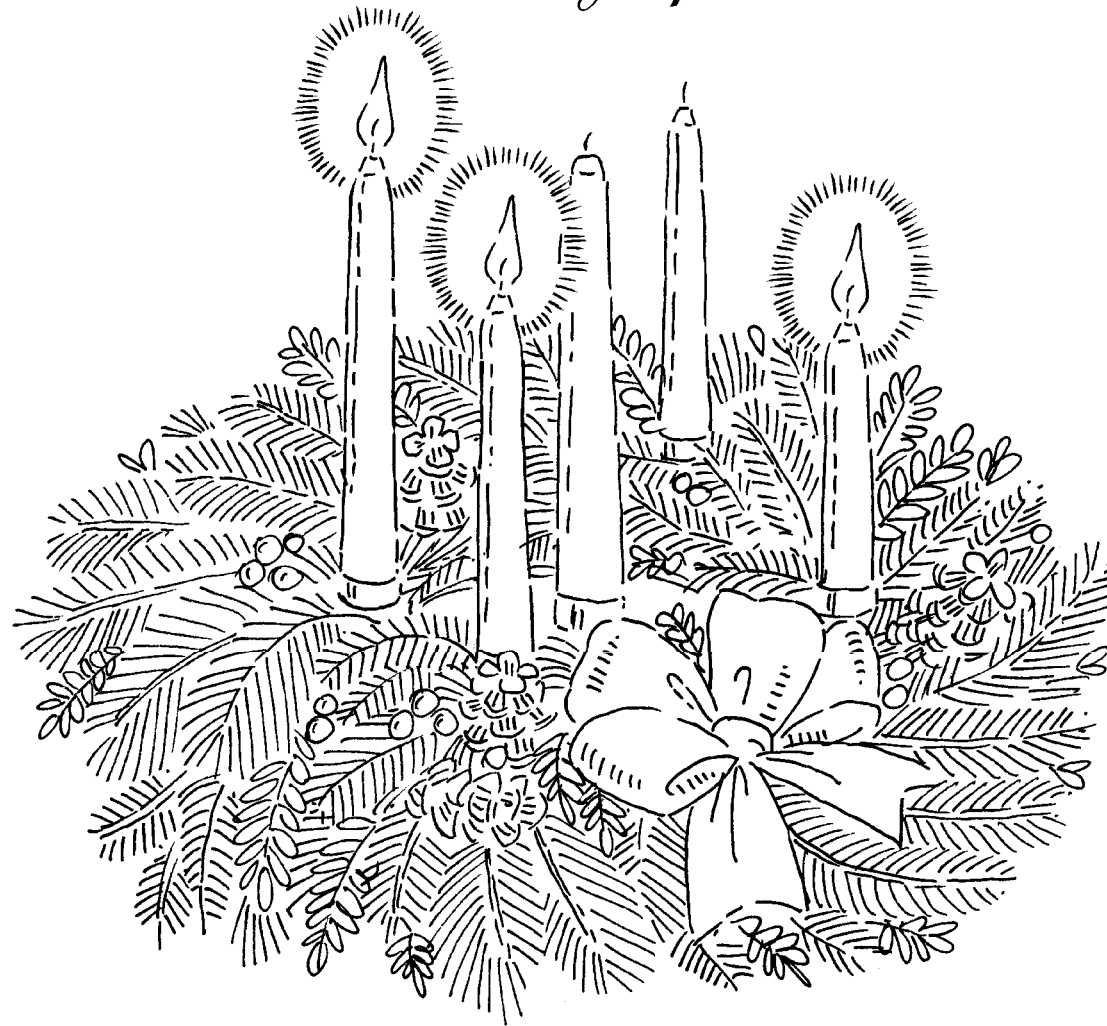


# *Third Sunday of Advent*



**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 5T0 (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

*Tell Out, My Soul*

(Timothy Dudley-Smith)

Tune: WOODLANDS

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;

Tender to me the promise of his word:

In God my savior shall my heart rejoice.

(Stanza 1)

**The Service of Holy Communion  
December 11, 2011 8:15 and 11:00AM  
Third Sunday in Advent**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**                    *Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her* - Johann Pachelbel

**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**

*Hark, the Glad Sound!*

**ELW #239**

**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.**



**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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 126** *(Read responsively by whole verse.)*

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>**Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

<sup>3</sup>Then they said among the nations,  
"The LORD has done great things for them."

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.**

<sup>5</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negeb.

<sup>6</sup>**Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.**

<sup>7</sup>Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

**Prayer**

**Lighting of the Third Advent Candle**

**Advent Hymn**      *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (verse 4)

**ELW #257**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
<sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion ô  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.  
<sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
<sup>9</sup>Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.  
<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup>abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup>May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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** John 1:6-8, 19-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>19</sup>This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup>He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." <sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup>He said,

"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,  
'Make straight the way of the Lord,'"

as the prophet Isaiah said.

<sup>24</sup>Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup>They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" <sup>26</sup>John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup>the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." <sup>28</sup>This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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**

*Canticle of the Turning*

**ELW #723**

### **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) *Comfort, Comfort* - arr. John Ferguson  
Gathering Choir  
(11:00) *A Virgin Most Pure* - arr. Charles Wood  
Senior Choir

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

### **\*OFFERTORY HYMN**

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

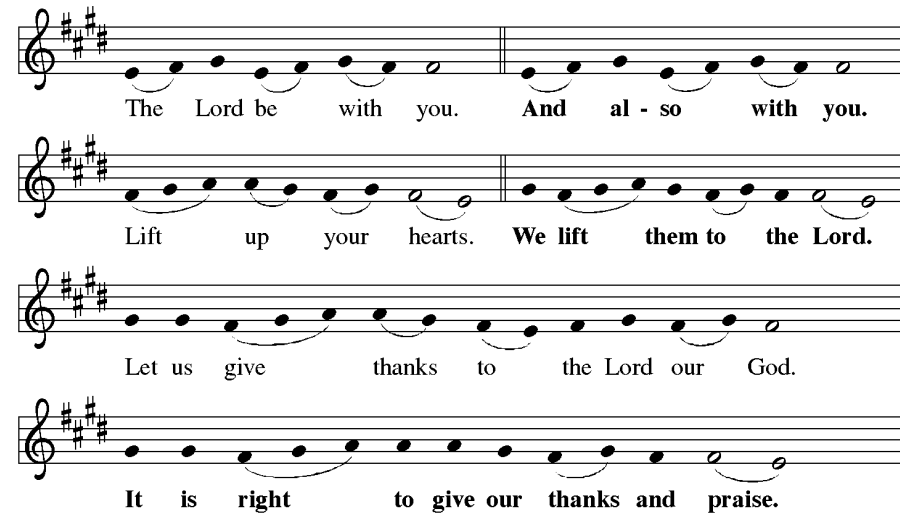
**ELW #184**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

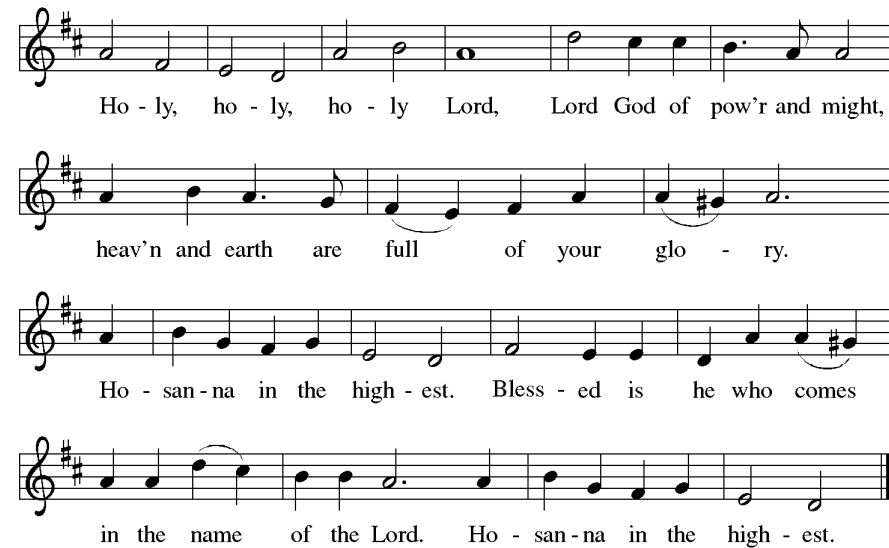
**C: we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## 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

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*  
*Savior of the Nations, Come*

ELW #254

ELW #263

### \*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**

*Christ Be Our Light*

**ELW #715**

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

**POSTLUDE** *Allegro maestoso from Sonata II - Felix Mendelssohn*

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**IMMANUEL PRAYS:** Pastor John Kroschel, Larry Oakley, Dan Klauck, Pat Schilling, Margaret Cryder, 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, Kris Maier, and the grieving family and friends of 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.



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

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

Please join us today 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 today, 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.



***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.



## 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!!!



## 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!



### 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

### **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.



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:

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!

### **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.

Dec 11 Box of spaghetti pasta (1 pound)

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

Dec 25 canned ravioli or SpagettiO's

Jan 1 Jelly in plastic jar or squeeze bottle

Jan 8 Peanut butter

Jan 15 Mac and Cheese

## CHURCH CALENDAR December 11 – 18

|                  |                                                                                |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Sunday</u>    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent                                               |
| 7:30 am          | Gathering Choir                                                                |
| 8:15 & 11:00 am  | Worship with Holy Communion                                                    |
| 9:30 am          | Sunday School Christmas Pageant                                                |
| 1:15 pm          | People Pushing at St. John's Home                                              |
| <u>Monday</u>    |                                                                                |
| 7:00 pm          | Church Council Meeting                                                         |
| 8:00 pm          | AA in Fellowship Hall, Al-Anon in Library, Alateen in Sr. High room, 2nd floor |
| <u>Tuesday</u>   |                                                                                |
| 6:00 pm          | 1st Year Confirmation Dinner and Class                                         |
| 6:30 pm          | ImmanuBells Rehearsal                                                          |
| <u>Wednesday</u> |                                                                                |
| 10:00 am         | Wellness on Wednesday                                                          |
| 6:00 pm          | Senior Choir Rehearsal                                                         |
| <u>Thursday</u>  |                                                                                |
| 10:30 am         | Bible Study ó Luke 15                                                          |
| 7:00 pm          | Book Club                                                                      |
| <u>Friday</u>    |                                                                                |
| 9:00 am          | Office Help and Quilting Group                                                 |
| 9:00 am          | Open Door Folders                                                              |
| 7:00 pm          | Kids Night In ó Parents Night Out                                              |
| <u>Saturday</u>  |                                                                                |
| <u>Sunday</u>    | 4th Sunday in Advent                                                           |
| 8:15 & 11:00 am  | Worship with Holy Communion                                                    |
| 9:30 am          | Sunday School                                                                  |
| 7:00 pm          | Lessons and Carols                                                             |

**We are collecting 25 cans of pineapple chunks for Christmas Food Baskets for the Webster Food Cupboard.** The last day to bring it to church is today, December 11. Please place the cans in the blue box in the church entry. Thank you for your support of the Webster Food Cupboard.

**Gathering Choir will not be singing at the early service on December 18th. Instead, we will be singing with the Immanubells on Christmas Eve at the 7:00 Service. All are welcome to come and sing!**



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 **\$12.50** each. The plants will be in 6" 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 18th**. Please feel free to call with any questions. Blessings - Sheri Williams (585)770-3733)

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| QUANTITY/COLOR | X \$12.50 |
| RED _____      | _____     |
| MARBLE _____   | _____     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | _____     |

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.



## Serving God and God's Church

| December 11, 2011           |                                         | Next Sunday, December 18, 2011      |                                                |                                           |          |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------|
|                             |                                         | 8:15AM                              | 11:00AM                                        | 8:15 AM                                   | 11:00 AM |
| <b>Deacon/Worship Asst.</b> | Joey Rieger                             | Bernie Russell                      | Deacon Dave Reville                            | Bruce Kulp                                |          |
| <b>Reader</b>               | Karen Sue Ross                          | Ian Russell                         | Kendall Baller                                 | Jim Guderian                              |          |
| <b>Communion Assistant</b>  | Gary Ross                               | Lori Russell                        | Toni Baller                                    | Karen Holroyd                             |          |
| <b>Acolyte</b>              | Jessica Hewlett                         | Aideen Foster                       | Mitchell Baller                                | Matthew Geckle                            |          |
| <b>Crucifer</b>             | Anna Hewlett                            | Emily Ruffle                        | Jacob Baller                                   | Jared Russell                             |          |
| <b>Greeters</b>             | Don and Jean Gardner                    | Lisa & Meghann Foster               | Mike & Sue Herrman                             | Bernie & Lori Russell                     |          |
| <b>Ushers</b>               | Nancy, Bob & Will Sponable, Fran Mooney | Jeff & Claire Foster, Helmut Gunkel | Barb Stam, Cheryl Davies, Don O'Mara, Ron Nohe | Mark, Josh & Sarah Geckle, Arnold Krueger |          |
| <b>Nursery</b>              | Heather Sponable                        | Marcie Diegert                      | Dena Fedkew                                    |                                           |          |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>          | Lyn Reville                             | Delores Swanson                     | 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<br>Russell Draeger<br>Marguerite Manning<br>Ron Corey, Jr.<br>Tom Lombardo        |                                                                                                                                                                                            |

Don't forget to have your blood pressure checked the first and third Sunday of each month between services in the library.

Parish Nurse Leslie Schwartz (265-9229) is available for medical questions or concerns.

**Marguerite Manning is the December shepherd.**

Please contact her (265-2266) if you know of a member in need of help or support.