



Immanuel Lutheran Church & School
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“What’s Happening”



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The mission of Immanuel Lutheran School is to partner with parents and Immanuel Lutheran Church in providing a quality education that nurtures life-long learners who are rooted in Christ, built in faith, and growing in love.

Worship: Sunday 9:30 am

Deadline to submit newsletter articles: Wednesday at the end of the day

Tune in to 104.1 for drive-in worship service

December 8, 2023

FROM THE DESK OF MR. KOPP

With cold weather back in the forecast, it might be a good time to send out this reminder about snow days. You might be wondering how I know what to do or where to look. We have two main ways to communicate if school or preschool has either closed or will do a 2-hour delay. You can tune into KRCG 13 on your tv or check their website to see if we have closed or delayed. We will also do a robocall to all numbers that we have on file for the school. If your number has changed please contact the school office to update your information. I try to make this decision by 6 am, but sometimes it happens later due to changing conditions.

What is the difference between closing and a 2-hour delay? When we close, we are closed for the day and the school will not offer any services. If we delay, the school will open 2 hours later, but the day will still end at 3. For a 2 hour delay, before school care will open at 9:00 am and lunch still will be served at the same time. The preschool will open its doors at 9:00 am and close at their normal time. Overall, the school day and preschool day run normal, just that we start 2 hours into the day.

What can I do as a parent to prepare? Snow days happen and for the most part they are never convenient. As a parent, please have a plan in place for both situations that could occur. Please make a plan in case we close for the day and another plan if we have a 2-hour delay. There also might be times that we do not close, but you feel the roads are unsafe. As a parent you have the full right to call the school and let us know that your child(ren) will not be in school that day. Also, if you feel the roads are getting bad during the school day you have the right to pull your child before the end of the day. In either case, we will count this as an excused absence.

PREPARING FOR CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, the second Sunday in Advent, we light the “Bethlehem Candle”. This candle symbolizes ‘peace’. This peace is not the kind of peace the world thinks about. It is the peace of God that passes all human understanding. It is the peace that Christ came to bring. It is the peace of which the angels sang. It is the peace that reconciles God and sinner.

Christ came to redeem us. He came to restore fallen Creation. He came to take away our sin and shame. He came to bring peace for us with the Father. This is the comfort the prophet Isaiah was speaking about in today’s Old Testament reading.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICES - DECEMBER 13th

Kindergarten-8th grade will be leading the chapel service at 8:30 am and the evening service at 7:00 pm. Both services will be the same. Invite family and friends to come to the earlier time if possible because the Church can be very full at the 7:00 pm service.

Please have your child report their classroom no earlier than 6:30 pm. If you arrive prior to 6:30, please keep your child with you until then. The service starts at 7:00 pm. Please pick up your child from their classroom after the service.

SCRIP CORNER

Available for a limited time: \$5 and \$10 gift cards – great for stocking stuffers, teachers, and co-workers!

If you are interested in ordering gift cards for Christmas presents, the last order before Christmas will be Friday, December 15th at noon.



THANK YOU

Cookies for the Cause was a great success thanks to each and everyone of you who baked cookies, bought cookies and gave of your time to help. We will be giving The Honor Flight \$1,510.00. God Bless You!

TEAM 56

"I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder." 2 Peter 3:1

Greetings to all this Advent Season!

Thanks to our drivers for the Caroling to the Capitol! What an incredible opportunity to witness Jesus Christ... Born-To Die-To Save!

Such an awesome but busy time of the year! May all of us take time to truly ponder the meaning of this season.

The students and I have been discussing the beauty of the Church Year Calendar and how Blessed we are to journey through the Life of Jesus every year. We as humans certainly need the reminders of what God did in Jesus Christ! Jesus, the Savior of the World, Born - To Die - To Save each of us from sin, death, and the devil!

What a great Bible Verse God inspired Simon Peter to write in that God's Word is sent to us as reminder, including many other reasons!

Olivia Diener *"We have been practicing for our Christmas Program and decorating our classroom for Christmas. We are also gonna do a study of Christmas trees. In Science, we just finished genetics." "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. For today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, He is Christ our Lord." Luke 2:10-11*

Grant Jobe *"6th grade learned negative numbers on a coordinate plane in Math and 5th grade is learning to divide decimals. We learned our Christmas songs and parts for the Christmas Service. In Science we learned energy pyramids. In Reading we are starting a new book."*

Have a Blessed Advent Weekend!

Mrs. Bonnett and the 5&6 grades

THRIVENT MEMBERS - SECURE YOUR \$500 BEFORE IT EXPIRES!

Thrivent 2023 Action Team money will "expire" if not applied for by 12/31/23. The application only takes 5 minutes.

HAVE YOU USED YOUR THRIVENT ACTION TEAM GRANTS THIS YEAR?

ILS PTL is looking for anyone with action team grants available for upcoming fundraising opportunities!

Please contact Kari Schulte, Jamie Sanning, or Beth Diener.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Second quarter chapel offerings will go to *Tomorrow's Teachers and Preachers*.

PART TIME PRESCHOOL AIDE NEEDED

We are looking for a part time aide working about **25-30 hours per week**. They would work from 7am to 1pm Monday through Friday. Duties would involve helping students with playtime and supervising them. It includes working with students directly. Not required to plan lessons, just be able to follow lessons provided by the lead teacher. It would also involve some light sweeping, cleaning tables, and snack time clean up.

LUNCH MENU (All menus subject to change/milk served with all meals/peanut butter & jelly alternative daily)

12/11 Sausage Patty, Tater Tots, Pancakes, Veggie, Warm Apple Slices

12/12 Chicken Noodle Soup, Grilled Cheese, Veggie, Blueberry Fluff

12/13 Cheeseburger Mac, Cheesy Garlic Biscuit, Veggie, Fruit

12/14 Chicken Nuggets, Fries, Veggie, Fruit

12/15 Pork Patty on Bun, Veggie, Fruit

Servants for the Lord					
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Lector	Elders	Finance Team
Dec 10	James Clark Grant Jobe	Craig Schulte Kaden Schulte	Derek Sommerer	Danny Sommerer	Pat & Jane
Dec 17	Dalton Mueller Carson Laughlin	Kelby Doerhoff Troy Bonnett	Josh Allen	Troy Wolken Brad Engelbrecht	Deven, Jason, Aaron
December Altar Guild: Sabrina Beck, Helen and Kristina Siedenburg					

Date	Upcoming Events	Time
12/10	Adult Bible Study - The Commons Mom's Bible Study - Youth Room Children's Sunday School - Meeting first in Kindergarten Room Worship Service/Children's Message	8:15 am 8:15 am 8:15 am 9:30 am
12/11	Men's Bible Study - Jason Propst's firehouse, 4501 Old Ridge Rd.	7:00 pm
12/12	5th Gr. Girls Basketball @ Cole Camp 5th Gr. Boys Basketball @ Cole Camp	5:30 pm 6:30 pm
12/13	Chapel Service (Leader: <i>Pastor Resner</i>) Mid-week Bible Study - Book of Leviticus - Church Basement Scholar Bowl Scrimmage vs. Mary's Home Request Christmas songs to sing before service ILS Children's Advent Service Choir Practice after Service No Women's Bible Study during Advent Season	8:30 am 9:15 am 3:15-5:00 pm 6:30 - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
12/14	Scholar Bowl Practice Varsity Boys Basketball @ St Joseph's Cathedral	3:15-5:00 pm 8:00 am

12/16	Junior High Scholar Bowl Tourney @ Calvary 5th Gr. Boys Basketball @ St Francis Xavier (Taos) 5th Gr. Girls Basketball @ Our Lady of The Lourdes (OLLIS)	8:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm
12/17	Adult Bible Study - The Commons Mom's Bible Study - Youth Room Children's Sunday School - Meeting first in Kindergarten Room Worship Service/Communion Preschool Christmas Service Youth Christmas Party	8:15 am 8:15 am 8:15 am 9:30 am 3:00 pm 3:00-5:00 pm

Mid-Week Bible Study

Mid-Week Bible Study, Wednesday mornings, 9:15 in the Church Basement. We are extremely blessed and thankful to have Pastor Brandt leading us through the book of Leviticus. All are welcome.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study will meet on **Monday, December 11, 2023** at Jason Propst's firehouse, 4501 Old Ridge Rd. The Men's Monday night Bible Study will be viewing a film series entitled "That The World May Know". This is a four part series filmed on site in the Holy Land. Each part is divided into "faith lessons" for discussion purposes. The first two parts are from the Old Testament, and the second two parts are from the New Testament. Part One is entitled "Promised Land". Part Two is entitled "Prophets and Kings". Part Three is entitled "Life and Ministry of the Messiah", and Part Four is entitled "Death and Resurrection of the Messiah".

Mom's Bible Study

If you are looking for a sweet group to make connections with while your child(ren) are in Sunday School each week, this is a perfect opportunity. We connect and share on various issues of motherhood, but more importantly we search the Scripture for guidance on how to raise the children that God has so graciously given us! Our Bible study digs deep into the lives of mothers in the Bible who felt many of the same insecurities, fears, and vulnerabilities that we do. But just like them, we have a Heavenly Father who loves us and promises to guide us with His Word.

Join us each Sunday (and feel free to invite your family and friends) from 8:15-9:15 am in the youth room. If your children are not yet of Sunday School age, we will have Sr. High Youth babysitters available in the preschool room to help babysit.

We will have Mom's Bible Study on Christmas Eve Sunday, but we will NOT have it on New Years Eve Sunday.

Children's Sunday School

Please join us for Sunday School each Sunday. **We have classes for all ages each Sunday from 8:15-9:15 am**
Parents are welcome to attend the Adult Bible Study (commons) or the Mom's Bible Study (youth room) while kids are in Sunday School. We also have several youth group girls who have agreed to babysit those too young for Sunday School in the preschool classroom.

If you are interested in being a blessing to our Jr. and Sr. High Youth age Sunday School class by teaching one or more Sundays next semester, please contact Mandy McDonald at mmcdonald@midmoimmanuel.com. Lessons and supplies are provided. We just need willing hearts. Thank you to all of the wonderful teachers that have helped this semester!

We will have Sunday School on Christmas Eve Sunday, but we will NOT have it on New Years Eve Sunday.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN YOUTH GROUP

Immanuel Students (grades 6-8) are invited to stay after school and pack Christmas candy bags on Tuesday, December 12th, from 3:15-4pm.

Sr. High help is needed at the upcoming Blood Drive from 1-6pm on December 28th. You can sign up for a shift on Band app or via email.

**Please contact Mandy McDonald if you are willing to read or help in any way at the Christmas Eve Service (7pm).
Thank You!**



Youth



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Jr. and Sr. High are invited to join us for a Bible Study, cookies, games, crafts, and a gift exchange.

DECEMBER

SUNDAY

17

3-5 PM

Gift Exchange - Optional
Bring gift for same age and gender- \$15 limit

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH UPCOMING SERVICES



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
SERVICE DURING CHAPEL

December 13
8:30 am

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
SERVICE- EVENING

December 13
7:00 pm

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS
SERVICE

December 17
3:00 pm

ADVENT SERVICE

December 20
7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING
SERVICE

December 24
9:30 am

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT
EVENING SERVICE

December 24
7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE
WITH COMMUNION

December 25
9:30 am



AREA NEWS

ST. THOMAS HOMETOWN HOLIDAY MARKET

Sunday, December 10th

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

St. Thomas the Apostle School Gym

Proceeds to benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School.

For more information contact: Kim Kliegel 573-619-9188

HICKORY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Indoor soccer signups are going on now through December 31 for ages 5-12. You can sign up online at

www.hickoryhillbaptistchurch.com. Contact Steve Hogard at stevehogard@gmail.com or 573-645-2480 with any questions.

CALVARY NEWS

CALVARY INSIDER

What happened at Calvary last week, you ask?

- Pastor Alter led chapel with a message on St. Nicholas.
- CHADS Coalition presented the Lighthouse Award to Mrs. Lieb and Mr. Ahlers on Thursday. This recognizes them as outstanding partners and advocates for mental health and suicide prevention efforts in our community.
- Choir, Band, and Art students shared their talents on Friday to celebrate Christ's birth at our annual Christmas Concert.

LION BASKETBALL

Upcoming games at home:

Fri. 12/15 @6PM – V Girls, V Boys v. Madison

- Free admission to 6th-8th Grade students wearing a school shirt!

Sat. 12/16 @1PM – Varsity Girls v. Rolla Royals

Live stream the games: [twitch.tv/calvarylhs](https://www.twitch.tv/calvarylhs)

Visit calvarylhs.org/calendar/ to view the full calendar!

\$50 EARLY REGISTRATION BONUS

Registration is OPEN for the 2024-2025 school year! Incoming 8th graders and current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students can already register for next year! When you apply or re-register for next school year with your \$100 registration fee before January 2, 2024, you will receive a \$50 credit toward your student's '24-'25 tuition. REGISTER TODAY!

DONATE. SHOP. VOLUNTEER. BREAK.

Only 8 shopping days at Calvary's Gift remain before Christmas! The volunteers will be taking a break for the holidays, so the store will be closed Dec. 24 -Jan 10. Donate your gently-used items. Shop for decorations, gifts, and more. You are also invited to volunteer at the store! This could mean sorting items, handling donations, and ringing up sales. Come see where you can help out in the new year. Call (573) 821-8875.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

To celebrate the Christmas season, Calvary will be out of school from December 19 through January 2. In order to allow our staff to spend time with their families, the office will be closed Dec. 21 through Jan. 1. The office will resume regular hours on January 2.

SAVE THE DATE

Jan. 5-6 Calvary Girls Basketball Tournament

Jan. 11-13 Calvary Archery Tournament

Feb. 2-3 Calvary Boys Basketball Tournament

Feb. 8 *Discover Calvary Day (Visit Day for 7th Graders)*

Angel Tree

We are putting a Christmas tree in Founders Hall and calling it the Angel Tree. The tree is to remember all our loved ones that are celebrating Christmas in heaven and not here with us. Everyone is encouraged to bring an ornament and hang it on the tree in remembrance of that loved one or loved ones that are in heaven celebrating Christmas this year. The ornament can be anything you want to bring. We will also have a three-ring binder next to the tree for you to write down a special Christmas memory or just a description of your loved one. The binder will have page protectors so all you have to do is slide the page into the sleeve. You can hand write it or type. You may also include pictures. Don't worry about space. We will include as many binders as we need.



Christmas can be very difficult when our loved ones are no longer with us for the holidays. Special memories bring tears and pain. Hopefully sharing our memories with each other we can heal and turn those tears back into smiles.

This tree is not just for our church family. It is for anyone in our community that is missing a loved one. If you know such a person, tell them to bring an ornament. We will open the church whenever necessary to do that. My prayer is that every tear is turned into a smile.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

We truly do have to confess,
That we, at Immanuel, are awesomely blessed,
With not ONE, but TWO true servants of God,
To shepherd us, guide and also love - as we trod.

For each of us we would have to say,
God's love was shining down on us from that very first day.
A partnership of such, serving in true humility,
We know for sure, with NO uncertainties.

That God has placed each of you here in this special place,
And we pray God continues to bless you with HIS grace.
Knowing each day is truly a gift,
At times we may say - Come Lord Jesus, swift.


But until that hour, week or day,
Being blessed with you servants, we humbly pray,
That God would continue from above to shower,
Many blessings on your ministries - HIS WORD - being your power.

Written by Virginia Duenckel - December - 2022
In honor of Pastor Resner and Pastor Brandt's birthdays!
December 13th/December 14th

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

We pray that the Lord would move your heart to contribute to one of the following items.
Thank You and God Bless!

1. 2,000.00 Electric Costs per month
2. 7,000.00 Building and Liability Insurance/per quarter
3. 7,500.00 Concordia Plan Health Insurance
4. 1,000.00 Propane Capital Energy/per week/winter
5. 234.00 Waste Removal/per month

<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>	<u>12-03</u>		<u>Finance Team</u>	<u>Date</u>
Sunday School Youth Y'ALL Mom's Bible Study Wed. Bible Study Ladies Bible Study Men's Bible Study Offerings	29 ** ** 10 24 14 ** \$ 10.00	December	Aaron, Jason & Deven Tim & Terry Heather & Rochelle Mary & John Pat & Jane	Dec 17 Dec 24 Dec 31 Jan 07 Dec 10
<u>Church Attendance</u> Sunday - 9:30 am Communion: 200	271			
Church Offering Plate & Envelopes Electronic Total: <i>Avg Offering Goal (as of 7/1/23)</i> <i>Weekly church/school expense total</i>	\$ 9,291.25 1,623.89 10,915.14 <i>\$ 9,814</i> <i>\$14,000</i>	12-mo avg <i>\$9,326.00</i> <i>per week</i>		
DRC Offering <i>Monthly Building Loan Payment</i> <i>Bldg Loan Balance as of 11/1/23</i>	\$ 1,120.00 <i>\$ 4,125</i> <i>\$164,660</i>	December \$ 1,120.00 12-mo avg <i>\$2,752.00</i> <i>per month</i>		

Offering Options Available

We have several eGiving options if you would like to give a one-time or recurring offering electronically:

- 1) Set up an **online donation** from our website: <https://www.midmoimmanuel.com/online-giving>
- 2) Download the **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement** app for your smart-phone and search for "Immanuel Lutheran Church and School" (several churches will display from just "Immanuel", so be sure to type in the full name - there are still at least three on the list that have the same name as us - be sure to select the one with our address - 8231 Tanner Bridge Road). Set up your profile and manage your offerings.
- 3) Text your offering through **Text Giving** by texting a whole number for the offering amount (i.e. "10" for a \$10 gift) to 1-573-267-5706. Follow the link that is replied back.
- 4) Contact Cody Morrow (573-680-2910 or cdymorrow@aol.com) or Jason Sommerer (573-338-2441 or summertime_99@hotmail.com) for assistance and we can set up an **auto-draft from your bank** directly to Immanuel.
- 5) Vanco also offers to accept gifts **over the phone** for our congregation. Vanco's Client Services team will take donations if you call them at 800.675.7430

Please let the office know if any of our members on the prayer list are in need of a call, communion or a visit from Pastor Resner or an Elder.

PRAYER REQUESTS

At Home or Hospital: Quinetta Rutledge, Brennan Schulte, John and Patti Trinklein, John Green, Jane Kesel, Konlee Kempker, Charlie Duenckel, Rebecca Eichelberger, Betty Hoecker, Terri Engelbrecht, Rita Linhardt, Danny Goodman, Dane Steenburgen, Denny Schulte, Ann Shipwash, Megan Limbach, Trevor Burrows, Cheryl Herzog, Clay Rolsing, Sandy Sebastian, Kenny Braun, Verna Mae Menteer, Tim Lafser, Judy Meisel, Roger and Ruth Braun, Susan Hill, David Dziadosz and Jeff Propst.

~praying for you~

Praise God For Answered Prayers: John Mueller

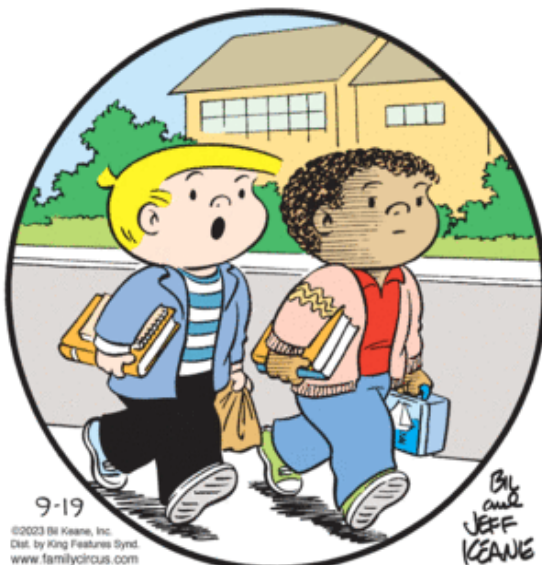
Celebrating Birthdays: Donnie Propst 12-10, Cole Wolken 12-11, Jace Kopp 12-11, Lolly Sommerer 12-11, William Doggett 12-11, Rochelle Lehmann 12-12, Cody Colter 12-13, Pastor Resner 12-13, Pastor Brandt 12-14, Shae Engelbrecht 12-14, Jaclyn Morrow 12-15, Mae Bruce 12-15.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries:

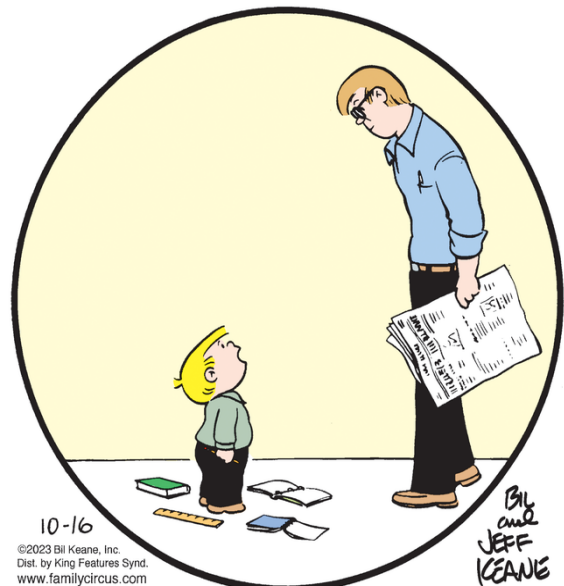
Nursing Home Residents/Shut-Ins: Virginia Meier-Heisinger Bluffs

Military Personnel: Jack Schmoeger, Clare Hart, and A. J. Kempker.

Thought For The Day: *Life is lessons ... Life is troubles ... Learning obedience, may be life's hardest lesson of all. Think about it! Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in obedience to him. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. Psalm 128:1-2 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. Acts 5:29*



"I can't wait till I'm in the eighth grade and know all there is to know."



"Do I have to go to college, Daddy? I'm tired of school already."



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In the Commons
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Thursday, December 28, 2023
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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THE ADVENT WREATH

Year after year, we light the Advent wreath in Church. But do we do this only out of habit or tradition? Did you know that each candle has significance and meaning? And there is a specific order to the lighting of the candles.

The **first candle** is purple or blue and is called the '**Prophet's Candle**'. It signifies **HOPE**. The first Sunday in Advent leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ, but also to celebrate a new beginning - a new Church Year and a new liturgical season. Christ brings *hope* to the world as prophesied by Isaiah's foretelling and Christ's fulfilment of all the Old Testament prophecies.

The **second candle** is also purple or blue and is called the '**Bethlehem Candle**'. It signifies **PEACE**. This candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. Building off the meaning of the Prophecy Candle, Jesus has come to bring peace by reconciling us with God the Father.

The **third candle** is pink or rose colored and is called the '**Shepherd's Candle**'. It signifies **JOY!** As the shepherd's were told by the angel, "I bring you *GOOD NEWS* of great JOY!" The third Sunday in Advent is also known as "Gaudete Sunday", which means rejoice or praise. We, too, like the shepherds, should rejoice for everything we see and hear about Christ.

The **fourth candle** is purple or blue and is called the '**Angel's Candle**'. It signifies **LOVE**. We eagerly await the birth of Christ as God has truly sent us His Love in Christ at Christmas.

The **fifth candle**, placed in the center of the wreath, is white and is called the **Christ Candle**. It signifies the purity and holiness of Christ. On *Christmas Eve*, we will light our candles from the Christ Candle. This signifies that, as Christ is the 'Light of the world', He comes to us and lights our hearts with faith in Him. And as we light our candles, we are reminded to share His love with others.