

Immanuel Images
Immanuel Lutheran Church & School
January 2019

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From the Pastor's Study

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy." Matthew 2:10

Christmas is over for many, but don't put those decorations away just yet. January 6th we celebrate the festival of Epiphany. Epiphany is the coming of the wise men. A celebration that reminds us that God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, not just for the Jews but for all the nations of the world. It is often called the gentile Christmas. The time when we remember God has drawn all people unto Himself.

We are so quick to put away the Christmas stuff but it is not over. Christmas is just beginning. Christmas is about God drawing people to Himself, coming to His people, and dwelling in the midst of His people. *"When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy."*

The wise men rejoice in the promise of God coming into the world. They were joyful about God coming to dwell in the midst of His people. They saw Jesus as the king of the creation and in Him hope for a kingdom of justice and peace. For them to be a part of the kingdom, Jesus would bring them into His kingdom by His death and resurrection. They sought Jesus because of the peace He brings.

We too rejoice at the coming of Jesus. We see in each day God coming to us. He comes to us in His promises. He comes to us in His Word. He comes to us in the Sacraments. Through these means God brings us peace and hope. He reminds us that each day He is with us, He is still drawing us to Himself.

May we continue to receive Him as He comes to us. May we be drawn to His Word as we continue to grow with Him. May we receive His gifts in His promise of forgiveness and His body and blood. May we seek Him where He will be found. For God is still continuing to draw you to Himself as He draws near to you each day.

~ PK

Immanuel's Mission Statement

Encouraging people to live a personal relationship with God
who is with us and in joyful assurance of the gift of heaven in Jesus Christ.

Immanuel's Vision Statement

Loving, Sharing & Daring

We are a community of believers who are committed to loving each other, sharing the Word of God
and daring all members to grow & witness their Christian faith daily.

Radio Sponsors

December's radio broadcasts were sponsored by:

2nd ~ Velma Zimmerschied, in loving memory of her husband, Harold (December 6, 1921 - June 25, 1999).

19th ~ in loving memory of Erich and Hannah Heimsoth, Vernon, Evelyn, Irma, Victor, Harvey, Ethel, Melvin, Kate and Erich Jr. Heimsoth by their children and grandchildren; in memory of Carolyn Elsea, Monroe (Jake), Earl & Mildred Rechterman by Cara Elmore and Matt Elsea; and in celebration of the graduation of Marcus Elmore from the University of Missouri.

24th ~ Wendell & Sandy Starkebaum in loving memory of their parents, Norbert & Hilda Starkebaum and Alfred & Mildred Lohmann.

Dates available in 2019:

January 6, 13, 20, 27

February 10, 17, 24

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

April 7, 21

May 5, 19, 26

June 2, 9, 23, 30

July 7, 14, 21, 28

August 4, 11, 18, 25

September 1, 15, 22, 29

October 20, 27

November 3, 10, 17, 24, 28 (Thanksgiving)

December 8, 15, 22, 25 (Christmas Day), 29

Sponsors Needed! Please call the church office if you are interested in sponsoring a radio broadcast. Payment of \$200 is not due until the end of the month in which you sponsor. You may reserve the date of your choice by calling the church office. A person doesn't need to be a member to sponsor a broadcast.

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Homebounds' Monthly Bulletins

If you or your organization would like to sponsor a month for our homebound, call the church at 584-3541. It costs the church approx. \$25.00 per month to send them their monthly bulletins. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

Recent Prayers in Church for December

Illness/Tests/Hospitalized/Surgery

Ken Bauer; Margie Busch; Elverna DeMasters; Shorty Fricke; Delsine Fuehring; Dennis Fuehring; Ruth Goettling; Steve Gooseman; Eugene & Marcie Griffel; Marie Kalebaugh; Maria Kappelman; Betty Kramer; Jana LaRue; Mary Jo Link; Linda Lohmann; Bonnie Moore; Don Nees; Betty Schnakenberg; Sandy Schroeder; Evelyn Stark; Janice Wagner; Dora Wampler; Alberta Bredehoeft; Lucile Ehlers; Nettie Fuehring; Patty Kratz; Marie Mansfield; Jeff & Joanne Walsh; our church; our Immanuel/Zion Lutheran School; our law enforcement officers ~ Chris Johnson; Dan Oetting; Beau Ryun; Richard Clayton; Tim Murrell; Gregg Wing; our military ~ JC Harper; Andrew Haston; Matt Appleberry; Andy Burden; Atticus Dyer; Dave Ferreira; Blake Peek; Spencer Rhodes; Logan Schneider; Jesse Sylvester and our country.

Families of those called home to heaven

Katie Onnen and family ~ as they sorrow the death of her aunt, Jan.

Ruby Rasa and family ~ as they sorrow the death of her brother, Norman Mays.

Jeff, Bryce, & Bart Kappelman and families, as they sorrow the death of their mother, Jeanne Kappelman.

Barbara Johnson & family as they sorrow the death of her sister, Judy Renyolds.

Special

SPLHS and the Singing Saints.

We pray for the victims of the earthquake in Alaska and the tornadoes in Illinois.

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Church Service/Event Cancellations

In case of bad weather this winter, our church will use 3 means of cancellation notice when services or other events are affected:

TV station ~ KCTV Channel 5

Local Radio Stations ~ KMMO (102.9 FM) and KMZU (100.7 FM)

Thank You

** Thank you to all who participated in the Thrivent fundraiser that took place in Concordia. As a result of your generosity and matching funds by Thrivent, Immanuel Lutheran School was blessed with a little over \$1,000. Thanks to all who continue to support our school as we raise up the next generation to live in the knowledge of the Lord.

** Thank you to Hannah Sage for helping Kali and Alex deliver Meals on Wheels last week. The recipients enjoy the young people very much!

** Thank you for all the kind gifts and cards. We are so blessed to call Immanuel our church family. Merry Christmas and May God Bless Your New Year!
~ Pastor & Family

Offering Envelopes

By now you should have received your packet of Immanuel church envelopes for 2019 from Church Budget Envelope & Mailing Co. in Salem, Ohio. We encourage all of our members to use these envelopes on a weekly or other regular basis. However, for those who prefer, you may instead use a blank envelope from home and send in your contributions. If you do, please write your envelope # on the envelope or on the check to make it easier for recording purposes.

Guild Organizational Meeting

The Guild will hold their annual business meeting on **January 2**, at 7:00 pm, in the church basement. This is an important meeting that will include the review of the Standing Rules and the responsibilities of the Circles for 2019. It is imperative that all incoming and outgoing officers of the three circles attend the meeting. We look forward to the beginning of a new year and the opportunities it provides our members to use our unique God-given gifts and serve the Lord with gladness.

Treasurers of Organizations

All books (including checkbooks and 12 monthly bank statements) should be turned in to the church office by Wednesday, **January 2nd**, so the Auditing Committee can do their yearly audit.

Annual Reports

Terri would like all circles and organizations to turn their Annual Report in to the church office no later than **January 2nd**. Thank you! You can e-mail them to church (immanuelutheran@ctcis.net).

Pastor's Vacation

Pastor Kurt and family will be on vacation from 12/26-01/05. Pastor Mark Junkin, from Zion, Corder, will be the pastor on-call. If you need pastoral care during that time, please contact the church office at (660) 584-3541 or Terri at (660) 641-6451. In an emergency, Pastor Junkin can be reached at the parsonage at (660) 394-2337.

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
SPECIAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY
November 13, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Kronsbein. With 30 members present, we had a quorum and could vote on church business.

Jim opened with a prayer.

There was a single item for consideration.

Mr. Frank reported on lighting upgrades that the school would like to install. Earlier this year, there was an administrator's meeting at which there was a presentation about a joint venture with the Synod and Energy Efficiency Pros.

The project would include replacing every lamp, fixture in the hallway, art room and gym. There is a 5yr warranty on the bulbs, a 10yr on the fixtures.

The project costs include:

Fee to EEPros	\$13,366.00
Labor to contractor (required to hire local labor)	\$6,262.00
Turnkey project	\$19,627.00
Payback period	2.42 years
Avg. Annual Return	27%
10yr operating savings	\$53,728.00
Net Present Value	\$21,223.00

The city will provide an annual 6% discount rate.

Questions:

- All fixtures or just some? *Just some, some have already been upgraded.*
- Loan from Synod approved? *Not yet applied for; school has funds will apply for loan to repay school.*
- Utility Rate and annual debt service? *Annual utility rate increase is 4%, discount will be 6%. 10yr operating savings will be \$53,728.*
- Is the church paying or just approving? *Just approving.*
- Will this be a loan or pay outright? *Both. Pay outright then research a loan to repay school.*

Rodney indicated that this will cut the school's monthly bill considerably.

Mr. Frank indicated that the work is scheduled to begin next week (Thanksgiving week) and the contractors will work Monday and Tuesday (off Wednesday and Thursday) and finish on Friday and Saturday.

Dennis Fuehring made a motion to approve the project as outlined. Bill Meyer seconded. Jim called for a vote – motion carried, project approved.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Krieger, Secretary

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**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
VOTERS' ASSEMBLY
December 11, 2018**

With 36 members present, we did have a quorum and were able to vote on church business.

President Jim Kronsbein called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed everyone.

Pastor Brandon opened with a short devotion based on Psalm 127. He concluded with a prayer.

Previous minutes were distributed, no changes were noted. Jim moved to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kevin Thurmon

Kevin reported the following information regarding church funds:

Checking Accounts	
Equity Bank	6,704.47
US Bank	1,278.39
LCEF – Designated Funds Account	32,427.63
Petty Cash	100.00
Total Checking/Savings	40,010.00
Other Current Assets	
Thrivent Mod Allocation Fund	19,636.72
Thrivent Flexible Deposit	94,381.08
Total Other Current Assets	114,017.80

The USBank note has gone down from \$36,000 to \$30,000.

The radio fund is in arrears at -\$1,155.59

Total Memorial Fund is \$32,427.63.

Immanuel-Zion Lutheran School funds:

General Fund	
26,369.42	
Tuition Assistance	25,454.49
Technology Fund	32,270.42
ILS Lunch Program	10,753.03

More detailed information can be provided on request.

Kevin noted that the first payment for the lighting upgrades at the school was written in December. Janet Bredehoeft asked about the mission line item in the church budget and Kevin explained that there was a \$25,000 bequest from Esther Deke that was recorded as a mission donation.

Jim called for a motion to approve the treasurer's report – motion made by Paul Holsten and seconded by Oscar Fricke. Hearing no additional discussion motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Brandon

Pastor reported the following:

Baptism: Brandon Holt
Transfers in: Bill and Kathy Sylvester
(from Trinity in Clinton, MO)
Marsha Tomchaney
(from Cornerstone in Carmel, IN)
Funerals: Marilyn Boeschen
Gertrude Arbogast

Bible studies are going well. Numbers have decreased a bit but the study of the gospel of Matthew continues. The mother's bible study is for any age and continues to grow.

With no questions for Pastor, Jim asked for a motion to approve the Pastor's report. Motion was made by Vaughn Owens, seconded by Steve Wooden. Motion carried.

Board of Elders: Robert Nolte

The Elders reported the following:

1. In January Steve Harms will be the assistant usher and Derk Wampler will become the head usher.
2. The Elders are recommending that the Christmas Eve offering be donated to the Lutheran Campus Ministries on the UCM Campus in Warrensburg. Janet Bredehoeft seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Principal's Report: Mr. Dave Frank

Mr. Frank reported that the school year is going well.

- The language and social studies programs have expanded.
- Several of the computers are being upgraded.

- The magnetic door locks have been installed on all doors except the east door which is still a keyed lock. Cards to access the school will be issued shortly to those who need them. There will be a lock box installed to allow remote unlock and will contain a magnetic key for access by emergency personnel.
 - The kitchen report will be presented by Kathie Fricke.
 - An application for a grant was applied for and granted for the trees to be installed on the south side of the church.
 - The school board will meet next Tuesday (12/18) to vote on a new principal. The individual who has applied is currently employed and will be announced if approved and after they resign from their current position.
 - Lighting upgrades will start next week.
 - Mr. Frank reported that the purpose of the school is truly for kids to understand how much God loves them.
 - The conference that was attended the week of Thanksgiving went well.
 - The Candlelight service will be on 12/19 – Donna Owens has that well under control.
- Kathie Fricke reported that the PTL has purchased a new, commercial dishwasher that will save a lot of time in the kitchen. There is new plumbing that will have to be installed and an existing sink moved. The PTL would like the church to pay for the plumbing and it will probably be less than \$1,000 but no official estimate was available at the time of the meeting.

Association: No Additional Information

Board of Trustees: Rodney Erdman

Rodney reported the following:

- Stunkle extended the concrete ramp on the north side of the church. Cost was \$1,400. The handrail was also extended and cost \$650.
- Carpets and cushions in the church were cleaned by Service Master at a cost of \$130. Curtis purchased anti-slip strips for under the cushions on the pews.
- Kyle Dobson cleared the sidewalks during the last snowstorm – no bill yet. Scott Rasa cleared the parking lots (donated that work).
- Pole light on the south side of the east parking lot has been repaired by the city at no cost to the church.
- The chair lift keys have been secured on a chain so they don't disappear.

- Marilyn Boeschen's piano will be donated to the church. Of the two pianos in the church basement, one will go to the school and Pastor will take the other one. Steve Waters, a piano tuner from the KC area will be in charge of the moving. He has the equipment and will take any piano that we no longer want. It will cost around \$500 to get them all moved but he will reduce the cost if we provide some labor (to between \$250 and \$400). The piano's weight about 350 or 400 pounds and so it's critical to have someone with the equipment and knowledge move them. This will happen around December 18, in the late afternoon. Terri indicated that one of the pianos was acquired because the other was no longer tunable.
- The lighting project in the school will be upgraded before the end of the year. The school will pay for the project and not seek financing. Half of the materials have been paid for.
- Rodney recently reported that there was a crack in the art room ceiling. Mueller's Metal put in place a beam/column to support the ceiling and prevent further cracking. Cost was \$406.35.
- Ted Draper and Marsha Tomchaney donated a new garbage disposal to the school valued at \$152. The Trustees would like to thank them both.
- At the parsonage, a third bid was acquired from Stuenkle concrete to do work on the driveway area. His bid was \$4,099, a bit higher (\$950) than the other bids, but the work is more significant and will provide a much safer area for the family. Dennis Fuehring mentioned that this work is really necessary and will prevent cars from getting stuck in the yard which happened during the last rainstorm. The Trustees made a motion to accept the bid from Stuenkle, Donna Owens seconded. Jim called for a vote – motion carried.

Board of Finance: Janet Bredehoeft

Janet reported the following:

October general funds	
10/07	\$11,334.60
10/14	4,005.77
10/21	6,253.25
10/28	5,170.08
Totals for October	26,763.70
with additional designated funds of \$3,384	

November general funds	
11/04	\$9,096.15
11/11	4,429.75
11/18	7,231.45
11/22	7,802.00
(Includes Thanksgiving offering)	
11/25	2,935.15
Totals for November	\$31,494.50
with additional designated funds of \$1,833.75	

Mark Schnare asked how the church was doing on the YTD funds needed. Kevin explained that we have received \$327,415.13 to date, had budgeted to receive \$319,694 and so we are ahead by \$7,722.13.

Church Council: John Frerking

John reported that Janet Bredehoeft's term is expiring on the Finance Board but she has accepted a Member at Large position to help with the transition. The Council appreciates her support.

Saving Grace Outreach: Myra Fuehring

Myra reported the following:

- Four deliveries were made to Messiah Lutheran with hygiene bags and warm things for the Messiah Homeless/Needy ministry. Many thanks to all who donated. We will consider collecting hygiene bags and summer clothing in the spring.
- As Mr. Frank reported, the MO Department of Conservation has given us a tree grant in the amount of \$500. We had applied for \$1,000 so may receive additional funding in the Spring. We will be able to have some trees planted on the south side of the church in the Spring.
- We have advertised in the ad sheet to see who might need transportation to church. We were able to match up one person with a driver(s).
- We delivered Meals on Wheels to our community last week. In 2019 our church will take a turn every 8 weeks. We appreciate all those so willing to serve others.
- Look for changes/updates to our Prayer Ministry at our next meeting.
- Kathie Fricke reports that she will be sending out Christmas cards to our military and one APO address will get a package.
- We are requesting card showers for people on our prayer list. We will try to have no more than three card requests in a week, unless needs are immediate.

- Starting in January we will request birthday cards for shut-ins during their birthday month.
- A reminder, we are happy to arrange transportation for chemo/radiation treatments and meals when needed. Please let Pastor know your needs.
- Shut-in visits continue.

Voting

Ballots were distributed to vote for new officers and board members for the 2019 year. Mr. Frank, Oscar Fricke and Bert Sowers collected and counted the ballots. The following individuals were elected:

President, Jim Kronsbein; VP, Kevin Sowers; Secretary, Debbie Krieger; Treasurer, Kevin Thurmon; Board of Elders, John Frerking, Justin Moenkhoff, Robert Nolte; Parish Board, Paulette Augustine, Beth Rasa Edwards; Trustees, Tom Russell; Finance Board, Donna Campbell and Peggy Fridell.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Jim reported that Donna Brown and Keith and Janet Bredehoeft have volunteered to be the Auditing Committee to review 2018 books. Jim thanked them for volunteering.

Donna reminded everyone that candlelight service will be on December 19. The offering from the December 12 advent meal will go to the choir and school for music needs.

Jim indicated that the church needs to select a member to vote for the synodical officers. Pastor explained that previously the church representative that attended the synodical convention voted for officers. The rules changed and now we can simply appoint someone without sending anyone to convention. Jim called for a volunteer to vote. The volunteer will receive an email from the synod with a link to the voting site and will then simply vote online. The member selected to vote must be named in the Voters' Meeting notes that they were approved to vote. Kathie Fricke asked if the person had to attend the convention and Pastor answered no. Jim asked for a volunteer, Kevin Thurmon volunteered. Jim made a motion to accept Kevin Thurmon as our designated voter. Steve Wooden seconded. Jim called for a vote – motion carried.

Kevin Thurmon will be our designated voter for synod officers.

Kevin presented the proposed church budget for 2019. Janet explained the budget increases and decreases proposed for 2019 which total a net increase of \$18,512 to the budget. Kevin reminded us that these are budget numbers and so may increase or decrease as we go through the year.

Donna Owens asked about the utility budget and wasn't the installation of the new lights supposed to help cut that in half. Kevin indicated that those figures were in the school budget not the church budget.

Janet Bredehoeft made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Steven Wooden seconded the motion. Motion carried, budget for 2019 was approved.

Budget detail is available on request.

Mr. Frank reported that the technology group is working to set up a live broadcast channel on YouTube.

Donna Owens reported that pictorial directories are being prepared and should be available after the first of the year.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 P.M. and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Krieger, Secretary

January Birthdays

- 1 Jennifer Ferreira
- 2 Zane Klepper
Bill Sylvester
- 3 Kenté Boldridge
Chris Oetting
Tim Trigg
- 4 Jan Meyer
Marley Plymell
- 5 Maddox Begemann
- 6 Mark Morris
- 7 Keenan Boldridge
Keith Bredehoeft
Jacob Lohmann
Edgar Rasa
- 8 Emily Leimkuehler
Bill Meyer
Monica Leary
- 9 Derrick Griffel
Linda Lohmann
Julie Yates
- 10 Ronnie Fauss

- 11 Liz Keaton
Myla Petersen
- 12 Mike Markley
Lawrence Wonderly
- 13 Lucy Haston
Ryan Soendker
- 14 Alice Black
Matthew Elsea
Chloe Miller
- 15 Bart Kappelman
Maxon Lefman
- 16 Ralph Arbogast
Mallie Crutchfield
- 17 Ashley Pfeifer
Megan Whitt
- 18 Kris Kramer
Roger Petersen

- 19 Dick Kalebaugh
Lisa Stone
- 20 Ty Gast
Don Rasa
- 21 Cheryl Holt
Robert Soendker
- 22 Bryce Kappelman
Linda Morris
Noah Ross
- 23 Chase Mills
- 25 Kayla Nienhueser
- 26 Ted Draper
April Montrey
Averie Pippin
Gertrude Rolf
- 27 Lawrence Stark
- 29 Carol Cowherd
David Wagner
- 31 Matthew Meador

*Shut-in

January Anniversaries

- 01-03-2015 Micah & Erin Thurmon
- 01-04-1997 Chris & DeAnn Dillon
- 01-05-2008 Mark & Kathryn Schnare
- 01-08-2004 Travis & Vanessa Petersen
- 01-09-1988 Sam & Kris Kramer
- 01-16-1999 Dan & Marnie Oetting
- 01-19-2002 Guy & Linda Meador
- 01-26-2008 Nick & Karmin Phillips
- 01-28-1979 Dennis & Dionisia Kumm
- 01-30-1988 Ray & Teri Ray