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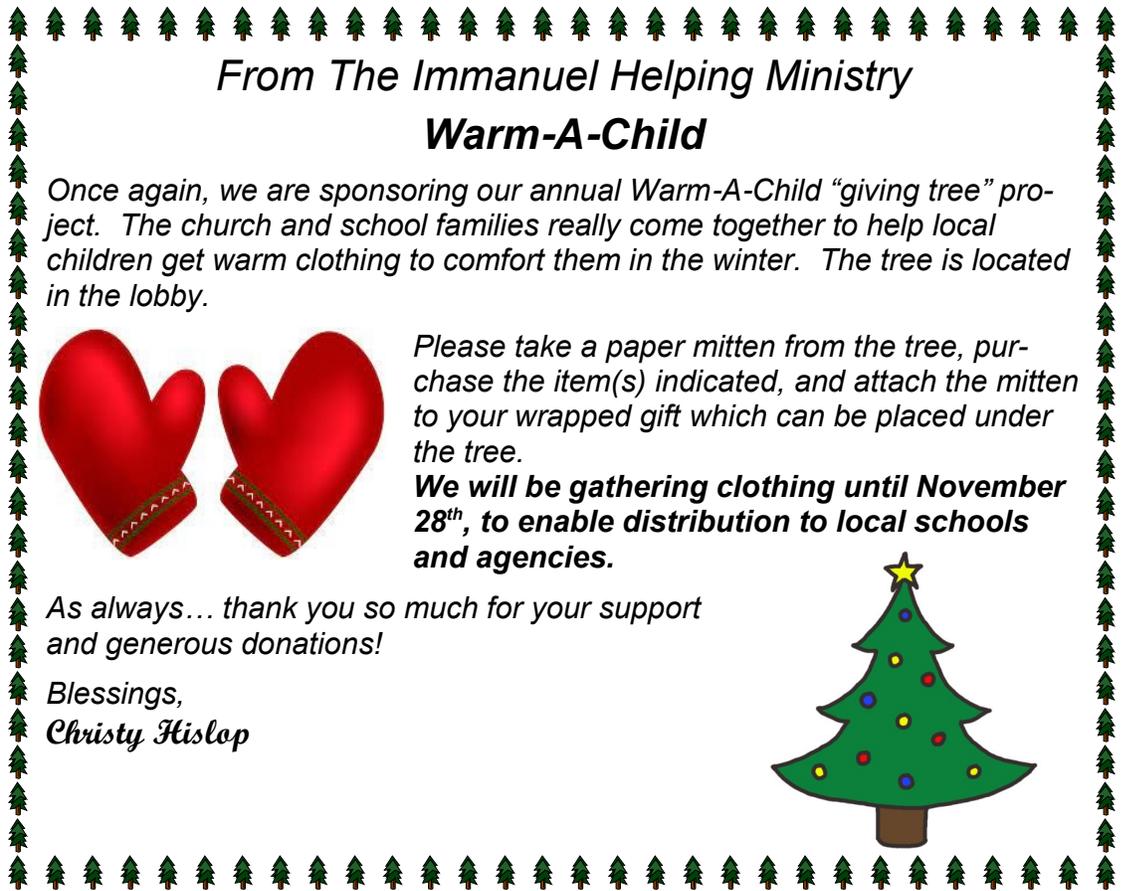
OUR MISSION

The people of Immanuel Lutheran Church are living proof of the grace of God through salvation in Jesus Christ. Empowered by Christ, our mission is to reach out in love to those who have not yet responded to the Gospel that all may be united in Christ.

School Mission

The Mission of Immanuel Lutheran School is to provide a loving atmosphere of academic excellence for children while developing in them and their families a lasting relationship with Jesus Christ.

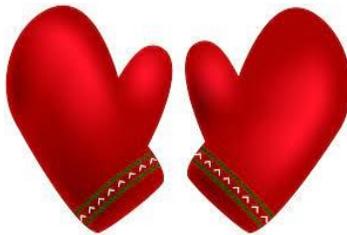
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From The Immanuel Helping Ministry

Warm-A-Child

Once again, we are sponsoring our annual Warm-A-Child "giving tree" project. The church and school families really come together to help local children get warm clothing to comfort them in the winter. The tree is located in the lobby.



Please take a paper mitten from the tree, purchase the item(s) indicated, and attach the mitten to your wrapped gift which can be placed under the tree.

We will be gathering clothing until November 28th, to enable distribution to local schools and agencies.

As always... thank you so much for your support and generous donations!

Blessings,
Christy Hislop



FILL THE GYM THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



The Evangelism committee will be holding a public **drive-thru food drop-off** on Saturday, **November 20th from 9AM to Noon**. "Donations will be collected in the West Street parking lot behind the church. Volunteers will retrieve donations from the back seat or trunk of your car. Non-perishable food items are requested. **Monetary donations** will be appreciated as well and may be dropped off that morning or given via the **on-line e-giving** portal on the church's website – **ILCS.org**.

Members of Immanuel may also bring donations to church on Sunday morning the 21st.

Requested Items

** Frozen Turkeys**

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Soup
- Cereal/Oatmeal
- Peanut Butter/Jelly
- Canned Tuna/Chicken
- Mac and Cheese
- Juice Bottles
- Cleaning Supplies
- Pasta / Sauce
- Single Serve Snacks
- Personal Care Items
- Coffee/ Tea/ Powdered Creamer

THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

"A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor." — Proverbs 22:9



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Deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month.

SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICES

8:00 a.m.

— *Live Streaming* —
Holy Communion on the
1st, 3rd, & 5th Sunday
of the month.
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10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion on the
2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday
of the month.
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ADULT BIBLE STUDY

9:30 a.m.

— *Live Streaming* —



**WHEELCHAIR
ACCESSIBLE**

Worship Services are
broadcast each Sunday
at 1:00 p.m. on

WNTY Radio

AM 990

&

FM 96.1

and online at
KoolOldiesRadio.net



From the Pastor's Desk

“Be Thankful”

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:15

A number of years ago a wedding service was performed for a very special couple. Although the family was relatively well known, the wedding itself was very small. When the bride was asked why, she replied, “I’m not going to hug somebody I don’t know.”

That feeling wasn’t shared by Greta Peske who married Tony Hokanson at Celebration Lutheran Church in Sartell, Minnesota a few years ago. In fact, Peske reserved a dance at the reception for a man whom she had met only once in her life. Even so, that man was, in some ways, responsible for that wedding taking place.

Let me share: the name of the 51-year-old man from Arkansas was Danny Daniels. In 2007, he was contacted by medical personnel. They told him the tests showed he was a good bone marrow match for a high-school girl who had come down with leukemia. They wanted to know if he would consent to helping her out.

Peske thankfully acknowledges, “He didn’t have to do what he did, (that is, help her), but he did.”

Because of his donation, Peske survived, fell in love, and was married, and she had a dance with Daniels to show her appreciation.

It’s hard to forget that line, “He didn’t have to do what he did, but he did.”

That line described Danny Daniels, and it most certainly describes the work of the Savior. After Adam and Eve’s disobedi-

ence and sin, they – with all of their descendants – were doomed to die. There was no escape; there was no cure; there was nothing they could do other than wait for a bitter and terrible end.

It was then that the Lord decided to help us.

He would do what was necessary to save us. Nobody asked Him to make a sacrifice. He did what He did because – along with being a just God – He is also merciful. It was that attribute, along with grace, that had Him send His Son to save us.

Of course, this wasn’t as simple as a bone marrow transplant.

Not at all.

The procedure that would save us – the process that would rescue us – called for Jesus to give up His life in a most painful manner. This He would do after having been rejected by His country, His religion, and even His own hometown.

He didn’t have to do what He did, but He did.

Now all who are given faith in the Redeemer, with repentant hearts, are forgiven and saved. Now, those who are redeemed and rescued show their thanks to the Lord, not with a dance at their wedding, but by living every day of their lives as if it were a real **Thanksgiving Day**.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, You didn’t have to do what You did, but You did. May our lives reflect the thanksgiving we feel in our hearts. This we ask in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

Pastor Karner

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it. — 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Young at Heart

We are celebrating this month as it is over 25 years ago that Immanuel's members and pastors started this lunch program in 1994. On Thursday, November 4 in the old school building at 11:30, we will enjoy our annual traditional "Soup and Sandwich" lunch, all homemade of course. Dessert will be a special anniversary cake we get from Harvest Bakery. Join us for this last lunch of the year for only \$5 or \$2, if you bring food to share. Last month over 30 of us enjoyed a wonderful German Lunch.

Webster Bank staff will be with us to discuss elder financial abuse Scams and much more. We are the age group scammers are targeting and we need to be informed to protect ourselves. Please invite a friend to join you for this important program after lunch.

Invitations for our annual Christmas Party lunch will be distributed at this lunch or mailed out to you. It

will be on Thursday, December 2 at 11:30 am at Marilyn's Pub Restaurant, 388 Broad St., Bristol, where we will be the only group there. We will enjoy a sit-down served lunch, with three entrée choices similar to previous years at Nuchie's, with no stairs and easy parking. Vernon Koch will again lead our musical program and we will have door prizes and visiting time. If you didn't get an invitation, contact the church office for one so you can join us, but we need your reservation soon, by November 21.

Hope you are all keeping safe and getting your vaccines and flu shots so we all remain safe. You could stop in the Parish Center on Monday afternoons to join the Card Playing Adult Fellowship group, if that interests you. Remember to mark your calendar for November 4, Nov. 21 deadline and Dec. 2 for our Christmas Party. Why stay home alone – enjoy the Christian fellowship and fun that we offer at Immanuel!!



Parish Nurse Corner

Please join us every **Tuesday** morning at Walk and Talk.

Starts at 9:30am in the Parish Center. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

November 2nd — Women's Bible Study at noon. Bring a friend.

November 18th — Firemen Appreciation Luncheon, in the OSB at noon.

December 28th — Police Appreciation Luncheon, in the school gym at noon.

Blessings,
Roberta

The Women of Immanuel

will hold their annual Christmas potluck on Saturday, December 11 at noon in the OSB. Bring your favorite dish and a friend; desserts will be provided.

All women are welcome. Mark your calendar to celebrate the Advent of the coming of our Lord with your sisters in Christ.

Don't forget to bring your Mite Box offering for LWML.



*Daylight Saving Time ends **Sunday, Nov. 7th***

Don't forget to set your clocks **back 1 hour** the night before!



~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **Church News** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~



CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN



Ruth Emma Johnson

August 17, 1932 — October 5, 2021



Mid-Week Worship this month:

Thanksgiving Eve

Nov. 24

10:45 am and 7 pm



Mid-Week Worship in December:

Advent

Dec. 1

Dec. 8

Dec. 15

10:45 am and 7 pm

Need for Ushers

All members of the church are asked to help serve as ushers. Manpower is dwindling and, in some instances, is at a critical level. Any member, male or female, young or old, may help serve in this important area. The duty is easy, yet, so very necessary for our worship. As an usher you would serve on a team for one month (4-5 Sundays) every five months and occasionally some festival days (Lent, Advent).

Please speak to any usher on duty to volunteer your service.



**A Message from Howard Schmelder,
— Congregational President**

“As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient, it’s important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can’t serve from your sofa.
You can’t have community of faith on your sofa.
You can’t experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

Christians aren’t consumers. We are contributors. We don’t watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together.

The church needs you.
And you need the church.”

The above was posted on a Facebook page.



A SPECIAL YEAR-END MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

At this time of year we often get questions from our members and alumni regarding year-end giving and estate planning. This is for good reason... there are many ways for people to amplify their gifts to Immanuel Lutheran beyond the offering plate, and, we would like to take this opportunity to share information about a few of these options with you.

Required Minimum Distributions (Contributing using an Individual Retirement Account/IRA)

Under federal law, individuals age 70½ or 72 (depending on your date of birth) or older who own traditional Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) are required to take an annual, minimum distribution. Are you aware that you may redirect some or all of that required minimum distribution (RMD), up to \$100,000 annually, and possibly enhance your standard deduction while preserving more liquid assets for other, equally important uses? More specifically, this would direct the IRA distribution directly to Immanuel Lutheran so the distribution is not included in your income, however, you would also then not be able to deduct the contribution as a charitable donation. This is a popular option for many, however, please do work directly with your tax advisor in choosing options that are right for you.

Immanuel Lutheran Church joyfully receives IRA gifts that can carry out our Lord's mission. To learn more about making an IRA charitable distribution to support Immanuel Lutheran Church, contact us today.

Planned Giving

Planned giving benefits are numerous when creating your gift plan. Above all is the opportunity to practice true generosity and Christian stewardship. This is done in joyful response to what the Lord has done for you. Also, it allows you to make the very best gifts to family and ministry. You can rest assured knowing that your wishes will be honored and that your earthly assets will be passed on in a way that makes sense and is helpful to those people and organizations you hold most dear.

Through a planned gift to the Immanuel Lutheran Church or the Immanuel Lutheran Church Foundation, you may:

- Eliminate capital gains tax on assets
- Gift the most appropriate/favorable assets to heirs and to the ministry you love
- Receive a significant tax deduction
- Lower your potential estate tax
- Assure the transfer of your fullest possible estate value to heirs
- Increase possible gifts to heirs and grandchildren

Designating Immanuel Lutheran Church or the Immanuel Lutheran Church Foundation as a beneficiary

Perhaps the easiest way to share the Gospel and leave your legacy is by including the Immanuel Lutheran Church or the Immanuel Lutheran Church Foundation as a designated beneficiary or contingent beneficiary of your:

- Life insurance policy
- IRA, TSA or other deferred plan
- LCEF Certificate
- Certificate of Deposit (CD)
- Other equity asset

Bequests

A bequest is also an easy way to make planned gifts and is usually a component of your will.

A simple will using a statement like the following is almost always sufficient:

I bequeath (dollar amount) (percentage of my estate) to The Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bristol Foundation, Inc. OR Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Inc.

If you would like to speak with someone at Immanuel Lutheran to discuss giving options available to you, please contact the church office today at (860) 583-5649 – May the Good Lord bless you all as we enter the final months, weeks and days of 2021! – The Board of Christian Stewardship.

FELLOWSHIP REMEMBERED – Chapter 7

by Vern Koch

In **1985** we entered a float in the Bristol Bicentennial Parade.

It took 2 buses to accommodate the group on our trip to New Hampshire and the Drygala House. The planning committee did a 'dry run' and found it to be a delightful trip.

This year our annual Christmas Party took place at Marinelli's. Over 100 people attended the event and enjoyed scrumptious food and delightful entertainment headlined by Gwen and Lee Haradin who led us in a spirited Carol sing.

Food seems to be at the heart of what we do. For example, in **1986** the following activities were planned:

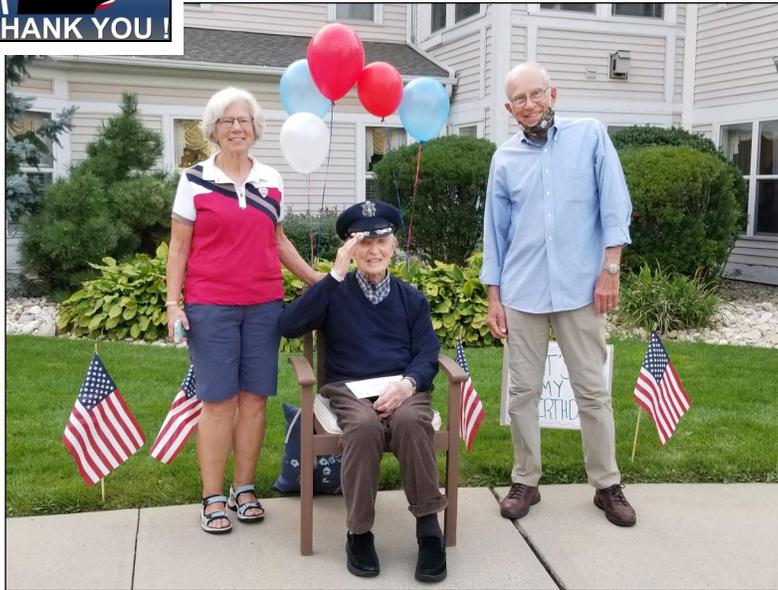
- Pot Luck supper to welcome Pastor and Shirley Lehenbauer as our new Pastor; Vicar Greg Jans and the Lehenbauers will present slides entitled "Sights and Sounds of Germany"
- Ice cream social
- Dinner Theater
- Church/School picnic
- Chicken bar-b-que
- Sheep bake
- Sauerkraut Supper*
- Bowling and pizza
- Christmas Party at L'Auberge d'Elegance (formerly the Maple Side Inn)

*Connected with the Sauerkraut Suppers for many years was a Harvest Fair for which members of the Adult Fellowship spent the months leading up to the Supper making 100s of craft items and baked goods to sell.





Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11



98th Birthday Celebration

Vern Koch was in Southington visiting Verna Koehn at The Orchards on October 6. That same day there was a drive-thru birthday celebration for Walter Hushak, a World War II veteran with 41 years of active and reserve military service, who was turning 98. Mr. Hushak enlisted in the Army Air Corps after the attack on Pearl Harbor and flew many bombing missions piloting a B-24 "Liberator." Vern took this picture of Walter along with Marilyn and Norman Stone who were also there to celebrate Walter's birthday and to honor his military service.

This Veterans Day, please take a moment to thank all our veterans. Thank you.

German Heritage Cookbook Pre-sale!



This cookbook has more German recipes than any other cookbook from Immanuel Lutheran in over 75 years! It brings together old German recipes handed down from members past and present, along with dozens of new German recipes (including ones from our festival). This is the **'most German'** collection of recipes ever offered by Immanuel Lutheran. **Price is only \$12!** Order a copy for yourself! Order more as gifts or stocking stuffers! Cookbooks will arrive by Thanksgiving. All sales will be handled through the Christian Mart, which is open every Sunday between services. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the Christian Mart display when it is not open... Or, you can email your order request to:

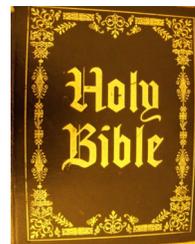
ILC.GermanHeritageCookbook@gmail.com and we will contact you to finalize your order. A lot of work has gone into this new cookbook and we can thank Linda Wall, Christina Curry and Rhoda Lange for that effort ~ Danke Schö'n!

Proceeds will benefit German Festival 2021
and
Immanuel Lutheran Church.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Bible Study

Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the OSB



Men's Emmaus Walkers
Thursdays at 7:30 am
in the Parish Center

— *Be in the Word* —

Youth Sunday School

9:30 to 10:30am, ages 3 through 3rd Grade.

Classes include Music, Bible Stories, Games and Crafts.

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Ruffino, wdruffino@att.net or 860-685-0626.

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

Two Immanuel Lutheran School students will be running in the 28th Connecticut Middle School XC Championship Meet on Saturday, November 6. Alex Dubois and Gretchen Radcliff have done an absolutely outstanding job the entire cross country season and their times are fantastic. The middle school courses are two miles long and include a variety of terrain. In Winsted, on October 28, in our last regular meet of the season in Winsted Gretchen's time was 12:11 and Alex's time was 13:59. These girls are running 6 and 7 minute miles, through the woods, up steep hills, around puddles, on grass, dirt and pavement. We are eager to see how they do at the state level on a 2.3 mile course with top runners from around the state. The meet is held at Wickham Park in Manchester. Pictured are Alexandra Dubois and Gretchen Radcliff standing still. They are so fast that pictures of them running are always blurry!



Several classes held harvest parties on Friday, October 29. Children enjoyed a variety of crafts and activities in the gym. Shown below are some of the PK3 and PK4 party activities. Our teachers did a nice job of planning their harvest party events and a good time was had by all.

Our annual Veterans Day Celebration is planned to be a virtual event this year. Students will record the event in the sanctuary and it will air Thursday, November 11 on Facebook, just like our Sunday services. The students are busy perfecting essays, poems, posters and songs to show the Veterans that we appreciate their service.

The Immanuel Lutheran School PTO has been very active. In addition to the pie and cookie fundraiser, which brought in over \$3,000, they hosted our Annual Family Skate Event at Trinity College on October 23. Those who attended had a fabulous time. All ages and abilities are welcome at this event. Sarah Williams, our PK3 teacher, has coordinated the event every year. The cost is only \$5 per person and that includes skate rental (See photos on page 9).

Our school enrollment is now at 145 and we may easily reach 160 by the end of this school year. However, we currently have a boy shortage in grades 3-8. Advertisements will go up on Facebook this weekend promoting our Little Lambs program and the need for boys for our sports teams. This new way of recruiting will allow boys from the community to experience a Christian atmosphere and participate in our sports programming. Our current students would love to have more boys as friends and as teammates. The add-ons would pay to play and be expected to maintain the same high standards and values as our current students. Practices would start with prayer and mini-devotion. Allowing more children into the school by way of sports is a new idea that could increase future enrollment.

I continue to be impressed with the eagerness our students have for Pre-Chapel, Primary Chapel, Chapel and their religion classes. Most of our new students will tell you that Chapel is their favorite part of the week. Our teachers understand that our first priority is teaching the children about God's love and our second priority is academics.

Thank you for supporting our school. Wonderful things happen every day in every classroom.

Blessings to all!

Anne Stuhlman, Principal



October 23: ILS PTO Family Fun Day at Trinity College Koeppl Community Sports Center Ice Rink



NOVEMBER 2021 BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Alena Hauer Morgan Hebert-Dubois	2 Bobby Boucher Julie Phillips Sara Triplett	3 Taylor Milano	4 Albert Emmert	5 Diane Erling	6 Amanda Duval Levi Fortier Donna Kuharski Janet Voisine
7 Janet Riemer Suzanne Wentland	8 Raymond Ryskowski, Jr.	9	10 Lindsey Donahue Peter Malsheske Candace Michelson Christina Signore	11 Shirley Bartucca Michael Cassala Rowan Morel Jacob Turley	12 Ryan Delaney Breanna Hoyt Norman Kirschner Michelle Matthews Eric Starzyk	13 Jill Casey Nathan Kirschner
14 Holly Fitz Corinne Freimuth Wayne Ruffino	15 Stephen Mockler	16 Rick Gurgigno	17 Nancy Malsheske Kelley McIntyre William Palmisano, III	18 Rudolph Jabs Robert Theriault	19 Ashley Bielert Alice Helming Martha Pond Holly Simard	20 Gracie Marcantonio Diane Read
21 Patricia Bohn	22 Julie Burt Beth Houle Ida May Ingrid Triplett	23 Dawn Santilli	24 Ruth Meusel Duane Reich	25 Warren Kirschner Michael Lauretti, Sr.	26 Lori Fitzherbert Joan Heidorn Verna Koehn	27 Evelyn Phillips
28 Eugene Zahnke	29 Kashif Nazir	30 Gabby Badenhop Andrew Follo Chelsea Schaffrick				





Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to order a poinsettia for the altar for Christmas, please fill out the order blank and attach cash or check (made out to Altar Guild) and leave it in the church office. **Last day to order is November 28.**

Name _____ Phone _____

	Red	White	Total \$
7½" @ \$12.00			

In Memory of _____

I will pick up after Christmas I will deliver Day service _____ to a shut-in _____

Altar Guild Flower Fund

If you choose not to buy a poinsettia, you may want to make a monetary donation to the Altar Guild Flower Fund. This fund will guarantee that flowers will be on the altar during services when no one has specially ordered them.

Name _____ Donation \$ _____



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