

IMMANUEL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Director of Music - Sarah Goetz

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers: John & Jill Hoelzer

Lector: Sarah Goetz Acolyte: Olivia Ross

Communion Assistants: Marie Barrickel & Kayla McCormick

Altar Committee: Sarah Pfeifer, Charlene Zimmermann

Order of Worship

Gathering

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness

Song of Praise - ELW #561 (vs. 1)

Apostolic Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Song of Praise - ELW #561 (vs. 2)

Word

First Lesson - Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalms - Luke 1:46b-55

Second Lesson - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel - John 1:6-8, 19-28

Children's Time

Sermon

Song of the Day - ELW #251

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing the Peace

Meal

Offering

Offering Song - ELW #247 (vs. 1, 4) & Prayer

Communion

Great Thanksgiving/Words of Institution

Lords Prayer

Communion Distribution & Song - ELW #561 (vs. 3)

Communion Blessing & Prayer

Sending

Announcements

Benediction

Closing Song - ELW #248

Dismissal

LAST WEEK IN OUR LIFE TOGETHER
Attendance: 86
Offering: \$2343.25
The benevolence offering this month is for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI). Please use the envelope found in your newsletter.

THIS WEEK IN OUR LIFE TOGETHER

TODAY: 9:45 Sunday School

6:30 Confirmation Class

FRIDAY: 9:00 Bible Study

SUNDAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVE

8:30 Worship, here

9:30 Pancake Breakfast (no Sunday School)

10:30 Worship at First, Lee

7:00 Candlelight Service/Holy Communion, here

9:00 Candlelight Service/Holy Communion at First, Lee

WELCOME, EVERYONE! We invite you to sign the Friendship Pad as a way to get others to know your name and for Immanuel to keep accurate records of the numbers of congregants who receive Holy Communion each Sunday. After the pad has been passed to the sides of the sanctuary, we would ask you to pass them back so others will know those names they did not see and that the pads can easily be collected at the end of the service.

HOLY COMMUNION – We practice open communion at Immanuel. We believe that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is truly present, "in, with, and under" the bread and wine. All are welcomed at this table. Children may accompany their parents for a blessing. **Communion is by "intinction". The silver chalice has wine and the stoneware chalice has grape juice.**

PASTORAL NEEDS - Please call Pastor Jeff Schlesinger at 815/878-4503 or e-mail him at photo.pastor1965@gmail.com for emergencies, hospital visits, or other concerns or call the church office (815/539-6567).

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Envelopes will also be available if you would like to make a donation to one of the above. Your gifts help us maintain the ministry and sustain the hospitality we love to extend to all in the name of Christ.

While shopping for loved ones this Christmas please consider helping Immanuel out with the purchase of one or more items from our Christmas Wish List. All items will be put to good use by the people of Immanuel. Please bring the items to church anytime before Christmas.

Paper Towels	Pack of microfiber rags/cloths
Facial Tissue	Small Trash Bags/Kitchen Trash Bags
Toilet Paper	Large Heavy Duty Trash Bags
White Vinegar (gallon size)	Walmart Gift Cards
Soft Soap refill (32 oz.)	Batteries (AA, C, D)
The Works toilet bowl cleaner	Magic Tape (1/2")
Bar Keeper's Friend	White & Colored Card Stock Paper (8 1/2" x 11")
Murphy's Oil Soap	Small White Envelopes (6 1/2" x 3 1/2" no window)
Baking Soda	Masking Tape/Shipping Tape/Duct Tape
Renuzit Solid Air Fresheners	Ice Melt
Dish Soap	

IMMANUEL'S (revised) CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Members - Ryan Gilbertini (baptized 12-10), Connie Schlesinger (recovering from surgery), Ruppert family at the death of Will Ruppert (Connie Schlesinger's father), Cindy Schlesinger, Hal Schlesinger, Fountain Neal, Friends & Family - Ron Yenerich (Connie Williams' brother), Robert Hornung (LuAnn Kromm's brother), Hannah York (LuAnn Kromm's niece), Our Leaders - ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton; NIS Bishop Jeffrey Clements; Immanuel/First Pastor Jeff Schlesinger.

The Sunday School children will be taking up a "noisy offering" during Advent that will benefit Another Child Foundation. So remember to bring your change to church so that we can together change the world.

Check out the Advent tree and give a gift in honor of that special person. On the Advent tree you will find ornaments that will purchase a Christmas meal distributed by Another Child Foundation for a family in the small town of Tarnaveni, Romania. The cost for each ornament is \$12 which is the cost of providing the meal. To make an ornament an honorary gift, simply put the money or a check in one of the envelopes and place it in the basket. Then take the ornament off the tree and present it to the person for whom you made the donation. Each ornament has the name of an actual family for whom a meal will be provided.

Order your devotional for next church year today, "Surviving the Bible" by Christian Platt. Sign up in the overflow.

2018 WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available in the overflow. Please pick yours up (or a family members) today! Also available are 2018 calendars.

Copies of the 2018 Committee Yearbook, Bible Study, and Directory booklets are available in the overflow. Please pick one up for yourself or for someone you know who would like one.

WORD IN SEASON devotional booklets for January-March are now available.

We are looking for someone to host Night On The Town in January. Please sign up in the overflow or call the church office.

NIGHT ON THE TOWN 2018 sign up sheet is in the overflow. Please sign up if you would like to be a host.

We still need ushers for Dec. 24 8:30 a.m. & December 25 at 10:00 a.m. & December 31 at 8:30 a.m. (contact the church office).

Sign up in the overflow or call the church office if you would like to usher in 2018. Individuals, couples, or families are welcome to be ushers.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is held every Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. We discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Come as you are & bring a friend.

Check out the bulletin board in the overflow for community and other area church events.

N.I.C.E. is asking for donations of toys (and underwear) for ALL ages through teens. Please leave items in the designated box in the overflow by mid-December.

Christmas Cantata "Come Let Us Adore", today, 4:00 p.m. at Paw Paw Methodist Church. Come one, come all!

LYO 4th SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST, Sunday, December 24 after worship. All donations will go towards our ELCA Youth Gathering trip to Houston in 2018.

NEW ADDRESS: Jessica Albert, Avancer/Elaine, 350 Sycamore Rd., Genoa, IL 60135

Annual Reports from committees & organizations should be turned in to the church office by Dec. 22.

4th Sunday Readers will meet Sunday, January 28, 6:00 p.m. at the parsonage. The book we will be reading & discussing is "The Year of Living Biblically" by A.J. Jacobs, One Man's Humble Quest to follow the Bible as literally as possible. Order your copy of this book on the sign up sheet in the overflow today!!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24

Advent Lessons & Carols

8:30 a.m. Immanuel

10:30 a.m. First, Lee

Christmas Eve

7:00 p.m. at Immanuel

9:00 p.m. at First, Lee

Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. at Immanuel

Worship with Holy Communion

(no worship at First, Lee)