

WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT:

Blood Drive: We have the opportunity to help save the lives of others by supporting the Red Cross Blood Drive on **Thurs, Jan 2** from **9am-1:45pm** in the gymnasium. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or log onto www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: **immlutheran** to make your appointment.

Education Hour Returns: Jan 5, 9:30am. We will be offering a variety of classes for spiritual growth through our Adult Bible studies, Cross+Eyed for children 0-6th grade, 7-8th grade Confirmation, and High School Youth. Pick up Ministry Guide at our Information Desk or Welcome Desk. Plan to join us, and invite a friend.

Immanuel Sacred Choir: All are invited to join our choir and lift up your voice in praise of our Lord. We practice every Wednesday from 7-8:30pm in the Worship Center. Contact Bob or Lynn Christian at (586)463-4735 for more information.

Immanuel makes a Difference...You make a Difference: Did you know this past year Immanuel (You) made a difference in our community? Over \$45k was given to local charities through Run the Plank, over \$6,200.00 was given to orphanages in India for clean water, over \$3,400 was given to the Philippines for Typhoon Relief, over 330 prayer blankets have been given to hurting people, over 250 families received gifts for Christmas, over 150 families have benefited from our food pantry, and over 100lbs of food has been donated through our garden. God is good, through you. As the year comes to an end, it's not too late to give. Give a tax-deductible gift this year, and continue to make a difference through your generosity!

Spreading Warmth in Colder Weather: A small act of kindness can have a huge impact on others. Sharing Christ's love can be as easy as offering your house or car as a location for cell phone or laptop charging when others are without power, or contact your local shelter to learn how you can support their efforts.

Call Teams: The Call teams for our new Principal and Family Life Minister (0-K), are ready to receive names from the community of Immanuel. Submission forms are at the Information Desk in the Worship Center Lobby, and on the table outside the chapel sanctuary. You may also submit names on-line through our website (immlutheran.org), by clicking the scrolling news link to the submission form. Names will be taken until **Jan 5, 2014**. Please pray for our Call team members.

WELCOME to Immanuel. Here we are committed to family friendly ministry, which is biblically based and driven by our mission "**To Know Christ is to Share His Love**". Today you will experience an authentic relational family because you're part of our family.

Please, take a moment today and fill out our '**WE CARE**' card, which lets us know you're here and any prayer needs you may have. If there is anything I can personally ever pray about for you, please let me know. If you're a first time guest, please mark that, and we will simply send you a Welcome Card.

God bless your worship experience today as part of God's family.

Serving Christ Together,
Greg S. Griffith, Lead Pastor

OUR SERVICES:	Saturday	6:30pm Contemporary
	Sunday	8:15am Traditional
		9:30am Education Hour
		10:43am Interactive (Chapel)
		10:45am Blended
	Monday	7:00pm Blended

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

New Year's Eve Worship Service: Reflect on 2013 and see God's hand in each of your past days, no matter what they brought. Look forward to 2014 and know God will guide and protect you in the upcoming year no matter what may come. Invite someone one to come and worship and commune with God on New Year's Eve at 5:30pm in the Chapel.

"not a fan.": Beginning in January we will be discovering how to be a follower of Jesus and "not a fan" through our new message series. Invite someone you know to be "not a fan" of Jesus. Small Group Bible Studies are forming to study "not a fan." If you are interested in joining one of these groups contact Pastor Michael at mheiden@immlutheran.org.

Prayer Wall: Prayer is powerful because they are answered by our God, with whom all things are possible. If you would like us to lift you, a loved one, or a friend up in prayer please write your request on our prayer wall in the Worship Center Lobby.

"REJOICE WITH THOSE WHO REJOICE; WEEP WITH THOSE WHO WEEP." ROMANS 12:15

BAPTISM: Through the miracle of baptism, we welcome **Raikken Samuel Smith** into the family of God. Parents are Michale Smith & Lyndsey Feldman.

WEDDING: Congratulations to **Andrew Thompson & Jamie Sullwold** who will be joined in marriage this coming weekend. We pray that they will keep Christ at the center of their marriage.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the family of **Harry Zwolshen, Jr.**, who was called to his eternal home this past week. May the hope and joy of the resurrection bring this family comfort and peace.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR:

If you would like to remember or honor a loved one by placing flowers on the altar, please contact Sally in the church office at 586-286-4231 or email her at ssmoss@immlutheran.org. Flowers are \$30 per arrangement.

A printed order of our weekly prayers is available at the bulletin cart.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Dec 28-30

Sat, Sun 8:15, 10:45 & Mon

- **Welcome**
- **Opening Song**
- **Baptism** (Sat)
- **Call to Worship**
- **Confession & Announcement of Forgiveness**
- **Prayer of the Day:** Direct us, O Lord, in all our actions by Your gracious favor, and further us with Your continual help that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Your name, we may glorify Your holy name and finally by Your mercy receive eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- **Scripture Readings:**
 *Isaiah 63:7-9 page 1160
 Galations 4:4-7 page 1813
 Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 page 1498
- **Christmas Creed**
- **Children’s Message**
- **Receiving of Tithes & Offerings**
Collection of We Care Cards
- **Prayers & The Lord’s Prayer**
- **Message Song**
- **Message:** “Our God Reigns”
- **Anthem**
- **Communion Benediction**
- **Closing Song**

*Scripture reading for Saturday

Weekly Attendance 12/22	1030	Holy Communion:	457
Christmas Services:	2483	Holy Communion:	75
Due to the holiday, the Weekly Financial Summary was not available at print time.			
You can find the monthly financial summary of the church and school on our website or through our weekly Immanuel Minute.			

You can help support our congregation through **Thrivent Choice** at www.thrivent.com

ADDITIONAL MINISTRY NEWS:

Missionary of the Week: Pastor Alcamar Prando, Brazil Christmas time is an important time for outreach everywhere, including in Mercedes where Pastor Alcamar leads a church of about 150 members. Please pray for their church as they reach out to their community with the love of Jesus!

Prayer Blanket Ministry: You can be the warm connection between a person who is hurting and a ministry that covers them in prayer. Join us in making blankets on Thurs, Jan 9, at 7pm in Room 108. If you know someone who could use a prayer blanket there are forms at our information desk. Contact Shirley Leidecker at (586)727-9757 or sleidecker@immlutheran.org for more information.

Upcoming Events: Stop by the Information Desk and pick up an Upcoming Events bulletin. Take one for a neighbor or friend. There are many fellowship and mission events offered at Immanuel and at other area churches, and opportunities for your family to participate and invite others.

DON’T FORGET TO “CHECK IN” AT IMMANUEL LUTHERAN ON FACEBOOK OR FOURSQAURE! JUST BY LETTING YOUR SOCIAL NETWORK KNOW YOU ARE HERE WORSHIPING WITH US, YOU WITNESS TO OTHERS. THEY WILL KNOW THAT IF THEY ARE LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME, THEY WILL FIND A FRIEND AT IMMANUEL.

Message Notes:
