

*Our Mission*  
Uniting families *in* Christ  
to reach new generations  
*for* Christ.

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**THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE.  
LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!**

**HOLY BAPTISM** – Today we welcome Alexander Martin Harms into God's Kingdom through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. He is the son of Martin and Kristine Harms. Alexander's sponsors are Leann and Zachary Wood. May God continue to keep Alexander in His loving arms now and forever.



**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS** for next week's worship services are: Psalm 29; Isaiah 43:1-7; Romans 6:1-11; and Luke 3:15-22.



**FELLOWSHIP TIME** is hosted today by our *Stewardship Ministry*. Join us after the 8:00 service and enjoy some coffee and treats. (Next week Fellowship Time will be hosted by our *Youth Ministry*.)

**KID'S KINGDOM** – Today the lesson was about the boy Jesus in the temple (*Luke 2:41–52*). As a boy, Jesus was found in His Father's house. In God's house I hear His Word, see that Jesus is my Savior, and receive His gifts of forgiveness and salvation. Because of sin, we are like Jesus' parents and do not understand what God says to us. We don't recognize who Jesus truly is – our Savior. Talk about how through Baptism and the power of God's Word, the Holy Spirit makes clear to us that Jesus is God's Son and our Savior.

Do you have a young child birth to age two? Are you looking for a Sunday morning class where you both can study God's word? Join us as we launch our newest class. Watch the *Pulse* for more details coming soon!

**JOIN THE FUN!** – The winter session of Kids Club runs from **January 6-February 10** from 6:00-8:00 p.m. All children ages 3-12 are welcome. Cost is \$12 per child. Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated! You can email Pat Simms ([psimms@psphones.com](mailto:psimms@psphones.com)) or Dan Stec ([dstec@ilcsw.net](mailto:dstec@ilcsw.net)) for more information. Registration forms are in the Fellowship Hall. Think about how **you** can help this exciting ministry!

**IF YOU PLACED** a poinsettia on the altar for Christmas, you may take it home at any time.

**2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the narthex. Pick yours up today!

### **TITHING & ATTENDANCE**

<b>December 27</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Needed</b>		<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Communicants</b>
Church Contributions	\$ 8,072	\$12,692		270	196
3Cs Contributions	\$22,272	\$ 5,433			
<b>Christmas Eve/Day</b>	<b>\$ 9,295</b>			<b>795</b>	<b>602</b>

**LADIES AID MEETING:** Our next Ladies Aid meeting will be **Thursday, January 7, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall on N. The speaker will be our own Carla Wiese, who will lead us in stress control and relaxation techniques. Carla will also demonstrate BeautiControl products, with the profits of any sales to go to Ladies Aid. We will have a devotion, mite collection, and refreshments. Ladies Aid meetings are open to all ladies of the congregation and their friends. Please come and enjoy Christian fellowship with us! **NOTE:** Our bad weather policy is that if Immanuel Day School is closed due to weather on our meeting day, then we will not meet.

**BLOOD DRIVE** – Immanuel is sponsoring a blood drive **Monday, January 11, from 2:00-7:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. You may call the church office or Terry Deters (314-291-4741, x.227) to register. Walk-ins are also welcome! Please donate and save a life.

**SINGLE WOMEN FELLOWSHIP** – **Wednesday, January 13**, meet at Stefanina's in Wentzville for lunch at 11:30. Call Darlene at 327-8551 to reserve your spot so I can reserve a table.

**THE FLOWER CHART** for 2010 is in the Fellowship Hall. Placing flowers on the altar is a great way to celebrate a special occasion or to remember a loved one. Sign up for your special weekend today!

**Altar Guild Members** – Check the chart for your month to work; changes have been made.

**SATURDAY NIGHT CHURCH GOERS** – We really need more greeters for the Saturday night service. If you would be willing to greet once a month or even once every other month, we would really appreciate your help. Please call or email me if you would be willing to volunteer, [bcstille@centurytel.net](mailto:bcstille@centurytel.net) or 697-8183. Thanks so much, *Becky Stille*

**USE OF THE NARTHEX** – In an effort to keep the narthex as an extension of our sanctuary, anyone wishing to use the narthex for any purpose must contact Roger Huslage (327-6140) for approval. Thanks for your cooperation. *Your Assembly of Deacons*

**HELP FEED THE HOMELESS!** – Remember Paul Kruse (First Step Back Home) who provides job opportunities and temporary hotel accommodations for the homeless here in Wentzville? Faith Family Christian Church is partnering with Paul to provide dinners for these families. David and Lisa Freise would like to team with 3 or 4 of you to provide one dinner a month for approximately 30-40 people. The prepared meals would be taken to the Budget Inn, Wentzville, and set up for the residents. If this mission interests you, contact the Freises at 398-8822 or 314-348-7670.

**SIGN UP TO TAKE a Prayerful Stand for Life January 17, 2010.** We will try to grow this Stand to a larger awareness by taking our stand on both of our campuses and encouraging other community churches to also take a Stand. Stop by the prayer table inside the entrance to the Fellowship Hall for up-to-date info and to sign up, which will help us in our planning.

**PRAYER VIGILS** – We hope to begin regular prayer vigils to pray for anything on our hearts. We have a nucleus of people within our congregation who are interested in helping conduct these vigils. We hope to see what we can do to help others experience the power of prayer. Come be a part of proclaiming our belief in Jesus Christ and reaching out through prayer. Stop by the prayer table for more info and to express your interest.

**HEARTFELT THANKS** to Immanuel families for the outpouring of gifts you purchased for needy children through Humanitri to make their Christmas Happy. *The Ladies Aid*

**SERVING AT WORSHIP SERVICES NEXT WEEK: Worship Assistants** – Saturday-David Harms (Captain); 8:00-Doug Dotson (Captain), Mel Heins, Ron Kersey, Art Kersting, and Mike Simms; 10:45-David Harms (Captain), John Herman, Dominic Kirkiewicz, Loren Kisling, Bill Lowery, and Tim Schlueter. **Lay Readers** – Saturday-Rick Wiese; 8:00-Dan Ebert, 10:45-David Harms. **Acolytes** – Saturday-Will Wiese; 8:00-Samantha Benson, 10:45-Joey Gray. **Greeters** – 8:00-Enola Gruett & Darlene Whited; 10:45-Jackie Koenig & Bernice Warycha. **January Ushers** – Saturday-Dennis Moellering (Captain), Herman Bauer, Gary Fischer, Don Giessmann, Todd Greiwe and Brian Menscher; 8:00-Marty Galucia (Captain), Jeff Bryan, David Demien, Jim Pitman, John Wightman and Ralph Wolfram; 10:45-Eric Abts (Captain), Walter Breville, Hannah Schuldt, Curtis Stille, and Todd Weber.

**LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION** – It's time to renew (or start a new one)! Cost is \$15.00 a year. *The Lutheran Witness* offers synodical news, Q&A's, a Bible study, etc. *The Lutheran Witness* speaks directly about what's important to today's Lutherans. Make your check payable to *Immanuel Lutheran Church* and drop it in the collection plate or bring it by the church office. Deadline is **January 18!** New subscriptions begin in April.

**TRIVIA NIGHT/SILENT AUCTION** – PTL is accepting donations for the Silent Auction on **January 30** at 7:00 p.m. at the New Melle VFW Hall. Gift certificates, electronics, sports gear, or theme baskets are great auction items. We're already gathering items; keep them coming!

**2010 CALENDARS**, courtesy of Pitman Funeral Home, are available in the Fellowship Hall.

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE "LIFE THOUGHTS"** – Mary's at it again – treasuring things in her heart (*Luke 2:40-52*). There is plenty to treasure. Her child sits among the teachers in the temple amazing them with His questions and answers. Her child calls the temple His Father's house. Her child submits. The once exalted Son of God is now the submissive son of Mary and Joseph. It was His love for human life that made it so.

**TWB/SCRIP CARDS** are sold after the 8:00 Sunday service and they are always available at the school office on Pearce. These cards make great gift ideas or use them for your weekly shopping. All profits benefit Immanuel Lutheran Church and School. If you have any questions, contact Cee Cee Liefer in the school office (639-9887).

**GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION WAFERS & WHITE GRAPE JUICE** are available for those who have sensitivities. The grape juice is in the center of the communion tray. Please let Pastor know before service if you need the gluten-free wafer.

**PLEASE BE COURTEOUS** and turn off your cell phones/pagers before you enter church.

**DON'T FORGET** to sign the prayer cards for those on the prayer list. Cards are in the narthex.

**+ THE WEEK AHEAD AT IMMANUEL +**  
**January 3-January 10, 2010**

THIS	- 8:00 a.m. – Divine Service	WED	- 6:00 p.m. – Kids Club
SUN	- 9:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class		- 6:00 p.m. – Dig JH (Catechism)
	- 9:30 a.m. – Kid's Kingdom	THURS	- 1:30 p.m. – Ladies Aid Meeting
	- 9:30 a.m. – JH & HS Bible Classes	SAT	- 5:00 p.m. – Divine Service
	- 10:45 a.m. – <i>The Connection Service</i>	NEXT	- 8:00 a.m. – Divine Service
	- 5:00 p.m. – <i>JH Thingy</i>	SUN	- 9:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class
TUES	- 6:00 a.m. – Breakfast at Immanuel		- 9:30 a.m. – Kid's Kingdom
	- 9:30 a.m. – Women of the Word		- 9:30 a.m. – JH & HS Bible Classes
	- 7:00 p.m. – Assembly of Deacons Mtg.		- 10:45 a.m. – <i>The Connection Service</i>
WED	- 8:30 a.m. – ILS Chapel (P)		- 7:00 p.m. – HS Night
	- 1:30 p.m. – Parklane Care Center Svc. (off-campus)		

(P) – Event held at Pearce Campus