

IMMANUEL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor - Jeff Schlesinger

Director of Music - Sarah Goetz

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers: Hoelzer Family

Lector: Christa Edwards Acolyte: Aiden Znaniecki

Communion Assistants: Stanley Hoelzer & J. Hoelzer

Altar Committee: Sarah Preifer, Charlene Zimmerman

Order of Worship

Gathering

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Welcome

Dialogue

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

Apostolic Greeting

Prayer of the Day

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

Word - Lessons & Carols

(1) Isaiah 40:3-5 #256

(2) Exodus 6:2-7a #254

(3) Isaiah 11:1-10 #272 (vs. 1-2)

(4) Isaiah 42:5-9 #294 (vs. 1-2)

Responsive Prayer

Sharing the Peace

(5) Luke 1:68-79 #253

(6) Isaiah 35:4-7a #242 (vs. 1-2)

(7) Isaiah 7:14 #279 (vs. 1-2)

Meal

Offering

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

Communion

Great Thanksgiving/Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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

Communion Blessing & Prayer

Sending

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song - ELW #267

Dismissal

LAST WEEK IN OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Offering: \$2829.00

Attendance: 71

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: 9:30 Pancake Breakfast (no Sunday School)

7:00 Candlelight Service/Holy Communion, here

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

CHRISTMAS DAY: 10:00 Worship with Holy Communion, here

FRIDAY: 9:00 Bible Study

SUNDAY: 8:30 Worship, here

(no Sunday School)

10:30 Worship 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).

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)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Members - Ryan Gibertini (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 Piatt. 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 on January 6th. 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 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.

LYO 4th SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST, today 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 as soon as possible.

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!!

POINSETTIAS

John Didlinger - In memory of Janice Didlinger

Colleen Zinke - In memory of loved ones

Minor & Connie Avery - In memory of loved ones

Donna Ganz-Bauer - In memory of loved ones

Sarah Pfeifer - In memory of loved ones

Harlan & Karla Eames - In memory of loved ones

Roger & Carol Kern - In memory of loved ones

Dwight & Margaret Ann Frick - In memory of loved ones

Margaret Ross - In memory of loved ones

Dennis & Pat Weiler - In memory of loved ones

Jim Eich - In memory of Jann, Bob Jr. & Darlene Eich

Rosina Bitner - To the Glory of God in memory of loved ones

Kevin & Kim Ganz - In memory of loved ones

Eunice Rogers & Christa Edwards - In memory of loved ones

Donna Heiman Family - In memory of loved ones

Sandy Schlorff - In memory of family

Pastor Jeff & Theresa Schlesinger - In memory of loved ones

Mary Ellen Schroeder - All who dwell in the house of the Lord

Please take your poinsettia home after Christmas Day worship.