



## Jesus is...Immanuel

*Matthew 1:23*

*“The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.”*

In 1995 Joan Osborne released the song “One of Us.” Catchy tune. Provocative lyrics. A repeated question: “What if God was one of us...just a slob like one of us?”

I don’t know the songwriter’s intent in asking the question. Was there a searching desire to know the answer? Or was it a commentary on God as he is often portrayed and perceived—a distant god who doesn’t care about the human condition? I don’t know. However, I do know that in the Bible God gives an answer to the song’s question.

God is one of us. Come again? It’s true! God is one of us. In the Bible we are told of a promise God made to become one with the human race: ...they will call him Immanuel—which means, God with us. Those words are spoken of Jesus Christ at the time of his birth. The Bible teaches that Jesus is true God and true man at the same time! This is the mystery and miracle of Christmas. This is the mystery and meaning of the special name for Jesus, Immanuel.

Let that thought sink in during these days around Christmas. God is one of us! Think about it when you’re having a rough day and it seems like nobody cares. Jesus knows and cares because he once lived in our world. In fact, he had it much worse than we do. He was perfectly in-

nocent of all wrongdoing, and yet he suffered humiliation and scorn. He hadn’t hurt anyone or broken a law of God and yet he was sentenced to death.

Jesus died...for no fault of his own. But that’s what he came to do. He was born to die, because our relationship with God is totally messed up otherwise. We have been slobs in the way we’ve lived before God. We deserve his anger for disobeying his commands and living according to our own standards. But Jesus became, not a slob like one of us, but a slob instead of us! He died on the cross in our place. He rose from the dead...in victory.

What if God was one of us? In Christ Jesus he was and truly still is! Through faith in Jesus Christ we have what he came into our world to win—complete forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Look to Immanuel who promises to be your compassionate and powerful companion in this life...and the next!

December 2014





## December Birthdays

Sean Skinner	8-Dec
Kay Reynolds	11-Dec
Tina Milward	17-Dec
Cody Todd	17-Dec
Kala deKalands	18-Dec
Gerlinde McCarty	18-Dec
Michael Eichbrecht	25-Dec
Brian Todd	29-Dec

## December Anniversaries

Sean & Louise Skinner	7-Dec
Rob & Kris Strickland	9-Dec
Marianne & Don Figg	14-Dec
Gerlinde & John McCarty	22-Dec
Jeremy & Nicole Hicks	27-Dec
Jamey & Keera Haukap	29-Dec
Bill & Sherry Kiefer	29-Dec

*Note: Please let Tina know if an error has occurred in the newsletter.*

### **WEDNESDAY MORNING** **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Starts at 10 am, everyone is welcome.  
Please join them.

# Worship

Installation Service for  
Pastor Martin  
will be on December 14th  
at 5:00 pm  
A potluck will follow.



Women's Advent by Candlelight  
December 7th at 6:30 pm

Children's Christmas Service  
December 14th at 10 am

German Christmas Service will  
be on December 21st at 7 pm.

This service will be in the  
German language.  
After the service "German"  
snacks will be served.

Christmas Eve Service  
December 24th at 7 pm

Christmas Day Service  
with Communion  
December 25th at 10 am



### **Sunday School, Adult Bible Study and Confirmation**

Sunday School and Adult  
Bible Study: 11:30am

Sunday Confirmation Class:  
8:30 am in fellowship hall.

# Women of Faith



## WOMEN'S ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT DINNER

WILL BE on Dec 7th at 6 pm  
Invitations are being sent.

### We will be holding a canned food drive for Pastor Martin and his family.

All goods can be left in the back classroom.  
Please see Louise Skinner with any questions

### Potluck December 14 after Installation Service

Meat (Ham & Turkey) for the meal will be provided by WOF, sign up for sides posted by mail boxes.

# Outreach

LIVE NATIVITY  
at FAITH CHURCH  
377 E Lincoln Trail Blvd  
Radcliff, Kentucky  
270-352-4545

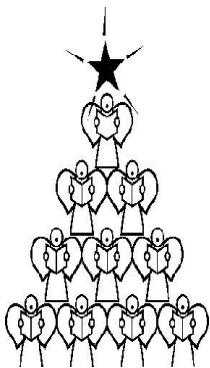
Saturday, Dec 6th  
Presentations begin at  
3 & 4 pm



Snacks & crafts  
Before, between, after

## YOUTH GROUP

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This Christmas, the youth group plans on getting a girl and a boy "angel" off the tree at Walmart and then gift shop for them. We have a jar for donations for anyone who'd like to give some money toward these gifts.

### Our Meeting Schedule

December 21st after bible study  
January 25th after bible study

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ushers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Sign up posted by mail boxes.



"We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard!" (Acts 4:20)



Here is our Twitter address:  
*FaithLutheranKy*



Here is our name for the Facebook home page:  
*Faith Lutheran Church, Radcliff, Kentucky*

Spread the good news of Jesus to family members, friends and neighbors by sharing sermons through our social media sites.



# **Christmas Worship Schedule**

**WOMEN'S ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT  
DECEMBER 7TH AT 6:30 PM**

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE  
DECEMBER 14TH AT 10 AM**

**GERMAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE  
DECEMBER 21ST AT 7 PM  
GERMAN SNACKS AFTERWARD**

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE  
DECEMBER 24TH AT 7PM**

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE  
WITH COMMUNION  
DECEMBER 25TH AT 10AM**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 10 am Women's Bible Study	4	5	6 Live Nativity 3 & 4 pm
7 Women's Advent by Candlelight 6:30 pm 	8	9	10 10 am Women's Bible Study	11	12	13
14 Children's Christmas Service at 10 am  Installation Ser- vice for Pastor Martin at 5 pm Potluck to follow	15	16	17 10 am Women's Bible Study	18	19	20
21 Youth Group Meeting  German Christmas Service 7 pm	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service Pm 7pm	25 Christmas Day Service 10 am 	26	27
28	29	30	31			
<p><i>Sundays: 10 am Worship</i></p> <p><i>Sunday School and Adult Bible Study: 11:30am</i></p> <p><i>Confirmation Class: 8:30 am    Communion Sunday = </i></p>						



# STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

Thank you for your service to our Lord!

A friendly reminder: if you are unable to perform your duties as usher, please find someone to take your place.



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SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Pray for the members of our church family on the day their name is listed.</i>	1 Bonnie Gordon Disch	2 Margie Durall	3 Mike Gina Matthew Morgan Malin Eichbrecht	4 Richard Rose Elliott	5 Ben Sheryl Emerson	6 Earl Anita Enevold
7 <u>Ushers:</u> Michael Rolette, Aaron Tomita, Brian Todd, Ken Wood <u>Counters:</u> Earl Enevold, Brien Grace <u>Attendance:</u> Valerie Erne  <u>Organist:</u> Lynne Hogan	8 Rocco Valerie Erne	9 Deborah Jerry Fangel	10 Marianne Donald Figg	11 Cameron Jennifer Tyler Ford	12 Richard Conny Elizabeth Fullen	13 Inge Gick
14 <u>Ushers:</u> Rocco Erne, Rose Elliott, Scott Milward, Jason Johnson <u>Counters:</u> Ben Emerson, Debbie Fangel <u>Attendance:</u> Earl Enevold <u>Organist:</u> Louise Skinner	15 Brien Marianne Grace	16 Monique Granicki	17 Peter Joan Rosalyn Gurney	18 Jerry Hale	19 Maurice Harris	20 Jamey Keera Nolan Luke Calla Zack Haukap
21 <u>Ushers:</u> Collin Strickland, Nathan Wood, Bill Kiefer, George Dalton <u>Counters:</u> Michael Rowlette, Betty Kimes <u>Attendance:</u> Valerie Erne <u>Organist:</u> Lynne Hogan 	22 Doris Henley	23 Jeremy Nicole Kaylee Piper Hicks	24 Pat Lynne Hogan	25 Jason Mary Natalie Allison Carley Johnson	26 Paul Megan Henry Timothy Kassebaum	27 Bill Sherry Hunter Alexandra Erin Kiefer
28 <u>Ushers:</u> Steven Amling, Malin Eichbrecht, Brien Grace, Ed Tomita <u>Counters:</u> Earl Enevold, Brien Grace <u>Attendance:</u> Earl Enevold <u>Organist:</u> Lynne Hogan	29 Bill Betty Kimes	30 Wilma Lee	31 Malcolm Erika Malcolm Scarlet William Matzdorff			

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