



# ImmanuelNews

The newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greeley, Colorado



January, 2012

## Counting Our Blessings

We are people who seem to like to count. Even some of us who are challenged by numbers still like to count certain things. Some of us count the number of calories we take at each meal or every time we eat a cookie. We count carbohydrates as well as fat grams. Then there are fiber, calcium, sodium, and vitamins that we count in order to keep healthy. Did we have enough of this today or too much? We like to count the gifts that we received during Christmas and by the number of gifts sometimes we decide whether it was a blessed Christmas. Have you counted your blessings, not just from Christmas but, for the whole year? Was it a success?

These are some of the blessings I received:

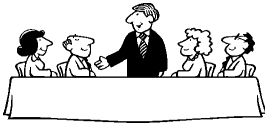
- Good health! I still fight the migraine headaches, sinus problem and arthritis. Sometimes I even fight some high blood pressure. But overall my health is good. So I am thankful for the blessing of good health.
- I count the blessing of two children who are healthy and who have the opportunity to get a good education. I worry about my children's safety, but I thank the Lord that I do not have to worry (as do parents in some parts of the world) that my children won't make it home because they were arrested for just being students or young people.

- I am thankful that there is plenty of food. I and my family do not have to worry whether there will be enough food for today or tomorrow.
- I am thankful that I have a wife who has been by my side during the tough times in my life. The support Pam has given me during all these years is priceless and I consider her a gift from God.
- I am thankful for all for the blessings of life. It is not easy to see and experience the changes that are taking place in my body due to age. But I still see the hand of God in the people I work with, the people I come in contact with, and all the signs that show me that God is in control. Yes, I am blessed by God!

These are just some of the things that I count and I am thankful for. I hope that this year you can take some time to count the blessings you have received, not just this year but in your whole life.

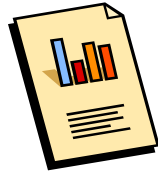
God's blessings!

Pastor Abe



## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Thanked Staff members and Committee members for their time and dedication this year
- Received preliminary budget for 2012
- Accepted report from the Nominating Committee
- Set date of Annual Meeting for January 29, 2012, after worship, potluck dinner to follow



### ANNUAL REPORT

The deadline for submitting items for the Annual Report is Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Please submit your reports to Denise via email to [office@immanlutheran.org](mailto:office@immanlutheran.org), preferably in **Word format**.. Please submit the financial books to the office for the audit.  
If you have any questions,

The January—March edition of *Christ in Our Home* is available to be picked up on the table in the narthex.

### Prayer, Care & Share—Women's Group

A new women's group is taking shape for Immanuel Lutheran Church. We are at present calling this the Prayer, Care, and Share group, and we will be going through various articles and readings to focus the group's discussions.

The next gathering will be on Wednesday, January 11, 2012; meeting at 3:30-6:00 pm at Colleen Anthony's home.

If anyone would like more information or directions to Milliken, please call Colleen Anthony at 970-587-7129.

### Next Committee and Council Meetings

**When:** Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Where:** Fellowship Hall, basement

**Mark this date on your calendar now and join us as we gather to plan and work on activities for Immanuel. The Council will meet following the committee meetings at 7:30 pm.**

The 2012 offering envelopes are available in the back of the church. Do not use them until January 2012.

### MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Janet Johnson  
[jan0745@comcast.net](mailto:jan0745@comcast.net)  
c. 371-3017  
h. 346-0745

Don Peterson  
[doniver@comcast.net](mailto:doniver@comcast.net)  
h. 506-9092

Lisa Stocker  
[lisa.stocker@unco.edu](mailto:lisa.stocker@unco.edu)  
c. 214-9707

Clay Calkins  
[leoclaycalkins@gmail.com](mailto:leoclaycalkins@gmail.com)  
c. (970) 590-5489

John Fuller  
[diannafuller@msn.com](mailto:diannafuller@msn.com)  
h. 353-3829

Paula Powell  
[ppowell76@gmail.com](mailto:ppowell76@gmail.com)  
h. 352-8030

Melanie Hoyland  
[dmhoyland@msn.com](mailto:dmhoyland@msn.com)  
h. 351-7783

### News About Immanuel Members & Friends

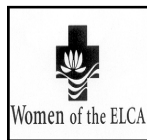
*If you have a new address or phone number or some exciting news you would like to share, contact Denise at 352-3003 or email to [office@immanlutheran.org](mailto:office@immanlutheran.org)*

*"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone . . . "*  
*1 Timothy 2:1*

ASAP Team (Always Say a Prayer)  
 Our ASAP Team will always meet on the 1st Sunday of the month after worship for a time of prayer and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to join.  
 And...if you have any prayer concerns, please call any member of the prayer team. It is our privilege to pray for you.

**PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS:**

- Roma Arithson 330-7984
- Julie Butler 330-5445
- Pastor Abe 352-3003 or 395-0661
- Enrique Llanas 395-0503
- Linda Inselman 506-0305
- Dianna Fuller 356-3829
- Sandy Budde 330-1268
- Mike Wall 371-4502
- Janet Willis 356-6046
- Pam González 395-0661



WELCA Board Meeting

January 7th @ 9:00 am  
 (For all 2011 & 2012 officers)

Love Circle

January 16th @ 7:00 pm

Priscilla/Ruth Circle

January 18th @ 1:30 pm

**FLOWERS**

Love Circle

*Ladies, please call the church office for information regarding meeting times.*

**January Birthdays**

- 1 Feza Kashindi
- Shakuru Kashindi
- 3 Bob Morse
- 6 Patrick Alm
- Grace Morin
- 10 Julie Alm
- John Johnson
- 12 Bill Suhre
- 14 Andrea Mondragon
- Kathy Uhrich
- 16 Toodie Iverson
- 17 Rodger Arithson
- Elmer Bachenberg
- Mason Connick
- 19 Isaiah Broce
- 20 Julie Reimers
- 21 Arlin Sample
- 23 Bob Kuntz
- 25 Barbara Hakanson
- 28 Mona Williams
- 29 Carl Benson
- 31 Judy Kutcher

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the church office so that we can update the records.

**January Anniversaries**

- 1 Jack & Ila Mae Larson



Please join us . . . . .

**Sewing dates for January:**

Tuesday, Jan 3rd & Thursday, Jan 19th  
 from 9:30 am-1:00 pm

\*\*\*\*\*

God Loves YOU  
 Immanuel Lutheran Church  
 Greeley, CO

Is printed on a tag that is sewn into the corner of each quilt that is made by the Sewing Group. The Group has given 50 quilts of different sizes to fundraisers, Greeley Interfaith, the Giving Tree, & baptisms this year. The count doesn't include all the quilts in the layettes sent with Pastor to Nicaragua. Through these purchases & donations WELCA has given \$2,907.01 to the Building Fund this year. We appreciate all your help & you are welcome to join us!  
 Immanuel Sewing Group



**Scrap Happy Workshop**

The next scheduled workshop will be **January 28th** from 10 am- 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Immanuel.

Contact Amy Herold the Thursday before the scheduled date to reserve your space @ 506-9367 or 978-0870 or herold\_amy@hotmail.com

**Thank You!**

The Christmas spirit of caring, love and generosity is alive and well in your Sewing Group. Thank you all very much for your donation of quilts to the layette committee.

Shirley Wheeler





Greeley Area Habitat for Humanity is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Year starting September 24, 2011! In honor of our 25<sup>th</sup> Year we will be building a **Silver Anniversary House**. Help GAHFH build its 90<sup>th</sup> home by supporting our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary build.



**Please be sure the doors to the church are closed and locked when you leave. The doors have been found unlocked several times recently. Please test the door from the outside to be sure it is locked.**

### LECM Volunteers

We are in search of volunteers for the LECM Board.  
If you would be interested in serving, please contact Pastor Abe.

### **See how to turn the corner from charity to justice at Faith Advocacy Day 2012!**

Join others from many different faith communities and be encouraged to keep advocating on behalf of the poor and disenfranchised in Colorado! Our voices together are stronger than our individual voices.

Monday, February 20, 2012 from 9:00 am-2:00 pm at the History Colorado Museum, 1200 Broadway, Denver. Because it is a holiday, street parking is free that day.

Special guest speaker will be Miguel de la Torre from Illiff School of Theology. Hear the legislative priorities for Colorado Council of Churches, Colorado Interfaith Voices for Justice, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-Colorado and Jubilee Ministries. Learn how to engage more members of your faith community to participate.

Registration cost is \$25.00 by Wednesday, February 15, 2012. This includes lunch.

Register online at [www.lam-co.org](http://www.lam-co.org) or mail registration to Lutheran Advocacy Ministry, 455 Sherman Street, Suite 160, Denver, CO 80203.

Phone: (303) 777-6700 or (800) 525-0462

Registration email: [whobbs@reselca.org](mailto:whobbs@reselca.org) website: [www.lam-co.org](http://www.lam-co.org)

Questions: Brad Wood, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry, [bwood@rinselca.org](mailto:bwood@rinselca.org)

# Annual Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 29, 2012 following worship.  
It is important to be there so we have a quorum!

- We will elect Council and Committee Members
- We will be ratifying the Constitutional changes passed last year

Lunch will be served following the meeting with the main dish being provided by the Endowment Foundation Trust Fund. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The nominating committee has completed the process for the 2012 annual meeting. The following people have been asked, and are willing to serve in various positions of leadership.

Church Council: 3 positions needed, all of them 3 years.

1. John Johnson
2. Sarah Hoyland
- 3.

Nominating committee; Two people retained, with 3 new positions.

Retained:

1. Wayne Alm
2. Lisa Stocker

New:

1. Dianna Fuller
2. John Fuller
3. Judy Frank

Audit Committee; One person needed, for a 3 year term

1. Janet Johnson

Endowment Foundation Trust Fund Committee; Two persons needed for 3 year terms, One person needed for a 2 year term.

Three year terms:

1. Janet Crespin
2. Ann Richardson

Two year term:

- 1 Jaqui Larson

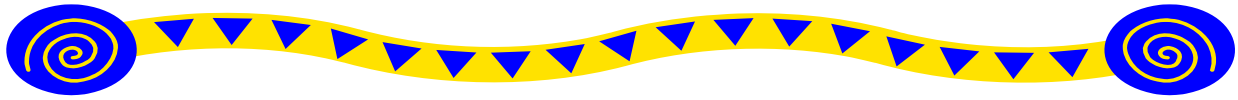
Rocky Mountain Synod Delegates; One female needed for a 1 year term, One male needed for a 2 year term.

Female (one year)

1. Julie Elmquist

Male (two year)

1. Wayne Alm



## **Youth Scoop! January 2012**

### **NEW YEAR'S PARTY and LOCK-IN**

Come one! Come all! The youth group is sponsoring a family friendly New Year's party for the whole congregation and anyone else you want to invite.

When: Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> starting at 7 pm until Sunday morning.

Where: Immanuel church basement. The annex and the Sunday School rooms upstairs will be designated quiet sleeping areas for those who need their beauty rest. Youth will be allowed to stay up only as long as the last willing adult is able to keep their eyes open.

What to bring: snacks to share, games, sleeping bag and pillow, G or PG movies.

What to wear: Choose from either a "pajama party" theme or "ugly holiday sweater" theme. Remember you will be at church – LOL

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**

### **January Youth News**

- **Breakfast Club**

We will resume our "Breakfast Club" gatherings on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Middle school and high school youth meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15 (yes that's 9:15 not 9:30) in the youth room. We share breakfast and spend time hanging out together to share our "bummers and blessings." Come join the fun and bring a friend. For more information contact Pam Gonzalez at 970-395-0661 or 970-405-5262.

- **Fundraising Successes and Thank You's!**

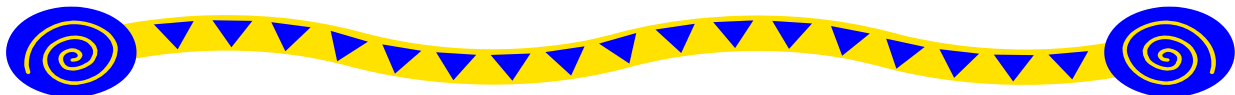
We raised over \$300 in our December cookie sales (even more when we add in Thrivent matching funds J). Big, big thanks go out to everyone who brought in cookies, or got drafted into any of our cookie baking efforts. Thanks also to all who bought up all those yummy cookies. The event was a great success!

- **Wish list**

Do you have any of the following items to donate for our youth area?  
Toaster, microwave, small dorm size refrigerator, games, floor lamps, TV, DVD

#### **For more Info**

Contact Pastor Abe or Pam Gonzalez



## Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry Update

*On behalf of Threshold: a Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry, I would like to wish you a blessed Advent and joyful Christmas. The students at UNC and Aims have completed their week of finals and are back at home with their families for the Holidays. I want to share with you some changes taking place this next semester.*

*Starting January 1, 2012, I will be stepping down as the LECM campus pastor in order to receive a full-time interim position at Our Savior's in Greeley. The board will be meeting with Margy Schmitt Ajer, the Synod liaison, this coming week to plan for the next step. The board will let you know the plan as decisions are made.*

*The future of campus ministry lies in the hands of people who love it and believe this ministry has the power to positively affect the lives of young adults. Changes are coming. Creative, life-giving changes in philosophy, practice and funding can and will allow the Church to continue nurturing young adults for the next hundred years. Please continue to support this ministry with prayer, time and money as we navigate the road ahead.*

*May you follow the Star all the way to Bethlehem.*

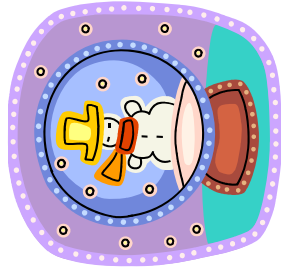
*Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Sarah Moening*




### **PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN/WOMEN**

YN2 Willie B. Suhre  
1130 Oakmoor Ct.  
Halethorpe, MD 21227  
E-mail: [punkfan621@yahoo.com](mailto:punkfan621@yahoo.com)  
Seaman Recruit Lance Kohl

*As information is available, please contact the church office with name and/or address information and where they are stationed.*



# January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30 am-Worship w/communion	2 <b>A HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> Church Office Closed	3 9:30 am-Sewing & Group Lunch 7:00 pm-Executive Committee	4 9-11 am-Pastor's Text Study 7:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal Confirmation	5 6:30 pm-Bible Study @ Mona Williams'	6	7 9:00 am-WELCA Board Meeting
8 9:15 am-Sunday School -Fellowship Time -Forum on Budget 10:30 am-St. Thomas Worship 11:30 am-ASAP	9 7:00 pm-Staff Meeting	10 Annual Meeting Reports Due 6:30 pm-Committees 7:30 pm-Council	11 9-11 am-Pastor's Text Study 3:30-6 pm- Prayer, Care & Share Group- Colleen Anthony's, 7:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal Confirmation	12	13	14
15 9:15 am-Sunday School -Fellowship Time -Book Study 10:30 am-Worship w/communion	16 7:00 pm-Love Circle	17 7:00 pm-Mutual Ministry Meeting	18 9-11 am-Pastor's Text Study 1:30 pm-Priscilla/Ruth Circle 7:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal Confirmation	19 9:30 am-Sewing & Group Lunch	20	21
22 9:15 am-Sunday School -Fellowship Time -Book Study 10:30 am-Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28  10 am-4 pm Scrap Happy Workshop
29 9:15 am-Sunday School -Fellowship Time -Book Study 10:30 am-Worship 11:30 am-Annual Meeting Potluck to Follow	30 1-5 pm Fellowship Hall CDASS Meeting- (Pam González) 7:00 pm-Staff Meeting	31 7:00 pm-Executive Committee	<b>THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE—FORT COLLINS</b>			
		9:00 am-Noon-NCREA meeting (Pat Kennedy)	7:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal Confirmation			

# January 2012

# Thanks to our Volunteers!

## Key Numbers

### PASTOR

José A. "Abé" González

Office (970) 352-3003

Home (970) 395-0661

### SECRETARY

Denise Pollard Stricker

Office (970) 352-3003

Mon-Thu 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Fri 9:00 am-11:00 am

### Congregational Council

President

Mike Wall 330-8280

Vice President

Lelyn Larson 353-3977

Secretary

Julie Elmquist 330-6679

Treasurer

Connie Deines 378-1475

Financial Secretary

Linda Sample 352-6528

Time	What	Communion	St. Thomas	15-Jan	22-Jan	29-Jan
10:30 AM	Ushers	Dave Butler	Fiston Ciza	Roma Arithson	Ron & Cindy Thompson	
		Jeff Butler	Pat Sickles	Joan Chapman	Cheryl Clausen	Pat Sickles
		Gerald Karst	Katy Sickles	David Hoyland	Ann Richardson	Kathy Merkel
			Enrique Llanas	John Johnson	Jim Thomason	Ruth Quade
	PA Tech	Gerald Karst	Pat Sickles	David Hoyland	Ron Thompson	Pat Sickles
	Greeters	Fullers	Karsts	Joan Chapman	Ron & Cindy Thompson	Vera Risk
	Acolyte	Christian Shackley	Patrick Alm	Abigail Herold	Blake Carlson	Gema Padilla
	Cantor	Janet Willis	Pat Kennedy	Mike Wall	Julie Elmquist	Cindy Budde
	Lector	Colleen Anthony	Janet Johnson	Tim Kennedy	Enrique Llanas	Kathy Merkel
Com'n Ass't	Kathy Merkel		Marvin Deines			
Com'n Setup	Sandy Budde		Vi Carlson			
	Cindy Thompson		Dianna Fuller			
Tellers	Marvin & Connie Deines	Janet Johnson & Brenda Turnwall	Kathy Merkel & Shirley Uhrich	Clarence & Vi Carlson Janet Crespin	Kathy Merkel & Shirley Uhrich	
Altar Care	Kathy Rossman	Kathy Rossman	Kathy Rossman	Kathy Rossman	Kathy Rossman	
Nursery	Laurie Llanas	Julie Elmquist	Sarah Hoyland		Jill Broce	
Pew Angel	Dianna Fuller	Dianna Fuller	Dianna Fuller	Dianna Fuller	Dianna Fuller	
Fellowship Hostess	Shirley Uhrich	Pat Rhone	Katy Sickles	Enrique Llanas	Lou Murcek	
Flower Sponsors:						

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## *PURPOSE STATEMENT*

*IMMANUEL IS CALLED TO PROCLAIM THE  
LIFE, DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF  
CHRIST; TO PROVIDE A PLACE AND  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND  
FELLOWSHIP; AND TO BE THE SPIRIT OF  
CHRIST IN THE WORLD.*

We welcome and encourage submissions for our newsletter. Please make all submissions in writing. We prefer that the material be submitted in electronic form, if possible. All material is subject to editing for content, clarity and style, as needed. The deadline for the newsletter is the **15th** of every month.

Please forward your submission by mail to 1865 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Greeley, CO 80631, by fax to 970-352-7096, or by email to [office@immanlutheran.org](mailto:office@immanlutheran.org)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
1865 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Greeley, Colorado 80631

Return Service Requested

**January 2012**