

# Immanuel This Week

December 6 & 7, 2008

Second Sunday  
of 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: Mark 1:1-8**

*"John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." (v. 4)* **Prayer concern: Prophets in our midst.**

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.

**Informational Session today, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. in Sanctuary on 2009 Proposed Budget.** Now is the time to ask your questions before Annual Meeting next Sunday on the 2009 Budget.

Also, plans for the start of a new ELCA Church at Tradition will be further explained at each service this weekend at time of Joys and Concerns.

**New Members Class this evening, Sunday, December 7th, 7:00PM** in the 2nd Grade Classroom. If you have been thinking of joining Immanuel, now is the time. We'll look for you this evening!

**Advent**—As part of our Wednesday evening WOW program, we take time for Advent Mid-week Worship at 7:00PM in the Faith Development Center. Plan to come to the WOW program and remain for a time of worship the next two Wednesdays leading to the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Congregational Meeting



**Annual Meeting next Sunday, December 14th, 10:30AM in Church Sanctuary**

Important agenda items require approval by a quorum of our membership: 1) Mission at Tradition Development Plan;

2) 2009 Operating Budget; and 3) Election of Council members for both one and two year terms.

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Receiving the Sacrament at the 9:15 service today are **Julian Aiden & Adriel Ivan Gonzalez**, children of Eric & Trina Gonzalez. Last Sunday at the 11:15 service the following were baptized: **Rebecca Katharine Guison**, daughter of Ron & Christine Guison, and **Brian Frick McGrath**, grandson of Mary Hyatt.



## 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.**

## 9:15 Order of Worship

*"Prepare Ye The Way"*

*"Humble Thyself"*

*"Hey! Hey! Anybody"*

Invocation

*"Adonai"*

Scripture Readings

II Peter 3:8-3:15a

Mark 1:1-8

Children's Sermon

*"Light the Candle"*

Lord's Prayer

Children to Children's Church

Offering

*"Kyrie"*

Sermon-Pastor Tom

*"Sing We Now/O God Our*

*Help"*

Prayers/Dismissal

## 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 <i>Proverbs: Uncommon Sense</i>	Bill Moorhouse	FDC/stage right
Adults <i>"A Study of Luther's Large Catechism"</i>	Pastor Tom	5th Grade Classroom/FDC
Adults <i>"Battlefield of the Mind"</i>	Sue Crafts	FDC/stage left

# WOW

This Wednesday, Advent is celebrated at WOW

**5:00-6:00PM Dinner—Please sign up at Welcome Center if you are coming for dinner!**

**6:00-7:00PM Workshops**

**7:00PM Advent Mid-Week Worship**

The following workshops continue this week:

- Believing God**
- Proverbs, Uncommon Sense**
- Bible 101—Back to the Basics**
- Battlefield of The Mind**
- Read the Writing on the Wall**
- Bible Culture & Customs**
- Christmas Traditions**

Please check the listings at the Welcome Center and sign up for the class you would like to attend. And remember to bring a friend, or two!

## WOW Open House on January 7th!

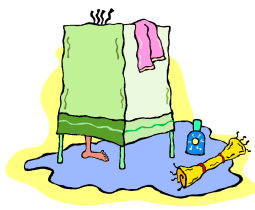
If you haven't been to a WOW Wednesday as yet, or you're just getting back from up North, we want to tell you about new opportunities for you and your friends to come grow and share in the Holy Spirit. Wednesdays are for people of all ages to have dinner and to be involved in activities, discussions and relationships with others.

Come and check out all that's going on at our Open House and preview nine more workshops being offered. Class size is limited, so please sign up early.

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.

## Help the Homeless

The Craft/Banner Group is taking on a project and they invite the congregation to participate.



Recently St Luke's Episcopal Church in Port Salerno opened a shower for the homeless. They are in need of 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." Any donations will be greatly appreciated. A basket will be in the Narthex. Thank you. Call Karen Coombs for additional information @ 334-5827.



**Thanks for your generous gifts this year!**

Some of our expenses have increased dramatically during the year! Consider giving an extra gift to Immanuel for this Christmas season to help us finish the year with a positive balance!

## Menu for December 3rd

- Salmon with Raspberry & Peppercorn Sauce
- Wild Rice Medley
- Peas
- Dinner Roll
- Beverages & Dessert

You must sign up at Welcome Center for the meal so that we can plan quantities.  
Thank you!

## KFC (Kids for Christ) on Wednesdays

Continuing this Wednesday during the WOW program from 6:30-7PM, Miss Rabe will be leading a Children's Choir which will be performing for our Christmas Services. The choir is open to children in Kindergarten through Junior High.

## Junior & Senior High Youth, Wednesday nights at WOW

— This week our youth will deliver Christmas trees and cookies to shut-ins. Led by Pastor Tom.

**Little Lambs**, for children 12 months to 5 years old, meet this Friday, December 12th in Faith Development Center.

Questions, or more information, call Adriana D'Amiano @ 287-8188.

## Christmas "Wishes" for Real Life Children's Ranch

— This weekend the "wishes" for the 32 children at the Ranch are posted on a tree in the Narthex. Please bring your wrapped gift with the Christmas Tree Wish attached by Sunday December 22nd.



The gifts will be delivered on Monday, December 23rd. Our Immanuel Family has been so giving in the past and we ask your continued support. If you prefer, Jerry and I will shop for you. Should you have any questions, please call Madge or Jerry Pinder @781-2541.

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## 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:**

\_\_\_\_\_

## This Week's Calendar

### Saturday, 12/06

4:45PM Cornerstone Singers

6:00PM "Worship at Six"

### Sunday, 12/07

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

7:00PM New Members Class/2nd Grade Classroom

### Monday, 12/08

3:00PM Deborah Circle/home of Cheryl Gundersdorff

### Tuesday, 12/09

7:00PM Prayer Group/Pastor Tom's Office

### Wednesday, 12/10

5:00-6:00PM WOW Dinner

6:00PM Jr./Sr. High deliver trees to shut-ins

6:00-7:00PM WOW Workshops

7:00PM Advent Worship/Faith Development Center

7:30PM CWT

### Thursday, 12/11

10:00AM Banner/Craft Group

7:00PM Chancel Choir

7:00PM Captivate Ministries

### Friday, 12/12

10:00AM Friday Folders

12:30PM Little Lambs

2:00PM Memorial Service for George Dixon

8:00PM ALON

The **Altar Flowers** this weekend are given "To The Glory of God" by Mr. & Mrs. Neil Collins, in honor of the birthdays of children, Terri, Kriste & Lance, and birthday of grandchild, Stephanie."

### Music this weekend

Prelude at 6, 8 & 11:15: "Be Still My Soul"

*Margaret Hamm*—Mark Jones, Soloist

Offertory at 6: "God Is Working His Purpose Out"

*Martin Shaw*—Cornerstone Singers

Offertory at 8: "When Will The Little King Come"

*Ruth Schram*—Chancel Choir

Offertory at 11:15: "Advent Medley"- *Margaret Hamm*

Mark Jones, Soloist

Music at 9:15—Contemporary Worship Team

### Academy of Performing Arts at Immanuel

The Academy invites you to attend their December Recital, next Sunday, December 14th at 4:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary. Academy students will be singing and performing on the guitar and piano. Come and support these young musicians! The Academy has a few openings left for piano students. All lessons are in the Choir Room. For more information, call Donna Vojcsik @ 485-4044.

**Deborah Circle**— will celebrate the "Reason for The Season" with a Christmas Celebration, tomorrow, Monday, December 8th, 3:00 p.m. at the home of Cheryl Gundersdorff. The gathering will include an ornament exchange (all gifts should be wrapped), monetary gifts for the Baby Jesus (Deborah Circle's ongoing baby layette project), and a healthy soup and salad supper. Still time to call Judy Wake-man @ 287-4689 to sign up for a dish to share. Don't miss this fun and meaningful event.

### Immanuel's Christian Library Feature of Week—DVD

—*"The Story of Silent Night,"* featuring the Vienna Boys Choir on a DVD, tells us about an Austrian winter when a young priest received heavenly inspiration to commemorate the most significant event in history by writing the world's most beloved Christmas carol. In this beautiful, touching drama, young Father Mohr's life is affected by his fatherless upbringing, inspiring him to bring joy and love to the people of his parish. One winter evening in 1818, God used Father Mohr to describe the miracle birth of the Christ Child in the world's most memorable Christmas carol. Sung around the world in 120 languages, few know the real story of how "Silent Night" came to be.

This magical story for the entire family will touch the hearts and souls of all. The DVD extra features include: Holiday Fest in Austria, Silent Night, World War II, 1944.

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

### Campbell's Labels for Education—

We're still collecting Campbell's soup labels, which entitle us to "bonus" points to be used for educational products for our children and youth programs. Remember, front panel product labels are not accepted—just clip and submit to us the **UPC** part of the label **only**. Extra bonus points can also be acquired through the UPC portion on Pepperidge Farm, Goldfish Crackers, all V8 Splash Beverages, as well as Campbell's Supper Bakes Meal Kits. You can leave your contributions at the Welcome Center or in Church Office.



### Christmas Shopping? Help Immanuel Earn Money by Shopping Online

— Over 700 retailers! Go to [www.shoptoearn.net/immanuel](http://www.shoptoearn.net/immanuel). Scroll through retailers list and click "go." All of your online shopping needs available. Thank you for helping!

### 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** will be mailed to you next week. If you have not received your box of envelopes by the end of the month, please call the Church Office @ 287-8188.

## Immanuel's Staff

Rev. Thomas D. Hartley,

*Senior Pastor*

Ron Hughes, *Deacon*

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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—482

Saturday @ 6:00PM—70; 8:00AM—85; 9:15AM—214;  
11:15AM—113

Sunday School—14; Adult Education—19;  
WOW—196, Thanksgiving Eve & 118 this past Wed.)

## Worship Assistants this weekend

### Saturday at 6:00

*Greeters:* Pat & John McCluskey

*Ushers:* Les Smith, Billy Harrell

*Reader:* John McCluskey

*Video/Sound:* Ed Coombs

### Sunday at 8:00

*Greeters:* Jill & Garrett Ash

*Ushers:* Doris Jackson

*Reader:* Ken Meierdierks

*Communion Assistants:* Joan Schappert, Thelma Collins, Doris Jackson

*Video/Sound:* Frank Almeida

### Sunday at 9:15

*Acolyte:* Katie Dorman *Crucifer:* Savannah Ruby

*Greeters:* Ruth Ann Katilius, Mary Donatucci

*Ushers:* Cliff Moore, Ed Williams, Kathleen Ruby

*Reader:* Judy Wakeman

*Video:* Nick Bianco *Sound:* Jana Hartley

### Sunday at 11:15

*Greeters:* Madge Kile, Betsy Oyer

*Ushers:* Jean Peterson, David Matthew, Elaine Matthew, Rudy Novotny

*Reader:* Ron Froehlich

*Communion Assistants:* Johanna Dill, Jean Friedman

It is with sadness we report that George Dixon, a member of Immanuel since 2002, passed to the Church Triumphant on Monday of this week. We extend sympathy and prayers to his daughter, Marjorie Brechtelsbauer, family and friends upon their loss. A Memorial Service will be held at Immanuel next Friday, December 12th, at 2:00PM.

Sympathy is also extended George & Kathy Falconer, upon the death of George's sister, Catherine Falconer, this last week.

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

Dorothy Sinicrope  
Richard Jackson

Linda Hevey  
Joanne DeMong  
Annamarie Light  
Dave Goodman  
Gloria Cardone  
Timmy Spengler  
Sara Ritzler  
Margaret Forss  
Dee Knudsen  
Kolbe Brew  
Ed McGee  
Ed Phillips  
David Nerau  
John Sturdevant  
Sally Hrebenar  
Martha Goodrich  
Jackie Johnson  
Jan Clewell  
Chase Souza  
Colton Haupt  
Marian Spengler  
Irma Jury  
Catherine Tazzola  
Roger Jury  
Henry David

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  
Becky Springer  
Logan Cerniglia  
Kevin Raysor  
Karen Eden

## Prayer List

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

## Military Members

Jacob Dell	Bradley Koch
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



## Congregational Council

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Vice President . . . . .	Jim Ager
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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 Cheryl Gundersdorff @ 221-8939 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.*