

NEWSLETTER

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Earlville, Illinois

January 2008
Donald L. Knowles, Pastor

The Annual Meeting of our congregation will be held on **Sunday, January 20** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The Annual Report will contain the agenda for this meeting, a sample ballot for the elected positions on the church council, preschool board, and representatives to the ministries that our congregation supports. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend this meeting.



The 2008 Altar Flower Chart is on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers around the altar for a Sunday during this year, please reserve the date you want by printing your name on the appropriate line on the chart. You are then to make arrangements with the florist of your choice as the date approaches. Any questions may be addressed to Nancy Weidner (246-9010) or Norma Nelson (246-9540).



The Annual Report of our congregation's ministry activities is now being prepared. In an effort to reduce the cost of producing the Annual Report, many of which are unused, any voting member who wants a copy of the report may pick it up at church beginning January 10 or contact the office to have one mailed to you. Please take only one per household. The constitution of our congregation states: "voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members shall have communed, made a contribution of record during the current or preceding year."

A congregational potluck dinner will take place immediately after the annual meeting on **Sunday, January 20**. Meat, bread and drink will be provided. You are asked to bring your own table service and one or two dishes to pass, according to the size of your family.



Senior Saturdays

All seniors of the community are invited to Immanuel Lutheran Church (located at 415 East Street) on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month for a meal, fellowship and fun beginning at noon. Bring a friend!

January 12 & 26
February 9 & 23
March 8 & 22

If you need a ride, call
Judy Ohlson at 539-2314.



God's Gift of Holy Baptism was given on:

- Sunday, December 2 to Jenna Catherine Setchell, daughter of Mark & Cathy Setchell. Jenna's sponsors were Carrie Browder and Tom Hawk.
- Sunday, December 23 to Kamdyn Rose Ambler, daughter of Max & Kristen Ambler. Kamdyn's sponsors were Jeremy & Amber Chappell.
- Sunday, December 23 to Ava Leigh Chappell, daughter of Jeremy & Amber Chappell. Ava's sponsors were Genny Baltz and Tiffany Astling.

January Worship Assistants


Acolyte: 8:00 – Ned Hanley
 10:30 – Jacey Chapman
 Lector: 8:00 – Elwood Kidd
 10:30 – Eleda Kaminky
 Offering Counters: Ron Bond, Chris & Marilyn Sanford
 Altar Guild: Norma Nelson and Pat Cottingim

We extend our sympathies and prayers to:



- Mary Buchinger upon the death of her mother-in-law, Mollie Buchinger, on December 10.
- Mark Setchell upon the death of his grandma, Florence Setchell, on December 23.

Congratulations to Luke & Lisa (Simpson) Tillman on the birth of their son, Aden Wayne, on December 10. He was born at 8:35 p.m., weighed 8 lbs 8 oz and was 20½ inches long. Grandparents from Immanuel are Kerry & Deb Tillman. Great-grandparents are Ken & Donna Tillman.

Thank you to everybody who participated and/or helped with the Live Nativity on December 16.

Special thanks to:

- ★ everyone who helped to set up, clean up and put away
- ★ Nick & Lena Sellers and Family for bringing the animals
- ★ Cindy Torman and Jessica Whittaker for getting the kids together to sing
- ★ all the kids who came and lifted their voices in praise
- ★ everyone who brought goodies
- ★ those who helped in the kitchen

It was a wonderful night spent witnessing and spreading the word of the birth of our Lord Jesus.

– Angie Koontz

<p>Immanuel Lutheran Church Pastor: Donald L. Knowles 415 East Street P.O. Box 598 Earlville, Illinois 60518 (815) 246-9642 www.immanuelearlville.net</p>	<p>Regular Worship Schedule 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services 9:15 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>Deadline for copy: The 20th of the month prior to publication.</p>	<p>Summer Worship Schedule (Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day Weekend) 5:00 p.m. Sat. Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Sun. Worship Service No Sunday School</p>
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Church Council Minutes
November 15, 2007

The November 15, 2007 meeting of the Church Council was called to order by President Kurt Larson. Present were Pastor Knowles, Don Sawicki, Linda Hanley, Marcia Farley, Ron Bond, Lantz Stein, Judy Rosengren, and Kurt Larson.

Pastor Knowles opened with a word of prayer.

Judy Rosengren moved to accept the secretary's report as written. Linda Hanley seconded, the motion passed.

Treasurer Gloria Bond went over her report. She reported \$3,218.82 in the checking account. The tax bills have gone through. Don Sawicki motioned to accept the report as reported, Ron Bond seconded, the motion passed.

In Pastor's report, he attended 14 meetings, 4 home communions, led 6 worship, and taught 4 classes. He encouraged anyone interested in being on the Green Team to volunteer. Pastor and Linda Hanley are interested in going to the *Green Congregation* Workshop at Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center and will form our own Green Team. Pastor has 2 more weeks of vacation coming and plans to take off December 26 thru January 2.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Congregational Life & Fellowship

- Marcia Farley reported that her committee will serve cookies after the Thanksgiving Eve service.

Evangelism & Mission

- Don Sawicki & Stu Boom reported that the Thanksgiving dinner is coming along. The Live Nativity is Saturday, December 15. The official membership list should be done soon.

Stewardship

- Kurt Larson reported the Foods Resource Bank met and they got a new grower - now are up to 28 acres. They have posted \$10,000 in the account. They will send half to the Dominican Republic and half to the Central African Republic.

Parish Education

- Pastor reported that the Sunday School Christmas Program is December 16 at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Preschool

- Judy Rosengren reported that there are 47 students. Al Ohlson is working on the water problem. Teacher Wendy Keller will make a checklist for cleaning.

Property

- Linda Hanley reported that the parking lot needs to be sealed next spring. The snow removal will be done by the same contractor as last year, Terry Richards.

Worship & Music

- Lantz Stein says we've lost the *Praise Time* singing due to going to 2 services. He's looking for volunteers to head the themed worship on February 10 (Power of Prayer) and February 17 (Meditation).

Youth

- It was reported that the Young Life group is thriving.

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NEW BUSINESS

- The Council accepted the resignation of Jim Baird with extreme regret. He cited as his reason, a lack of trust in the Council as expressed by some members of the congregation. He was also disappointed in that the council scheduled a vote on worship times prior to the end of the original trial period.
- We worked on the budget for 2008. We took a reasonable look at where we are. Don Sawicki moved that the proposed budget, with adjustments for pastor's health insurance be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting. Unless contributions increase it will be a deficit budget and existing reserves will be near depletion by the end of 2008. Judy Rosengren seconded, the motion passed.
- Stu Bloom motioned that the Council give the Christmas offering, half to Helping Hands and half to the Foods Resource Bank. Marcia Farley seconded, the motion passed.

Ron Bond motioned to adjourn. It was seconded by Stu Bloom, the motion passed. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marcia Farley