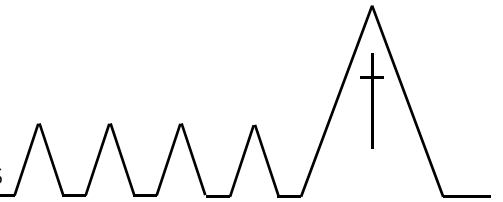


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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, DANVILLE, ILLINOIS

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SERVING TODAY... Organist: Tom Fricke; Pianist: Darlene Collins; Choir Director: Lisa Burgess; Elder: Bill Schuring; Communion Assistants: No Communion; Lector: Nancy Purviance; Ushers: Team "F", Bruce Huff, Captain; Altar Guild: Terri Albers, Carrie Farrell, Kathy Cox; Greeters: Narthex: Gary and Sarah Stuhr; Chapel: Bill and Joyce Martin; Acolyte: Shamiah Cope; Nursery: Shirley Kuhn.

SPIRITUAL CARE... If you or someone in your family is in need of spiritual care (especially if you enter the hospital, or are scheduled for surgery, or wish to discuss a spiritual problem), please call the Church Office (442-5675); or call Pastor Heidle (office: 442-5675, home: 431-4844; cell: 516-0085); or you may contact your elder.

FLOWERS... The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Annabelle Clark and family in loving memory of Douglas Mann.

PRAYER WARRIORS... We pray for all children and families to have a blessed Christmas where Christ's love shines; and for all who are experiencing sadness, especially grief over the death of a loved one, or a divorce or separation, during this time when others are festive, that they too may know God's healing presence in Christ.

HOSPITALIZED... We pray for those hospitalized this past week: **Ashleigh Acree, Mary McMasters, Debbie Dill** and **Sandra Courson**.

HOMEBOUND AND HEALTH CONCERNS... We continue to pray for **Bill Seidler, Roberta Strebing**, and **Enid White**.

TUNE IN THE LUTHERAN HOUR... next Sunday (Dec. 29) for the message "**Regrets, More Than a Few**" based on 1 John 1:9 with LH Speaker Rev. Ken Klaus. Christ's forgiveness enables us to start the New Year with gratitude instead of regret. Please listen to this and other Lutheran Hour sermons at: www.lutheranhour.org.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING... You're invited to go Christmas caroling **today** as we visit shut-ins, starting at 3 pm at the church. We will return around 5:30 for pizza and snacks. *Please join us!!*



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP... Invite your friends, relatives and neighbors to join us at Immanuel for our special worship in honor of Christ's Nativity as *our Immanuel*. Our Sunday School Children's Program will be our 7:00 Christmas Eve Service. Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service begins at 11:00 pm. And our New Year's Eve Service is at 7:00 pm. *Join the celebration!!*

COME AND GROW WITH US...

IN SUNDAY SCHOOL... The birth of Jesus as recorded in Luke 2 is today's Sunday School lesson. A Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord! As a family, read Luke 2:1-20 together, and talk about the details of Christ's birth. Talk about how our sin causes us to fear God like the shepherds did. Focus on the fact that God's Son, Jesus, takes away our fears and offers us true peace, rescuing us from sin and death.

WE WELCOME PASTOR GALE... Pastor Joshua Gale and family are here at Immanuel today. He gave a presentation to our Adult Bible Class about his upcoming move to serve as a missionary pastor in Peru. Pastor Gale will be available briefly before or after the service if you have any questions for him about this endeavor as part of our LCMS mission and how you can be a part of God's great mission in Peru and beyond.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS... For the next two Sundays (Dec. 29 and Jan. 5) our Adult Bible Class will gather in the Chapel for our annual time of Christmas carols, remembrances, anecdotes and humor to encourage one another in Christmas spirit!

2014 ENVELOPES... Your 2014 giving envelopes have been put in your mailboxes. Please do not use them until 2014 as your envelope # may be changed.

ZORA-DREWS... Next Sunday Dec. 29, we will have our door offering for the Zora-Drews Scholarship Fund, which helps families struggling to keep their child(ren) in our school. Please support the mission of DLS and keep our school in your prayers! Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR... We will take down the Christmas Decorations on Saturday Jan. 11 at 9 am. *Your help would be appreciated!*

CHAPEL SERVICES... We will not have Wednesday Evening Chapel Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Our midweek services will be held on Tuesday Dec. 24 and Dec. 31; please join us as we celebrate the coming of Christ and the New Year!

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY... was cancelled for this year due to the weather conditions, and we were unable to reschedule. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help with the preparations.

MEN'S CLUB... The congregation would like to thank Bob Wakeley for his many years of service as the leader of the Men's Club and as the coordinator of the *Taste of Deutschland*. As he retires from these roles, Bob has left detailed instructions for the steps that need to take place to make these community events happen. If anyone is interested in volunteering for this position, please contact the church office.

HEAT IS AVAILABLE! Our HVAC project is complete! Our new thermostats are fully automated, so please be sure to let the church office know when you have an event or meeting (unscheduled rooms are not heated to save energy costs). If you need any assistance with the heating a room, please call Kim (office: 442-5675, home: 497-4389), or Pastor Heidle (office: 442-5675, cell: 516-0085).

PARISH NURSE NEWS... Recent reports about antibacterial soaps do **not** apply to hand sanitizers such as those placed around the church. Hand sanitizers work because of alcohol content. Other chemicals are used in antibacterial soaps. When regular soap and water are available, wash your hands well for at least 20 seconds. When you can't wash with soap and water, hand sanitizers help. To protect others, cough or sneeze into tissues or your sleeve – not your hands. If you are sick, it's safest to share the peace without shaking hands. There are no demerits for loving others by staying home from church when you are sick.

IMMANUEL FOOD PANTRY... has been blessed with tremendous support from our congregation and community, Walmart, Meijer, Bruce Huff, and private donors from Immanuel. With these blessings, Immanuel Food Pantry provided food and Christmas gift cards to homeless veterans, low income families and their children, as well as seniors on a fixed income. We have provided assistance for approx. 200 individuals this Christmas season, as a commission, all for the glory of our newborn King!

HATS AND MITTENS TREE... We still have room on our hats and mittens tree! We are collecting hats, gloves, scarves, etc. that will be donated to the kids in District #118. If you would like to donate, please bring your items to church and place them on the tree in the Narthex. Thanks!



2013 GIVING... Per IRS regulations, all contributions for the 2013 year must be in the church office by Dec. 31. If they are received after that date, they will be recorded on your 2014 giving. The 2013 statements will be put in the church mailboxes between Feb. 1 and Feb. 15. If you need your statement before then, please call the church office.



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK...

Attendance Last Sunday (12/15)	149
Communion Attendance Sunday	117
Sunday School and Bible Class	53
Attendance Wednesday (12/18)	52

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE...

Giving Last Week	\$8,138.25
Needed Weekly <i>per Budget</i>	\$8,706.37
Giving Year to Date	\$158,983.73
Needed Year to Date <i>per Budget</i>	\$242,293.82
Receipts year to date	\$174,459.01
Expenses year to date	\$170,335.76
Capital Fund Drive – <i>Received</i>	\$76,379.22
Capital Fund Drive – <i>Pledged</i>	\$17,710.00
Capital Fund Drive – Balance	\$28,360.91

BIRTHDAYS...

Dec. 22	Stuart Barnes	24	Aubrey Meyers
22	Robert Brandt	25	Bill Preston
23	Holly Clem	26	Kara Kroll
23	Timothy Royce	27	George Pratt
24	Tom Fricke	28	Janice Fienen

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (22)	8:00 am	Coffee Hour
	8:30 am	Sunday School / Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship / Cantata
	3:00 pm	Christmas Caroling
Tuesday (24)	9:30 am	Manor Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Elders: prayer
	7:00 pm	Children's Christmas Eve Service
	11:00 pm	Candlelight Service w/Communion
Next Sun. (29)	8:00 am	Coffee Hour
	8:30 am	Sunday School / Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship w/ Communion

Please remember to lock your car whenever you park!