



Welcome

December 14, 2024

Immanuel's Values:

- Loving God and one another
- Intentional faith development and expression
- Active service in the community
- Practicing transformative generosity

We ask prayers of comfort, strength, healing, and thanksgiving for:

(Please let us know when you have a prayer request. You can call the pastor or church office. Your request will be listed for three weeks. Please let us know if you would like to have it listed longer.)

- Rusty Hanson, father of Pastor Dan, thanksgiving for successful surgery. Prayers for healing.
- Nancy & Jim Meyhoefer on the birth of 1st grandchild, Rose Isabel Meyhoefer, on December 7.
- Terrie Falkenstein on the birth of 1st grandchild, Carson Dean Filter, on December 9.
- Sam Krieger, brother of Karen Atkins, back surgery. Prayers for successful surgery.
- Karen, friend of Nancy Meyhoefer, recovering from triple bypass surgery. Prayers for healing
- Becky Carlson, progressive autoimmune diagnosis. Prayers for successful treatment.
- John Clark, surgery 11/29. Prayers for healing.
- Nathan Bochet, grandson of Coleen Morehouse, bladder cancer. Prayers for healing.
- Jordan Brown, granddaughter of Glenn & Sue Keller, papillary thyroid cancer. Prayers for strength, courage and successful surgery.
- Angela Haas battling an aggressive form of cancer. Prayers for healing.
- Peace and comfort for the Savereide family.
- Gary Engler, father of Jolene Engler, receiving new kidney. Prayers for successful surgery and his donor.
- Jerry Steelman, hospice. Prayers for comfort.
- Pat Middeke, prayers for continued healing.
- Laurie Fetterman, mother of Katrina Stern, healing from surgery.
- Nick Eichman, deployed to the Middle East. Prayers for safety for all 550 deployed.

YOUTH CHOIR ANNUAL BAKE SALE December 14 & 15. This is the choirs' only fundraiser for its Spring trip to Duluth! Stop by the Atrium and see what goodies you can take home. The choirs appreciate your support.

CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER Christmas Eve Alone? No time to cook? No family in town? Come Join Sharon Peterson as she hosts a festive Christmas Eve Dinner from 5:30-7:30pm at Immanuel. Sign up at www.immanuel.us/about/register and let us know what you will be preparing. We will contact you once we know how many to plan for.

2025 PLEDGES Your pledges of intended giving help us prepare for budgeted expenses. Pledges can be submitted in the following ways: Return the pledge card mailed to your home or pick up a card at the Welcome Desk in the atrium. Cards can be dropped off in the church office or mailed to us. Or you can pledge online through the Immanuel website www.immanuel.us/about/giving. Thank you for your prayerful, generous pledges to the ministry of Immanuel!

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS Decorate our Sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones. Donate a poinsettia to decorate our church for the Christmas season in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The cost of each poinsettia is \$13. Order online at www.immanuel.us/about/register by **December 15**. Poinsettias may be picked up and taken home after 10:30 worship on Sunday, December 25.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL

Christmas Eve	10:30 a.m.	Children and Family Worship
	3:00 p.m.	Worship with Brass
	5:00 p.m.	Worship with Servant Song
	10:00 p.m.	Worship with Communion and Family Blessing
Christmas Day	10:30 a.m.	Lessons and Carols

DEADLINE FOR YEAR END GIFTS TO IMMANUEL In order for financial gifts to be included on your 2024 giving statement we must receive them no later than 12:00 NOON December 31, 2024. Thank you for your generous gifts to the ministry of Immanuel.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15-21, 2024

Sunday		Children's Choirs Bake Sale-Atrium
	10:00 a.m.	Epiphany Choir-Room H
	10:45 a.m.	Immanuel Brass-Living Room
	11:30 a.m.	Transition Team-Library
Monday	10:00 a.m.	Prayer & Praise-Living Room
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study-Chanhassen Legion
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting-Library
	6:30 p.m.	Ruth Circle-Living Room
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study-Fellowship Hall
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Café-Atrium Dinner: Pasta
	6:00 p.m.	Ascension Choir-Room H
	6:00 p.m.	Praise Ringers-Sanctuary
	5:45 p.m.	Caroling
	7:00 p.m.	Servant Song-Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Reformation Choir-Music Room
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study-Chanhassen Legion
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting-Room H
Friday	4:30 p.m.	Family Christmas Party
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Casual Worship-Sanctuary

HOPS & HOPE Next gathering Monday, December 30, 6pm at Hackamore Brewing. For December we will continue discussing the book *The Sandbox Revolution: Raising Kids for a Just World*. As always, you are more than welcome to join, whether you've read the book or not. (It is also certainly not a requirement to be a parent to join this discussion!). More information at www.immanuel.us/justice/hops-and-hope

PASTOR TRANSITION DIGITAL SURVEY We are utilizing multiple methods to obtain input as part of the Pastor Transition listening process. If you have not already provided input or have thought of additional items, please go to www.immanuel.us/about/transition and complete a brief survey to communicate your hopes, priorities, and concerns about our pastor transition. **Please complete the online survey by December 22.** Thank you for sharing your input!

TRANSITION UPDATES. We have a page on the Immanuel website dedicated to updates on the process for calling a new Senior Pastor, work currently being done, and details on celebrations for Pastor Paul. Check www.immanuel.us/about/transition frequently for updates.

BECOME A PIECEMAKER! Immanuel's Quilt Ministry meets every other Thursday from 9:00am to 1:00pm to assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief and enjoy a light lunch together. New volunteers are always welcome! If you can tie a knot, we need you! Questions? Call Jan Walton at 952-465- 9329. **Our next quilting day is Thursday, December 19.**

WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY. Join us as we begin our next study, *Embracing Joy: A Transformational Study of Habakkuk* by Jean Wilund. In this 8-week Bible study of the tiny book of Habakkuk, you'll dive into the turbulent world of one of the Old Testament prophets—a world not that different from ours today. Journey in faith together as we explore how this ancient prophet brings a message of hope to our lives today. We will begin our study on Wednesday, January 8 and meet weekly 9:30-11. If interested, please contact Jen Johnson at jeninvictoria@hotmail.com or Janell Weum at weumjc@gmail.com. All are welcome.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORKDAY Saturday, January 18 in Prior Lake. Join us to help make the dream of home ownership a reality! Jobs include construction, lunch, and photography. Construction volunteers must be 16 or older. Sign up to help at www.immanuel.us/Justice/habitat-for-humanity.

VOLLEYBALL Winter league at Immanuel - Thursdays in January & February. Sign up to play as an individual, with a friend or as an entire team! It's a great way to get together for some much-needed fun during the winter months! Youth and adults can sign up! Childcare available. Cost is \$20/person. Register no later than December 20 at www.immanuel.us/adults/volleyball

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP Psalm 98:4 "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise." At Immanuel we rejoice having children with us in worship!! Will they always be quiet and well behaved? No, but occasional noise and activity is an important part of the commitment we make at each child's baptism to support their caregivers in faith development and teaching about worship. Thanks be to God for this joyful noise!