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**ANNUAL Meeting &  
Camper BRUNCH**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 27**  
**10 a.m.**

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**The OUTFREACH**

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## January 6 - Epiphany of Our Lord

9:00 a.m. . . . .Worship/Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. . . . .Fellowship  
10:15 a.m. . . . .Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. . . . .Confirmation  
11:30 a.m. . .Christian Education Team Meets

## January 13 - Baptism of Our Lord

9:00 a.m. . . . .Worship  
**BAPTISM OF HARRISON LITZAU**  
10:00 a.m. . . . .Fellowship  
10:15 a.m. . . . .Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. . . . .Confirmation

## January 20 - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m. . . . .Worship  
10:00 a.m. . . . .Fellowship  
10:15 a.m. . . . .Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. . . . .Confirmation

## January 27 - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m. . . . .Worship/Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. . . . .Fellowship  
10:00 a.m. . . . .**Annual Meeting**  
**CAMPERS/FAMILIES SERVE BRUNCH**  
10:15 a.m. . . . .Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. . . . .Confirmation

### WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST TIMES

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# ANNUAL MEETING

**January 27, 2013**

Our Congregational Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 27, at 10:00 a.m. in the basement Fellowship Hall during our Fellowship time.

If you would like an Annual Report mailed to your home, please contact the church office, otherwise Annual Reports will be available at the church after Wednesday, January 16.

**The Annual Report will be assembled  
Wednesday, January 16, at 9 a.m.  
Helping hands are needed!**

## CAMPER BRUNCH

There will be a brunch served during the Annual Meeting Sunday, January 27. A free-will offering will be accepted and will be put towards camper fees for Immanuel's 2013 Bible Campers. 2012 campers and their families are asked to provide 2 dozen muffins for the brunch. Your help in serving that morning would also be appreciated!

## OFFICE HOURS

The **church office** is typically open during the following times: Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. - Noon. Fridays from 9-11 a.m.

**Pastor Kathy** will be in the office Tuesdays and Wednesdays, however, some of these times may be used for home visits. Please call ahead if you would like to meet with her.

### WEATHER-RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**If Immanuel's worship services are cancelled, an announcement will be made on Q102 (102.5FM)/KWLM (1340AM) radio. You can also check "Operation Snow Desk" at [www.yourq102.com](http://www.yourq102.com) or check Immanuel's Facebook page.**

# FEBRUARY OUTREACH DEADLINE

February Outreach **articles are due** in the church office on **Sunday, January 20.**

We will be **folding** the February Outreach Wednesday, **January 30**, at 9:00 a.m. Helping hands are needed.

# PASTOR'S MESSAGE

## **Children: They Are Precious to God, the Family and the Church**

What a beautiful and sweet sight the children were on Sunday morning, Dec. 16th as they performed their wonderful Christmas program! I don't think any of us there that day could help but think how meaningful it was to see them after the heart-wrenching tragedy in Connecticut. I'm sure people all over the world hugged their kids a little tighter even as they prayed for the families of Newtown. Jesus loves children and he certainly showed that when he was with his disciples. One of my favorite stories about him is when the kids wanted to be with him—they sensed something special about this man—and the disciples tried to shoo them away. Jesus was an important man after all and he was busy with all that healing and teaching. His time on earth as limited. But Jesus would have none of that attitude—"Let the children be with me!" He said. What a lesson for the disciples and for us. So, how do we show them how precious and important they are besides through words?

### **Make Your Families Your Priority**

More important than anything except the Kingdom of God are our families. Parents need to make a firm commitment that above job, above social life, above recreational activities, above all those things that vie for our time and energy, our families come first. That means blocking out time for our kids to really be with them, to listen to them. One person said that love is a four-letter word spelled T-I-M-E.

### **Live Out Your Faith**

As I told the confirmation parents at the meeting on Dec. 2nd, the parents' involvement in church attendance, etc. is the most important predictor of their children's future involvement in the church. Here at Immanuel we partner with the parents to live out the promises they made in Holy Baptism to nurture their child's faith, to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and to bring them to worship and Christian Education classes within the church community.

### **Make Sure Your Kids Know That They "Measure Up"**

Several years ago I read a book by a Christian author entitled Tired of Trying to Measure Up. The premise of the book is that sometimes kids don't feel that they are "good enough". Maybe they are compared to other kids in terms of their intelligence or athletic ability. They feel that they are constantly trying to please others and that they are not accepted for themselves. It is good for us to remember that our children are just on loan to us for a short time and that we are entrusted by God with their care. Each of them is an individual and treasured by God who made them a unique individual. Let us celebrate the differences and individual personalities.

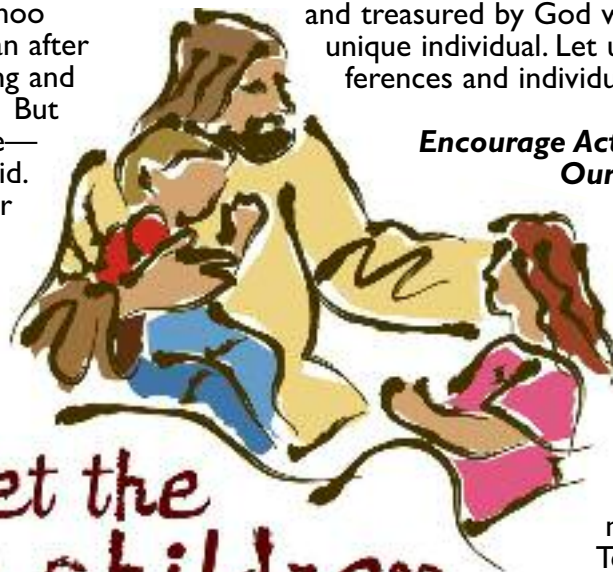
### **Encourage Active Participation in Our Church**

Research shows that most people make up their minds about how they view the church by the age of 14. It's important that the kids feel at home in the church—that they belong just as much as the adults do. Teachers and leaders at Immanuel have done a great job through the Christian Ed. Program, worship, and special events to make the kids

feel a part of the church. Please thank these leaders for the time and effort they put into the children's' ministry. They do it ply of their love for God and for kids. Please thank them and show appreciation for them. While I am here I will be having a children's sermon every Sunday to encourage their participation.

### **Pray for Our Kids**

There's a lot of stress in our world, even for little kids. Please pray for our Immanuel kids, that they will stay safe, happy, healthy and growing up being loved and accepted. Let us try hard to show them our love and God's love, to let them know that they are precious to us.



*"Let the little children come to me ...."*

**Pastor Kathy**

# WELCA NEWS

Blessings for a wonderful New Year!

I am postdating our 2013 calendar of hopeful events:

January: Planning of Love Offering, setting up some future dates of possibilities.

February: Love Offering

Quilting over the winter months. Check for times with our faithful quilters.

May: Honor Graduates. Potential Mothers Day gathering.

June/July: Hog Roast.

October: Honor Confirmation Class.

December: Cookie exchange for our special peoples. Possibility of election of Officers.

Calendar update for the Winter retreat at Green Lake Bible Camp for February 18, 2013. More information will follow, keep a look-out on the bulletin board for times and other info.

January 13th, WELCA will meet for Love Offering planning. (In case of bad weather, we will meet January 20th during coffee time).

**Special Notation!** WELCA Serving groups need your phone numbers. Many people have gone to cell phones and those numbers aren't available to everyone. If we could please have your cell phone number, it will make it easier for our chairpersons to get in touch with you for any service you can help provide. Sad to say but it's kind of cheap to let someone else carry the extra load. Be a GOOD Christian and help do your part. We are Immanuel!!!

*Sisters in Christ, Linda Burns  
WELCA Interim President*

**Personal Note:** I would like to Thank everyone for the Prayers and calls that I have received during my shoulder recovery, It's going slow, but at least its going, Keep the healing prayers coming.

**Linda Burns**



## WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Morning Bible Study meets at Peaceful Thymes at 9:00 a.m. Thursday mornings.

### Immanuel's Website is New & Improved!

Visit the church website to view The Outreach,  
Weekly Bulletins & The Monthly Calendar.

**[www.immanuelatwater.com](http://www.immanuelatwater.com)  
email: [imman@frontiernet.net](mailto:imman@frontiernet.net)**

**Other Helpful Internet Links:**

**Prayer Ventures:**

<http://archive.elca.org/prayerventures/>

**Synod Update:**

<http://www.swmnelca.org/html/Synod%20Update.html>

**GLLM Retreats:** [www.gllm.org](http://www.gllm.org)

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# OPEN HOUSE BABY SHOWER

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There will be an open house baby shower for Brittney Naber Saturday, January 5, from 2-4 p.m. in Immanuel's Fellowship Hall.

## ORGAN FUNDING

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The council would like to ask the congregation to consider giving one more time to our organ fund. The first half of our organ drive went well, and the console is completely paid for. That is GREAT NEWS! But, we still have just about \$40,000 left to pay. We have a loan for \$22,000 and another payment due on January 1st of \$12,000. We are keeping up with the loan payments but would really like to pay the \$12,000 due without adding to the loan amount. Please consider a donation to our pipe restoration, as that is the part we are now paying for. Once the pipe work is done there will be one more payment of \$4500.00 due probably sometime in February. Once the organ is complete and paid for a plaque will be made listing the names of those donating \$1,000 you can list your name in memory of someone if you desire. Thank You for prayerfully considering giving to the wonderful gift of music in our congregation!

## LAHBNP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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The LAHBNP provides drivers to deliver meals to homebound seniors. We would like to develop a list of people who would be able to drive one day each week (Ex. every Mon, or every Tues. etc. of month). If you can help in this manner, please call the LAHBNP office, 974-8737, and tell us which day of the week would work for you. If you would like to help but can not make the commitment to a specific day of the week, call us and we can put you on our call list as someone who can fill in. The people you deliver a meal to are very appreciative of your time and the visit. Some times you may be the only person they see that day.

The LAHBNP also provides rides to people who need to get to an appointment. If you can drive someone, please call 974-8737 to sign up. Most of the appointments are in nearby towns -Willmar, Litchfield, Paynesville. Sometimes the trip will be to the Cities or St. Cloud. You can tell us if you prefer local or if you are willing to drive out of the area.

The LAHBNP operates/functions only because we have volunteers willing to help their neighbor. If you have time to visit an elderly person or make phone calls to someone to check on their well being, please call 974-8737 to sign up. We can match you to an elderly person or you can give us the name of an elderly person that you are already visiting.

QiGong introduction will be held Saturday, January 12 at 2:00 pm in the small meeting room of the Community Center. Come join us as we learn a little about the energy fields in our bodies and how to get our Qi flowing to improve our health both physical and mental. The movements will be slow and simple to do. The movements can be completed standing, sitting or lying down (if you so desire). Rhonda Battisto will be our leader. Learn something new and join us for this event.

Bone Builders is coming to Atwater. The LAHBNP will be offering the Bone Builders program in the New Year. The program was developed to help prevent or stop the deterioration of the bones (osteoporosis). The exercises in the program are based on and developed from scientific research studies. Everyone will be able to work from their starting ability. If you would like more information or sign up for the program, please call 974-8737.

The LAHBNP is also on Facebook. Type in "Atwater Area Living At Home Block Nurse Program" and like us. Visit often to see what is happening in our program.

# 2013 Snow Ball

A Formal Dance for 5th, 6th, 7th grade girls  
and their father figure

Saturday, January 26, 2013

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Grove City Community Center

\$5 per Couple

Join us for hors d'oeuvres, dancing and fun!

Tickets available in the ACGC District Office

Proceeds to benefit the HOPE Project

Sponsored by the ACGC Ministerial Association

# FUTURE EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

# 2013

## Annual Meeting - January 27

Our Congregational Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 27, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

## Camper Brunch - January 27

Our Bible Campers and their families will be serving a brunch following worship January 27. Your free-will offerings will support Immanuel's Bible Campers. Come and enjoy coffee and brunch during the Annual Meeting! **If you attended camp in 2012 or plan to attend camp in 2013, we would appreciate if you could provide 2 dozen muffins for the brunch. If you/your family are available to help serve the brunch, that would also be much appreciated.**

## Camp Sunday in February

It is not too early to start thinking about Bible Camp! Early Bird Registrations are due around March 1, 2013! Early Birds receive a discount on camp fees.



Please note, Immanuel is a corporate congregation of GLLM, meaning our members receive the corporate rate for camp programs. Immanuel also helps to fund a portion of the youth cost of attending Bible camp at a GLLM camp.\*\* Camper fundraisers are also ongoing. If you have questions about camp, please contact Janelle. Watch for more information!

**\*\*In order to be eligible for financial support from Immanuel, you must be registered with the camp and notify the church office BY APRIL 29.**

## FEBRUARY COFFEE HOUR

We are currently in need of Coffee Servers for February 17 and 24. If you/your family would be willing to help out on one of these Sundays, please contact the church office.

## CARPET BALL TABLE

We are interested in adding a carpet ball table for our youth to use. Carpet Ball is a fun game that many kids have learned at Bible Camp. It can be played by many ages. We are wondering if there is anyone who would be interested in building a carpet ball table. Contact the church office if this might be a project you would consider.



(Google "carpet ball" for more information and some building suggestions!)

## LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

You can find our page at [Immanuel Lutheran - Atwater, MN](#). We hope to use this site as a valuable outreach tool, and to post announcements and information. There are lots of great photos to see from our recent events, including Rally Sunday, Lefse-Making, and the Fall Festival.

# Christian Education **corner**

## sundaySchool

Sunday School classes resume Sunday morning, January 6, at 10:15 a.m.

## camp Sunday

We are hoping to celebrate Camp Sunday in February. If you are thinking about attending a Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Bible Camp this summer, this is a great time for you to learn more about the different programs available and the weekly schedule for summer camp. Watch for more information in January about Camp Sunday!

**2012 Bible Campers: Please submit your camp pictures and written memories/camp thoughts to the church office ASAP. You can also email the info to imman@frontiernet.net. We would like to include everyone who attended camp in 2012 on our camp bulletin board, which will be up for Camp Sunday!**

**NEEDED: ONE OR MORE PEOPLE TO HELP COORDINATE THE 2013 SUMMER VBS PROGRAM. VBS WILL BE AT IMMANUEL THIS YEAR.**

COORDINATORS FROM IMMANUEL AND BETHLEHEM WORK TOGETHER TO PLAN THE WEEK. THE THEME HAS ALREADY BEEN CHOSEN, AND WE HAVE A GOOD START ON PLANNING, BUT MORE HELP IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED! CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION.

**PLEASE  
CONSIDER  
VOLUNTEERING!**

## sunday school offering

Sunday School students can bring their offering to closing music each week. We will be collecting offering at that time.

## camperBrunch

Campers will be serving a brunch Sunday, January 27 following worship. This is the day of the annual meeting. Please plan to stay for brunch and the annual meeting and support our campers. Your free-will offerings will help pay camp fees for 2012. Anyone who attended camp in 2012 should plan to help serve the brunch. Campers are asked to provide 2 dozen muffins for the brunch.

## bibleamp Fundraisers

The "Book Sale" Bible Camp Fundraiser continues. Anyone who has gently used books that you are finished with (including children's books) is encouraged to donate books for our sale. **Cost: \$1/hardcover, \$.50/softcover.** Thanks for supporting our campers, and thanks to all those who have donated and purchased books. We plan to continue this fundraiser as long as we have books to sell, so please check out the selection of books regularly!



## confirmation classes

Classes resume Sunday morning, January 6, at 10:15 a.m. Please continue to sign in, attend worship, and complete your worship outlines.

Thanks to everyone who supported the confirmation class by purchasing lefse and Christmas cookies in December!

## Christian Education Ministry Team Members

Shane Hagstrom ♦ Barb Everson  
Janelle Eisenbacher ♦ Nick Rossell ♦ Bethany Ehrenberg

## christian education calendar of Events

(watch for monthly updates!)

| DATE              | TIME - PLACE        | EVENT                                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|---|
| December 30       |                     | No Sunday School or Confirmation Classes  |
| January 6         | 10:15 a.m.          | Sunday School/Confirmation Classes Resume |
| January 27        | 10:00 a.m./Immanuel | Campers & Families Serve Brunch           |
| February Date TBD | 9:00 a.m./Immanuel  | Camp Sunday                               |



## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - December 16, 2012

Meeting called to order by President Chuck Stranberg.

Chuck Stranberg, Deb Mickle, Jacklyn Frericks, Shane Hagstrom, Pat Walsh, Dean Nelson, and Pastor Kathy Hartley. Members Absent: Bethany Ehrenberg, Harlan Madsen, and Harold Eisenbacher.

Devotions were led by Jacklyn Frericks.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** A motion was made by Dean and second by Jacklyn to approve the minutes of the November 2012 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Full report is available in the Church Office. A motion was made by Shane and second by Pat to approve the November Treasurer's Report for November 2012. Motion passed unanimously subject to audit.

**MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS:** Full reports, if available, can be found in the Church Office.

### Christian Education:

Christmas Program was held on December 16th at the morning worship service. Worship was very well attended and the program went well.

### Building/Property:

1. The furnaces in the 1994 addition are in need of replacement. Dean will visit with Dale Kragenbring and Bruce Anderson about how we should proceed.
2. 3rd Organ payment is due January 1st in the amount of \$12,074. An update on the loan and a request for any additional gifts will be put in the bulletin and Outreach.

Finance/Stewardship: A preliminary budget for 2013 in the amount of \$169,686 was presented for review. A motion was made by Shane and second by Dean to approve the preliminary budget as presented.

Worship & Music: Met and selected hymns and services through Lent.

Evangelism/Faith in Action: No report given Discussion was held on creating a fund to help those in need.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Full report is available in the Church Office.

1. A motion by Shane and second by Dean to approve the Confirmation Guidelines as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Bibles were presented to 7th-9th graders.
3. Milestones Ministry – bibles, etc.

### **OTHER COUNCIL ITEMS:**

A leader(s) of the Altar Guild in needed.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Call Committee Progress – 6 names have been received from the Synod. Interviews, visits, and video watching have been conducted.
2. Custodian and Maintenance Position – position has been posted. Some interest has been received. A job application will be put together by Jacklyn.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Snow Removal – A motion was made by Pat and second by Deb to hire Litzblitz for snow removal for the winter of 2012-2013 with changes as written on the agreement. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Youth Person – A motion was made by Deb and second by Jacklyn to table until a full time Pastor is called and to base our needs on their and our strengths and weaknesses. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Council terms are up for Harlan, Deb, & Shane at the end of this year. Replacements need to be found.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

### Council & Ministry Team Schedule

Council Meets: January 9, 7 p.m.

Devotions: TBD

Worship & Music: TBD\*

Christian Ed.: Sun. Jan. 6, 11:30 a.m.

Finance/Stewardship: TBD\*

Property: TBD\*

Evangelism/Faith in Action:

TBD\*

\*Team Leaders, please notify the church office of your monthly meeting date and time so that information can be included in the Outreach.

### **Special Council Meeting - Nov. 25, 2012**

Members Present: Chuck Stranberg, Deb Mickle, Jacklyn Frericks, Shane Hagstrom, Harold Eisenbacher, Pat Walsh, Harlan Madsen, and Dean Nelson.

Members Absent: Bethany Ehrenberg

A motion was made and second to approve \$16,000 for IRS purposes for housing allowance as required by law. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and second to adjourn. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Shane Hagstrom**

**Respectfully Submitted, Shane Hagstrom, Secretary**

# NOVEMBER OFFERING

## General Fund

|               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| First Sunday  | \$3583.00          |
| Second Sunday | 6201.00            |
| Third Sunday  | 1883.00            |
| Thanksgiving  | 398.00             |
| Fourth Sunday | 1565.00            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$13,629.00</b> |

## Building Fund

|               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| First Sunday  | \$90.00          |
| Second Sunday | 130.00           |
| Third Sunday  | 1000.00          |
| Fourth Sunday | 120.00           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$1220.00</b> |

## Pony Express

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| First Sunday  | \$0.00        |
| Second Sunday | 0.00          |
| Third Sunday  | 0.00          |
| Fourth Sunday | 0.00          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b> |

## Organ Replacement Project

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| First Sunday  | \$250.00        |
| Second Sunday | 140.00          |
| Third Sunday  | 65.00           |
| Fourth Sunday | 150.00          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$605.00</b> |

## Per Sunday

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Average Attendance (per Sunday)        | .94       |
| Avg. General Giving (per Sunday)       | \$3407.00 |
| Avg. Building Fund Giving (per Sunday) | \$305.00  |
| Avg. Pony Express Giving (per Sunday)  | \$0.00    |

## Offering Needed

|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| Per Sunday | \$2802.00   |
| Per Month  | \$12,143.00 |

## Income for 2012 (excluding Organ Project)

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Thru November | \$125,404.00 |
|---------------|--------------|

**Needed for Remainder of 2012** ... \$20,312.00

**2012 Total Budget** ..... \$145,716.00

# MEMORIAL GIFTS

**June 24, 2012 - December 16, 2012**

## In Memory of Viola Halvorson

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| Organ Fund | \$20.00  |
| Organ Fund | \$690.00 |

## In Memory of Allen Ole Hovey

|              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| Organ Fund   | \$215.00 |
| Altar Guild  | \$50.00  |
| Undesignated | \$10.00  |
| Organ Fund   | \$20.00  |
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| Organ Fund   | \$10.00  |

## In Memory of Marion Olson

|            |         |
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| Organ Fund | \$10.00 |
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## In Memory of Quentin Norine

|            |        |
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| Organ Fund | \$5.00 |
| Organ Fund | \$5.00 |

## In Memory of Marge Novack

|       |         |
|-------|---------|
| Choir | \$20.00 |
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## In Memory of Pat Borchert

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| Organ Fund | \$20.00 |
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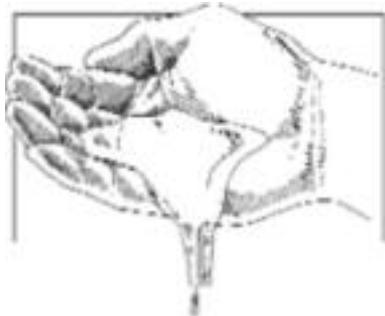
## In Memory of Russell Olson

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| Undesignated | \$15.00  |
| Undesignated | \$40.00  |
| Undesignated | \$250.00 |
| Undesignated | \$50.00  |

# RECENTLY BAPTIZED

We rejoice as Emma Norene Kaehler, daughter of Kala & Kyle Kaehler, was baptized at Immanuel December 2.

Emma's sponsors are Paul Swenson and Nathan & Veronica Whitcomb.



God's blessings to Emma and her family!

# PLACING IN THEIR HANDS THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Bibles were presented to Immanuel's 7th-9th graders Sunday, December 16. The gift of these bibles reflects Immanuel's commitment to assist parents in fulfilling the promises made at their children's baptisms: "place in their hands the Holy Scriptures." This was another important day in the lives of these children as they made another step forward in their faith journey. Receiving bibles were: Erica Borchert, Logan Krug, Jonathan Nelson, Kylie Rosenquist, Taylor Bengtson, Gabriel Eisenbacher, Jaylen Rossell, Holly Hoekstra, Kobe Holtz, Alex Hovey, Gabby Lawver, Emily Naber, Jeremy Nelson, Kiara Rosenquist, Levi Shoultz, and Rose Snavelly.

### memorials - from pg. 10

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| Undesignated .....                             | \$10.00  |
| Undesignated .....                             | \$100.00 |
| Undesignated .....                             | \$10.00  |
| Undesignated .....                             | \$25.00  |
| Undesignated .....                             | \$50.00  |
| <b>In Memory of Edith &amp; Harold Windsor</b> |          |
| Kitchen Counter/Building Paint .....           | \$15.00  |
| <b>In Memory of Audrey Hoffenkamp</b>          |          |
| Organ Fund .....                               | \$10.00  |
| Undesignated .....                             | \$10.00  |
| <b>In Memory of Muriel Madsen</b>              |          |
| Organ Fund .....                               | \$5.00   |
| <b>In Memory of John Rouser</b>                |          |
| Organ Fund .....                               | \$5.00   |
| <b>In Memory of Cheryl Tauer</b>               |          |
| Organ Fund .....                               | \$5.00   |
| <b>In Memory of Greg Swalin</b>                |          |
| Organ Fund .....                               | \$5.00   |

\*Please read these memorials over carefully and let the church office know if there are any additions or corrections. Please note that there may be more memorials that have not yet been received in the church office at this time.

Saved By Grace, Called To Serve

# THANK YOU

Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits & food after my surgery. Thank you Pastor Kathy for your prayers, phone calls, and visit.

God Bless You All!  
Elaine Wothe

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# IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

### Muriel Madsen

Our sympathy goes out to Harlan & Julie Madsen & family. Harlan's mother, Muriel, passed away December 5, and her funeral was December 12 at Rosendale United Methodist Church in rural Atwater.



### LeRoy Everson

Our sympathy goes out to Barb Everson & family. Barb's husband, LeRoy, passed away December 18, and his funeral was December 22 at Immanuel.

May God bring comfort and peace to these families during this time of grieving.

# JANUARY



## Celebrating

*An Anniversary This Month*

- 1-1 Lee & Debra Mickle
- 1-5 Kevin & Kay Bomstad
- 1-15 Duane & Muriel Aljoe
- 1-25 Eugene & Sharon Ruchti

- 1-1 Randy Hultquist
- 1-2 Greg Madsen
- 1-4 Susan Popowski  
Brittney Naber
- 1-5 Jessica Halvorson
- 1-7 Brody Bingaman
- 1-10 Kiara Rosenquist
- 1-11 Blanche Hoepner  
Jonathan Hanson  
Kevin Schwartz  
Taylor Bengtson
- 1-12 Wesley Bosch  
Hannah Bolton
- 1-13 Alyssa Buisman
- 1-14 Sandra Nelson
- 1-16 Tereasa Link
- 1-20 Kristine Anderson  
Shelly Hadley  
Jase Peterson
- 1-21 Elsie Potter  
Lori Hutchinson  
Kristin Straumann
- 1-24 Jonathan Nelson
- 1-27 Dean Goehring  
Derek Peterson
- 1-31 Jacob Peterson

## HOMEBOUND LIST

Please remember these homebound people with a visit, a card, or a special prayer to bring a little added sunshine into their lives.



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