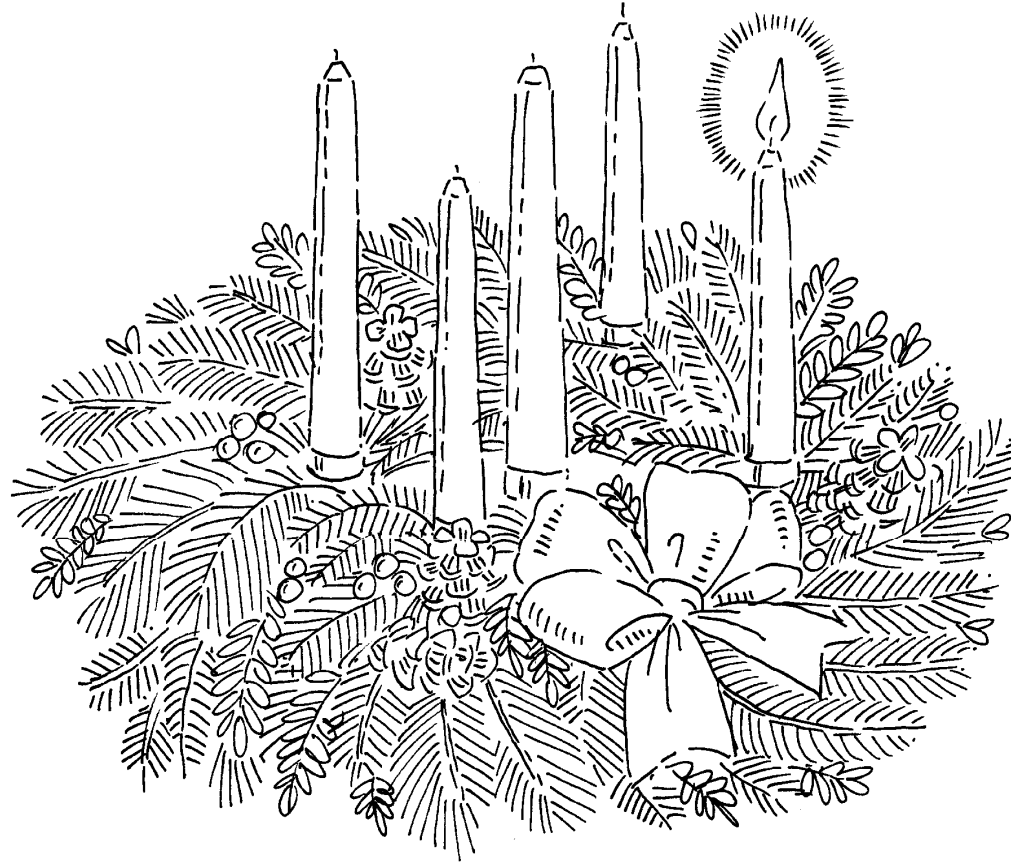


First Sunday of Advent



Celebrate ~ Grow ~ Serve

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*In response to the call of Jesus Christ,
we the people of
Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran
Church are committed to:*

Celebrating the excitement of God's
influence in life by being visible witnesses
of Christ and

Ministering to the spiritual and physical
needs of our community and the world,

**Welcome to Immanuel! Thank you
for worshiping with us today. Please
sign the worship welcome pad (red
binder) during the offering. Thank
you!**

**Worship with Holy Communion
8:15 AM and 11:00AM.
Sunday School - 9:30AM.**

The nursery is available for children in
kindergarten and younger following the
Children's Message.

Office Hours 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Monday ó Friday

FM hearing loops and **large print hym-
nals** are available at the back of the
church. Please see an usher to assist you.
The church is equipped for hearing aids
with T0 (telephone) switches.

Prior to the start of worship, please turn
off **cellular phones, pagers** or **watch
alarms** that may sound during the wor-
ship service.

Invitation to Holy Communion

We welcome to the Lord's communion table all
baptized Christians who have been admitted to
the Lord's Table in their own church and
acknowledge the real presence of Jesus Christ in
the gift of his body and blood for the forgiveness
of sins and renewal of life. It is our practice to
offer white grape juice to those not desiring red
wine. Pre-filled white grape juice glasses are
next to the communion assistants. Please
indicate your desire for grape juice to the
communion assistant. Empty communion
glasses are deposited on the end of the front
pews. All who commune are asked to check the
"will commune" box in the red worship
welcome pad.

Singing the Songs of Faith

Before the World Began

Iona: Sing Glory 318

Tune: INCARNATION

Before the world began
one Word was there;
grounded in God he was,
rooted in care;
by him all things were made,
in him was love displayed,
through him God spoke and said,

I am for you

(Stanza 1)

The Service of Holy Communion
November 27, 2011 8:15 and 11:00AM
First Sunday in Advent

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Andante Sostenuto* - Charles-Marie Widor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who shapes the whole creation, who comes with might and mercy, who fills the hungry with good things.

C: Amen

P: Let us approach the throne of grace with repentant hearts.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful God,

C: we confess that we have been unfaithful to you. Like dry leaves and withered grass, our lives are blown about by our sins and the powers of evil around us. Restore us, O God; let the light of your face shine on us, and we shall be saved. Amen

P: God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I bring you this good news: You are free from all that imprisons you; your sins are forgiven; God heals your broken hearts. Live in peace and harmony as you wait for the day of God.

C: Amen

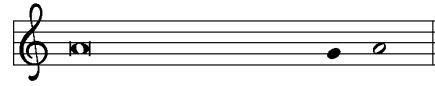
***ENTRANCE HYMN** *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* **ELW #244**

GREETING

P: Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



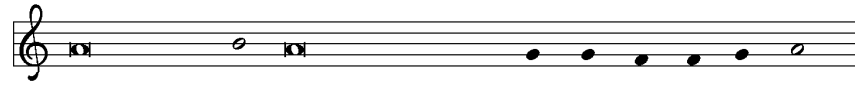
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen *(Please be seated.)*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent Hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (verse 1)

ELW #257

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 *(Read responsively by whole verse.)*

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

³Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁴**O LORD God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶**You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

¹⁹**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

Prayer

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Advent Hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (verse 2)

ELW #257

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence ô
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil ô
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given
you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of
every kind ô ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ô ⁷so that you

are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Mark 13:24-27

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus said,] But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake ô for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

At this time the children are invited forward for a message. The nursery is available after the message for children 5 and younger.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

ELW #436

SERMON

***APOSTLES CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Assist. Minister: Hear us, O God, **Respond: your mercy is great.**

MEAL

OFFERING (8:15)

Improvisation on VENI EMMANUEL

Gathering Choir

(11:00)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - arr. R. Draeger

(Please sign the worship welcome pad, red binder, in your pew during the offering.)

***OFFERTORY HYMN**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

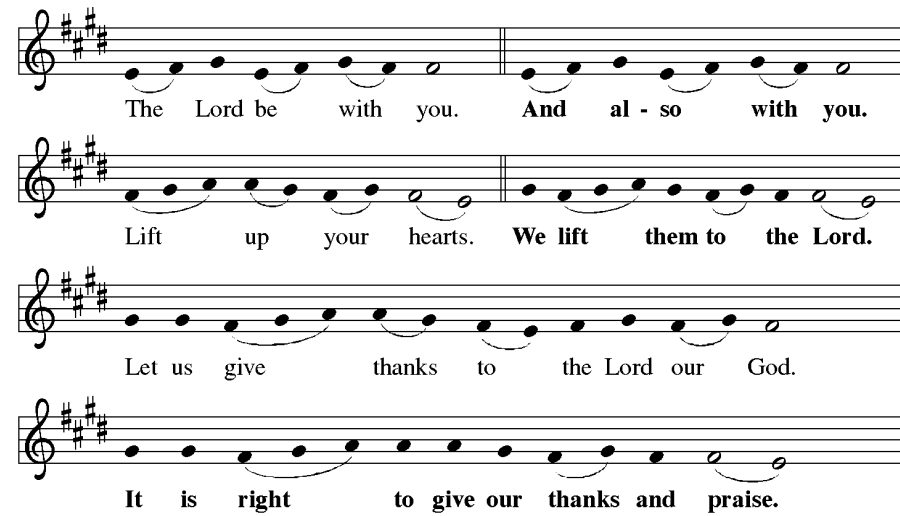
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. **God of abundance,**

C: we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



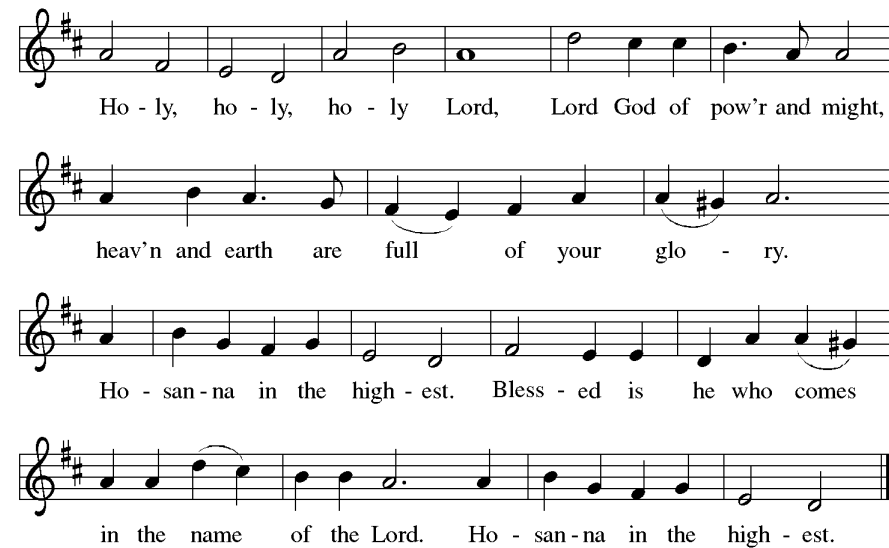
The Lord be with you. **And** al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. **We lift** them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

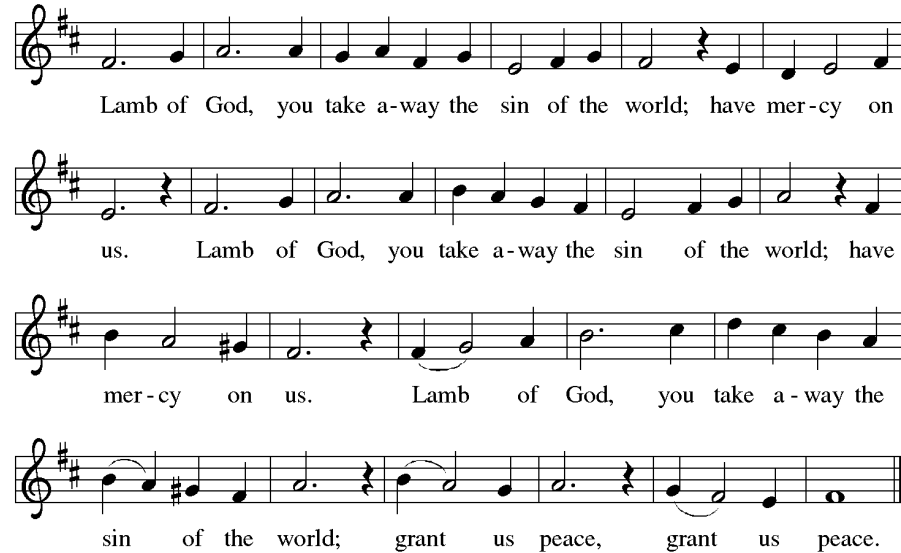
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNE

P: Come to Christ, who comes to us in this holy supper. C: Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Ushers will invite the congregation to come to the altar and receive communion.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You
Signs and Wonders

ELW #241

ELW #672

*COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Lord God, we give you thanks that you have fed us even now with the banquet that is yet to come. Keep us alert for signs of your presence in the world around us. Send us as healing oil and sheltering comfort to those in need, and make us bold in testifying to the light of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW #665

DISMISSAL A: Go in peace. Remember the poor. C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE *Fugue in E-Flat - BWV 552/2 (St. Anne)*

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**IMMANUEL PRAYS:** Pastor John Kroschel, Larry Oakley, Dan Klauck, Pat Schilling, Margaret Cryder, Joe Rieger, Justin Larson, Britni Fox, Sawyer McFadden, Vincent Furia, Derik Plaisted, Jourdan Plaisted, Bill Oad, Mareesa Boyatzies, Katherine Foster, Dorothy Wint, Shirley Pappert, Ginny Zaso, Jenny Krause and the grieving family and friends of Bruce Redfoot, Hannelore Clark and Ruth Furber.

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office (immanev@frontiernet.net or 872-5180). We normally include those requests for two or three weeks in the Prayer of the Church.



**Advent Workshop**  
**Sunday, December 4, 2011 3-PM**  
**with Soup and Sandwich to follow**

**It's almost time to begin preparing for Jesus' birth!** Help get ready by attending The Advent Workshop on Sunday, December 4, 2011. At 3:00PM we will begin with arts and crafts to celebrate the Advent Season. After working hard on your preparations, enjoy dinner at 5:00PM. Dinner (different soups, make yourself a sandwich, and holiday cookies) is a great time to share fellowship with other members of the congregation. Can't wait to see you there!

The Christian Education Committee



**Christmas Pageant - *The Birthday of the King***

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM

Please join us at 9:30AM for the presentation of *The Birthday of the King*. Refreshments will be served after the performance.



### **St. John's Home - People Pushing**

Two times per year Immanuel members go to St. John's Home (corner of Highland and South Ave in Rochester) to assist residents to and from the chapel for services. The service is a regular worship lasting about one hour.

We will be going to St John's on Sunday, December 11. We will carpool from church, leaving at 12:45PM. The church service is at 2:00 and we will return between 3:30 and 4:00PM. If it is easier to meet us at St John's that is fine, too.

This is a great family service project. I appreciate your consideration of helping with this at this time of advent. If you have any questions please call Debbie Huehn 265-2266.



### **Alternative Gifts**

Alternative Gifts are available in the lower hallway between services during Sundays in Advent. This year we will have three gifts for purchase - felt gingerbread ornaments, which will benefit the Ontario Food Cupboard, prayer boxes and prayer bead key chains, benefiting the ELCA Malaria Initiative, and Christmas table runners, the purchase of which will benefit United Hands of Hope House, which provides services to victims of human trafficking and sexual abuse. These gifts will come with a tag stating that a gift has been made in the recipient's honor to that organization. By giving alternative gifts, you gift twice - once to someone you know and once to someone unknown!!!



### ***Festival Service of Lessons and Carols***

Mark your calendars! This year's *Festival Service of Lessons and Carols* will take place on Sunday, December 18th at 7:00pm and will feature the ImmanuBells and the Senior Choir.

### **5:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE**

Once again this year there will be a Christmas Eve Family Service at 5:00 PM on December 24. Immanuel will also celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Eve with two services of Candlelight Holy Communion at 7:00 and 11:00 PM.

**Worship Schedule Change for December 26th Only  
Only One Worship Service – 9:30 AM**



**Join us for Wellness on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM!** Come and enjoy fun, food and friendship, with a program, chair exercise, blood pressure check and a delicious lunch.

The program schedule is:

**Nov. 30** – Recording Church Records ó Larry Lavery, Chairman of Church Recording Preservation Committee of the Rochester Genealogical Society, will explain the reasoning and methods involved in this process.

**Dec. 7** ó Paris and Germany ó Our own world traveler, Marguerite Manning, will share photos and stories from her recent trip to Europe.

**Dec. 14** ó Susan B. Anthony ó Annie Callanan, Director of Programs and Visitor Services at Rochester ó Susan B. Anthony House Museum, will share the inspiration of this famous woman.

**Dec. 21** ó Holiday Fun ó Bring along your favorite Christmas ornament to share. Get in the holiday spirit as we sing well-known Christmas carols and enjoy a holiday luncheon together!

**Dec. 28** ó Due to the holidays, WOW! will not meet.

Come and join the fun ó and bring a friend to share it with! Transportation is available by calling the church office (872-5180) by Tuesday at 10:00AM. A \$2 donation for lunch is requested. We look forward to seeing you!



**Kids Night In / Parents Night Out - VeggieTales Style**  
**Save this date!**

On Friday, December 16th, 7:00 - 9:00PM let the youth of Immanuel watch your children while you finish those holiday errands. Your children will enjoy a VeggieTales story and make Christmas crafts. You can enjoy a quiet dinner, a quick trip to the store for that last minute gift you forgot, or whatever your heart desires. A sign up sheet will be posted December 1st. We would love to take care of your children!

## **Backpacks Make A Difference**

Last spring Immanuel began a backpack program in partnership with the Webster School District. The goal of the program is to send a backpack of food home with children who may be in need of additional resources. We partner with one elementary school. Throughout the year you will be asked to bring in an item of the week. We store the items at church and send the proper amount to fill the backpacks. We try to vary what we send from week to week. We try to send kid friendly foods with nutritional value. Our goal is to supplement the food in the household - not to supply complete meals.

This outreach project is separate from the food cart items which go to the Webster Food Cupboard.

Thank you for your support of this ministry. Know that there is hunger in Webster! Know that this program does make a difference in the lives of others. If you have questions about the program contact Deb Huehn 585-265-2266 or [debbie@zacharybear.com](mailto:debbie@zacharybear.com)

We are collecting different food items each week to help fill the backpacks. Please consider bringing a food item to help. The Sunday School classes are collecting at their opening. There will be a box in the lower level of the church to collect the food.

Nov 20 Mac and Cheese

Nov 27 Chicken noodle soup

Dec 4 can of fruit (peaches pears or fruit cocktail)

Dec 11 Box of spaghetti pasta (1 pound)

Dec 18 can of pasta sauce (or plastic jar, no glass please)



### **Sunday, December 11, 2011**

**8:15 & 11:00 AM**    **Worship with Holy Communion**

**9:30 AM**    **Sunday School Pageant**

### **Saturday, December 24, 2011**

**5:00 PM**    **Family Christmas Service**

**7:00 PM**    **Candlelight Service with Holy Communion**

**11:00 PM**    **Candlelight Service with Holy Communion**

### **Sunday, December 25, 2011**

**9:30 AM**    **Worship with Holy Communion**

**No Sunday School**

### **Sunday, January 1, 2012**

**9:30 AM**    **Worship with Holy Communion**

**No Sunday School**

## **CHURCH CALENDAR November 27 - December 4**

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|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Sunday</u>    | 1st Sunday in Advent                                                                          |
| 7:30 am          | Gathering Choir                                                                               |
| 8:15 & 11:00 am  | Worship with Holy Communion                                                                   |
| 9:30 am          | Sunday School                                                                                 |
| <u>Monday</u>    |                                                                                               |
| 8:00 pm          | AA in Fellowship Hall, Al-Anon in Library, Alateen in Sr. High room,<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> floor |
| <u>Tuesday</u>   |                                                                                               |
| 6:30 pm          | ImmanuBells Rehearsal                                                                         |
| <u>Wednesday</u> |                                                                                               |
| 10:00 am         | Wellness on Wednesday                                                                         |
| 7:00 pm          | Thanksgiving Eve Service<br>No Senior Choir Rehearsal                                         |
| <u>Thursday</u>  |                                                                                               |
| 10:30 am         | Bible Study - Matthew 8, Mark 4, Luke 8                                                       |
| 7:00 pm          | Worship and Music Meeting                                                                     |
| <u>Friday</u>    |                                                                                               |
| 9:00 am          | Office Help                                                                                   |
| 9:00 am          | Quilting Group                                                                                |
| <u>Saturday</u>  |                                                                                               |
| <u>Sunday</u>    | 2nd Sunday in Advent                                                                          |
| 8:15 & 11:00 am  | Worship with Holy Communion                                                                   |
| 9:30 am          | Sunday School                                                                                 |
| 2:30 pm          | ImmanuBells Concert at St. Anne's Chapel                                                      |
| 3:00 pm          | Advent Celebration - Crafts and Dinner<br>Articles for The Open Door are due                  |

## Serving God and God's Church

| November 27, 2011           |                                    | Next Sunday, December 4, 2011                      |                                                     |                                                |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
|                             | 8:15AM                             | 11:00AM                                            | 8:15 AM                                             | 11:00 AM                                       |
| <b>Deacon/Worship Asst.</b> | Karen Sue Ross                     | Bernie Russell                                     | Tom Lombardo                                        | Heidi Smith                                    |
| <b>Reader</b>               | Judy Brederson                     | Ian Russell                                        | Ted Ast                                             | Frank Riggi                                    |
| <b>Communion Assistant</b>  | Gary Ross                          | Lori Russell                                       | No Communion                                        | No Communion                                   |
| <b>Acolyte</b>              | Rebecca Barnes                     | Jared Russell                                      | Megan Mittak                                        | Josh Riggi                                     |
| <b>Crucifer</b>             | Allison Barnes                     | Gary Immesoete                                     | Sarah Nesbitt                                       | Gabriella Sproba                               |
| <b>Greeters</b>             | Karen Keymel,<br>Eloise Dittberner | Marge Cario                                        | Jeff & Bonnie Slack                                 | Nan Nesbitt                                    |
| <b>Ushers</b>               | Don & Jean<br>Gardner, Ron Nohe    | Janice Durand,<br>Gary, Heather &<br>Mac Immesoete | Betty Tisa, Martha<br>Styles, Ed & Nancy<br>Behrens | Amy & Raechel<br>Crosby, Bill & Judi<br>Bogart |
| <b>Nursery</b>              | Sandy Colbert                      |                                                    | Linda Belmont                                       | Marcie Diegert                                 |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>          | Carol Galskoy                      | Janice Durand                                      | Lyn Reville                                         | Delores Swanson                                |
| <b>Counters</b>             |                                    |                                                    |                                                     |                                                |

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| Members of Immanuel<br>Paul E. Shoop (Residence 6 585/216-2167)<br>John F. Beeg<br>Dave Ekimoff | Ministers<br>Pastor<br>Pastor Emeritus<br>Assoc. for Congregational Ministries<br>Administrative Associate<br>Director of Music<br>Handbell Director<br>Sexton<br>Congregational President |
| Barb Rafferty                                                                                   | Russell Draeger                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Marguerite Manning                                                                              | Ron Corey, Jr.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Tom Lombardo                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| Don't forget to have your blood pressure checked the first and third Sunday of each month between services in the library.<br>Parish Nurse Leslie Schwartz (265-9229) is available for medical questions or concerns. |
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| <p><b>Deb Huehn is the November shepherd.</b></p> Please contact her (265-2266) if you know of a member in need of help or support. |
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