

NEWSLETTER

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Earlville, Illinois

January 2009
Donald L. Knowles, Pastor

The Annual Meeting of our congregation will be held on **Sunday, January 18** 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.



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).

Congratulations to Dan and Corrine (Gast) Clausel on the birth of their daughter, Sadie on Thursday, December 18.



Sadie weighed 6 lbs 13 oz and was 20 inches long. Grandparents from Immanuel are Ken and Pam Gast and Great Grandparents are Bob & Pat Gast.



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 8 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 18**. 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.



The 2009 Altar Flower Chart is on the bulletin

Senior Saturdays

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

January 10

February 14

March 14

If you need a ride, call the church



Thank you to everybody who participated and/or helped with the Live Nativity on December 20.

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

JANUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	8:00 AM Service	10:30 AM Service
Acolyte	Morgan Torman	Taylor Browder
Ushers	Bill Nelson and Kerry Tillman	Chris Sanford and Bryan Sanford
Lectors	Cindy Torman	Chris Fritz
Greeters (1/4)	Kay & Becky Mathesius	Ron & Wilma Boltz
(1/11)	Bill & Mary Lou Nelson	Bernie & Paula Glass
(1/18)	Dennis & Peg Nielsen	Kermit & Carlene Svedsen
(1/25)	Gary & Carol Lane	John & Tammy Ballas
Communion Assistants (1/4)	Sam Schlesinger	Fred Kaminky
Offering Counters	Dennis Nielsen, Chris Sanford and Marilyn Sanford	
Altar Guild	Norma Nelson and Pat Cottingim	

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Regular Worship Schedule

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
 Worship Services
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School

Deadline for copy:

The 20th of the month prior to publication.

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

Church Council Minutes

October 16, 2008

The October 16, 2008 Immanuel Church Council meeting was called to order by Don Sawicki. Present were Stu Bloom, Judy Rosengren, John Nielsen, Dennis Nielsen, Linda Hanley, Marcia Farley, and Pastor Knowles.

Pastor began devotions with a video regarding the "Fish" strategy and a word of prayer.

The Secretary's Minutes were motioned for approval by Judy Rosengren. It was seconded by Dennis Nielsen. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report was gone over and motion to approve by Dennis Nielsen. It was seconded by Stu Bloom. The motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- In Pastor's report he reported signing an agreement with the Red Cross on using the Parish Hall as a disaster shelter.
- The school will also use the church as a gathering site in the event of a disaster at the school. The kids would be here until picked up by a parent.
- Pastor reported that to try to reduce the number of sheets for the bulletin we have a green choice. Now only the outside cover will have new information. The inside of the bulletin will be reused.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Congregational Life

- Marcia and Linda reported that the Senior Saturday is going well. Next month our guest is Alison Coyer on the hammered dulcimer.

Evangelism & Mission

- Judy Rosengren reported that there was a great turnout for the Food Resource Bank celebration. It was a beautiful, fall day.
- Plans for the Thanksgiving Dinner at our church are coming along.
- The Crop Walk had 30 walkers and \$3500.00 in pledges.
- The Live Nativity will be held on December 20.

Stewardship

- Nothing new to report.

Memorial

- John Nielsen reported that there is a plan to have a Joe Tillman memorial. Possibly a memorial garden.

Parish Education

- The Bible School Christmas program will be Dec 21, during church.
- The men's Bible Study series has still 2 to go.
- Eleven are attending the Women's Bible Study with Judy Rosengren and Deb Larson.

Property Committee

- Scaffolding is down and the bell tower is watertight.
- The drinking fountains are not working properly and will be looked into.
- One of the burners for the stove needs replacing.

Worship and Music

- The Liturgy Subcommittee met and chose ELW Setting 5 to begin in Advent.

Youth

- There will be 4 youth to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No unfinished business was raised for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

- None raised

Motioned to adjourn by Judy Rosengren. Seconded by Linda Hanley. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Farley

Church Council Minutes November 20, 2008

The November 20, 2008 meeting of the Immanuel Church Council was called to order by President Don Sawicki. Present were Linda Hanley, Marcia Farley, Judy Rosengren, Valorie Norton, John Nielsen, Dennis Nielsen, Cathy Setchell, Don Sawicki, and Pastor Knowles.

Pastor opened with a very thought-provoking story.

THE SECRETARY'S MINUTES were approved as corrected. It was so moved by Judy Rosengren, and seconded by Dennis Nielsen. The motion passed.

TREASURER 'S REPORT was gone over by Cathy Setchell, treasurer. The motion to accept the report as written by Dennis Nielsen and seconded by Linda Hanley. The motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Joe Anderson and Laura Anderson have transferred their membership to First, Plano.
- The discussion continued regarding the blessing of a relationship for an older couple unable to get married because of tax and financial issues. By consensus the council does not believe the congregation should participate in such a rite at this time. We should, however, encourage our members to advocate for a change in tax and corporate policies that penalize older adults who choose to marry by reducing or eliminating Social Security benefits and/or pensions. We should write letters to our congressmen concerning this policy of the government in this issue.
- The December Council meeting was set for Wednesday, December 17.

The Council received the resignations of Stu Bloom and Don Neely. The Council accepted them with regret . It was so moved by Marcia Farley and seconded by John Nielsen. The motion passed.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & FELLOWSHIP

- Linda Hanley and Marcia Farley reported Senior Saturday continues to be a blessing. Our next Senior Saturday will be December 13 where our choir will sing and conduct a sing - a - long of Christmas songs.
- Delores Kaminky is exploring interest for the April 3 play, "Church Basement Ladies" at Circa 21 in Rock Island.

EVANGELISM & MISSION

- Judy Rosengren reported \$7500.00 has been collected so far for the Food Resource Bank Project.

MEMORIAL

- John Nielsen reported the hymnals are paid for by contributions and spending a little memorial monies.

PARISH EDUCATION

- The Sunday School Christmas Program will be December 21 at the 10:30 church service.

Property

- Dennis Nielsen reported that we ask how much it would cost to convert all lights to a more efficient lighting? Steve Merritt will look into it. We were looking into new water fountains.

YOUTH

- Valorie Norton reported that the youth will be serving a brunch after the Christmas program on December 21. All proceeds will go to those attending the National Youth Gathering.

NEW BUSINESS

- We motioned to use the Christmas offering to pay the remaining benevolence in our budget and send the balance to Helping Hands in Earlville. The motion was made by Linda Hanley and seconded by Judy Rosengren. The motion passed.

A motion to adjourn by Judy Rosengren was seconded by Dennis Nielsen. Motion passed.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Farley