



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2017

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**Christmas Eve Services: Sunday morning – one service: 10 AM;
Christmas Eve night – two services: 5:30 PM & 10:45 PM**
**New Year's Eve Services: Sunday morning – one service: 10 AM
12TH Night Celebration coming in January – more info to come**



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Community Shelter 2017

Christmas Gift Bags

Social Ministry is once again asking the generous members of Immanuel for donations to assemble Christmas gift bags for the residents of the Community Shelter. The Community Shelter has beds for 16 men and 15 women who have found themselves homeless and have no other place to go. They may stay at the shelter for 45 days, while the staff works with them to find more permanent housing and employment.

We are forming a Thrivent Action Team. Thrivent Financial will provide \$250 seed money for the Christmas bags to help the residents enjoy Christmas.

Denise Arnold designed cloth tote bags to use as the gift bags, and the women of Immanuel help sew them together.

There will be a **signup sheet for items needed for the gift bags in the side entrance of the church. Please put your donations in the box by **December 10th**.**

Monetary donations will gladly be accepted as well, for any additional items needed. Please mark your donations "*Community Shelter Christmas*" and put in the collection or send to church office **by December 10th**

We'll also need help **packing the gift bags on December 17th after church, so they can be delivered to The Shelter before Christmas.**

The Shelter has also requested feminine hygiene products. These will also be collected for donation, but not part of the gift bags.

Thank you!!

Social Ministry Committee



'Tis that time of year...

Would you be able to consider helping us with a special donation for the holiday season? We decorate our beautiful church with the poinsettias provided through your generosity - you - our faith community. The season reminds us of our many blessings and our call to help those in need, so we also offer the Local Hunger Appeal option for your consideration.

~Thank you~

POINSETTIA/LOCAL HUNGER APPEAL

I would like to give ___ Poinsettia plant(s) at \$8.00 each. \$ _____ is enclosed.

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Please indicate your preference below

Please have a member deliver to shut in or local charity

I will deliver to shut in

I prefer to pick up after late service

I would like to give \$ _____ as a love gift to abolish local hunger.

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Please fill out the above as you would like it to appear on the dedication page of the Christmas bulletin and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office by the week of December 10, 2017 with your payment.

Thank you.

Christian Education

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

* DECEMBER 2017 *

Greetings from the Sunday School office. As always, the end of the year has come along way to soon. On December 3rd at the 10:45 service, three of our students will receive their First Holy Communion: Trista Paternosh, Aydan Mays, and Brody Bonsell. Please say hello and congratulate them on taking this important step in their journey of faith. On December 17th at the 10:45 service we will present our Christmas play

"Oh Christmas Tree".

We will NOT have classes on December 24th and the 31st. We hope to see everyone back on January 7, 2018

From Anita, Janice, Rick and myself we wish a happy, blessed holiday season to you all.



**Sunday School Play
planned for
December 17th
at the 2nd service.**

*** Mark your calendars
now for this special
service.**



Our mitten trees are up. Get your knitting/crocheting needles clicking or watch for sales on mittens, gloves or scarves.

Carolyn Kuntz, Sunday School Superintendent



December 2017

Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lay Distributor	Lector
12/3/17 8:15	Bishop Jones	Debbie Redditt		Bill Redditt
10:45	Bishop Jones	Cindy Geddes		Ann Anderson
12/10/17 8:15	Rev. Harold "Jake" Jacobson	Stan Holsopple		Barb Coughlin
10:45	Rev. Harold "Jake" Jacobson	Bob Dorler		Maria Seifert
12/17/17 8:15	Ed Whitbred	Ben Reitz	Hannah Mays	Rick Kuntz
10:45	Ed Whitbred	Gretchen Andrews	Anita Byrne	Debbie Madurski
12/24/17 1 service 10 AM	Greg Zimmerman	Char Feiler	Bob Dorler	Lorraine Hornaman
5:30 PM	Jen Kuntz	Bob Dorler	Jen Kuntz	Cindy Eckman
10:45 PM	Jen Kuntz	Anita Byrne	Jen Kuntz	Gretchen Andrews
12/31/17 1 service 10 AM	Greg Zimmerman	Stan Holsopple	Hannah Mays	Cindy Eckman

If you are unable to fulfill your commitment – please find an alternate & notify the church office.

Did you know?

The Liturgical color for Advent is blue which symbolizes = HOPE

and the color for Christmas & Epiphany is white =

PURITY, LIGHT & JOY

- Acolyte:** Kylie Mays **Altar Guild:** Donna Dorler/Judy Stewart
- Counters:** Kim Lee
- Ushers:** Early: Rick Kuntz/Bill Redditt Late: T. Stewart/R. Hetrick
- Soup Kitchen Items Needed:** Canned Chicken
- Soup Kitchen Delivery:** Stan Holsopple

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Worship & Music

We are so pleased to have a new “ringer” with the Bell Choir this year – we welcome Cindy Geddes and would love to have 3 more ringers join us soon – give it some thought – visit us to check it out – talk to any of our ringers.

CAN YOU HELP OUT?

Your help is needed in 2018: Our new Head Usher - Robert Dorler is scheduling Ushers for 2018 and we could use a few more folks to sign up to serve a couple times/year at late service. Please see Bob or notify the church office of your interest – thank you.



KEEP IN PRAYER: Lucie Arndt, Esther Bax, Brock Michael & his Mom-Carla, Betsy Case, Jeremy Cool, Pat Dehner, David Guthrie, Jim Hornaman, Pastor Huhn, Kyle Husted, Carolyn Kuntz, Jim Kuntz, Phyllis Lindahl, Marie McKinney, Michael, Howard McGranor, Sharon Roemer, Crystal S., Pastor Schultz, Maria S., Debbie Sitter, Robin Steger, Sophie Rene, Kim Wingard, and all of our members who are grieving; who are in nursing homes, or ill at home.

We pray for those in the military: Scott Case– Navy, (C. Geddes nephew) & Christopher Peterson – Navy (Grandson of the late Agnes & Chuck Peterson).

Please also remember the members of Immanuel who are "shut in," and cannot make it to service, you may want to offer them a ride, give them a friendly call, send them a card. The current Shut-In Mailing List is available in the office.

Current Shut-in list: Audree Adams, Esther Bax, Judi Casler, Patricia Dehner, Sally & "Shel" Fager, & Doris Roesch.



Advent Giving Folders

We have placed the Advent denial folders in the church pews and near the church entrances along with some Advent Star daily devotional resources – please help yourself.

FAITH

IN

ACTION



SUNDAY DECEMBER 10TH

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

AFTER 2ND SERVICE

&

ALSO CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

YOUR ATTENDANCE WOULD BE

APPRECIATED!



Community Shelter Services

is accepting men's and women's coats, sweatshirts, jeans and boots, as well as new undergarments and socks. You may place them in the box marked Community Shelter Services in the Donation Center and we will deliver them.

Social Ministry Committee

Immanuel Quilters



The Immanuel Quilting Group is looking for cotton or cotton blend flat sheets (no flannel or 100% polyester please).....If you have old, flat sheets, twin sized or larger, that you no longer need, please leave them in the designated box at the Donation Center.

Immanuel Cookbooks

As you plan your holiday gift-giving please remember that Immanuel has a **WONDERFUL** cookbook that would make a great exchange gift at only \$5/book. Feel free to contact the office for your copy. 833-4062

Sanctuary Candle & Altar Flowers



Have a special birthday or anniversary coming up???
Why not "Feed two birds with one crumb" and honor your loved ones with flowers on the altar or by sponsoring the Sanctuary Candle ~~ you are in turn helping Immanuel at the same time. Take the flowers with you or gift them to a shut-in.

The 2018 Altar Flower and Sanctuary Candle Charts are posted in the narthex and we invite you to consider sponsoring as you are able. Please sign your name on the chart, along with your commemoration next to the date(s) you select or call the church office at 833-4062, email us, or stop by and I will take your request.

Either is a great way to honor/memorialize that special occasion.

The cost of Altar Flowers from the florist is \$30; the sanctuary candles are \$5/wk and rosebuds are \$10 – due on the date of sponsorship.

Celebrations of Life and Love

December Birthdays

December	2	Pearl Young, Nathan Paternosh
	3	Connie Cooper
	7	Gretchen Andrews
	9	Jodie Feiler
	12	Jeremy Cool
	25	Laura Andrews, John Leubin
	29	Kristen Andrews

Everyone loves a birthday card! Please remember a member!!

December Anniversaries

Congratulations to those celebrating an anniversary on

December 13 Mary & Richard Hetrick

Congratulations to those celebrating!!!

Did I forget you? Please e-mail me or call me with your birthdays, anniversaries or a special day you would like us to share.

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HOLIDAY CONCERT TIME

The Symphonic Singers are presenting two concerts for consideration - one on 12/3 being held at Wayside Presbyterian Church on Asbury Rd. at 3 PM and one on 12/10 at 7 pm at Girard Alliance Church - come enjoy worship and the festivities here and then continue the holiday celebrating with their concert.

You might see some choir members you recognize too!!

The Flagship City Chorus is presenting their holiday concert here on Monday, Dec. 11th at 7 PM with some additional familiar faces from our Immanuel Choir.



With a grateful heart for God's boundless generosity and as an expression of my Christian stewardship, I make this commitment for Christ's church and the ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

My/our commitment is: \$ _____
per week, or

per month, or \$ _____

per year \$ _____

I understand I may adjust my pledge at any time by contacting the church office.

Name _____ Date _____

Email address _____

(cut here)



Pledge Commitment for 2018 to Immanuel Lutheran Church

For my records, my commitment is:

\$ _____

per _____

December 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:30 PM Friday AA	2
3 Advent begins 1 st HOLY COMMUNION & Brunch Celebration Bishop Jones here Church Services: 8:15 & 10:45 AM	4 7pm Flagship City Chorus	5 AA 7:30 PM	6 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	7 BELL CHOIR 6:15 PM ADULT CHOIR 7:15 PM 7:00 PM Alanon	8 7:30 PM Friday AA	9
10 SUNDAY SCHOOL: ADULT: 9:00 K-TEEN: 9:30 AM Church Services: 8:15 & 10:45 AM DEADLINE FOR SOC. MIN. ITEMS CONGREGATION MTG - 12 PM & DECORATE CHURCH** COUNCIL MTG 7 pm	11 7pm Flagship City Chorus Concert	12 AA 7:30 PM	13 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	14 BELL CHOIR 6:15 PM ADULT CHOIR 7:15 PM 5:45 PM Alanon Christmas Party set up & celebration	15 7:30 PM Friday AA	16
17 SUNDAY SCHOOL PLAY - 2 ND SERVICE Church Services: 8:15 & 10:45 AM NEWSLETTER DEADLINE SOCIAL MINISTRY CHRISTMAS BAGS ASSEMBLED- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	18 7pm Flagship City Chorus	19 NO PROPERTY COMM. MTG. AA 7:30 PM	20 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	21 7:00 PM Alanon	22 7:30 PM Friday AA	23
24 CHRISTMAS EVE Church Services: 10:00 AM/5:30 PM/10:45 PM	25 CHRISTMAS DAY - OFFICE CLOSED MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26 AA 7:30 PM	27 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	28 BELL CHOIR 6:15 PM ADULT CHOIR 7:15 PM 7:00 PM Alanon	29	30
31 NEW YEAR'S EVE Church Service: 10:00 AM						

2018..... Will you answer the call to serve? WHAT IS GOD ASKING OF YOU TODAY AND IN THE DAYS AHEAD?
 Year end reports are 12/17!



Immanuel Hours

Church Office – 833-4062
Hours - Mon-Thurs. 8:30am-12:30pm

Staff

Bell Choir: Director Lorraine Hornaman
Church Caretaker: Wally Coughlin
Organist/Music: Director Bryan Timm
Admin. Sec.: Lori Swanson Nemenz

Sunday school

Superintendent: Carolyn Kuntz
Assistant: Janice Kreger

Elected Lay Leadership

Treasurer: John Siefert
Fin. Sec.: Cindy Geddes – 734-1286

Church Council Officers

Pres. David Mays – 838-3239
Vice Pres. – Ben Reitz – 460-0575
Secretary Kim Lee -838-4022

Council Members

Gretchen Andrews, Cindy Eckman, Mary Hauser,
Kim Lee, David Mays, Hannah Mays, Debbie
Redditt, Ben Reitz, John Siefert



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Church Council Committees

*We invite all members of Immanuel to join any of these committees and/or offer your gifts where you can – many hands make light work!!
Council usually meets the 2nd Sunday of the month – 7PM*

***REMINDER: COMMITTEE REPORTS WILL BE NEEDED BEFORE YOU KNOW IT & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DEC.10th**

Christian Education

Council liaison: Ben Reitz

Communications

Council liaison: vacant Committee Chair: vacant

Check out our website and "FRIEND" us on [Facebook](#)
Did you miss church? Need to keep updated and want easy access to the church calendar, newsletter or annual report?

Check out our website <http://www.ilc-erie.org/>

Fellowship, Outreach & Growth *Quarterly Celebrations of Life and Love*

Council liaisons: David & Hannah Mays

Finance

Council liaison: Gretchen Andrews

Property

Council liaison: Debbie Redditt Committee Chair: Stan Holsopple
Property Committee usually meets the 3rd Tues. of the month-7pm

Stewardship

Council liaison: John Seifert

Please consider a 2018 Pledge as we work to plan for the coming year. Use the form in the newsletter or pick one up at church.

Social Ministry Committee

Council liaison: Mary Hauser – Committee chair: vacant
Community Shelter Services Collection

Worship & Music

Bell Choir: 6:15 Adult Choir 7:15

Council liaison: Kim Lee Committee Chair: vacant

Meeting 1st Sunday of every other month, even months - after late service