



Immanuel Lutheran Church & Student Center

511 Russell Road, DeKalb, IL 60115

February 2012



Come and See!

—Pastor Ray

Life is often seen as a journey, an adventure or an experience. In fact, it is all of these and more. Life is what you make it! Life is a miracle! Life is . . . I could go on and on but in the end, none of us would probably have any greater understanding of life than we already do. Jesus, through God's Word invites us again and again to follow Him. Jesus through His Holy Spirit invites us to, "Come and see." Both invitations are simple and direct. We know that we are capable of hearing and responding to these invitations in Christ. While we may not always think so, it is the way every one of us has come to know Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Whether we came to know Jesus through our parents who brought us to church and Sunday School, or whether we came to know Jesus at some later time, it was a simple invitation and initially perhaps, even a requirement that brought us to hear God's Word. Through God's Word we hear the simple invitation, "Come and see," and Christ's eternal invitation, "Follow me!"

Sometimes we think that we need much more understanding in order to invite, in order to encourage others to come. But God's Word tells us this is not so. In John, chapter one, John the Baptizer introduces Jesus to Andrew (Peter's brother) saying, "Behold the Lamb of God." Andrew follows Jesus and Jesus asks him "What are you seeking?" "Where are you staying?" Andrew replies. Jesus says, "Come and you will see." The next day Jesus goes to Galilee and say to Philip, "Follow me." Philip follows and does and finds Nathanael and say, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth." Nathanael responds, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip re-invites saying, "Come and see!" When we "come and see" truly meeting Jesus and coming to know Him through God's Word we are changed by the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through us. Jesus comes to us through His Word and we are changed. We desire to hear more and as we hear more and journey with Jesus we are built up into Him through God's Word and our walk together in Jesus. It is an eternal journey granted to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We are journeying with Christ together, His body, Immanuel Lutheran Church and together we invite all people to, "Come and see!" "Come and see!" ~Your servant in Christ, Pastor Ray

Sunday Worship

Schedule:

8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Sunday School Classes:

9:15 A.M.

Pastor: Rev. Marty Marks,
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Rev@godwithusilc.org

Pastor: Rev. Ray Krueger;
815-756-2515 (h);
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Barney@godwithusilc.org

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Nathan Allen , *head elder*
David Campbell
Jim Grunwald, Kevin Harms
Dennis Maakestad, Ted Stone
*Emergency contact elder for
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815-756-7758

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Director/Teacher

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Donna Clark
LittleLams@godwithusilc.org

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Rhonda Harmon (*Secretary*)

Faculty Advisor to LSF:

Dr. Mark Mistic

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2012 Spring Peer Ministers



Gretchen Ahrens

Name: **Gretchen Ahrens**
Major: **Family and Child Studies**
Year in School: **Sophomore (NIU)**
Position: **President**
Hometown: **Malta, IL**
Enjoys: **Coffee, The Beatles,
Dancing & Serving God**

Name: **Jessica Crawford**
Major: **Journalism**
(sports broadcasting)
Year in School: **Sophomore**
(Kish College)
Position: **Peer minister/treasurer**
Hometown: **Sycamore, IL**
Enjoys: **The Green Bay Packers
NIU Huskies (football especially!)
Learning new words, Serving God**



Jess Crawford

International Cafe

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2012
THE HUMAN CARE COMMITTEE
AND OUR MEMBERS
OF IMMANUEL,
will be hosting
and providing the meal
for the Intercultural Café.

Please contact Barbara Boris
if you have any questions
815-501-8438

We will need members willing to provide food and help serve. The food needs to be at church by 6:00 p.m. **MAIN DISHES ARE NEEDED MOST.** Soups, especially vegetarian, rice dishes, vegetable casseroles, egg casseroles (with or without meat) or pasta dishes (with or without meat) are some suggestions to serve 12-15 people. Salads, fruit, any kind of desserts is also needed. We serve approximately **100 to 120** international students and their families. **All who attend Immanuel are welcome. A sign up sheet to help provide food for this meal is on the table in the narthex.**



Immanuel will be hosting and serving the food for the Intercultural Café on Friday, February 24th.

Book Club News

HAVE YOU READ A GOOD BOOK LATELY?

The book club has some exciting books coming up for the new year and into Spring.

They meet at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Books:

February 27—*The Story of Beautiful Girl* by Rachel Simon

March 26—*Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks

April 30—*What Alice Forgot* by Liane Moriarty

May 21—*Stand by Me* by Neta Jackson
(*Note: This meeting is 1 week early.)

Come join in the discussion. We learn something new each month! Invite a friend!

****Note:** The reading of *Caleb's Crossing* will be sometime next summer as it does not come out until April 24th.

Book Club is open to everyone and is always open to suggestions for future selections.

The discussions are in the High School room at 7:00 p.m.



Thank You

Dear Friends of Immanuel~

Thank you so much for the lovely poinsettia plant. Thanks also to Pastor Ray for bringing it. It is such a pretty plant and brightens the wintry days with its bright color.

~Sincerely, Evelyn Rissman

I would like to thank the congregation for the beautiful poinsettia plant, and special thanks to Pastor Ray for bringing it to me. I would also like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards, thoughts and prayers. All of your gestures are very special to me and I am very appreciative and thankful for my Immanuel family.

~Millie Wickstrom



Subscription Time

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THE LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE? The office is now taking subscriptions and renewals for *The Lutheran Witness*. If you currently subscribe, and wish to continue, or if you would like to become a subscriber, please make a check out to Immanuel Lutheran Church for \$15.00 for 12 months, and **place your check in the church office with your name and address and a note indicating your desire**

to subscribe or renew your current subscription. Subscriptions are due by March 6th and delivery will begin in May. *The Lutheran Witness* is the official magazine of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod. Its goal is to advance the work and witness of Jesus Christ. For questions about the publication, contact the editors at Lutheran.Witness@lcms.org.

Ash Wednesday
February 22, 2012
11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. worship services.
5:15 p.m. LWML Soup & Sandwich Dinner





Little Lambs Preschool of Immanuel Lutheran Church

Winter was our theme for January. The children have been busy learning about and exploring snow, ice, and polar animals. The children have enjoyed making various winter art projects such as snowmen, snowflakes, winter scenes, and penguins.

During our Jesus Time, we learned that Jesus was once a child just like us. We learned that Jesus grew in wisdom and strength. It is very exciting at this time of year to see how much our preschool children are learning and growing. We also discussed that when Jesus was a grown man, Jesus chose 12 disciples

to help him teach others about God.

Little Lambs Preschool Community Open House is on Wednesday, February 1, 2012, from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Registration for the 2012-2013 school year will then be open to the community starting on February 6th.

In March, we will celebrate National Lutheran Schools' Week on March 5-9, 2012. We will have special activities each day that week. Little Lambs Spaghetti Dinner & Used Book Sale will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2012. Our dinner will be served from 5:00-6:30 p.m. The cost for the dinner will be a free will donation.

Our Used Book Sale will begin on March 14th at 5:00 p.m. We will continue our sale from March 14-March 28, 2012. We are looking for gently used children or adult books for our sale. **If you have books that you would like to donate for our sale, you may drop these items off at the main office.** Book donations will be accepted until March 9th.

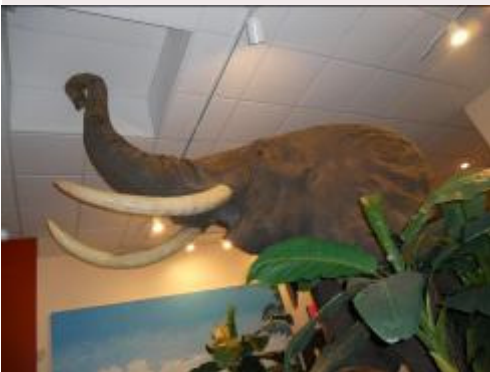
Thanks for your support and involvement in Little Lambs Preschool.

Linda Freeland

Director

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- There will be a Preschool Committee Meeting on Tuesday, February 7th at 6:00 p.m.
- Registration opens on February 6, 2012 for members of the community.
- There will be no school on Friday, February 17, 2012, due to DeKalb Schools Institute Day.
- There will be no school on Monday, February 20th, due to President's Day Observance.
- Lutheran Schools Week will be held March 5-9, 2012.
- Little Lambs Preschool will hold our Spaghetti Dinner & Used Book Sale on Wednesday, March 14, 2012, from 5:00-6:30 p.m.



Midwest Museum Field Trip



Meals on Wheels

MEALS ON WHEELS IS ROLLING IN AGAIN IN MARCH!

In February we need to sign up for those routes. Immanuel has been providing drivers for this task for many, many years.

Meals on Wheels is the local service that provides meals for shut-ins, physically challenged, recovery patients and others each day of the week at noontime. Our job for March is to be the drivers that deliver those meals to different parts of town. Each route takes about an hour. We are provided with very specific directions on each route. Our routes include the north of DeKalb, south and west. Those that get

the meals often don't have anyone that might even say hello to them, other than the driver for meals. It is a satisfying volunteer opportunity! This month, February, there will be sign-up sheets in the narthex. Look them over and see if you can donate a day, a few days or a week of time. You will need to be at the headquarters by 10:45. After signing up, please make a reminder note for yourself, from the table. Please don't forget your phone number on the sign-up sheet!

Think about giving of your time to this much needed volunteer opportunity!



*1 day—
—60 minutes ...*

can you help?

Spring is Just Around the Corner!



The Garden committee met this week and made decisions regarding plans for this year.

Various garden tools need to be cleaned and sharpened. Leave your name and number in the office if you are willing to do this. The Garden committee is also seeking someone willing to till the garden. If you know someone with equipment to do this please contact the church office.

The committee is looking for donations of seeds and seedlings for all vegetables and flowers.

Consider donating any of the following:

- * coral bells
- * blanket flower
- * coreopsis
- * purple coneflower
- bee balm (monarda)
- phlox
- blazing star (liatris)



Bowling for Bibles

We need your help!

Immanuel's Third and Fourth grade Sunday School children will be taking part in a very special activity on Sunday, February 19th at 1 PM – Bowling for Bibles. (Please watch the bulletins for more details.) These students were given a Bible from the congregation. They have diligently been studying about the Bible, learning how to use it, and learning that God uses His Word to bring

people to Him. The class has been learning many different events in the bible. In class, they have been learning that in bible times, the individuals did not have the same things that we have today. So that these young ministers can be part of this exciting work, they will be

participating in a fund raiser for Bowling for Bibles. We are working with Lutheran Bible Translators. This organization translates the bible into other languages for people around the world. The children will have pledge sheets and we would request that you be as generous as possible when approached. If you would like to sponsor one of these students, please contact Cindy Kozumplik and she will connect you with one.

They will be bowling without bumpers. Following the activity, the children will be contacting you again to collect the funds. This is one method that our congregation uses so that these children can be "reaching out". Thank you!!!

This newsletter and more can be found on the internet at:
ImmanuelDeKalb.org (or visit the campus ministry college site at refigelsf.org)

Friendship / New Member Welcome Sunday

On February 12 Immanuel will celebrate "Friendship / New Member Welcome Sunday." In addition to a delicious lunch after the 10:30 a.m. service there will be a family oriented program.

Our guest presenter will be Phyllis Horst. Phyllis is a story teller and singer who plays the guitar and uses her bag of "stuff" to entertain. Phyllis grew up in a family of 12 children who ran barefoot in the barnyard and sang before each meal. She taught preschoolers for many years; then moved on to work for her husband's construction company. She resides in Sycamore and is active, with her family, at the Sycamore United Methodist church.

Please put this event on your calendar now!



*Sunday, February 12
Friendship Sunday will feature
local story teller,
Phyllis Horst.*

Stewardship? Faith? Budget? – Where is the “Problem”?

We the people of Immanuel Lutheran church have been on a stewardship journey together for almost six years now. I continually receive questions and inquiries regarding what whole life stewardship is all about and I encourage all of us to continue growing in our understanding of whole life stewardship together.

Whole life stewardship understands that life itself is a gift of God and every good thing with which we are blessed is a gift of God. Whole life stewardship understands that all things are God's and God grants us care of all that He gives us. Whole life stewardship involves every aspect of our lives, nothing is exempt from stewardship. Time (life) is a gift of God and how we use it at work, at home, or wherever we find ourselves is stewardship. Talent is a gift of God and how we use it at work, at home, or wherever we find ourselves is stewardship. Treasure (money) is a gift of God and how we use it at work, at home, or wherever we find ourselves is stewardship. Our whole life is stewardship! We have been attempting to teach this concept for the past six years, if you still have questions or would like to discuss how to become a better steward, I would welcome a discussion with you.

Whole life stewardship involves living our whole lives in Christ responding to God's love granted to us in and through Jesus Christ. Stewardship is life in Christ! God's Word for us in 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 tells us regarding giving, "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. **Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.** And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." Whole life stewardship begins in our relationship with Christ realizing that all we have is truly His. We only have what He has blessed us with and when we are deciding what to give; we are really deciding to give back a portion of what He has given us. God gives us life, love, intellect, mercy, grace, peace, forgiveness... all good things. He calls us to use all that He has given us to make up our minds what we are going to give in return. God's Word tells us that God desires us to make up our minds, not reluctantly or under compulsion for God's desire is that our gifts are from our heart. Our decision should be a prayerful consideration of all that God blesses us with and a commit-

ment to joyfully give what we have decided, nothing else.

Many people think we have a stewardship problem or a budget problem or a faith problem. If everyone in this congregation is a whole life steward; we have none of these problems. Being a whole life steward is a part of the abundant life God desires us to live through our relationship with Him. Have you become a whole life steward as Christ calls you to be?

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Ray

“That decision should be based upon how God blesses each of us; not on what the budget needs of our church are.”



Considered electronic giving for 2012?
Information is available on the table with the giving envelopes.

Seniors Celebrating 50 Years of Marriage

Schnuck's is hosting the second annual

Tribute to Love Valentine Celebration

For DeKalb County Couples married 50 years or longer.

Guests will be honored with a free breakfast, entertainment, games and prizes.

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Time: 9:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

Place: Schnuck's—975 S. Glidden Avenue

Event coordinated by Family Serve Agency Senior Services.

Please call 815-758-8616 for reservations and information about transportation and parking.

Complimentary professional photograph of each couple by Kyler Photography.

Walcamp Outdoor Ministries

Updates and coming events:

- * Summer camp and family camp early bird registration are officially open. Sign up now to get our discounted rates.
- * February 4th-5th Walcamp is hosting a Junior High Retreat. Kids will enjoy camp style worship songs, bible studies, making new friends, and a variety of games.
- * January 13th-15th was our Senior High Ski Retreat at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. High school groups enjoyed skiing, worshipping God, and make new friends. Pictures will be posted on our Facebook page 'Walcamp Outdoor Ministries'.
- * Go to www.walcamp.org to learn more, or call us at (815) 784-5141

Sincerely,
Chris Shepherd- Marketing



Senior Ministry Attendance

Each week worship is led at various senior housing facilities in the area. Listed here is the total attendance for the week,	Date	Total	Average	# of Services
	1/01/12	283	24	12
	1/08/12	260	24	11
	1/15/12	244	22	11
	1/22/12	247	22	11



number of facilities served, and the average attendance at each facility.

The Lutheran Hour

The Lutheran Hour® which began in 1930, is the world's longest-running, Christian outreach radio program. It proclaims the message of Jesus Christ to more than 1.2 million people each week over 800 radio stations across North America. It is also broadcast on the American Forces Network to reach military personnel and their families around the world, as well as on XM's Family Talk Radio 170 each Sunday at 1:00 p.m. EST.

In this article find a list of topics that will be heard for this month on The Lutheran Hour. We have also included a listing of area radio stations that carry the program, along with their scheduled time to air.

February 5

"God Is Faithful. Get Busy And Wait On The Lord"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
We can wait on God-joyfully, expectantly, hopefully-because we can trust Him.
(Isaiah 40:28-31)

February 12

"You Can't Muzzle True Joy"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
Joy is rooted in a relationship with God. You can't muzzle joy when that joy is connected to Jesus.
(Mark 1:40-45)

February 19

"A Resurrection Glimpse to Empower Your Faith"

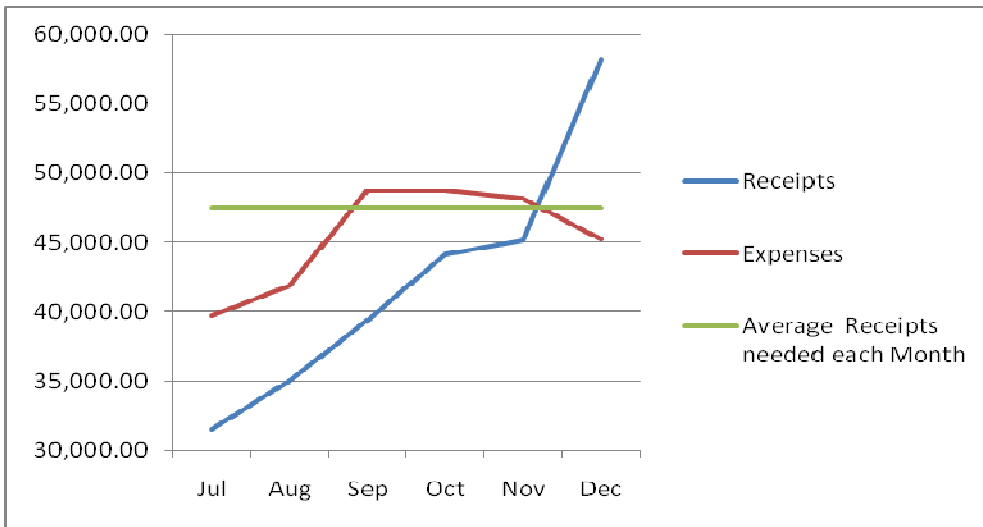
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
Can you fathom what it means that it required the sacrifice of God's own Son in order that you might live, forgiven and redeemed?
(Mark 9:2-11)

February 26

"Info coming soon!"

Station	City, State	Freq	Band	Day
WGN	Chicago, IL	720	AM	Sun
				6:00 AM
WMCW	Harvard, IL	1600	AM	Sun
				9:05 AM
WGSL	Rockford, IL	91.1	FM	Sun
				4:30 PM
WKKD	Aurora, IL	1580	AM	Sun
				9:30 AM
WRMN	Elgin, IL	1410	AM	Sun
				9:00 AM
WKRS	Waukegan, IL	1220	AM	Sun
				11:00 AM
WGVE	Gary, IN	88.7	FM	Sat
				10:00 AM
WJOB	Hammond, IN	1230	AM	Sun
				11:00 AM
Woman To Woman				
Station	City, State	Freq	Band	Day
WRMN	Elgin, IL	1410	AM	Sun
				7:30 AM
WGVE	Gary, IN	88.7	FM	Fill
WGVE	Gary, IN	88.7	FM	Thurs
				1:00 AM
WGVE	Gary, IN	88.7	FM	Tue
				1:00 AM
WJOB	Hammond, IN	1230	AM	Sun
				11:30 AM

Immanuel Lutheran Church Year to Date Financial Performance Budgeted Receipts and Budgeted Expenses



Year to date Receipts::
\$253,441

Year to date Expenses:
\$272,459

In an effort to keep everyone informed of the current financial status of the Church, the council voted at the January meeting to include a monthly status in both the newsletter and in the Church bulletin. It is important everyone know and take ownership in how the Church is doing, both the good and the bad. It is also important to note, that while receipts have not matched expenses, we do have cycles of giving and we have a lot of good ministries happening in our midst. Our Faith and God's way of providing can do great things. We will continue to provide updates as we progress in the year, but also ask all members to prayerfully review their giving.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this in more detail, please feel free to contact myself or any of our council members.

Tim Clark,
Council Chair

2012 LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES

The theme of this series is God's gift of forgiveness, especially as we find this forgiveness in the seven penitential psalms and in the practice of Confession and Absolution. The sermons and devotions in this series expound on the nature of sin as seen in the psalms, the devastating effects it has on the soul and the conscience, and what we receive through God's gift of the forgiveness of sins in our Lord Jesus Christ. Each sermon also includes a portion of the Small Catechism for meditation and connection to the larger life of the Church.

Plan now to join us each week. We do participate with other churches in the circuit for a pulpit exchange each Wednesday.

SERMONS

Feb 22: Psalm 6 *"Save Me Because of Your Unfailing Love"*

Catechism: What does such baptizing with water indicate?

Feb 29: Psalm 16; Mark 16:1-8 *"The Path of Life"*

Catechism: Explanation of the Second Article

March 7: Psalm 102 *"But You, O Lord, Are Enthroned Forever"*

Catechism: What sins should we confess?

March 14: Psalm 118; Exodus 14 *"Destroying the Enemy"*

March 21: Psalm 116 *"Delivered"*

Catechism: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

Psalm 130 *"Divine Forgetfulness"*

LWML HOSTS ASH WEDNESDAY LENTEN DINNER

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League will again host the annual Ash Wednesday Soup/Sandwich supper on Wednesday, February 22.

Come and enjoy dinner before attending the Ash Wednesday service. A free will offering will be requested and serving begins at 5:30 p.m.

GERT or GERD?

If your name is Gertrude, you may be called Gert. However, GERD is called gastro esophageal reflux disease, or commonly called heartburn. (nothing to do with your heart!). It is the backflow of stomach or intestinal contents, or both, into your esophagus and past the little sphincter

that lives in the lower esophagus. This backing up of stuff (reflux) is usually prevented by pressure in the esophagus. But, if the pressure in the esophagus is too low or pressure in the stomach is higher than that in the esophagus, then reflux can occur. The little sphincter doesn't remain

—Jeneane Bejnarowicz, R.N., T.N.S.

closed and you are in trouble! Various dietary and life style elements can increase or decrease lower esophageal pressure. If people are calling you Gerd instead of Gert, maybe you should advise them!!!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2012 -2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Parents,

The Sycamore Community Unit School District # 427 is holding the **2012-2013 Kindergarten Registration and Screening on Wednesday, March 21st from 1:30 P.M. till 7:00 P.M.** at your child's "**HOME SCHOOL**" (the school that they will be attending). Please call your home school to schedule your registration/screening time and if you have questions regarding what elementary school boundaries you live in, please call the office of the Transportation Department of Sycamore CUSD #427 at 899-8106 or 899-8122.

Children, who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2012, are eligible for kindergarten in August, 2012.

*Please call your "**Home**" school to schedule a registration/screening time:*

North School	Southeast School	South Prairie School	West School	North Grove
1680 Brickville	718 Locust St.	820 Borden Ave.	240 Fair St.	850 Republic
815-899-8209	815-899-8219	815-899-8299	815-899-8199	815-899-8124

The kindergarten screening has the children rotating through various stations with Sycamore CUSD #427 staff members directing the activities. Parents will be completing the registration forms while the children rotate through the stations.

When registering for Kindergarten 2012-2013 school year, please bring a "certified" copy of your child's birth certificate (the copy issued by the county only) and your child's social security card/number, copies will be made at registration. Four (4) proofs of residency are also required; i.e. voters card, utility bills, driver's license, bank statements, signed lease/rental agreement, mortgage statement, etc.

At this time no fees will be collected.

Prior to the first day of Kindergarten each child will need a complete physical exam, eye exam and a dental exam. The required immunizations may be obtained at the DeKalb County Health Department for a nominal charge or at your physician's office. It is not too early to make these appointments. Physical, eye and dental forms will be furnished at registration.

For any questions or to make the appointment for Kindergarten Registration and Screening, please call your home school at the numbers listed above.



We look forward to meeting you and your child.

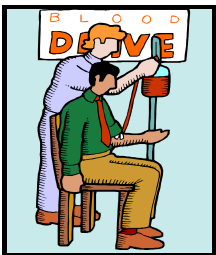
Sincerely,

Elementary Principals

Kathy Spiewak – North, Mark Ekstrom – Southeast, Julie Grave – South Prairie,

Brad Barnhardt - West, and Ryan Janisch – North Grove

Blood Drive



Thrivent Financial For Lutherans in cooperation with the Heartland Blood Centers is sponsoring a community **Blood Drive at Immanuel Lutheran Church, DeKalb, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21.** Persons wishing to

donate may sign up on Sundays, February 12 and 19 in the church narthex after the worship service, or by calling 815-756-1113.

All donors will receive a long sleeve T-shirt as a way of saying thank you. Walk-ins are welcome. Given the shortage of blood to help those in need, please give serious thought to donating.

Camp Arcadia On Lake Michigan

For 90 years Camp Arcadia has been a place of refuge amidst the chaos of the world. Our mission is to provide a setting for families and individuals to vacation with God — to be renewed in spirit, mind and body — surrounded by God's creation and in community with other Christians.

We have Family & Teen retreats, as well as Couple's Retreat, Golf and the Gospel Retreat.



Remember Food Pantry Sunday is February 12.

Bring a nonperishable item for the local food pantry.

Food Pantry Sunday is a collection day to support the DeKalb County Food Pantry. Add an item to your grocery list and put it in our shopping cart. Needed: jelly, baby food, baby items, feminine products, diapers, canned fruit, tuna.

February Birthdays

2/01	Ed Denton	2/14	Anna Fuentes, Stephanie Hillegas
2/02	Chris Spurlock	2/16	Tyler Brackemyer
2/03	Kennedy Kampf, Gavin Luetgert		Brady Brackemyer, Ava Kranz
2/04	Connor Knutson		Jill Misitano
2/05	Addison Schwab	2/17	Payton Hayes, Carl Long
2/06	J. Kurt Rissman	2/18	Lova Winter
2/07	Brian Goodman, Angela Pringnitz	2/19	Sandra Brown
	Kenneth Hayes II	2/20	Ellie Hames, Jim Hammack
2/08	Janet Byrnes, Madelyn Hayes, Robert McKinley	2/22	Lisa Nelson, Janice Schroeder
2/11	Noah Hamel, Caroline Koerner Cindy Kozumplik, Emily Nelson	2/23	Lana Marten
	Clara Nieman	2/26	David Carlson
2/13	Vicki Dove	2/27	Diane Griffith, Matthew Troutt
		2/28	Leland Bianrnesen
		2/29	Cadyn Stephens



Baptisms

1/8/2012 Heather Erin Allen
Sponsors: Erik Heller & Nicole Luther-Heller
Laura Thiesse, Krista Marks

February Wedding Anniversaries

2/16/1947 Harold & Rosabel Kahle
2/22/1997 Dennis & Julie Hamel
2/24/1980 Doug & Lisa Nelson
2/28/1965 Richard & Barbara Boris

If you are a member of Immanuel, and do not see your birthday or anniversary listed, or the date is incorrect, please kindly inform the church office so that our records can be corrected. Thank you

Those Serving Our Country

Prayers of thanksgiving for Capt. Scott Sorenson, brother of Brad Sorenson, who had been deployed to Afghanistan and has now returned home, as well as Capt. Christopher Denton, grandson of Ed & Carol Denton who has also returned stateside.



Dr. Robert Bejnarowicz
Derrick Schoo
Stephen Holder
(son-in-law of Linda Hursh)
Capt. Christopher Denton
Capt. Scott Sorenson
Kaitlan Lave
(granddaughter of Al & Shirley Lave)

Michael Nelson
Philip "Ryan" Nicholson
Ft. Benning, GA
Sgt. Jeff Madsen *(Germany)*
CMR 424, Box 3844
APO AE 09092

There is also a wonderful opportunity for members to support other troops by visiting www.anysoldier.com.

Northern Illinois University Stroke Networking & Activity Program (SNAP)

- * Are you or a loved one a stroke survivor?
- * Would you like to learn more about stroke recover, rehabilitation and prevention?
- * Would you like to meet other individuals in your community who have shared similar experiences?

Then please join us!

When: First Thursday of each month 2:00—3:30 p.m. at the NIU Speech & Hearing Clinic located at 3100 Sycamore Road in DeKalb. (Across from Kishwaukee Hospital)

For more information please contact Jamie Mayer, Ph.D., CCC-SLP Assistant Professor, Allied Health/Communicative Disorders—NIU Phone 815-753-9166 or email: jmayer1@niu.edu

February 2, 2012: Heart Health (meeting location: NIU Speech-Language Hearing Clinic)

SERVING OUR LORD IN HIS HOUSE FOR FEBRUARY 2012

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION	RADIO ANNOUNCER	SOUND BOARD	GREETERS
Feb. 5	8:00 AM	Kevin Fuchs	Ralph Benbow	Doug Nelson	Mark Misic	Please Take a moment to sign up to be a Greeter for February! (You can call or email the office too!)
	10:30 AM	Sydney McNett	Dan Lohmeier	—	Nathan Allen	
Feb. 12	8:00 AM	Erin Murphy	—	Julie-Ann Fuchs	Mark Misic	
	10:30 AM	Matthew Haeseker	—	—	Doug Nelson	
Feb. 19	8:00 AM	Jacob Cook	Chris Cook	Tammy Tiggelaar	Doug Nelson	
	10:30 AM	Ben Clark	Glen Roberts	—	Nathan Allen	
Feb. 22	7:00 PM	Zak Kozumplik	Jim Grunwald Tim Gilbert	—	—	
Feb. 26	8:00 AM	Hunter Tiggelaar	—	Jean Curley	Mark Misic	
	10:30 AM	Ryan McNett	—	—	Nathan Allen	
Feb. 29	7:00 PM	Ryan McNett	—	—	—	

Altar Guild

Rogene Montgomery
Dorothy Knudson

Contact Elder

Ted Stone
815-756-7758

Ushers 8:00 A.M.

Dan Hoffman*
Ted Stone
Jean Curley
Russ Peterson

Ushers 10:30 A.M.

Kevin Kampf *
Dan Shumway
Jim Grunwald
Chad McNett

2/22—7:00 PM Ash Wednesday

Dan Hoffman
Ted Stone
Kevin Kampf
Dan Shumway

2012 SPONSORSHIP OPENINGS:

Flowers: April 1, 22, 29; May 13; June 10, 17

Radio: March 25; April 22; May 20; June 3, 10

To be a Radio or Flower Sponsor: Call the office to reserve a date. Cost is \$35 for flowers and \$200 for a 60 minute radio broadcast or \$100 for 30 minutes of the broadcast. (Remaining 30 min. could be sponsored by someone else). Flowers may be taken home following the 10:30 service, or you may have them given to one of our shut-ins by a member of the Altar Guild.

FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS:

2/05 "To the glory of God and to commemorate the 35th birthday of our daughter, Sandy and the 1st birthday of our grandson, Samuel Alexander," by Jim & Abbie Arndt.

2/12 "In honor of Tayler Lofthouse, and all new members recognized today. We thank God for all these blessings to Immanuel," by Glenn, Julie_ann, Ryan & Kevin Fuchs.

2/19 "In gratitude to God that February 19th marks 19 years of Christel being cancer free," by Pete & Christel Springmire.

2/26 "Thank you for another year of grace and in memory of my father and mother, Erwin & Arlene Dygert," by Lana Marten.

RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORSHIPS:

2/05 "To the glory of God," by the people of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hinckley, IL.

2/12 "To the glory of God and in loving memory of John Ward & Becky Ward," by Adeline Ward.

2/19 "To the glory of God and in memory of Clarence & Vivian Baird."

2/26 "Thank you for another year of grace and in memory of my father and mother, Erwin & Arlene Dygert," by Lana Marten.

NOTE: We are in need of screen projector operators. If you are interested in learning more about this service opportunity, please contact Doug Nelson.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Lenten Dinners: Each Wednesday preceding the 7:00 PM worship service various groups in the church will serve a light dinner.</p> <p>A freewill offering will be taken to defray the costs of the meal, as well as support the activity and mission of that particular group. Dinners are served from approximately 5:15—6:30 PM. Plan now to join the LWML for soup and sandwich on the 22nd and the Junior confirmation class on February 29th.</p>			<p>1 9AM —12 Noon Little Lambs Community Open House</p> <p>1 PM Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:30 PM Junior Confirmation</p> <p>7 PM Elders Mtg</p>	<p>2 8AM Bulletin Deadline 10 AM ESL Class</p> <p>5:15PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3 AM Group Hope</p> <p>10 AM ESL Class</p> <p>5:30 PM Intercultural Café</p>	<p>4 7 PM Game Night at the Krueger Home</p>
<p>5 8AM Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:15 AM Sunday School</p> <p>9:15 AM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10:30AM Contemporary Worship</p> <p>9 PM Peer Minister Meeting</p>	<p>6 8:30 AM Little Lambs Open Community Registration for Fall 2012</p> <p>1 PM ESL Class</p>	<p>7 9 AM Circuit Pastors at Immanuel DeKalb</p> <p>2:30 ESL Class</p> <p>6 PM Preschool Committee Mtg.</p> <p>6:30 PM Human Care Mtg.</p> <p>7 PM Stewardship Mtg.</p> <p>9 PM Refuge Bible Study</p>	<p>8 1 PM Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:30 PM Junior Confirmation</p> <p>7 PM Board of Christian Education Mtg.</p>	<p>9 8AM Bulletin Deadline 10 AM ESL Class</p> <p>4 PM Council Reports due in the office</p> <p>5:15PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10 10 AM ESL Class</p> <p>5:30 PM Intercultural Café</p> <p style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Peer Ministers Conference — Off Site</p>	
<p>12 New Member Sunday Food Pantry Sunday</p> <p>8AM Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:15 AM Sunday School</p> <p>9:15 AM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10:30AM Contemporary Worship</p> <p>11:30 AM Friendship Lunch</p> <p>9 PM Peer Minister Meeting</p>	<p>13 1 PM ESL Class</p> <p>6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting</p>	<p>14 9 –11:30 Sewing</p> <p>2:30 ESL Class</p> <p>7:30 PM Dartball</p> <p>9 PM Refuge Bible Study</p>	<p>15 1 PM Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:30 PM Junior Confirmation</p> <p>7 PM Council Mtg.</p>	<p>16 8AM Bulletin Deadline 10 AM ESL Class</p> <p>5:15PM Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30 PM Outreach Mtg.</p>	<p>17 No Preschool</p> <p>10 AM ESL Class</p> <p>5:30 PM Intercultural Café</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 8AM Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:15 AM Sunday School</p> <p>9:15 AM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10:30AM Contemporary Worship</p> <p>11:30 AM Youth Board Mtg.</p> <p>12—5 PM Private Party</p> <p>1 PM Bowling for Bibles</p> <p>6—8 PM Youth Group Activity</p> <p>9 PM Peer Minister Meeting</p>	<p>20 No Preschool</p> <p>12 Noon Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>1 PM ESL Class</p>	<p>21 1—7 PM Blood Drive</p> <p>2:30 ESL Class</p> <p>9 PM Refuge Bible Study</p>	<p>22 ASH WEDNESDAY 11 AM Worship</p> <p>5:15 PM LWML Soup & Sandwich</p> <p>5:30 PM Junior Confirmation</p> <p>7 PM Worship</p>	<p>23 8AM Bulletin Deadline</p> <p>10 AM ESL Class</p> <p>5:15PM Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7 PM Reel Spirituality</p>	<p>24 AM Group Hope</p> <p>10 AM ESL Class</p> <p>5:30 PM Intercultural Café</p> <p>IMMANUEL is the HOST for this meal!</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 8AM Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:15 AM Sunday School</p> <p>9:15 AM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10:30AM Contemporary Worship/Buehler Baptism</p> <p>9 PM Peer Minister Meeting</p>	<p>27 9:30 AM Newsletter Assembly</p> <p>1 PM ESL Class</p> <p>6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting</p> <p>7PM Book Club</p>	<p>28 9 –11:30 Sewing</p> <p>2:30 ESL Class</p> <p>9 PM Refuge Bible Study</p>	<p>29 11 AM Worship</p> <p>5:15 PM Jr Conf. Lenten Dinner</p> <p>5:30 PM Junior Confirmation</p> <p>7 PM Worship</p>	<h1>February 2012</h1>		

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8:00 AM Traditional Worship
9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
10:30 AM Contemporary Worship

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED




**Little Lambs Preschool
Offers Community
Open House
Wednesday, February 1, 2012
9:00 a.m. — 12 noon**

**REGISTRATION *Currently Ongoing*
FOR THE 2012—2013 SCHOOL YEAR**
*for all current and
past Little Lambs Families as well as Immanuel
Congregational Members.*

*Open registration for the community
begins Monday, February 6, 2012
at 8:30 a.m.*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
www.immanueldekalb.org**

**2012 Lenten
Worship
Themes &
Fellowship
Meals**

Blessings to you this Lenten season!
Our Lenten theme this year has a central theme of
“God’s Gift of Forgiveness.”
Worship services are each Wednesday
at 11:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. from February 22—March 28, 2012.
A dinner is hosted each Wednesday evening from 5:15—6:45
by various groups in the congregation.
Cost is freewill donation.

DATE	GUEST PREACHER	TOPIC	DINNER HOST	MENU
Wednesday 2/22	Rev. Marks (DeKalb)	Psalm 6	LWML	Soup & Sandwich
Wednesday 2/29	Rev. Gleason (Burlington)	Psalm 16	Jr. Conf. Class	TBA
Wednesday 3/7	Rev. Balgeman (Retired— Hinckley)	Psalm 116	Music Ministry	TBA

Additional midweek services offered through March 28, 2012