

*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 Caleb David Dolak into God's Kingdom through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Caleb is the son of David and Allison Dolak. His sponsors are Andrea Fridley and Jonathan Dolak. May God continue to keep Caleb in His loving arms now and forever.



**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are placed by David and Allison Dolak to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of their son, Caleb David.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are placed by members of Lutherans For Life of Immanuel to celebrate **LIFE SUNDAY!** The white flowers remind us of the **INNOCENCE** of the unborn and the red flowers remind us of the **LOVE** Jesus Christ has for all human life from conception to natural death!



**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS** for next week's worship services are: Psalm 19:1-14; Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; and Luke 4:16-30.



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

**CALLING ALL MEN!** Immanuel would like to invite you to our Men's Ministry Kickoff on **Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**. THE EVENT: Watching football! LOCATION & TIME: Bear Creek Clubhouse from 2:00 p.m. – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Game! 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! NOTE: There will be a limited menu from which to order as well as a cash bar.

**VOTERS MEETING** is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. **Sunday, January 31**, in the Fellowship Hall. Election of officers will be held, reports from the Boards will be presented, and any other business will be conducted.

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

**TITHING & ATTENDANCE**

<b>January 9/10</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Communicants</b>
Church Contributions	\$ 9,919	\$12,692	578	453
3Cs Contributions	\$ 2,554	\$ 5,433		

**KID'S KINGDOM** – This week in Sunday School we learn the story of Jesus' first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana (*John 2:1-11*). Through His first miracle, Jesus revealed Himself to be true God. God uses His Word and physical means – water, bread, and wine – to reveal to us that Jesus is our Savior. Discuss the story with your children and talk about how we are like the disciples, not sure just who Jesus is. At times, we also doubt Him and His Word. Emphasize that in His Word and Sacraments, Jesus shows us that He is the Savior, conquering our doubts with these visible means. We hear Jesus in His Word and see Him in His Sacraments

**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 **this Sunday** during the Kid's Kingdom hour. Mark & Lisa Borchert will lead the class.

**DEAR FRIENDS OF IMMANUEL CHURCH AND SCHOOL** – We would like to invite you to share a piece of cake with us in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:45 service to celebrate Caleb's Baptism and to thank you for all of your help preparing for him! *David & Allison Dolak*

**PRAYERFUL STAND FOR LIFE** – Following *The Connection* Service, participants will proceed to the Pearce campus to make a prayerful Stand for Life from 12:30-1:30 p.m. 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.

**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.

**IMMANUEL'S SENIORS** will meet at the home of Trudy Demien, 1411 Wilmer Road, **Wednesday, January 27**, at 12:00 noon to enjoy a covered dish luncheon. Bring your favorite main dish, side dish or dessert to share. The afternoon will be spent in fellowship playing cards, dominos, and board games. Call Trudy (327-4474) if you need directions.

**STEPHEN MINISTERS!** Don't forget about our meeting on **Thursday, January 28**. Bring your books so we can cover new ground as well as do some follow up and give out some new assignments! Meeting time is **7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room**.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** will be held at the Voters Meeting Sunday, January 31. Open positions on the Board of Directors are: Director of Outreach (3-year term), Director of Spiritual Growth (3-year term) and Director of Stewardship (1-year term). The Day School Education Ministry (School Board) also has two positions open for Board Members (3-year term). New Officers start their term July 1. This gives a 6-month transition period to help you understand the responsibilities of the office. If you are interested or have questions about any position on the Board, please contact Wes Colbert at 578-4161 or wcolbert@centurytel.net.

**A FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON** will be held after the late service **January 31**. The menu is a subway luncheon with deli meats from Mannino's to make sandwiches, chips and a drink. Cost for an adult's meal is \$4 and a child's meal \$3. Since this is also the day of the Voters meeting, you won't have to worry about getting lunch before the meeting! Please **RSVP** (bcstille@centurytel.net or 697-8183) by **Wednesday, January 27**. Thanks, *Becky Stille*

**"BOOKS ARE FUN"** is set up in the annex on Pearce. The order will be placed Tuesday, January 19, and items will be delivered Wednesday. Order forms are on the table. Books and gifts for all ages are reasonably priced and the school receives free books, too!

**HAITI EARTHQUAKE...** In light of the devastating earthquake the rocked Haiti, Immanuel's leadership would like to make you aware of a couple agencies to which you can donate. Both of them have wonderful reputations for effectively providing critical assistance during such tragedies.

**Lutheran World Relief**  
700 Light Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21230  
800-LWR-LWR-2  
[lwr@lwr.org](mailto:lwr@lwr.org)

**LCMS World Relief and Human Care**  
1333 S. Kirkwood Rd.  
St. Louis, MO 63122  
(314) 996-1380 Fax: (314) 996-1128  
[www.lcms.org/ca/worldrelief/](http://www.lcms.org/ca/worldrelief/)

**KIDS CLUB** meets on Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and is open to all children ages 3-12. Cost is \$12 per child. One volunteer opportunity is to help with crafts (getting the materials/samples together and helping with the projects). You can email Pat Simms ([psimms@psphomes.com](mailto:psimms@psphomes.com)) or Dan Stec ([dstec@ilcsw.net](mailto:dstec@ilcsw.net)) for more information. Registration forms are in the Fellowship Hall. How can **you** help this ministry?

**HELP FEED THE HOMELESS!** – Paul Kruse (First Step Back Home) is partnering with Faith Family Christian Church to provide dinners for homeless 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.

**THE ASSEMBLY OF DEACONS** met 6 January. We continued our review of Luther's Large Catechism and the Fifth Commandment – you must not be ill disposed toward anyone. Pastor Auringer and Pastor Sell made presentations and opened discussion in regards to their work at the church – Bible Studies and Sunday School, Lenten Services, good attendance at Christmas services, future Church staffing discussion, Next Generation Ministry, Day School, Confirmation and Friends of Mercy update. Group Discussion about: contacting and removing membership of inactive church members, election of new Deacons at January's Voters meeting, and church retreat at the end of January. In His Service, *Roger Huslage, Chairman*

**THANKS** to all of you who donated blood last week. You helped save many lives.

**PLEASE RECYCLE** – You can help us (and the environment) by recycling any unwanted papers after church (worship folders, Children's Bulletins, etc.) in the brown wicker basket by the reception desk in the narthex. We appreciate it!

**SERVING AT WORSHIP SERVICES NEXT WEEK:** *Worship Assistants* – Saturday-David Harms (Captain); 8:00-Darwin Zimmerman (Captain), Harvey Linhardt, Wendell Massmann, Greg Nissing, Rich Nissing, Mike Schumacher, and Ralph Wolfram; 10:45-Randy Powers (Captain), Scott DeRoo, Roger Huslage, Rod Kumm, Joe Malatich, Neal Menscher, and Rick Siebuhr. *Lay Readers* – 8:00-Lowell Mattox; 10:45-Kim Kisling. *Acolytes* – Saturday-Paige Noble; 8:00-Mikayla Kirk; 10:45-Hannah Lowery. *Greeters* – Saturday-Gary & Mary Fischer; 8:00-Dorothy & Orville Kuhlmann; 10:45-Terry & Kathy Hannon. *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, Neal Menscher, Ryan Powers, Hannah Schuldt, 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.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Join the St. Charles County Lutherans For Life and be informed about Life Issues. Call Molissa Harms (314-302-6212) for more information.

**IT'S OUR TURN** to work at the Mary Martha Thrift Shop this week (**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.

### **RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS**

With the New Year comes the opportunity to improve your financial well-being. Here are four financial resolutions to help you get started:

1. **Establish a budget** based on what you spent last year, taking rising gas, heating and food prices into account.
2. **Cut back on debt** by paying off a credit card balance, foregoing unnecessary purchases or adding \$50 a month to your mortgage payment.
3. **Prioritize major purchases** you want to make and figure out how to pay for them out of your current income.
4. **Review your will** to ensure it reflects your current life situation.

For help achieving your 2010 financial plan, contact Brent Stewart, Financial Consultant, at 493-9220 or [brent.stewart@thrivent.com](mailto:brent.stewart@thrivent.com) today.

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE "LIFE THOUGHTS"** – Isaiah engages in name calling in 62:1-5. He calls desolate sinners by a new name – "My Delight." Here is a chance to address those burdened by hard-to-forget past sins like the sin of abortion that make so many feel desolate. Remind them of their new name!

**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 17-January 24, 2010**

THIS	- 8:00 a.m. – Divine Service	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration</b>
SUN	- 9:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
	- 9:30 a.m. – Kid's Kingdom	<b>CAC on Pearce Blvd.</b>
	- 9:30 a.m. – Kingdom Beginnings	
	- 9:30 a.m. – JH & HS Bible Classes	TUES - 6:00 a.m. – Breakfast at Immanuel
	- 10:45 a.m. – <i>The Connection</i> Service	- 9:30 a.m. – Women of the Word
	- 12:30 p.m. – Prayerful Stand for Life (Pearce Campus)	- 7:00 p.m. – Board of Directors Mtg.
MON	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday</b>	WED - 8:30 a.m. – ILS Chapel (P)
	<b>Church &amp; School Offices Closed</b>	
	<b>No School at Immanuel</b>	<b>ILS Registration for 2010/2011</b>
		<b>9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. for</b>
		<b>Church Members</b>

**Annex on Pearce Blvd.**

- 6:00 p.m. – Kids Club
- 6:00 p.m. – Dig JH (Catechism)

**THURS ILS Registration for 2010/2011**  
**9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. for**  
**Non-Members Who Have Current Students**  
**Annex on Pearce Blvd.**

- 4:30 p.m. – *Laudate* Ringers
- 6:00 p.m. – Festival Choir
- 8:00 p.m. – *Connection* Rehearsal

**FRI ILS Registration for 2010/2011**  
**9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**  
**Enrollment Is Open to the Public**

**Annex on Pearce Blvd.**

- SAT - 5:00 p.m. – Divine Service
- NEXT - 8:00 a.m. – Divine Service
- SUN - 9:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 a.m. – Kid's Kingdom
- 9:30 a.m. – Kingdom Beginnings
- 9:30 a.m. – JH & HS Bible Classes
- 10:45 a.m. – *The Connection* Service

**2:00 p.m. – ???**  
**Men's Ministry Kickoff**  
**at Bear Creek Clubhouse**  
**during the Football Playoffs**

- 7:00 p.m. – HS Night

*(P) – Event held at Pearce Campus*