



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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## **Christmas Eve**



**Tuesday, December 24, 2019 – 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...

**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.

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

**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.

*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** [7:30 pm – Agape Ringers, “What Child Is This,”  
arr. by J. Behnke]

## **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**

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

**C:** **Amen.**

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

(John 1:1,4-5; Isaiah 9:6)

**P:** In the beginning was the Word,

**C:** **and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

**P:** In Him was life,

**C:** **and the life was the light of men.**

**P:** The light shines in the darkness,

**C:** **and the darkness has not overcome it.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

(Hebrews 9:26)

**P:** As we prepare to celebrate our Lord's birth and receive Him as He still comes to us today, let us also remember the reason Jesus was born: "He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself." He has come to bring peace, yet not always in ways we can see in this world. He has come to bring peace, yet not always in ways we can see in ourselves in our thoughts, words, and actions. He has come to bring peace that is forgiveness of sins and peace with our Father in heaven.

**C:** **We confess that we have sinned against God and against one another. We yearn for peace with God and reconciliation with one another, yet we cannot accomplish it ourselves. Forgive us, Lord, and restore our souls, that our lives reflect not our sin, but the joy of the birth of Your only Son into the world.**

**P:** Jesus is Immanuel, which means "God with us." What we are powerless to do, He has done for us. His name is Jesus, the name that means He has "come to save us from our sins." Know the peace He has come to bring; live it with others and share it with all. As a called and ordained

servant of the Word, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**INTROIT OF THE DAY**

(Psalm 24:1, 3-5; antiphon: Psalm 2:7)

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 367 v. 1-2, “Angels from the Realms of Glory”**

**1 Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation’s story,  
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth. *Refrain***

***Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship;  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.***

**2   Shepherds in the field abiding,  
      Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
      God with us is now residing,  
      Yonder shines the Infant Light. *Refrain***

**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*

(7:30 pm) **CHOIR ANTHEM**, “On Christmas Night All Christians  
Sing” (Manz/Cherwein)

**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.

*Please stand*

**HOLY GOSPEL, Luke 2:1-20**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" <sup>15</sup>When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

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

*Please be seated*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY, LSB 370, “What Child Is This”**

**SERMON**, Luke 2:1-20, “Things You Can’t Leave Out”

*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:** Father, with joy and wonder we gather around the manger on this night as we recall how great is Your love for us, sending Your Son into our world wrapped in our flesh as a tiny child to forgive our sins.

**C:** **Thank You, Lord, for this Christmas gift.**

**P** Jesus, on this night we recall how great is Your love for us. You gave up heaven to live on earth as one of us, and one with us, to forgive our sin.

**C:** **Thank You, Lord, for this Christmas gift.**

**P:** Holy Spirit, on this night we recall how great is Your love for us, gathering us together through the waters of Baptism and nourishing our faith through the Word and by the body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sin.

**C:** **Thank You, Lord, for this Christmas gift given, received in faith, and kept unto life eternal.**



P: Gracious Lord, we pray that we not shut the Lord Jesus out of our hearts, but be ever ready to welcome Him as He comes to us still today, while awaiting the Last Day when He comes as a thief in the night, not born in our flesh but to resurrect all flesh and to make all things new. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Everlasting Lord, we pray that we see Jesus not only as the baby of Bethlehem, but also honor Him as the Christ of the cross and recognize the majesty of the King of kings and Lord of lords, both humbly adoring and proudly proclaiming Him as our King and Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Renewing Lord, let the Good News of Christmas inspire a renewing of hope, faith, joy, wonder, and witness in our hearts, our homes, in this congregation, and in the Church throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Comforting Lord, we lift up all those who lack joy this Christmastime due to spiritual and physical afflictions. We lift up those who request our prayers, (*especially...*), and those we name in our hearts [*time for silent prayer*]. Grant that the hope and promise found in a Savior born for them will give peace in times of trial. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through the Savior born for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Thank You, Lord, for this Christmas gift. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**OFFERING** [7:30 pm – Agape Ringers, “Silent Night,” arr. by S. Geschke]

*Please stand*

**OFFERTORY**, *LSB* 386 v. 1, “Now Sing We Now Rejoice”

- 1**    **Now sing we, now rejoice,  
Now raise to heav’n our voice;  
He from whom joy streameth  
Poor in a manger lies;  
Not so brightly beameth  
The sun in yonder skies.  
Thou my Savior art!  
Thou my Savior art!**

**✠ 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

*LSB 380, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

*(7:30 pm) Choir Anthem, "Manger Carol" (M. Culloton)*

*LSB 361, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

*LSB 358, "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"*

*(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”**

**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 384, “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”**

- 1     **Of the Father’s love begotten  
          Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
          He the source, the ending He,  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
          And that future years shall see  
          Evermore and evermore.**
  
- 2     **Oh, that birth forever blessed,  
          When the virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
          Bore the Savior of our race,  
And the babe, the world’s Redeemer,  
          First revealed His sacred face  
          Evermore and evermore.**
  
- 3     **This is He whom seers in old time  
          Chanted of with one accord,  
Whom the voices of the prophets  
          Promised in their faithful word.  
Now He shines, the long-expected;  
          Let creation praise its Lord  
          Evermore and evermore.**

**4    O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;  
      Angel hosts, His praises sing.  
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him  
      And extol our God and King.  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
      Ev'ry voice in concert ring  
      Evermore and evermore.**

**△ 5   Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,  
      And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
      And unending praises be,  
Honor, glory, and dominion,  
      And eternal victory  
      Evermore and evermore. 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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### **Tuesday, December 24, 2019 - 4:00 pm**

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup  
Server - Rodney Clamors  
Music Director - Ann Frank  
Ushers - Robert Mesnarich Jr., Pam Nagel, Don & Carol Matzenbacher  
Acolytes - Sydney Kuergeleis, Sarah Alu, Nicholas Hoeffken  
Altar Guild - Linda Gutknecht

Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski  
Lector - Wayne Collmeyer  
Media - Lisa Clamors

### **Tuesday, December 24, 2019 - 7:30 pm**

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup  
Music Director - Ann Frank  
Acolytes - Masson Fink, Reagan Wilhelm, Jeriah Fink  
Ushers - Jason & Nick Valerius  
Media - Tim Scheibe (with recording)

Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski  
Server - Chuck Keller  
Lector - Sean Arians

Altar Guild - Shirley Elmore & Susan Hargrave

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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, Sandy Moore, Perry Koch, Ruby Muench, Lana Mueller, Roger Schanz, Keda Bachelier, Bernell Bachelier, Nola Cottner, Tyler Cooley, Iva Mesnarich, Hayden Brown, Wade Marshall, Hazel Moeckel

**We Pray for Friends and Relatives of Parishioners:** Michael Washausen, Nina Van Kamp, Ken Horn, Nicole Bachelier, Gordon Curd, Steven Muench, Sarah Castelli, Glenda Manion, Brian Parks, Pat Bolañius, Patrick Bolañius, Debbie Dugas, Susan Martin, Brian Nelson, Frank Atkins, Rick Jones

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

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

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## Poinsettias at Christmas...

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There are 21 poinsettias on and around the altar and in the narthex this year as well as 20 virtual poinsettias on the screens! Thank you to all who purchased these plants. *The live plants can be picked up any time after the service on Dec. 25.*

### Live:

- Sandra Thompson in memory of Emil and Henrietta Gassner
- Wendy Gassner & Steven Jarvis in memory of William, Altafaye & Randy Jarvis
- Carol & Joyce Rossel and Janet Waldeck in memory of Allan Rossel (1931-2016)
- Kim Polacek in memory of my dad, Norman May
- Bob & Shirley Elmore in memory of our parents, Ervin & Linda Kueker and Hugh & Ethel Elmore
- Cliff & Kay Bense in memory of Cliff's parents, Fred & Lucille Bense
- Cliff & Kay Bense in memory of Kay's parents, Kennett & Edra Merryman
- Bob & Barb Vernier and family in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Vernier & Blanche Schneider (2)
- The Fink family in memory of Diane Kersten
- The Fink family in memory of Mike Pulcher
- Ron & Kim Breier in memory of Anna Betty Ellis & Ralph Ellis (2)
- Joe & Sandy Benyo in memory of our parents, LaVerne Schutt and Andy & Evelyn Benyo (2)
- Joe & Sandy Benyo in thanksgiving for their grandsons, Jonah & Bennett Wattles
- Dave & Julie Powell in memory of Dave's father, James Powell, and their grandchildren, Evan & Lydia Kelley
- Ken & Nancy Schanz, The Major family, and the Filipiak family in memory of Frances Meyer
- Ken & Nancy Schanz, The Major family, and the Filipiak family in memory of Bill & Marguerite Schanz
- Ken & Nancy Schanz in thanksgiving for Charli, Tyler, Carson & Kennedy
- Ken & Nancy Schanz, The Major family, and the Filipiak family in thanksgiving for Roger Schanz

### Virtual:

- Pat Jones in memory of her grandparents, Dora & Herman Mueller
- Pat Jones in memory of her parents, Arthur & Verna Theobald



- Jim & Janet Crawford in thanksgiving for our faithful Immanuel family (We will miss you.)
- Wayne & Cathie Collmeyer in memory of Linda Collmeyer & Dan Barnes
- Wayne & Cathie Collmeyer in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren
- Allen & Pam Jacobs in memory of Charles & Pearl Auld, Linda Collmeyer, and Vernon Jacobs
- Allen & Pam Jacobs in thanksgiving for Pastor Demski & family
- Allen & Pam Jacobs in thanksgiving for Pastor Troup & family
- Family of Robert Nobbe in memory of Robert Nobbe
- Wynn & Starbuck families in memory of Larry Wynn
- Starbuck family & Georgia Wynn in memory of Alex Starbuck
- The Brandt family in memory of Esther & William Brandt (2)
- Ruby Muench in memory of Roland Muench & her parents
- Ruby Muench in thanksgiving for her family
- Kathi & Kenton May in memory of Jerry Rowden & Norman May
- Roy & Bonnie Unterseh in memory of Mark Unterseh
- Cindy Bode in thanksgiving for my aunt and godmother, Ann Frank
- Cindy & Lauren Bode in memory of aunt Elaine Carr
- Cindy & Lauren Bode in memory of uncle Tom Carr

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## Immanuel's Blessed Events of 2019...A Quick Recap

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- Twelve (12) children were baptized. Six girls and six boys.
- Six (6) 8<sup>th</sup> graders were confirmed on April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 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!
- The annual Mini-Retreat hosted by Immanuel's Women's Christian Ministry was held on April 27<sup>th</sup>, and 84 ladies from Immanuel and the area churches attended. The 2020 one is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>, and the theme will be "It Is Well."
- Our Vacation Bible School was held at Immanuel in June, and 91 children participated. Holy Cross, Wartburg co-hosted.
- Three (3) people who celebrated their 85<sup>th</sup> birthdays in 2019 were recognized as "Crown of Silver" recipients in September.
- Pastor Demski & Pastor Troup switched offices and titles at Immanuel on September 1. Pastor Demski is now our administrative pastor, and Pastor Troup is now our associate pastor.
- Over fifty children participated in the Children's Christmas Service "What Child Is This" on Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- There were 6 funerals and 8 babies born.
- 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.
- We have welcomed 12 new members by either Adult Confirmation, Profession of Faith, or Transfer. Praise be to God for enlarging our church family!
- As of December 20, 2019, we have a roster of 909 baptized members and 742 confirmed members. Our average weekend attendance (for all 3 services) is 219.

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL – WATERLOO, ILLINOIS**  
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