

# IMMANUEL NEWSNOTES

DECEMBER 2018

## THANK YOU



## DECEMBER CALENDAR

### ADVENT SERVICES

Wednesdays - December 5, December 12,  
December 19 @ 10:00am & 7:00pm



Advent will again be a time to spiritually prepare ourselves for Christmas. The 7:00pm early evening worship time is intended to encourage families with children to be in attendance.

Make Advent midweek worship a part of your preparations for Christmas. Commit yourself to this extra time (45 minutes) per week to reflect on God's promises to you and His fulfillment of those promises in the person of Jesus Christ.

### CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY SERVICES

Christmas Eve: 3:00pm (Family Service of Sermon & Song), 4:30pm,  
7:30pm and 10:00pm

Both the 7:30pm and 10:00pm will have communion.

Christmas Day: 10:00am with Communion

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY SCHOOL, CONFIRMATION/WEEKDAY SCHOOL

Christmas break for Confirmation and Weekday School will be December 26 and January 2, with classes resuming on January 9. Sunday School will break on December 23, 30 and January 6, with classes resuming on January 13.



### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, December 24, 25, 26 and January 1. Office hours on New Year's Eve to be determined.

## REQUEST A CAROLLING STOP

If you know of a neighbor or family member in the area that would have their Christmas season brightened by a group of enthusiastic teen carolers, please call Tom Lithio at church to request a stop. Immanuel's teens, the IYC, will be out carolling starting around 5pm on Sunday, December 9, and they are looking for a couple more places to spread Christmas cheer!

## MORE THANKS

Thank you to all who donated food items for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. The truck was loaded up on Friday, November 23 and delivered to Christ the King in Chicago. Thanks also to the volunteers who came to help pack the truck!



The people of Immanuel have been very generous in their support of the high school youth ministry this past year! The summer mission trip to Troy, Missouri was an amazing faith-building experience that couldn't have been accomplished

without your financial support and help. Praise God for the many lives that were impacted by your partnership in this mission.

## COMING SOON: TROY STORY 2 REPORT

On the way home from Workcamp, each teen Workcamper journals a page about their mission experience. These are gathered into the Workcamp Annual Report and published for Immanuel's youth shareholders and everyone who has supported or is interested in the Workcamp ministry. This year's report will be available before Christmas on the lower shelf of the Welcome Desk in the narthex and in the library near the entrance. Please feel free to take one home and read about how God is at work in and around our teens during this mission experience!

## COLLEGE/IYC ALUMNI HOLIDAY GATHERING



past year.

College students and IYC alumni and friends past and present are invited to a holiday gathering in the youth room at Immanuel on Wednesday, January 2 at 7:00pm. All are welcome to join in this evening of fellowship and reconnecting, celebrating the birth of our Savior and the blessings of the

## IMMANUEL SERVICE GUILD

The December meeting of Immanuel's Service Guild will be their annual Christmas dinner at Jameson's on Monday, December 3 at 6:30pm.

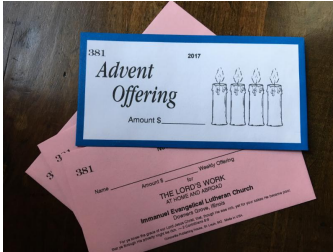
## POINSETTIA PLANT ORDERS

We will once again be ordering poinsettia plants to grace the chancel for Christmas. Watch the weekly bulletin for

details or pick up an order form at the Information Station in the Chapel.



## 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES



Pick up at your earliest convenience! Please let the church office know if your envelopes are missing or if you would like to have envelopes for your 2019 offerings. Special note: Please do not use 2018 envelopes after the first of the new year as you may have a new envelope

number for 2019.

## FELLOWSHIP WITH FRIENDS

Join us on Thursday, December 13 at 11:30am as we enjoy a Christmas singalong led by Immanuel members, Frank Novotny and Ellen Prohl. Lunch is Pot Luck - Bring a dish to share!

## IMMANUEL QUILTERS



Eight beautiful quilts will be going to the female vets at Midwest Center for Homeless Veterans in Wheaton. Thanks to Dene Holso, Dorothy Wagner, Shirley Remes, Gloria Friedrich, Erna Steinbrenner, and Dolores Porter for your dedicated



work. Thank you veterans  
for your service!



## MUSIC NEWS

### Christmas Vespers Service

Prepare your heart for the coming Christ child Saturday, December 15 at 4:30pm. All are welcome to join us for a peaceful evening of prayer and music presented by the choirs of Immanuel. A reception with light snacks, cookies and punch will follow. Please invite your family and friends.



Immanuel Handbell Choir is in need of one or two full time members and additional subs. Please see Ellen Prohl if you are

interested in joining this committed group of musicians serving our church.

## **CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**

### **CONFIRMATION XL SHOPPING SERVICE EVENT**

The 7th and 8th grade Confirmation students will be spreading Christmas cheer this year on Wednesday, December 5, when they will pool their dollars and provide Christmas gifts for needy area families in the spirit of God's love. This event will piggyback on Confirmation class time, includes dinner and will end at 7:00pm. Confirmation families will be receiving more details and can call Lori Wrzesinski or Tom Lithio with any questions.

### **IYC CHRISTMAS AND CAROLING PARTY**

Immanuel's high school teens will be spreading Christmas cheer, too! On Sunday, December 9 beginning at 4:30pm, they will go out caroling to shut-ins and others in the spirit of God's love and Christmas joy. Following that they will gather for a Christmas party complete with the infamous White Elephant Gift Exchange. As always, friends are invited to be a part of this act of service and celebration. If you would like to volunteer to host this party, please contact Tom!

### **COFFEE FILTERS FOR TEEN GIRLS!**

Teen girls from 9th through 12th grade are invited to join the lively female conversations happening every Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:00pm. Kim Walter and Shandra Bowlin partner to guide the discussion, which takes place at Peet's Coffee in downtown Downers Grove. December 19 will be their last meeting of 2018.

### **THE FORGE FOR TEEN GUYS**

"The Forge" kicks off on Saturday, December 1. The goal of this new group will be to help teen guys forge a clear and strong identity as young men of God and followers of Jesus through activity and fellowship together. This first gathering will be a bowling & dinner mash-up that will start at 3:00pm at Tivoli Bowl in downtown DG. Guys should bring \$5 for bowling and money for dinner afterwards. Contact Evan Walter or Tom Lithio for more details.

### **WORKCAMP 2019 KICK-OFF!**

The high school mission trip for 2019 will be the Group

Workcamp in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Immanuel's teens and friends who are in or entering high school in the fall of 2019 can claim a spot by turning in a registration form and deposit. The fact sheet/registration form will be available outside of Tom's office and online at [www.iycdg.org](http://www.iycdg.org) starting on Dec 16. The Workcamp 2019 Team Kickoff meeting is scheduled for January 13 at 6:30pm. You can view photo galleries from the last few Workcamps through the side links at [www.iycdg.org](http://www.iycdg.org) and see with your own eyes what this Workcamp ministry is all about.

### SUNDAY MORNING TEEN BIBLE STUDY

This is a great opportunity for middle and high school teens to enjoy good company, good snacks and time in God's Word as they read through the Gospel of Matthew. All teens 7th-12th grade are welcome every Sunday at 9:30am! There will be no meeting during Christmas break on Dec 23, 30 and January 6.

### IMMANUEL YOUTH FOR CHRIST NEWS AND EVENTS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS!

Anytime you want to know what's happening in high school ministry at Immanuel, visit the IYC website. You will get the past, present and future in living color with current event posts and links to upcoming events plus photo galleries and the master IYC calendar. Photos from the IYC Fall Retreat have recently been added! Just type [www.iycdg.org](http://www.iycdg.org) into your web browser and hit enter!

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Last month I opened the message of an "incident" that needed a "savior" of sorts. To remind you I copied the following excerpt.

I have botched the job so badly that I need help to get it done correctly.

I am not going to go further with any details but I will say that now I am hoping that my failed effort can be easily corrected. With this hope comes the confidence that it will get done correctly. [Click here for more.](#)

## IMMANUEL CARD CORNER

Advent Calendars, junior-sized to help children get ready for Jesus birth, Christmas cards and napkins are available in Immanuel's card corner located in the



library. Members wearing the "Card Corner" badges will be happy to serve you.

## FELLOWSHIP

We are looking for families, individuals or groups within the church to sponsor the Sunday Morning Fellowship coffee, juice and treats. Sign up on the special fellowship calendar located in Luther Hall (library). The cost is \$40.00 per week; we do the shopping and preparing for you. Questions? Contact the church office.



## MANNA GIFT CARD PROGRAM



December Manna Card orders are due on Friday, December 14. Pick up your order in the church office beginning Friday, December 21 for those last minute and hard to buy for gifts!

## ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP

The 2019 Altar Flower Sponsor Chart is posted at the Grove Street entrance. Please write your name/phone number next to the date(s) you wish to sponsor. The cost is \$50.00. Arlene Jeschke, Altar Guild member, will contact you for your altar flower "dedication".





## ELECTRONIC GIVING

Follow the instructions on the card, or give online to the website by clicking the giver tab. [Click here for FAQs.](#)



### We Worship Each Week

Saturday -- 4:30pm (traditional worship)

Sunday -- 8:15am (traditional worship)

Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter, Downers Grove, IL

10:30am (contemporary worship)

Communion on the 1st, 3rd & 5th weekend each month

### We Study Together

Sunday School and Bible Classes, both at 9:30am -- Each Sunday

Christian Weekday School for 3rd -- 8th Grades

from 4:15 -- 5:45pm

September through April

Membership Classes, Bible Studies, Christcare Small Groups,  
and music opportunities available for all ages.

Our Church is handicapped accessible and a staffed nursery is available  
between 10:30 and 11:30am on Sundays

