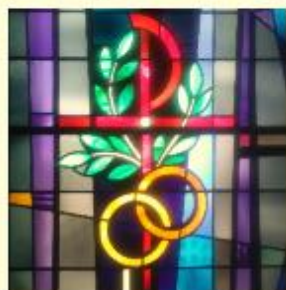
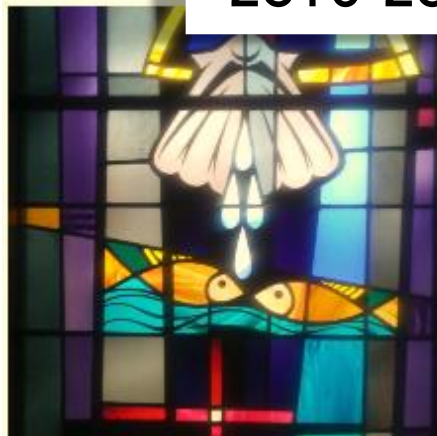


# Immanuel Lutheran Church



## 2018-2019 Church Leadership



## EXECUTIVE TEAM

### **President Dwain Dixon**

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The President of the Congregation has his hands full, including presiding over meetings, serving as an ex-officio member of all Boards and Committees of the congregation, and encouraging board members appointing people to positions.

He is a leader for our entire congregation, making a fulfilling commitment to make sure our church and its members continue to grow in Christ.

### **Vice President Butch Buesing**

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In addition to being the President's go-to-guy, the Vice President maintains the personnel policies and procedures of Immanuel Lutheran Church and assist in their fair implementation for all contracted and non-called professional staff. This person ensures that an annual review is conducted for each contracted and non-called staff member by their supervisor and/or their supervisory board and those reviews are appropriately maintained in the church's files.

## Secretary Terri Albers

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The Secretary of the Board of Directors performs a myriad tasks aimed at managing the records and administrative functions of the team. The official duties for the Board Secretary are as follows:

- Keep all records of the Board of Directors and the Voters' Assembly.
- Responsible for all correspondence of the Board of Directors and the Voters' Assembly.
- Responsible for the preparation and filing of all minutes and reports required by the congregation, and State and Federal Law.
- Responsible for notifying members of the Board of Directors and the Voters' Assembly of all meetings, regular and special.
- Be official custodian of the congregation's constitution, corporate seal, and all legal and official documents of the congregation.
- Maintain attendance records of all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Voters' Assembly.
- Prepare and synopsise the minutes of the Voters Assembly and Board of Directors meetings for distribution to the Congregation's members.

# PASTOR

## **Rev. Michael Heidle**

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Pastor Heidle's Christian life began in his native Tennessee. Baptized as an infant, he was confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wartburg, TN on Palm Sunday in 1978.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in May 1986 from Concordia College in Ann Arbor, MI.

He began his studies for the Holy Ministry at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN, in the fall of 1986. He did field work at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Fort

Wayne, and served his vicarage year at St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton, SD. Following graduation with his Master of Divinity degree in May, 1990, Michael was called as an Assistant Pastor at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Cleveland, OH. His ordination and installation at St. Mark was on July 22, 1990.

He was installed as Assistant Pastor at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Milford, OH (on the east side of Cincinnati) in August, 1994. Then in 2000, Pastor Heidle accepted the call to be the Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Key West, FL. He served there for twelve years before accepting the call to be Pastor here at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Danville, IL the summer of 2012.

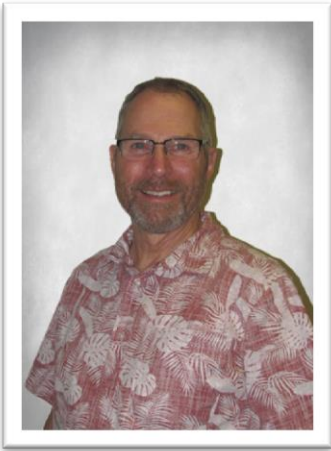
He was married to Sue on May 31, 1986 and they have two children: Courtney is a senior at Penn State; and Josiah is a freshman at Rose Hulman.

# ELDERS

## **Chair John Albers**

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The Board of Elders serves as the main support for the Office of the Pastoral Ministry, and is to be considered the spiritual board of the congregation, and shall do whatever is necessary and, in harmony with the confessional standard of the congregation, to foster and maintain high spiritual standards in the lives of members of this congregation and in all activities of this congregation.

We do this by assisting the Pastor in ministering to the sick and all others in need of pastoral assistance with visits both in home and in the hospital. Visits can consist of a small devotion, serving communion, or just chatting and answering any question and concerns the member(s) and their family may have. Visits are not limited to members. Some by be with visitors of the congregation who have questions or are in need.

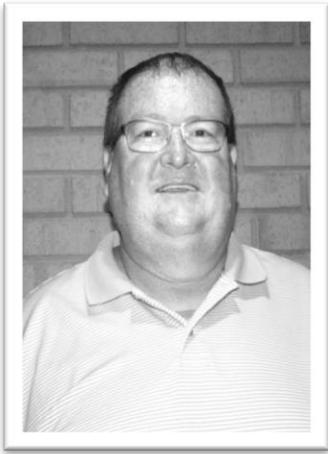
Over the past couple of years we have assigned families to a certain elder. This was done to assist in the ministry and to hopefully reach more of the congregation. This break-down can be found on the latest addition of the printed directory or you can call the church office to find out who your elder is. This does not mean that you have to talk only to “your” elder. I you are have some problems or just need to talk to someone please seek out pastor or any elder. We are all here to be of guidance and care.

# WORSHIP

## Chair Tom Fricke

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The Board of Worship assists the pastor with planning and carrying out our worship services. That includes everything from working with choirs and soloists to provide special music for our services, to planning for our Christmas and Easter celebrations.

In addition to Sunday morning worship at 9:30 am, we have a Chapel Service on Wednesday Evenings. During Advent and Lent our Wednesday services are held in the Sanctuary.

There are many facets of worship that provide volunteer opportunities for members, including:

- Lay Reader
- Usher
- Choir
- Altar Guild
- Greeter
- Communion Assistant
- Handbell Choir
- Acolyte
- Nursery

If there is an area where you'd be interested in being a part of our worship team, feel free to contact me.

# MISSIONS & SOCIAL MINISTRY

## Chair Joyce Martin

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Do Facebook posts about "random acts of kindness" tug at your heartstrings? Then maybe Missions and Social Ministry is for you. This group of volunteers serve in Mission and Welfare activities in our church and community, showing Christ-like care and concern to all people.

The Missions and Social Ministry team has many major focuses:

- ***Food Pantry:*** Local agencies refer families in need to Immanuel Lutheran Church, where men and women prepared emergency food packages for them. The team can always use help packaging food and finding donors.
- ***Prayer Shawl:*** Knitters craft beautiful shawls, symbols God's inclusive love. The shawls are given to those who could use a comforting embrace.
- ***Parish Nurse:*** These angels of mercy provide everything from blood pressure checks to after-hospital-release home visits.
- ***Immanuel Cares:*** This team shows true Christian caring by making home visits and phone calls, sending greeting cards and even driving members to doctor visits.
- ***Early Response Team:*** After training, you'll be able to give a new level of help after a community disaster like a tornado or flooding.



# EVANGELISM

## Chair Julie Buesing

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Our Board of Evangelism provides training and encouragement for every member to fulfill their calling to make disciples of all nations, living as a friend and missionary to their personal sphere of friends, relatives and contacts—letting the light of Christ shine through them.

- **Visitor Packets:** This group creates gift bags for people visiting our church.
- **DLS Outreach:** Immanuel stays connected with Danville Lutheran School teachers and families, helping them stay connected with God.
- **College Student:** Keeping true to your faith can be difficult anytime, but it is especially true when you are young and leaving home for the first time. Gifts and notes sent to our collegiate members remind them that their church family is praying for them.
- **Lutheran Hour:** Listen to sermons online or the radio with weekly broadcasts.
  - [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org)
  - WGN 720 AM - Sunday 6:00 AM
  - WITY 980 AM - Sunday 10:00 AM

**Bible Sticks:** Each year, Immanuel's members donate money to purchase audio Bibles for deployed military men and women.



# BOARD OF YOUTH MINISTRIES

## Chair Joshua Christensen

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The Board of Youth Ministries is composed of both adult and youth members of Immanuel Lutheran Church. We are unique in being the only board with official youth members making their voices heard. We are responsible for all forms of youth ministry in the congregation.

This includes identifying the needs of our youth and implementing programs, events, and organizations to meet those needs. We also recruit and train adult and youth leaders for the Parish youth ministry. Lastly, we evaluate the role of youth in congregational life and recommend actions or procedures to ensure the youth a role in the congregation.



# STEWARDSHIP

## Chair Sue Heidle

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### **Stewardship: Time, Talent, Treasures.**

How will you use your God given gifts to help further His Kingdom here at Immanuel and throughout the world?

Our Stewardship Committee aims to help all members use their **time** through participating in the various boards and commissions here at Immanuel. We strive to assimilate the **talents** of all members in a united endeavor to be the helping hands of God's mercy. We

also serve to encourage all members to give of their **treasures** (first fruits) in a way that is meaningful for the immediate and long term needs of the congregation. Our stewardship commission seeks to be a team of cheerleaders and encouragers. If you see yourself as an encourager, we would love to have you on our team.

# PARISH EDUCATION

## Chair Diana Pratt

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Our Board of Parish Education supervises and promotes the spiritual education of Immanuel members of every age. We offer many opportunities for learning.

- **Kids Sunday School:** Bring your children to Immanuel at 8:30 on Sunday mornings to join in the fun and memorable ways to learn about our faith.
- **Adult Bible Class:** Drop in on Sunday mornings for fellowship and donuts at 8 am, followed by bible Study at 8:30 am
- **Vacation Bible School (VBS):** In the summer, we suspend Sunday School, but so make up for it with a week of hands-on learning and friend-making.
- **Coffee to Go:** Each Wednesday morning we offer coffee to go and a snack for DLS parents as they drop off their children.
- **Rally Day:** Each Fall, we host a special Sunday of fun, fellowship, and activities to jumpstart a new year of focus on God's Word.

Other Activities include church bags for children, Cradle Roll, Reformation Walk and the Children's Christmas Eve Service.

Parish Education makes every effort to sponsor activities without using funds from the church budget. Therefore, we have 2 Monical's Days each year, as well as bake and sell Icebox cookies as fundraisers.

We usually meet once a month and would love to welcome new members to our board!

# FINANCE

## Chair Vacant

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Our Board of Finance is responsible for the management of the congregation's finances. It includes:

- Bonding of our Financial Secretary
- Maintain financial records
- Prepares our budget

Consider yourself good with money? Or maybe just love playing around with numbers? Then we could really use you on the Finance team.

- **Offering Counter:** After service, the counters confidentially gather the offerings and record the offerings.
- **Auditor:** A team of members periodically audit the books, making sure there are no mistakes. *We have a vacancy in auditing that needs to be filled, so please pray for this position.*

# PROPERTIES

## Chair Wayne Mann

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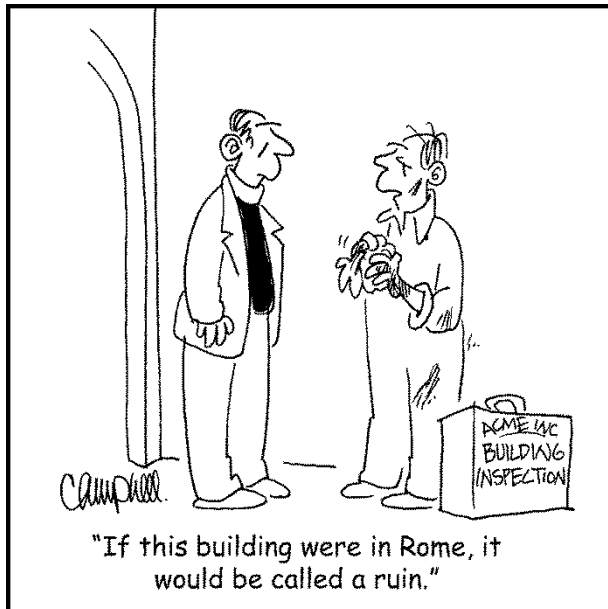
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The Board of Properties has as its mission the maintenance of the facilities of Immanuel Lutheran Church. This includes but is not limited to:

- overseeing daily custodial needs,
- maintaining facilities and equipment
- maintaining grounds at Immanuel

It is because of dedicated individuals that we are able to continue this mission but, because of the magnitude of our responsibility, we pray for and welcome more willing hands to do His Work.



# **WOMEN'S GUILD**

## **President Diana Pratt**

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The Women's Guild is an uplifting combination of fun and outreach. As an auxiliary group of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, the Immanuel Women's Guild is active in supporting needs within the church, the community and in the mission field. Over the years, the Guild has used a "mite box" to gather funds in support of local and even global ministries. Mites can be brought in on the first Sunday of the month.

The Guild meets once a month for devotion, brief business meeting, and often to hear a guest speaker or other entertainment. There are no set dues, but a freewill offering may be given to be used for charitable work in God's kingdom.

All women of the congregation are members of the Women's Guild and are invited to attend!

# **MEN'S CLUB**

## **President Ken Kuhn**

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On the second Monday of each month, the men of Immanuel get together for a brief Bible study, business meeting, snack/dinner, and a fun activity. It may be a speaker, a boat trip on the Vermilion or even a woodworking project.

The Men's Club also hosts the Taste of Deutschland dinner each winter. It's a good time to tap into your inner chef and some good old German heritage.

## **CRAFTS**

### **Phyllis Schendel**

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The Immanuel Lutheran Craft group meets Wednesday at 9:00 am with members coming and going according to their own schedules. We all enjoy making handmade crafts, whether quilts, pillows, or many, many other items, along with the fellowship and fun of being together. Often we bring our lunch – and goodies too!

The crafts are then sold at the Immanuel Lutheran Little Drummer Boy Bazaar each November. Proceeds go to everything from pipe organ repairs to donations to the women's shelter.

## **TECHNOLOGY GROUP**

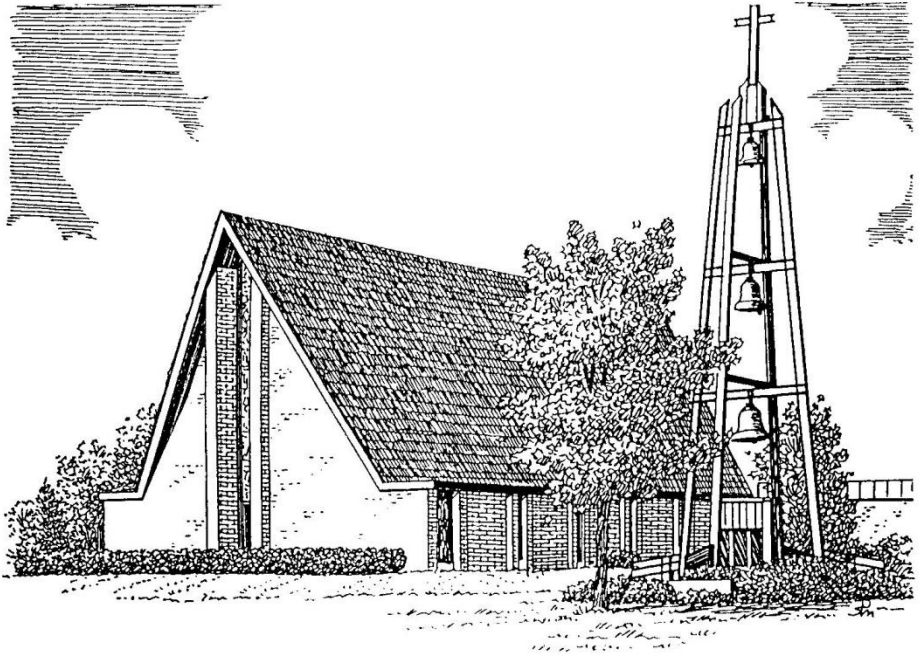
### **Dwain Dixon**

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The technology ministry helps the church to use technology to minister the Word of God. From computer networking to social networking and from software testing to member training, this committee is always looking for another “geek” in our Master’s service.





Immanuel's Mission:

**Making known by Word and Action  
the Healing Presence of God and Christ Jesus  
with Us and with the World.**