

Immanuel Lutheran Church

NEWSLETTER

December 2009

*“O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!”*

Dear friends in Christ,

We are already into the new Church Year. Advent has begun, as the Church once again reminds her people that we wait in anticipation for the Advent of our King – our Lord – our Savior. It is a time of repentance, a time of joy, a time for being alert and watchful for our Lord’s coming.

When you receive this newsletter, we will have already had our first Sunday Advent service and also our first Midweek service. But I still encourage you to come and hear God’s Word as we look at His first Advent as the Christ-child, born of Mary; through His current Advent as He comes to us in His Word, to prepare us for His final Advent on the Last Day as He takes us home for eternity.

This year’s Advent Midweek theme is “The Stories of Advent.” Each week we will look at how God’s eternal plan to send the Messiah was accomplished through His chosen people:

Week 1 – **“Advent Expectation”** – Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist

Week 2 – **“Advent Faith”** – Mary, mother of Jesus

Week 3 – **“Advent Action”** – Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus

I pray that God be with you this Advent Season and also bless you with a joyous Christmas as we continue to gather together to receive His grace which is overflowing.

With love in Christ,

Pastor Praeuner



KBIM RADIO 94.9 FM

EVERY SUNDAY AT 7:30 AM

***December 6

"Nobody Tells Me What To Do"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Half-hearted repentance is not really repentance at all. Jesus didn't come into this world to live, suffer, die, and rise for those who think they are doing just fine on their own.

(Luke 3:1-14)

December 13

"Imagine No Religion"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

What would the world be like without religion? We don't have to imagine. The evidence from history is clear.

(Luke 7:18-19)

December 20

"Light for Our Loneliness"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Even as the Christmas angels brought a message of light and hope to lonely souls in Bethlehem long ago, the birth of our Savior is good news that brings light for our loneliness today.

(John 1:9)

December 27

"To be announced"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Robert Bugbee*

Condolences

On Tuesday, Nov. 17, we received word that Emma Hecht (mother of Steve Hecht) passed away . She has been in a nursing home in Denver City (near her daughter) for several years. She was a sister of longtime Immanuel member Gert Bartelt. Our condolences to Steve & Terry Hecht.

We received a special note from Ken Kirk after the passing of his mother Mary Kirk. My sincere thanks for all who ministered in their own way, to my mother, Mary D. Kirk.

Terry Hecht would like to thank the members of Immanuel for their prayers for Rose Thorsted, her granddaughter. Rose is doing much better.

25 Years Ago (From the Roswell Daily Record 11/1/09): Amy Knadle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Knadle, is one of 28 education students to be selected as new members of Kappa Delta Pi at West Texas State University in Canyon, Texas.

December 6 at 5:30

Annual Christmas Dinner

Please join us at the church on Dec. 6 at 5:30 for our annual Christmas Dinner. Bring a meat dish, casserole, vegetable, salad, or dessert. **ROLLS WILL BE PROVIDED.** The choirs will entertain us and will lead us in the singing of Christmas favorites. You don't want to miss all the good food and visiting. Time: 5:30 Place: Parish Hall.





We will have a soup supper each Wednesday night before the Advent Services. The sign-up sheet for those who would like to make soup, or bring bread, crackers, and cookies is on the kitchen counter. The donations will go toward our padded chair fund. There are two chairs in the parish hall as samples of what we will be buying. Try one out! **SUPPER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:00PM**

*******SOCIAL MINISTRY NEEDS*******

Our social ministry is in need of boxes or bags (unopened) of cereal, crackers, flour, sugar, cans of food, and toilet tissue. There is always more of a need during the Thanksgiving/Christmas holidays and we have more families asking for help.



Also the Warm Tree will be going up soon. This will go to the Foster Care Home called Family Pride on 2nd street. The age of the children are 2 years through 18 years old. We will be needing clothing, mittens, socks, hats, scarves, coats, etc. Items must be new. The week before Christmas, they will be distributed to needy children. If you have questions call Ginny Thoreson at 627-3327 or Zandra Orr at 623-6044. The committee will be happy to shop if you simply wish to make a monetary donation.

Poinsettia Time

A sign-up sheet is up in the narthex if you are able to provide a poinsettia (s) for our Christmas Services. Also if you would like to dedicate a poinsettia in memory of someone, please make note on the sign-up sheet. You may take it home after the Christmas Day service. Cost: \$10.00. Make your checks payable to Anna's Circle.



Holiday Service Schedule

2009

December 2- Advent Midweek 1- 7:00 p.m.- **“ADVENT EXPECTATION”**

December 9- Advent Midweek 2- 7:00 p.m.- **“ADVENT FAITH”**

December 16- Advent Midweek 3- 7:00 p.m.- **“ADVENT ACTION”**

December 24- Christmas Eve Candlelight/Children’s Program- 7 p.m.

December 25- Christmas Day-Divine Service-10 a.m.

December 31- New Year’s Eve- Divine Service- 7 p.m.

Advent Offerings

- Dec 2- Community Kitchen
- Dec 9- Chaves County Pregnancy Resource Center
- Dec 16- Pastor Fluege- African Missionary

Offerings for the Dec 2 Advent Midweek service are designated for Community Kitchen. Our congregation has an opportunity for some of the monies to be matched by Thrivent. Please be generous with your offerings.

Starting Saturday, December 5 at 9 a.m. we will begin the Children’s Christmas Program Practice. Ages: Pre-K through High School.

Questions, talk to Ellen DeGroot.



LWML will again be selling Christmas cards. They will be available in the Parish Hall by Thanksgiving.

Immanuel Lutheran School

November was another busy month for the children at Immanuel Lutheran School. We learned about the first thanksgiving. We learned about being thankful through the story of the 10 lepers. The families of the ILS students honored the teachers with a special birthday potluck. It was a time of fellowship and good food. We are eager learn about the Advent season this month.

BIRTHDAYS

Doris Follick 12/7
Erin Dodson 12/8
Wendy Northcutt 12/8
Larry Loftin 12/9
Nicolette Mierow 12/10
Geoff Gunn 12/12
Doris Collins 12/17
Marilyn Shaw 12/17
Elaine Braden 12/20
Pat Stover 12/25
Carol Gunn 12/27
Deana Bozarth 12/28
Justin Brandt 12/28
Mason Hicks 12/29
Einar Johnson 12/29



Sorry we missed Aaron & Gale Landrum's
20th Wedding Anniversary on November 15

ANNIVERSARIES

Milton & Priscilla Muckala 12/3
Bill & Doris Follick 12/7
Tom & Gail Buck 12/11
Ted & Sandra Reed 12/18
Steve & Lottie Pack 12/19
Roy & Carol Gunn 12/26
Pastor & Roxanne Praeuner 12/27
George & MaryAnn Schrank 12/28

BAZAAR NEWS

Sincere thanks to everyone who helped make the Christmas Bazaar a success on November 21. Proceeds totaled \$1,300 and the proceeds will be split between Navajo Lutheran Mission, Roswell Boys and Girls Club, Roswell Community Kitchen and Anna's Circle.

Many hours were spent designing, planning, sewing, painting, knitting, and crocheting in the weeks (months?) before the bazaar and then in the last week a lot of time was spent baking breads, cookies, cakes, pies, making candies, and other delicacies.

We had wonderful help on Thursday and Friday in setting up. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way and especially those who came on Saturday to look and buy.

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***HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS
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Nominating Committee for 2010

Bud Kunkel

Deryl McMillian



Kyle Richardson won 1st place in the essay contest during National Character Counts week. His 250 word essay was chosen and submitted by his World Literature/English teacher in the 9th & 10th grade division. He read his essay and received his award in a city-wide ceremony for art, poetry & essay winners held at Roswell High on Oct 22, 2009.



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