

“O Sing of Christ”

Dear Friends of Immanuel,

As we begin a new Church Year with the season of Advent, we recognize what a rich treasury of Advent and Christmas hymns are included in our LSB hymnal! Truly! Rich, meaningful hymns and carols from the past, but also some amazing new and contemporary hymns and carols as well. We had a difficult time selecting just one; actually, we almost wrote on two (one new and one with some age) that share a common melody; but then we were struck by a whole other new hymn—when you read the words they sound like Luther or one of the Lutheran theologians of old, yet the sound of these words is wholly new. That is the gift of the hymn-writer Stephen Starke—would you be surprised to learn that 32 hymns in our hymnal are written/composed by Stephen Starke?! This hymn is worth another look! So read or sing it now, please...

A moment ago we wrote that this hymn sounds like it could have been written by one of the great Lutheran theologians of old, but as you read it you probably realized that it is actually loaded with phrases that are straight out of the sacred text of Scripture! Great Bible passages that tell of the

incarnation and birth of Jesus as well as the purpose of His coming are the undergirding of this hymn. As we look at each stanza, I invite you to ponder just a few of those Scripture phrases:

Stanza 1

John 1:1,4,10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; I Timothy 3:16.

Read that first stanza again!

Sing, yes, sing of Christ; His birth makes the eternal lovingkindness of God known. He came in our flesh to redeem us. In Christ, the finger of God that once created Adam and Eve now creates our life anew! Jesus, the babe in the manger embodies God's amazing grace.

Stanza 2

Genesis 3:23-24; Romans 5:12-21; Galatians 4:4-5; John 1:4.

We just mentioned that God created Adam and Eve ... in paradise; but they blew it! They fell into sin and brought the consequences of sin on all the world. And neither they nor anyone could repair that. ...until Jesus! He is the second Adam, to bring new creation! ...at the opportune time, God sent Jesus for all the world, bringing redemption.

Stanza 3

John 1:10-13.

Some celebrate Christmas as God's gift of salvation; some, as just a holiday; some, ignore or reject it altogether. For all who believe, God's light and love shine on us and gift us with adoption as children of God.

Stanza 4

John 1:14; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 6:19-21; Philippians 2:5-11.

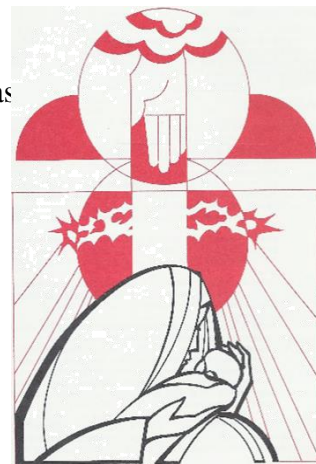
God IS *with us*—Immanuel (from the Hebrew) and Emmanuel (from the Greek). The Advent/Christmas season assures us of God's love and redemption; He dwells with us; He loves us; He came to give His life in exchange for us that we might live forever with Him!

That's worth singing about ... any time!

Merry Christmas! Worship and sing with us!

Pastor Michael K. Heidle

I believe, therefore I speak... 2 Cor.4:13



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1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kind-ness of the Lord,
2 What Ad-am lost, none could re - claim, And Par - a - dise was barred
3 He came to that which was His own, But He was not re - ceived;
4 Lord Je - sus Christ, You deigned to dwell A - mong us here on earth



E - ter - nal Word made flesh and bone So we could be re - stored.
Un - til the sec - ond Ad - am came To mend what sin had marred.
Yet still through Him God's glo - ry shone, And some His name be - lieved.
As God with us, Em - man - u - el, To bring this ho - ly birth.



Up - on our frail hu - man-i - ty God's fin - ger chose to trace
For when the time was full and right God sent His on - ly Son;
To these He gave the right to be The heirs of heav'n a - bove,
Though rich, You will - ing - ly be - came One with our pov - er - ty,



The full-ness of His de - i - ty, The i - con of His grace.
He came to us as life and light And our re - demp-tion won.
Born not of hu - man an - ces - try But born of God in love.
That we might share Your wealth and name For all e - ter - ni - ty!



SPECIAL DATES IN DECEMBER:

- First Sunday in Advent, **Dec. 2**
- Second Sunday in Advent, **Dec. 9**
- Third Sunday in Advent, **Dec. 16**
- First day of Winter, **Dec. 21**
- Fourth Sunday in Advent, **Dec. 23**
- Christmas Eve, **Dec. 24**
- Christmas Day, **Dec. 25**
- DLS Sunday, **Dec. 30**
- New Years' Eve, **Dec. 31**



Oh come let us adore Him

Advent and Christmas is a special time. Advent is the start of the church year, a time to prepare for the salvation coming through the anticipated Christ-child.

We have three midweek Advent services this season on Wednesdays: **Dec. 5, 12, & 19.**

Please note the new start time of 6:30 pm.



These services are a chance for us to prepare our hearts to welcome the Babe of Bethlehem. It's also a chance to sing more of your favorite Advent and Christmas hymns, so please join us.

Decorations are a big part of Christmas celebrations, and we thank all members that helped decorate our sanctuary and facility on Dec. 1. And thank you to everyone that has donated poinsettias to adorn our altar area during the Christmas season!

We'll go caroling to Shut-Ins on **Dec. 16.** We'll meet and leave from the church at 3:00 pm, then head out to sing for a couple of hours. We'll return for a soup supper. Please join us!



The Sunday School children will share the Christmas story as part of the 9:30 am morning service on **Dec. 23.**

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight service with Holy Communion is at **7:00 pm** on **Dec. 24.** Come early to hear extra Christmas music.

I want to thank everyone in advance for their hard work and participation in our Advent and Christmas celebrations!

PS: Thank you to Janet Terry for decorating our chancel for Thanksgiving!

-Tom Fricke, Board of Worship

HELP US CARE FOR YOU: *Your well-being is important to us and we want to pray for you!* When you or a family member is hospitalized, we want to serve you with prayers and visits. Unfortunately, we are no longer notified by the hospital; please call the church office when you have any medical/surgical procedure or in any time of spiritual need at **217-442-5675.** You can also call Pastor Heidle's cell phone: 217-516-0085.



Prayer requests: we are certainly pleased to pray for your (non-member) family and friends alongside our Immanuel members. Please keep us informed of their needs.

2019 ENVELOPES are coming soon! Please do not use your new envelopes until 2019 as your envelope number may have changed; likewise, do not use leftover 2018 envelopes after Jan. 1. This will help us accurately acknowledge your contributions. If you currently do not have envelopes, but would like to begin using them, please call Kim in the church office. Thanks! **PLEASE NOTE:** Per IRS regulations, donations must be given by **Dec. 31** to be considered a 2018 donation. Any donations received after that date will go on your 2019 contribution statement.

AMAZON SMILE: Online shoppers: please use *Amazon Smile!!* To make Immanuel your charity, go to the website: smile.amazon.com/ch/37-0806907; then shop and Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase price to Immanuel. It's a simple and automatic way for you to support Immanuel every time you shop, at no additional cost to you! *What a great way to give a gift for our church as you finish your Christmas shopping!!*



The Heidle family will again open the Parsonage for you to stop by Sunday afternoon **Dec. 9** from 1 to 4 pm. There will be cookies, treats, snacks and an opportunity to share some Christmas cheer with our Immanuel family!



ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP:

The theme for our Midweek Advent Services (Dec. 5, 12, 19) is **"Your King is Coming!"** Jesus is our Coming King; our King of Shame; our King of Guilt; and the King of the Low—and that's Good News for us! Come and worship: *Your King is Coming!*

MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS POTLUCK:

is **Dec. 10** at 6 pm in the multipurpose room. The meat, drinks, and table service are provided; please bring a dish to share. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board on the hall. All members of Immanuel are welcome: men, women, couples, and singles. DLS children will sing carols – and we'll enjoy singing some too! Call Ken Kuhn at 446-8440 with questions.

THAT FIRST CHRISTMAS MORN



Mary kissed the face of God
when Jesus Christ was born,
and the world was changed forever,
that first Christmas morn.
She held heaven in her arms
in ancient Bethlehem,
as angels sang Him lullabies
and shepherds worshipped Him.
Mary kissed the face of God
And showered Him with love,
while Wisemen came from far away
when they saw His star above.
He was a child like no other,
the living Son of God,
with a mission like no other
who walked this earthly sod.
Mary kissed the face of God
and in her heart she knew
her life had changed forever,
for she was special, too.
She held heaven in her arms
That first Christmas morn,
for Mary kissed the face of God
when Jesus Christ was born.
On that first Christmas morn.
On that first Christmas morn.
On that first Christmas morn.

*Submitted by Janice Brown Washington
Immanuel Manor*

PLEASE NOTE: Be sure to keep all your valuables out of sight and your vehicle doors locked. We have had trouble in the past during this time of year; so we extend this word of caution!

WOMEN'S GUILD: We hope you will join us for the Women's Guild *Christmas Potluck* on **Dec. 11** at 6 pm. Please bring a dish to share; tableware and drinks will be provided. Our December ingathering will be a monetary offering for food and gift cards to help support 2 struggling DLS families. Please bring your offering to the potluck. We hope you will join us for fellowship, entertainment, and delicious food!

Here's What's Happening in Sunday School!

Sound the bells! The Savior's born! The Sunday School children are busy preparing for their Christmas service coming up on **Dec. 23**. This worship service will feature the sounds of various bells to retell the Christmas story. It is not too late for children to be a part of this service. We practice each Sunday at 8:30 am in Sunday School and will have a special practice on **Dec. 21**. *Please note: There is no Sunday School on Dec. 30.*

PARISH EDUCATION NEWS: The Board of Parish Education will host the first *Advent Supper* on **Dec. 5** with serving beginning at 5 pm. We hope you will join us! *'Coffee to Go'* happens each Wednesday morning from 7-8:30 am as we serve coffee and a baked treat with DLS parents as they drop off their children. We always welcome donations of baked goods, speak with Annie or Diana. **Coming up... Monical's Day** has been rescheduled to **Jan. 8** and Icebox Cookie baking is in March 2019 –*save the dates!*

Christmas Cookies



An annual project of our Women's Guild is to remember our Immanuel home bound members & friends with Christmas cookies. Please consider helping by baking cookies or helping with delivery. Cookies will be packed on Monday, **Dec. 17** and ready for delivery by noon. Please sign up on the bulletin board to help with this project and spread Christmas joy! *Thank you!*

DIRECTORY UPDATES: Please note the following correction in your copy of our church phone directory: **Carol Rollins** has a new address: 316 E. 14th Street, Apt# 217, Tilton, IL 61833. **Helen Dahlenburg's** address is incorrect: it is listed as 3222 Independence and should be changed to 3220 Independence. **David Zimmermann's** phone number is 799-0662. We will continue to update new or corrected contact information in the newsletter each month as it becomes available. Please contact Kim in the church office if your information changes or is listed incorrectly. *Thank you!*

CAPITAL FUND DRIVE COMMITTEE:

Thanks be to God the Father for His wonderful gift to us of His Son, Jesus. *The following accomplishments are entirely done through the generous giving of our congregation!* Without these generous gifts of time, talents and donations since 2012, these projects wouldn't have been possible. The projects are:

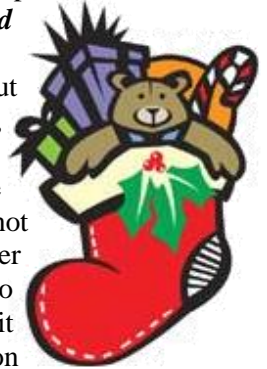
- New organ \$18,565
- Replaced the HVAC in the sanctuary and office wing \$125,083
- New lights in the sanctuary \$17,373.62
- New flat roof over the sanctuary 3,405
- AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for the sanctuary \$1,199—funded entirely through grant from Vermilion Healthcare Foundation
- Parsonage:
 - New HVAC \$6,650
 - New roof \$7,755
 - Attic insulation \$1,745
 - Electrical work \$1,321.26
- Partial payment towards new playground equipment (from Hog Roast proceeds) \$4,149.25
- Paid down and provided monthly payments for the church mortgage \$104,735.10
- 2017 projects completed:
 - New cafeteria stoves/ovens \$9,561.50
 - Drainage tile around building and parsonage \$21,234.51
 - South portion of parking lot resealed and restriped \$8,960
- 2018 projects:
 - Parsonage crawlspace sealing and insulation \$4,347
 - Parsonage driveway torn out and re-asphalted \$7,525
 - Replacing classroom/office windows on east side of building \$55,500 (this will be done during Christmas break)

The classroom windows have deteriorated over the years (about 60 years!), been repaired, and now need replacing. When it rains, one of the classrooms puts towels on the ledge under the window to soak up the rain coming in! The tuck pointing between the glass blocks is almost gone, and the caulking around the windows has become brittle. We discussed just doing the tuck pointing and caulking, and it was around \$16,000 which would not correct the entire window problem. Arrow Glass, who did the replacement windows at Danville High School, gave us an estimate of about \$110,000 for all the windows. He is willing to work with us and will replace the east side windows during the Christmas break. Our new windows will look like the windows at the high school except we would have some that open along the bottom for ventilation and emergency egress. These windows will also help lower our heating and

air conditioning bills since they are energy efficient. We will be raising money to replace the west side windows for the remaining amount of approximately \$55,000. If you or a group of members would like to sponsor a window (They vary in cost according to the size, etc.) by raising the money for it, please contact Jo Van Hoveln or any committee member. There is a Capital Fund Drive bulletin board in the hallway between the coat room and the parish mailboxes. Prior generations worked and sacrificed to build the school/church building, and it is up to us to preserve and improve our church home just as we would our own household's. Our Phase 2 pledge drive has already started, but it's not too late to pledge/donate to the Capital Fund Drive. All donations from large to small are equally appreciated! If you have any questions, please contact Jo Van Hoveln or any of the committee members.

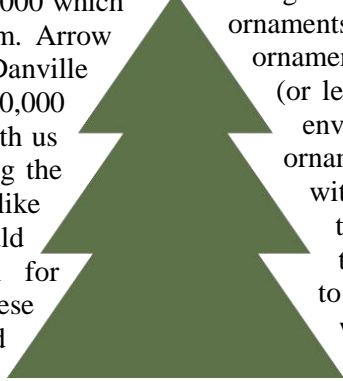
GIFT (SCRIP) CARDS: December Scrip orders are due to the church office by 1:30 pm on **Dec. 10.**

They make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers! This is an easy way to get something for everyone without the hassle of shopping in the stores, and these cards are *good anywhere in the USA*. Order blanks are on the table in the chapel hallway. Orders are not limited to the vendors listed on the order blank; to see of the vendor you want to order from is available, visit www.shopwithscrip.com. Click on "Quick Links", then "Retailers List." Write the name of the vendor, denomination of the gift card, number of cards wanted, and total amount on a blank line of the order form. There is also a vendor list on the bulletin board in the chapel hallway. Your order will be available for pickup on **Dec. 16** or in the church office after that. Most of the local fast food/chain restaurants (with varying rates of profit to the church), plus Meijer, Wal-Mart, and Big R have cards available *every Sunday* in the chapel hallway and in the church office during the week. This is the **LAST** order date before Christmas!



CAPITAL FUND DRIVE CHRISTMAS TREE:

There's a Christmas tree in the Narthex for special *year end* gifts to the Capital Fund Drive; it has all blue ornaments. This tree is special because each of the ornaments has a white tag with either a dollar amount (or left blank for you to fill in). There are special envelopes beside the tree. Please take an ornament as a remembrance and put the white tag with a check for the corresponding amount inside the envelope. Place the completed envelope in the collection plate. All donations will be used to build up our cash to pay for the school windows. *Thanks for your continued support!!*



THRIVENT MEMBERS: On Dec. 31 all *action teams and Thrivent Choice Dollars* expire for the 2018 calendar year. We don't want to lose any of these monies that can help our church and community. If you need help or do not know if you have an action team or choice dollars available please speak with Sue Heidle.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOTES:

- **DLS Report:** Teachers have completed a CPR/AED course, Chapel offerings support Immanuel's food pantry and Backpack program, students are coloring birthday cards to mail to seniors and shut-ins, current fundraisers are poinsettias and Culver's night.
- **Fall Voters' Meeting:** Endowment proposal, recommendation for bell system, committee reports.
- **Discussion:** Statement of Belief and Facilities Use policy. Review and comment.
- **Finance:** Position vacant.
- **Worship:** Special Services to begin at 6:30.
- **Missions:** Food ingathering Nov. 4
- **Properties:** Brick wall by the canopy replaced, new shingles on mower shed, parsonage driveway completed

CENTRAL IL DISTRICT NEWS

PASTOR LARRY BELL has accepted a call to serve as pastor at Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church in Payson, Arizona. He has enjoyed being in our Central Illinois District for more than 20 years! We wish Pastor Bell and his wife, Pamela, well on their move and at their new place of service!

PUBLICATIONS: The district publishes (electronically) the GatePost at least three times per year. It gives a summary of what is happening in the past, present, and future in and around our District. They also publish a monthly newsletter with a story of your mission dollars at work. Signup to receive these publications directly in your email as soon as they are published on the district webpage: www.cidlcms.org.

PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL: The CID website contains a link to watch a 30 minute video, Partnership in the Gospel, which they urge everyone in the District to watch. It is a quick overview of CID missions here in central Illinois. You will be impressed with what your mission dollars are doing!

***If you need someone to just listen,
simply pray.***

MISSION STORY – CAN GOD FORGIVE ME?

In addition to his responsibilities as a parish pastor, Pastor Steve Southward works in prison ministry. Currently he serves inmates at three Illinois facilities, including Western Illinois Correctional Center in Mount Sterling.

There, on one occasion, an inmate asked Pastor Southward a question after Bible study. This man was serving two consecutive life sentences for murdering two people. What he wanted to know was: could God forgive him for what he did?

He had asked God to forgive him, he said. Yet he just wasn't sure whether the all-important forgiveness would be granted. This was the uncertainty that caused him to approach Pastor Southward.

"*Father, forgive them*" was the very first thing Jesus said from the cross, Pastor Southward pointed out. *Can Jesus forgive murderers?* Look what He was saying about those who were in the process of murdering Him! Yes, God forgives; Pastor Southward went on, quoting 1 John 1:9: "*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*"

Yes, Pastor Southward said, *God forgives you*. Then he asked whether the troubled man believed this. He said he did. Pastor Southward assured him that because of God's promise on account of Christ, he could be certain of God's love and pardon for his sins.

The man smiled. A tremendous weight had been lifted, he said.

Three months later this inmate died of cancer. He died having been assured that God's forgiveness was also for him because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

"*I was truly humbled,*" says Pastor Southward.

The Lord has used your congregation's gifts to the Central Illinois District to put Pastor Steve Southward into Illinois prisons for more than a quarter-century.

WEIHNACHTSGOTTESDIENST: Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church in Terre Haute, IN invites you to their annual *German Christmas Service* on **Dec. 16** at 4:00 pm. Sing German hymns and carols, hear the Gospel and sermon in German, and enjoy some *Gemutlichkeit*. They will serve pastries, cookies, German Kaffe. An English translation of the liturgy will be provided as well as a synopsis of the sermon. One need not know German to enjoy this Service! Call 812-232-4972 for more info.

***May you know the comfort and
joy of God's presence this
Christmas season and always!
Merry Christmas!***

DANVILLE LUTHERAN School News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Dec. 1 & 2 – I&I Basketball Tournament at Trinity
- Dec. 6 – School Board Meeting at Immanuel
- Dec. 12 – All School Chapel at Immanuel
- Dec. 13 – K-8 Christmas Program
- Dec. 18 – Preschool Christmas Program
- Dec. 20 – End of the Second Quarter
- Dec. 21 – Jan. 3 – Christmas Break



You are invited to our DLS Christmas Concerts! The K – 8 program is **Dec. 13** at 6:30 pm in our Immanuel gym; and our Preschool program is on **Dec. 18** at 6:30 pm also at Immanuel. *Please come – you don't want to miss it!*

GO WARRIORS! Come support our DLS Warriors at their December Basketball games! The I & I Tournament is **Dec. 1 – 2** at Trinity. They play on **Dec. 6** (vs. Urbana Uni-High) at Trinity at 6 pm. *Go Warriors!!*

POINSETTIAS: *Thank you to the many of you who continue to support DLS through our fundraisers!!* If you ordered Christmas Poinsettias for personal use or gifts, your orders will be ready for pick up on **Dec. 11** at Immanuel. If you ordered poinsettias for the altar at Trinity or Immanuel, you do not need to come pick them up – they will be delivered to the church. *Thank you!*



DLS TSHIRTS: DLS T-shirts (in both new and popular past designs) are available. These shirts would make great Christmas gifts for your children or grandchildren enrolled in DLS! Order one for you too – you can wear it to our many events, such as programs and athletic events, or wear it out and about any day to market and show your support for Danville Lutheran! You can place your order through the church office. Call us and let us know what design and size (youth medium – adult 5XL) you need and you can make a check payable to Danville Lutheran School. *Thank you for your support!*



Mrs. Marxman's preschool class is enjoying playing in the leaves at Trinity campus!



Sue Heidle is named as Ag in the Classroom's **"Teacher of the Year!"** Sue was honored at the Vermilion County Farm Bureau 100th Anniversary Celebration! Congratulations, Sue!



Miss Fauser's First Grade class had a fun and educational day of learning about when they had a fireman come to classroom to teach them all about fire safety!

REAL.PRESENT.GOD.



MUSIC NOTES

December 2018

Mrs. Tara Wells

We are all working hard to learn the songs for the Christmas program. It should be a great one! We have lots of fun songs about Blitzen (not Rudolf), Santa getting stuck in the chimney, and Silent Night in German, English, and sign language. We cannot wait to perform for you. Also, the 5th-8th grade students are learning to read tablature on the ukulele, through the Christmas songs. Younger grades will be learning Christmas songs on the Boomwhackers, Xylophones, and Drums.



Mrs. Connie Marxman-Preschool 3/4

It's the season of joy and togetherness. We are decorating our classroom with the sights of Bethlehem. Using their 5 senses, the children do simple activities that aid in relating the story of Jesus' birth in a way they can understand. In the Wisemans Gift Shop, presents are wrapped and greeting cards are made. This year, children are also going to be wrapping books to give to a children's shelter in town. In Joseph's Workshop, hammer and nails are used to pound and build. Bethlehem Inn has so many people that there is no room when Mary and Joseph arrive. Bethlehem Town helps build understanding for the children and the instill the true reason we celebrate Christmas.

Mrs. Tabby Hammer-Preschool 3/4

It's the most wonderful time of the year. The preschool class is very busy practicing for the Christmas program. We would love for you to come. The program is Tuesday, Dec. 18th at 6:30 p.m. In class, we are moving right through the alphabet. This month we will learn the letters L, M and N. During Jesus time, we will be learning what Christmas is all about, and the promise of our Savior King and the birth of Jesus. The preschool class wants to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mrs. Sue Heidle-PreKindergarten

This school year is flying by. We can't believe it is December. We are excited, though, to be learning more about our Savior's birth. We will make a lot of art projects that we can share with our families to help celebrate. We will work on Christmas songs for our program which is Tuesday, Dec. 18th at Immanuel. Please come and see us tell the Christmas story. We will also do a unit on animals that hibernate, migrate, and adapt and a unit on gingerbread. We pray you have a very Merry Christmas.



The Marshmallow Tower STEM Challenge Grades 7/8

SPECIAL ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EDITION

Mrs. Penny Tibben-Grades 3/4

Colder weather, a few snowflakes, and the anticipation of Christmas provide a unique atmosphere for the third and fourth graders to begin their first novel study, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. They are enjoying the winter setting. They are also learning new vocabulary words as well as information about the author, C.S. Lewis, and his use of Christian fantasy to teach about Jesus and His sacrifice for sin. Ornaments and artwork showing various parts of the Christmas story are being made to share with our parents. As you prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, please know that the third and fourth graders wish you a very happy Christmas. Jesus is born...He will come again!

Mr. Dan Yagow-Grades 5/6

I have always had an appreciation for Chrismons at this time of the year. Several of my favorite ones include the Chi Rho, the fish, the butterfly, the triumphant cross, and the mother pelican feeding her own blood to sustain the life of her young ones.. Each Chrismon represents a wonderful message, as we prepare for the celebration of our Savior's birth. The students in the fifth and sixth grades will have the task of making four homemade Chrismons during the Advent season and then adding them to the classroom Christmas tree and later to share with our families. Each created Chrismon will serve as a devotional message for the classroom as we highlight the joy and peace of our Savior's birth. A blessed Christmas to you from the students of the fifth and sixth grades!

Mrs. Cathy Huff and Mrs. Kim Wright-Grades 7/8

Seventh and eighth grade students will also be working with the Chrismons. Each student has been challenged to research an image and its meaning. We will use the images to design and create a cookie cutter with the 3D printers. We will, of course, try out our cookie cutters as we make, bake, and accurately decorate Chrismon cookies later in the month. December is a great time to display special Christmas art projects. Grade 7/8 Christ Trees will be on display in the Trinity cafeteria in December. Merry Christmas to all of our DLS families and friends!

KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Marah Showers

December is one of the shortest months during our school year, yet it always feels like one of the busiest- In a good way! We spend the whole month learning about the birth of Jesus and the true meaning of Christmas. We will be completing multiple fun art projects, as well as creating stories to share the good news with others who may not be familiar with the Christmas story. Our class will end the month celebrating at our Christmas party, before we leave for winter break to enjoy the holiday with our families.

GRADE 1

Mrs. Sara Fauser

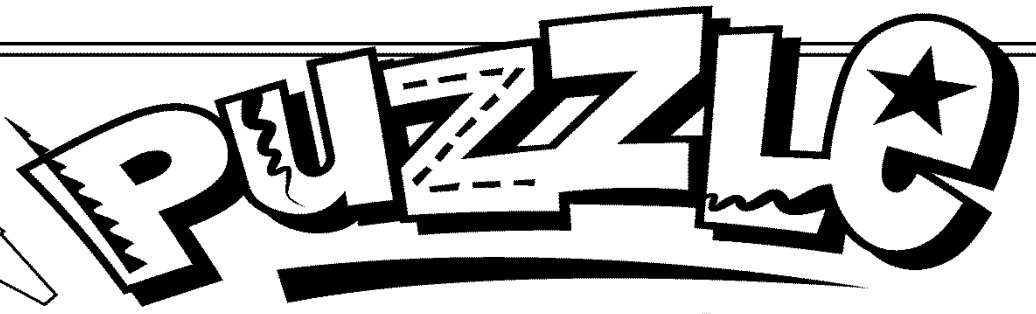
First grade will be learning about Christmas around the world this month. We are making our passports now. For each country we visit, we will receive a special sticker for our passport. First graders will make a special craft in each country, as we learn about how they celebrate. We are also busy practicing for our Christmas program. We love our new song about Blitzen. In religion, we are learning about preparing our hearts and homes for our Savior's Birth. We are getting excited for Christmas. We wish you all a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

GRADE 2

Mrs. Katie Rouse

The second grade class is beyond excited for the month of December. In religion, we will begin unit 5- *Jesus, The Son of God*. We will see that the baby born in Bethlehem is not just a man. He is the Son of God. We look forward to our Christmas concert on Thursday, December 18th, at the Immanuel Campus.





In Luke 2:10, the angels share good news that continues to bring great joy today.

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TOTAL JOY=_____

Answer: 36 (10 in the J, 15 in the O, 11 in the Y); Jesus is at the bottom of the large O



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December 2018

December 2 (Luke 21:25-36) **“Watching. Waiting. Hoping.”**

Rev. James L. Elsner, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church~Stroh, IN

As Christmas draws near, Advent provides a season of preparation for Christ’s coming. Knowing that Jesus will reappear, are you fearful? Or, Hoping?

December 9 (Luke 3:4b) **“Prepare the Way”**

Rev. Shayne Jonker, Faith Lutheran Church~Roanoke, IN

Repentance and forgiveness. This is the pattern of the Christian life. This is the daily death and resurrection of those baptized into Christ. And this is how we prepare to meet the Lord Jesus in His coming to us.

December 16 (Luke 7:18-28) **“Are You the One?”**

By Rev. William Mueller, Suburban Bethlehem Church~Fort Wayne, IN

Have you wondered what God was up to in your life? Don’t fret if you have – so did John the Baptist. Feel frustrated in your faith? Don’t worry – just ask the right person, like John the Baptist did. Ask Jesus in the moments of frustration and fear...and be encouraged by His answer!

December 23 (Luke 2:9) **“God Comes Near!”**

By Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer, Holy Cross Lutheran Church~Fort Wayne, IN

“The hopes and fears of all the years” came together over two thousand years ago in the “little town of Bethlehem.” God came near. What are your hopes this Christmas? Your fears? God comes near! “O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!”

December 30 (Colossians 3:12-17) **“In the Name of Jesus”**

By Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier III, Concordia Theological Seminary~Fort Wayne, IN

As we face a new year, or at any time in the year, what is the best advice as to how we are to live? Do everything in the name of Jesus! We can live in such a manner, because of Jesus’ name!

Serving in...



Elders

Dec.	2	Ken Kuhn
	9	Don DeMoss
	16	Scott Burgess
	23	David Ammermann
	30	John Albers

Communion Assistants

Dec.	2	Kurt Thornsborough, David Ammermann
	16	Scott Burgess, Charles Vollmer
7 pm	24	TBA
	30	Josh Christensen, Wayne Mann

Ushers

Dec.	Team "F"	
	Capt. Bruce Huff, Tom Farrell, Dwain Dixon, John Albers, Al Julian	

Note: Advent and Special Services:

December 5	6:30 pm	Team "D"
December 12	6:30 pm	Team "A"
December 19	6:30 pm	Team "E"
December 24	7:00 pm	Team "E"

Lay Readers

Dec.	2	Al Julian
6:30 pm	5	Kathy Kyle
	9	Bruce Burton
6:30 pm	12	Marilyn Le Pere
	16	Jan Mann
6:30 pm	19	Diana Pratt
7:00 pm	24	TBA
	30	Madyson Schendel

Greeters

Dec.	2	Narthex	John & Marcy Heeren
		Chapel	Kitty Lee
	9	Narthex	Charles Vollmer family
		Chapel	Charlotte Schendel
	16	Narthex	Bill & Joyce Martin
		Chapel	Marlon & Marian Heideman
	23	Narthex	Gary & Sarah Stuhr
		Chapel	Carol Johnston
	30	Narthex	Deneen Schendel Family
		Chapel	Dianne Seibert, Roger Seibert

Acolytes

	Sundays	Special Services
Dec.	2 Shamiah Cope	5 Tiffany Walters
	9 Hannah Christensen	12 TJ Mann
	16 Josey Clem	19 Quentin Alblinger
	23 Rhylie Beauvois	24 Noah Acree
	30 Aidin Stuhr	

Altar Guild

Dec.	Terri Albers, Carrie Farrell, Mary Powell
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Money Counters

Dec.	Team "C" Mary Powell, Dianne Seibert
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?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

According to the fourth Gospel, "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the ____."

- A. love
- B. life
- C. light
- D. Lord



Answer: C (See John 1:6-7, NRSV.)



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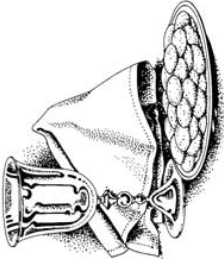


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