

THIS WEEK, January 7th, AT IMMANUEL

<u>Today:</u>	8:00am	Worship/Communion
	9:20am	Sunday School
	10:45am	Worship
	6:00pm	Youth Group/Take Down Christmas Decorations
<u>Monday:</u>	5:00pm	Preschool Meeting
	8:00pm	ILCM
<u>Tuesday:</u>	9:00am	Staff Meeting
	9:00am	Pastor's Meeting @ Broadlands
	5:00pm	ILCM
	7:00pm	Board of Directors
<u>Wednesday:</u>	9:00am	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Choir
	7:00pm	ILCM
<u>Thursday:</u>	10:15am	ECC
	10:45am	Meals on Wheels
	1:00pm	I.Q. Ladies (Men Too!)
	6:30pm	Comfort Dogs
	6:30pm	Sola Dei
<u>Friday:</u>	6:00am	Men's Fellowship @ What's Cookin'
<u>Saturday:</u>		
<u>Sunday:</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:20am	Sunday School
	10:45am	Worship/Communion/Cornerstone Baptism
	6:00pm	Youth Group
	7:00pm	ILCM

MANY THANKS ... to all who donated fleece throws for the VA hospital in Danville. We had 33 collected. Thanks to the Ladies Aid and the LWML for their leadership.

HELP US PUT AWAY OUR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ... We meet tonight at 6pm for this. The more hands the merrier. Hot chocolate and cookies just might be available!

SAVE THE DATE- JANUARY 21 BETHANY COMFORT DOG IS COMING TO VISIT!!!! ... Bethany Comfort Dog from Trinity Lutheran in Danville is coming to meet us. She will be greeting people after the 8:00 a.m. service and before the 10:45 service. We will have a luncheon after the late service to hear how Bethany has impacted Trinity since her placement in October. EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE LUNCHEON, ESPECIALLY THOSE INTERESTED IN THE COMFORT DOG MINISTRY AT IMMANUEL. If you have any questions, please contact Joelyn at 259-7235 or jakers@consolidated.net.

WHERE DO YOUR MITES GO? TO IMMANUEL!!!! ... The LWML Central Illinois District has pledged \$8,500 of their mites to help us purchase and train a Comfort Dog chosen specifically for our church. This will allow our Comfort Dog ministry team to provide comfort and unconditional love to our surrounding communities of people hurting from the aftermath of natural disasters or other life challenges. Go mites, go! Did you know that any cancelled stamp with at least a 1/8" trimmed edge can be sold to a stamp distributor? LWML does! The money generated by this goes into the mite fund for our mission projects. So please drop any stamps into the box (We will do the trimming for you if you'd like.)

NEW SUNDAY STUDY ... Our series on Luther and the Reformation concludes today. A new series using the most recent update of the Explanation of Luther's Small Catechism will begin Jan. 14th. Focusing on the Ten Commandments the theme will be "Christian Morality & Ethics: Living out God's Will in this Present Age". Join us each week as we wrestle with this challenge in the joy and confidence of God's grace.

YOUTH GROUP ... We are excited to meet tonight in the new year, January 7th from 6-8pm. There will be fun games, snack, and lesson about Our Calling or Vocation. Bring a friend!

THANK YOU ... to all those who purchased cookies at our bake sale fundraiser. Thanks also to all those who baked and gave of their time to help sell. Ladies Aid

CHAMPAIGN SKATING OUTING FOR YOUTH GROUP ... Join us for a fun afternoon of fellowship and ice skating at the University of Illinois Ice Arena on Sunday, January 21st! You are welcome to come along and not skate. We will depart from the Student Center parking lot at 12:30 and arrive back around 5:30p.m. Event costs \$8 for skating plus dinner. Please RSVP by January 14th.

WONDER CHICAGO RETREAT ... SAVE THE DATE - This youth weekend retreat on April 6th-8th includes it all with comedy from the Skit Guys, worship, break-out classes, a service project, after hours dance and much more! The conference costs \$50/0erson, for more info, visit www.gatheringtrinityroselle.com

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE SIGNATURE AD ... Lutherans for Life is once again sponsoring a signature ad to mark the 45th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in the United States. This year the ad will appear in the JG-TC on Thursday, January 25, 2018, listing churches and individuals who choose to stand up for life. We invite you to join us. You can include your name in the ad by signing up in the back of the church on January 7 or January 14 – please see Mary Ann Rennels or Debi Farber if you have any questions. A donation of \$3.00 per individual or \$5.00 per couple is requested to help meet the cost of the ad.

PORTALS OF PRAYERS ... are in the back of the church and are free of charge!

K-9 COMFORT DOG MINISTRY ... Anyone interested in being involved with the K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry is invited to attend our monthly meetings held on the **2nd Thursday of each month from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** Any questions, contact Joelyn Akers, 259-7235 or jakers@consolidated.net.