

# Rejoice!

**Reaching Out to All People,  
Teaching and Sharing  
God's Gift of Jesus Christ.**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church, School and Child Care Center  
604 S Chestnut Ave., Marshfield, WI**

**December, 2017**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Normally, I was a good kid growing up. I obeyed the rules and honored my father and mother. However, one Christmas I unwrapped a gift for me early when no one was looking. I was hoping to get an electric keyboard for making music – and that's what it was! I carefully taped the wrapping paper back into place and put the gift under the tree at my grandparent's house and then had to wait for Christmas morning to unwrap it and actually play with it. I knew it was there waiting for me. Knowing what the gift was made me that much more anxious for Christmas morning.

We know what the gift of God the Father is for us – our salvation by the cross of Christ. Each day is a day we live in His grace and with His gifts of faith, family, food, and the Means of Grace – His Word and the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. Each day is a little Easter too as we live in the power of Jesus' resurrection from the dead and wait for His return. Yet, at this time of the year, Christmastime, we think of gifts. I encourage parents and grandparents to focus little ones on the gift of Jesus at Christmastime and not only on the gifts under the tree. That gift that I so wanted as a child and played with years ago – I'm sure we sold in a garage sale for a tenth of what my parents paid for it. I have a few things I have never out grown from my childhood. Things that mostly rest in a plastic tub in the basement that I pull out every now and then.

The one gift that is everlasting is the gift of faith God worked in me in water and His Word. That is what I treasure and hold onto everyday. That faith in Christ is what our children need to have nourished everyday by mother and father, pastor and teacher, grandparents, and loving family and friends who know that every good gift comes down from heaven and there is one Christmas gift that is eternal – our Saviour Jesus Christ who gives us His goodness in place of our sinfulness, so that we might live eternally.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in Christ.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Faulkner



## Let's Dig into the Word Together:

### Men's Saturday Morning Bible Breakfast

Will meet every other Saturday at 8:00am at Nutz Deep Restaurant. Next Meeting is December 2.

### Sunday School

Sunday School is off following the December 10th "Lessons & Carols". We resume January 7, 2018.  
10:15 Opening Devotions in the Chapel

### Sunday Morning Class for all ages with Pastor

"Come to the Well" 10:15am Multi Purpose Room  
No Class December 10th, 24th or 31st

### Sunday Evening Bible Study

"Israel's Mission", Volume 13 of Ray Vander Laan's series.  
Sunday Night Bible Study-meets in homes at 5pm.  
Contact Barb Beck for dates and locations. 714-387-4045.

**Wednesday Evening Catechism Classes** –Check the Rejoice Calendar for December schedule

### Thursday Evening Bible Study—December 14 & 28

7:00pm at Guy & Mary Langfeldt's Home, 704 S Felker  
"The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus"

## Hurricane Harvey Relief Team

From January 22-26, 2018 Pastor Faulkner will lead a relief team from Immanuel to help in the clean up of a Lutheran Church and/or school and homes near Corpus Christi, Texas. The entire clean- up process will take months if not years and Chelsea Beck from Concordia Lutheran Church, San Antonio is directing the relief efforts. If you are interested in going to help clean up talk with Pastor Faulkner. You will need appropriate work clothing, but most of the meals and needed tools are provided by the Texas District. If you cannot go but would like to cover the costs for participating please write a check to Immanuel and write: "Harvey Relief" on the memo line of your check. Some of the major costs include the following:

Safety goggles: \$10.95  
Haz Mat suit: \$11.52  
Protective breathing mask: \$24.95  
Transportation: \$300  
4 nights Hotel: \$360  
Food: \$50

For more information you may contact Chelsea Beck directly at 1.361.851.7476 or at [coastalbendlutheran-relief@gmail.com](mailto:coastalbendlutheran-relief@gmail.com).

Thank you and may God bless our relief efforts.

*"Brothers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, and do good to one another and to everyone."*

1 Thessalonians 5: 14, 15.

### ***Mission Statement***

**"Immanuel Lutheran Church, School and Child Care Center:**

Reaching out to all people, teaching and sharing God's gift of Jesus Christ, with the values of empowering, equipping and encouraging all the saints."

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
604 South Chestnut Avenue, Marshfield, WI 54449  
Phone (715) 384-5121

**Office Hours:** 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Rejoice* is published by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Marshfield, WI to inform the congregation of upcoming events as well as to promote Christian love, fellowship and understanding.

**PASTOR:**

Rev. Dr. David Faulkner, (715) 432-1947

**SCHOOL FACULTY:**

Dr. Karen Bahn – Principal, (715) 384-7968  
7 & 8 Grade Teacher & 5-6 Health  
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Literature & Social Studies; Grades 3—8 Art  
Brianna Wilson—Grades 5—6 & 5-8 Spanish  
Courtney Clark—Grade 4  
Lori Steingraber – Grade 3/School Music  
Jill Helgerson – Grade 2  
Brenda Kuhnau– Grade 1  
Lindsay Meyer– Kindergarten  
Renee Griepentrog —4 Year-Old Kindergarten  
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# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS December 2017

The busy month of December is upon us. Please check the school calendar and the Monthly Memo for a schedule of school events.

Mid-quarter grades will be posted on the Fast Direct system on Friday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Mid-quarter progress reports are for grades 4-8.

Immanuel has an early dismissal on Wednesday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. This is only for our school. Bus students may use the aftercare until the bus arrives at 2:45 p.m.

The 4K will be having their Christmas program on Wednesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> during our school chapel time. All are welcome!

Our annual Christmas program is entitled "Away in a Manger." On Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, the school will be leading worship with readers, soloists, singing, and chimes. The program will take place at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Please come and hear our students proclaim the birth of our Savior. One of the services will be taped for cable television. Mrs. Brenda Kuhnau and Miss Lindsay Meyer are co-directing our program this year.

The girls' and boys' basketball season is underway. Please check the bulletin board by the ramp for game dates and times. You are more than welcome to join us for these fun activities.

Christmas break this year begins after school on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> through Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes resume Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact the child care center if you are in need of services during this period.

You are also welcome to worship at Immanuel Lutheran for Christmas if you do not have a church home. Check the Immanuel website for worship times. Worship services are also broadcast on cable channel 99. The school Christmas program will also be broadcast on cable.

God's richest blessings to you and your families during this blessed season. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

In Christ,  
Dr. Karen Bahn, Principal



**Baptisms**

Josephine Louise Woody  
 Daughter of Nathan & Laura Woody  
 Sponsors are Katie & John Fisher



**Wedding**

November 11, 2017  
 Katie Coblentz & John Fisher



**Women's Guild  
 Potluck Dec. 12, 6:00pm**

Women's Guild Annual Christmas Potluck will be held on December 12th at 6:00pm. Guests are welcome, so please bring your spouse, the rest of your family, and/or a friend. After our dinner, Simple Truth will provide musical entertainment for all to enjoy.



**There will be a brief communion service in the chapel December 14th at 1:30pm.**



If school is cancelled due to bad weather, all events at Immanuel will be cancelled.

The exception being worship services.

To check for cancellation of worship services, listen to WDLB 1450AM.



**Welcome to our newest members:**

**Carol & Denise Graewin**

**Taylor & Autumn Feltz  
 Sophie & Max**

**Natasha Garbe**

**John & Amanda Franseen  
 Jack, Stella & Andrew**

**December**

**Mid Week Advent Services/Meals**

**December 6, 13, & 20  
 4:00 & 6:30pm**

**Cookie Walk**

**December 9 & 10, before & after worship**

**Lessons & Carols**

**December 10, 9:00am**



**We are seeking hosts for the Advent Meals December 20th.**

**Call the Immanuel Office to sign up.**



**Electronic REJOICE!**

If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the REJOICE!, please e-mail the office at info@immanuelmarshfield.org  
 You would no longer receive a paper copy.

**Prayer Chain**

If you would like **to request prayer for yourself or others**, call Holly Klumb to start the prayer chain at 715-305-7641. Be certain you get permission before submitting a name.

**Worship Services**



**View YouTube services at [immanuelmarshfield.org](http://immanuelmarshfield.org) and click the link or Charter Cable Digital 989 :  
 Sunday 9AM & 6PM**

**Wednesday 7AM, 1:30PM & 6:00PM Friday 3AM**

**ADVENT SERVICES**

Air the following Tuesday (8:00am & 6:00pm) and Saturday (9:00am and 7:00pm)

**SPECIAL SERVICES / CONCERTS**

12/13/17 Airs (12/23/17 @ 10:30am, 9:00pm) & (12/27/17 @ 11:00am, 9:00pm)

12/19/17 Airs (12/30/17 @ 10:30am, 9:00pm) & (1/3/18 @ 11:00am, 9:00pm)

**CHRISTMAS EVE 12/24**

Airs (1/2/18 @ 8:00am, 6:00pm) & (1/6/18 @ 9:00am, 7:00pm)

**CHRISTMAS DAY 12/25**

Airs (1/2/18 @ 9:00am, 7:00pm) & (1/6/18 @ 10:30am, 8:00pm)

**NEW YEAR'S EVE 12/31**

Airs (1/9/18 @ 8:00am, 6:00pm) & (1/13/18 @ 9:00am, 7:00pm)

**on Marshfield Community Television Channel 989.  
 For up-to-date schedules, visit [www.MarshfieldTV.com](http://www.MarshfieldTV.com). Thanks!**



Received Through November 27, 2017

**IMMANUELLUTHERAN SCHOOL**

John & Jayne Perrine

**BAPTISM FAITH CHESTS**

Chandra Barrett

Jake & Kimberly Bernarde

**In honor of Roland & Karen Hagen's 40th wedding anniversary October 8th**

Ron & Sharon Ratsch (October)

**In thankfulness for all His blessings He has given us, and for our great-grandson, Isaac James , baptized on 10/21/17.**

Stanley & Barbara Backaus

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Donna Zwicke

**CAMERA MINISTRY**

**In memory of Tom Koderl**

Earl & Darleene Giese

**TUITION ASSISTANCE**

Wayne & Barb Coblentz

**HIGHER GROUNDS**

Rich & Laura Abel

Dennis & Darla Wibben

**DEBT REDUCTION**

Violet Meyer

**PORTALS OF PRAYER**

Doreen Fuller

**COLLEGE MINISTRY**

Dr. Michael & Suzan Trad

**"JOY" PRAISE BAND**

Sean & Donna Yaun

**BASKETBALL UNIFORMS//ATHLETICS**

Rachelle & Jay Meyer

**COMPASSION CHILD**

Sunday School Quarter Tube (\$46.00)

**TRUNK 'N TREAT**


Rachelle & Jay Meyer

**BULLETIN SPONSOR**

Don & Dianne Borgen in honor of their 49th Wedding Anniversary on November 16th


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 **THRIVENT CHOICE FUNDS FOR NOVEMBER.**

If you have not done so, please register or renew online, or call Thrivent to share your Choice funds with Immanuel. **You need to do so QUARTERLY. THANK YOU!!!**

Thomas & Beverly Ott  
Renee Vandehey  
Betty Wills  
Joy Wirtz

 **Sponsor a Poinsettia at the library table.**

**Pay in the office or place in the offering plate.**

**Business Office Manager Wanted**

To serve church and school by providing over-all direction to property, legal, financial and business affairs. Needs to provide leadership to and supervision of staff and volunteers involved in ministry. Interested candidates may submit resume to:

**Immanuel Lutheran Church Office**  
604 S Chestnut Ave.,  
Marshfield, Wi 54449  
or email to [immanuelboa@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelboa@gmail.com).



## Merry Christmas from the second graders

**A**ngels sing on Christmas night.  
**N**ight is when Jesus was born.  
**G**od is watching over Bethlehem.  
**E**mmanuel they said.  
**L**ord watches over us all.

Brielle Berdan

Christmas is about Jesus. It is special.  
 It is when Jesus was born. It is when  
 Jesus was in a manger. It is all about  
 His birth.

Ryan Doine

**M**ary was the mother of Jesus.  
**A**nd He was born in a stable.  
**R**emember the real Christmas story.  
**Y**ou can believe!

Sydney Willman

**C**hristmas is a joyful time.

**H**e did miracles.

**R**ejoice to the Lord.

**I** love the Lord.

**S**on of God is born.

**T**he Lord is our Savior.

**I** love Him always.

**A**bove us the Lord is watching.

**N**ow the newborn King is born.

Carter Larson

Christmas is fun because Jesus was  
 born! Jesus was born in a stable. I  
 bet He was cute. I bet His parents  
 were excited. I bet that was a very  
 fun celebration.

David Steingraber

**J**esus was born in a manger.  
**E**ven though everyone is not perfect, He is.  
**S**in is why He came.  
**U**nder the stable He laid.  
**S**avior, Christ He is.

Isaac Howard

