



# *Immanuel Lutheran*

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# *Advent*

## *Third Sunday*

December 14 - 15, 2019

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## *Welcome!*

We are excited to share the Good News with you!  
Guests, please sign our guestbook in the entry. Please join us again.

## *Serving Us This Week*

PASTOR Neal Radichel ♦ DEACON Logan Wendt ♦ ORGANIST Vickie Schreyer  
SOUND Evan Matzke ♦ VIDEO Vern Frank ♦ SCREEN Cliff Kuehne  
FLOWERS Grace Schreyer & Katie Dick ♦ GREETERS (Sat) \_\_\_\_\_ (Sun) Busches  
HEAD USHER Fred Friedrichs ♦ ASSISTANT John Heinze  
USHERS Niko Becker; Joshua Clobes; David Clobes; Austin Hanel; Hunter Hanel;  
Jay Hanel; Ty Hanel; Dennis Heinze; Brett Kruse; David Lueck; Andy Olmanson;  
Luke Olmanson; Peter Olmanson; Mick Rykhus; Russ Schmitt; Alex Schmitt;  
Ron Wolle; Steve Wolle

### MIDWEEK SERVICE

PASTOR Nathanael Mayhew ♦ SOUND, FLOWERS & USHERS same as above  
1 PM DEACON Steve Wolle ORGANIST Colleen Matzke SCREEN Cliff Kuehne  
6 PM DEACON Daniel Pfeiffer ORGANIST Grace Schreyer SCREEN Russ Schmitt

"Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," says the LORD of hosts.

*Malachi 3:1*

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## *Pre-Service Meditation*

Psalm 119, IX (pg 150, TLH - Red Hymnal)

**Prayer:** Prepare the way before Him; Prepare for Him the best,  
Cast out whate'er offendeth, This great, this heavenly Guest,  
Make straight, make plain, the way: The lowly valleys raising,  
The heights of pride abasing. His path all even lay.  
Prepare the way before Him; Prepare for Him the best,  
Cast out whate'er offendeth, This great, this heavenly Guest.  
Make straight, make plain, the way: The lowly valleys raising.  
The heights of pride abasing. His path all even lay!  
In Jesus name I pray, Amen. (TLH #75:2,4)

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## *Order of Service*

Hymn 70 TLH (Red Hymnal)  
Hosanna to the Living Lord

**INVOCATION** *We invoke ("call upon") the name of our Triune God.*

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**Pastor (P):** I was glad when they said to me,

**Congregation (C):** Let us go into the house of the LORD. (Psalm 122:1)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪ Amen!

All: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray that You would of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. To all who believe on His name He gives the privilege of being children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: ♪ Amen.

P: ♪ The Lord be with you

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

P: ♪ Glory be to God on high

C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men.

P: ♪ We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,

C: ♪ We glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory.

P: ♪ O Lord God, heav'nly King,

C: ♪ God the Father Almighty.

P: ♪ O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

C: ♪ O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

P: ♪ Who takes away the sin of the world,

C: ♪ Have mercy upon us.

P: ♪ You who takes away the sin of the world,

C: ♪ Receive our prayer.

P: ♪ You who sits at the right hand of God the Father,

C: ♪ Have mercy upon us.

P: ♪ For You only are holy;

C: ♪ You only are the Lord.

P: ♪ You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

C: ♪ Are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## EPISTLE READING ROMANS 1:16-25

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*We see a clear contrast between the attitude of the believer and the unbeliever in these verses. The believer knows the love of God and Christ and is not ashamed of it, because of the blessings it offers. The unbeliever suppresses the truth of God desiring instead to follow his or her own desires. Such an attitude is utter foolishness and a rejection of what God has clearly revealed as true.*

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. **17** For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." **18** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, **19** because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. **20** For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, **21** because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Professing to be wise, they became fools, **23** and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man-- and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. **24** Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, **25** who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Congregational Praise: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

SATURDAY

ILS HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

COME THOU LONG

EXPECTED JESUS

*Lyrics on the screen*

SUNDAY

ILS GRADE SCHOOL CHOIR

DING DONG MERRILY ON HIGH

*Lyrics on the screen*

*Congregation joins for v. 4*

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## GOSPEL READING LUKE 1:39-56

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Congregational Welcome: ♪ Glory be to You, O Lord!

*The LORD had revealed what the Savior would be in His Old Testament Scriptures, and these God-fearing women believed those promises and rejoiced in the role God had given them to play in that salvation. Neither role*

*would be easy, but they were willing to serve God in these ways. The LORD gives us opportunities to serve as well. Are we as willing and eager to serve Him as we should or do we hide from such opportunities?*

Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, **40** and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. **41** And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. **42** Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! **43** "But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? **44** "For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. **45** "Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord." **46** And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, **47** And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. **48** For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. **49** For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. **50** And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation. **51** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. **52** He has put down the mighty from their thrones and exalted the lowly. **53** He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty. **54** He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, **55** As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever." **56** And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her house.

**Congregational Response:** ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!

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## CONFESSION OF FAITH THE SECOND ARTICLE (REDEMPTION)

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I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His

kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Children are invited to come forward and gather around the pastor in the front of the church.*

Hymn of the Day 275 *TLH (Red Hymnal)*

My Soul doth Magnify the Lord

## SERMON MALACHI 3:1-6

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"Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts. **2** "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderer's soap. **3** He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness. **4** "Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem Will be pleasant to the LORD, As in the days of old, As in former years. **5** And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness Against sorcerers, Against adulterers, Against perjurers, Against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, And against those who turn away an alien – Because they do not fear Me," Says the LORD of hosts. **6** "For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob."

## The LORD's Messenger has a Message for Me

- The privilege of the nation (past) v1
- The pollution of the nation (present) v2-5
- The promise of the nation (future) v1,6

*Preaching today Pastor Neal Radichel  
services online at [www.ImmanuelMankato.org](http://www.ImmanuelMankato.org)*

## OFFERTORY TLH (RED HYMNAL) PG 12

*In this prayer we offer God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.*

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♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence; and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Sermon Hymn 272 (v. 1-3) *TLH (Red Hymnal)*  
When All the World was Cursed

## OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

*So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

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## OFFERING MEDITATION MY REFINER (N. Radichel © 2010)

To give glory to the LORD, Is my daily prayer in life.  
Through trials and tribulations, He refines me through the strife.  
As He guides me through the fire, As He molds me as He wills,  
I pray that His reflection, Will continue shining still.

**So all glory to the Father, And all glory to the Son  
All glory to the Spirit, My Refiner... Three in One**

No matter where He's called me, Or what e'er I'm asked to do  
Through the hot or the cool times, He will shape me as His tool  
*Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me  
Grace in time of need supply, While I live and when I die.*

Offering Hymn 69 (v. 1,6) *TLH (Red Hymnal)*  
Arise, Sons of the Kingdom!

## SPECIAL PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

### RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 20

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P: May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble;  
May the name of the God of Jacob defend you;  
May He send you help from the sanctuary,  
And strengthen you out of Zion;  
May He remember all your offerings,  
And accept your burnt sacrifice. *Selah*

May He grant you according to your heart's *desire*,  
And fulfill all your purpose.

C: We will rejoice in your salvation,  
And in the name of our God we will set up *our* banners!

P: May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.

C: Now I know that the Lord saves His anointed;  
He will answer him from His holy heaven  
With the saving strength of His right hand.

P: Some trust in chariots, and some in horses;

C: But we will remember the name of the Lord our God.

P: They have bowed down and fallen;

C: But we have risen and stand upright.

All: Save, Lord! May the King answer us when we call.

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BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

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Congregational Response: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn 272 (v. 4-5) *TLH (Red Hymnal)*  
When All the World was Cursed

3rd Sunday Communion following the service in church/pastors' offices

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## *Serving Us Next Week*

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Jason Dick; Mark Geiger; Sam Geschwind; Sam Hagen; Kevin Moeri;  
Karl Mueller; Bernt Olmanson; Charles Olmanson; Chuck Schmid;  
Nick Schmid; Noah Schmid; Ben Stelter; Wayne Timm



# Last Week

## Gatherings

### December 7-8

Saturday Worship: 92

Sunday Worship: 215

Weekend Total: 307

Saturday Bible Class: 19

Saturday School: 6

Sunday Bible Class: 31

Sunday School: \_\_\_

Ambassadors: \_\_\_

### December 11

1 pm Worship: 31

6 pm Worship: 120

Wednesday Total: 151

## Bible Studies

College: 3

Jail (Men): 10

Men's Breakfast: 25

New Perspective: 5 & 7

Primrose: 6

Walnut Towers: 9

## Fruits of Faith

### Immanuel

Current Expenses **\$22,779.46**

*Weekly Need for the Remainder of 2019: \$49,000*

Advent **\$1,207.94**

Altar Flowers **\$300**

Benevolent **\$373**

ILS Foundation **\$27**

ILS Interactive Display Fund **\$6,425**

ILS Student Aid **\$878.92**

ILS Tuition Aid **\$40**

Land Purchase **\$155**

### CLC

Missions (Cooperative Budget) **\$1,293.93**

*Weekly Need for the Remainder of 2019: \$2,300*

ILC Student Aid **\$50**

KINSHIP **\$25**

Mission Development Fund (MDF) **\$52**

## FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE

We are currently \$146,000 away from our 2019 giving goal. This gap in giving represents 22% of our budgeted giving and is a significant amount of money to make up over the next 3 weekends (counting this weekend) and Christmas. With the short-fall and our remaining budget we need to give ~\$49,000 a week. Please take some time to consider your giving.

# This Week

- Sat Dec 14 6:00p WORSHIP followed by 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Communion  
7:00p Bible Study *in the church basement*  
7:00p Saturday School *in the Kindergarten room*
- Sun Dec 15 9:00a Bible Study *in the church basement*  
9:00a Christmas Eve Practice *in the church sanctuary*  
9:15a Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM  
10:00a WORSHIP followed by 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Communion  
Note: ILS Grade School sings  
11:00a Church Choir Practice *in the sanctuary*
- Mon Dec 16 6:00p Christmas Piano Recital *in the sanctuary*

- Tues Dec 17 9:00a Bible Study, *New Perspective Senior Living, 100 Dublin Road*  
 9:00a Bible Study, *Realife, 50 Teton Lane*  
 3p-5p Pastors Office Hours  
 4:00p ILS Home BB Game Girls 5-6 vs Immanuel Courtland *in the gym*  
 5:00p ILS Home BB Game Boys 5-6 vs Immanuel Courtland *in the gym*  
 6:00p ILS Home BB Game Girls 7-8 vs Immanuel Courtland *in the gym*  
 6:30p Women's Study Guild *in the church basement; serving: Katie Dick*  
 7:00p ILS Home BB Game Boys 7-8 vs Immanuel Courtland *in the gym*
- Wed Dec 18 12:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7*  
 1:00p **Advent WORSHIP**  
 2:00p Ladies' Auxiliary (cookie exchange - bring 2 dozen cookies)  
*Enter through the south school entrance; serving: Marilyn Timm*  
 4:00p Public School Catechism Class *in the pastors' offices*  
 6:00p **Advent WORSHIP**
- Thu Dec 19 9:00a Bible Study, *Walnut Towers, 105 E. Walnut Street*  
 1:30p Bible Study, *Old Main, 301 S. Fifth Street*  
 4:00p ILS Home BB Game Girls 5-6 vs Risen Savior *in the gym*  
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 5:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, *Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7*  
 6:00p ILS Home BB Game Girls 7-8 vs Risen Savior *in the gym*  
 7:00p ILS Home BB Game Boys 7-8 vs Risen Savior *in the gym*
- Fri Dec 20 6:30a Men's Breakfast and Bible Study *in the church basement*  
 8-9:30a Pastors' Office Hours  
 8:10a Christmas Eve Practice *in the church sanctuary*  
 2:00p ILS Early Dismissal for Christmas break  
 6:00p Family Christmas Party, *Pischner's Place - see announcement*
- Sat Dec 21 9:00a Worship Music Practice *in the church sanctuary*  
 10:00a Bible Study, *Primrose, Fireplace Community Rm, 1360 Adams St*  
 3:00p Ugly Sweater Party *in the church basement - see announcement*  
 6:00p **WORSHIP**  
 7:00p Bible Study *in the church basement*  
 7:00p Saturday School *in the Kindergarten room*
- Sun Dec 22 9:00a Bible Study *in the church basement*  
 9:00a Christmas Eve Practice *in the church sanctuary*  
 9:15a Radio Sermon: *KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM*  
 10:00a **WORSHIP**  
 11:00a Church Choir Practice *in the sanctuary*  
 1:00p Immanuel Caroling - *see announcement*

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If you have an announcement or event for next weekend's bulletin,  
 please send it to [Bulletin@ImmanuelMankato.org](mailto:Bulletin@ImmanuelMankato.org) or  
 contact one of the pastors by Thursday at 12 pm. Thank you!

# Immanuel Announcements

**CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE** Our Christmas Eve program will be holding practices during the Sunday School/Bible Study hour at 9 am on the two Sundays before Christmas, **December 15 and 22**. Please expect to see the children practicing if you arrive to service early. The chairs will be moved before the 10 am services start.

**INVITATION: *A Family Christmas Party*** has been planned at Daryl and Cindy Pischner's place on Friday, **December 20**, from 6-9pm. Enjoy hot cider and hot chocolate, live music and singing, and sled rides around the farm (weather dependent). Bring your own chairs as well as a snack or dessert to share. Hope you can make it!

**INVITATION: *Ugly Sweater Party*** Ladies of Immanuel are to the church basement on Saturday, **December 21**, at 3 pm. There will be games, fellowship and fun! Bring a dessert or appetizer to pass. Compete for a prize for the ugliest sweater. After games, we will work together to fill the Christmas Eve bags for the children's program.

**CAROLING** All are invited to join us for caroling on Sunday, **December 22**, at 1 pm. Meet at church. We will carol for an hour or two, then enjoy refreshments, Christmas trivia, and family board games as long as people would like to stay.

**SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING** A meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, **December 29**, immediately after the service. Voters, please make it a priority to attend. All members are welcome to attend the meeting. The agenda items include: (1) Teacher call; (2) Board of Education: 2019 Budget Increase Request; (3) Compensation Committee update.

**STILL NEEDED: *Volunteers for ILS PTO fundraiser*** Last year, PTO raised almost \$1,000 for our school at the Kiwanis Holiday Lights. Help us do that again!

Directing Traffic Only 4 more volunteers (16 and older) are needed for our ILS volunteer night on **Thursday, December 26**, from 4:40 - 9 pm. We can split shifts if you cannot be there the full time.

Clean-Up 2 more volunteers (ages 12 and older) are still needed to help with taking down the lights and displays on **January 1, 4, or 5**.

Contact person To sign up or for more info, contact Sarah Kruse at email [sarah.kruse@mnsu.edu](mailto:sarah.kruse@mnsu.edu); text: 507-380-6018; phone/voice messages: 507-625-3512. When arriving at the park, sign in and list Immanuel Lutheran School Mankato as your organization so we get fundraising credit.

**HELPERS NEEDED** We are looking for more volunteers to:

- 1) show slides for the worship services (contact: Cliff Kuehne 385-0696) and
- 2) to video-record the worship services - particularly the midweek services (contact: Alan Olmanson 344-0328).

Neither of these tasks are very complicated to do, but we would like to have a few more people to help if possible! Please contact the respective individuals above for more info.

**REGISTRATION OPEN: *Whitewater Winter Camp*** For High School Freshmen through College Sophomores. Join us **January 24-26** (Check in Friday 2 pm - Check out Sunday 11 am) for Whitewater XXI Winter Camp. Registration is first come, first served with a deadline no later than January 15.

**Find the Info Packet and Schedule at**  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QAKtuoY9M3aWTS3nXxfbeBpiWnBWFVZX2U9f1ar6Vr0/edit?usp=sharing>

**Questions:** contact Matthew Busch (507-720-4531; [mbusch1@isd77.org](mailto:mbusch1@isd77.org)) or Pastor Radichel (920-268-8002; [nealradichel@gmail.com](mailto:nealradichel@gmail.com))

**SUMMER VICAR** At the last Quarterly Voter's Meeting, the Voters approved a proposal from the Deacons for calling Drew Naumann (an ILC seminary student) to work as a summer Pastoral assistant via a Diploma of Vocation. His acceptance letter is below. He will be primarily working under Pastor Radichel for the 4 months he's with us. If you're interested in more details, please speak to a Deacon or Pastor. May the Lord bless Vicar Naumann's time and experience with us here at Immanuel!

*Dear Brothers and Sisters of Immanuel,*

*It is after prayerful consideration and with great joy and anticipation that the Spirit has led me to accept the call to serve you as temporary Pastoral Assistant, beginning May 2020.*

*I ask that you keep myself and your pastors in your prayers over the coming months as we evaluate how the gifts God has given me might best be utilized in service among you and explore the many opportunities by which this experience may better prepare me for future ministry.*

*I thank you all for this opportunity, as I have firm confidence through Christ that our time spent together will be mutually edifying and of great educational benefit for myself.*

*May God be with you all this advent season as we gather around the manger to view the wondrous mystery of God's love, Immanuel: God With Us.*

*In Christ, Seminarian Drew Naumann*

## *CLC Announcements*

**CLC CALL NEWS** Pastor Andrew Schaller, Calvary, Marquette, MI has returned the call extended to him by the CLC Board of Missions to serve as the CLC's third foreign missionary. <> Pastor Norm Greve, St. Peter's, Iron River, MI has returned the call extended to him by Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Pastor Jim Albrecht, St. John's, Okabena, MN has been called by Berea, Sioux Falls, SD.

**ILC CHRISTMAS CONCERT** All are invited to the ILC Christmas Concert at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire on Friday, **December 20**, at 7:30 pm. This spiritually edifying concert helps a person focus, even in the midst of the busy holiday season, on the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. This concert ends the busy finals week for ILC students as they conclude their first semester of the school year. We pray the students will safely arrive at their homes in order to enjoy Christmas break with their families.