



# Immanuel

Lutheran Church

*Love. Serve. Repeat.*

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## January 2022



# *Epiphany*

*January 6th 2022*

*Will be celebrated at Church*

*on Sunday, January 9th 2022 9:30 a.m.*

On January 1<sup>st</sup> in the Church Year we commemorate **The Circumcision and Name of Jesus**, in keeping with the Law of Moses. That name itself, given through an angel, means “The Lord Saves” and is filled with the assurance that each of us needs as we enter a new year filled with its uncertainties. We all were made to need such a Savior-- even the strongest of us-- because we are made to be in an unbroken relationship with our Heavenly Father. In Jesus, following Him, we are given the Way to life abundant and eternal.



January 6th is **The Epiphany of Our Lord**. It begins one of the oldest seasons in the Christians Church Year, second only to the Easter season. When the Gentile Magi come to worship Jesus, they show that everyone now has access to God. Jesus Himself is the new temple-- God in flesh. “Epiphany” means “Manifestation”-- and throughout this season we see how the “little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay” was more and more clearly revealed to be the very Son of God.

Within the season are two festivals. On the First Sunday after the Epiphany, we celebrate **The Baptism of Our Lord**. Already at the beginning of His public ministry, we see our Lord identifying with us sinners, taking our sins upon Himself as He lives a perfect life on our behalf.

**The Transfiguration of Our Lord** is celebrated on the last Sunday in the Epiphany season. We commemorate the day on which three of Jesus’ disciples glimpsed our Lord in His divine splendor on a mountaintop-- a glimpse of what would be His again beyond the horrible suffering on the cross.

The Transfiguration, which this year falls on February 27, is the last Sunday before Lent, with Ash Wednesday on March 2 this year.

### **Collect for the New Year**

Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending and commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come. In the new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Pastor Bauman*

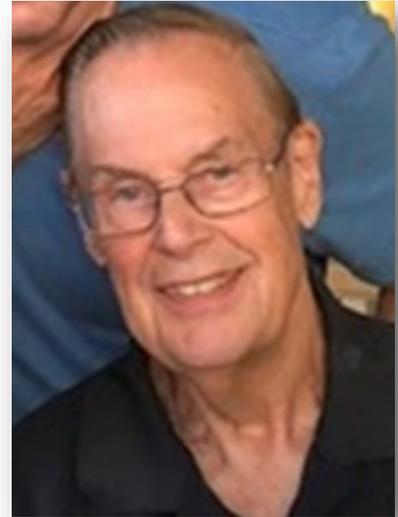
## Obituary for Robert Brinkman

Our beloved treasurer, Bob Brinkman, passed away in his sleep on December 12, 2021. He will be missed greatly by the church he so diligently served for over 35 years. Our prayers go out to his family as together we mourn his passing. The following is the Obituary from the Countryside Funeral Home website.

Visitation for Robert W. Brinkman of Bartlett for 40 years was held Wednesday, Dec 15, 2021 3:00 - 8:00p.m. at the Countryside Funeral Home and Crematory 950 South Bartlett Rd. (at Stearns Rd.) Bartlett. Laid in State Thursday 10:00 a.m. until time of service 11:00 a.m. at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church 1116 W. Devon Ave. Bartlett. Following services, cremation will be private at the Countryside Crematory.

Bob is the beloved husband 37 1/2 years of Brenda nee Seat; loving father of Bobby (Georgia) Seat, Karen (John) McIntyre, Stephanie (fiance Jeremy Butler) Schaefer and Karl (Nancy) Brinkman; cherished grandfather of Nicole Seat, Morgan McIntyre, Mianna Schaefer, Alexis Watkins, Marissa and Ryan Brinkman; dear brother of Roger (Janet) Brinkman; fond uncle of Jacob Brinkman and the late Abigail Brinkman.

In lieu of flowers, donations made to Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church would be appreciated. (630) 289-7575.



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## IMMANUEL HAS CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

We are so thankful for the Immanuel members who participated in the 2021 Hanover Township Adopt-A-Family Gifting program. This year they provided 27 gifts to a needy family with four children, ages 6, 10, 13 and 15 years. The gifts were purchased by members from a "Wish List" prepared by the Family. Gifts included pants, shirts, coats, shoes and various toys including a blue tooth speaker, doll, skateboard and scooter.

Thank you to all who participated in this very worthwhile project, making Christmas for these folks much more joyous than it would have been for them otherwise.

When delivering these gifts to the Hanover Township office, they were so happy to receive all that

was collected by our church. Each family was assigned a number and the gifts were typically placed in large plastic bags each labelled with the Family assigned number. We found out that over 200 families were provided for. It is a wonderful program and we look forward to continue to partner with them to provide for our needy families in the future.

Immanuel can certainly feel very proud of the magnitude of their contribution, including shopping for the gifts, wrapping the gifts and bringing the gifts to church.

Well done, Immanuel, for participating in this great outreach opportunity.

*Lynn Zillmer*

Adopt-A-Family Coordinator



## Game Night Coming!



Want to get out of the house and have some fun with friends? A church Game Night is being planned for January 22, 2022. (Time TBD) For more information, watch your newsletters or contact Bev Bayes or Barb Platter. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## Altar Guild - Bev Bayes

Don't forget the altar flowers when you have a blessing or special occasion or someone you want to honor.

Order forms: Hanging on the office door.

Two vases - \$35 or single rose \$8

Also, we want to remind you these are your flowers and you may take them with you following the service.



*In his heart, a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.*

Prov. 16:9

## January Birthdays

|                  |       |                |       |
|------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Matt Waxler      | 01/01 | Fred Franzen   | 01/06 |
| Maryam Shahbaz   | 01/03 | Anya Guerra    | 01/08 |
| Beverly Bayes    | 01/04 | John Moninger  | 01/22 |
| Colleen Anderson | 01/05 | Al Thilk       | 01/22 |
|                  |       | Rebecca Waxler | 01/31 |



## LOOKING AHEAD



### PLEASE FILL OUT and RETURN 2022 Lenten Service Schedule Survey

The Lay Ministry Board is doing a survey for helping determine your opinion on whether and when the Mid-week Lenten services and times should be scheduled so you can attend as many as convenient. The following options are provided for your consideration:

[Please note the number of people this survey covers by putting a number on the appropriate response line.]

1. Ash Wednesday service in daytime, March 2 @ 12:00pm or 1:pm \_\_\_\_\_ I/We would attend  
\_\_\_\_\_ I/We would not attend

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2. Ash Wednesday service in evening March 2 @ 7:00pm \_\_\_\_\_ I/We would attend  
\_\_\_\_\_ I/We would not attend

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3. Subsequent Lenten Services In daytime @ 12:00pm or 1:00pm \_\_\_\_\_ I/We would attend  
\_\_\_\_\_ I/We would not attend

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4. Subsequent Lenten Services in evening @ 7:00pm \_\_\_\_\_ I/We would attend  
\_\_\_\_\_ I/We would not attend

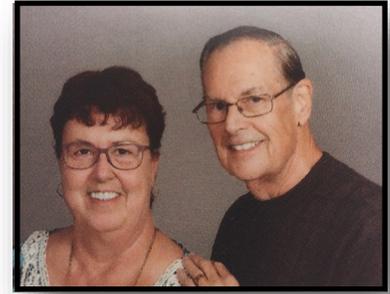
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5. Ash Wednesday Service, no subsequent Lenten Services, but letters sent instead, like Advent now) \_\_\_\_\_ I/We prefer this option

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Please respond by dropping off survey when you attend church, or email/mail in your responses by January 7, 2022. Email address is: [immanuelbartlett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:immanuelbartlett@sbcglobal.net), mail address is on newsletter. Extra copies are in the narthex.

# Our Thanks to The Brinkmans



Bob and Brenda Brinkman, after over 36 years of faithful, active membership here at Immanuel were moving to their retirement home in Southern Missouri, until Bob's untimely death just before they were planning to leave. During their time here at Immanuel, they were both very active and supporting as members helping this congregation continue to function.

Bob started his participation in church functions 35 years ago as a member of the Church Properties Board working with a great group of guys cleaning the church, washing and waxing our tile floors, and planting trees for the much-needed shade.

Soon Bob became the Director of Church Properties. Then he was also responsible for the care of Immanuel's grounds --- cutting the lawns at the church, parsonage, and cemetery. He is thankful for the assistance from several members who took turns with this time-consuming responsibility, but eventually this became a weekly church activity for years. Several years ago, lawn mowing expanded into "property maintenance" which included planting and maintaining flower beds and many bushes, trimming trees and patching driveways. He continued in this Director's position until this year, when John Moninger assumed this Director's responsibility, and now John has taken on the lawn mowing at the parsonage and church property, as well as the buildings maintenance.

Bob and Brenda together were instrumental during the Building Expansion in 1990-1992, Bob in overseeing the contractors and the architect, and Brenda in various Hospitality Committees arranging dinners as part of Immanuel's Forward in Faith Building Expansion Program. Brenda also visited members and gathered commitments for the Building Expansion with members of the Board of Lay Ministry.

Brenda has been a member and past director of Board of Fellowship for over 25 years, participated in Garage Sales, and arranging and working with other members for dinners, potlucks, soup & sandwich dinners during Lent and Advent, funeral luncheons, etc. She has also served as member of Altar Guild over 25 years, preparing the church chancel for the various services throughout the year.

Adding to Bob's previously listed responsibilities, a few years ago, Immanuel's Treasurer moved out of town, leaving the position vacant. Another member then took over the position until his business had grown so he no longer had the time to handle Immanuel's financial matters. Then an accountant friend of Pastor stepped in to handle various responsibilities of paying bills and filing various forms with Federal and State IRS. He started showing Bob various aspects of the Treasurer's position, and since then Bob held this time-consuming position since 2015, paying bills and payroll, making sure we have funds to cover our expenses, and more recently filing tax forms for employees, guest musicians and pastors and related government agencies. His guidance will be sorely missed in this critical responsibility within the congregation.

Bob was involved in resolving many financial issues for Immanuel including arranging various mortgages, also handling the sale of a portion of Immanuel's Church Road cemetery property, and this year arranged for a Paycheck Protection Program (or PPP) forgivable loan made available as government funds authorized during the recent COVID pandemic, which has been used to assist in maintaining the church's financial stability.

In a similar manner, Brenda has also served as Immanuel's Financial Secretary over the past 20 years,

recording contributions and preparing financial statements for members. She will be missed as the guiding hand in maintaining this critical aspect of the church's responsibility.

Bob was also involved in working with the two churches that were seeking a church building in which to hold their church services and functions. This started with Christ the Rock Church in 2013 and it continued until they were able to financially arrange the purchase of their own church building this year. Shortly thereafter we were approached by a sister church of Christ the Rock Church, Asamblea Apostolica Church, with whom we were able to arrange a new relationship just this past fall. Of all these activities, he enjoyed working with his longtime friend and former Immanuel member, Dick Zoellick, the most. They worked together at church for many years, cutting lawns and performing maintenance at the church and cemetery properties including the annual and mid-season maintenance of the Church's lawn tractor and lawnmower.

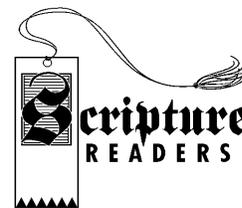
Bob and Brenda were ready to move on with retirement, to enjoy their Missouri home, and life in general with cruises, trips to visit their family, and to spend winter months in Florida. They have left with us wonderful examples of years of service and commitment to this congregation. We will be challenged to fill the voids they are leaving in this congregation. We will always cherish their exemplary service to this congregation through these many years they were active here. We are already missing Bob's guiding hand in our congregation's affairs, and our prayers go with Brenda for God's continuing blessings as she continues down life's pathway. At the present time, Brenda is considering remaining at least part time in the Bartlett area.

# January 2022 Schedules



## Lay Minister Schedule

January 2 - Mike Tellin & Al Thilk  
January 9 - Mike Tellin & Al Thilk  
January 16 - Mike Tellin & Dave Schroeder  
January 23 - Mike Tellin  
January 30 - Brad Kuehn & Al Thilk



## Reader Schedule

January 2 - Sally Hover  
January 9 - Brad Kuehn  
January 16 - Dave Schroeder  
January 23 - Mike Tellin  
January 30 - Al Thilk

***If you would like to volunteer to serve please call the office.***

***If unable to serve when scheduled, please try to find a substitute. Also notify the church office as soon as possible (630 837-1166 or [immanuelbartlett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:immanuelbartlett@sbcglobal.net)) Thank you!***

# January 2022

| Sun   | Mon       | Tue  | Wed       | Thu   | Fri       | Sat   |
|---|-----------|--|-----------|---|-----------|---|
|   |           |  |           |   |           | <i>1</i><br>8:00-10:00 a.m. Church<br>Properties                |
| <i>2</i><br>9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC)<br>10:45 a.m. Bible Class  | <i>3</i>  | <i>4</i>                                     | <i>5</i>  | <i>6</i><br>The Oaks at Bartlett<br>Service 1:30 p.m. | <i>7</i>  | <i>8</i><br>8:00-10:00 a.m. Church<br>Properties                |
| <i>9</i><br>9:30 a.m. Worship Service<br>10:45 a.m. Bible Class       | <i>10</i> | <i>11</i><br>Board of Lay Ministry<br>7 p.m. | <i>12</i> | <i>13</i>   | <i>14</i> | <i>15</i><br>8:00-10:00 a.m. Church<br>Properties               |
| <i>16</i><br>9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC)<br>10:45 a.m. Bible Class | <i>17</i> | <i>18</i><br>Board of Evangelism<br>7 p.m.   | <i>19</i> | <i>20</i>   | <i>21</i> | <i>22</i><br>8:00-10:00 a.m. Church<br>Properties<br>Game Night |
| <i>23</i><br>9:30 a.m. Worship Service<br>10:45 a.m. Bible Class      | <i>24</i> | <i>25</i>                                    | <i>26</i> | <i>27</i>   | <i>28</i> | <i>29</i><br>8:00-10:00 a.m. Church<br>Properties               |
| <i>30</i><br>9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC)<br>10:45 a.m. Bible Class | <i>31</i> |  |           |   |           |   |