

We are collecting 25 cans of crushed pineapple for Christmas Food Baskets for the Webster Food Cupboard. The last day to bring it to church is Sunday, December 12. Please place the cans in the blue box in the church entry. Also the Webster Food Cupboard has a need for canned fruit. Thank you for your support of the Webster Food Cupboard.

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, you will replenish yourself with dinner at 4:30pm. Dinner will be a time to share fellowship with other members of the congregation as you have the luxury of choosing from many different soups, make yourself a sandwich, and then have some holiday cookies. Can't wait to see you there!

Alternative Gifts for Christmas

In an attempt to offer alternatives to giving "things" for Christmas, we have chosen two 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. Plan ahead - get your gift list made of people you can honor with an alternative gift - and get ready for Advent shopping!

Thank you to those assisting us in worship this evening.

Musicians:

Isobel Davies, Piano
Thatcher Lyman, Bass

Members of Immanuel

Paul E. Shoop
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Ron Corey, Jr. Sexton
Tom Lombardo Congregational President

Ministers

Pastor

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, through our God given talents.*

Worship with Holy Communion

8:15 & 11:00 AM

Sunday School for all ages

9:30 AM

Grace @ 5:00 PM

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 28, 2010

Grace @ 5



Celebrate ~ Grow ~ Serve

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

Grace @ 5

First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2010

GATHER

Welcome & Sharing of Peace

Gathering Songs

Stand in the Congregation

I was Glad

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day

Leader: Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

ALL: By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

LISTEN

Grace Moment

Readings from Holy Scripture

Romans 13:11-14

(Pew Bible, New Testament, pp. 169-170)

Matthew 24:36-44

(Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 28)

Worship Song

Before the World Began

Sermon

RESPOND

Creed

Prayers

Mayenzive

CELEBRATE

Communion

Music during Distribution

Broken For Me

Communion Blessing & Prayer

Blessing of the Harvest

GO

Sending Song

Father of Life, Draw Me Closer

Blessing & Dismissal

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Offering plates are located by the entrances to the sanctuary. Thank you for your offering.

**IMMANUEL PRAYS:** Jim White, Randy Stachyra, Dan Klauck, Bev Milner, Bill Oad, Britni Fox, Laurie Reynolds, Cindy Weierman, Helen Tice, Ruth Rauber, John Geery, William Dey, David Sweezy and Kressa Sweezy, Melissa Hoke, Deb Hill and John Fedkew and the grieving family and friends of Beatrice Belmont and Edward Vander Horst.

To share a prayer concern or celebration, email [immanev@frontiernet.net](mailto:immanev@frontiernet.net) or call 585/872-5180. Members of Immanuel will raise your request in prayer. The full list of ongoing prayer concerns is available on the bulletin board outside the church office. For an email copy, please contact the church office.

***O Come All Ye Faithful***

The SEEDS group invites you for a special Christmas worship on December 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

***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.



**YOU ARE INVITED to Wellness on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM!** Come and enjoy fun, food and friendship, with a program and a delicious lunch. Transportation is available by calling the church office by 10:00 AM on the Tuesday before. Do come and have a good time!!!

**Schedule**

**Dec. 1 – Bring favorite holiday traditions,** stories, recipes to share and enjoy an Advent sing-along

**Dec. 8 – ‘Pet Assisted Therapy of Lollypop Farm** – Learn about this fascinating program and meet some of the animals

**Dec. 15 – ‘Don’t Be a Victim of Fraud Scams or Identity Theft’** Lifespan’s Jim Lynd, presenter

**Dec. 22 – No WOW due to holiday**

**Dec. 28 – No WOW due to holiday**

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Mittens, Hats, and Scarves Needed!! The Mitten, Hat and Scarf gathering will take place between November 28 and January 2 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!!!

**This week’s Memory Verse is
John 14:1-2.**

**The November Memory Verse is
Matthew 5:1-12.**