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## L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

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Join us for Worship Sundays 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m., Sunday School at 9:15 or Thursday evening worship at 6:30 p.m.

Introspect Radio – Sundays 8:30 a.m. – WFPS-FM 92.1 "Our God With Us" Cable TV Ministry – Thursdays 7:30 – Comcast Cable, C. 17 & 244

### OUR 2012 Key CONTACT LIST - (815 area code)

*Diane Dietmeier*, Music Director

*Michael G. Welton*, Principal of Immanuel Lutheran School  
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**CHAIR** (Tom Burt, 232-4683), **VICE CHAIR** (Jeff Martin,  
 990-8193); **BUS** (Sam Bryant, 291-3176);

**E- PRAYER CHAIN** (Pastor Schultz, 235-1993);

**HEAD USHER:** Keith Stanton (235-4857); **ACOLYTES**  
 (Lisa Pehl, 232-5261); **GREETERS** (Carol Gray, 493-2606);

**SOUND SYSTEM:** Curt Hollister (541-2976)

**NURSERY** (Seeking new Nursery Coordinator); **RADIO**  
 (Office, 235-1993); **LECTORS** (Sign Up in Narthex on bulletin board clipboard); **FLOWERS** (Judy Stanton, 235-4857);

**ALTAR GUILD** (Judy Stanton, 235-4857);

**ELDERS:** Bob Wiederholtz (Chair, 235-1895) Rick Andrews, Shawn Boldt, Brad King, Ron Kohlbauer Larry Luy, Jeff Martin, Dan Medler, Todd Schlichting, Dan Scholten, David Schopf, Carl Zulke.

**Honorary:** Mike Welton (Principal), Tom Burt (Chairman)  
 Robert Brock (Funerals)

### OUR PRAYERS:

*We pray for grieving families. We pray for those who are facing surgery, recovering from surgery or in the hospital, including Tom Popp, Madison Wagner, Paul Mueller, Maria Jacobs, Larry Luy, Bob Dixon, Shelly Kostenbader, Jason Abramowski, Brittaney Waye, Russ Roinestad, Harrell and Eileen Wiggins, Larry Julius, Lee Bieseimer, ... We pray for marriages and families in crisis and those dealing with relationship problems. We pray for the lonely and those who have thoughts of suicide. We pray for our nation and its leaders. We pray for Amanda Jahnke as she considers the call to serve in our midst as a DCE.*

### Immanuel Mission Statement:

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered family, in mission, sharing the Good News of the love of God in Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament.

### + + + Verse for the Week + + +

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Luke 3:4b, 6*

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Are you on our E-mail "mailing list" for the prayer chain, mid-week, and other items? Send your E-mail to Pastor Schultz, [rschultz@ourgodwithus.com](mailto:rschultz@ourgodwithus.com), or sign up on the website at [www.ourgodwithus.com](http://www.ourgodwithus.com).

**WELCOME** to members and friends of Immanuel. In this season of Advent we focus on the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We not only focus on this in terms of the Christmas (Nativity) celebration, but also in His eternal return.

**WELCOME** to our guests. Please complete the "Record of Fellowship" and/or sign our narthex guest book. **NURSERY** available in church lower level during Sunday worship; "Wee Ones" care during Bible Class. **SOUND:** Special hearing devices available (*ask an usher*). **COPIES** of the worship services and sermons (CDs and DVDs) are available. **IMAGES:** Our services are taped on DVD and/or VCR devices and are considered as public "exhibitions," including presentation on radio and Cable TV. By their presence, participants agree to the recording and display of these images.

# Immanuel Sunday Messenger

December 16

## Leading Worship Today:

**Worship Leader:**  
Rev. Willis R. Schwichtenberg

**Music Director:**  
Diane Dietmeier

## Serving Today

LECTORS:	TBA	Shawn Boldt
ELDERS:	TBA	Brad King Shawn Boldt
GREETERS:	Dan & Hilary Stone Adeline & Jack	Vern & Sharon Ruthe
USHERS:	Team # 7 C. Gray	Team #1 Abramowski
ACOLYTES:	Allison Kundert Ethan Richter	Evan Ruthe Conner Cutler
CROSSBEARER:	Sam Scholten	Anna Wichmann
BIBLE CARRIER:	Nolan Richter	Volunteer
NURSERY:	Melissa Hayunga Megan Hayunga	Myra Mullen Tiffani Hoops
ALTAR GUILD:	Joyce LeBaron & Sally Foley	
BUS DRIVER:	Gene Lashinski	
VIDEO/SOUND:	TBA	

Usher Team # 7 C. Gray ( C), Brian Gray, Steve Gray, Todd Schlichting, Rob Schlosser, Anna Tipton, Curtis Tipton, Russell Tipton.

Usher Team # 1 J. Abramowski ( C), Blake King, Brad King, Brandon King, Mark Lei, Bob Marcum, Arney Mesnard, Steve Wolny.

## Leading Bible Classes Today

Subject	Leader	Location
Faith Odyssey 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Volunteer Teachers:	Church
Jr. Odyssey	Volunteer Teachers:	Church
Wee Ones	Volunteer Teachers:	Church Nursery
JR. Youth Class - Catechism	<b>No Class for the month of December.</b>	
Sr. Youth Class	Volunteer Teachers	Youth Room
Adult Bible Study	The Intersection of Church and State—Leaders MOB Group	Fellowship Hall
Men's Bible Study	No Class this week.	
A B C D Class	Tim Fee L. Auman	Pastor Schultz Office
Care and Contentment	Pastor Switz	School Library
New Members Class	Alice Schwichtenberg	Church Library

IMMANUEL STEWARDSHIP REPORT - December 9, 2012

OUR 2012 STEWARDSHIP OF WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Dec. 2..8:00..(116)..10:30..(172)..Dec. 6..(308).Totals..(596)

Adult Bible Classes (64), Faith Odyssey (25+3)

++ IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE ++

The *Altar Flowers and Center Compote* are placed in honor of Merrill & Marcella Jacobsen's 65th wedding anniversary which was December 14.

*Our Eternal Light Candle* is provided by Immanuel Lutheran Church.

*Today's Church Bulletin* is provided by Immanuel Lutheran Church.

*Today's Introspect Broadcast* is given remembrance of Milt Wilke's birthday by Vernice Wilke

## Mission and Event Announcements

**WEEKLY SPECIAL GIFT OPPORTUNITIES** Altar Flowers (\$15 for two side bouquets; \$12.50 for center compote)... Eternal Light Candle (\$12 each)... Weekly Bulletin (\$15 each)... Introspect Radio (\$36 each week)

**FACC NEWS:** Immanuel can assist FACC by bringing in your tubes of toothpaste for the month of December. These items can be placed in the shopping cart located in the link. There is a great need.

**ALTAR GUILD:** Would you be willing to serve as a member of the Altar Guild? Please contact Judy Stanton (815-990-0306) or by e-mail [immsec544@comcast.net](mailto:immsec544@comcast.net). A training session will be scheduled in January for those new to the Altar Guild as well as review for those who have been serving. Thank you in advance for helping prepare the church for worship.

**PLANNING AHEAD - LOOKING FORWARD!** While you're in the midst of bringing out all those Christmas decorations, please keep us in mind as we do some upfront planning for "**2013 Christmas in October**". The Women of Church Council will host a Fall, 2013 event to benefit ILC general fund. If you have Christmas items that you've been holding onto faaaar too long and/or too nice for "just another garage sale", this is the perfect time to clean up your stash! Box 'em up and call Nancy Serafini at 618-235-9710 or Joyce Sasse at 815-266-9871. Thanks for your help!

**EPIPHANY:** January 6, is the twelfth day of Christmas. This coming year of 2013 the day falls on a Sunday which gives us special opportunity to observe this important day. The following Sunday, January 13, we will observe the Baptism of our Lord Jesus and, as is our tradition, read the names of all those who were baptized as a part of the mission and ministry of Immanuel over the past twelve months.

## Youth and Children Announcements

**ASKERS:** (Ask, Seek, Knock) is our twice a month Bible study meeting on the second and fourth Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. In January we will be exploring a new video topic on the book of Revelation. Why not make a New Year's resolution to plan to join us?

**CHRISTMAS DAY INTROSPECT:** Our annual Christmas Day Introspect broadcast (December 25 from 8:00-9:00 a.m.) will be on WFRL-AM 1570. Plan to tune in. Our regular Sunday morning Introspect broadcasts are at 8:30 a.m. on WFPS-FM 92. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday broadcast (at \$36) please call the church office or talk with Pastor Schwichtenberg.

**ANNUAL REPORT:** Items for our 2013 annual report need to be submitted to the church office, preferably by E-mail ([jmartin@ourgodwithus.com](mailto:jmartin@ourgodwithus.com)) by January 10, 2013. The report is prepared and submitted to the Church Council for approval in mid-January and then "mailed" electronically to the congregation. If you do not have E-mail access and wish a "hard copy" please contact the church office.

### **UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:**

January 6—Game Night—4:30 Jr. High 6:30 Sr. High.

January 13—All Youth Pot Luck—Special Reason to be announced at a later date.

January 20—Bowling—4:30 Jr. High 6:30 Sr. High

February 18—All Youth Ski Trip

## Boards and Groups Announcements

**THANK YOU:** Dear Friends of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Thank you so much for your \$1,458.01 donation for Amanda Jackson's home. We are very excited for this help because it will allow us to finish the basement properly, with walls, electric, insulation, etc. It will give the entire family a safer and more comfortable place to hide should any storm threaten them again. I know that your gift will be a huge help to Amanda and her children as they move into a new home and begin a new life. I am grateful for your help and for your huge support in this effort. On behalf of Grace Lutheran Church, LERT, and Amanda's family we thank you for your generosity and compassion. Blessings to you, Pastor Matthew Woods, Grace Lutheran Church, New Albany, IN.

**NEW CLASS:** A new adult membership class ("I Have Good News For You") is scheduled to begin on Sunday, January 13 in the church library (lower level of church). The class would meet during the Sunday School hour (9:20-10:15). If you would like information on the class, talk to one of our pastors.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to the members of the adult choir for the special music today. Thank you to Vickie Lashinski for serving as our guest organist during Diane's absence, it was greatly appreciated.

### Our Stewardship of Giving 50 Weeks

	<i>Wk Need</i>	<i>Lt Week</i>	<i>Need/Date</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>+Over (Under)</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Current	\$13,428	\$6,838	\$336,532	\$327,469	(\$9,063)	97%
Missions	\$518	\$674	\$21,782	\$23,232	\$1,450	107%
Charities	\$71	\$125	\$3,524	\$4,318	\$794	123%
FLM funds	\$28	\$85	\$740	\$1,049	\$309	142%
Assoc. Pastor	\$763	\$807	\$17,711	\$16,767	(\$944)	95%

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>December 16</b>	<b>December 17</b>	<b>December 18</b>	<b>December 19</b>	<b>December 20</b>	<b>December 21</b>	<b>December 22</b>	<b>December 23</b>
8:00- Worship Service 8:30-Introspect" Radio Ministry WFPS-FM 92 9:10-Faith Odyssey and Adult Bible Classes 9-15 Youth Cookie Pick Up  10:30- Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:15 Youth Cookie Pick Up	6:30 Bethesda Bible Class 6:00 Board of Trustees 6:30 Board of Personnel 7:30 Church Council	10:00 Stephenson Inspi- ration Hour	8:50 Chapel with Pre- school and Kindergar- ten Programs 3:30 FRH Service 7:00 MOB	2:30 Provena Nursing Home Service 6:30 Worship with Preschool and Kinder- garten Programs 7:30 "Our God With Us" TV Program, Cable Ch. 17 & 244	7:00 Thank You dinner for Board Chairs and Officers	7:00- Men's Breakfast <i>Bible Study on Luther- anism 101</i> at Landmark Restaurant, 1 East Main	8:00- Worship Service with Holy Communion 8:30-Introspect" Radio Ministry WFPS-FM 92 9:10-Faith Odyssey and Adult Bible Classes 10:30- Worship Service

Serving December 23

<b>LECTORS:</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>ELDERS:</b>	Dan Scholten Brad King	TBA
<b>GREET-ERS:</b>	Jeff & Jennifer Martin	Bob Marcum
<b>USHERS:</b>	Team # 3 G. Popp	Team # 2 S. Holman
<b>ACO- LYTES:</b>	Rachel Stevens Kate Stevens	Hannah Boldt Brennen Boldt
<b>CROSS- BEARER:</b>	Jordan Rowe	Grant Holman
<b>BIBLE CARRIER:</b>	Marley Rowe	Dylan Meyerhofer
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Joyce LeBaron & Sally Foley	
<b>NURSERY:</b>	Deb Bondele	Tricia Halter Rachel Clay
<b>BUS DRIV- ER:</b>	Doug Newby	

**SPECIAL WORSHIP:** This week chapel on Wednesday and our Thursday evening services will feature special music from our pre-schoolers and kindergartners. Why not join us in this special Advent worship, share the joy that these littlest ones bring to the Christmas season.

**SPECIAL BIBLE STUDY DECEMBER 23 & 30:** Pastor Schultz will lead a special 2 week Bible study starting next week. The Real St. Nick, Leader, Legend or Lie. Please join us for this short term study.

**CAROLING:** Please join us as we brighten up the day of some of our members that can't get around so well. We will be caroling on Saturday, December 22nd. We will meet at church at 3:30 and head out from there to spread some Christmas cheer.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Fideles Circle will not meet in January and Concordia Society will not meet in either January or February.

**FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT:** Pastor Schwichtenberg is leading the "Care and Contentment" group in a study of the "Fruit of the Holy Spirit" over the next few weeks. The group meets in the school library during the Sunday School hour. Why not join us?

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to everyone that supported the "Immanuel Christmas Bazaar and Gift Wrapping" whether you created, bought, wrapped, baked, or just stopped by to say hello, than you for making this a success.

**2013 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** If you receive boxes or packets of envelopes they are in the link in alphabetical order for pick up.

**YOUTH COOKIE SALE:** Remember if you ordered cookies they are available for pick up today after both services.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE:**

*(December 16 – The Fourth Sunday in Advent – Micah 5:2-5a, Psalm 80, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45*

**TELEPHONE and/or E-MAIL:** Many have "dropped" their landlines for a cell phone and/or have changed your e-mail address? Please help us keep your information current by contacting the church office or sending the information through the website. Thank you in advance