

# *The Globe-Christie Connection*

December 2012 Newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Globe, St. John's Lutheran Church, Christie  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!    (Christian Worship, Hymn 23:1)

As we arrive at the month of December it is good for us to think about the "Holiday Season" as many call it, especially what the holiday (originally "holy day") of Christmas is about. It centers on the birth of Jesus Christ, the world's Savior from sin.

Above is stanza 1 of one of my favorite Advent hymns. Advent is the four week period leading up to the celebration of Jesus' birth. This stanza particularly focuses on our sin, hence our need for a Savior, as well as whom that Savior is.

This verse describes us as "captive Israel." It refers to the fact that we are naturally held captive by sin. It controls us as seen by our many sins. "Captive Israel" implies that we are unable to set ourselves free. That is the "lonely exile" in which we mourn. Sin separates us from God. We are not free to serve God or to love our neighbor as ourselves. We simply love ourselves. We deserve God's eternal wrath and condemnation.

But that captivity and exile end with the appearance of the Son of God. That's the Christmas celebration. The Son of God appeared to take away our sin, to destroy the devil's work, to open heaven to sinners like us.

Christmas is a time to rejoice in the precious truth that Emmanuel has come. Emmanuel is an Old Testament name for the coming Savior. It means, "God with us." Oh, the wonder of it all! God the Son came here in human flesh and blood, lived among us, kept the Law of God for us and paid the price in his body on the cross to buy us back from sin so that we could live with God in heaven forever.

"Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!" Notice the double rejoice. We rejoice once because he did come to save us. We rejoice again because he's coming a second time at the end of the world to take us home to heaven.

Can there be two more beautiful thoughts to focus on in the coming weeks? Not looking forward to the worldly influence of the season, the hustle and bustle, and the stress of the coming weeks? "Rejoice! Rejoice!" Jesus is coming again to take you home to heaven just as surely as he came the first time to make that all possible.

Again I say, Rejoice!  
Pastor John Warmuth

## *2012 Holiday Worship Schedule*

Sunday, December 23, 10:30 am.    Christie Children's Christmas Service.  
Monday, December 24, 7:30 pm.    Globe Children's Christmas Eve Service.  
Monday, December 24, 9:00 pm    Christie Christmas Candlelight Service.  
Tuesday, December 25, 10:00 am.    Combined Christmas Day Service at CHRISTIE.

Monday, December 31, 7:30 pm New Year's Eve Communion Service at Globe.  
 Pastor and Mrs. Warmuth will be out of town visiting family after Christmas. Mr. Andrew Ewald, a senior at our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (married to Greg and Dawn Thoma's daughter, Cassie) will conduct the service on Sunday, December 30 at both congregations. Pastor and Mrs. Warmuth will return on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Immanuel & St. John Websites*

Several members from each congregation have recently remarked how they appreciate going on our website to read or re-read the week's sermon or bulletin. It's easy to do. Just go to the website and click on the date of the sermon and there it is. On Immanuel's site you can even go to the Archives section to get a sermon or bulletin from the past couple of years! Near the top of the home page on each site you can click on *Forward in Christ* tab to read a feature article, or the *Questions and Answers* tab and search for a particular question on your mind. There is a tab for the teenagers, too, and one that take you to the official synod website for all kinds of spiritual information.

*EXTRA!* IF you are not able to get the bulletin or sermon to appear on your computer, you probably need *Adobe Reader* on your computer. It is free. You can get it on our websites by clicking on the *Adobe Reader* icon beneath the Newsletter section on the home page.

*Happy December*



*Birthday*

*Happy Birthday, Immanuel Members!*

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| 1. Robert Ladd    | 6. Adam Wampole     | 14. Lisa Koepp     | 23. Gavin Learman  |
| 3. Frank Donahue  | 8. Pamela Nimmow    | 16. Lana Ormond    | 24. Delilah Seelow |
| 3. Louis Hagedorn | 12. Carson Opelt    | 21. Linda Nielsen  | Todd Shirley       |
| Alicia Schaub     | 13. Lenette Engvold | 22. Tyson McDonald | 29. Gary McDonell  |
| 5. Michael Mitte  | Daniel Schwark      |                    |                    |

*Happy Birthday, St. John's Members!*

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| 4. Milton Garbisch | 24. Amanda Statz | 26. Bradley Boon |
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If anyone's birthday is missed it is because we do not have it in the church records. Please get the information to Pastor Warmuth. Thank you.