



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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## **Christmas Eve**



**Monday, December 24, 2018 – 4:00 pm & 7:30 pm**

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“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

# Welcome to Immanuel!

*Please turn off your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you!*

**If you are a guest**, please fill out a guests' card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew. During the offering, place this card in the offering plate. As you leave, please introduce yourself to the pastors.

**Members**, please help us love and care for one another by filling out one of our attendance cards. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. If you are communing, please check in the appropriate place. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church—it helps us keep good records.

**We celebrate Holy Communion today!** In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of our common confession of the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the pastor before or after the service.

**If for health or personal reasons you cannot drink wine**, the lighter colored glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups contain water with a drop of wine. These special glasses allow communicants to celebrate the Lord's Supper according to Christ's institution, but have a very small amount of alcohol.

## Worship at Immanuel is...

**Multigenerational.** We believe that it is a great blessing for family members to worship together. Taking seriously Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and so not forbid them" (Mark 10:14), we encourage children to worship with their parents and grandparents and provide resources such as children's bulletins and children's sermons.

**Eclectic.** Eclectic means, "selecting what seems best of various sources." We believe that we should strive to use the best hymns and practices that the church has to offer. Our worship may include hymns written 500 years ago as well as pieces written 5 months ago.

**Trinitarian.** We believe that the object of worship is the only true God-The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Christ Centered.** We believe that at the heart of worship is the Good News that God has rescued us from our sins through Jesus' death on the cross and rising to life again.

*In preparation for worship we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you.*

*The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.*

**PRESERVICE MUSIC** [4:00 pm – Saxophone Duet (Pastor Demski & Elden Niemeyer), “On Christmas Night, All Christians Sing,” arr. by L. Larson; 7:30 pm – Agape Ringers, “Joy to the World,” arr. by H. Morris and “Go Tell It on the Mountain,” arr. by J. Behnke, Flute Selection, “In Dulci Jubilo & Noel Nouvelet (Callahan)]

## **BELLS / WELCOME**

*Please stand and face the processional cross*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN, LSB 387, “Joy to the World”**

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room  
And heav’n and nature sing,  
And heav’n and nature sing,  
And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.**
  
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**
  
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

**INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES** (Isaiah 9:2)

- P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**  
P: The people who walked in darkness  
C: **have seen a great light;**  
P: those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
C: **on them has light shined.**

**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION** (Titus 2:11-14)

- P: “For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age.” As we gather together this Christmas Eve, let us confess our sins to God our Father.  
C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**  
P: Today we celebrate “the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.” Because of this Savior born for us, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word,

announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**INTROIT OF THE DAY**

(Psalm 24:1, 3-5; antiphon: Psalm 2:7)

I will tell of the decree:

**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”**

The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof,

**the world and those who dwell therein,**

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

**And who shall stand in his holy place?**

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

**who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

He will receive blessing from the LORD

**and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

as it was in the beginning,

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I will tell of the decree:

**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE, LSB 367 v. 1-2, “Angels from the Realms of Glory”**

**1 Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation’s story,  
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth. *Refrain***

***Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship;  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.***

**2 Shepherds in the field abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
Yonder shines the Infant Light. Refrain**

**COLLECT**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Let us pray.

**All:** **O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

*(7:30 pm)* **CHOIR ANTHEM**, “Christ's Lullaby” (C. deSilva)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING, Isaiah 7:10-14**

<sup>10</sup>Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup>“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” <sup>13</sup>And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE, 1 John 4:7-16**

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen

and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**HOLY GOSPEL, Matthew 1:18-25**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup>“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel!” (which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup>but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY, LSB 366, “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”**

**SERMON, Isaiah 7:10-14, “Signs!”**

*Please stand*

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day**

**he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** This Christmas Eve, we come before our Lord in prayer rejoicing that “for to us a child is born, to us a son is given.”

To us a Child is born, to us a Son is given! Lord, as we hear the angels’ words, “Fear not,” let us take their admonishment to heart. In the face of fears and anxiety, grant us peace in the Savior born for us. O come, let us adore Him,

**C: Christ the Lord!**

**P:** To us a Child is born, to us a Son is given! Lord, during this season of celebration, cheer those who are lonely or mark this season with a painful grief. Give them the true joy that comes from the Savior born for us. O come, let us adore Him,

**C: Christ the Lord!**

**P:** To us a Child is born, to us a Son is given! Lord, You chose Mary and Joseph to care for Your Son. Bless all those with whom You have given the vocation of mother or father, grandmother or grandfather, that they care for the children entrusted into their care, sharing with them the Savior born for us. O come, let us adore Him,

**C: Christ the Lord!**

**P:** To us a Child is born, to us a Son is given! Lord, continue to watch over those who suffer in body and spirit. Grant them healing and restoration from their afflictions according to Your gracious will, (*especially...*). Give them peace in their affliction through the Savior born for us. O come, let us adore Him,

**C: Christ the Lord!**

**P:** “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**OFFERING** [7:30 pm – Agape Ringers, “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear,” arr. by J. Behnke]

*Please stand*

**OFFERTORY**, *LSB* 386 v. 1, “Now Sing We Now Rejoice”

**1 Now sing we, now rejoice,  
Now raise to heav’n our voice;  
He from whom joy streameth  
Poor in a manger lies;  
Not so brightly beameth  
The sun in yonder skies.  
Thou my Savior art!  
Thou my Savior art!**

‡ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ‡

## **PREFACE**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and

archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

#### **PAX DOMINI**

**P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*LSB 368, "Angels We Have Heard on High"*

*(7:30 pm) Flute Selection (Karen Hodapp), "Away in a Manger," arr. by Lombardo*

*LSB 361, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

*(7:30 pm) Choir Anthem, "Child in a Manger" (K. L. Scott)*

*LSB 388, "Go Tell It on the Mountain"*

*LSB 358, "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"*

*(Please remain seated until the Benediction.)*

#### **DISMISSAL**

**P: Now...go in peace.**

**C: Amen.**

## CANDLE LIGHTING

*The Light of Christ has come to His people.*

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.  
*Isaiah 9: 2*

C: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.** *John 1:5*

P: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined. *Isaiah 9:2b*

C: **We have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.** *John 1:14b*

P: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given. *Isaiah 9:6*

C: **In him was life, and that life was the light of men.** *John 1:4*

*(The Pastor will give light from his candle to the ushers. They will in turn give light to the worshiper nearest the aisle, who will pass it on to the others in that pew. Please keep the lighted candle upright to avoid dripping wax.)*

*(The lights are dimmed.)*

## HYMN, LSB 363, "Silent Night, Holy Night"

**Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.  
Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!  
Alles schläft, einsam wacht  
Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.  
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,  
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,  
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.**

**Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Your holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Your birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Your birth.**

*(Please extinguish your candles as the lights are turned on.)*

*Please stand*

**BENEDICTION**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN, LSB 380, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

**1 Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the\_angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!" *Refrain***

*Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

**2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the\_incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel! *Refrain***

**3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
 Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
 Light and life to all He brings,  
 Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
 Mild He lays His glory by,  
 Born that man no more may die,  
 Born to raise the sons of earth,  
 Born to give them second birth. *Refrain***

**BELLS / POSTLUDE**

*(Please be seated while the ushers dismiss by pews.)*

*We invite you to take the service folder and announcements home with you as you leave today so you can see what's happening this week as well as meditate on the Scriptures, prayers, and hymns from today's service as you go through the week.*

*You can also find helpful information on our church website:  
[immanuelwaterloo.org](http://immanuelwaterloo.org).*

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**Worship Helpers**

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**Christmas Eve - Monday, December 24, 2018 - 4:00 pm**

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup	Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski
Server - Chuck Keller	Music Director - Mrs. Ann Frank
Lector - Ollney Mueller, Jr.	Greeters - Charles & Phyllis Lloyd
Acolytes - Jenna & Nicholas Hoeffken	Saxophone - Elden Niemeyer
Altar Guild - Louise Nobbe & Janet Goessling	Media - Kelley Keller
Ushers - Bill Stueve, Charles Lloyd, Kevin Whelan	

**Christmas Eve - Monday, December 24, 2018 - 7:30 pm**

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup	Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski
Server - Warren Frank	Music Director - Mrs. Ann Frank
Acolytes - Ali Kloeppe & Brayden Richey	Flute - Karen Hodapp
Media - Lisa Clamors (with recording)	Saxophone - Elden Niemeyer
Altar Guild - Shirley Elmore & Susan Hargrave	
Ushers - Rodney & Lisa Clamors, Paul Hoeffken, Evan Fink	

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## In Our Prayers...

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*Please note: The names listed below will remain on our public prayer list for two weeks, unless the church office is notified otherwise. Thank you.*

**We Pray for our Fellow Parishioners:** Millie Menke, Erwin Liefer, Nancy Huck, Sandy Moore, Perry Koch, Carol Woodcock, Ruby Muench, Dan Worley, Ny Bartels, Carol Rossel, Jim Heise

**We Pray for Friends and Relatives of Parishioners:** Michael Washausen, Nina Van Kamp, Ken Horn, Nicole Bachelier, Gordon Curd, Steven Muench, Harvey Schaefer, Diane Kersten, Don Kersten, Sarah Castelli, Wanda Steingrubey

**We Pray for Those in the Service of Our Nation:** Alicia Kirkley, Dustin Bender, Aaron Bommarito, Alex Naumann, Paul Doty

**We Pray for Our Missionaries and Special Missions:** Immanuel's Preschool; Eric, Linda, Michael & Julia Funke (Tanzania); Unity Lutheran Elementary School (East St. Louis, IL)

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## Poinsettias at Christmas...

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There are 30 poinsettias on and around the altar and in the narthex this year as well as 16 virtual poinsettias on the screens! Thank you to all who purchased these plants. *The live plants can be picked up any time after the service on Dec. 25.*

Live:

- Sandra Thompson in memory of Emil and Henrietta Gassner
- Wendy Gassner & Steven Jarvis in memory of William, Altafaye & Randy Jarvis
- Dave & Julie Powell in memory of James Powell
- Joe & Sandy Benyo in memory of our parents, LaVerne Schutt and Andy & Evelyn Benyo (2)
- Jeanette Moeller and Barry, Alec & Michael Trout in memory of Kristine Trout & Don Moeller
- Erwin Liefer & family in memory of Lorine Liefer
- Cindy Bode in thanksgiving for my aunt and godmother, Ann Frank
- Roy & Bonnie Unterseh in memory of Mark Unterseh
- Roy & Bonnie Unterseh in memory of Bill & Esther Brandt
- Robert & Millie Menke in memory of our parents, Herman & Catherine Menke and Leroy & Mildred Mees (2)
- Robert & Millie Menke in thanksgiving for Pastor Troup, Pastor Demski & their families (2)
- Robert & Millie Menke in thanksgiving for our children & grandchildren (2)
- Howard & Norma Shive in memory of John & Vera Shive and Norman & Donna Lieb
- Tom & Joyce McDaniel in memory of Joyce's mom, Lucille Koester

- Wayne & Susan Hargrave in memory of Lee & Ina Turnbough
- Wayne & Susan Hargrave in memory of Herman & Barbara Hargrave
- Lois Ruff in memory of James Ruff
- Kim Polacek in memory of my dad, Norman May
- Carol & Joyce Rossel and Janet Waldeck in memory of Allan Rossel (1931-2016)
- Cliff & Kay Bense in memory of Cliff's parents, Fred & Lucille Bense
- Cliff & Kay Bense in memory of Kay's parents, Kennett & Edra Merryman
- Ruby Muench in memory of Roland Muench
- Ruby Muench in thanksgiving for her family
- Ken & Nancy Schanz, The Major family, and the Filipiak family in memory of Frances Meyer
- Ken & Nancy Schanz, The Major family, and the Filipiak family in memory of William & Marguerite Schanz

Virtual:

- Bob Niermann in memory of Evelyn Niermann
- Darlene Bicklein in memory of Vernon Bicklein
- Allen & Pam Jacobs in memory of Charles & Pearl Auld, Linda Collmeyer, and Vernon Jacobs
- Ethel Kurfman in memory of William G. Kurfman
- Pat Jones in memory of her grandparents, Dora & Herman Mueller
- Pat Jones in memory of her parents, Arthur & Verna Theobald
- Pat Jones in recognition of Pastor Troup & family and Pastor Demski & family
- Alan, Susan & Ryan Starbuck in memory of Alex Starbuck
- Roy & Bonnie Unterseh in memory of Frank & Lydia Unterseh and Frances Josten
- Kenny Barton in memory of Bette Barton
- Wayne & Cathie Collmeyer in memory of Linda Collmeyer
- Wayne & Cathie Collmeyer in memory of Dan Barnes
- Georgia Wynn in memory of Larry Wynn
- Georgia Wynn in memory of Alex Starbuck
- Cindy & Lauren Bode in memory of aunt Elaine Carr
- Cindy & Lauren Bode in memory of uncle Tom Carr

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### **Immanuel's Blessed Events of 2018...A Quick Recap**

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- Eight (8) children were baptized during 2018. Four girls and four boys.
- Seven (7) 8<sup>th</sup> graders were confirmed on April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Nine (9) dedicated people make up the staff of Immanuel Lutheran Church & Preschool (2 pastors, 2 teachers, 1 music director, 1

groundskeeper, 2 custodians, and 1 secretary). And, countless volunteers do various tasks around the church—thank you!

- Pastor Demski & Veronica welcomed Elizabeth Anne “Betty” Demski on January 11, 2018.
- The annual Mini-Retreat hosted by Immanuel’s Women’s Christian Ministry was held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 84 ladies from Immanuel and the area churches attended. The 2019 one is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>!
- Our Paraguay Mission Team comprised of seventeen (17) Immanuel members ranging in age from 15-76 traveled to Paraguay in June. It was a great experience! Following the mission trip, half of the team members went on a personal trip to Peru to visit Machu Picchu.
- Our Vacation Bible School was held at Immanuel in June, and 102 children participated. Holy Cross, Wartburg also co-hosted this “wild ride” at “Splash Canyon.”
- Four (4) people who celebrated their 85<sup>th</sup> birthdays in 2018 were recognized as “Crown of Silver” recipients in September.
- We honored Ann Frank (10 years as Music Director) and Ken Schanz (10 years as Groundskeeper & Maintenance Man) in November. Thank you for your service to Immanuel!
- Fifty-six (56) children participated in the Children’s Christmas Service “From Heaven Above” on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- There were 7 funerals and 8 babies born at Immanuel in 2018.
- Immanuel offers a youth bell choir, an adult bell choir, and an adult vocal choir for anyone interested in contributing their instrumental and vocal abilities.
- During 2018, we have welcomed 41 new members by either Adult Confirmation, Profession of Faith, or transfer. Praise be to God for enlarging our church family!
- As of December 17, 2018, we have a roster of 915 baptized members and 740 confirmed members. Our average weekend attendance (for all 3 services) is 221.

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL – WATERLOO, ILLINOIS**  
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Mrs. Lisa Clamors, Secretary	939-6480 or 618-719-4954
Mrs. Ann Frank, Music Director	939-6480 or 618-282-6597
Mrs. Linda Polansky, Preschool Director	939-6480 or 618-980-3475