



Missions & Ministries:
Week of December 3, 2017

OUR MISSION

"Share the love of Jesus, Grow in faith, Serve community!"

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Worship Schedule:

Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study

Date	Day	Study	Teacher	Location
Ongoing	Sun	7:30 am Bible Study	Pastors	Church Fellowship
Ongoing	Sun	12:15 pm Young Adult Study	Tara Barrett	Barrett Home
Ongoing	Tues	9:00 am Morning Study	Pastor John	Learning Center
Ongoing	Tues	6:30 pm Evening Study	Brian Hanson	Conference Room
Ongoing	Thur	6:30 am Topical Study	Pastor Jonathan	Four Star Restaurant

Daily Bible Readings

Mon. Dec 4 – 2 Pet 1:1-21, 2:1-22

Tue. Dec 5 – 2 Pet 3:1-18

Wed. Dec 6 – 1 John 1:1-2:14

Thu. Dec 7 – 1 John 2:15-29

Fri. Dec 8 – 1 John 3:1-24

Sat. Dec 9 – 1 John 4:1-21

Gifts and Giving

MONDAY MORNING DASHBOARD

ATTENDANCE:	2016	2017	Treasurer's Report		
Wed.	75	81	Offerings:	2016	2017
Sun.	265	255	General:	\$8,209	\$11,444
Bible Class:	80	75			

"SUPPORT THE MISSION"

How to support the mission of our church and school:

- 1) Place your offering in the offering plates on Sunday.
- 2) Joyful Response form—Return to the office or give to Cathy Muraski, bookkeeper.
- 3) You can set this up on your own at www.immanuelrapids.com. Click on the giving or donation box and you can set up and enter your arrangement.
- 4) You can give at the Welcome Center at church with debit and credit card. (Please give responsibly through this means)
- 5) Messaging (texting) with your smart phones. Call 715-955-4686 and follow instruction. Information is safe and protected.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please stop downstairs in the Fellowship Hall and pick up your 2018 Offering Envelopes. You will find them in alphabetical order. The Joyful Response envelopes will be highlighted in yellow. If you cannot find your offering envelopes please let the church office know and a box will be made up for you. Thank you.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS – to Delores Bier, Avis Grover, and Maurice Petta on the 4th.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES –Celebrating this week: Jim & Marianne Howard (52) on the 4th; Jay & Michelle Hartjes (14) on the 6th; Justin & Brittany Dahl (3) on the 7th; and Jim & Tracy Mortenson (20) on the 9th.



Pastor John's Farewell

Pastor John's Retirement and Farewell Gathering:

Please note that the beautiful red and white altar flowers are in honor of Pastor John and Barb's retirement.

Also, please join us downstairs in the fellowship hall after each of the services today, **December 3rd**, for sandwiches, refreshments, and cake to honor Pastor John as he prepares to retire at the end of the year. Pastor John, Barb, and family members will be present to share the memories from the past ten plus years.

Events This Week

NEWSLETTER NEWS FOR THIS WEEK....

....Holiday Worship schedule and Office hours

....Don't have a newsletter nearby?

You can find it on our website at www.immanuelrapids.com

Click on "Get Connected", then "News and Events"

ANGEL TREE: You once again have the opportunity to serve through Angel Tree this year. This ministry is for those children whose parents are imprisoned at the present time and helps provide a gift and a message of hope. Check out the tree in the Narthex—Dec. 3, and 6. Please return the wrapped gifts by Sunday, Dec. 10. Volunteers are needed. Please address any of your questions to Chris Voelker. [715.435.3816](tel:715.435.3816).

POINTSETTIAS FOR THE HOMEBOUND - Poinsettias are here!

Please stop down to the fellowship hall and take a Christmas card made out with a homebound friend's name and address and a plant to deliver to them. When you deliver the plant, please plan to visit with the person for a little while. Start the Christmas season giving cheer and a smile to someone by picking one up so the plant can be enjoyed! Thank you for your help and have a Blessed Christmas! Pauline Szelagowski, Human Care and Nancy Starr, Project Compassion

LIVE NATIVITY COMING SOON! – Come one, come all...come

and see our Live Nativity displayed outside the church on Friday, **December 15th** from 3 – 5:30 pm. Join Mrs. Macomber and some of the Immanuel students as they demonstrate how it might have been when our Savior was born. And yes, we said LIVE...they will also have some animals to help present their display. If anyone would like to bring some cookies or bars to go along with the refreshments that will be served in the basement of the church during this time, they would be greatly appreciated. There will be coffee and hot chocolate served...and the bars or cookies you are donating can be brought to the church basement on that day any time after 2:30.

School NEWS

SING THE SAVIOR'S BIRTH - Come and celebrate with our students on December 21 at 1:00 pm or 6:00 pm in the school gym as they proclaim your Savior's birth through word and song. Invite your friends to come and be part of the greatest story of all times.

THINK SCRIP! SCRIP CHRISTMAS SEASON CHALLENGE - The Christmas shopping season is upon us. Now's the time to "THINK SCRIP" for all your Christmas needs! Through December 23rd, we've set a goal to have **\$300,000** in Scrip sales. "THINK SCRIP" for baking, holiday meals & parties, decorating, travel, gift giving, stocking stuffers, and so much more! Scrip is available for purchase at the School office Monday-Friday from 8:15am-4:15pm and anytime at: www.shopwithscrip.com. For more information on Immanuel's Scrip program, go to Immanuel Lutheran School's website (www.immanuelrapids.com) and click on the Scrip tab. Have questions? Email us at scrip@immanuelrapids.com.

THE WISCONSIN VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL Board of Directors has gone through the process of thoroughly evaluating the administrative roles at The Valley and has reconvened the Call Committee to begin the process of interviewing candidates toward the end of extending a Divine Call to our next high school Executive Director. The Call Committee has started to meet and is currently seeking names of candidates to add to our Call list. Each candidate for the Executive Director position must be a member in good standing of the LC-MS, synodically trained, LC-MS rostered, and eligible to receive a Call. They are seeking someone preferably with a Master's degree in education or administration with experience in administration or development. If you have a name to add to the list for consideration, please contact Call Committee Chairman Pastor Scott Gustafson at [715-536-5482](tel:715-536-5482) or email him at pastorgustafson@trinitymerrill.com. Names will be accepted through Sunday, December 31st. The Board of Directors wants to thank you for keeping the Call Committee, students, families, faculty, and Board of Directors in your prayers as we all move through this process together always seeking God's guidance and direction.

This Week At Immanuel

SUNDAY 12/3 First Sunday in Advent

7:30 am = Bible Study - Church Fellowship Hall
 8:45 am = Morning Worship (HC)
PASTOR JOHN'S RETIREMENT GATHERING
 10:00 am = Prayer Group - Church
 10:30 am = Nursery is Open - Birth to 3 years
 10:30 am = Prayer/Praise Worship

MONDAY 12/4

5:30 pm = Stitch 'N' Study Bible Study - Barrett Home

TUESDAY 12/5

8:30 am = Lady Quilters - Church Fellowship Hall
 9:00 am = Morning Bible Study - Learning Center
 6:30 pm = Evening Bible Study - Conference Room

WEDNESDAY 12/6

8:50 am = Chapel - Kuechle Hall
 3:00 pm = After School Hang Out - Youth Room
 6:00 pm = Advent Worship (HC)
 7:00 pm = Choir Practice - Choir Room

THURSDAY 12/7

6:30 am = Breakfast Bible Study - Four Star Restaurant

FRIDAY 12/8

SATURDAY 12/9

SUNDAY 12/10 Second Sunday in Advent

7:30 am = Bible Study - Church Fellowship Hall
 8:45 am = Morning Worship
 10:00 am = Prayer Group - Church
 10:30 am = Nursery is Open - Birth to 3 years
 10:30 am = Prayer/Praise Worship (HC)

Date	Time	Readers	Acolytes	Acolytes	Ushers
Dec 3	8:45 am	Ann Schlice			C (HC)
Dec 3	10:30 am	Ron Karnatz			D
Dec 6	6:00 pm		Max Blanchard	Isaac Bretl	B (HC)
Dec 10	8:45 am				B
Dec 10	10:30 am	Ron Karnatz			A (HC)

Community Notes

LUTHERAN HOUR RADIO PROGRAM- WAXX 104.5 FM at 6:30 a.m.; WDLB 1450 AM, WDUX 92.7 FM, WDUX 800 AM are all at 8 a.m.; WSAU 99.9 FM at 8:30 a.m.; WCWI 106.1 FM & KAWZ 88.7 FM at 9 a.m.; WRVM 91.3 FM & WRVM 101.3 FM at 10 a.m. Today's broadcast is "**Advent Adventure**" Sometimes our faith gets weaker, sometimes it grows stronger. Let's take this Advent to heart, and "live by faith, and not by sight." (*Mark 13:24-37*)

WISCONSIN RAPIDS COMMUNITY MEDIA - (*River Cities TV*) will show our Sunday Morning Worship service on Sundays @ 3pm. Solarus/Channel 3 and Charter/Channel 985.

BETHESDA THRIFT SHOP: Both stores open today (Sunday) noon to 4:00 p.m. Special sale this week - 75% off everything in the stores (excludes new furniture). Our store hours have changed - we are now open 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays (through Dec. 17).

COOKIE WALK / CRAFT FAIR will be held at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Plover, Saturday December 9, 2017, 9am to ??? An assortment of homemade holiday favorites will be ready for your purchase. Proceeds will be used to support mission projects.

Pastors' Phone Numbers

Pastor John (1-715-410-4160)
 Pastor Jonathan (1-734-657-0841)
 Or for Emergencies (1-715-410-4160).
Please notify us when in the hospital so pastors can visit.

