



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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**Christmas Eve**



**Saturday, December 24, 2017 – 4:00 pm & 7:30 pm**

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“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

# Welcome to Immanuel!

*Please turn off your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you!*

**If you are a guest**, please fill out a guests' card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew. During the offering, place this card in the offering plate. As you leave, please introduce yourself to the pastors.

**Members**, please help us love and care for one another by filling out one of our attendance cards. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. If you are communing, please check in the appropriate place. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church—it helps us keep good records.

**We celebrate Holy Communion today!** In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of our common confession of the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the pastor before or after the service.

**If for health or personal reasons you cannot drink wine**, the lighter colored glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups contain water with a drop of wine. These special glasses allow communicants to celebrate the Lord's Supper according to Christ's institution, but have a very small amount of alcohol.

## Worship at Immanuel is...

**Multigenerational.** We believe that it is a great blessing for family members to worship together. Taking seriously Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and so not forbid them" (Mark 10:14), we encourage children to worship with their parents and grandparents and provide resources such as children's bulletins and children's sermons.

**Eclectic.** Eclectic means, "selecting what seems best of various sources." We believe that we should strive to use the best hymns and practices that the church has to offer. Our worship may include hymns written 500 years ago as well as pieces written 5 months ago.

**Trinitarian.** We believe that the object of worship is the only true God-The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Christ Centered.** We believe that at the heart of worship is the Good News that God has rescued us from our sins through Jesus' death on the cross and rising to life again.

*In preparation for worship we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you.*

*The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.*

**PRESERVICE MUSIC** [4:00 pm – “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child,” arr. by K. McChesney; 7:30 pm – Piano/Organ Duet: “The Holy Child” (R. M. Stults)]

## **BELLS / WELCOME**

*Please stand and face the processional cross*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN, LSB 387, “Joy to the World”**

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room  
And heav’n and nature sing,  
And heav’n and nature sing,  
And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.**
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.**
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

## INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES (Ps. 96:1-3, 98:1a)

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

C: **Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.**

P: Declare His glory among the nations,

C: **His marvelous works among all the peoples!**

P: When all was still, and it was midnight, Your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.

C: **Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!**

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: In peace let us pray to our heavenly Father, confident of His forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

P: Almighty Father,

C: **we confess that we are sinners by nature and by thought, word, and deed. We cannot and do not merit any forgiveness. But with repentant hearts, we turn to You for mercy, seeking Your grace. In Your loving kindness, forgive, restore, and lead us so that we may be renewed and may live to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: With joy I announce God's good news to You. Our gracious God in His mercy has given His Son to be born, to live, to die for you, and then to rise again and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Be at peace and rejoice in the Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## INTROIT OF THE DAY *(Congregation will read bold type.)*

I will tell of the decree:

**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”**

The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof,

**the world and those who dwell therein,**

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

**And who shall stand in his holy place?**

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

**who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

He will receive blessing from the LORD

**and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

as it was in the beginning,

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I will tell of the decree:

**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE, *LSB 375 v. 1 & 4*, “Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising”

1 Come, your hearts and voices raising, Christ the  
4 From the bond - age that op - pressed us, From sin's

Lord with glad - ness prais - ing; Loud - ly sing His love a -  
fet - ters that pos - sessed us, From the grief that sore dis -

maz - ing, Wor - thy folk of Chris - ten - dom.  
tressed us, We, the cap - tives, now are free.

## COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**All: O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

(4:00 pm) **IMMANUBELLS**, “O Holy Night,” arr. by L. Lamb

(7:30 pm) **CHOIR ANTHEM**, “O Holy Night,” arr. by J. Behnke

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING, Isaiah 7:10-14**

<sup>10</sup>Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup>“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” <sup>13</sup>And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE, 1 John 4:7-16**

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(4:00 pm) **SOLO**, “Welcome to Our World” (C. Rice) [Becky Richards, soloist]

(7:30 pm) **CHOIR ANTHEM**, “From Heaven Winging” (H. Gerike)

*Please stand*

**HOLY GOSPEL**, Matthew 1:18-25

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup>“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup>but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**, *LSB* 359, “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

**SERMON**, 1 John 4:7-16, “Love Incarnate”

*Please stand*

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**All:** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** Let us pray for God's great mercy, asking that He would hear our petitions and grant them according to His gracious will.

As we recall the first Christmas, Lord, we thank You for the gift of Jesus Christ. Give us faith to never forget the magnitude and importance of His sacrifice for us in coming to earth to be our Savior and King. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** As we remember Mary and Joseph, we thank You for the gift of family. Give us hearts to fully appreciate the gifts we receive through them and seek to be those who cherish and nourish our family associations. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** As we echo the song of the angels, we thank You for the gifts of poetry and music and for all of the writers and composers who have enriched our celebration with their devotion and creativity. Give us eagerness to ever seek to bring You all that is the best and most beautiful in our worship. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** As we think of the shepherds to whom the angel brought the greatest of news, we thank You for those who serve in the various vocations of life, including those whose daily work often goes unnoticed. We commend to Your special care, Lord, those in the military, our first responders and medical personnel, and all whose labor on our behalf is specially challenging or hazardous. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** As we consider those who were suffering and awaiting a Savior when Jesus was born, we pray for all situations and conditions of people, (*especially...*) as well as those on our hearts at this time. Be with them and bless them according



to their needs, Lord, and give us opportunities to be of comfort and assistance in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: As we pray, gracious God, we remember our dear ones who have completed their earthly lives and now are in Your eternal keeping. As the brightness of the light of Christ shines on them, may we follow their footsteps in ways of peace and love throughout our lives as we live to Your glory. Lord in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**OFFERING** [7:30 pm – Agape Ringers, “O Holy Night,” arr. by L. Lamb]

*Please stand*

**OFFERTORY HYMN**, *LSB* 358 v. 3 & 7, “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

**3      “This is the Christ, our God Most High,  
Who hears your sad and bitter cry;  
He will Himself your Savior be  
From all your sins to set you free.**

**7      Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes,  
And see what in the manger lies.  
Who is this child, so young and fair?  
It is the Christ Child lying there.**

**✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠**

## **PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

### **PAX DOMINI**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*(4:00 pm) Solo (Becky Richards), "I'd Like to Go to Bethlehem" (J. Parks)*

*(7:30 pm) Choir Anthem, "Christmas Lullaby" (G. Stone)*

*LSB 386, "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"*

*LSB 376, "Once in Royal David's City"*

*LSB 374, "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"*

*(Please remain seated until the Benediction.)*

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Now...go in peace.

C: Amen.

## **CANDLE LIGHTING**      *The Light of Christ has come to His people.*

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.  
*Isaiah 9: 2*

C: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.** *John 1:5*

P: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined. *Isaiah 9:2b*

C: **We have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.** *John 1:14b*

P: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given. *Isaiah 9:6*

C: **In him was life, and that life was the light of men.** *John 1:4*

*(The Pastor will give light from his candle to the ushers. They will in turn give light to the worshiper nearest the aisle, who will pass it on to the others in that pew. Please keep the lighted candle upright to avoid dripping wax.)*

*(The lights are dimmed.)*

## **HYMN, LSB 363, "Silent Night, Holy Night"**

(4:00 pm – Accompanied by the Immanubells; 7:30 pm – Accompanied by the Agape Ringers)

**Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.  
Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!  
Alles schläft, einsam wacht  
Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.  
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,  
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,  
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.**

**Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Your holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Your birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Your birth.**

*(Please extinguish your candles as the lights are turned on.)*

*Please stand*

**BENEDICTION**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to  
you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.  
**C:** Amen.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN, LSB 377, "On Christmas Night All  
Christians Sing"**

- 1 On Christmas night all Christians sing  
To hear the news the angels bring,  
On Christmas night all Christians sing  
To hear the news the angels bring,  
News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
News of our merciful King's birth.**
- 2 Then why should men on earth be so sad,  
Since our Redeemer made us glad,  
Then why should men on earth be so sad,  
Since our Redeemer made us glad,  
When from our sin He set us free,  
All for to gain our liberty?**

- 3      When sin departs before His grace,  
           Then life and health come in its place,  
           When sin departs before His grace,  
           Then life and health come in its place;  
           Angels and men with joy may sing,  
           All for to see the newborn King.**
- 4      All out of darkness we have light,  
           Which made the angels sing this night,  
           All out of darkness we have light,  
           Which made the angels sing this night:  
           “Glory to God and peace to men  
           Now and forevermore. Amen.”**

## **BELLS / POSTLUDE**

*(Please be seated while the ushers dismiss by pews.)*

*We invite you to take the service folder and announcements home with you as you leave today so you can see what's happening this week as well as meditate on the Scriptures, prayers, and hymns from today's service as you go through the week. You can also find helpful information on our church website: [immanuelwaterloo.org](http://immanuelwaterloo.org).*

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## **Worship Helpers**

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### **Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24, 2017 - 4:00 pm**

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski	Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
Server/Lector - Wayne Collmeyer	Music Director - Mrs. Ann Frank
Acolytes - Kyra Drewes & Jenna Hoeffken	Crucifer - Jordyn Koch
Altar Guild - Louise Nobbe & Janet Goessling	Saxophone - Elden Niemeyer
Ushers - Chuck Keller, Craig Mehner, Larry Taake, Dawn & Chase Rubemeyer	Flute - Rachel Patterson
Media - Kelley Keller	

### **Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24, 2017 - 7:30 pm**

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski	Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
Server/Lector - Warren Frank	Music Director - Mrs. Ann Frank
Acolytes - Ali Kloeppel & Jay Grant	Media - Mitchell/Tim Scheibe (with recording)
Crucifer - Blake Kloeppel	Trumpets - Jerry & Jon Grant
Altar Guild - Shirley Elmore & Susan Hargrave	Trombone - Joe Grant
Ushers - Jason & Nick Valerius, Tim Troup	Saxophone - Elden Niemeyer

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## **In Our Prayers...**

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*Please note: The names listed below will remain on our public prayer list for two weeks, unless the church office is notified otherwise. Thank you.*

**We Pray for our Fellow Parishioners:** Millie Menke, Erwin Liefer, Nancy Huck, Sandy Moore, Esther Brandt, Perry Koch, Tami Wilson, Carol Woodcock, Marvin Henry, Pat Jones

**We Pray for Friends and Relatives of Parishioners:** Michael Washausen, Nina Van Kamp, Ken Horn, Kurt Klotzer, Nicole Bachelier, John Stumpf, Scott Nobbe, Lydia Boyer, Elsa Wiemerslage, Derrick DeWilde, Gordon Curd, Harry Wolf, Jane Donjon, Debbie Farago Richardson, Steven Muench

**We Pray for Those in the Service of Our Nation:** Alicia Kirkley, Dustin Bender, Aaron Bommarito, Alex Naumann, Paul Doty, Amanda Milburn, Marty Jung

**We Pray for Our Missionaries and Special Missions:** Eric & Linda Funke (Tanzania), Unity Lutheran Elementary School (East St. Louis, IL), Immanuel's Mission Team (Paraguay)

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## Immanuel's Blessed Events of 2017...A Quick Recap

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- Ten (10) children were baptized during 2017. Eight boys and two girls.
- Five (5) 8<sup>th</sup> graders were confirmed on April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Nine (9) Agape Ringers participated in the Bell-a-bration Workshop & Concert in February at Peace Lutheran Church in Lemay, MO.
- Nine (9) dedicated people make up the staff of Immanuel Lutheran Church & Preschool (2 pastors, 2 teachers, 1 music director, 1 groundskeeper, 2 custodians, and 1 secretary). And, countless volunteers do various tasks around the church—thank you!
- Our Paraguay Mission Team has been busy throughout 2017 doing fundraisers for their upcoming trip in June 2018. Eighteen (18) Immanuel members will be going on this mission trip. Please keep them in your prayers!
- The annual Mini-Retreat hosted by Immanuel's Women's Christian Ministry was held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 87 ladies from Immanuel and the area churches attended. The 2018 one is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup>!
- Pastor Demski & Veronica announced that they are expecting a baby girl, Betty Anne, sometime in January 2018. We celebrated with a congregation-wide baby shower on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to keep the Demskis in your prayers as the due date is fast approaching!
- Our Vacation Bible School was held at Immanuel in June, and 102 children participated. Holy Cross, Wartburg also co-hosted this fun week at "A Mighty Fortress" in honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation.
- Several junior high and high school youth, 3 chaperones, and Pastor Demski took a trip to the Creation Museum and Noah's Ark in July.
- Four (4) people who celebrated their 85<sup>th</sup> birthdays in 2017 were recognized as "Crown of Silver" recipients in September.
- We hosted a special circuit-wide service on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> in honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation for all of the churches within our circuit. Ann Frank organized the service and the special music. Rev. Wilken was the guest preacher, and a dinner was held following the service. Martin Luther (aka Pastor Lukomski) was on hand during this dinner.
- The work on our narthex expansion project began in April and was completed in October. It is a wonderful addition and blessing to Immanuel. We held a special dedication service on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> with several special guests in attendance including the architect, the builder, and Pastor Sievers. Pastor Herbert Mueller, a former pastor of Immanuel, was the guest preacher. Thanks to the Narthex Expansion Committee for all of their hard work! And, thanks to all who have donated to this project!

- During the construction, our pipe organ was covered for a little over 5 months (April 30-October 10). We enjoyed the piano and keyboard during this time, but definitely missed the beautiful sounds of those pipes!
- Due to the increase in space, the Board of Church Properties hired a part-time custodian (Deborah Joellenbeck) to clean the Education Building only. Sandy will clean the church building including the new narthex.
- We honored Cindy Troup (21 years as Preschool Director) and Sandy Mueller (20 years as custodian) in November. Thanks for your service to Immanuel! By the way, Cindy plans to retire at the end of this current school year.
- Forty-five (45) children participated in the Children's Christmas Service "To Us a Child Is Born" on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.
- There were 13 funerals and 10 babies born at Immanuel in 2017.
- Immanuel offers a youth bell choir, an adult bell choir, and an adult vocal choir for anyone interested in contributing their instrumental and vocal abilities.
- As of December 22, 2017, we have a roster of 881 baptized members and 716 confirmed members. Our average weekend attendance (for all 3 services) is 224.

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### **Poinsettias at Christmas...**

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There are 30 poinsettias on and around the altar and in the narthex this year as well as 22 virtual poinsettias on the screens! Thank you to all who purchased these plants. Remember, the live plants can be picked up any time after the service on Dec. 25. Those who have given plants are:

- Darlene Bicklein in memory of Vernon Bicklein
- Bob Niermann in memory of Evelyn Niermann
- Sandra Thompson in memory of Emil and Henrietta Gassner
- Wendy Gassner & Steven Jarvis in memory of William, Altafaye & Randy Jarvis
- Ken & Nancy Schanz, the Filipiaks, and the Majors in memory of Bill & Marguerite Schanz
- Ken & Nancy Schanz, the Majors, and the Filipiaks in memory of Frances Meyer. Merry Christmas in Heaven, Granny!
- Jeanette Moeller and her family in memory of Kristine Trout & Don Moeller
- Erwin Liefer & family in memory of Lorine Liefer
- Cindy & Lauren Bode in memory of Aunt Elaine Carr
- Cindy Bode in thanksgiving for my aunt and godmother, Ann Frank
- Jenny Jung in memory of Ray Jung
- Alan, Susan & Ryan Starbuck in memory of Alex Starbuck
- Jim Neusel in memory of Ruthie
- Sally Thorburg in memory of John Thorburg
- Harold Verseman and family in memory of Madelyn
- Marvin & Carolyn Henry in memory of our granddaughter, Mikayla Hoeft
- Marvin & Carolyn Henry in thanksgiving for our family

- Robert & Millie Menke in memory of our parents, Herman & Catherine Menke and Leroy & Mildred Mees
- Robert & Millie Menke in thanksgiving for our pastors & their families
- Robert & Millie Menke in thanksgiving for our children & grandchildren
- Wendy, Leah & John Maag in memory of Jay Maag
- Wendy, Leah & John Maag in thanksgiving for our pastors and church staff
- Jared, Becky, Aiden & Noah Nobbe in memory of Edward Nobbe
- Mike, Stacy, Nathan & Ava Hemmer in memory of Eugene & Arlene Pflueger
- Dave & Julie Powell in memory of James Powell
- Allen & Pam Jacobs in memory of Linda Collmeyer, Charles Auld, and Vernon Jacobs (3)
- Claude, Barb & Courtney Heimbürger in memory of Camille & Maxine Heimbürger
- Claude, Barb & Courtney Heimbürger in thanksgiving for Elroy & Carolyn Stellhorn
- Rodney & Lisa Clamors in memory of Lisa's mom, Dottie Daubach, and Rodney's dad, Arnold Clamors (2)
- Wayne & Cathie Collmeyer in memory of Linda Collmeyer & Dan Barnes
- Wayne & Cathie Collmeyer in thanksgiving for our families
- Sandy & Dan Mueller in memory of Alvin Gruber
- Roy & Bonnie Unterseh in memory of Mark Unterseh
- Kenny Barton in memory of Bette Barton
- The children & grandchildren of Bette Barton in memory of Bette Barton
- Herb & Faith Mueller in memory of Pastor Herbert Mueller, Sr. and Bart & Martha Anderson (3)
- Herb & Faith Mueller in thanksgiving for Mrs. Ruth Mueller
- Jim & Janet Crawford in memory of Norma Crawford who passed away on 5/19/17
- Jim & Janet Crawford in recognition of Erica Crawford's college undergraduation in December 2017
- Kim Polacek in memory of her dad, Norman May
- Kim Polacek in thanksgiving for her mom, Pearl May, and her sons, Tim & Andrew
- Joe & Sandy Benyo in memory of Andy, Evelyn, Tom & Dave Benyo
- Joe & Sandy Benyo in honor of our grandson, Jonah

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