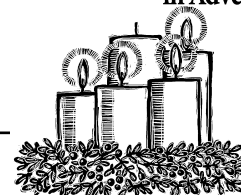


Immanuel This Week

December 20 & 21, 2008

Fourth Sunday
in Advent



Our Mission:

To introduce all people to Jesus Christ and the

Hearing Assist Units are available at the sound booth. They are wireless, so you can sit wherever you want and still hear the entire service.

Nursery 9-10:20 a.m. for Infants & Toddlers. Ask an usher for room assignments.

This Sunday's devotional reference from **Christ in Our Home: Luke 1:26-38**
"The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth."

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to our visitors, guests and members this Weekend! We are delighted to have you with us today. Visitors and guests, please stop by the Welcome Center to receive a free gift.

"The Christmas Family" at 9:15 & 11:15 — Join young Daniel at a children's home as he spends Christmas Eve listening to a radio reading of the Christmas Story. It comes alive in his imagination, and we see the shepherds visit the Christ Child and the Holy Family at the manger. But, will his own hopes for a family ever come true? The answer will be revealed today, Sunday.

(see pg. 2 for list of cast members)



New Members joining this weekend:

at 9:15:

**Bee Karnes, Kim Neal, Vivian Moritz, Don Oliver
Kathleen, Ward, Alison & Savannah Ruby
Angie & Tim Voelker**

at 11:15:

Pam & John Phillabaum

Welcome, all, to our Immanuel Family!

Real Life Children's Ranch Gifts — Please come, if you can, to the Church Sanctuary at **6:30PM today, Sunday**, to help assemble the gifts which will be sent to the Ranch on Monday. Thank you!

Sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans



Thanks for your YES vote on Tradition's new church! We need a few of you to be a part of the Tradition Team. Call the Office @ 287-8188 if interested. *Tuck Aaker*

Still Shopping for Christmas Gifts? Help Immanuel Earn Money by Shopping Online—Over 700 retailers! Go to www.shoptoearn.net/immanuel. Scroll through retailers list and click "go."



book of faith

Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

Children's Church during the 9:15 Service: Children will be directed to Children's Church at the indicated time during the service to Room "C" in the Educational Building. Children's Church is designed for children and led by Deacon Ron. If your child is a first time visitor to Children's church, please complete a registration form.

Sunday School, 10:15 to 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School Today:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>LEADERS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Toddlers	Adriana D'Amiano	Toddler Room
Pre-K, K & Grade 1	Stacy Heidelbrecht	Room "A"
Grades 2, 3 & 4 & 5	Doug & Kay Behnke	Room "B"
Junior High	Darci & Bob Nelson	Junior High Room
Senior High	Kim Shrum	Senior High Room
Children's Church	Deacon Ron	Room "C"
Adults "A Study of Luther's Large Catechism"	Pastor Tom	5th Grade Classroom/FDC

Christmas Eve



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:

4:00, 5:30, 7:30 & 11:00PM

All with Communion

The real meaning of Christmas is that God loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be the Savior of all people of all time. Come, as the shepherd who came to see what it was all about. Come to discover, to experience more of what it's all about, to be touched by God's love!

Cast of "The Christmas Family"

*Alec Towse
Vita Bundy
Bob Nelson
John Gyurco*

*Savannah Ruby
Kaitlyn Dorman
Kinley Buckley
Lissa Aderholdt*

*Gabby Lord
Bill Moorhouse
Janna Lord
Chuckie Gay
Kathleen Ruby*

*Tara Khosbakhti
Amanda McDaniel
Gregory, Holly, Savanna & Ty Dowling
Tracy, Abbey & Kaitlyn Towse
Kerri, Ailish, Regan & Shannon Tierney
Brenna, Jessica & Lauren Ciampi
Elijah Blechman*

Special thanks to:
Ed McGee, Darci Nelson, Julie McDaniel

WOW Open House on January 7th!

Join us on January 7th to preview 9 adult workshops. Information booklets will be available next weekend along with sign-up sheets for dinner. Please let us know if you will be attending dinner.

Dinner is served 5-6 p.m.; workshops and children & youth activities are 6-7 p.m.; and closing is 7-7:15 p.m. For more information, to volunteer, or sign up for a class, please call Debbie Hutta @ 287-8188.

Thank you to the following who helped with cooking, setup and cleanup this past Wednesday at WOW:

*Mark Jones, Walter Alesi, Barbara Alesi, Kim Shrum
Ed McGee & John Gyurco*

WOW is undertaking a community service event and asking anyone who would like to help to bring in canned goods, or non perishable items, for *MISS Shelter* (Mothers and Infants Striving for Success).

Items can be dropped off in the Narthex or Office.

This service event is being sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

KFC (Kids for Christ), Junior & Senior Youth will all resume on Wednesday, January 7th at WOW!

Little Lambs, for children 12 months to 5 years old, will resume meeting on Friday, January 9th, after the holidays. Questions, or more information, call Adriana D'Amiano @ 287-8188.

Immanuel's Christian Library Feature of The Week

Once a parent, always a parent—many young couples don't believe that. After all, kids are supposed to grow up, marry, and leave homes. Then come the golden years of grandchildren, freedom and the means to enjoy both. Right?

"When Your Kids Aren't Kids Anymore" by Jerry & Mary White, answers—not always. Though many children do progress through their transition years, many do not. And in neither case does parenting really come to an end. The issues simply grow more complex, and the authority parents can wield steadily decreases with time. That's why it's so important to help children get the most out of their transition years—to prepare them for adulthood before it overwhelms them.

The Whites present clear and practical guidelines for helping teens through their transition years. By dividing that period into two distinct phases (ages 16-22, and 22-30), they clearly illustrate proven methods for:

- Communicating with young adults
- Moving teens toward independence
- Teaching decision making skills
- Guiding young adults in career preparation
- Adjusting to adult children living at home
- Facing difficult times
- Healing the wounds of the past

Library Hours: Sunday 9-9:30AM & 10:30-11AM

What do you think?

We value your feedback on today's worship experience. Please let us know what was meaningful & what was not. Just give this to an usher or put it in the offering plate! Thanks for your help!

Today I attended the _____ service.

Comments:

Song/Hymn I'd like to sing:

Calendar for This Week

Saturday, 12/20

4:45PM Cornerstone Singers

6:00PM "Worship at Six"

Sunday, 12/21

Christmas Play presented at 9:15 & 11:15

8:00AM "New Traditions"/Communion

9:00AM Café Full Service Breakfast

9:15AM Contemporary Worship

10:15AM Sunday School & Adult Education Classes

11:15AM "Liturgically Lutheran"/Communion

6:30PM Assembly of gifts for Real Life Ranch—meet in Sanctuary

Tuesday, 12/23

12:30PM Staff Christmas Luncheon/Gift Exchange

Wednesday, 12/24

10:00AM Folders

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4:00PM & 5:30PM—Contemporary Worship

7:30PM & 11:00 PM—Traditional Worship

ALL SERVICES WITH CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION

For today in the city of David there has been born for you a

Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2: 11

Thursday, 12/25—Merry Christmas—Office Closed

Friday, 12/26—Office Closed

8:00PM ALON

Saturday, 12/27

6:00PM "Worship at Six"/Communion

Sunday, 12/28

8:00AM "New Traditions"

9:00AM Café Full Service Breakfast

9:15AM Contemporary Worship/Communion

10:15AM Sunday School & Adult Education Classes

11:15AM "Liturgically Lutheran"

Monday, 12/29

9:00AM Folders—meet to fold January Monthly and following weekend bulletins

The **Altar Flowers** this weekend are given "To The Glory of God" by Jean Carlson, "in loving memory of son, Jim."

Music this weekend

Prelude at 6: "Go Tell It On the Mountain" - *Traditional*
Mark Jones

Offertory at 6:00: "Selections" - Michael Ferrara

Prelude at 8: "Selections" - Michael Ferrara

Offertory at 8: "Glory to God"- *Handel* - Chancel Choir

9:15 & 11:15—Carols & Christmas Play

Announcements & Notices

Menu for Café this Sunday: Scrambled eggs, bacon, breakfast potatoes, sausage biscuit and gravy, pancakes and toppings, fruit, juice and coffee. All this for \$5.00.

Sunday School Teachers Needed! - Might you be willing to teach our children for the next "rotation" which begins in January? The Curriculum is pre planned for you—the rooms are set up for you—and, you can choose which Sundays are convenient for you. Please call Adriana D'Amiano @ 287-8188 to assist.

CareNet Services of the Treasure Coast is holding an orientation meeting on January 8th for all area churches. The Behnkes are unable to make the meeting and are looking for someone to attend to bring back the information needed. If you might be interested this meeting, please call Doug or Kay Behnke @ 220-4557.

Friday Folders will meet Monday, December 29th, 9AM, to fold January Monthly and following weekend bulletins.

A note regarding Altar Flowers—Did you know you can donate Altar Flowers on any given weekend in memory of someone, to recognize a special event, or to honor someone special? Full Altar Flower arrangements are \$25.00, and a single Rose in a bud vase is \$10.00. You can either take your flower donations home after services, or request they be given a shut-in. Sign-up sheets available at the Welcome Center, or call the Church Office @ 287-8188.

2009 Offering Envelopes were recently mailed to you. If you have not received your box of envelopes by the end of the month, please call the Church Office @ 287-8188.

End-of-Year Contribution Statement Notice

All contributions for the 2008 tax year must be in the church office by December 31, 2008, or mailed in a letter **post-marked** December 31, 2008.

Finance Team Meeting, Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 7PM.

Deborah Circle Field Trip to *The Refuge Ranch* in Okeechobee, January 12, 2009. The "Ranch" is a Christian ministry helping women to not only overcome chemical addictions, but grow in their relationship with Jesus. Car-pooling from Immanuel at 3PM. Please bring a donation of paper goods for the Ranch, and let Cheryl Gundersdorff (221-8939) know that you will attend so car-pooling arrangement can be made. The trip is open to anyone in the congregation.

Help the Homeless — The Craft/Banner Group is sponsoring a project and they invite the congregation to participate. Recently St Luke's Episcopal Church in Port Salerno opened a shower for the homeless. Needs: men's underwear: size 36-38, women's underwear: cotton, small and medium, socks: men and women; deodorant, razors, shaving cream (small), talcum powder, cream for dry skin, insect repellent, blankets (used okay) jackets. Supplemental funds supplied by "Thrivent Financial for Lutherans." A basket is in the Narthex. Questions? Karen Coombs @ 334-5827.

Immanuel's Staff

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Adult Education Ministries

Adriana D'Amiano, *Coordinator, Children's Ministries*

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Karin Skoog, *Financial & Office Assistant*

Kenyatta Rucker & Indra GoPaul, *Sextons*

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
BROADCAST "LIVE" Sundays, on Radio station:
WSTU, 1450 on the AM Dial, 9:15AM

This weeks' radio broadcast is sponsored by
Florida Outdoors RV
1160 SE Federal Hwy, Stuart

Attendance Last Weekend —515

Saturday @ 6:00PM—72; 8:00AM—85; 9:15AM—269;
11:15AM—89

(Sunday School—19, WOW—68
Captive Ministries did not meet this week.)

Worship Assistants this weekend

Saturday at 6:00

Greeters: George Brunkhorst

Ushers: Betty & Bill Betes

Reader: George Brunkhorst

Video/Sound: Ed Coombs

Sunday at 8:00

Greeters: Doris Jackson, Carol Almeida

Ushers: Eleanor & Richard Santee, Shirley & Gene Sillaman

Reader: Gene Weber

Communion Assistants: Paulette Tichacek, Dorothy Bohnert
Marian Brickwedel

Video/Sound: Frank Almeida

Sunday at 9:15

Acolyte: Ella Donaho *Crucifer:* Lissa Aderholdt

Greeters: Joan & Larry Jurgensen

Ushers: Ken Bianco, Jeff Carson, Al DeLorenzo, Jim Ager

Reader: Bill Swift

Video: Nick Bianco *Sound:* Jana Hartley

Sunday at 11:15

Greeters: Eleanore Andreasen, Marie Hassinger

Ushers: Ron Froehlich, Rudy Novotny, Elaine & David Matthew

Reader: Ron Froehlich

Communion Assistants: Johanna Dill, Linda Froehlich

It is with great sadness we report the passing of Immanuel's dear friend, Delma Taylor. Delma joined the Church Triumphant on Monday, December 15th. Husband Ernie moved on Tuesday to live with their daughter in Plant City. Expressions of sympathy can be sent Ernie at the following address:

Mr. Ernest Taylor
2906 Barrett Ave., Plant City, FL 33566

Prayer List

Kevin Arnold
Glenn Prielipp
Don Morrison
Mark Bobula
Adele McLain
Bill Ball
Arlene Albano
Eileen Fisher
Robert Pinder
Junck Family
Mary Dyer
Stacy Walsh
Cindy Caldwell
Hope Manners
Marjorie Sapp
Betty Mowry
Bob Mowry
Linda Rumbolo
Wally Stock
Danny
Jerry Pierr
Dale Wick
Ed Coombs, Jr.

Dorothy Sinicrope
Richard Jackson
Linda Hevey
Annamarie Light
Dave Goodman
Gloria Cardone
Timmy Spengler
Sara Ritzler
Margaret Forss
Dee Knudsen
Kolbe Brew
Ed McGee
Ed Phillips
David Nerau
Jackie Johnson
Chase Souza
Colton Haupt
Marian Spengler
Catherine Tazzola
Henry David
Bob Ahern

Nick Bennett
Jackie Bennett
Josh Clifford
Sal Cubeta
Brenda Hemmelgarn
Rev. Robert Haslage
Edythe Lindstrom
Loretta Blackburn
Rosemary Jeansonne
Cindy Libratore
Norm Lovgren
Brian Trelease
Jim Hercl
Russ Farnsworth
Sherry Cerniglia
Ben Ruby
Richard Petersen
David Nelson
Logan Cerniglia
Kevin Raysor
Karen Eden

Rick & Debbie Raymer
Jeff Moehlenhoff
Lori Bohm
Lisa Socker
Catherine Tuzzola
Cleo Bohm
Tony Fulmine
Bill Moreau
Tiffany
Sig-britt Nilsen
Christine Currier
Roy Bishop
Charlotte Dickey
Bill Dawson
Michele Abel
Irene Semsel-Lewis
Lois Dahlgren
Tom Coffman
Kyle Cerniglia
Edna Debernard

Military Members

Jacob Dell
Kevin Dooley
Dean Durham
Jessica Granger
Michael Griffiths
John Hanson
Sam Heidorn
Bradley Koch

Devin Phyllbaum
Kera Porter
Kent Snider
Christian Socker
Thomas C. Teufel
Johnathan Veysey
Sam M. Whittle



REQUESTS
—FOR—
PRAYER

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Service Team Kay Behnke
Small Group Team Judith Holley
Learning Ministries Jackie Gyurco
Stewardship Tuck Aaker
Communications Sam Hager
ParishDevelopment/Evangelism Bill Moorhouse

Prayer Requests—If you have a prayer request, for yourself, family, neighbor, or friend call the Church Office at 287-8188, or call Thelma Collins @ 225-1776 (December 26-30) for the name to be submitted to the Prayer Chain. *If you have placed someone on the Prayer List and know that person is no longer in need of special prayer, please call the Church Office and inform us of such. 287-8188.*