



Welcome

November 30, 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.)

- John Clark, surgery 11/29. Prayers for healing.
- Nathan Bochet, grandson of Coleen Morehouse, bladder cancer. Prayers for healing.
- Brown Keller, 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 for those suffering anxiety
- Peace and comfort for the Savereide family.
- Gary Engler, father of Jolene Engler, receiving new kidney. Prayers for successful surgery and his donor.
- All those suffering with serious illnesses. Prayers for comfort and healing.
- MaryBeth Lassman, late-stage kidney disease. Prayers for strength in adjusting to life changes
- For all those that are homeless. Prayers for comfort and shelter in cold weather.
- Shannon, friend of Karen Simpson, diagnosed with breast cancer. Prayers for strength.
- Our new administration. Prayers for wisdom and understanding.
- 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.

Flowers in the church today are given in thanks to God by:

- Rick & Frona ltes in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary.

ANNUAL SMORGASBORD THIS WEEK! THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 –Tickets are for sale in the Atrium. Ticket price is \$35.00.

HOLIDAY GIVING 2024 Bringing joy and financial assistance to those in need will make an incredible difference this holiday season! Details can be found online www.immanuel.us/serve or on the bulletin board across from Fellowship Hall.

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](http://www.immanuel.us/about/register%20by%20December%2015). Poinsettias may be picked up and taken home after 10:30 worship on Sunday, December 25.

BABY SHOWER OPEN HOUSE DECEMBER 8. Help us celebrate the arrival of baby Olaphson with an open house baby shower on Sunday, December 8 from 9:45-10:45am in Luther Hall. Deacon Savannah & Erik will be available for pictures and well wishes, we will enjoy treats and have opportunities to offer blessings as they look forward to baby's arrival in early January! Gifts are optional. You are welcome to bring your own gift or contribute to a cash gift from the congregation (Go to www.immanuel.us/about/baby-shower.) **We will also be collecting diapers in all sizes for our partner ministries in honor of baby!**

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 8.** 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.

ADVENT VESPERS Saturday, December 14. Join us at 5pm for a service of waiting, silence, and mystery through prayers, poems, and familiar carol singing with Chamber singers and instrumental soloists.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 1-7, 2024

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Deck the Halls
	10:00 a.m.	Epiphany Choir-Room H
	10:30 a.m.	Worship-Atrium
	10:45 a.m.	Immanuel Brass-Living Room
	11:30 a.m.	Transition Team Meeting-Library
Monday	10:00 a.m.	Prayer & Praise-Living Room
	6:00 p.m.	Yoga-Luther Hall
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study-Chanhassen Legion
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting-Library
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study-Fellowship Hall
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Café-Atrium Dinner: Sloppy Joes
	5:30 p.m.	Cornerstone Choir-Music Room
	5:45 p.m.	Holy Commotion-Luther Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Ascension Choir-Room H
	6:00 p.m.	Praise Ringers-Sanctuary
	6:15 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation-Fellowship Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation-Luther Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Transition Team-Library
	7:00 p.m.	Cantata Rehearsal-Sanctuary
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study-Chanhassen Legion
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting-Room H
	4:30 p.m.	Smorgasbord-Atrium/Luther Hall
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Be Still Retreat-Mt. Olivet
	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study-Library
	10:15 a.m.	Men Serve at Simpson
	5:00 p.m.	Casual Worship-Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECT Sunday, December 8, 1:00pm at Target (Chanhassen) Thanks to generous donations from congregation members, we have extra funds to purchase Christmas gifts for the upcoming Salem and Redeemer Christmas Stores. Join Deacon Savannah and Grace at the Chanhassen Target to help us go shopping! Each family or group of students will be given a budget and one hour to go pick out gifts for our partner congregation's Christmas Stores. Then, after shopping, we invite you to join us for a hot drink as we talk about what it means to serve during the holiday season. Please register in advance at www.immanuel.us/serve.

PRAYER & PRAISE Monday morning women's Bible study will be using Kate Bowler's Advent Devotional, *The Weary World Rejoices* December 3, 10, & 17. The group meets Mondays 10 – 11:30 am. Questions? Kim Paul at dempauls@comcast.net.

ADVENT CANTATA Sunday, December 8, Vivaldi's *Gloria* will be incorporated into the Advent liturgy at the 9 am worship service. With a professional chamber orchestra, this Baroque music will help us dive deeper into the season.

SERVE AT SALEM Our next Salem Meal will be Tuesday, December 3 from 4-6:30pm. Come join our partners at Salem Lutheran Church in preparing a meal for the N. Minneapolis community! Volunteers will help with food prep and will help with serving meals to-go style from the church parking lot. It's a great chance for fellowship and maybe to learn a new recipe as well!

SALT (Senior Adults) CHRISTMAS PARTY Thursday, December 12, 10:30am at Immanuel. All adults are invited to gather in Fellowship Hall enjoy music, a sing-along and sharing of holiday traditions led by Minister of Music, Kyung Ko, et al. Lunch is included. Suggested donation is \$4 per person. Please register at www.immanuel.us/adults/senior-adults to let us know if you are coming. All are welcome!

YOUTH CHOIR ANNUAL BAKE SALE December 14 & 15. This is the choirs' only fundraiser for its Spring trip to Duluth! You can help by donating baked goods or any kind of homemade snack/munchies. Donated items should be delivered to the kitchen no later than 12 noon on Saturday, December 14 and clearly marked "Choir Bake Sale." Call or text Julie Summer (612-790-2662) or Barb Savereide (612-220-6463) with any questions.

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