



## ***THE MANGER ~ January 2009***

### **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

Our Vision: To be a welcoming Spiritual community that nurtures an intimate relationship in our daily walk with Jesus and invites participation through sharing our spiritual gifts to the glory of God.

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Worship with us  
every Sunday at  
8:00 am or 10:30 am  
Christian Education  
Sunday @ 9:15 am  
for all ages.

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### **Empty Bowl Supper** **Sunday, January 25** **12:00 ~ 2:00 pm** **Immanuel Fellowship Hall**

Immanuel will host its third annual Empty Bowl Supper. The pottery soup bowls were created by our SNL youth and leaders. A limited number of pottery bowls will be available. The supper will include soups, salad, and bread plus a beverage. Proceeds will go to the Grand Ledge Food Bank. The cost of a pottery bowl plus supper will be \$25.00. If you donate a non-perishable food item to the food bank, the cost for the bowl and supper is \$20.00. The cost to those not wishing to purchase a bowl is \$5.50 for supper. If you donate a non-perishable food item to the food bank the cost is \$5.00. Once again, the folks from Immanuel's SNL group will be preparing some of the soups and serving at the supper.

**ALL PROFITS WILL GO TO THE  
GRAND LEDGE FOOD BANK.**



The church office is open Monday-Friday  
from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.  
The staff and team leaders at Immanuel are here to serve you.  
If you have any questions or concerns,  
please call or e-mail us; we will be happy to talk to you.

## THE YEAR OF MARK

The Church's Lectionary repeats every three years. They are called Cycles A, B, & C. With the start of Advent, we are again in Cycle B, aka The Year of Mark. In this church year, most of the Gospel readings are from Mark. As you listen in worship, or as you read the lessons at home (Each week's readings are listed on our website on the Worship page.), you can expect:

- short readings – Mark tells the good news concisely without much embellishment;
- urgency – more than in a hurry, Mark believes this story is very important. He uses words like “immediately.”
- secrecy – Jesus repeatedly tells others not to tell others he is the Christ until after the resurrection.
- misunderstanding – the disciples are clueless until the end.
- Son of God – other than by the demons, Jesus is called the Son of God only in 1:1 and 15:39 (at his death). Jesus refers to himself as Son of man.
- humanness – of the 4 Gospels, Jesus is most like us in Mark
- absence – some familiar things are “missing:” no birth narrative or genealogy or post-resurrection appearances. It seems that for Mark where the Son of God came from or when he is “coming again in the clouds” is not as important as what he did and why.
- cross – the crucifixion is central in Mark. The Christ we believe in was crucified. The Christ who calls us to follow him calls us to take up our own cross.

Most believe that Mark was the first Gospel written, near when Rome destroyed Herod's Temple, ca. A. D. 70.

## 10 WAYS TO PRAY FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA

Jan. 20 will be the inauguration of our 44<sup>th</sup> President, Barak Obama. The following suggestions are from J. Lee Grady, editor of “Charisma” (A periodical for charismatic Christians). Let Christians pray for:

1. Safety – Pray that racist hatred will not be allowed to spread and that every bullet will be canceled;
2. His family – for their safety and privacy;
3. Wisdom – like King Solomon may he have his priorities right;
4. Humbleness – that he will avoid the fatal attraction of power or influence or pride;
5. His advisors and cabinet – they will be the source of his information and counsel;
6. Spirit of Reconciliation – that those who hate and are angry will pull together for the sake of the nation;
7. Change of heart about pre-born life – like slavery and integration, so can leaders change their minds about Life;
8. Bind the forces of evil – that he will be able to defend us from terror and promote freedom and peace;
9. Openness to religion (Grady used “church”): that in his personal faith he will welcome religious (Grady used “Christian”) leaders among his advisors;
10. Peace and blessing – the NT instructs the Church to pray for those in governmental authority that we may have the opportunities to further the mission of Christ: the gospel to the lost, service to the poor, share Christ's love.

From Pr. Rick: the pertinent passages are Romans 13:1-6 (“Give every *leader* what is due: taxes, honor and respect.”) and 1 Timothy 2:1-6 (“I urge that *prayers*...be made for kings and all in authority.”) We pray in almost every service for the leaders of our nation, state, local government and of the world. We should be praying for them daily with thanksgiving. Our new President Barak Obama will need our spiritual support.



## NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, December 31.....New Year's Eve  
6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Brief Last Chance Service  
Last Confession, Offering, & Holy Communion of 2008

## AMONG OUR MEMBERS:



November 30 was a day of new beginnings. We welcome these new sisters and brothers to Christ's body (baptisms) and to Immanuel's fellowship. We are so blessed because of them.

### BAPTISM:

**Bayle Lauren Williams** – daughter of Blair and **Sarah**, sister to **Shawn**. Her godparent is Teresa Vicary.

**MollyLyn Blue Root** – daughter of **Ben and Jennifer**, sister to **Olivia**. Her godparents are Mike and Amy Graham, Brandon Stevens, and Abby Horrocks.

NEW MEMBERS: (Information is in the 2009 Phone Directory. Pick one up at church or call to request one.)

### **Steve and Ellen Baribeau**

**Nick, Sarah, Alex, Anna, Maggie**

Steve owns a business in Grand Rapids. Ellen is a busy mom and homemaker.

### **Dick Berner**

Dick is US Navy retired. He runs a landscape and plowing business. Dick was raised at Immanuel and has now returned to the GL area.

### **Melody Crandall**

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Melody is a records coordinator –Ingham County Friend of the Court.

### **Todd and Dawn Byers**

**Teagan, Kanan**

Todd works for an automated conveyer systems company. Dawn owns a Salon near the Lansing Mall. Teagan is 6 years old and Kanan is 4 years old.

### **Anthony and Sarah Gatewood**

**Amanda**

Anthony is a police officer. Sarah is a social worker with Community Mental Health. Amanda is 4 years old preschooler.

## JANUARY HOLY DAYS (For home use)

January 1: The Name of Jesus

1<sup>st</sup>: Numbers 6:22-37 Psalm 8d 2<sup>nd</sup>: Galatians 4:4-7 Gospel: Luke 2:15-21

*Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

Others: January 6: Epiphany Day (will be transferred to Jan. 4)

January 18: The Confession of Peter & January 25: The Conversion of Paul  
(These are Sundays this year).

### Special Giving

Immanuel Family has graciously given to:

Basket of Hope \$619. Enabling us to help 12 families in the GL community.

GLEAP \$100. For emergency assistance to local residents

Heifer \$155. To assist families and communities to becoming self-sustaining.

Thanksgiving Offering \$168. To help the GL Food Bank

Good Samaritan Fund \$100. To help non-members in need.

Thank you for giving to the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

### IMMANUEL'S ANNUAL LUGNUT OUTING

Mark your calendars for Friday, July 17, 2009 for Immanuel's next Lansing Luginut outing. This is one of the Christian Nights at Oldsmobile Park as well as a LAFCU fireworks night. Tickets are \$8 a seat and can be reserved by calling Orv Erickson at 517-645-2865, emailing him at [or Erickson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:or Erickson@sbcglobal.net) or just see him after church some Sunday. Tickets must be ordered and paid for by Sunday, May 31, 2009. We have 70 seats reserved but we can get more. Come join us this year for a great night out with the family. GO NUTS!!!!



### Kids Hope USA Corner

A Happy and a Blessed New Year to everyone!

Just like you, the past month has been a busy time for us. We had our second Christmas party for the children on December 4<sup>th</sup> at Greenwood. Twelve students joined us for Book Bingo, making Christmas ornaments, decorating cookies, and feasting on the cookies and ice cream. A big thank you to all who made our party possible. Sheryl and Amy Kurtycz, Emily Zipple, and Carol Weigel organized and provided the food and games. Another thank you goes to all of you who donated books for the bingo game. The kids loved getting them as a prize. They also loved being able to choose from so many possibilities. Thank you again.

Now it's January. This month will again be National Mentor Month. During this month, the nation will recognize and celebrate the importance of mentoring for our country's youth. At Immanuel, we have 44 volunteers who work with and support 22 Greenwood students. They are making a huge difference in the lives of these children and are a blessing to our community. Please take a moment to thank them personally for their time and commitment. Below you will find the list of mentors and prayer partners from our congregation.

**Mentors** – Susan Anderson, Teresa Barcy, Bob Cermak, Lyn Danes, Jean Folk, Bill Frysinger, Chris Frysinger, Julia Hoonstra, Melissa Kingsley, Len Kluge, Allison Landry, Bev Lass, Denise Lund, Jan Martinich, Mary Matzke, Chris Morrall, Mark Morrall, Denise Proper, Mike Proper, Amy Reed, Britt Riggs, and Carol Weigel

**Prayer Partners** – Bev Becker, Bob Buckley, Sharon Catey, Matt Cermak, Lynn Colby, Carolyn Drown, Lynne Erickson, Patsy Galvin, Donna Gibbons, Jane Goebel, Kris Hernden, John Kingsley, Pastor Rick, Rick Merrifield, Cheryl Pitchford, Russ Riggs, Barb Roush, Fred Roush, Annette Ryan, Sue Schnarr, Joyce Wesley, and John Weigel.

Looking at this list brings to mind the words of the popular song – “I believe there are angels among us....” These volunteers are truly angels to our students. May God bless them all.

*Lyn Danes*



## **New Recycling Dumpster, Policy**

You may have noticed the second, smaller dumpster next to our landfill dumpster. It's official: ILC now has a weekly pickup of most recyclables. At our request, Waste Management (WM) has extended their bulk recycling to Grand Ledge – at least to ILC. We have a common recyclables dumpster that is sorted at the WM facility. (See [www.thinkgreen.com](http://www.thinkgreen.com)).

***What goes in the Recyclables Dumpster?*** Office paper (not glossy), newspaper, plastics #1 and #2, metal cans, aluminum foil (without plastic or paper), corrugated cardboard, boxboard, clear glass. Boxboard includes cereal boxes, cracker boxes, pasta dinner boxes, paper egg cartons, toilet paper & paper towel tubes, tissue boxes without plastic, shoe and shirt boxes, gray back boxes, brown bags.

Not acceptable: plastics not labeled #1 or #2, any colored glass, wax coated cardboard (e.g. milk/OJ cartons, meat cases, some produce cases), pop/beer cases, butter cartons or boxes that may be in the refrigerator, frozen food cartons, plastic from tissue boxes, foil lamination boxes, poster board, junk mail, glossy magazines.






***How should we prepare materials?*** Flatten boxes, rinse and flatten plastic and cans and foil, discard lids from plastic (they don't recycle unless labeled #1 or #2). Also, bag office paper separately in clear (not white) plastic bags; newspaper and brown grocery bags can go in the same clear bag. Then toss in the recycling dumpster, unsorted.

***How do we collect materials?*** In the church and 501 building we will have separate baskets lined with clear plastic bags to collect office paper. Small open boxes for office paper can be placed next to desks, meeting rooms, copiers, etc. When full they can be dumped into the larger office paper baskets lined with clear plastic. When full the clear plastic bags are closed with twist ties and tossed in the recycling dumpster. Other materials (can be tossed into the dumpster directly. We will have unlined recycling bins in a couple places for easy collection.

***Can we put our household recyclables in the church dumpster?*** Well, maybe. Waste Management allows it. We will probably have a little room. It gets emptied every week. If everyone follows the instructions, if we don't overfill it, and if our Support Team doesn't discover problems it could work. Granger offers curbside recycling in Grand Ledge, but does not take office paper or cardboard. Grand Ledge recycling center is open 24/7 to all Eaton County residents, and it's free. They take everything listed above except boxboard. They take additional items as well. They are at 401 Whitney St., behind Oakwood Cemetery.

***What goes in the old Landfill Dumpster?*** Only items that cannot recycle. Please do not fill our landfills with material that can be remanufactured into consumables. Every item we recycle reduces the need to drill, mine, smelt, or cut down. And less energy is used as well.

So, that is what our environmental ministry is doing at church. What are you doing at home and at the office?

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 	2 8 pm AA	3 8 am AA
4 8:00 Worship 10:30 Worship 6:15 SNL	5 10:30 Frozen Chosen 6:30 LIFT	6 6:30 am Men's Group 9:30 Staff 12 Upkeepers 7 Boy Scouts	7 10 Toddler Time 6:30 God's Crusaders	8  7:30 Choir	9 8 pm AA	10 8 am AA
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18 8:00 Worship 9:15 School 10:30 Worship 6:15 SNL	19 10:30 Frozen Chosen 7 Team Meetings	20 6:30 am Men's Group 9:30 Staff 11-3 Quilting 7 Boy Scouts	21 10 Toddler Time 6:30 God's Crusaders	22 6 Girl Scouts 7:15 Choir	23 8 pm AA	24 8 am AA
25 8:00 Worship 9:15 School 10:30 Worship 12-2 Soup Bowl Supper	26  6:30 LIFT Bible Study	27 6:30 am Men's Group 9:30 Staff 7 Boy Scouts	28 10 Toddler Time	29 7:15 Choir	30 8 pm AA	31 8 am AA

Happy Birthday to:

January 3 Wilma Bryant, William Hill  
 January 4 Mark Wolf  
 January 6 Emily Clarke  
 January 7 Jaren Scoggins  
 January 9 Marilyn Berner, Julie Cardinal  
 January 11 Emily Fracker, Josh Hengesbach  
 January 15 Elaine Mattson  
 January 17  
 January 19 Fred Koos, Drew Karkau  
 January 20 Joan Nolff  
 January 22 Allison Sterling  
 January 24  
 January 25 Stephanie Ayoub, Nick Morrall  
 January 26 Orv Erickson  
 January 29 Sidney Rosier, Greg Ketola  
 January 30 Becky Frysinger, Todd Byers  
 January 31 Judy LaFay

A blessed Anniversary to:

Charles & Tea Peiffer  
 Mike & Cheryl Pitchford  
 Brad & Mary Matzke  
 Robert & Ruth Buckley  
 Dave & Barb Rinckey  
 Joe & Patty Riley

