

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 – We welcome four children into God's kingdom this weekend.

Bennett Graham Mueller and Kendall Grace Rudd will be baptized Saturday. Bennett is the son of Brian and Amy Mueller. His sponsors are Susan Mellendorf and Kevin Heiden. Kendall is the daughter of Matthew Rudd and Bethany White. Her sponsor is Nicole White.



Parker Scott Hays and Savannah Raye Long will be baptized Sunday. Parker is the son of Brandon and Stephanie Hays. His sponsors are Megan Blevins and Eric Little. Savannah is the daughter of Brian and Danielle Long. Her sponsors are Denny and Lauren Long.

May God continue to keep these children in His loving arms now and forever.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are placed by Debbie Price, Dan Giessmann and Dawn Greiwe and their families to the glory of God and to celebrate their parents' 50th wedding anniversary. Don and Mary Giessmann were married January 23, 1960. May God continue to bless them in the years ahead.



THE SCRIPTURE READINGS for next week's worship services are: Psalm 128; Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; and John 2:1-11.



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

CALLING ALL MEN! Immanuel would like to invite you to our **Men's Ministry Kickoff** on Sunday, **January 24th**. THE EVENT: Watching football and all that goes with that! LOCATION & TIME: TBD... We'll let you know next Sunday! Since there will be 2 Games on that day you're welcome to come and go as you please. Just make sure you set aside some time to enjoy the AFC & NFC Championship Games with your brothers from Immanuel!

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.

TITHING & ATTENDANCE

January 2/3	Actual	Needed	Attendance	Communicants
Church Contributions	\$14,280	\$12,692	452	369
3Cs Contributions	\$ 4,329	\$ 5,433		
Year-end Church Contribs.	\$ 710			
Year-end 3Cs	\$ 6,500	\$		

KID'S KINGDOM – This week Jesus' Baptism (*Luke 3:15-22*) is the Bible story taught in Kid's Kingdom. God sent the Holy Spirit at Jesus' Baptism, announcing that Jesus was God's son. At our Baptism, God makes us His children through the work of the Holy Spirit. Let your children tell you the dramatic events of this story, and share with them that because of God's wrath and anger over sin, the people were looking for a Savior. We, too, need a Savior, for God is angry with our sin. But thanks be to God, who in His mercy makes clear at Jesus' Baptism, that we need look no more, for the Savior is here!

KID'S KINGDOM would like to invite you to our newest class *KINGDOM BEGINNINGS*. This class is designed for parents who have children birth through age 2. We encourage you and your child(ren) to join us for a time of sharing and mutual encouragement. Expect a relaxed atmosphere – after all, children this age cry, throw fits, need to eat, have diapers changed, and create all manner of interesting distractions. This is also an opportunity for the older children in this group to begin to get an idea of what Sunday School is like. (Plus, if you have children in Kid's Kingdom, where else would you want to be?) Please join us for our introductory session on **January 17** during the Kid's Kingdom hour. This class will be led by Mark and Lisa Borchert.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO 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! One opportunity is to help Stacy with crafts (getting the materials/samples together and helping with the projects). You can email Pat Simms (psimms@psphomes.com) or Dan Stec (dstec@ilcsw.net) for more information. Registration forms are in the Fellowship Hall. How can **you** help?

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.

PRAYERFUL STAND FOR LIFE – Following *The Connection Service*, participants will proceed to the Pearce campus to make a prayerful Stand for Life for one hour. We recognize the weather will determine how long individuals stand at one time. We will also make the chapel available for prayer. Due to safety and traffic concerns on Hwy N, this is being held in town. Cookies and hot chocolate will be provided. Please join us.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. celebration service will be held **Monday, January 18**, at 7:00 p.m. in the CAC at the Pearce Campus. Please attend if you can.

ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

- January 20 (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) – Church members
 - January 21 (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) – Non-members who have current students
 - January 22 (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) – Enrollment open to the public
- Registration will be in the annex on the Pearce Campus.

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.

HUGE THANKS to the 3 couples (Heins, Linhardt, and Bauer) who came to take down trees and decorations Saturday, January 2. With just 7 people working, it took a while but the job was accomplished. Thanks again. *Darlene Whited, Fellowship Ministry.*

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*

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

SERVING AT WORSHIP SERVICES NEXT WEEK: Worship Assistants – Saturday-David Harms (Captain); 8:00-Ray Ungemach (Captain), Dan Ebert, Dave Goebel, Dave Liefer, Marvin Maag, Ron Mottola, Eric Pitman, Orville Weber, and John Wightman; 10:45-Lowell Mattox (Captain), Rob Cevasco, Bill Crets, David Freise, Kevin Hartley, and Anthony Westcott. **Lay Readers** – Saturday-Rick Wiese; 8:00-Don Luedloff; 10:45-Kevin Hartley. **Acolytes** – Saturday-Will Wiese; 8:00-Jenny Goebel; 10:45-James Hannon. **Greeters** – Saturday-Lois Schubert; 8:00-Harvey & Jean Linhardt; 10:45-Kathy Westcott & Marcia Huslage. **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! Get your **team** together for Trivia Night. Registration forms are in the Fellowship Hall.

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

IT'S OUR TURN to work at the Mary Martha Thrift Shop during the week of **January 18!** Workdays are Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00-4:00 (3.5-hour shifts), and Wednesday and Saturday from 8:30-12:00. Call Joann Palmer (561-3279) to volunteer. Please help out if you can; or drop off your used clothing/household goods at Mary Martha any time during the year.

SENIOR APPRECIATION DAY sponsored by the Wentzville Area Senior Services, Inc. will be held Friday, January 15, at the Wentzville Community Club. Free information, free food and free entertainment as well as a Health Fair are scheduled. Check out the flyer in the Fellowship Hall for specific times and the day's schedule.

THE VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM and Lutheran High School invite all elementary students to the LHS gym for "Future Cougar Night" Friday, January 15. All students and families will receive free admission to the games that evening vs. the St. Dominic Crusaders. Freshmen play at 4:00, JV at 5:15, and varsity at 6:30 p.m. Before, during and after the games the cheerleaders and players will also be awarding prizes! No future Cougar is too young!

SAVE THE DATE of **March 13** for the **21st Anniversary Auction of Lutheran High!** The theme is "Learning in the 21st Century." Do you have a Christmas gift that you don't plan to use? We are gathering new items, gift certificates, services, and any other donations. It might be a great sale item you see, a service you could donate, a present you want to re-gift, or a gift certificate. Donation forms are available through your congregation coordinator, can be picked up in the school office, or can be downloaded from the LHS website.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE "LIFE THOUGHTS" – Isaiah 43:1-2 outlines what our Triune God has done that gives value to human life. He is our creator, our redeemer, and the one who calls us to be His own. This raises the issue of the value of human life way above the political or sociological. Every life is a life created by God. Every life is a life for whom Jesus died. Every life is a life God desires to call into an eternal relationship with Him. We need to think again if we believe that the life issues should not be talked about in church.

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 10-January 17, 2010

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| THIS | - 8:00 a.m. – Divine Service | WED | - 6:00 p.m. – Dig JH (Catechism) |
| SUN | - 9:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class | THURS | - 4:30 p.m. – <i>Laudate</i> Ringers |
| | - 9:30 a.m. – Kid's Kingdom | | - 6:00 p.m. – Festival Choir |
| | - 9:30 a.m. – JH & HS Bible Classes | | - 7:00 p.m. – Faithful 4H Club Mtg. |
| | - 10:45 a.m. – <i>The Connection</i> Service | | - 8:00 p.m. – <i>Connection</i> Rehearsal |
| | - 7:00 p.m. – HS Night | SAT | - 5:00 p.m. – Divine Service |
| MON | Blood Drive | NEXT | - 8:00 a.m. – Divine Service |
| | 2:00-7:00 p.m. | SUN | - 9:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class |
| | Fellowship Hall | | - 9:30 a.m. – Kid's Kingdom |
| TUES | - 6:00 a.m. – Breakfast at Immanuel | | - 9:30 a.m. – Kingdom Beginnings |
| | - 9:30 a.m. – Women of the Word | | - 9:30 a.m. – JH & HS Bible Classes |
| | - 7:00 p.m. – Board of Education Mtg. | | - 10:45 a.m. – <i>The Connection</i> Service |
| | - 7:00 p.m. – Cub Scout Meeting | | - 12:00 noon – Prayerful Stand for Life |
| WED | - 8:30 a.m. – ILS Chapel (P) | | (Pearce Campus) |
| | - 11:30 a.m. – Single Women Fellowship | | (P) – Event held at Pearce Campus |
| | (meet at Stefanina's, Wentzville) | | |
| | - 6:00 p.m. – Kids Club | | |