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**556 East Second Street**  
**Jamestown NY 14701**



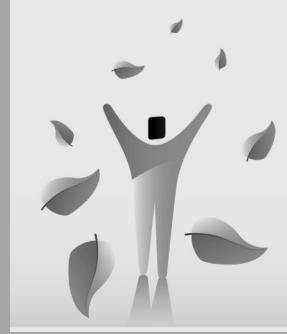
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# LEAVES OF LIFE



**Holy Trinity Lutheran**  
825 Forest Ave  
Jamestown NY 14701  
(716) 488-4235



**Immanuel Lutheran**  
556 East Second St  
Jamestown NY 14701  
(716) 664-7104



## Tree of Life Lutheran Community



**2016**

### Knowing God

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—Craig Groeschel, *The Christian Athiest: Believing in God But Living As If He Doesn't Exist*

# Tree of Life Worship Schedule

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

### Holy Trinity Branch

825 Forest Ave  
Jamestown NY 14701  
(716)488-4235

### Immanuel Branch

556 East Second Street  
Jamestown, NY 14701  
(716) 664-7104

## SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

### are at HOLY TRINITY

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION WORSHIP

10:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL



### Holy Trinity

**FEBRUARY  
APRIL  
JUNE  
AUGUST  
OCTOBER  
DECEMBER**

### Immanuel

**JANUARY  
MARCH  
MAY  
JULY  
SEPTEMBER  
NOVEMBER**

CHRISTMAS, EASTER AND OTHER SPECIAL SERVICES—TBA

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IMMANUEL AND HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN BRANCHES

## IMMANUEL STAFF & CONTACTS

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Pastor Bob Kasting	664-7104 (640-1580)
Church Office	664-7104
Rosemary DiDomenico, Parish Secretary	
Beryl Emley, Financial Manager	
Roberto Castellano, Custodian	
Diane K. Kling, Organist; Choir	484-0266
<b>TBA</b> , Council President	
Ian Eastman, Shared Lutheran Youth Minister (SLYM)	720-8584

Nursery room is available if some feels the need to leave with small child

Church office hours: mornings, Monday—Friday

Pastor in office: Monday & Wednesday mornings

Website: [www.ilcjamestown.com](http://www.ilcjamestown.com)

**PASTOR BOB:** [revbobbk2001@yahoo.com](mailto:revbobbk2001@yahoo.com)

**ROSEMARY/office:** [ilc@windstream.net](mailto:ilc@windstream.net)

**BERYL:** [berylemley@windstream.net](mailto:berylemley@windstream.net)

**IAN:** [ifeastman@gmail.com](mailto:ifeastman@gmail.com)

**DIANE:** [dkling@netsync.net](mailto:dkling@netsync.net)

## HOLY TRINITY STAFF & CONTACTS

• Pastor Bob Kasting	640-1580	<a href="mailto:revbobbk2001@yahoo.com">revbobbk2001@yahoo.com</a>
• Gail Espinoza, Organist	488-0422	
• Lori Fiddmont, Secretary	488-4235	office hrs 9am-3pm T-F <a href="mailto:secretary.ht@gmail.com">secretary.ht@gmail.com</a>
• Jan Coleson, Financial Secretary		
• Jan Coleson, Bookkeeper		<a href="mailto:bookkeeper.ht@gmail.com">bookkeeper.ht@gmail.com</a>
• Stephanie Thompson, Custodian		
Office Hours: Tuesday thru Friday 9am-3pm		

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## FRIENDSHIP CARDS



This month, don't just send valentines; be a valentine! Create these Friendship Cards to express love through kind acts for your loved ones — all month long.



### What you need:

- 29 index cards
- A small box or container
- Colored pens or glitter pens
- Stickers

### What you do:

1. On each card, write something nice you can do for other people. Ideas include "Give someone a hug," "Clean someone's room," "Read to someone" and so on. You can use colored pens to draw a picture.
2. Decorate the box or container. Place the cards inside.
3. Each day in February, select a card and do that nice thing for someone!

## HOLY TRINITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

**Personnel Committee**  
Sandra Stewart

**Visitation Committee**  
Paula Hofgren,

**Christian Ed**  
Sandy Stewart,  
Marcy Palermo,  
John Taylor

## TREE OF LIFE COMMITTEES

### Worship Committee

HT: Gail Espinoza,  
Ashley Muscarella  
ILC: Diane Kling,  
TBA

### Vision Team

HT: Merle Nollinger,  
Chris Radack,  
Mike Espinoza  
ILC: TBA

### Fellowship

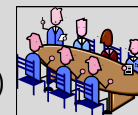
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Norm Owen,  
Dianne Dillingham,  
Dodie Erickson  
ILC: TBA

These may change after annual meetings

# Tree of Life Councils

## Holy Trinity's Church Council Alive in Christ! – Sharing the Joy!

Darcy Whitney, President	664-2771
Sandra Stewart, Vice President	484-5535
Ashley Muscarella, co-Secretary	969-7071
Emily Whitney, co-Secretary	664-2771
Dorie Deyo, Treasurer	763-0588
Dennis Palermo	483-8111
Richard Seaholm	
Mike Espinoza (1yr)	488-0422
Cindy Swan	763-0096
Chris Radack	484-6981



See last 2 pages for more contact info & committees

## Immanuel Council

### Terms Expiring 2016

Jan Bechmann  
Paul Hagelin

### Terms Expiring 2017

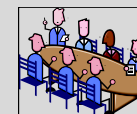
Chris Ahlstrom  
Kevin Swanson

### Terms Expiring 2018

Steve Sandberg  
DaleAnn Krahn  
Sue Priester  
Deb Morlock  
Carol Sorg

### Officers 2016

President: TBA  
Vice President: TBA  
Acting Secretary: TBA  
Treasurer: TBA



### 2016 AUDITORS:

Kim Hagelin  
Gary Swanson

### Team chairs: TBA

Property team:  
Worship & Music:  
Outreach:  
Hospitality:  
CE, Family and Youth:  
Personnel:  
Stewardship:  
Finance:

### 2016 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Lisa Gustafson, Rob Lind

### Vision Team:

HT: Chris Radack, Merle Nollinger, Mike Espinoza  
ILC: TBA

Notice: Officers TBA following annual meetings

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PLANTS THAT WERE GIVEN IN MEMORY/HONOR OF  
LOVED ONES THAT ADORNED OUR ALTAR FOR  
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL:

*In memory of loved ones FROM:*

MaryAnn Bollman, Marilyn Isaacson (2),  
Ken & Gayle Lyon

*In memory of* Doug & Nancy Kling & Don Alden,  
FROM the Kling Family

*In memory of* Parents (Sherwood & Helen Bedient)  
& Grandparents (Emil & Lillian Erickson  
and Jay & Hattie Bedient)  
FROM Johnny & Karyn Okerlund

*In memory of* Larry Sandberg, FROM Robert Sandberg  
*In memory of* husband, Jim Sorg, FROM Carol Sorg  
*In memory of* husband & parents, FROM Janis Nelson  
*In HONOR of*  
children, grandchildren, great grandchildren  
& nephews,  
FROM Janis Nelson

Dear Friends at Immanuel...



**Thank You!** Bev Thorstenson

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## Holy Trinity Music Scholarship

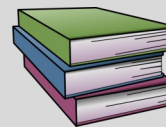


Applications are available in the Holy  
Trinity office for the *Holy Trinity Music  
Scholarship*, a scholarship for Holy Trini-  
ty youth entering the music profession.

No one can receive the scholarship more than once. (Previous  
Florence Sandberg Scholarship recipients are not eligible for this  
scholarship.) All applications are due March 1.

## Donations Welcome

We hope to be able to offer the *Holy Trinity Music Scholarship* for  
many years to come. Please earmark your donations **Holy Trinity  
Music Scholarship**. Thank You!



## New Books to the Holy Trinity Library

**Thank you Sandy Stewart for your donations:**

**"Prodigals and Those Who Love Them" by Ruth Bell Graham**

**"The Upside of Down"**

**Finding Hope When it Hurts by Joseph Stowell**

**"Footprints of a Pilgrim"**

**The Life and Loves of Ruth Bell Graham**



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Barb Sweet whose husband Rod passed away December 3rd. Former members of Immanuel, they reside in Goldsboro NC.

Our Sympathy to...

SHARED  
LUTHERAN  
YOUTH  
MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Contact:

Ian Eastman, M.A.

716-720-8584

Email: ifeastman@gmail.com

Web: [younglutherans.blogspot.com](http://younglutherans.blogspot.com)

The Shared Lutheran Youth Ministry has some exciting opportunities coming up this month for youth to serve, worship, and have some fun together.

Check out the SLYM Facebook Page or

[www.younglutherans.blogspot.com](http://www.younglutherans.blogspot.com) for details.

The Shared Lutheran Youth Ministry provides faith formation, fun and ministry opportunities for youth in grades 5-12. It is a

cooperative effort of Bethel, First Lutheran, Holy Trinity and

Immanuel Lutheran Churches.

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**“Leaves of Life “ DEADLINE**  
**FOR March NEWS Is Sunday Feb. 14th**  
**Work Party to Assemble**



**MON Feb 22nd for Immanuel**  
**TUES Feb 23rd for Holy Trinity**

## LABOR OF LOVE

*MEETS WEEKLY EVERY MONDAY; 9am  
at Holy Trinity. All ladies are welcome,  
no sewing skills are necessary!*  
**KNITTING GROUP** .. Meets the **first  
Tuesday** of month, 10am at Immanuel.



### ESTHER CIRCLE MEETS

Monday February 3 at 1:30pm at the home of JoAnn Anderson, 140 Aldren Ave, 72A

### RACHEL CIRCLE MEETS

the third Thursday of the month at Holy Trinity @ 1:30pm also in the library.

Bible Study is session 1 in the Jan/Feb “Gather” Magazine

*All Women are invited to join these bible studies and prayer times.*



**SENIOR MEN'S GROUP** meets every first and third Wednesday at Immanuel @ 9am for projects & fellowship. All men are invited to join them!



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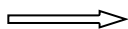


Happy New Year, and thank you to all the wonderful gift I received from some of you. They are treasured and will be treasured over the many years as I look at them and use them.



Well Christmas is over, the tree is down and the decorations are down and put away for another 9 months till we break everything back out again. As we begin February and the season of Lent, its a season filled with soul searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock.

Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 6:19, "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own?" SOS, these letters call forth a distress signal. This month of Lent, think of this season as, Stewardship Of Self, SOS. Since we are clear that stewardship is management of resources, stewardship of self is management of ourselves. Lets take time to have an SOS of practices and behaviors for ourselves that are destructive, unhealthy and often not God honoring. What do we eat? What do we do for exercise? How do we manage our time? Are we gentle with ourselves? Do we attend to our need to pray, worship, study and read scripture? Overall consider rating yourselves on your SOS. I believe that leaders cannot write about something that they do not themselves practice. Thus I offer to you that I am conscious of my own SOS and am working constantly to be attentive to behaviors that shorten and detract from my physical and spiritual life.



So you've done maintenance for your car—how about your marriage? Make 2016 the year you decide to attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend to learn how to make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union.

## 2016 PA Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends

*Providing enrichment for married couples for 40 years!*



**April 8-10, 2016**

Heritage Hotel Lancaster, Lancaster, PA  
500 Centerville Road, just off of Hwy 30.  
All newly-renovated hotel, home of the unique treehouse-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's"



**April 22-24, 2016**

The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel,  
State College, PA -- Happy Valley's premier  
conference center located on a quiet hillside  
with views of Nittany Mountain



**September 16-18, 2016**

Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA  
Located in the heart of the Pocono Mountains  
Lovely hotel-style building on Spruce Lake with  
800 acres of woodlands, waterfalls and  
mountain streams -- an hour north of Allentown



**October 21-23, 2016**

Olmsted Retreat Center, Ludlow, PA  
A stunning, hotel-style retreat center adjacent  
to the Olmsted Mansion situated on a hillside  
in the Allegheny National Forest --  
an hour north of DuBois

Costs are: a \$100.00 per couple application fee plus a contribution of whatever amount you wish to make near the end of the Weekend toward the continuation of the program. Weekends run from Friday evening at 8 PM to Sunday afternoon around 4 PM, and all faith expressions are welcome. For questions or to register for a Weekend, go to: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) and sign up online, or contact: PA Directors, Fred & Julie Schamber at 724-325-3166 or email: [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net). **Registrations are limited, so sign up now for this special and beautiful Weekend designed to have you fall in love with your spouse all over again.**



## SAVE THE DATE:

**4th-8th Grade Winter Retreat  
March 4-6, 2016**

Come enjoy a weekend of faith, friends, and fun while we explore what it means to be a person of faith.

### The Winter Retreat will also include:

- \*Powerful worships and devotions
- \*Reconnecting with old camp friends and making new ones
- \*Campfires
- \*Camp Games and activities
- \*Sledding and fun in the snow



**WHEN:** 7:00 PM Friday through 11:00 AM Sunday  
**WHERE:** The Retreat Center at LCLC  
**COST:** \$95 (Includes meals, lodging, and program)  
 \$25 of which is a non-refundable deposit  
 The registration deadline is 2/29/16.

A registration form can be printed from LCLC's website or call 716-386-4125 for more information.

## pastor con't..

Lifestyle changes are never easy but that is the business of discipleship. Are you willing to make a lifestyle changes? Use your time productively in ways that enhance your spiritual growth. Pray while you walk, or run or even bike, and even when you drive (just do not shut your eyes!). How you use your time is a work of praise for God. Take stock today and look hard at yourself, your behaviors, your time, talents and treasures. Remember that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. God saves us not because of the deeds we do or the good behaviors we exhibit but healthy habits make for a quality of life that enables us to give God great praise!

Your Brother in Christ

*Pastor Bob*

**Reminder .. combined Worship & SS  
moves to Holy Trinity location for February  
W, 9:30 & SS, 10:45**

### MINISTRY TEAMS(6pm)/CHURCH COUNCILS

Next meeting is Monday,

February 8th @ Holy Trinity –Combined Council, 6:30

followed by individual councils



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## IMMANUEL FEBRUARY birthdays

- 1st -John Cable  
3<sup>rd</sup> -Zavyer Mayr  
4th -Paul Hagelin,  
-Syndey Moss,  
-Alexandria Moss  
5th -Don Leathers  
-Chloe Mazzone  
8th -George Oste,  
10th -JoAnn Anderson,  
11th -Mike Flynn,  
-Lily Moss  
13th -Donna Edstrom  
15th -Jeffrey J. Anderson  
16th -Carol Sandberg,  
-Amber Bennett  
17th -Judy Anderson,  
-Debbie Pifer  
-Currie Huntington  
19th -Ros Eggleston,  
-Irene Swanson  
23rd -Ted Larson  
28th -Emily Kling,  
-Sarah Priester

Happy  
Birthday!

Tree of Life special days

## FEBRUARY anniversaries

02/23/1963 -Jerry & Kathy Ahlstrom



## HOLY TRINITY FEBRUARY birthdays

- 3rd Darren Towers  
Fred Keifer  
Nina Ingra  
5th Nicholas Lucas  
6th Brinton Battle  
Susan Raines  
7th Joshua Dominico  
Alicce Woodard  
Jennifer Stafford  
9th Bruce Johnson  
Greg Huddleson  
12th Marlene Hanson  
13th Keta Dean  
Douglas Nelson  
14th Abigail Woodard  
Vera Bruce  
15th Chad Muscarella  
Andrea Patti  
16th Jim Buffone  
James Carlson  
Tessa Cordner  
Aaron Jessey  
Peggy Stanford  
17th Colin Johnson  
19th Sara Kimmel  
John Lukach  
Beth Lumia  
20th Calvert Ortolano  
21st Jerome Davis  
James Erickson  
22nd Carole Dean  
Brittany Raffa  
Robert Schaul  
25th Steve Espinoza



God's Blessings to you!

NOTE: IF ANYONE SEES A BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY ON LIST THAT SHOULD NO LONGER BE INCLUDED FOR ANY REASON, PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW!

LENT Lent LENT Lent

## True Friendship

What makes someone a good friend?  
The Bible offers lots of advice about true friendship.

*Directions: Starting at the \*, connect the dots clockwise and complete the words using the word bank. Then fill in Proverbs 27:9, NIV.*

**WORD BANK:**  
heart prings ir verbs vice ness end

27:9, NIV      pleasant\_\_\_\_\_

• pro\_\_\_\_\_      \* The      • of

• ad\_\_\_\_\_      • a

\_\_\_\_\_ felt •      • Fri\_\_\_\_\_

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From •

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\_\_\_\_\_ 27:9, NIV

Answer: The pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice.  
Proverbs 27:9, NIV





**YOUR CAR..... YOUR MARRIAGE  
BOTH RUN SMOOTHER WITH A TUNE UP!**

**Attention Married Couples: Have you signed up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? NOW** is the time to register for this opportunity to rekindle the romance and realize the full potential of your marriage with all the joy and beauty God intended. Weekends run from Friday evening at 8 PM to Sunday afternoon around 4 PM.

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To sign up online, go to: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) and pay the registration fee using your credit card, or mark the option to mail in a check. **Registrations are limited, so act today to ensure that you can attend the Weekend of your choice.** For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net).

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**Please note:**

**If your memorial is not listed, it will be in next issue**

## IN MEM, OF Marion Bland

MaryAnn Bollman  
Clair & Shirley Fletcher  
Barbara Anderson  
Roger & Catherine Lundell  
Mary Peterson  
John & Peggy Schultz & family  
Marc & Kumiko Schultz & family  
Lisa Schultz & Kraig Burnham  
Mary Lee Lindros  
Bemus Point Elementary  
Sunshine Committee  
Alice Carlson  
Marian Soderberg  
Janis Nelson  
Sue & Peter McGraw  
Tim & Darylin Carlson  
Cheryl & Brian Rogan  
Bemus Point Support Staff

## IN MEM, OF Rod Sweet

Al & Phyllis Johnson  
Carol Sorg  
ILC SR Choir

## IN MEM, OF parents,

Ken & Esther Peterson

Phil & Sue Erickson

**ILC MEMORIALS**

## ATTENDANCE

Nov 22 -@ILC 107  
Nov 25—Thanksgiving Eve @  
HT—25

Nov 29 @ HT -133

Dec 6 @ HT—133

Dec 13 @ HT—148

(Children's Prog)

Dec 20 @ HT—131

(Choral Cantata)

## Christmas Eve:

@HT—125 @ ILC—70

Dec 27 @HT—65

(service of lessons & carols)

Jan 3 @ILC—91

Jan 10 @ ILC—104

Jan 17 @ ILC—107



**NEVER STOP  
PRAYING.**

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

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**A big thank you** to all who contributed to the mitten tree. We had 28 hats, 17 pairs of mittens & gloves and two scarves. We brought them to the Eastside Y and they were delighted. Thank you, thank you!

## My Journey Through Cancer

It all started one year ago when I had my annual physical. My doctor noticed that my right tonsil was swollen slightly. I hadn't noticed. My throat wasn't sore. After that I checked my throat occasionally. On March 19 when I looked at my throat it was considerably more swelled and it looked like it had blisters all over it. I called my doctor and had an appointment the next day. She didn't know what it was and made an appointment with an ear-nose-throat doctor. I prayed, help me God. Give me strength to deal with this. I have a feeling it's not good. God talks to me through my devotions. He showed me a verse in Isaiah 41:10. *"Don't be afraid--I am with you! I am your God--let nothing terrify you! I will make you strong and help you; I will protect you and .save you."* After that God showed me several verses in the Bible that said *"Don't be afraid, I am with you."* From then on I felt strong and ready to deal with it. I keep that verse with me at all times. The throat doctor didn't like the looks of it and took a biopsy which came back negative. He wasn't satisfied and took another biopsy getting deeper scrapings. It still came back negative, so he sent it to Florida Labs for further testing. It came back lymphoma. I then had an appointment with a cancer doctor. He suggested 15 radiation treatments but wanted me to see an oncologist first. I had a bone marrow biopsy which was negative but there were two kinds of lymphoma, one more aggressive than the other but a PETSCAN showed that the cancer was only in the right tonsil. I had 3 Chemotherapy treatments and another PETSCAN showed the cancer was gone. Just to be on the safe side I had 15 radiation treatments. The cancer is gone but for at least 5 years I need regular checkups to make sure it doesn't come back.. God is good and is always with us just as he promises

In His love, **Judy Lind.**

## Refugee crisis

The videos keep coming on the nightly news of overcrowded, sinking boats, of babies wrapped in thermal blankets, shivering and wet, of lines of people as far as the eye can see, walking towards what they hope is a better life.

As a church, we are called to respond to the ongoing refugee crisis in the Middle East and Europe. A record number of refugees are fleeing war and poverty, often with only the clothes on their backs, to make life-threatening journeys in hopes for a brighter future in Europe. Because of this, the number of people seeking safety and basic necessities is on the rise. With temperatures dropping, the already difficult situation is becoming life-threatening. The ELCA has been working with companion churches, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary, the Slovak Church of the Augsburg Confession in Serbia, and The Lutheran World Federation to provide food, blankets, water and psychosocial services to those who have fled their homes. Lutheran Disaster Response has been and will continue to meet the basic humanitarian needs and upholding the rights of those fleeing war and oppression. How can you help? **Pray** for those affected. You already support them financially through your congregation's mission support. **Thank you!** If you would like to make a special gift, visit [ELCA.org](http://ELCA.org), and type "Middle east and Europe refugee crisis" in the search box.

Remember that Jesus and his family were once refugees.

We are church together for the sake of the world. God's Work. Our Hands.



NOTE:

If local schools are closed, be sure to call office prior to make sure we are open





## ELCA LECTIONARY

### **Feb 7 TRANSFIGURATION**

Ex 34:29-35; Psalm 99

2 Cor 3:12—4:2; Luke 9:28-43a

### **Feb 14 First Sun. in Lent**

Deut 26:1-11; Ps 91:1-2,9-16

Rom 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

### **Feb 21 Second Sun. in Lent**

Gen 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 27

Phil 3:17—4:1; Luke 13:31-35

### **Feb 28 Third Sun. in Lent**

Isa 55:1-9; Ps 63:1-8

1 Cor 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

## HOSPITALIZATIONS

The church office no longer receives calls from the hospital when a member is hospitalized. It would be appreciated if someone from the family would call the church office when a hospitalization occurs. In addition to calls no longer being made to the office by hospital volunteers, the computer used by the clergy at the hospital to locate hospitalized members has been removed. Thank you for your assistance.

## Special dates

- African-American History Month
- Boy Scout Sunday, *Feb 7, 2016*
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, *Feb 7*
- Ash Wednesday, *February 10, 2016*
- First Sunday in Lent, *Feb 14, 2016*
- Valentine's Day, *February 14, 2016*
- Presidents Day, *February 15, 2016*
- Second Sunday in Lent, *Feb 21, 2016*
- Third Sunday in Lent, *Feb 28, 2016*

The second Sunday of the month Immanuel will continue to be Food collection and will benefit Holy Trinity's food pantry. Any food will be welcome.



## SERVING TREE OF LIFE

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

Please familiarize yourself with the lectern in both churches so if and when you should be the lector at "the other" church you know what you need to do.

### **Note:**

SCHEDULES were mailed out to each person. They are also posted each week in the bulletin and they are posted on the bulletin board at the lower entrance at ILC & for HT in their Narthex.

REMINDER: Feb services are at HOLY TRINITY at 9:30

### **ASSISTING MINISTER**

02/07: Wolf-Dieter Krahn  
02/14: Darcy Whitney  
02/21: Ashley Muscarella  
02/28: Lisa Gustafson

### **COMMUNION ASSISTANT**

02/07: Kevin S, Dennis P, Norm O  
02/14: Steve S, Cindy S, Mike F  
02/21: Darcy W, David E, Steve M  
02/28: Jane E, Ashley M, Emily W

### LECTORS

02/07: Ev Owen  
02/14: Linda Smith  
02/21: Marlene Hanson  
02/28: Marie Carlson

### **ACOLYTE**

02/07: Isabella Palermo  
02/14: Joey Palermo  
02/21: Quinn Taylor  
02/28: Zach Gustafson

### **GREETERS**

02/07: J & D Bechman; Sonya R,  
Norm & Ev Owen  
02/14: Cindy Swan,  
Sean Swan-Leuze  
02/21: John & Shelly Taylor  
02/28: Clair & Shirley Fletcher,  
Darcy & Emily Whitney

### **WORSHIP TECH** AS AVAILABLE

**USHERS HT:** Steve M, Chris R,  
Dave L., John T, Dennis P,  
Norm O

### **WORSHIP ENVIROMENT/ALTAR**

**CARE HT:** tba

### **COUNTERS**

TBA COUNCIL



If you are unable to serve on your Sunday, you are responsible for finding a replacement and calling to let the office know who is serving for you.

# Tree of Life News

IMMANUEL AND HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN BRANCHES

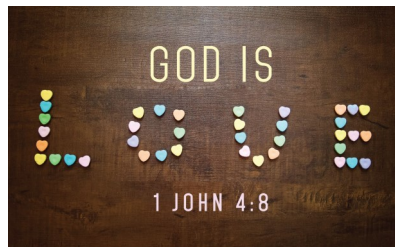
## Immanuel ..Jamestown.. Report for November 2105

Note: totals are rounded off

<u>account</u>	<u>Beg. bal.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>disbursements</u>	<u>Transfers/ J E's</u>	<u>End bal.</u>
Expansion	(304)	1,763	1,936	0	(477)
General	(1,137)	9,829	9,847	2,000	843
Memorial	40,192	424	0	(2,000)	38,616
<b>total</b>	<b><u>\$38,749</u></b>	<b><u>\$12,016</u></b>	<b><u>\$11,783</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>\$38,983</u></b>

## Immanuel for DECEMBER 2015

<u>account</u>	<u>Beg. bal.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>disbursements</u>	<u>Transfers/ J E's</u>	<u>End bal.</u>
Expansion	(477)	2,323	1,936	500	408
General	843	13,289	10,269	(3000)	863
Memorial	38,616	329	0	2,500	41,446
<b>total</b>	<b><u>\$38,983</u></b>	<b><u>\$15,942</u></b>	<b><u>\$12,206</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>\$42,719</u></b>



**Note: IF YOU WOULD LIKE NAME REMOVED FROM OUR MAILING LIST, PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW.**

ILC: 716 664-7104/ [ilc@windstream.net](mailto:ilc@windstream.net)

HT: 716 488-4235/ [secretary.ht@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.ht@gmail.com)

## THANK YOU IMMANUEL BELL RINGERS

For many years the members of Immanuel Lutheran Church have participated the annual Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive. The following members took time from their busy holiday schedules to share in this community outreach ministry.



Carol Sorg  
Tom Priester  
Clair and Shirley Fletcher  
Priscilla DuBois  
Moss Family  
Kelly Myers  
Nancy Johnson  
Pastor Bob Kasting  
Engle Family  
Dennis Anderson

Many of the Immanuel Bell Ringers stated that it was a wonderful experience that they look forward to doing each year. Several stated that many who outwardly had very little gave very generously of their meager means. This is mindful of the story in the Bible when the widow gave a few pennies—all that she had! This is just another way members of Immanuel are serving their fellow man and doing God's work. Thank you to all the Immanuel volunteers who took part in this community ministry. Please excuse any names that were accidentally omitted---but know you are appreciated.

Dear Immanuel family, I miss going to church and singing in the choir. But I really know how much when the Communion folks come with hugs, love and Communion. During the brief service I feel & remember how being in Immanuel was. The visits from Carol & Jane, Karin & Mike,, Judy & Priscilla etc. really make the day . Also the flowers have been beautiful. I thank you all.

- Bev Thorstenson



Thank  
You

I wanted to express long over due thank yous (kept missing the deadlines for Leaves of Life):

First to Holy Trinity for the quilt given to me this past summer. It is beautiful, warm, and wow !!! a lot of time and skill went into making that. Thank you so much.

Second, to Immanuel Families for the scholarship money which I used to help pay some of my tuition. College is expensive and it helped a lot!! I really appreciated it.

It is a blessing to have such a wonderful church family that is caring, always looking out for you, and shows Gods love in so many ways. Thank you again!!

*In Christ's love, Zach Gustafson*

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**Thank you to the family of Immanuel & Holy Trinity** for the cards and phone calls. Also to the Communion Team and Pastor Bob for all the visits. I'm doing better all the time.

God's Best to All, **Margaret Elf**

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Dear Tree of Life Lutheran Parish..

Thank you for your generous donation of toothbrush kits. Our students appreciated them! Thank you!

- **Panama Central School**

Thank you's..



Thank you for supporting

OPERATION CHRISTMAS

CHILD. Your gift will help spread the love of Jesus to children around the world. This year our truck left for Boone

NC with 8,918 shoe boxes aboard. We hope you will continue to pray for this ministry. Hope you had a Merry Christmas! The Sinclairville Operation Christmas Child Collection Center.

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Our thanks for your kind and thoughtful donation of necessary supplies to our Love School "family". Although we are not in our own school this year, it is still our mission to help our children. We appreciate your extra help in that endeavor. Thanks so much ... Sue Drago, Love School Nurse

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Another BIG thank you to everyone who helped make the Dec. 2015 Korv Dinner a success. We raised over \$2,100.00 to be used for projects throughout the year at our Tree of Life Parish. In 2015, we gave \$500.00 for our youth who attended the Lutheran Youth Convention in Detroit and we will continue to fund youth projects as well as other needs.

So whether you attended the dinner, supplied pies or bread, or joined in the kitchen antics, a **HEARTY THANK YOU**.

*Tom and Sue Priester, chairpersons*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b><i>Worship is at HOLY TRINITY this month. 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sun. School</i></b>	<b>1</b> HT office closed HT LABOR OF LOVE 9AM @ILC Healthy Bones, 9 SR Center Bingo 11:30	<b>2</b> GROUNDHOG DAY SR Center exercise 10 WM Knit, 10 ILC LIB NAR-ANON, 7 ILC LIB	<b>3</b> SR Men, 9 ILC @ILC Healthy Bones, 9 Food Cupb 10-2 HT Esther Circle, 1:30 home of JoAnn Anderson CHOIR, 7pm	<b>4</b> TOPS, 9-NOON, HT SR Center exercise 10	<b>5</b> @ILC Healthy Bones, 9 Food Cupb 10-2 HT	<b>6</b>
<b>7 Transfiguration</b> <b>9:30 Worship</b> HT ANNUAL MEETING <b>10:45 Sun. School</b> Chr. Nurture team Conf. Class, 5:30 at First	<b>8</b> HT office closed HT LABOR OF LOVE 9AM @ILC Healthy Bones, 9 SR Center Bingo 11:30 Min. Teams & Councils	<b>9</b> SR Center exercise 10 NAR-ANON, 7 ILC LIB	<b>10 ASH WEDNESDAY</b> @ILC Healthy Bones, 9 Food Cupb 10-2 HT ASH WED. SERVICES: Noon @ First 7 at Bethel (combined choirs)	<b>11</b> TOPS, 9-NOON, HT  SR Center exercise 10	<b>12</b> @ILC Healthy Bones, 9 Food Cupb 10-2 HT	<b>13</b> ILC hall in use 6pm-10
<b>14 1 Lent</b> <b>9:30 Worship</b> <b>10:45 Sun. School</b> "Leaves" DEADLINE Food Sunday	<b>15</b> PRESIDENTS' DAY OFFICES CLOSED HT LABOR OF LOVE	<b>16</b> SR Center exercise 10 NAR-ANON, 7 ILC LIB	<b>17 *Lenten Services</b> @ILC Healthy Bones, 9 SR Men, 9 ILC Food Cupb 10-2 HT * noon @ First CHOIR, 7pm	<b>18</b> TOPS, 9-NOON, HT  SR Center exercise 10 Rachel Circle, 1:30 HT Y Cancer Support 6	<b>19</b> @ILC Healthy Bones, 9 Food Cupb 10-2 HT	<b>20</b>
<b>21 2 Lent</b> <b>9:30 Worship</b> <b>10:45 Sun. School</b>	<b>22</b> HT office closed HT LABOR OF LOVE 9AM "Leaves" mailing ILC 9 @ILC Healthy Bones, 9 SR Center Bingo 11:30	<b>23</b>  "Leaves" mailing HT, 9 SR Center exercise 10 NAR-ANON, 7 ILC LIB	<b>24 *Lenten Services</b> @ILC Healthy Bones, 9 Food Cupb 10-2 HT *noon @ First CHOIR, 7pm	<b>25</b> TOPS, 9-NOON, HT SR Center exercise 10	<b>26</b> @ILC Healthy Bones, 9 Food Cupb 10-2 HT	<b>27</b>
<b>28 3 Lent</b> <b>9:30 Worship</b> <b>10:45 Sun. School</b> Conf. Class, 5:30 at First	<b>29</b> HT office closed HT LABOR OF LOVE 9AM @ILC Healthy Bones, 9 SR Center Bingo 11:30	<div>February 2016</div> <div>Tree of Life Parish Calendar</div>				