWR Sewing Newsletter Deadline	16 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 5:30 p- Audit	17 6:15 p- Joy Bells 7:00 p- Confirmation	18 8:30 a- LWR Sewing	19	20 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion
21 8:00 a & 10:15 a- Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 a-SS/Adult SS After 10:15 worship- New Member Class 3-5 p.m. Euchre	22	23 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship	24 6:15 p- Joy Bells 7:00 p- Confirmation	25	26	27 5:00 p- Worship Baptism Lexi Baxter

28 8:00 a- Worship 9:15 a- SS/Adult SS 10:15 a- Annual Meeting 1:30 p.m. Hymn Sing Brookstone 2:00 p- Devotions at Country Health	29	30 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship	31 6:15 p- Bells 7:00 p- Choir Confirmation			
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FEBRUARY 2018

Date	Acolyte	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Ushers
Sunday, Feb 4, 2018 5:00 pm 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. COMMUNION	Tyler Scott Jessica Palmer Brett Brown Karsten Wayland	Sue Calhoun Ellen Blue	5:00 Denise Wolken 8:00 Sharolyn Worley Shirley Wyatt 10:15 Toni Brown Barbara Hall	Barry & Sandy Maury Robyn Camp Mike Stark & Joyce Romine Rosetta Suits	February: 8:00am Jeff Hoveln(Captain) Brant Hoveln Matthew Lehmann Mark Wood
Sunday, Feb 11, 2018 8:00 am 10:15 am	Hallie Harms Josh Burkhardt	Adam Crites Karon Currie		Andy & Missy Buhr Donna Garrell Ernie & Evelyn Sjuts Shirley Johnson	February: 10:15am Ryan Rademaker(Captain) Gary Sage Susan Swain Sylvia Flessner
Wednesday, Feb 14, 2018 Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m. COMMUNION	Austin Cotter Rylie Huls	Amy Jones	Robyn Camp Stacey Huls	Virlon & Wilma Suits Elaine Wilson	
Sunday, Feb 18, 2018 5:00 pm 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. COMMUNION	Kyle Meccoli Colin Wayland Denley Heller Grace Flessner	Kim Wood Maynard Duitsman	5:00 Sharon Emkes 8:00 Molly Flesner Sue Calhoun 10:15 Mike Stark Joyce Romine	Ranae, Jamie and Janna Buck Lloyd Duitsman Leo & Judi Studer Betty Ihnen	
Wednesday, Feb 21, 2018 7:00 p.m.	Brayden Karlson	Leon Schmidt		Mary Quinlan Lois Harms	

<p>Sunday, Feb 25, 2018</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>8:00 a.m.</p> <p>10:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Lindsay Suits</p> <p>Cain Buhr</p>	<p>Denise Wolken</p> <p>Judi Studer</p>		<p>Edgar & Kay Busboom Bev Heiden</p> <p>Scott & Jana Sage Mary Wolken</p>	
<p>Wednesday, Feb 28, 2018</p> <p>7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Anna Crites</p>	<p>Sharon Emkes</p>		<p>Larry & Eunice Frerichs Bob Tuller</p>	

NOVEMBER 2017 TREASURER'S REPORT

Fund Balance Information

GENERAL FUND				BUILDING FUND			
Fund Balance	10/31/2017		\$ 135,456.79	Fund Balance	10/31/2017		\$ 103,035.99
Offerings		\$ 24,327.50		Offerings		\$ 9,052.89	
Dedicated & Other Fund Receipts		5,510.42		Pavilion		2,450.00	
Total Income			\$ 29,837.92	Total Income			\$ 11,502.89
Pastoral Ministry		\$ 15,978.57		Utilities		\$ 1,376.52	
Worship & Service		7,263.64		Total Expenses			\$ 1,376.52
Our Church Home		4,655.97					
Dedicated Fund Expenses		2,203.32		Total Fund Balance	11/30/2017		\$ 113,162.36
Total Expenses			\$ 30,101.50	Total Unobligated Balance			\$ 113,162.36
	11/30/2017		\$ 135,193.21	<i>Building Fund Invested as:</i>			Checking \$ 113,162.36
Less Dedicated Fund Total			68,022.09				
Total Unobligated Balance			\$ 67,171.12				
<i>General Fund Invested as:</i>				<i>Other Fund Balances</i>			
		Checking \$	8,677.24	Endowment Capital \$	40,890.92	Memorial \$	29,448.49
Money Market \$15,955.03	CD \$42,708.50	CD \$	67,852.44	Endowment Common \$	34,989.13	Endowment Interest \$	207.73

Offering & Attendance November 2017

By Category

General	\$ 24,327.50
Benevolence	10,640.75
Building	9,052.89
Total	\$ 44,021.14

November Attendance

899
225

Benevolence Offering Includes

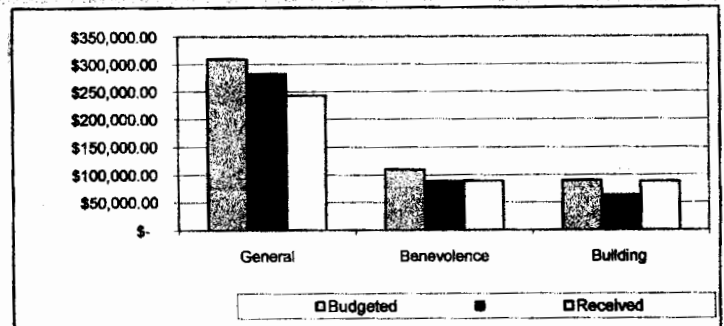
Gen Benevolence	5,092.75	Lutheran CORE	40.00
Rantoul Food Bank	275.00	NALC Seminary	235.00
Lutheran Disaster Relief	35.00	Mission Festival	5.00
Thanksgiving	4,958.00		

Additional Offerings Received

Sunday School	318.95	Ethiopia Airfare	680.00
LYO	20.00	W of I	42.50
Altar Flowers	35.00	Historical Committee	90.00
Parking Lot	1,600.00	Parking Lot	1,600.00
Lutheran Brotherhood	237.00	Initial Offering	20.00

Stewardship Progress Year to Date

	Budgeted	Received	Ahead/(Behind)
General	\$ 309,628.00	\$ 242,335.39	\$ (67,292.61)
Benevolence	110,000.00	88,560.38	(21,439.62)
Building	89,925.00	87,911.47	(2,013.53)
TOTAL	\$ 509,553.00	\$ 418,807.24	\$ (90,745.76)
	Expenses	Ahead/(Behind)	
General	\$ 282,198.57	\$ (39,863.18)	
Benevolence	88,540.38	20.00	
Building	62,190.43	25,721.04	
	\$ 432,929.38	\$ (14,122.14)	



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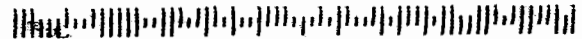
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Cathedral Choir Co-Directors Marilyn Buhr/
Darla Rubarts

Cathedral Choir Pianist Lois Harms

Bell Choir Director Laveda Clem

Youth Choir Directors Erin Siuts

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

**Parish Education
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Casey Flesner
Audrey Harms
Edgar Hovel
Nathon & Amy Jones
Ben Lehmann
Marie Reitmeier
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Denise Wolken

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