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OUR MISSION  
STATEMENT

*We are a church family of Christian believers who celebrate with joy the renewing love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are committed to learning, sharing and living the Word of God and His sacraments in our worship, lives and community*

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN NEWS

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## A New Years Message from Pastor Sue

As I was reading my morning devotions the scripture passage for the day was one that is so familiar that most of us could probably recite it in our sleep.

"For God so loved the world..."

But as I read those words this time their profound reality flowed over me with the most comforting peace. I just sat there for a moment wanting to savor every bit of it. You see, as I write this it is just days before Christmas, and I, like most everyone else am thinking of all the things I need to get done. I have decorating yet to finish – the house to clean – presents yet to wrap – oh, and presents yet to get (we are never finished with all the Christmas stuff early at our house!). Not to mention I have a couple of sermons to prepare. So life is, shall we say, full. Yet as I write this I am aware that as you read it all of that holiday chaos will already be past us; another Christmas come and gone. And in the midst of all the piles of wrapping paper and empty boxes sits before us a New Year. What does that really mean for any of us? Is it just a time to write a bunch of resolutions down that you will promptly forget by February? Or is it a time to really get serious about changes you might need to make in your life – to eat and live in a more healthy way? To get your spir-

itual life back on track? Or is this the year that you're going to check off a couple of major things on your bucket list?

The New Year is always an opportunity to think about the possibilities that lay ahead with the turning of a calendar year. It is all that and more. But what struck me so as I read the words from John's gospel once again:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

is that the New Year is only truly full of new life when our lives are secure in God's love. This passage that is so beloved by Christians was preceded by a conversation that Jesus had with Nicodemus. Nicodemus was one of the Pharisees, part of the Jewish ruling counsel, who came to see Jesus by cover of night. He was curious about Jesus, wondering if indeed he was the Messiah. Nicodemus knew Jesus was sent by God, but just wasn't sure what to do with Jesus. Jesus told Nicodemus that in order to see the Kingdom of God you must be born again. Born again – you must receive a new life. In our culture, once a year the world celebrates and rings in the New Year with high hopes

and big ideals. And then Monday morning comes and life is back to the same old thing it was last year. But for Christians it's different – because everyday is New Year's Day. Because we who believe in Jesus, the Son of God whose life was given up for ours, have the opportunity every single day to be born again – to claim our baptism, that we have been born of water and the Spirit and that the Holy Spirit lives in us. Everyday is New Year's Day because everyday we are born a new in Jesus. Because we believe in Jesus, our lives take on a different perspective. We are secure in God's love, born anew because of Jesus life and death and resurrection.

My hope for you today and everyday is that you will savor these words about from our Savior Jesus:

"For God so loved the YOU that he gave his only Son, so that YOU who believe in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

May the comfort and peace of this promise give you new life and new hope as you remember that you are secure in God's love.

Blessings and Peace to you in each new day!

Pastor Sue

## Council Highlight December 13, 2011

Treasurer Cynthia Crock reported that Immanuel is \$23,000 behind in collections. The old copier is paid off which helps to lower the monthly bills. Cynthia suggested that the annual payment of \$500 which was sent to Lutheran Social Services be channeled to local needs. The monies will be split between Help of Door County and the Child Care Center. Pastor reported that she had completed 4 home and hospital calls held the funeral of Delores Michelsen. She mentioned that parents and students are pleased with the Wednesday after school bible school. She stated that Imman-

uel's website is close to going "live". She has contacted one of our students to help in maintaining and updating the site. Christmas services are: 1) Christmas Eve Candlelight service—7:00 p.m.

2) Christmas Day—10:00 a.m. Praise Band will be covering the services and special music will be provided by the Nalley family. LCMC District meeting will be in Wausau on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Pastor is looking for more possibilities for Sunday morning adult forums. She will be on vacation from January 28<sup>th</sup>-February 11<sup>th</sup>. She will

have the three Sunday services covered. Lee has met with Bill Becker and set an asking price of \$85,000 for the property north of the church. We will need to pay for the property survey. Jolynn Reinhardt will take a DVD of the church property for Mutual Insurance Company. A letter of thanks has been sent to the Le-Clair family for the donation and installation of the new fixtures in the fellowship hall. A letter of thanks was sent to Rosemary Tishler for the many years that she has given her time to serve Immanuel.

Church Mutual Insurance Company met with Lee and Jim Parent

to update our insurance coverage. A storage unit will be rented for \$250 for 6 months to house many of the larger items belonging to Immanuel. Storage space at the church is very limited. The Children/Praise Band Christmas program will be on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Locks in the church have been re-keyed so that one key may be used.

Next council meeting is Tuesday, January 10, 2012.

## Thanks from...

The family of Delores "Tootie" Michelson wish to thank everyone for their support during her illness and all those who contributed to her memorial and service, particularly the kitchen crew headed by Doris Parent.

***"We do not  
read the Bible  
the way it is; we  
read it the way  
we are"***

***-Evelyn Uyemura***

## Acolyte schedule for January

January 1	Jordan
January 8	Joe
January 15	Lexie
January 22	"bye week"
January 29	Jordan



**THANK**  
**YOU!**  
**THANK**  
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**THANK**  
**YOU!**

.....to the youth of our church. You did a GREAT job on the Christmas program on December 18<sup>th</sup>. WE ARE SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE ALL OF YOU AT OUR CHURCH!!!! So glad to have the Praise Band supporting and helping us!!!!!!

**2012** WOW!!! Hard to

believe that we are starting a new calendar year. Our new schedule begins on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. We will still be meeting after school. See you around 4:00-4:15 p.m. (or whenever the bus gets you there).  
 DATES ARE: Jan. 4  
 Jan. 11  
 Jan. 18  
 Jan. 25

We will end our study around 5:45 p.m. Don't forget to sign up for bringing snacks!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (The 4<sup>th</sup> is covered.)

**SEE YOU IN CHURCH**  
**ON SUNDAY!!!**



Community Clinic of Door County  
**Community Supported Health Care For Those Without Insurance**  
 PO Box 3 - 1623 Rhode Island St. Sturgeon Bay, WI  
 (920) 746-8989

The Community Clinic of Door County (CCDC) offers mental health counseling for individuals and group counseling on any number of personal issues, including seasonal sadness. CCDC offers affordable counseling services to those without insurance,

and all clients are seen regardless of their ability to pay. Counseling services are available at both the Sturgeon Bay and Sister Bay sites with expanded counseling hours now available in Northern Door. Patient confidentiality fully ensured. Call 920-

746-8989 to schedule an appointment.”

We have 2 licensed professional therapists (Kathy Pammer, MS, LPC & Bonnie Connolly, MA, LPC) who are now accepting new clients. Thank you for your support and help in getting this word out



Laverne Krause  
 Lucy Jennings  
 Viola Frick  
 Debbie Overbeck  
 Charlotte Kribbs  
 Dorlene Larson  
 Nancy Keehan  
 Tootsie Sanchez  
 Dolores Moschea

Dounda Family  
 Buck Honold  
 Randy Pluff  
 Nyla McCall  
 Danny Burlo  
 Bo Johnson  
 Joan Carlson  
 Fryn Ohman

**Council Members 2011**

**Pine Crest Village**  
**Mabel Sullivan**  
**Golden Living – Dorchester**  
**Evelyn Burlo – Room 116**  
**Living at home**  
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**Professional Dr**  
**Bella Vista, AR 72714**

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\*(non-voting member)



Dan Linczmaier- Japan  
 Zach Hartel –stateside  
 Ryan Caves-stateside  
 Cole Barnowsky– Alaska  
 Alaina & Zac Freeman-Germany  
 Austin Lent—Korea  
 Joshua Pawlak— Japan  
 Mike McCarty—Afghanistan

*Lord, keep our servicemen and women safe, whether they serve at home or overseas. Hold them in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us. Amen.*



**January  
 2012**

January 3

Verlin Kiehnau  
 Justin Meyer

January 4

Roberta Burlo

January 6

Dolly Zahn

January 14

Brad Rasmusson

January 15

Christina Torzivia

January 16

Amanda Zahn

January 17

Chloe Alexander

January 19

Nicholas Havel

January 20

Marvin Langohr

January 21

Ed Pentecost

January 25

Robert Schultz

January 26

Mary Hugenroth

January 28

Jane Pluff

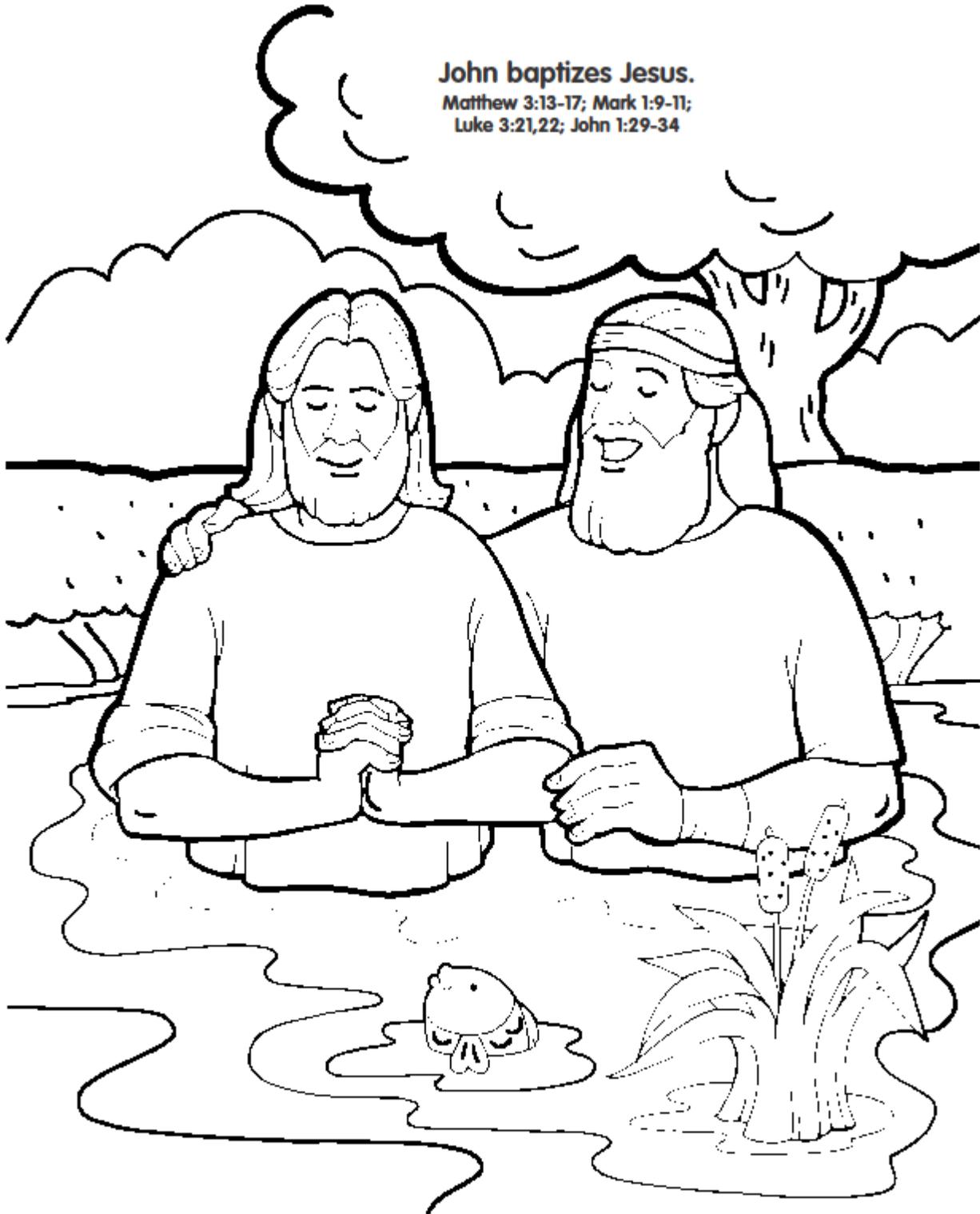
Sandra Linczmaier

**Praying Together**

Life-giving creator,  
 as we wash our faces,  
 or fill a glass with water,  
 or water a plant,  
 may we remember the love you pour  
 upon us everyday, wherever we go.  
 Amen.

## John baptizes Jesus.

Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11;  
Luke 3:21,22; John 1:29-34



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One day Jesus went to see John the Baptist. John was preaching and baptizing people in the Jordan River. John told people to turn away from doing bad things because the Savior of the world was coming. Jesus asked John to baptize Him. John knew that Jesus was the Savior of the world. John said, "I am not even good enough to tie

your shoes. Why do you ask me to baptize you? You ought to baptize me!" Jesus said that it was right for John to baptize Him.

So John and Jesus waded out into the river. After John baptized Jesus, a dove flew down and landed on Jesus to show that God was with Him. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son. I am pleased with Him."

*No matter how hard we try, we cannot claim the babe in his manger without also taking up his cross and following Him.*

## Jesus Grew

Jesus made his first visit to the temple when he was little over a month old. Joseph and Mary brought him there in order to present their first born son to the Lord, thereby fulfilling the requirements of Jewish law. This was nothing out of the ordinary, but as the parents soon realized this would not be business as usual.

An old man named Simeon burst out of the crowd and rushed toward them. The old fellow could hardly contain himself. He snatched Jesus from the arms of his mother and launched into a prayer of thanksgiving to God. As he cuddled Jesus, he made incredible prophecies about the future of this baby, who he said would cause the rising and falling on many.

Scarcely had Mary gotten her baby back safely in her arms when the family was accosted again; this time by an old woman named

Anna. The old woman looked Jesus over from head to toe, and would spend the rest of the day praising the beautiful baby to anyone who would listen.

Baby Jesus was a big hit on his first temple visit, and he returned to Nazareth where he grew up as all children do. How sad that when Jesus came back to the temple 30-odd years later, he was not greeted so warmly.

Evidently it was much easier to love the baby Jesus than the adult Jesus. The same is true today, We get a rosy, sentimental feeling when we think of the birth of Jesus. We visualize the scene like a Christmas card painting: the baby Jesus lying in soft hay, cooing and smiling, loving us and demanding nothing from us. Nothing at all.

We all love the cooing baby, but do we love the words of Jesus the man? Do we live by those words or do we

ignore them when they become too costly? Had it not been for the things Jesus later said and did, his birth would not have mattered. Luke tells us that Jesus grew up in Galilee. He must grow in our hearts as well.

We cannot have the baby Jesus without the crucified and risen Christ. We cannot take a break for Christmas and then live the rest of the year as if it were business as usual. No matter how hard we try, we cannot claim the babe in his manger without also taking up his cross and following him.

-Faye Neff, excerpted from  
THE CLERGY JOURNAL

Begin  
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Year  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 10 AM Worship w/ communion	<b>2</b> 9:30 AM Exercise 9:30—noon Women's pro- ject group	<b>3</b> Office Hours 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	<b>4</b> Office Hours 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM 4 PM Bible School & Con- firmation	<b>5</b> 9:30 AM Exercise Beth Moore Bible Study 10:15 AM & 6:30 PM <u>5</u> <i>PM Praise Band</i>	<b>6</b> Office Hours 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10 AM Praise Service	<b>9</b> 9:30 AM Exercise 9:30—noon Women's pro- ject group 2—4 PM Door of Hope Grief Support	<b>10</b> Office Hours 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM <b>7 PM</b> <b>Church</b> <b>Council</b>	<b>11</b> Office Hours 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM 4 PM Bible School & Con- firmation	<b>12</b> 9:30 AM Exercise Beth Moore Bible Study 10:15 AM & 6:30 PM	<b>13</b> Office Hours 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	<b>14</b> 8 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
<b>15</b> 10 AM Worship w/ communion	<b>16</b> 9:30 AM Exercise 9:30—noon Women's pro- ject group	<b>17</b> Office Hours 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	<b>18</b> Office Hours 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM 4 PM Bible School & Con- firmation	<b>19</b> 9:30 AM Exercise Beth Moore Bible Study 10:15 AM & 6:30 PM <u>5</u> <i>PM Praise Band</i>	<b>20</b> Office Hours 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10 AM Praise Service	<b>23</b> 9:30 AM Exercise 9:30—noon Women's pro- ject group	<b>24</b> Office Hours 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	<b>25</b> Office Hours 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM 4 PM Bible School & Con- firmation	<b>26</b> 9:30 AM Exercise Beth Moore Bible Study 10:15 AM & 6:30 PM <u>5</u> <i>PM Praise</i> <i>Band</i>	<b>27</b> Office Hours 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10 AM Praise Service	<b>30</b> 9:30 AM Exercise 9:30—noon Women's pro- ject group	<b>31</b>	Pastor Sue on vacation January 28th—Feb 11th			

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## Live Your Baptism

- ◇ Find out when your “baptism birthday” is or choose a date to celebrate. On that day each year, gather some friends or family to celebrate. Talk about the ways you have grown in your faith and invite others to share their stories, too.
- ◇ Light a candle to remember God’s love shining in your life
- ◇ At Jesus’ baptism, God called him “Beloved.” You too are known by God. Find out what your name means and learn the story of how your name was chosen.

