

# Journey Connection

## **DECEMBER 2019**

#### **Mission Statement of Immanuel Church**

To be and to make Spirit-filled followers of Christ who shine the light of God's love to the world.

#### WELCOME TO IMMANUEL CHURCH!

We at Immanuel are on a joyful journey – with Jesus – to disclose His presence in the world and His love for all people. With humility, we invite **everyone** to join us, **regardless** of their relationship with Jesus, and even if they doubt His reality. And, we invite **everyone** to join us, **regardless** of race, culture, age, sexual orientation, family status, or the brokenness of their lives. On this journey there are no judgments – just Jesus. Whoever you are, **you are welcome** to join us!

If you desire information about becoming more involved in Immanuel Church, please contact Rev. Rich Vincent or Jenny Landowski, or leave a message at the church office, **262-334-2886**, or <a href="mailto:immanuelwboffice@gmail.com">immanuelwboffice@gmail.com</a>.

Saturday, December 14th
Christmas Benefit Concert at 7:00pm

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas Eve 5:00pm Family Pageant Worship Service 10:30p.m. Candlelight Festival of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Pajama Sunday 9:00am Traditional Worship 10:30am Contemporary Worship



## Sunday, December 1st

First Sunday of Advent

Communion /Panera Sunday
Family Worship Sunday

9 and 10:30 am Worship 10 am Fellowship Time

10 am - 12noon Fellowship Hall



## Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble 7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

### Wednesday, December 4th

7 pm Joy in the Journey Worship 7 pm AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

1-3pm Circle Shoppe Open

# Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am Sonshine Gals 6:30 pm NA 7:00 pm Al Anon

# Saturday, December 7th

10am – 12noon Circle Shoppe Open

#### Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

Second Sunday of Advent<sub>3</sub> 9 and 10:30 am Worship

9 am – 11:45 am Youth Group

Christmas Party
10 am Fellowship Time

10:30 am J.A.M. Time, Adult Ed.

#### Monday, December 9th

12 pm Boundaries Support group

# Tuesday, December 10th

10:00 am Finance 5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble 7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

# Wednesday, December 11th

7 pm Joy in the Journey Worship 7 pm AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

## Thursday, December 12th

5:30 pm Church & Ministry 6:30 pm Consistory

#### Friday, December 13th

6:30 pm NA 7:00 pm Al Anon

#### Saturday, December 14th

8:30 am India Task Force
6 pm Christmas Benefit Concert

#### Sunday, December 15th

Third Sunday of Advent
9 and 10:30 am Worship
9 am H.S. Shine
10 am Fellowship Time
10 am Youth Choir rehearsal
10:30 am J.A.M. Time,
Confirmation, Adult Ed.

#### Tuesday, December 17th

5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble 7 pm Choir rehearsal

## Wednesday, December 18th

5pm – 7pm Circle Shoppe open 7 pm Joy in the Journey Worship 7 pm AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

#### Thursday, December 19th

6pm Wise Guys

#### Friday, December 20th

8:45 am Sonshine Gals 6:30 pm NA 7 pm Al-Anon

# Saturday, December 21st

6:45am–11:30am Youth Group at Mr. Bobs Under the Bridge

## Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

Fourth Sunday of Advent 9 and 10:30 am Worship

9 am H.S. Shine

10 am Youth Choir rehearsal

10 am Fellowship Time 10:30 am J.A.M. Time,

Confirmation

#### Tuesday, December 24th

#### **Christmas Eve**

5pm Family Pageant Worship Service 10:30 pm Candlelight Festival of Lessons & Carols



#### Wednesday, December 25th

Christmas Day ~ Office Closed No Journey Worship Tonight

#### Thursday, December 26th

Office Closed

#### Friday, December 27th

6:30 pm NA 7:00 pm Al Anon

# Sunday, December 29th

Pajama Sunday 9 and 10:30 am Worship 10 am Fellowship Time



#### Tuesday, December 31st

New Year's Eve Office Closed

# Holiday Hours at Immanuel Church

The church's offices will be closed **December 25, 26 & 31** and **January 1, 2020**. The Wednesday Joy in the Journey Worship Service will not be held **December 25 or January 1**; it resumes at 7 p.m. on January 8.

# Youth Choir

The Youth Choir is always looking for new singers!! Please consider joining our fabulous group!

The Youth Choir will rehearse in the choir room between services, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. on **December 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**. **We will perform at the 5:00 pm service on Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>**. All kids between kindergarten and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome!

Questions?

Contact Terry Christie, christieeric35@gmail.com, or 262-224-2603.



# SonShine Gals

The SonShine Gals will next meet on **Friday, December 6**<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am to discuss "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis.

#### Newcomers are welcome!

Please join us in the Friendship Room. Meetings are the first and third Friday of each month.

Call Jenny Landowski, 262-334-2886, Ext. 22, for information, or send email to immanuelwbministries@gmail.com.



# WISE GUYS

The next dinner will be held on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for all men of Immanuel – single, married, young or old – to get together one night a month.

We will gather at 6 p.m. for a social time and dinner, followed by a short discussion led by Pastor Rich.

Please sign up on the sheet outside the pastor's office so that we know how many to expect for the meal. Feel free to bring a friend!



# Let's Close 2019 Strong!

Our congregation has met so many needs this year from supporting India to providing basic needs for those in need in our own community to the spiritual nurturing of us all. We should all feel proud of how this church has touched so many. God's hands are surely guiding us along the way. With this being said, the need continues to be present. Please prayerfully consider how this church has touched you as well as the world around you and continue to give generously. Our goal is to raise an additional \$87,105 to close out our budget for 2019. Please help us to meet this goal and continue to be God's hands and feet in this world.

# **Giving Ideas**

Are you at least 70 1/2 years old and needing to take a required minimum distribution from your IRA?

Ask your financial institution about making a Qualified Charitable Contribution.

Do you have stock that you don't have a cost basis for or with large gains that you don't want to sell?

Gifted stock does not need cost basis and the church will not need to pay a gain on your profit.

Please see our Treasurer, Liz Ratzburg for additional information on these processes.

# Merry Christmas from all the JAM Time Shine Brites!

Our gifts to YOU this Christmas season can be found in the Sanctuary, hanging on our new Immanuel Christmas tree. Each ornament is a symbol for Jesus Christ. They are referred to as *Chrismons*. These designs have been used by Christ's followers since biblical times. They are the heritage of all Christians and serve to remind each of us of the One we choose to follow. The children created each ornament with love. Merry Christmas!

# On our tree you will find...



**The Dove** is the symbol of peace and the Holy Spirit. It is shown pointing down to represent the Holy Spirit that appeared as a Dove when Jesus was baptized.



**The Star of David**, sometimes called the Star of Creation, is a symbol that Jesus was a Jew and a descendant of King David.



**The Lamb** is a symbol for Jesus who is sometimes called 'The Lamb of God.



**The Nativity Star** is the symbol of the Star of Bethlehem or Epiphany, when the Wisemen visited Jesus.



**The Anchor Cross** reminds Christian's that Jesus is the anchor of their faith.



**The Candle** represents that Christians believe Jesus in the Light of the World.



**The Fish** is one of the oldest Christian symbols. The letters, from the Greek word for fish (ichthus), stand for Jesus (I), Christ (X), God (Q), Son (Y), Savior (S). Some of Jesus' disciples were fishermen.



The Shepherd's Crook or Staff reminds us that Jesus sometimes called himself a shepherd. It can also represent the shepherds who were the first people told about the birth of Jesus.

# Sunday Morning Adult Education 10:30 to 11:30 am

We will not be meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup> as it is the Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend.

Feel welcome to join us on **December 8**th as we conclude our series by John Ortberg "Who is this Man" This is a series about the impact Christ has had and continues to have in the World.

On **December 15**<sup>th</sup> we will gather to enjoy topics related to Advent and Christmas. We will then recess until **January 5**<sup>th</sup> when we will start a series on the early church after the apostles.

John Kocourek and Frank Miezio, Class Facilitators



# **November Youth Events!!**

Our Youth had the opportunity to assist people from our church who needed a hand with Fall cleanup; although it was a cold day, the joy of helping others warmed our souls. When all was said and done, we came back to church to warm up with hot cocoa, play some games and eat pizza.





















At the end of November, we will have the opportunity to help in J.A.M Time and at Enchantment in the Park.

You can look forward to those pictures in Januarys Journey Connection!

# Upcoming Events in December are: Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>

Christmas party 9am to 11:45am

May the God of Hope fill you all with Joy & Peace as you trust in Him.

Romans 15:13

# Saturday December 21st

Mr. Bobs Under the Bridge 6:45am to 11:30am

"BE the change you want to see in the world."

~Mahatma Gandhi



IMMANUEL CHURCH

# CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT

December 14, 2019

6:00 PM SOCIAL – DRINKS – REFRESHMENTS 6:45 PM MUSIC 7:00 PM CONCERT BEGINS

A FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED PROCEEDS BENEFIT IMMANUEL CHURCH



# ~ December 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Pajama Sunday!



Please bring in your leftover Christmas Cookies to share for Coffee Hour Fellowship Time!

# COME TO THE



DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>
10 AM – 12NOON
1MMANUEL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

# **Full Shelf Pantry**

He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

John 21:17

In support of West Bend's Full Shelf Pantry throughout the month of December we will be collecting:

# Mac & Cheese and Peanut Butter & Jelly



Items can be placed in the bins outside the main office, or cash/checks (payable to Immanuel) can be put in your giving envelope with notation designated to Food Pantry.

Any questions please see Jenny Landowski.

#### **OFFERING ENVELOPES**



Your 2020 offering envelopes will soon be available in the hallway. Please watch for this display and take your envelopes home.

#### **Individual Year-end Gifts**

Contributions are deductible in the year made. Checks will need to be made out with a 2019 date and postmarked by December 31, 2019, for credit in 2019.

# Altar Flowers



Would you like to help beautify our worship services by donating flowers for the altar? You can celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or place them in memory of a loved one. The **sign-up sheet** is posted outside of Pastor Rich's office. Please **fill out an order** 

**form** and return it with a check for \$30.00 to the church office. After the second service, the sponsoring member can take the flowers home.

# This month our flowers have been donated by:

**December 1**<sup>st</sup>: Nancy Naab in loving memory of her husband, Walt Naab.

**December** 8<sup>th</sup>: June Sommerfeld in celebration of faith, family and friends.

**December 15**th: Kathy & Al Olsen in loving memory of Alan's mother, Carmen Olsen.

**December 22**<sup>nd</sup>: Mona & Jim in celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ to us all.

**December 29**<sup>th</sup>: Janet Armato in loving memory of her beloved husband, Sam Armato.

# The Light Shines in the Darkness The 2019 Christmas Fund Offering

for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund



"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."

John 1:5

During December, offerings given using the "Christmas Offering" envelope will go toward **The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund**. This is one of four yearly Special Mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. For over a century, The Christmas Fund has been a tangible expression of God's love and light in the world. Year after year, UCC members and congregations have reached out in kindness, compassion, and gratitude to those who have faithfully shepherded our Church in the past and who now find themselves facing unexpected financial needs.

## In 2018, gifts to the Christmas Fund enabled...

- Monthly Pension Supplementation for 379 lower-income retired clergy, lay employees, and their surviving spouses
- Health Premium Supplementation for 174 lower-income retirees
- Christmas "Thank You" Gift Checks given to 401 retirees
- Emergency grants for 49 active/retired UCC clergy and lay employees in urgent need.

(Christmas Offering envelopes will be included with Pastor Rich's Christmas letter and can also be found on the Ushers Stand at church)

More information is available online at www.christmasfund.org



# Tending the Flock

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE

recovering from illness or injury and our friends who are shut-ins, as well as those grieving the loss of a loved one. To brighten up their day please think about visiting or dropping a card to one or more of them.

<u>Shut-ins:</u> Mort Zulick, Bill Altschwager, Julie Pulda, Garnet Schneider, Shirley Dow, Jerry Kuckuk, Marge Bergemann, Marian Kachel, Judy Muelling, Doris Falter, Vera Kuckuk and August Utech.

<u>Recovering from illness, surgery, or injury:</u> Jim Peters, Teri Mattek, May Naab, Kathy Thielke, Jamie Baker, Louise Aplin, Bruce Kapanke, Norm Fedderly, Roy Rusch and Jeremy Walter.

<u>Serving in the military</u>: Jackson Raad, Spencer Scheunemann, Noah Moser, Rebecca Gerard Shanahan and her husband, David.

<u>Continuing their education</u>: Emily Frederick, Rebecca Kempfer-Witt, Lexi McCrillis, Simon Uecker, Owen Vincent, Ella Gustafson, Julia Stier, Evan Patten, Carmen Vincent, Ana Komro, Kiley Komro and Austin Koehler.

Member in Discernment: Emma Landowski

#### Deaths:

**August Utech** was called home to be with the Lord on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Waterford of West Bend. A Celebration of Life for August will be held at 4:00 pm on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at Myrhum-Patter Funeral Home in West Bend.

During this holiday season, please pray for all who have lost a loved one this past year.



An audio (mp3) copy of Sunday's sermon will be available a few days after presented at:

http://www.immanuelwestbend.org



# Child Care

We offer a staffed Child Care room for children 5 years and younger. Also available is a Parent's Room for those who want to participate in worship while staying with their overly restless children. Both are

located upstairs overlooking the sanctuary. If you need assistance of any kind, please ask an usher.



# Consider Your Space



As the snow and icy season falls upon us, we ask you to please consider your **parking space**. If your physical condition allows you to securely walk across the parking lot, then we ask you to kindly park further back, leaving all the parking spaces in the small parking lot, as well as the first row of spaces closest to the back entrance available for those who might find a trek across a slippery parking lot a bit more challenging.

Thank you for your assistance and be safe!

# Speaking of space...

After being near the bottom of our property repair list, our parking lot finally moved up closer to the top and the needed work was done. We had some potholes filled, cracks sealed, and new lines painted on...just in time to get covered with SNOW!! Thank you to everyone who continues to donate money into our Building Fund; your donations help maintain our property!





# ~Joyful Journeys, Inc.~

# An outreach ministry founded and operated by members of Immanuel Church.

**OUR MISSION**: to establish and or operate programs and facilities that will assist impoverished and needy people whose lives are challenged by current life circumstances, by helping to provide for their immediate basic needs and to bring them hope and promise for a brighter future.

Matthew 25:40 "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."



Funny Name. Easy Fundraising.

# PURCHASE SCRIP GIFT CARDS to give as CHRISTMAS GIFTS

In order to receive cards before Christmas, we will be collecting orders on

the first two Sundays of the month;

Sundays, December 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

Pick up an order form on the green table outside the main office and see Big Bob for details.



# A special Thanksgiving letter from Novahu...

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Here I would like to write a Thanksgiving letter to our friends at Immanuel Church.

You crown the year with bountiful blessings, even the hard paths overflow with abundance, since from the beginning 2005 we are so much blessed. Our JJM family India is so thankful for all you do for the upliftment of the poor. Thank you for being our greatest blessing

You support Marshall School and our teachers feel it is so much a blessing. Nearly 600 families are blessed directly or indirectly. Children, parents, workers, and well-wishers of this area always express their gratitude to our friends at Immanuel Church. Thank you

Our hostel children express their gratitude on this day of Thanksgiving. They are fed, taken care of, educated, all their health needs are met and progress needs, every day they express their gratitude in their prayers to all our sponsors for supporting them. They always say, if they do not live in this Joyful journey hostel, their lives are messy, and they do not know where they would be, because some of their parents are HIV, some are dead, some are poor and so on. Like Jesus, our Immanuel Church uplifts the poor and destitute, you recognize them and help them for which we are all thankful and grateful to you.

Our tailoring center students are very much happy and expressed their gratitude. Some are humiliated in their family, or have no financial liberty, and some are very poor. Our Student Kaveri Pedapati (2018-19) has completed her studies in our Marshall School and married while she is completing her education of 10<sup>th</sup> grade, she is 15 years age. Now she come back and joined in cutting and tailoring class. She is grateful for our school which provides free education for her and now Landowgals Fashion Technology and Computer Training Institute provides skills to married or unmarried women who face financial struggle in their families.

Our House Pastors are so much thankful for their support. Even with the hardships of religious problems, they are faithful in praying and spreading the love of Jesus. They shared their thanksgiving and gratitude to Immanuel Church.

Our computer students and teachers are very much thankful that you provide for them again the computers and monitors. Thank you very much.

Karishma and Shekinah send their word of gratitude for with your support only they are going to complete their education. Immanuel church is such a blessing to all our family. On this Thanksgiving day and every day we are grateful for you, and for all the things you've done for us!!!

Manjula, and me always expresses with our church members that it is like a dream, we are so thankful to know you and be part of your family. We are always thankful that you take care of us and help us by supporting our family.

May God bless you and keep our friendship and ministry for ever till the coming of Lord Jesus Christ!

With much love and gratitude,

# Novahu and Manjula



# Please pray for the following:

- ~Joyful Journeys in India as they celebrate Christmas in Madhavapatnam...
- ~The House Pastors as they bring the word of God into the villages...
- ~The Valluri Family
- ~The needy families within our community
- ~Blessings of the Mitten Tree and Giving Tree
- ~Blessings to all who receive the blankets and towels collected for Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge

# Thank you Rockin' Rev. Rich & Friends!!

**1 Peter 4:10** ~ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

What an incredible use of Pastor Rich and our precious Worship Team's gifts as they offered their talents to help raise funds for our Mission in India...through their efforts within the Benefit Concert for Madhavapatnam, \$2,203.40 was raised in support of this ministry. We thank them for the time and energy they put into this event, we are grateful to members of the India Task Force for providing appetizers and beverages for the Social beforehand, and we certainly appreciate all who came to the concert and for their generous donations!

**Psalm 98:4** ~ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music!







# Aquarium Designation for December India Travelers Fund



The 2020 team of India Travelers has been assembled and is preparing themselves for their trip this coming January. Jenny, Bob, Emma, Johanna, & Sophia Landowski, Kaitlin Demmon, Jordan Petrin, Al Nevala, Jan Armato, Joan Dobberstein and Olivia Gluck are venturing out to build relations with our Joyful Journeys family in the village of Madhavapatnam, to see the fruits of your generosity, and most of all to shine the light of God's love to the impoverished people in this area.

Each traveler is responsible for their airfare and lodging, plus things such as passports & visas, typhoid & malaria medications, and other miscellaneous expenses that come with this type of trip, which means a commitment of over \$3,000 in out of pocket costs per person.

As this team of 10 represents Immanuel Church and its ministry, we invite you, as their church family members, to consider supporting their efforts by contributing to additional financial needs that will be incurred while in India. Some of those other expenses would be for renting a bus to transport to and from the airport, driver fees and fuel for daily travel, the cost of food along with paying individuals to prepare it, and the celebration for the families connected with the Marshall School; these expenditures come to over \$3,500 for the group.

All money dropped into the Aquarium during November and December will support the Travelers Fund; cash and checks made out to Joyful Journeys are accepted.

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can help meet this need.

Namaste' ~ The India Task Force

# Let Your Christmas Purchases Support Joyful Journeys, Inc.!



# **DID YOU KNOW???**

Instead of ordering simply through Amazon; you can order through **AmazonSmile**; it is a simple and automatic way for you to support **Joyful Journeys Inc** every time you shop, at no cost to you.

When you shop at <a href="mailto:smile.amazon.com">smile.amazon.com</a>, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization.

All you need to do on your first visit to AmazonSmile is select **Joyful Journeys Inc.** as your charitable organization and they will remember your selection; after that, a donation will be made to **Joyful Journeys Inc.** with every one of your eligible purchases.

**Joyful Journeys Inc** supports both the India Ministry and the Circle of Friends Shoppe; by taking this one simple step within your online shopping experience you are helping both those ministries.

Thank you for your support!!



# **Circle of Friends News**

# Pick an Ornament from the Christmas Giving Tree!!

Once again, our Christmas Giving Tree will focus on the families coming through the Circle of Friends Shoppe. Although our "Fill The Bus" event was very successful, there are still many items that we could use to stock our Shoppe for the needy families within our community. The Giving Tree has been set up in the Friendship Room and we invite you to take an ornament off the



tree, purchase the item that is listed on the tag, and place the unwrapped gift under the tree by **December 22**<sup>nd</sup>.

If you have any questions or would rather make a cash donation (we would be happy to shop for you), please feel free to contact Jenny Landowski at <a href="mailto:immanuelwbministries@gmail.com">immanuelwbministries@gmail.com</a> or 334-2886.

# Some Items from the Giving Tree Wish List

Girls Winter Coats – Sizes 18 month – 12
Boys Winter Coats – Sizes 18 month – 6
Full & Queen size bedsheet sets and Full & Queen size blankets.



# Mitten Tree

The J.A.M. Time kids will be collecting mittens for the individuals that come through the Circle of Friends Shoppe this winter season and invite you to help them fill the tree. You will find it located at the bottom of the stairs, outside Fellowship Hall. Please bring in your mittens by **December 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

Thank you for blessing the needy this Christmas!

# Mr. Bob's 💳 "Under The Bridge"



# Blankets and Towels for Mr. Bob

We're off to an awesome start!! We will continue collecting gently used blankets, towels, and wash clothes during December to give to Mr. Bob as he serves his friends in need within the Milwaukee area. Our Youth will have the opportunity to personally hand some of these items out on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> as they join Mr. Bob during his weekly visit to the park. What a blessing it is that our Circle of Friends Ministry and Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge have been able to support one another over the past couple years as we seek to help those who are wrestling with various struggles in life.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Landowski at <a href="mailto:immanuelwbministries@gmail.com">immanuelwbministries@gmail.com</a>

If you would like to offer financial support, please make checks payable to Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge, or earmark cash donations as such.

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This month we thank the following people for their help in ministry as:

#### ACOLYTE:

December 1Chassidy McBeathDecember 24 5pm Zachary TannerDecember 8Riley Tanner10:30 pm Harley PfieffleDecember 15Noah KayeDecember 29 Chassidy McBeath

**December 22** Johanna Halfman

**GREETERS:** 

**December 1** 9:00 am Halfman Family, Fred & Barb Seefeldt

10:30 am Dave & Lynn Hammen, Steve & Karen Miller

**December 8** 9:00 am Maggie Seideman, Max Sommerfeld,

Carolyn McCartney

10:30 am Jason & Liz Ratzburg, Jim & Anne Mari Peters

**December 15** 9:00 am Brian & Judy Harris, John & Pat Love 10:30 am Tanner Family, Gustafson Family

**December 22** 9:00 am Esther Kohler, Nancy Naab, Wayne & Rosemary Seideman 10:30 am Rich & Bonnie Gerner, Zina Cobb, Chassidy McBeath

**December 29** 9:00 am David & Kathy Wolff, Luella Dekker, Marge Bergmann 10:30 am Barb Stahnke, Russ & Mary Demmon

**USHERS:** 

**December 1** 9:00 am Max Sommerfeld, Maggie Seideman,

Rich Gerner, Gary McCrillis

10:30 am Ben Russell

**December 8** 9:00 am Curtis & Jeanne Forester, Brian & Judy Harris

10:30 am Dennis Roos

**December 15** 9:00 am Paul & Marilyn Stier, Soener family

10:30 am Gene Kreis

**December 22** 9:00 am The Halfman family, Gary McCrillis

10:30 am Mike & Teri Mattek

December 29 9:00 am Gluck family, Al Nevala, Gary McCrillis

10:30 am Elaine Radzinski

**READERS**:

**December 1** Joe Halfmann

**December 8** Kaitlin Demmon

**December 15** Russ Demmon

December 22 Kris Zulick

December 29 Jan Armato

**COMMUNION SERVERS:** 

**December 1** 9:00 am Michal Gerard, John & Lora Buck

10:30 am Liz and Jason Ratzburg

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:** 

**December 1** Panera

**December 8** Mona Anderson & Jim Morrison

**December 15** Circle of Friends

December 22

**December 29** Christmas Cookies (please bring in your leftover cookies!)

**COFFEE MAKERS:** 

December 1 Bonnie Gerner

**December 8** Jim & Anne Marie Peters

December 15 Mike Komro

December 22 Joe & Tracy Halfman

December 29 Sophia Landowski

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

**December 1** Immanuel Choir

**December 8** Ecumen

**December 15** Immanuel Handbell Ensemble

**December 22** Immanuel Women's Chorus

**December 29** Worship Team



# POINSETTIAS

Would you like to help beautify our sanctuary on Christmas Eve by ordering a poinsettia plant? Your plant may be donated in honor or memory of a loved one, or in celebration of Christ's birth, and it may be brought home after the late service Christmas Eve. The cost per plant is \$13.00. If you are interested, please fill out the form below and **return it to the church office, or church office mailbox #2, by Sunday, Dec. 1**st. Please include your payment with the order; checks should be payable to Immanuel Church. If you have questions, please call Julie Glassman at (262) 334-2886. Ext. 23.

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POINSETTIA ORDER FORM – DUE BY DECEMBER 1st
RED poinsettia plant/s X \$13.00 = \$
WHITE poinsettia plant/s X \$13.00 = \$
MARBLE (cream & pink) plant/s X \$13.00 =\$
Total amount enclosed \$
n honor / memory/ celebration (circle one) of:
Given by:
Phone number: