

# IMMANUEL NEWSNOTES

JANUARY 2019

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**JOIN US FOR A  
7-WEEK SERIES  
WHERE WE WILL  
EXPLORE THE  
BIG QUESTIONS**

- 1 Does Life Have a Purpose?
- 2 Is There a God?
- 3 Why Does God Allow Pain & Suffering?
- 4 Is Christianity Too Narrow?
- 5 Is Jesus Really God?
- 6 Is The Bible Reliable?
- 7 Can I Know God Personally?

Saturdays and Sundays beginning January 12, 2019  
Saturdays @ 4:30p::Sundays @ 8:15 & 10:30a

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## JANUARY CALENDAR



The church office will be closed on  
**Tuesday, January 1 and  
Monday, January 21.**

**NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Beginning January 7, 2019 the church office will be open Monday - Thursday from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The office will be closed on Friday.

**VOTER'S MEETING**  
**Sunday, January 27**  
**11:45am**



**Sunday School & Teen Bible Study resume**  
**January 13 -- 9:30am**  
**Confirmation & Weekday School resume**  
**January 6 -- 4:15pm.**

## HELP NEEDED

Please consider helping to take down the Christmas Trees on Saturday, January 5 at 9:00 am. Many hands make light work!



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 past year.

## IYC SUPER BOWL CHILI SALE

The IYC is cooking Super Chili for Super Bowl Sunday again this year! They are currently taking orders and offering it to you for pick-up on the Sunday of the Super Bowl, February 3rd. The order/information form is available on the information table and at [this link](#). Your order will help fund the high school youth mission trip to Workcamp 2019 in Green Bay, WI this summer, not to mention providing a quick and tasty “homemade” dinner for your family. This chili also freezes very well!

## THRIVENT CHOICE \$\$ MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE



Many thanks to those who are designating their Thrivent Choice dollars to Immanuel. In doing so, you are funding a wide variety of ministry to and beyond Immanuel. This past year these dollars have provided support for workcamp, outreach, human care and youth ministry at Immanuel. Again, Thrivent members, thank you for your participation and directing your Choice Dollars to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Keep up the great work!

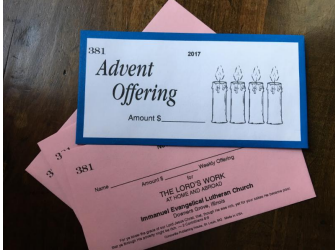
## FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

Our 1st Sunday of the Month Food Collection begins again with the new year. January 5-6. We will be collecting plain Instant Oatmeal or Quick Oats and Canned Pasta (Spaghetti O's, Ravioli etc.) for Immanuel's Food Pantry and Mobile Food Pantry. Please place your donation in the baskets located by the special display in narthex on Saturday or Sunday.



## 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Available now on the table in the hallway behind the narthex. Please notify the church office if you wish to tithe using envelopes.



## FELLOWSHIP WITH FRIENDS

**January 13 @ 11:30am**

**Topic: Bingo with White Elephant Prizes**

Each person attending is asked to bring a nicely wrapped white elephant gift to use as a Bingo prize. Also bring a childhood picture of yourself to this meeting for use at the February meeting. Lunch provided.



## WOMEN'S SERVICE GUILD

Immanuel's Women' Service Guild will meet on Monday, January 28th at 7:30pm All ladies are cordially invited to attend. If you have a servant heart but also like to have an enjoyable time, start your new year off by joining the Women's Service Guild!

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

As we move along the path of our life we need the constant companionship that is given by those who love us. And no one loves us more than the one who gave us life, our God. He has given many messages through the Bible that tell us about His faithful companionship because He loves us, not because He has to love us, but because He chooses to love us. So as we move through life we can remind ourselves of His love each day with the words from the Psalms;

I lift up my eyes to the hills--where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord: The maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip. The one who watches over you will not sleep; he does not rest or sleep. The Lord watches over you -- The Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will watch over all your ways both now and forever. Amen.

## CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

### WEEKDAY SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION IN JANUARY

Confirmation class and Weekday school will resume on January 9 at 4:15pm. Continuing thanks to our loyal staff: Teachers Angie Etheridge (5/6th grade) and Jeri Lau (3/4th grade) and our Confirmation Registrar Sara Oestermeyer. Thanks also go to our 7/8th grade Confirmation small group mentors Lori Wrzesinski, Karyn Reeve, David Thompson, Janet Barnett and Marla Pullen- their caring and commitment is so important to our ministry!

### WORKCAMP 2019 TEAM KICK-OFF MEETING

Our “Workcamp by the Bay” teens and parents will be meeting on Sunday, January 13, beginning our trip preparations and team building at 6:30pm. Teens 8th grade and up who are interested in Workcamp are invited to come and explore joining our crew at the meeting, or they can register beforehand. Look for the facts and form at the Information Station, online and outside of Tom’s office. Contact him if you have questions at 968-3112 x 106.

### IMMANUEL YOUTH FOR CHRIST IN JANUARY

Besides the Workcamp Kick-Off and weekly Wednesday Coffee Filters and Sunday morning Teen Bible Study, the IYC teen band will lead a worship time on January 20 at 6:30pm. The youth room will be open for IYC Nights on January 6 and 27 at 6:30pm. Growing in faith and friendship are why we meet, and friends are welcome. Watch for last-minute details. If it’s a snowy Sunday we’ll be hitting the sledding hill for winter fun!

### COFFEE FILTERS FOR TEEN GIRLS!

Teen girls in high school are invited to join the lively conversation happening every Wednesday evening from 6-7pm. “Coffee Filters” resumes following a holiday break on January 9. Shandra Bowlin and Kim Walter partner to guide the discussion and fellowship at Peet’s Coffee in downtown DG.

### SUNDAY MORNING TEEN BIBLE STUDY

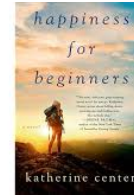
This is a great opportunity for middle and high school teens to enjoy good company, good snacks and time in God’s Word as they read through the Gospel of Matthew. All teens 7th-12th grade are welcome every Sunday at 9:30am! Class will resume

for the new year on January 13!

[CLICK HERE FOR IYC NEWS AND EVENTS!](#)

## IMMANUEL LADIES' BOOK CLUB

All ladies are invited to join the book club on January 24. The current book is Happiness for Beginners by Katherine Center.



## 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

January Manna Card orders are due on Friday, January 11. Pick up your order in the church office beginning Friday, January 18.



## 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. One of the Altar Guild members 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

