

Immanuel This Week

December 27 & 28, 2008



Our Mission:

To introduce all people to Jesus Christ and the exhilarating power and undefeatable joy He brings to life!

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:

"You are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word. (Luke 2:29)

Prayer concern: Funeral home workers.

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.

Immanuel's Café

Visit the Café from 9-11AM for a hot breakfast and fellowship with friends!

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

A Correction

Please accept apologies for publishing a wrong first name of a new member who joined Immanuel last weekend. The correct name is **Jerry Phillabaum**.

Christ In Our Home Devotional

The January, February, March 2009 Quarterly edition of the devotional booklet is available for you at the Welcome Center. Unlike past editions this year, we are not mailing the booklets to your home. Instead, please pick up a copy and continue to read the references as part of your daily devotions.

A New Adult Class begins January 4th

"What About Angels?" - meets in 5th Grade Classroom/FDC. Beginning at 10:20 a.m., Pastor Tom will be leading an investigation into "angelology". The class will last five weeks; each week looking into two questions people have about angels. They are:

Jan. 4— Should we look to angels for spiritual guidance?

Do angels have bodies?

Jan. 11—Will we become angels when we die?

Do I have a guardian angel? Do you?

Jan. 18—Should we expect angels to visit us?

Are all angels kind and helpful?

Jan. 25—Is there a religion of angels?

If I encounter an angel, will it make me feel good?

Feb. 1— Should I be on a first-name basis with angels?

Is Jesus an angel?

book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

9:15 Order of Worship

"Go Tell It On The Mountain"

"Mary Had A Baby"

Invocation & Litany

"The Gift"

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:22-40

Children's Sermon

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Holy Communion

(Children remain in Church today)

Offering

"Do You Hear What I Hear"

Sermon-Deacon Ron

"I Wonder If He Knew"

Prayers/Dismissal

Children's Church will not meet this Sunday. The children are asked to remain in the 9:15 Service until the end.

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

All children and youth will meet together in Classroom B. Taught by Adriana D'Amiano

Regular classes for all ages resume next Sunday, January 4th, including the following Adult Classes:

"Proverbs: Uncommon Sense" led by Bill Moorhouse. FDC/stage right

"What About Angels?" led by Pastor Tom
5th Grade Classroom/FDC

(see description of course to left)

Pastor Tom invites you to join him in this intriguing and Biblically-based study of these special creations of God!

A New Year Prayer

Holy Father,
 God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows.
 We praise You for Your unequaled greatness.
 Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead.
 Help us in Your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more.
 To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them.
 To teach others to love by loving them.
 Knowing, when love came to the stable in Bethlehem,
 He came for us.
 So that Love could be with us, and we could know You.
 That we could share Love with others.
 Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise,
 In the chirping of sparrows in our backyards,
 In the stories of our old folks, and the fantasies of
 our children.
 Help us to stop and listen to Your love songs,
 So that we may know You better and better.
 We rejoice in the world You loved into being.
 Thank You for another new year and for new chances
 every day.
 We pray for peace, for light, and for hope,
 that we might spread them to others.
 Forgive us for falling short this past year.
 We leave the irreparable past in your hands,
 and step out into the unknown new year
 knowing You will go with us.
 We accept Your gift of a new year and we
 rejoice in what's ahead, depending on You to
 help us do exactly what You want.
 I say it again, we rejoice!
 In Jesus name, Amen.



Anonymous author

WOW

Open House on January 7th!

Join us January 7th to preview nine adult workshops which will be offered each Wednesday evening in 2009. Information booklets are available, along with sign-up sheets for dinner, at the Welcome Center. 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 dessert 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.

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 after the holidays on Friday, January 9th. Questions, or for more information, call Adriana D'Amiano @ 287-8188.

Immanuel's Christian Library Feature of The Week

- A Peaceful Town ...
- An Idyllic Family ...
- A Phone Call That Threatens Them All ...

Karen Kingsbury is American's favorite inspirational storyteller. In "*Like Dandelion Dust*" she tells us a story of a family in crisis.

When Joey Campbell's biological father is released from prison, four-year-old Joey faces a life no one could've planned. His father wants custody, and a judge's quick decision deals a devastating blow to the Campbell family: Joey must be returned to his biological parents. In a haze of grief and disbelief, the Campbell's watch their adopted son pick a dandelion and blow the feathery seeds into the wind. And in the days following the ruling, Jack Campbell conceives a desperate and dangerous thought—what if they could devise a way out? What if they take Joey and just disappear ... LIKE DANDELION DUST?

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, 12/27

4:45PM Cornerstone Singers

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 for children & youth

11:15AM "Liturgically Lutheran"

Monday, 12/29

9:00AM **Folding of January Monthly**

Wednesday, 12/31

News Years' Eve—Office closes at 12 noon

Thursday, 1/01/09

Office Closed—Happy New Year!

Friday, 1/02/09

Office Closed

8:00PM ALON

Saturday, 1/03

6:00PM "Worship at Six"

Sunday, 1/04

Florida Blood Services Mobile Van here all morning!

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

PLAN NOW TO GIVE THE "GIFT OF LIFE"!

The mobile van from the Florida Blood Services will be here Sunday 1/4 and Saturday 1/10. The need for blood in our area is at a critical point and they ask that you please consider giving the "Gift of Life" on either date.

The mission of Florida Blood Services Foundation is to develop community awareness and financial support for Florida Blood Services to ensure a safe and adequate blood supply, while advancing transfusion medicine.

The **Altar Flowers** this weekend are given "To The Glory of God" by Judith Holley, "to honor the birthday of my sister, Carleen Woolley." The Altar Rose is given "To The Glory of God" by Darin & Stacey Heidebrecht, "honoring the 4th Anniversary of Daniel's Baptism."

Music this weekend

Three Mystical Songs, **Sandra McNiff, Soloist**

- 1) Three Jolly Shepherds
- 2) The Prophecy
- 3) The Biirthday

Composer—Alec Rowley

Announcements & Notices

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

End of the Year Giving—You still have time to make an end of the year tax-deductible contribution of cash, securities or real estate. Over the past years there is always an influx of additional gifts that help us stay in good financial condition and this year because of some specific unseen increased expense, like our insurance nearly doubling to \$60,000 a year, it is especially important that we receive additional gifts. Without the generosity of you members a number of people in our community would not be inspired by Jesus' words through our ministries. In the case of our radio broadcasts alone, we are reaching hundreds of people who otherwise would not hear those words and be without the Good News of Jesus Christ. Consider a year end special gift that will help Immanuel to remain a strong source of the Good News for all of our community. Thank you in advance for your generous gifts! *Stewardship Team*

****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.

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.

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. Open to all!

Sunday School Teachers Needed for next "rotation" 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. If you can help, please call Adriana D'Amiano @ 287-8188.

CareNet Services of the Treasure Coast is holding an orientation meeting on January 8th for all area churches. If you might be interested in attending this meeting to gather information, please call Doug or Kay Behnke @ 220-4557.

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

This weeks' radio broadcast is sponsored by
an anonymous donor. Thank you!

Attendance Last Weekend —571

Saturday @ 6:00PM—61; 8:00AM—103; 9:15AM—294;
11:15AM—113

(Sunday School—27

WOW & Captivate Ministries did not meet this week.)

Worship Assistants this weekend

Saturday at 6:00

Greeters: Joe Olsen & Dottie Thomson

Ushers: Linda & John Warren

Reader: Dottie Thomson

Communion Assistants: Karin Mills, Marion Morrison, Barbara Shank
Linda Pierr

Video/Sound: Ed Coombs

Sunday at 8:00

Greeters: Gladys & Bill Johnson

Ushers: Shirley & Gene Sillaman, Bill Johnson, Ernest Spengler

Reader:

Video/Sound: Frank Almeida

Sunday at 9:15

Acolyte:

Crucifer: Isham Gandhi

Greeters: Marge Hercl, Marlene Dragash

Ushers: Jim Hercl, Nick Dragash, Stuart Trent, Amy Eason

Reader: Darlene Schuon

Communion Assistants: Mary Donatucci, Lola Ebright, Karen Fisher-Holmes
Carolyn Ries, Darcy Nelson

Video: Nick Bianco

Sunday at 11:15

Greeters: Jean Peterson, Joan Boyce

Ushers: Ron Froehlich, Jennifer Fasone

Reader: Sam Hager

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
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
Frank Evans

Nick Bennett
Jackie Bennett
Josh Clifford
Sal Cubeta
Brenda Hemmelgarn
Rev. Robert Haslage
Edythe Lindstrom
Loretta Blackburn
Rosemary Jeansonne
Cindy Libratoro
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
Tom Coffman
Kyle Cerniglia
Edna Debernard

Military Members

Jacob Dell	Devin Phyllabaum
Kevin Dooley	Kera Porter
Dean Durham	Kent Snider
Jessica Granger	Christian Socker
Michael Griffiths	Thomas C. Teufel
John Hanson	Johnathan Veysey
Sam Heidorn	Sam M. Whittle
Bradley Koch	



REQUESTS
— FOR —
PRAYER

Congregational Council

President	Ed Coombs
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Learning Ministries	Jackie Gyurco
Stewardship	Tuck Aaker
Communications	Sam Hager
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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.*