

*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!**

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Ralph and Ginny Wolfram.



**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of Trudy Demien's birthday and in loving remembrance of Ralph's and Trudy's wedding anniversary by their children and families. Both special occasions occur January 26!

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS** for next week's worship services are: Psalm 71:1-11; Jeremiah 1:4-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13-13; and Luke 4:31-44.



**FELLOWSHIP TIME** is hosted today by our *Ladies Aid/LWML Members*. Join us after the 8:00 service and enjoy some coffee and treats.

**CALLING ALL MEN!** Immanuel would like to invite you to our Men's Ministry Kickoff **this Sunday, January 24**. 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.

**MARRIAGE BUILDING CLASS...** Every marriage – every relationship for that matter – has conflict. Not every marriage has conflict resolution, however. It's likely that this is the most critical and common issue couples face in their marriages. You just don't know how to handle conflict in a healthy way. The purpose of this class is to give you some common sense tools to effectively resolve conflicts within your marriage. The invitation is to all married couples, again... because **all marriages** have conflict. So, sign up for *Resolving Conflict in Your Marriage* led by Pastor Auringer which begins this Wednesday, **January 27, at 7:00 p.m.** The class will run for six sessions at about an hour a session. Please email Pastor at [jauringer@ilcsw.net](mailto:jauringer@ilcsw.net) to sign up so that enough materials can be provided.

### **TITHING & ATTENDANCE**

<b>January 9/10</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Communicants</b>
Church Contributions	\$14,828	\$12,692	523	377
3Cs Contributions	\$ 3,148	\$ 5,433		

**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.

**KID'S KINGDOM** – This week's lesson is the account of Jesus' rejection in Nazareth (*Luke 4:16-30*). In Nazareth, throughout His ministry, and even today, Jesus is rejected by people who do not have faith in Him. God's Word clearly shows that Jesus is God's Son, and in faith, we believe. With your family, discuss how sin blinds our eyes to the Savior and causes us to suffer from sin's effects with sickness, trouble, and even physical death. Emphasize that through God's Word and Sacraments we can see and believe in Jesus, who releases us from the bondage of sin. He restores us with forgiveness, life, and salvation.

**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 this Sunday. We will meet in the Mother's Day Out room in the Preschool hall during the Kid's Kingdom hour.

**HELP WANTED!** Immanuel has an opening for a part-time bookkeeper (10-15 hours a week). This is a daytime position, but would not necessarily need to be each day of the week. Duties include (but are not limited to) payroll, accounts payable, and some human resources responsibilities. If interested, please contact Wes Colbert (578-4161 or [wcolbert@centurytel.net](mailto:wcolbert@centurytel.net)).

**IN-HOUSE CHURCH RETREAT** is scheduled for **Friday, January 29, from 6:30-9:00 p.m.** for all Immanuel members. Small group discussions will be held concerning staff and staff structure, ministries, property usage and more. Signup sheets are in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to join us for pizza and soda at 6:00 or if you need childcare during the meetings.

**SPECIAL VOTERS MEETINGS** have been called for **Saturday, February 6, at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday February 14, at 1:00 p.m.** Agenda: Sale of Pearce Property.

**LENTEN SUPPER HOSTS** are needed for February 24, March 3 and March 24. Hosts would provide supper for up to 50 people from 4:15-6:30 p.m. If your group would like sponsor a supper, please contact Darlene (327-8551). Thanks to the Deacons and a Home Bible Study for volunteering to host one supper each. More information is in the Fellowship Hall.

**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**. See the preliminary ballot enclosed. If you would like to be a candidate for any position (other than Deacon), please contact Wes Colbert at 578-4161 or [wcolbert@centurytel.net](mailto: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*

**LADIES AID MEETING:** Our next Ladies Aid meeting will be **Thursday, February 4**, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on N. The speaker will be 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.

**2010 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are in the narthex. If you haven't picked up your offering envelopes yet, please do so when you pick up your statement. Thanks!

**HAITI EARTHQUAKE...** In light of the devastating earthquake that 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. See the Thrivent Financial insert to learn how to make the most of your donation!

**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/)

### **HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DSEM:** School operating well with Pastor Sell as temporary principal. Enrollment still over 175 in K-8. Mrs. Dolak returns in February.

**REOB:** The Wentzville School District continues to be interested in buying the Pearce campus. The impact of a sale in 2010 was discussed, especially for the School and Property boards. No offer has been received yet, but one may be coming soon. Special Voters meetings are planned if an offer is received.

**Stewardship:** Reviewed the need for changes in how we handle bookkeeping and business matters. A part-time position that works during regular business hours is needed. An outsourcing solution to a local CPA firm was also considered for payroll and bill processing.

**Voters Meeting:** Still have 2 slots to fill for upcoming elections (1 Deacon and Stewardship Chair).

**Financial:** December results better than budget, especially for the school. First six months of the fiscal year completed and we are slightly better than the budget. Bills are all current. Keep it up!

**Retreat:** All board members and deacons will moderate table discussions. All Immanuel members invited. Topics include church staff structure, ministries, and property use.

**Property:** Full occupancy permit received for new building. Sewer solution has cleared two major hurdles.

**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?

**THANKS** to all who signed up to "help feed the homeless." We have enough volunteers to prepare dinners 2 or 3 nights per month! But you can still help out! Call David or Lisa Freise (398-8822 or 314-348-7670) if you'd like to join this new, exciting ministry.

**THANK YOU** to all who made a Prayerful Stand For Life last week. With the cold, damp, and other conflicts against us 11 participated. We prayed silently, aloud, and through hymns as the Spirit led. Mission accomplished: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." *Matthew 18:20*.

**THANK YOU** to all who attended and worked to serve and prepare for hosting the MLK Celebration Service at our Pearce Campus. It was a full house with an inspiring speaker, a variety of musical groups and artistic contributions. A number of our own members were there to share in celebration with our guests. Thanks again.

**COMING UP:** Watch for announcements of Prayer Vigils and, with Valentines Month on the horizon, think Friendship, stretching beyond our comfort zones and reaching out. Pray about how God might prepare you by being in the word and placing into your path any person(s) whom you might invite to church all throughout February during the weeks ahead.

**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-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** – 8:00-Ralph Wolfram; 10:45-Jackie Koenig. **Acolytes** – 8:00-Brett Liefer; 10:45-Brendan Schiltz. **Greeters** – 8:00-Ron & Jackie Mottola; 10:45-Bill Crets & Marla Harms. **February Ushers** – Saturday-Dennis Moellering (Captain), Herman Bauer, Gary Fischer, Don Giessmann, Todd Greiwe and Brian Menscher; 8:00-Doug Clark (Captain), Terry Adams, David Agne, Marty Benson, Tim Colbert, Mark Collins, and Joe Malatich; 10:45-Dan Koenig (Captain), Mike Fridley, Bill Launer, Ed Lovelace, Hal McClurkin, Mario McClurkin, and Kris Schult.

**ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE** – On Saturday, February 13, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Lutherans for Life is sponsoring their annual fun evening of **dance and refreshments!** The cost is \$10.00 per family and will be held at Zion, Harvester, in their gym. Contact Molissa Harms (314-302-6212) for more info.

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE "LIFE THOUGHTS"** – They marveled at His gracious words (*Luke 4:16-30*). Then He got personal and reminded His hometown crowd that they were sinners trusting in their heritage rather than God. That's when they wanted to introduce Jesus to cliff diving! Confronting sinners with their sin is not easy, but it is necessary for their salvation.

**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 24-January 31, 2010**

- THIS - 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**

- TUES - 7:00 p.m. – HS Night  
- 6:00 a.m. – Breakfast at Immanuel  
- 9:30 a.m. – Women of the Word  
- 7:00 p.m. – Thrivent Chapter Meeting  
WED - 8:30 a.m. – ILS Chapel (P)  
- 12:00 noon – Seniors Luncheon  
(off-campus)  
- 6:00 p.m. – Kids Club  
- 6:00 p.m. – Dig JH (Catechism)  
- 7:00 p.m. – *Marriage Building Class*  
THURS - 4:30 p.m. – *Laudate Ringers*  
- 6:00 p.m. – Festival Choir

- THURS - 7:00 p.m. – Stephen Ministry Meeting  
- 8:00 p.m. – *Connection Rehearsal*  
FRI - 6:00 p.m. – Pizza and Soda prior to...  
- 6:30 p.m. – In-House Church Retreat  
SAT - 5:00 p.m. – Divine Service

**Trivia Night/Silent Auction  
New Melle VFW Hall  
Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.  
Trivia Starts at 7:00 p.m.**

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- 12:00 noon – Fellowship Luncheon  
- **1:00 p.m. – Voters Meeting**  
- 6:00 p.m. – HS Open Room

(P) – *Event held at Pearce Campus*