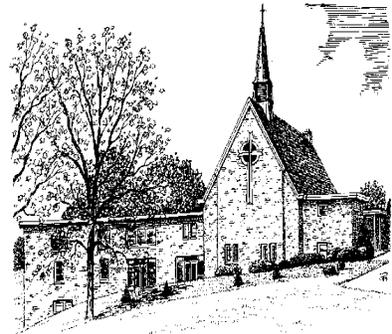


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The Pastor's Page

New Year's celebrations and traditions are surprisingly common throughout the world, no matter the culture. Typically, when we're talking about a holiday in the United States, we can very often trace it back to some sort of Biblical origin. But that's not the case with New Years. For though the Old Testament definitely details a New Year's celebration for the Israelites, it bears little resemblance to our typical drunken debauchery and, of course, our insistence upon the ever-ubiquitous New Year's resolution.

Today, the Jewish New Year is commonly known by its Hebrew name "Rosh Hashanah," but in most English translations of the Old Testament it is referred to as the "Feast of Trumpets" and recorded in detail in both Leviticus 23 and Number 29, as well as other places in passing. But while our New Year's celebration is almost exclusively a secular event, the Biblical New Year had far more theological significance.

First, Rosh Hashanah was a time to reflect on the creation of the world. The beginning of the year is as good a time as any to consider the beginning of all things, after all. And so it traditionally included a reading of Genesis 1 & 2, as well as a time of thanksgiving to God for the world around us and the life He has given to each of us.

Second, as the English translations imply, the New Year was a time to blow trumpets. Specifically, the "shofar," an enormous, tremendously loud trumpet carved from a ram's horn. The blowing of the shofar entailed a great deal of symbolic

significance, for it was generally only blown for one of three reasons: 1) assembling the people for meeting and worship, 2) ordering the army to begin or end a march, and 3) leading the army into battle. In other words, the shofar was a symbol of unity and strength, and the blowing of it on New Year's Day reminded the people that they did nothing in isolation, but always as a part of God's chosen people, working together under His law.

Finally, and probably most importantly, Rosh Hashanah began a ten-day period of holy days leading up to "Yom Kippur," also known as the Day of Atonement. In contrast to our practice of making resolutions for the future on New Year's, during these ten days the people reflected on the previous year. Specifically, they considered their sinfulness and failures over the course of the year, the ways that they did not deserve to be given another year of life. While Rosh Hashanah considered the creation of man in Genesis 1-2, the days leading up to Yom Kippur considered the fall of man and expulsion from Eden in Genesis 3.

On the Day of Atonement itself, the people fasted and gathered at the temple for one of the most important festivals of the year. And over the course of the day, several sacrifices for the people were made. A ram was slaughtered and its blood sprinkled on the mercy seat of the Ark of the Covenant by the high priest, the one and only time of the year in which anybody entered the Most Holy Place.

Two goats were also sacrificed. One was killed on the altar to the Lord in atonement for the sins of the people. On the other's head the high priest placed his hands and confessed the sins of the nation, even as those gathered confessed privately all the sins of the past year that they had considered for the past ten days. That goat was then released into the wilderness and driven off the edge of a cliff. It was, quite literally, a scapegoat. With its exit from the assembly, the sins of the people left Israel, and with its death, so the sins of the people died.

In contrast to the American New Year of self-indulgence and pride in our ability to keep the resolutions we make, the Biblical New Year is one of self-denial, contrition, repentance, and the assurance of God's forgiveness. And as we head into this new year, as we recover from our American New Year's celebrations and as we're inevitably humbled by the repeated mistakes of our past still haunting us, might I suggest you give the Biblical New Year's celebration a try.

Confess the sins of the past year. Turn to God in repentance. Watch as He casts your sin into the wilderness through the very death of his Son. And be invited into the Most Holy Place of his love and forgiveness. Look at this New Year not a time to show your own feeble power to change, but a time to see God's incredible power to change you.

God's richest blessings and a very happy New Year to you!

Pastor Ketelsen

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Patty Mangels

Sunday Service- 9:00 am

Sunday School - 10:15 am

Fellowship Time - Fifth Sundays 10:15 am

Lord's Supper - 9:00 am – 1st & 3rd Sundays & Festivals

Midweek Services –

During Advent & Lent, Weds. 7:00 p.m.

Kindergarten

All Day Kindergarten

(Pre-registration required)

Preschool

3-5 year olds

Mon-Wed-Fri, 8-11am & 12-3pm (4 & 5 year olds)

Tues-Thurs, 8-11am & 12-3pm (3 year olds)

(Pre-registration required)

Dial-A-Devotion

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Copies of sermons are now available. If you missed a service, or just loved one immensely and would like a copy, they are now available on our church website, ImmanuelBoonvilleMO.church. You can also find hard copies in the red folder next to Portals of Prayer in the church Narthex. Please help yourself, and feel free to share with friends or shut-ins.

Find us on Facebook – Immanuel Lutheran Church and School – Check it out for periodic updates of events and classes at Immanuel.

BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible Study: Sunday Mornings at 10:15 a.m. adults meet for Bible study together with Pastor Ketelsen. We have begun a study of The Reformation.

Sunday School: at 10:15 in the downstairs class room.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class 10:00 am in large classroom on the main level. We are going through "Forgiveness" by Donna Pyle.

Thursday Morning Bible Study: Join us on Thursday Mornings down at the Main Street Diner for breakfast at 7:00 am followed by a study of the Master Criminals of the Bible. We will dig into Scripture and talk about some of the less popular stories and why they are included in Scripture. See you there!

GREETINGS FROM THE DCE!

Happy New Year! Every time we start a new year, we start our new resolutions, and eventually we fail at keeping them. A couple of years ago, my main resolution was to read through the entire Bible in a year. It was a pretty great task that I had put upon myself, and I was pretty proud of myself for getting through three and a half months of the reading plan before I started to fall behind. I continued to fall behind and I tried to get back on track, but I couldn't make up the ground after I was a couple of weeks back. It started off amazingly, I read more about the grace that God showed to His people all the way through the book of Judges. I read about His people constantly failing, going against God's Word and completely falling away from it, but God still showed love toward them. Even though I was following and reading God's Word to the best of my ability, I still was unable to succeed. I couldn't do it. I tried to read and keep God's Word, but my sin kept me from completing it. Even through all of it, I continued to read my Bible, but I was not at the pace of the reading program that I had started. I eventually finished the whole of Scripture, but it was not within

that 1 year span. Despite this, I continued to see God giving grace to those who were repentant, and giving opportunities to repent of their sin. This is something that is still going on in our lives, we set our mind on something that God wants us to, but we fail, and we fail, and we fail again.

We are now starting a New Year, with new goals (or goals that I are starting again...) but we have time to follow through with the accomplishment. We have new opportunities to not only hear God's love and forgiveness ourselves, but the opportunity to share it with others. I'm looking forward to this next year together, because we'll have the ability to lift each other up and remind each other that God is there for us, and even though we may not meet our lofty goals, we see a God whose ways are higher than our ways, and thoughts are higher than our thoughts. He knows what we can do and what we need, so we can celebrate the new gifts that He has given us and the opportunities that we have available to us.

This year, my resolutions include being in the Word and leading devotions with my family, teaching Charlotte Scripture and why it's important, to continue to improve as a husband and father, and to enjoy my time here as your DCE. What are some of the things that you all are working on during the upcoming year?

Happy New Year!

In Christ,
Josh Cromley, Director of Christian Education

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINUTES

December 4, 2017

Attendance: Pastor Ketelsen, Josh Cromley, Jackie Carver, Luanna Carpenter, Linette Meller

The meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Ketelsen.

P.O.'s were presented and approved

P.O. 7048, Josh Cromley, Cell phone and mileage, \$220.00

P.O. 7040, Concordia Publishing, Conference fee, \$123.00

The children will sing at the Christmas Eve morning service. Linette will contact Glenda Gerhardt about inviting Preschool children to sing with children from Sunday school. Children in attendance on Dec 10 and Dec 17 will be invited to go to the Preschool room to practice singing "Away in the Manger".

Josh will put treat bags together to pass out after the morning service on Christmas Eve. He will have extras to pass out that evening.

Pastor's Report

Pastor reported that he has started a new Bible study on the Antiphons (banners in Church).

DCE Report

Josh reported that he bought some books at the Church Workers Conference. Two of the books will be used for the Youth Bible study and the Thursday morning study.

Confirmation classes are being held from 3:15 to 4:30 on Wednesdays at the public library.

The Youth Christmas party will be from 4:00 to 6:00 on December 10. There will be a gift exchange, games, and maybe a movie.

Josh reported that he has met with Cayley, the DCE at Trinity Lutheran in regard to a lock-in on February 23 for Youth in the Columbia Circuit. The theme will be preparation for Lent.

Sunday School

January 7 Dee

January 14 Linette

January 21 Luanna

January 28 No Sunday school - 4 year old Preschool and Kindergarten sing

February 4

February 11

February 25 Preschool sings

The next Board of Christian Education meeting will be on January 8.

The meeting was closed with all present repeating The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Luanna Carpenter

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Are we really half way through the school year? Yes, we are, but it is hard to believe because we are having so much fun in Kindergarten this year. During Phonics, we have been reading words and sentences. Several times we were given word cards that we read and then arranged to make sentences. We went on a "bat hunt" with flashlights to find bats that had our sight words written on them. We all want to do that again! In Numbers, we have been adding and learning more about money. We finished our unit on the United States in Social Studies; now we are traveling around the world. So far, we have visited Canada, Mexico, Peru, and England. While in Canada, we sang a song called "Fred the Moose" and learned about other animals of the north. When we studied Mexico, we learned about the migration of monarch butterflies, and we did the "Mexican Hat Dance." In Peru, we learned about llamas and Machu Picchu. We really want to thank one of the Kindergartners who brought a small replica of Machu Picchu to share with the class. This inspired several of us to draw pictures of this amazing site in Peru. When we visited England, we saw double-decker buses, the London Tower, Buckingham Palace, and the Queen of England. December was finished with our Christmas party. We enjoyed treats and played a game of pass the present which was a wrapped book that each of us brought to give to a friend. The most important thing we learned this month is that Christmas is all about Jesus' Birthday. **Happy Birthday, Jesus!**

Linette Meller

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

November 19, 2017

Call to Order: President Tim Meller called the meeting to order.

Acceptance of New Assembly Members: Jackie Carver accepted as new member of Congregational Assembly.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Joshua Ketelsen opened with prayer.

Acceptance/Amendments of Agenda: The agenda was amended to include three items under New Business. First is "Nominating a delegate(s) for district Convention", 2nd is: "review and approval of 2017-2018 Budget", and 3rd "Election of Vice Chairperson to School Board". A motion by Gayle Linneman was seconded by Jason Linneman to approve the amended agenda. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Gene Cummins and seconded by Suzanne Ayers to approve the Church Council Meeting minutes from the Oct. 17, 2017 meeting. Motion passed.

Pastors Report: Pastor Ketelsen attended the Circuit Forum alone. Pastor Kent Pierce is the new Circuit Visitor. He is the Sr. Pastor at Campus Lutheran Church in Columbia, MO. Pastor David Mueller, previous Circuit Visitor is retiring and moving to New Hampshire. Pastor Ketelsen apologized to any shut-ins that may have missed his visit, as he has been ill and did not want to share any illness with those members. The upcoming services are as follows.

Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 22, 7:00pm

Advent (Wednesdays) 7:00pm

Christmas Eve Dec. 24 9:00am and 6:00pm

Christmas Day Dec. 25 9:00am

New Year's Eve Dec. 31 9:00am only

A motion by Jason Linneman and seconded by Ray Schrader to accept the Pastor's Report. Motion passed.

President's Report: No report.

Vice President: No report

Secretary: No report

Treasurer's Report: Suzanne Ayers presented the typed report. Discussion regarding \$15,000.00 that was authorized for transfer at last Council meeting of 10/17/2017 does not show as deducted in figures below since the LCEF statement that will show that deduction will be received later in Nov. The Citizen's Bank and Trust, and all others accounts accurate. Tim Derendinger made a motion to transfer \$20,000.00 from LCEF to Citizens Bank and Trust account. The motion was seconded by Gene Cummins. The motion passed.

Balances as of 11/19/2017

Citizen's Bank and Trust	\$ 860.44
LCEF	134,675.39
LCEF – CD's	175,000.00
Edward Jones	123,938.04
Edward Jones 2	<u>55,111.55</u>
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 489,585.42

Elder's Report: Jason Linneman presented the Elder's report from November 5, 2017 meeting.

Board Of Property: No report.

Board of Christian Education: The minutes from the November 6, 2017 meeting were presented. Josh Cromley DCE and Pastor Ketelsen went to all workers conference, Nov. 15 -17, where they heard information about the Reformation (500th anniversary), traditions, and welcoming atmospheres were a few of the topics. Josh Cromley, DCE and Glenda Gerhardt took four youth to the Youth gathering and a great time was had by all. Josh stated there were topics regarding social media; snap chat and taking off masks and using one filter of discipleship. One hundred and four High School students from 17 different congregations attended. December 10 is the Youth Christmas Party at 4:00pm. Josh Cromley DCE is in talks with others about a circuit lock-in for the youth.

Board of Evangelism: No report presented. Pastor stated there have been a few Plus One Meetings.

Board of Fellowship: No report.

A motion by Tim Derendinger and seconded by Suzanne Ayers to approve all the reports by the Officers and Boards. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Gayle Linneman stated the School Board is in need of a Vice Chairperson. Cody Waibel has volunteered to fill this position. A motion was made to elect Cody Waibel for this position by Gayle Linneman, the motion was seconded by Eva Weston. The motion passed.

A delegate for the District Convention is needed for June 10-12, 2018. Frank Thacher volunteered to attend. Jason Linneman volunteered as an alternate. A motion by Sharron Toellner for Frank

Thacher to be the delegate and Jason Linneman to be the alternate was seconded by Norman Lenger. Motion passed.

The proposed budget for Immanuel Lutheran for the 2017-2018 was presented and reviewed. Gene Cummins made a motion to adjust the figure for Insurance under Property from \$10,200.00 to \$9,200.00. This motion was seconded by Tim Derendinger and the motion passed. The meeting proceeded with much discussion about the churches financial position. A motion by Gene Cummins to approve the Proposed Budget for 2017-2018 through March, and with it being reviewed again in February at the next Congregational Assembly Meeting. This motion was seconded by Norman Lenger and the motion passed.

Tom Toellner requested that the Elders, Pastor and Josh Cromley DCE consider the use of an EMV (Every Member Visit) program.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: Sharron Toellner made motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Jason Linneman. Motion passed.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Josh Ketelsen led the attendees in the Lord's Prayer.

Those in attendance included Jeff Clark, Miriam Herman, Tim Meller, Linette Meller, Harold Schnetzler, Eva Weston, Pat Lenger, Suzanne Ayers, Norman Lenger, Sharon Thomas, Gladys Moore, Ray Schrader, Sharron Toellner, Tom Toellner, Jackie Carver, Gene Cummins, Arlene Loesing, Leann Williams, Wilbert Meyer, Joshua Cromley DCE, Pastor Joshua Ketelsen, Mary Derendinger, Glenda Gerhardt, Gayle Linneman, Jason Linneman, Wanda Derendinger, Amber Scott, and Susan Templemire.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Templemire, Secretary

ELDERS MEETING

December 3, 2017

Attendance - Pastor Ketelsen, Bob Schnetzler, Earl Mangels, Jason Linneman, DCE Joshua Cromley
Call to Order/Opening devotion & prayer – Devotion “Environmental Stewardship”

Motion to accept the agenda as printed – Earl Mangels motioned, Jason Linneman 2nd. Motion carried.

Previous Minutes – Jason Linneman motioned to approve, Earl Mangels 2nd. Motion carried.

Monthly –

1. Review of purchase orders.

PO#	Vendor	Amount	Account/Description
7035	Kavanaugh Pipe Organs	293.75	PM-Organist
7039	Bank Card	14.95	PM-Bus. & Prof. Services

2. **Membership changes**

3. **Pastor's Report –**

- A. Advent topics reviewed
- B. Shut-in visits discussed, Pastor K. to submit a log of visits/calls to Elders monthly.
- C. Pastor K submitted cell phone and mileage expense request.

Quarterly Report –

1. **December** – Tim Fahrenbrink
2. **January** – Jason Linneman
3. **February** – Bob Schnetzler
4. **March** – TBD
5. Discuss Lent/Easter schedule at January

2018

Elder Meeting

Old Business –

1. Review of worship service schedule/alternatives. Several members interested in another church service other than Sunday, but did not indicate preference. Elders considering a year-round Wednesday service (7p) with Holy Communion (common cup only).

New Business-

1. Candle holders/candles for Christmas Eve service reviewed, suggest an additional 50 be purchased. Jason Linneman motioned to order, Earl Mangle 2nd, motion passed. Will order 50.

Meeting adjourned with all reciting the Lord's Prayer.

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A new greeting card shipment has arrived and the card rack (by the elevator) has been restocked. Please stop by and check out the variety of cards available.



## Thank You!

The Altar Guild gratefully acknowledges those who donated poinsettia plants during the Christmas season. Your contribution is very much appreciated!

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| Tom and Sharron Toellner   | Norman and Pat Lenger         |
| Jackie Carver              | Becky and Terry Ehlers        |
| Lavill Morton              | Dennis and Kathy Handley      |
| Gary and Sharon Thoma      | Ralph and Mary Ann Hein       |
| Luanna Carpenter           | Doris Linneman                |
| Don and Sharon Meyer       | Frank and Julie Thacher       |
| Jo Ann Burchett            | Penny Cain                    |
| Bob and Karen Schnetzler   | Harold Schnetzler             |
| Wanda and Tim Derendinger  | Wilbert and Nancy Meyer       |
| Pat and Charles Loesing    | Leann, Leah & Taylor Williams |
| Marcella and Don Frederick | Penny Cain                    |

**CHURCH FAMILY:** Please call the church office when:

- A member of your family is admitted to the hospital
- Someone you know is very ill or has passed away
- Your class, board, or group would like to use the church for a meeting or event so it can be scheduled on the church calendar
- Your contact information or address changes
- A new baby arrives in your family
- A member of your family leaves home for college, joins the military, or is getting married
- You would like to have someone call you to visit or assist you in some way
- You have a prayer request
- You would like to share your time and talents
- You feel the church can assist you in any way

## 2018 FLOWER CHART

Open Sundays for 2018 are still available. If you would like to donate the flowers, please sign the chart, which is posted on the door across from the lounge. As a reminder, regular vase arrangements from A-Bow-K are \$35 **plus tax** (\$17.50 per vase). Special flowers and / or larger arrangements are extra. Other local florists may be used. Prices may vary depending on each florist. Your willingness to donate altar flowers is always appreciated! Please continue saving the 27/28 oz. red Folgers coffee plastic containers for take home use after the service. Thanks!

If you are in need of assistance or have any other concerns, please contact any one of the Guild members. Your input is very much appreciated. Altar Guild members are: Marcella Frederick, Kathy Handley, Karen Schnetzler, Julie Thacher, Susan Templemire, Sharon Thoma, Lavill Morton, Brenda Wells, Carol Norman, Shirley Gerken, Pat Lenger, and Diane Cummins.

## From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

LSB 358

- 1 "From heav'n above to earth I come  
To bear good news to ev'ry home;  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,  
Whereof I now will say and sing:
- 2 "To you this night is born a child  
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;  
This little child of lowly birth  
Shall be the joy of all the earth.
- 3 "This is the Christ, our God Most High,  
Who hears your sad and bitter cry;  
He will Himself your Savior be  
From all your sins to set you free.
- 15 Glory to God in highest heav'n,  
Who unto us His Son has giv'n!  
While angels sing with pious mirth  
A glad new year to all the earth.

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The new flower chart for 2018 is posted on the door across from the church lounge. If you wish to donate the altar flowers for a particular Sunday, please sign your name next to that date. Also, **please include a phone number where you can be reached.** The Altar Guild members for that month will contact you concerning floral details and the announcement for the bulletin.

A-Bow-K Floral supplies the arrangements for Immanuel. The cost for regular Sunday vases is \$35 (\$17.50 per vase) plus tax. They will use whatever flowers they have on hand for that week. If specific flowers or larger arrangements are requested, the cost will be more than the initial \$35. However, the donor can certainly use a florist of their choice. If this is the case, be sure to indicate this to the Altar Guild member when she calls.