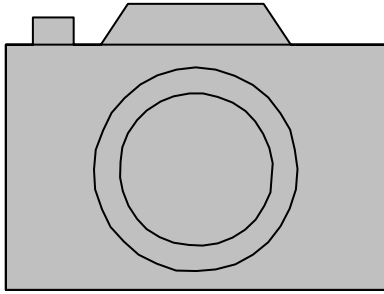


JANUARY



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



SAY CHEESE!!

Get ready to have your picture taken for our new church pictorial directory!

Each family will be receiving a call from their Elder to set up an appointment for your family's picture to be taken.

The appointments will be set for a Sunday in January either before/after church service or before/after Sunday School.

The picture's will be taken in the gym at your designated Elder's station. This will give you and your Elder a chance to meet if you haven't done so already.

So don't be shy, wear your Sunday Best and bring your **SMILES!**

We would like everyone's picture in our new book!





January 2011
Sunday School Classes
10:00 am

Adult Classes:

† **A Study on the Book of Mark,**
led by Pastor Wilke

† **Genesis...In the Beginning,**
led by Pastor Hintz

† **A Comprehensive Study of the**
Book of Acts
led by Pastor Spomer

Teen Classes:

Meet in Luther Hall
7th & 8th Graders,
9th & 10th Graders
11th & 12th Graders

Children's Classes:

2 & 3 year olds: Room #102
Preschool: Room #110
Kindergarten: Room #111
1st & 2nd Grade: Room #114
3rd & 4th Grade: Room #116

Midweek Bible Study & Wings

Wings & Midweek Study starts up again
January 5, 2011

Wings-3:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
(7th-12th grade)

Children & Adult Classes - 6:00 p.m. - 7:30pm
(This includes Communion & Confirmation classes)

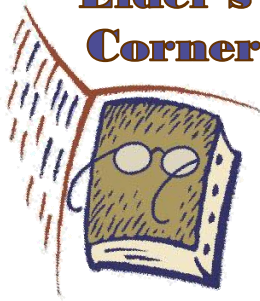
Adult Classes

Year Long Study of the Gospel of Matthew - *led by Pastor Wilke*

The 5 Love Languages - *led by Pastor Hintz*

Life's Most Important Question; Who is Jesus?-*led by Pastor Spomer*

Elder's Corner



January, 2011
by John Brigham

The older I get the faster time flies by, I can't believe that it is already 2011! Have you made any New Year's resolutions? Have you already slipped up on them? I don't make New Year resolutions because I know that self-improvement is not my strong suit. The new year starts out with such great hope and promise but all too often it seems we slip back into our old ways. Life is like that and it can be quite discouraging. Even more so when we apply a self-improvement attitude to our spiritual lives. I'm quite certain that many people on Dec. 31st made the resolution to come to church just as soon as they were "good enough". Some people might be able to quit smoking on their own. They might be able to remember to exercise daily. But they will never, ever, make themselves good enough to come before a righteous God. It's unfortunate that many people will let this fact be a stumbling block.

Perhaps you have family and friends who shy away from church because of a sense of unworthiness. If you do then you have some really good news to tell them! As Christians we rejoice in a God who came to us when we would not, and could not, come to Him. When Jesus put on human flesh it wasn't because we were good enough. Rather it was because He loved us enough to die for us and by His death and resurrection bridge the chasm between us and God. We read in 2 Corinthians 5:17 "*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come*" What a comfort to know that no matter what we have done, no matter how unworthy we feel, in Christ we are made new. So if we must make a New Years resolution let us resolve to reach out to all who feel weighed down by sin and invite them to worship with us here at Immanuel. After all, the joy we have in Christ is too big to keep all to ourselves.

God bless you throughout this new year.
John Brigham

“BATTLE OF THE BEST BOWL” POTLUCK

When: January 16, 2011 after late church

Where: Church gym

What: Bring a dish **IN A BOWL** to share

The dishes will be voted on and **PRIZES** will be awarded for the **BEST !!**

**A free-will offering will taken

This is a fundraiser for the **Lost & Found Concert**



LOST AND FOUND

FREE CONCERT

at

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Friday, January 21, 2011 @ 7:00pm

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!!!

For more information, go to:
speedwood.com



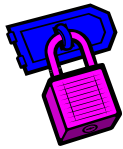
JANUARY TEEN ACTIVITIES:



 Jan. 9th-ALC-Ice Skating



Jan. 16th-6pm-8pm-Movie Night



Jan. 21st-6pm to Sat. Jan. 22nd 7:00pm-Lock-In



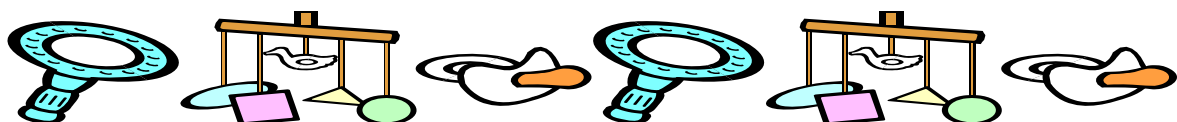
Jan. 30th-Soup Sale fundraiser during church hours

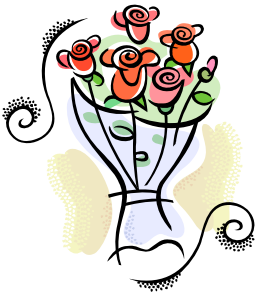
Pray for our Mothers-To-Be



Tricia Davis
Tiffany Dodson
Sara Hintz
Leslie King
Sarah Sankey
Bianca Wilke

If you would like to add your name to the prayer list, please call the church office at 258-5506





THANKS FROM JACKIE

Dearest Immanuel Family –

You overwhelmed me on Sunday, December 12, 2010 with a retirement celebration I shall never forget! I remain humbled by it all and want to acknowledge that it was completely grace-filled - full of undeserved mercy toward me!

Hugs, greeting cards and good food were expectations I had for the reception. That would have been sufficient to honor anyone's ministry among you. However, **the Lord opened up the floodgates and poured out blessing upon blessing from the family of God at Immanuel!**

Sunday began with early morning worship and Holy Communion. The Recessional Hymn was one of my favorites, "*Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*". Then to my surprise, Pastor Wilke requested I come to the middle aisle to receive something from Aaron Stenslie, congregational president. Words of thanks were shared and then he presented a mockette of our crucified Savior Jesus holding a little lamb. **This gift is extremely meaningful to me because it depicts the Lord taking care of His precious people.**

Then there was breakfast galore prepared by loving hearts and hands in addition to cake and punch. Hugs, kind comments and individual pictures were taken. Soon I will have the gift of a visual memory of my incredible retirement celebration with my brothers and sisters in Christ!

Then came a few more big surprises, which included a stunning black plaque with easel honoring my time at Immanuel from 1992-2010. Russell Reck, on behalf of the Church Staff and Elders, next presented a Waterford Crystal bowl that is absolutely beautiful. I love it and will use it proudly the rest of my life. A huge surprise from the congregation was a generous gift card from Lowe's to use for kitchen improvements at home! A certificate for labor and craftsmen assistance toward the kitchen remodeling project was also given. Yes, I remain overwhelmed and humbled by it all!

Pastor Spomer started my vocation at Immanuel after interviewing me 18 years ago when the church was located on the Hill at 216 Luther Drive. Little did I know that I would stay almost as long as the lady I replaced, Karen Duensing, who served faithfully for 22 years as the church's secretary and office manager. (Christy Hackler, the new pastoral assistant at Immanuel, has been on the job since November 15 and I'm personally thrilled with God's appointment of her among us.)

Please forgive me for being so detailed with my thank you letter, but I am compelled to reflect again on what happened and all the gifts that were so freely given. Look what God has done through you! To my beloved pastors, elders, officers, board members, co-workers in the church office, Immanuel teachers at ILCA, and all fellow believers in Christ – **THANK YOU FOR LOVING ME AND SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS!!!** It is most undeserved as the Lord Himself did not receive such a kind reception and send-off! My fervent prayer and sincere hope is that you love each other unconditionally and support your pastors and ministry leaders as you have so clearly done for this humble sinner-servant. Together, all of us must "Lift High the Cross, the Love of Christ Proclaim!"

With a heart overflowing with love and appreciation,

Jackie Bence
(retired Pastoral Assistant
& Congregational Secretary ☺)

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! 2 Cor 9:15

BEST WISHES JACKIE

“Well done good and faithful servant”



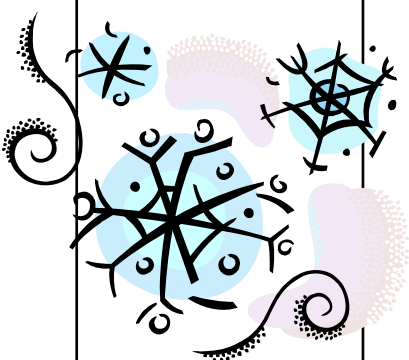
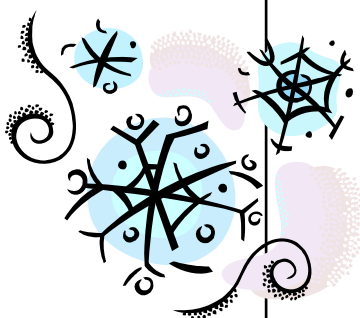
January 2011 Duty Roster

<u>Jan 2nd-8:30am</u>	<u>Jan 2nd-11:00am</u>	<u>Jan 9th-8:30am</u>	<u>Jan. 9th-11am</u>	<u>Jan. 16th- 8:30am</u>
Acolytes: Jewel Bailey Gabby Beasley	<i>Sanctuary</i> Acolyte: Griffin Beasley	Acolytes: Jack Buxton Andrew Bokal	<i>Sanctuary</i> Acolyte: Avery Davis	Acolytes: Louis Hintz Alexia Jerred
Altar Guild: <i>Set-up</i> Pam Lawson Heidi Stumbo	Altar Guild: <i>Set-up</i> Debbie Axsom April Lemaster	Altar Guild: <i>Set-up</i> L. Herzberger Jean Benzel	Altar Guild: <i>Set-up</i> L. Herzberger Jean Benzel	Altar Guild: <i>Set-up</i> April Lemaster Tanya Jensen Sandy Enloe
<i>Clean-up</i> Carol Empson	<i>Clean-up</i> Robin Armer J. Rittenhouse	<i>Clean-up</i> Cathy Thoni	<i>Clean-up</i> Teresa Eiler	<i>Clean-up</i> Dianne Hutchins Kathy Siftar
Greeters: Allen Braumiller Allen Jumper Joe & Carol Boatright Joel & Debra Karstetter	Greeters: John & Patricia Brown Roger & JoAnn Finn Charles & Linda Hieber	Greeters: Joe & Carol Boatright Glenn & Loretta Herzberger Mike&Anntoinette Minnich	Greeters: Lee & Sandy Enloe Roger & JoAnn Finn John & Patricia Brown	Greeters: Joe & Carol Boatright Gayle & Connie Hutchinson Mike&Anntoinette Minnich
Sound: Gary Woodruff	Sound: Tony Sanzalone MediaShout: Rich Faust	Sound: Troy Gacek	Sound: James Graham (Pam Danner)	Sound: David Hood
Powerpoint: Julie Woodruff		Powerpoint: Christy Hackler (Ketih K.)	MediaShout: Tim Dinkelman	Powerpoint: David Heim
Counters: Don Rieck Cline Phipps	Counters: Don Rieck Cline Phipps	Counters: Wayne & Theresa Wild	Counters: Wayne & Theresa Wild	Counters: Herb & Elva Bossaller
Elders: *Axsom Krahn Jensen Woolf Kuhlmann	Elders: *Beasley Reck Korstad	Elders: *Heisterberg Krahn Korstad Beasley	Elders: Brigham Swanson Kuhlmann	Elders: *Kuhlmann Seeman Jensen Swanson
	Prayer Partners: Vickie Horton Bob Morgenthaler D'Arcy's		*Prayer Partners: Dodson's Quecks's	

January 2011 Duty Roster Continued

<u>Jan. 16th-11:00am</u>	<u>Jan. 23rd -8:30am</u>	<u>Jan.23rd-11:00am</u>	<u>Jan. 30th-8:30am</u>	<u>Jan. 30th-11:00am</u>
<i>Sanctuary</i> Acolyte: John D'Arcy	Acoylte: Serena Jerred Sophie Jumper	<i>Sanctuary</i> Acoylte: John Faust	Acoylte: Courtney Koessel Amy Lundborg	<i>Sactuary</i> Acoylte: Nicole Floistad
Altar Guild: Set up April Lemaster Tanya Jensen	Altar Guild: Set up Claudia Karasek Kate Thomas Sharon Sawvel	Altar Guild: Set up Claudia Karasek	Altar Guild: Set up Claudia Karasek	Altar Guild: Set up April Lemaster
Clean-up Valerie Eberhardt Sandy Enloe	Clean-up Kate Thomas	Clean-up Diane Alden Deidre Regenhard	Clean-up Claudia Karasek	Clean-up Valerie Eberhardt
Greeters: Roger & JoAnn Finn John & Patricia Brown Charles & Linda Hieber	Greeters: Joe & Carol Boatright Gayle & Connie Hutchinson Mike&Anntoinette Minnich	Greeters: Roger & JoAnn Finn John & Patricia Brown Charles & Linda Hieber	Greeters: Joe & Carol Boatright Joel & Debra Ksrstetter Mike&Anntoinette Minnich	Greeters: Roger & JoAnn Finn John & Patricia Brown Charles & Linda Hieber
Sound: Pam Danner (Tony S.)	Sound: Troy Gacek	Sound: James G. (David L.)	Sound: Gary Woodruff	Sound: Pam Danner
Media Shout: Victor & Vickie H.	PowerPoint: Jarrett Metzler	Media Shout: Jessie Giese	PowerPoint: Julie Woodruff	Media Shout: Mike O'Dell
Counters: Herb & Alva Bossaller	Counters: Russell Phipps Don Rieck	Counters: Russell Phipps Don Rieck	Counters: Russell Phipps Don Rieck	Counters: Russell Phipps Don Rieck
Elders: *Beasley Woolf Heisterberg	Elders: Reck Axsom Korstad Hackler	Elders: Brigham Jensen Swanson	Elders: Seeman Brigham Heisterberg Woolf	Elders: Beasley Reck Kuhlmann
Prayer Partners: Sara Hintz Paul Tobben Hood's		Prayer Partners: Connie Spomer Bob Morgenthaler Giese's		Prayer Partners: Tom Harrold Robin Armer D'Arcy's

January 2011 Duty Roster-for the Chapel

<u>Jan. 2nd-11am</u> <u>Luther Hall</u>	<u>Jan. 9th-11am</u> <u>Luther Hall</u>	<u>Jan. 16th-11am</u> <u>Luther Hall</u>	<u>Jan. 23rd-11am</u> <u>Luther Hall</u>	<u>Jan. 30th-11am</u> <u>Luther Hall</u>
Acolyte: Conner Myers	Acolyte: Shannon Simonton	Acolyte: Matt Stenslie	Acolyte: Miranda Thomas	Acolyte: Jonathan Willis
Altar Guild: Set Up Teddi Kurth	Altar Guild: Set Up Teddi Kurth	Altar Guild: Set Up Teddi Kurth	Altar Guild: Set Up Teddi Kurth	Altar Guild: Set Up Teddi Kurth
Clean Up Linda Ebert	Clean Up Lind Ebert	Clean Up Lind Ebert	Clean Up Linda Ebert	Clean Up Linda Ebert
Greeters: Jeremy & Piper Willis	Greeters: Jerney & Piper Willis	Greeters: Jeremy & Piper Willis	Greeters: Jeremy & Piper Willis	Greeters: Jeremy & Piper Willis
Elders: Hackler Brigham	Elders: Hackler Seeman	Elders: Hackler Axsom	Elders: Krahn Woolf	Elders: Hackler Krahn
				

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

1/1

Tabitha Hoffman
Bailey Jennings
Stephanie Johnson
Frederick & LeAnna Hawkins
8 years

Ronald & Delores Peacock
53 years

1/2

Allen Jumper
Jackie Oestreich

1/3

Leslie Bridgwater

1/4

Rebecca Franklin
Lisa Gebhardt
Bailey Twa

1/5

Joshua Gerner
Deborah Wagner
Michael & Jennifer Stickney
3 years

1/6

Avery Davis
Julie Shubitowski
Greg Whiteley
Danielle Williamson

1/7

Danita Cockrell
Amanda Fletcher
Ross Franklin
Betsy Gerber

1/8

Sondra Simonton

1/9

Mia Ellis
JoAnne Finn
Mitch Gerber
Joshua Herman
Hayden Koepsel
Dana Metzler

Laura Swanson

1/10

Justin Eisenhauer

1/11

Madilyn Queck
Pete Sheneman
Bianca Wilke

1/12

Tanya Jensen
April Lemaster
Ruby Means
Michael Minnich
Kelley Whittaker

1/13

Amber Mclain
Austin Stanley

1/14

Meghan Blocher
Emily Tobben
Paige Tobben
Hannah Tobben
James & Danielle Williamson
5 years

1/15

Patti Anderson

1/16

Stacey Long
Patty Palmer

1/17

Herb Bossaller
Tim Dodson
Irene Mathis

1/18

Ellen Miller
Emma Ramirez
David Whittake

1/19

Hope Hintz
Tracie Sanzalone
Miranda Thomas

1/20

Jim Dresher
Faith Graham
Ruth Winden

1/21

Kayla Cartwright
Reiley Koepsel

1/22

Hillary Cockrell
John Faust
Braden Sanzalone
Paul Winden

1/23

Hunter Kindle
Jerry Kindle
Shelby Massey

1/24

Dennis McDonald
Evan Vantresse

1/25

David Lange

1/26

Suzanne Braumiller
Ben Buie
Beverly Buie
Robert Krahn
Pam Lawson
Chris Parke

Dr. Wesley Rainwater
C.J. & Glenda Wright
26 years

1/27

Theresa Valento
John & Patricia Brown
44 years

1/28

Susan Finn
Spencer Jennings

1/29

Larry Ahrens
Claudia Karasek
Hope Peterson
Jay Stumbo
Jonathan Wood

1/30

Jerald & Cheryl Shanks
51 years

1/31

Ken Buie