


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!**

NEW BIBLE STUDIES CONTINUE Sundays at 9:30 a.m.! If you want a fuller understanding of the New Testament, you'll want to join our study on the book of **Exodus**. The connections between this second book of the Bible and the New Testament are endless and will prove beneficial in understanding why we believe and do some of the things we do as a church. Speaking of what we believe, if you want to know more about the doctrine and beliefs of our church, you will want to attend the **Adult Information Class**. This class will cover such topics as the Ten Commandments, Baptism, Holy Communion, Faith, and the existence of God. For those of you who have never been a "member" of a Lutheran church, this class serves as your entrance into membership. Let joining a Bible class be your New Year's resolution!

 **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are placed to the glory of God and in honor of Rhea Miller's birthday by her husband, Jim. May God continue to bless both of them in the years ahead.

DON'T CONFORM...TRANSFORM: If you have become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking...stop! Then consider a change that will lead to more change. **Financial Peace University** is a 13-week, video-based study that teaches families how to beat debt, build wealth, and give like never before...and it's coming to Immanuel beginning February 6 at 7:00 p.m. If you'd like to know more or to sign up for this class, call or email Pastor Auringer at 327-4416 or jauringer@ilcsw.net.

JOPLIN NEEDS OUR HELP! After last year's devastating tornado damage, many teams have come to Joplin, MO to help rebuild. However, Joplin has notified all Missouri congregations pleading for help. Virtually no groups are coming to help in February, putting much of their construction at a standstill. **Immanuel Wentzville is forming a team of 14 people to help with construction. We especially need skilled laborers (basic construction, drywall, painting, carpet finishing, HVAC, electric, plumbing, landscaping) as well as unskilled laborers who are just willing to work. We are planning to send a team February 16-19. Lodging and most meals are provided.** If interested, please e-mail Pastor Liefer at tliefer@ilcsw.net.

TITHING & ATTENDANCE

January 7 & 8	Actual	Needed	Attendance	Communicants
General Contributions	\$16,583	\$13,684	550	406

68 AND SR. HIGH – We will meet in Mr. Wuebbel's class (room 223) Sunday for Bible Study. Join us for a new series on world religions.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – We're studying the book of James. Come learn what the brother of Jesus has to say about daily living, trials, and temptations. All are welcome! 6:00 & 9:30 a.m.

ATTENTION ALL Kid's Kingdom Students and Teachers!! Please meet in your classrooms **January 22**. There will be no opening service in the sanctuary that day. Thanks!



SCRIPTURE READINGS for next week's worship services are: Jonah 3:1-5; 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-35; and Mark 1:14-20.

UPLIFTING CAMPAIGN UPDATE: Thank you to everyone who has made a commitment to funding our mortgage payments through the *Uplifting Campaign*. We have recorded a total of 190 pledges for a total of \$955,860 over the next three years. If you were unable to turn in your pledge card on Commitment Sunday, there is always time to make a pledge or special gift. This is an ongoing campaign to reach \$1,200,000. Remember, "Simply Giving" is available for all your church contributions. Contact Anna Brandt at bookkeeper@ilcsw.net for more information.

STATEMENTS AND ENVELOPES: Your 2011 year-end contribution statements are available in the Fellowship Hall. While you're there, don't forget to pick up your 2012 offering envelopes. Please contact Anna Brandt or Sue Ebert at bookkeeper@ilcsw.net if you have a question about your statement or your envelopes.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by our *Ladies Aid/LWML*. Join us after the 8:00 service and enjoy some coffee and treats. (Next week Fellowship Time will be hosted by our *Spiritual Growth Ministry*.)

THE FLOWER CHART for 2012 is in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to place *Flowers on the Altar* for a special occasion, please fill in your name, phone no., and the reason you are placing the flowers.

68 AND SR. HIGH – WINTERJAM is coming to the Family Arena, January 21. If you would like to attend, you need to preregister with Carla Wiese carlawiese@centurytel.net, Pastor Liefer tliefer@ilcsw.net, or Bob Gaines Bob.Gaines@Covidien.com by **January 16**. The concert will feature Skillet, Sanctus Real, Peter Furler, Building 429, For King & Country and We As Humans plus many more! The cost is \$10 plus \$5 for pizza on line. To learn more, visit www.jamtour.com. We had lots of fun last year make plans to join us this year!!

IMMANUEL'S SENIORS will meet at the home of Trudy Demien, 1411 Wilmer Road, **Wednesday, January 18**, 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. **Note the date change!!**

YOGA AT IMMANUEL! – Beginning **January 18** from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the foyer of the new gymnasium building. If possible, plan on arriving 5-10 minutes early so that we can begin class as close to 6 p.m. as possible. There is still space available for anyone who is interested in participating. Please contact Ann Fessler if you have questions (AnnFessler@aol.com/675-3990).

MAXIMIZED LIVING MAKEOVER – Get tools for weight loss success in 2012! The *Maximized Living Makeover* is a life changing event coming right here to Immanuel **Thursday, January 19**, at 6:30 p.m. Learn how you can lose weight and live a life of amazing health just like others have across the world. This clinic is sponsored by Lake St. Louis Chiropractic and *free* tickets are available. Call 887-9003 to reserve your seat.

DID YOU KNOW? One out of every three people will need blood in their lifetime. You never know when you or someone you love might be the one. Please consider giving blood **Tuesday, January 24**, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If we collect a minimum of 20 units, our school will receive a \$250 grant award with an additional \$1 for every unit of blood donated for holding this Blood Drive. Registration forms are in the Fellowship Hall and can be returned to the school office by Wednesday, January 18. Thank you for giving blood!

VOTERS MEETING will be held **Sunday, January 29**, at 1:00 p.m. Topics to be covered include the election of board members, the multi-purpose building, and the capital campaign.

PALM SUNDAY (April 1) is right around the corner (no April Fool's day joke) and rehearsals for our **Palm Sunday Cantata** will begin **February 4** in the sanctuary at 9:30. Please let me know if you are interested, so we will enough music. Thanks, Jill (jkirk@ilcsw.net)

KINDERMUSIK AT IMMANUEL Spring Semester begins **February 6** and continues through May 17. Enrollments are now being accepted. For more information, contact Jill Kirk (327-4416 or jkirk@ilcsw.net).

CAN YOU HELP one of our Preschool families who is adopting 3 boys (ages 7, 12 and 14) from Rwanda? These young boys are survivors of the genocide that swept this African country. The family has just received word that the adoptions are being allowed and are on their way to finalize the process and bring the boys home. The boys have nothing – no clothes, no shoes, no personal care items, no toys. If you would like to donate new (or gently-used) clothing, toys, or other items, it would be greatly appreciated. Gift cards to department or grocery stores would also be welcomed. Donations may be dropped off at Shirlee Nolting's office (Preschool Director) or at the school office. Contact Shirlee (639-9887) if you have any questions. Thanks, in advance, for all your help and prayers!

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Recently Fellowship Ministry was able to deliver a check for \$1620 to Operation Food Search for the Operation Backpack program. These funds were the result of your coffee donations the months of September, October and November and were matched by Thrivent Financial.

Also, those of you who attended Advent by Candlelight – Thanks so much for your donation that evening. A check for \$1234 was delivered to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry in Wentzville. Your donation was also matched by Thrivent Financial.

TWB/SCRIP CARD UPDATE: Thank you to all of our church and school families that purchased scrip cards during the holiday season... we appreciate your support! Remember, this fundraiser continues all year long and benefits Immanuel Lutheran Church and School. Cards are sold on Sundays after the 8:00 a.m. service twice a month and are available in the school office anytime. Contact Cee Cee Liefer at 639-9887 for more information. Thank you!

IT'S TIME TO APPLY for the Donald Haake Memorial Scholarship for the 2012-2013 school year! Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to college students who are pursuing a degree in Lutheran Education during the 2012-2013 school year. Applications are now available on the table in the Fellowship Hall. If you know of anyone that is going to be a Lutheran School teacher, please pass this scholarship information on to them. Applications should be received by April 13, 2012. Winners will be announced some time after May 1, 2012.

GREETERS, Please let me know if you are still able to greet and would like to be kept on the Greeter List. If you did not receive an email from me earlier this week, please email me and let me know that also. I prefer email but if you do not have email or need to contact me soon, I can be reached at 697-8183. bcstille@centurytel.net Thanks for all your help. *Becky Stille*

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS – *The Lutheran Witness* offers synodical news, Q&A's, a Bible study; and speaks directly about what's important to today's Lutherans. Cost is \$15.60 a year. Make checks payable to *Immanuel Lutheran Church* and drop it in the collection plate or bring it by the church office. Deadline is **January 23!** New subscriptions begin in April.

RURAL KING IN WENTZVILLE will host their *Church Week February 13-19*. Plan your shopping needs accordingly because Immanuel will receive a **5% rebate** on purchases made during that time. Place **original** sales receipts in the box in the Fellowship Hall. Receipts must be turned by **March 4**.

SERVING AT WORSHIP SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Worship Assistants – Saturday-Marty Galucia and Mike Schumacher; 8:00-Marty Galucia (Captain), Dave Liefer, Wendell Massmann, and Mike Schumacher; 10:45-Mike Schumacher (Captain), Scott DeRoo, Roger Huslage, Rod Kumm, and Neal Menscher. **Lay Readers** – Saturday-Rick Wiese; 8:00-Don Luedloff; 10:45-Kevin Hartley. **Greeters** – Saturday-Gary & Mary Fischer; 8:00-Orville & Dorothy Kuhlmann and Charlie & Vi Skillman; 10:45-Bill Crets, Marla Harms and Kathy Westcott. **Altar Guild** – Saturday-Deana Woldanski; 8:00-Kelly Colbert; 10:45-Pat Ragsdale. **January Ushers** – Saturday-Dennis Moellering (Captain), Herman Bauer, Gary Fischer, Don Giessmann, Lin Hindersman, Brian Menscher, and Lois Schubert; 8:00-Marty Galucia (Captain), Jeff Bryan, David Demien, Harvey Linhardt, Jim Pitman, and Ralph Wolfram. 10:45-Dennis Jokerst (Captain), Brady Cowden, Matt Fessler, Clint Hulsey, Roger Huslage, Neal Menscher and Todd Weber.

LUTHERAN HIGH ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLEGE ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS SEMINAR – Lutheran High School will host a College Athletic Scholarship Seminar January 25 at 6:30 p.m. for all families who need a better understanding of college athletics recruiting process. Parents, students (ages middle school to high school) and coaches are invited to attend. Contact Doug Kuhlmann, Athletic Director (DKuhlmann@lhssc.org or 314-497-3014).

HEY 7th and 8th GRADERS! Are you ready for another middle school dance? Well, you're in luck! On Friday, January 27, the junior class of Lutheran High St. Charles will be hosting a dance in the commons for all students in grades 7-8. The dance starts at eight and ends at ten! Cost is \$10 at the door! Hope to see you there!

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL CHILI DINNER and OPEN HOUSE: Sunday, January 29
The PFC (Parents and Friends Connection) Chili Dinner is a traditional event planned by parents and friends of LHS to encourage the families of our congregation and our community interested in Christian education to strongly consider Lutheran High School for their child's high school education. This year's date is January 29 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. in the LHS Commons. The dinner includes all you can eat "Cougar Chili" with hot dogs, veggies, beverage, and dessert. You will not only get a taste of our famous Cougar Chili, but a flavor for the Cougar community. Adults: \$6.00, Children grades 1-8: \$3.00 and Kindergarten and under are Free. This is an opportunity to ask current LHS parents questions about Lutheran High School, a school providing positive Christian influence for high school students. If you'd like a tour, please let a PFC member know when you walk by the ticket table as you enter the Commons, and arrangements will be made for you to receive a guided tour of the campus before or after your meal.

"CELEBRATE 30" is the theme for the Lutheran High Dinner Auction on March 17. You are invited to enjoy an evening of fun as we celebrate the 30th academic year of Lutheran High. The evening has some new fun events this year including a Pick of the Auction, Heads or Tails, and a Bucket Drawing. The auction committee is busy collecting unique donations to provide something for everyone. Think of a donation you can make to enhance the evening. Donor forms are available through your church coordinator, at LHS, or can be downloaded from the LHS webpage under the Giving tab.

LIFE SUNDAY IS JANUARY THE 15th – Please consider becoming a member of Lutherans For Life. You will receive Life Date which is a quarterly journal of life issue news and commentary from Lutherans For Life. The *Lord is the creator of Life and all life is precious to Him!* The Lutherans For Life is supported by donations and fund raisers. Our chapter gets a percentage of

the \$35 yearly membership fee when you join LFL. Molissa Harms is Immanuel's contact person for LFL. Her cell number is 314-302-6212 if you need more information.

"MAKING ABORTION UNTHINKABLE" – Register by January 23 for this workshop sponsored by Concordia Seminary Life Team, Saturday, January 28, Sieck 202. Lunch/manual included free for CSL students and spouses. Information is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

HATS OFF TO OUR FRIENDS who have a heart for kids...and a love for chocolate! The students of Lutheran Association for Special Education invite you to attend the **4th Annual Hats and Hearts Tea Luncheon** Sunday, January 29, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens (8749 Watson Rd.). The Tea Luncheon includes chocolate tastings and an interactive dessert trifle presentation from Barbara Noble-Barnes, Dove Chocolatier. You will have an opportunity to purchase Dove chocolates for your Valentine gifts, with 25% of all sales to benefit the children of LASE. Tickets are \$20 per person/\$160 for a table of 8 guests. Call 314-268-1234 to register by January 23. Join us – hats are optional, but add to the fun.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE "LIFE THOUGHTS" – The great price paid for humanity's sins (1 Corinthians 6:20) was more than the death of some great martyr who inspired people to better living. The price was "the Son of God" (John 1:49). When the Son of God pays for something with His own blood, the value of that purchase is beyond comprehension.

PLEASE SIGN the greeting cards for those on the prayer list. You'll brighten someone's day! The cards are in the narthex.

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

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 or a Deacon know before the service if you need the gluten-free wafer.

+ THE WEEK AHEAD AT IMMANUEL +
January 15-January 22, 2012

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| NEXT - 8:00 a.m. – Divine Service | THURS- 9:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Study |
| SUN - 9:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class | - 5:30 p.m. – <i>Laudate</i> Ringers Rehearsal |
| - 9:30 a.m. – Adult Information Class | - 6:30 p.m. - <i>Maximized Living Makeover</i> |
| - 9:30 a.m. – Kid's Kingdom | - 7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir Rehearsal |
| - 9:30 a.m. – Youth Bible Study | - 7:00 p.m. – PTL Meeting |
| - 10:45 a.m. – Contemporary Worship | |

Saturday

Boy Scouts Pine Woods Derby

Saturday

68 & Sr. Youth Attend Winterjam

Monday
Martin Luther King Holiday
No School at ILS
Church & School Offices Closed

Tuesday
Church Office Closed

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| TUES - 6:30 p.m. – Cub Scout Den Meetings | SAT - 5:00 p.m. – Divine Service |
| - 6:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Mtg. | NEXT - 8:00 a.m. – Divine Service |
| WED - 8:30 a.m. – ILS Chapel | SUN - 9:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class |
| - 6:00 p.m. – Public School Confirmation | - 9:30 a.m. – Adult Information Class |
| - 6:00 p.m. – Yoga Class | - 9:30 a.m. – Financial Peace University Preview |
| - 7:00 p.m. – <i>Connection</i> Rehearsal | - 9:30 a.m. – Kid's Kingdom |
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| | - 10:45 a.m. – Contemporary Worship |