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SERVING TODAY: Organist/Bell Choir Director: Tom Fricke; Suborganist: Tara Wells; Pianist: Darlene Collins; Choir Director: Lisa Burgess; Elder: Don DeMoss; Communion Assistants: Al Julian, Wayne Mann; Ushers: Team A: Cpt. Don DeMoss; Lay Reader: Marah Showers; Altar Guild: Sue DeMoss, Kim Davis; Greeters: Narthex: John & Marcy Heeren, Hall: Kitty Lee; Acolyte: Hannah Christensen; Counters: Team A: Holly Clem, Jerry & Charlotte Kennett.

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 by Larry Fredericks in honor of the glory of God, revealed to the Magi; to the nations; and to us!

PRAYER WARRIORS: Let us pray that as God used a star, Scripture, and a dream to guide the Magi on their way to and from Bethlehem, that He guide us today through His Word to see and behold Jesus as the "star" that our heavenly Father has provided for us to see our Savior! "Holy Spirit, Light divine, shine upon this heart of mine..."

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

HOMEBOUND/HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for **Mike Borgwald, Ruth Burress, Sandra Courson, Barbara Dawless, Marsha Malivuk, Ellyn Smith, Erna Vanderploeg, and Clarice Wahlfeldt.**

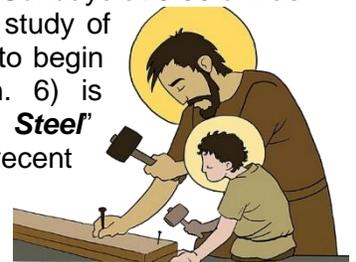
TUNE IN THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (1/13) "**Reason to Believe**" by Rev. Michael Zeigler. Do you have a reason to believe that everyone should believe what you believe? John did. (John 1:19-51) Tune in any time: www.lutheranhour.org

SAVE THE DATE! Our 23rd Annual "**A Taste of Deutschland**" German Dinner hosted by our Immanuel Men's Club is planned for **Feb. 16**. We will soon have tickets available and will be asking for volunteers. *Watch for more information!*



SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our January lessons are about God's prophet Elijah. We will study the account of Elijah being fed at the Brook Cherish, as well as the showdown with the prophets of Baal at Mount Carmel. Children will see how God pours out His everlasting love for us and is with us, even when everything seems against us. God says, "*Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God.*" (Isaiah 41:10).

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: You're invited to join us in our Multipurpose Room on Sundays at 8:30 am as we grow in faith through the study of God's Word. Our NEW topic to begin the new year (starting Jan. 6) is "**Joseph: Carpenter of Steel**" addressing some of our recent questions about the mysterious husband of Mary! **Come and Grow with us!!**



MONICAL'S DAY is this Tuesday, **Jan. 8**. Flyers were distributed in your church mailbox and extra copies are available on the information table. Invite your family and friends to eat pizza and support our Parish Education programs!

ALTAR FLOWERS / BULLETINS: Once again, we are offering two families the opportunity to sponsor flowers for our altar for any Sunday. The cost will remain \$35.00 per family whether there is one sponsor or two. When there are two sponsors, the bouquets will be larger, and each family may take one after the Service. Also, a new bulletin sponsor sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the hall. Sign-up today to celebrate your special occasions and remembrances!



2019 ENVELOPES: **Please use your new offering envelopes now**, as your envelope number may have changed. This will help us accurately acknowledge your contributions. If you did not receive giving envelopes, but would like to begin using them, just let us know in the church office; we have a box of envelopes for you! Leftover 2018 envelopes may be brought to the office so they can be recycled for school chapel offerings. *Thanks!*

CAPITAL FUND CHRISTMAS TREE: Thank you to everyone who made an end of the year gift. In December, \$6,367 was donated to the Capital Fund Drive! Special gifts may be made today to celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. To make a donations at any time; the special envelopes are by the ushers' desk in the Narthex and on the Capital Fund bulletin board between the mailboxes and coatroom. *Thanks!*

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS: For our January ingathering, we are collecting winter essentials for the homeless: socks, hats, and gloves. Our next meeting is a luncheon meeting on **Jan. 8** at 11:30 am. *See you there!*



WE NEED YOUR HELP! Christmas decorations are coming down on **Jan. 10** at 5 pm to be put away for another year. *Many hands make light work* if we have plenty of volunteers and some who are able to climb ladders and reach the high places. *Your help will be appreciated!*

SCRIP: January Scrip orders are due to the church office by 1 pm on **Jan. 14**. The cards will be ready for pick up on **Jan. 21**, or in the church office after that. Order blanks are available on the hall table.

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 at 446-4523. *All ladies of Immanuel are welcome!*

FEED THE CHILDREN Backpack Program is having a fundraiser at El Toro on **Jan. 15**. Here's how it works: you, your family, friends, and neighbors come to El Toro any time on that day, bring the flyer, which is available on the hall table, eat a great meal, and 20% of your purchase will benefit the program; and it's a great program – when local kids go hungry, they have their backs!!



A MESSAGE FROM ANNABELLE CLARK:
"The family of Lee Breezely thanks the congregation for your prayers, cards, and support during his illness and at his death. Your kindness and concern for our family means a great deal to us."

POINSETTIAS: We want to say **THANK YOU** again to all who placed poinsettias at our altar for the celebration of our Lord's Nativity! **Thank you!!** You are encouraged to take your poinsettias home.

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS! DLS is headed back to class this week after Christmas vacation. There are many ways you can support DLS anytime: **Schoola** is an ongoing fundraiser. Donate clothes, or shop at *schoola.com!* **Recycle:** bring in your cans, used ink cartridges, and box tops for education! "Like" DLS on **Facebook!** **Pray for us every day!!** A copy of a wonderful prayer written by a member is available on the *Connect to DLS* bulletin board. **Get involved!** Volunteer, read to our preschool, and come to school events and programs. Tell all you know about our school... **spread the word!!**



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Attendance Sunday (12/30)	103
Communion Attendance	100

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$9,975. ⁰⁰
Needed Weekly	\$10,869. ⁰⁰
Checking Account Balance	\$6,853. ⁰⁰
Bills Due This Week	\$11,068. ⁰⁰

BIRTHDAYS:

Jan. 8 David Courson	9 Jaxon Gondzur
	9 Nicole Huckstadt

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jan. 6 Floyd & Terri Reed	44
Jan. 9 Scott & Lisa Burgess	31

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (6)	8:00 am	Coffee Hour
	8:30 am	Sunday School / Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
	11:00 am	Youth Confirmation
Monday (7)	9:45 am	Manor Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Elders Meeting
Tuesday (8)	9:00 am	Circuit Pastors Conference
	11:30 am	Women's Guild Meeting
	6:00 pm	DLS Basketball Game @ IM
Wednesday (9)	8:45 am	DLS Chapel
	9:30 am	Craft Group
	5:00 pm	Evening Worship
	6:15 pm	Choir
	7:00 pm	Handbells
Thursday (10)	9:45 am	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 am	Social Ministry Meeting
	5:00 pm	Christmas Un-decorating
Next Sunday (13)	8:00 am	Coffee Hour
	8:30 am	Sunday School / Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Jan. 28 – Feb. 1 Lutheran Schools Week
- Feb. 16 *A Taste of Deutschland* German Dinner