

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers:

Lector: Ashley Clayton Acolyte: Kody Hoadley
Communion Assistants: Christa Edwards & Eunice Rogers
Altar Committee: Sarah Pfeifer, Charlene Zimmerman

LAST WEEK IN OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Offering: \$4921.00

Attendance: 76

The benevolence offering this month is for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI).

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NEW YEAR'S DAY: Church Office Closed

WEDNESDAY: 1:30 WELCA Bible Study

THURSDAY: 6:00 Parish Team meets at Immanuel

FRIDAY: 9:00 Bible Study

SUNDAY: 8:30 Worship, here

9:45 Sunday School

10:30 Worship at First, Lee

6:30 Confirmation

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.**

Today we welcome our guest pastor, Rev. Katie Gallagher.

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).

We are blessed with warm homes and warm clothes, so let us bless others with the supplies needed by ILLINOIS VALLEY PADS. Put your donations in the PADS box in the overflow. Thank You.

<u>Supplies</u>	<u>Personal Care Essentials</u>	<u>Cleaning Supplies</u>	<u>Food</u>
Paper Plates	(individual/travel sizes)	Toilet Bowl Cleaner	Bottled Water
Napkins	Soap	Laundry Soap	Powdered Drink Mix
Paper bowls	Shampoo & Conditioner	White Vinegar	Juice Boxes
Coffee Cups (disposable)	Solid Decorants	Bleach	Coffee
Sandwich Bags	Toothpaste	Air Freshener Spray	Creamer
Brown Lunch Bags	Combs & Brushes	Soft Scrub	Soups
Toilet Paper	Shaving Cream	Dish Soap	Peanut Butter
Paper Towels	Razors (no single blades)		Jelly (reg.&sugar free)
Gallon/Quart Freezer Bags	Flip Flops/Shower Shoes		Individually Packaged Snacks
Plastic Wrap	Cough Drops		
Plastic Spoons	Weather Ponchos		
Garbage Bags (39 & 13 Gal.)	Asst. Socks & Underwear		

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Members - Connie Schlesinger (recovering from surgery), 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.

WELCA BIBLE STUDY, Wednesday, January 3, 1:30 p.m. Bible Study: "Washing hands with distant hearts". Theme Verse: Mark 7:1-12. Leader: Margaret Ross. Hostess: Christa Edwards.

Night On The Town, Saturday, January 13, 6:00 p.m. at the Long Branch in Amboy. Hosted by: Brad Ehlers & Sharon Kellen. Sign up in the overflow if you are able to join us.

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

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.

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!!

If anyone is interested in some freshly cut arbor vitae (soft evergreen) wood stacked in the parsonage yard, please help yourself ASAP. Otherwise it will be disposed of. It will probably be best used only for campfires or bonfires.