



The Open Door

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52 Great Verses of the Bible

December's weekly verses ó

December 5 – Isaiah 9:2

December 12 – Romans 8:28

December 19 – Isaiah 9:6

December 26 – John 1:1

The December Monthly bonus passage is **Luke 20:1-12.**

Friday Fun For the LYO - December 3rd

All Immanuel Youth from Grade 6 to 8 are welcome to come and join us on **December 3 at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm** at Immanuel! Invite your friends to come with you for games, food and Bible study.



Advent Workshop Sunday, December 5, 2010 3-4:30PM 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 5, 2010. At 3:00pm we will begin with arts and crafts to celebrate the Advent Season. After working hard on your preparations, enjoy dinner at 4:30pm. 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



Festival Service of Lessons and Carols

Mark your calendars! This year's *Festival Service of Lessons and Carols* will take place on Sunday, December 5th at 7:00pm and will feature the ImmanuBells and the Senior Choir.



ADVENT

ADVENT – THE SEASON OF WAITING

Of all the seasons of the church year, Advent is most likely the season that is least understood. Advent is more than -waitingø for Christmas. Advent emphasizes beginnings and new creation. It is a time of waiting and anticipation. Advent is a time of hope. It is a time to remember that God is faithful. God has come. God will come again. God is with us. This year the four Sundays of Advent are observed beginning November 28th.

Advent is a time of waiting. In our society today many people are not comfortable with waiting. Our culture seems to ignore Advent and moves right to Christmas. In years past God's people waited for God to act. They waited for the chosen one to come. As Christians we are called to wait. Our waiting has purpose and meaning ó we wait in faith for God. Our waiting is active and mission filled.

One of the visual ways we will experience the season of Advent this year at Immanuel is through the changes that happen in our worship space and worship experience. The **Lighting of the Advent Wreath** is led at each service by various members of the congregation. This portion of our service reminds us of the waiting and anticipation we have for God's acts of love. The sanctuary is decorated as we move through Advent in preparation for Christmas. The Christmas tree and other decorations begin to appear around mid-season. However, while we decorate the Christmas tree with Chrismons, the Christmas lights will not be lit until our Christmas Eve celebration. During the *Festival of Lessons and Carols for Advent/Christmas* (part of the *Music at Immanuel* series) the tree will be lit.

During this season of waiting, Advent points us to the three comings of Jesus. He came among us at Bethlehem. Jesus comes among us now in the scriptures, the sacraments and the community of faith. Jesus will come again in glory to bring God's kingdom to fulfillment.

As we wait, come and worship during the Season of Advent. We celebrate God's ongoing love and grace in our lives and the life of our congregation.





Sunday, December 12, 2010

- 8:15 & 11:00 AM** Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:30 AM** Sunday School
- 3:30 PM** Sunday School Pageant
- 5:00 PM** Grace @ 5

Friday, December 24, 2010

- 5:00 PM** Family Christmas Service
- 7:00 PM** Candlelight Service with Holy Communion
- 11:00 PM** Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

Sunday, December 26, 2010

- 9:30 AM** Worship with Holy Communion
(One service only on December 26)

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.



**Christmas Pageant -
Holiday in Bethlehem**

Sunday, December 12th at 3:30PM

Our Immanuel Sunday School will present this year's pageant, *Holiday in Bethlehem*, filled with new and traditional music and, of course, the wonderful Christmas story.

So, how many inns did Mary and Joseph stop at before they got to the one with the manger? Were there other reasons beside the census that made them go searching? When did it dawn on everyone that something very special was about to happen?

Join us as we honor the miracle that is Christmas! Stay for a reception following the pageant! Grace @ 5 will follow the reception. This will be a lovely afternoon to celebrate everything that Advent promises - the excitement that something very special is about to happen!



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Hark, The Glad Sound! (Evangelical Lutheran Worship 239) is a popular Advent hymn. It speaks of Advent in terms of what God's Messiah will do in our world reaching out especially to those whom society so often forgets. It uses the images of Isaiah 61:1-2, which Jesus read at the beginning of his ministry as recorded in Luke's Gospel. We are called to make a difference as God's children and disciples of Jesus Christ. We are called to carry on the ministry Jesus did in reaching the poor, the broken hearted, the prisoner.

*Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.*

As we come to a busy time of year, may you use this time to reflect upon the gift of love and acceptance that God gives in Jesus. May you rejoice in the birth of the Son of God. And, may the seasons of Advent and Christmas bring you joy and peace as you prepare your heart and give voice to God's song in your lives.

Rejoicing in God's love,

Pastor Paul

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

The topic of this year's Bible Studies is "**Great Stories of the Old Testament.**" We immerse ourselves into some of the wonderful stories recorded in the Old Testament and see how God has come to God's people. Sometimes in blessing; other times to correct and call to repentance.

- The Bible stories for December ó
 - December 2 & 6 ó Jacob & Esau
(portions of Genesis 25, 32 & 33)
 - December 16 & 20 ó Joseph
(portions of Genesis 37, 39-50)

The evening study meets on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:00 PM. The morning study meets at 10:30 AM on the first and third Thursdays. Both Bible Studies meet at Immanuel.



WELLNESS ON WEDNESDAYS – WOW!

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 for the month of December is ó

- Dec. 1 ó Bring favorite holiday traditions, stories, recipes and enjoy an Advent sing-along
- Dec. 8 ó Pet Assisted Therapy of Lollypop Farm ó Learn about this fascinating program and meet some of the animals
- Dec. 15 ó Don't Be a Victim of Fraud Scams or Identity Theft ó Lifespan's Jim Lynd, presenter
- Dec. 22 ó No WOW due to holiday
- Dec. 28 ó No WOW due to holiday

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!



Our Sunday School children have just finished filling up boxes for Operation Christmas Child and are busy practicing for Immanuel's up coming Christmas Pageant. What a busy time of the year! This year's Christmas Pageant, *Holiday In Bethlehem* will be held on Sunday December 12th @ 3:30PM with a reception immediately following.

With the Holidays just around the corner and all that comes with it please remember to keep those less fortunate in your prayers along with our brothers and sisters in Zambia! A smile or a kind nod goes a long way!

In Christ,
Heather Immesoete
Sunday School Superintendent



It's time once again to order Poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary for our Christmas Eve Services. You may choose **RED** or **PINK/WHITE MARBLE**. We will be ordering from Kittelberger Florist, at **\$11.00** each. The plants will be in 6ö pots, wrapped in foil. Please fill out this form and return it in the offering plate on Sunday or to the church office. Checks should be made out to **Immanuel Lutheran Church** with a notation that it is for **POINSETTIAS**. Orders must be received by **Sunday, December 19th**. Please feel free to call with any questions. Blessings - Sheri Williams (585)770-3733)

QUANTITY/COLOR	X \$11.00
RED _____	_____
MARBLE _____	_____
TOTAL _____	_____

Your Name _____

*Please indicate below how you would like your gift to appear in the bulletin:

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Other _____

- _____ I will pick up my plant after the 11:00 pm service.
- _____ I will pick up my plant the following Sunday.
- _____ I would like my plant to go to a home-bound member.





NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

New Members were received into the congregation on Sunday, October 31, 2010. We welcome into the membership of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church - **Leo and Doris Dugan** (Letter of Transfer, Messiah, Greece), **Warren Jensen** (Affirmation of Faith), **Elsie Clifford** (Affirmation of Faith), **Karen and Roger Siekierski** (Letter of Transfer from Incarnate Word, Rochester) **David and Marcie Diegert, Lucas and Cian Diegert** (Affirmation of Faith and Baptisms). We rejoice as you joined with us in ministry and faithful service to our Lord.

MINISTRY MINUTE

Members of Immanuel support many ministries both within and outside of church activities. This monthly series is a place to share their ministries,

MY FAVORITE CHARITY

Many years ago, Jan and I decided to turn our backs on the commercialism of Christmas and concentrate on the real meaning of the season. We scaled back on gifts and had family Advent services with other friends on Sunday nights after a shared dinner. At first, our children didn't like the idea at all, but with time, they too, began contributing money from their paper routes and babysitting jobs to add to the "pot" for Heifer. It has been a great teaching tool for our kids. We have also used Heifer donations as gifts of honor for birthdays and anniversaries for those people "who have everything" and don't need another ugly sweater!

My family has supported Heifer International for many years. Their mission is to provide livestock to a needy family in a third-world country and once that animal produces an offspring, it is passed on to another needy family thereby sharing the opportunity of self-sufficiency and personal dignity. It has been said that if you give a person a fish, he eats for a day; if you give him a fishing pole, you give him a future. Heifer matches animals to appropriate climates in many countries. Our belief is that if a person is hungry, he cannot advance himself or his children. Hunger is all-consuming.

Judy Brederson
Social Ministry Committee



THE SEEDS PROGRAM

SEEDS is a program that offers spiritual and social growth to adults who are developmentally disabled. The group has been meeting for over 25 years at Reformation Lutheran Church. Immanuel is excited to announce that we will be hosting this group at our church for the next three months. The meetings for this group are the first Wednesday of each month. The times of the meeting are 6:00-8:30pm, with dinner being served at 6:30pm. Members of Immanuel have been cooking the dinners for this group for several years and welcome the idea of cooking in their own kitchen.

The SEEDS group invites you for a special Christmas worship on December 1st at 7:30pm. The service will be held at Immanuel. We will collect warm mittens, scarves or socks for our December service project. Come, help us celebrate!



Webster Support Group

The Multiple Sclerosis Society is a nonprofit organization that provides information, education, referrals, and support for people living with MS. The Upstate New York Chapter covers a 50 county region across the state and our chapter headquarters is here in Monroe County. We offer several support groups in Monroe County, one of which is in Webster. For 25+ years the Women's Club of Webster has volunteered to provide this group with lunch twice per month when we meet. Group members enjoy a meal along with socialization, support and friendship with others who can truly relate to what it is like to live with MS.

Our next meeting is December 9th from noon-2:00 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. For more information, please call either Debbie or Dee at 585-271-0801, option #2.

Grace @ 5

Join us each Sunday evening at 5:00PM for our Grace@5 worship. Grace@5 is a different worship service ó casual, informal, interactive and musically diverse.



Alternative Gifts for Christmas

In an attempt to offer alternatives to giving things for Christmas, we have chosen three ideas which will give the gift of life to someone else! Purchase of a packet of cocoa mix, to which hot water needs to be added, will support building wells in Africa by Lutheran World Relief. Small decorated stones will help build schools for girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan. And small and large hand-thrown ceramic bowls will give the Webster Food Cupboard much-needed funds to alleviate local hunger. Each gift will be \$5 (larger bowls \$10) and will come with an explanation of the charity which will receive the donations. The alternative gifts will be available between services on the four Sundays in Advent (November 28, December 5, 12 and 19). Plan ahead - get your gift list made of people you can honor with an alternative gift - and get ready for Advent shopping!



Mittens, Hats, and Scarves Needed!!

Winter is barreling down from the North and hands, heads and bodies will need extra protection!! The Mitten, Hat and Scarf gathering will take place between November 28 and January 9 this year, with the intention of distributing the warm clothing in time for the cold weather. Instead of a tree in the upper hallway, mittens, hats, and scarves can be left in the blue box across from the elevator. They will be taken to House of Hope, Maggie's Kids, and Cameron Community Center before Christmas. Either store-bought or hand-made items are welcome. They do not have to be wrapped - just warm!!!

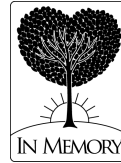
Thank You!

Dear Immanuel Church Family,

We wish to thank all of you for the care, concern and assistance you gave to our family during our recent time of troubles and sorrow following Edna's hospitalization and passing. Your many cards received while she was in the hospital were all read to her. The expressions of sympathy that are currently flowing in show us how much you cared for her and us.

Immanuel truly is a Church Family.

Arnold, Kevin, and Todd Krueger and Corynn Shaw



Memorial gifts were received in loving memory of:

Marion Klett

by

Shirley Pappert

Marion Reetz

by

Shirley Pappert

Margaret Bartolotti

Bonnie Witt, Mary Murphy, Renee Schneider

Edwin & Ellen Gualtieri

Trish Byrne

Arnold & Marion Read

Thomas and Jane Reetz

IBM

Edna Krueger

by

Gladys Miller

Marge Cario

Shirley Pappert

Tony & Concetta Castelluzzo

Nancy Burdulis

Paula & Michael Doyle

Ruth Schrader

Dave & Lyn Reville

Bergmann Associates

Cottrell Warner Auxiliary

A gift to the Emdowment Fund was received in loving memory of:

Robert E. Geiwitz

By Edna Geiwitz

Thank You!

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all you did in giving the reception for the family and friends of my mother, Edna. The chicken casserole, carrots, orange salad, cookies and cakes were delicious. We were all very impressed with everything you did from set up to clean up.

Thank you for being such good friends to my Mom and for your hospitality.

Love,

Corynn, Eric and Kayla Shaw and the Krueger Family

December Worship Assistant Schedule

	December 5, 2010		December 12, 2010		December 19, 2010		Christmas Eve December 24		December 26, 2010
	8:15 AM	11:00 AM	8:15 AM	11:00 AM	8:15 AM	11:00 AM	7:00 PM	11:00 PM	9:30 AM
Assisting Minister	Tom Lombardo	Bruce Kulp	Deacon Karen Sue Ross	Leslie Schwartz	Deacon Dave Reville	Bernie Russell	Deacon Dave Reville	Tom Lombardo	Deacon Ed Huehn
Reader	Kris Maier	Jim Guderian	Marguerite Manning	Sarah Rowland/ Dale Rowland	Kevin Cawley	Ian Russell	Wendy Pryor	Kris Maier	Tamie Miller
Comm. Assistant	Ron Nohe	Karen Holroyd	Gary Ross	Ken Schwartz	Lyn Reville	Janice Durand	Gary Cannon		Deb Huehn
Acolyte	Allison Barnes	Maressa Boyatzies	Alyssa Wicks	Aideen Foster	Michael Cawley	Sarah Geckle	Allison Barnes		Andrew Miller
Crucifer	Rebecca Barnes	Nicole Boyatzies	Jessica Hewlett	Emily Ruffell	Jacob Kachmaryk	Matthew Geckle	Rebecca Barnes		Patrick Miller
Greeters	Jeff & Bonnie Slack	Leanne Boyatzies, Jeanne Ludwig	Doris Baranello & Sharon Diringer	Kathy Morgan, Lisa Foster	Jan & Judy Brederson	Heather & Gary Immesoete			Ed & Nancy Behrens
Ushers	Mike & Sue Herrman, Betty Tisa, Linda Belmont	Bill, Judi, Natalli & Corrin Bogart	Charlie & Sherry Klauck, Jan & Judy Brederson	Katherine, Clair & Foster, Jay & Arline Taber	Cheryl Davies, Barb Stam, George & Mary Iverson	Josh and Mark Geckle, Lori & Jared Russell		Charlie & Sherry Klauck	Maureen Hubbard, Ilene Roeger, Don O'Mara, Fran Mooney
Nursery	Carol Dittberner	Lisa Foster	Sandy Colbert	Heidi Smith	Linda Belmont				Dena Fedkew
Altar Guild	Debbie Ast	Carol Galskoy	Debbie Ast	Carol Galskoy	Debbie Ast	Carol Galskoy	Debbie Ast and Carol Galskoy	Debbie Ast	Carol Galskoy
Counters									

Please note: If you are unable to assist at the time for which you are scheduled, please make the necessary arrangements to switch with someone else on the schedule. After making the change, please inform the church by calling 872-5180 as soon as possible so that the correct information is listed in Sunday's bulletin. If you would like to fill an opening, please contact the church by email (immanev@frontiernet.net) or by phone (872-5180).

Thank you for sharing your time and talents to serve the Lord!



~ December 2010 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10a-12:30p Wellness on Wednesdays 6-8:30p SEEDS 7p-8:30p Senior Choir	2 10:30a-11:30a Bible Study 7p-9p Girl Scouts 7p-8p Worship and Music Meeting	3 9a-11:30a Quilters 9a-10a Office Help 6p-8p JR. LYO Friday Fun	4 6p-8p Sr LYO
5 7:30a Gathering Choir 8:15a & 11a Worship with Holy Communion 9:30a-10:45a Sunday School 3p-5p Advent Celebration 5p-6p Grace @ 5 7p Lessons and Carols Articles for The Open Door are due	6 Annual Reports for 2010 are due 6:30p-7:30p Property Committee 7p-8p Bible Study 8p-9p AA, Al-Anon, Alateen	7 6p-8p 2nd Year Confirmation Dinner & Class 6:30p ImmanuBells Rehearsal 7p-8p 7:00 Finance Meeting	8 10a-12:30p Wellness on Wednesdays 7p-8:30p Senior Choir	9 11:15a-2:15p MS Group 7p-8p Stewardship Meeting 7p-8p Toastmaster's	10 9a-11:30a Quilters 9a-10a Office Help	11 1p Fellowship Group at the O'Shaughnessy's
12 8:15a & 11a Worship with Holy Communion 9:30a-10:45a Sunday School 3:30p Sunday School Christmas Program 5p-6p Grace @ 5	13 7p-8p Church Council Meeting 8p-9p AA, Al-Anon, Alateen	14 6p-8p 1st Year Confirmation Dinner & Class 7:00p ImmanuBells play at Aaron Manor	15 10a-12:30p Wellness on Wednesdays 7p-8:30p Senior Choir	16 10:30a-11:30a Bible Study 7p-9p Girl Scouts 7p-8p Book Club	17 9a-10a Office Help 9a-10a Open Door Folding	18 LYO Service Project
19 7:30a Gathering Choir 8:15a & 11a Worship with Holy Communion 9:30a-10:45a Sunday School 5p-6p Grace @ 5	20 7p-8p Bible Study 8p-9p AA, Al-Anon, Alateen	21 6p-8p 2nd Year Confirmation Dinner & Class 6:30p SCS Meeting 6:30p ImmanuBells Rehearsal	22 No Wellness on Wednesday 7p-8:30p Senior Choir	23 7p-9:30p Toastmaster's	24 5p Family Christmas Service 7:00p & 11:00p Candlelight Christmas Eve Service	25 Merry Christmas!
26 ONE SERVICE ONLY 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion No Sunday School	27 8p-9p AA, Al-Anon, Alateen	28	29 No Wellness on Wednesday	30	31 9a-10a Office Help	





St. John's Home - People Pushing

People-pushing, an activity in which all the able-bodied that are able go to St. John's Home to push all those who wish to attend worship service, is Sunday, December 26th. We will meet at church to carpool at 1:00 PM, drive to St. Johns, push people to and from the service, and return to church around 3:30. It is a fun activity, interacting with some delightful folks and trying to get them back to the place where you picked them up!!! They are very appreciative of your help, so do come!! Please contact Deb Huehn if you have any questions at 265-2266.



WORSHIP AND MUSIC MEETING
Thursday, December 2nd at 7:00PM

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, December 9th at 7:00PM

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, December 9th at 7:00PM



On December 13th at 1:00pm the Fellowship Group will meet at Ed & Cheryl O'Shaughnessy's. Please call Ed and Cheryl (671-6824) if you have any questions. We would love to have you join our group!



The Book Club will meet on Thursday, December 16th at 6 pm in the church kitchen for a potluck meal and cookbook discussion. Bring a favorite dish to share along with the recipe. We'll discuss our favorite cookbooks, recipes and food! Contact Carol Galskoy (agalskoy@frontiernet.net or 585-265-4957) for more details if you would like to join us!



In Stitches will not meet in December. Join us at our next meeting on January 16th.

The Friday morning quilters meet each Friday at 9:00am. All are welcome and you do not need to know how to quilt.



Thanks to all who brought in items for the SCHOOL KITS, we packed 94 kits which were delivered to Lutheran World Relief by Karen Sue and Gary Ross in late October!! Thanks, too, to the ladies who sewed bags - Arlene Gibson, Carol Galskoy, Marion Campbell, Linda Belmont, and Nancy Witmer. And thanks to the Social Ministry Committee for sponsoring and packing the kits which will be used by school children around the world!



Dear Pastor,

I would like to Thank You for your visits, communion and being with me and the family before my back surgery.

Thank You to my church family for all of your cards and prayers. Marguerite, your thoughtfulness and visit was much appreciated. I am feeling better, but still have a ways to go.

God Bless,
Brenda Toal



On October 16, 2010 Immanuel's SCS held their third annual spaghetti dinner to benefit Zambia. They raised a total of \$288.00. Great job! Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make the dinner possible.



Our family would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Hospitality Committee for the wonderful cookies, punch and coffee that was provided after our mother's memorial service. Thank you so much for your fellowship and support.

Sincerely,
The Family of Marion Reetz

VIDEO OF SUNDAY SERVICE AVAILABLE

As noted else where in this edition of the *Open Door*, Immanuel's Sunday morning services are broadcast at 12 Noon each Sunday on Webster Cable Channel 12. This has been an outreach to our community for many, many years.

For homebound members of Immanuel who do not have access to Webster Cable television we can provide you with a video cassette copy of the service for viewing at home. If you would like a copy of the Sunday Services, please contact the Church Office (872-5180) and arrangements will be made.



Jacob Baller	12/1
Marion Campbell	12/1
Adam Keymel	12/1
Rachel Hill	12/2
Frances Cirafisi	12/4
Edward Behrens	12/5
Erik Iverson	12/5
Grace Kachmaryk	12/5
Edward Huehn	12/6
James Campbell	12/7
Kendall Baller	12/10
Andrew Bartholomew	12/11
Marcia Naukam	12/12
Katherine Foster	12/13
Luther Keymel	12/15
Myrtle Bassage	12/18
Natalli Bogart	12/18
Gary Klick	12/18
Lucas Beasley	12/19
David Gibson	12/19
Jocelyn Plaisted	12/19
Karen Breen	12/20
Joan Morris	12/20
Arline Taber	12/20
Lucas Bechtold	12/21
Nancy Behrens	12/21
Linda Jenkins	12/21
Judith Wilcox	12/21
Hannelore Clark	12/23
Jean Beasley	12/24
Linda Nicholson	12/25
Tom Lombardo	12/26
Tammy Moore	12/26
Zachery Boyatzies	12/27
Brenda Toal	12/27
Edna Geiwitz	12/28
Theodore Ast	12/30
Christopher Barnes	12/30
Heidi Freeman	12/30

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

	Date	Years
W. Charles & Elaine Kasiske Jr.	12/6	24
Christopher & Heidi Smith	12/19	12
Amy & David Harvey	12/23	4
Arline & Joseph Stephany	12/26	44
David & Lyn Reville	12/28	42
G. Robert & Nancy Witmer Jr.	12/28	42
Dennis & Leanne Boyatzies	12/30	15

Is the Open Door missing your anniversary or birthday? If so, please contact Barb at the office (872-5180). Thanks!



Elsie Clifford
506 Basket Road
Webster, NY 14580

Mr. & Mrs. Michael (Marcie) Diegert
Lucas and Cian
40 Dorcaster Road
Rochester, NY 14623

Mr. & Mrs. Leo (Doris) Dugan
200 Kidd Castle Way Room #252
Webster, NY 14580

Mr. Warren Jensen
156 East Main Street
Webster, NY 14580

Mr. & Mrs. Roger (Karen) Siekeirski
775 Tallow Run
Webster, NY 14580

If you have moved, changed your phone number or email address, please contact the office at 872-5180 or email immanev@frontiernet.net. We would also like email address changes. Thanks!



Clothes for those in need **The Social Ministry Committee has decided that we will no longer take used clothing to outside agencies.** It is difficult to find groups that will accept the amount of clothing that comes in and the storage space under the stairs fills very quickly. We are grateful for past donations but are requesting that used clothing now be taken to the Goodwill store on Ridge Rd (they will help you unload your contributions), the Salvation Army store on Ridge Rd in Irondequoit, Holy Trinity's House of Hope, or the drop-off box behind Holy Trinity.



POINSETTIA PLANT CARE

By Dave Reville

POINSETTIA PLANTS CARE UPON LEAVING CHURCH

Poinsettia plants are WARM climate plants and cannot tolerate cold temperatures. On Christmas Eve, following the services, when you pick up your plant, it needs to be wrapped in several plastic bags or placed in two paper grocery bags with the top closed. It would be advisable to bring them with you to services in order to prevent the plants from freezing once they are exposed to the cold night air. If the plants are not protected, then plant damage is exhibited on the flowers very quickly due to freezing.

CARE OF POINSETTIA PLANTS AT HOME

Once you have your plant at home, poke holes in the bottom of the foil, which will allow the plant to drain upon watering thereby preventing the roots from drowning.

LIGHT- Place the plant (or any other flowering plant) near a sunny window, where it will get the most available sunlight. A south, east or west-facing window is the best. Avoid a north-facing window and do not let any part of the Poinsettia touch a cold windowpane, as this will damage it. Also, please do not put the plant behind a drawn window curtain, as this will freeze the plant causing the flowers, which ARE the leaves, to drop.

TEMPERATURE-To maintain the plant in bloom, a temperature of 65 to 70 degrees F. is ideal during the day, in the evening, you can place it in a cooler spot. Since root rot damage is more prevalent with temperatures below 60, it is wise not to place the plant in areas cooler than this or leaf drop will result.

WATER- Examine the soil in the pot daily, and when it feels dry to the touch, water the plant until the water runs out of the bottom drainage hole of the pot. If you use a jardinière to cover the pot, remove the water that collects in it. Avoid leaving the plant stand in water as this will cause root damage. A wilted plant may drop its flowers prematurely, so try to keep it watered.

REFLOWERING-I often receive questions about how to re-flower the Poinsettia. This is a real challenge and a headache! Our local florists can supply your plant needs yearly at a modest price-why not let them do the growing.



Operation Christmas Child was a great success again this year. We collected 66 boxes. Thank you to the Sunday school classes, teachers, and congregation families who donated. The boxes will go to many grateful children in third world countries for Christmas. Thrivent Financial For Lutheran matched the funds collected for shipping with a donation sent directly to Operation Christmas Child. Betsy Clark and Anna Ekeren appreciate your help in completing their senior service project for Bishop Kearney.



Immanuel Prays....

To share a prayer concern or celebration, email immanev@frontiernet.net or call 585/872-5180. Members of Immanuel will raise your request in prayer.

Save the Date—January 30, 2011

The Annual Congregational Meeting is Sunday, January 30, 2011, after the 11 am Church service. Refreshments will be served. Your attendance is very important to the Immanuel's mission öCelebrate ó Grow ó Serveö.

Save the Date - February 13, 2011

On February 13th we will celebrate another Milestone Ministry event - the anniversary of Baptisms in our congregation. This is a time for all of us to remember our baptisms and celebrate with those who have been baptized over the past year at Immanuel.

Whether is has been one week or many months since the baptism, you are encouraged to return to the font. There will be a luncheon for the baptized and their family members. Additional information will follow in January.





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Webster, New York 14580

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Mailed on November 19

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 Summer Sunday Services: 8:00 and 9:30 a.m.
 5:00 PM *Grace @ 5*

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Celebrate the excitement of God's influence in life
 by being visible witnesses of Christ; and,
Minister to the spiritual and physical needs
 of our community and the world,
 through our God given talents.

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We are a resurrection people who
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