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SERVING TODAY: Organist/Bell Choir Director: Tom Fricke; Pianist: Darlene Collins; Choir Director: Lisa Burgess; Elder: David Ammermann; Ushers: Team F: Cpt. Bruce Huff; Altar Guild: Terri Albers, Carrie Farrell, Mary Powell; Greeters: Narthex: Gary & Sarah Stuhr, Hall: Carol Johnston; Acolyte: Rhyllie Beauvois; Counters: Team C.

SPIRITUAL CARE: If someone in your family needs spiritual care (e.g. if you enter the hospital, are facing surgery, or wish to discuss a spiritual problem), please call our Church Office (442-5675); Pastor Heidle (Office: 442-5675; cell: 516-0085); or contact an elder. **We no longer receive phone calls from the hospital to inform us when a member is admitted - please call us when you or a loved one is hospitalized or having a procedure so we can pray or visit with you!**

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by all those listed on the poinsettia sheet. *May all your remembrances be blessed!*

PRAYER WARRIORS: Let us pray that the Good News of God's gift of salvation through the baby born of Mary would continue to bless us and inspire us to share the joy of God's love with others!

HOSPITALIZED: We pray for those hospitalized this week: [none known]

HOMEBOUND/HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for **Shirley Gunia, Helen Jenkins, Bernice Lane, Enid White, Betty Mann, and Diana Stage.**

TUNE IN THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (12/30) "**A Long Goodbye**" by Rev. Dean Nadasdy. As the year come to a close, we likely have regrets and guilt. We can beat ourselves up over work left undone, but Jesus Christ has assured us that He is your hope. His grace is more than sufficient to take us into another year and give us peace. (Luke 2:27-31) Tune in any time: www.lutheranhour.org

GIFT BAGS: The gift bags for the Sunday School children were provided by Parish Education.

2019 ENVELOPES are in your mailbox! 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 (they can be dropped off for school chapel use). If you do not currently have envelopes, but would like some, please call Kim in the church office. *Thanks!*

SUNDAY SCHOOL: *Sound the bells! The Savior's born!* Today's worship service will feature the sounds of various bells to retell the Christmas story. *There is no Sunday School Dec. 30.*



ADULT BIBLE CLASS: Join us on Sundays at 8:30 am in our Multipurpose Room for our Adult Bible Class as we grow in our understanding of God, faith, and the Bible. Today we will have an **Open Forum** for questions, remembrances, and messages about Christmas—God's great gift to us and all people! *There will be no Bible Class on Dec. 30.*



ADVENT IS COMING! Today is the *Fourth Sunday of Advent.* **May the joy** of this special season bless you and yours with peace, hope, joy, and love in Christ! We extend **THANKS** to all who helped with our special Advent and Christmas services and activities! From the choir and handbells, who gave their time and talents; to the Parish Ed volunteers and children with the Children's Christmas Program; to all who helped decorate the church, baked cookies to give away, and contributed to the Christmas food baskets, etc. **Thank you and Merry Christmas!!** The Christmas Candlelight Worship with Communion is *tomorrow, Dec. 24* at 7 pm and our Wednesday Service **Dec. 26** at 5 pm will be a **Christmas Communion Service.**



THE 2018 BABY BOTTLE BLITZ is almost over! We are helping the Women's Care Clinic reach their goal of collecting 2,018 bottles of change in 2018. Baby bottles are on the information table in the all – take one, fill it with change, and bring it back by the end of the year. *Your change can make a change!*

THRIVENT MEMBERS: Great news! 6 new \$250 action teams by Thrivent members were applied for. If you are a Thrivent member you may have an action team that you can apply for that can help the church or any other organization you would like to help. See Sue Heidle with any questions. Don't forget to designate a charity for your Thrivent Choice Dollars!

CAPITAL FUND CHRISTMAS TREE: *Thank*

you to all who have generously donated!



There's still time to donate this Christmas season. There's a tree in the Narthex with blue ornaments for year end gifts to the Capital Fund Drive. Each of the ornaments has a white tag with a dollar amount or left blank for you to fill in. Keep an ornament as a remembrance and put the tag with a check inside an envelope, then place it in the collection plate.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will begin a new series on Romans on **Jan. 15** at 9:30 am. If you would like to join us and did not order a study book in advance, call Carol Johnston at 446-4523 by **Jan. 2**. When the books arrive, we will distribute them in your church mailbox. We will collect the payment for the book in Bible Study. All ladies of Immanuel are welcome – see you in 2019!

A MESSAGE FROM WOMEN'S GUILD: *Thank you* to all who baked and delivered Christmas Cookies for Women's Guild! We were able to deliver 35 boxes to Immanuel members as well as a tray of cookies to both Deer Creek Manor and Immanuel Senior Residences. Also a big thank you to all who donated to the Women's Guild Christmas Charity. A total of \$338 was collected and we were able to put together food baskets and purchase gift cards to help 3 struggling DLS families.

DLS SUNDAY is next Sunday, **Dec. 30**.

Please join us as we celebrate Danville Lutheran School! Our 5th Sunday door offering to benefit the Zora Drews Scholarship Fund will be collected after the service. Prayerfully consider a special donation!



PLEASE NOTE: Church office hours will vary during the week of Christmas and New Years. Our office is closed on **Dec. 24 – 26** and **Jan. 1**. Thanks for your patience! If you call, please leave a message or send an email. *Thanks!*



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Attendance Sunday (12/16)	166
Communion Attendance	142
Sunday School/Bible Class	36
Attendance Wednesday (12/19)	39

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$8,602. ⁰⁰
Needed Weekly	\$10,869. ⁰⁰
Checking Account Balance	\$1,864. ⁰⁰
Bills Due This Week	\$10,608. ⁰⁰

BIRTHDAYS:

Dec. 23 Holly Clem	24 Tom Fricke
	27 George Pratt

ANNIVERSARIES:

Dec. 29 Daniel & Joanna Van Hoveln	50
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CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (23) 8:00 am	Coffee Hour
8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
9:30 am	Worship
Monday (24) 7:00 pm	Candlelight Christmas Worship with Communion
Wednesday (26) 5:00 pm	Evening Worship with Communion
Next Sunday (30) 8:00 am	Coffee Hour
9:30 am	Worship with Communion
	Door Offering: Zora Drews Scholarship Fund
11:00 am	Youth Confirmation Class

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec. 24 7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Communion
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Pastor Heidle and Kim Davis in our Church Office and the staff of our Danville Lutheran School extend a very Merry Christmas to you and yours!



2018 Altar Poinsettias

Given In Honor of the Christ Child by...

Bill and Joyce Martin
Charlie and Sharon Crow
David and Judy Creek

Given In Loving Memory of...

Given By...

Harry & Evelyn Heeren; Stanley & Mary Pasierb.....	John & Marcy Heeren
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Anders.....	Marlon & Marian Heideman
Rev. Dr. Paul & Viola Heideman.....	Marlon & Marian Heideman
Ann Teegarden.....	Paul Teegarden
Victor & Margaret Poll.....	Denny & Rosemary Hilton; Nancy Holler
David & Dorothy Riesland.....	Chuck, Denise, & Dottie Vollmer
William A. & Audrey Neu; Glen & Bessie Kyle.....	Joe & Kathy Kyle
Matthew Alan Van Hovel.....	Dan Van Hovel Family
Carl & Nina Osterbur.....	James Osterbur
Jerry Henk; Betsy Dillon.....	Sue Henk
Michael Glossinger.....	Sharon Glossinger
Daniel & Anita Palmer.....	Diana Pratt
Ervin & Emma Salzman.....	Richard & Clarice Wahlfeldt
Ernest & Anna Wahlfeldt.....	Richard & Clarice Wahlfeldt
Chester Reifsteck; Randy Reifsteck	Loretta Reifsteck
Henry & Esther Huckstadt; Alta Miller.....	Richard Huckstadt
Mary Lou Huckstadt.....	Richard Huckstadt
Wilbur & Florence Le Pere	Marilyn Le Pere
Mark Prasse	Earl & Marcia Prasse
William Sharkey; Hubert Fricke	Tom & Mary Ellen Fricke
Wendell Smith.....	Ellyn Smith
Bob Schendel.....	Phyllis Schendel
Bill Seidler.....	Mickey Seidler

