



Welcome

December 22, 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.
- 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.

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

- Sara & Mark Bonk celebrating her father who passed away December 5.
- Janis Cameron in memory of Tracy Cameron on her Christmas birthday.

We share the resurrection hope with:

- Sara Bonk and family. Sara's father, Laurie Slocum, passed away December 5.

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!

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!

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.

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 at www.immanuel.us/adults/volleyball

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22-28, 2024

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Epiphany Choir-Room H
	10:45 a.m.	Immanuel Brass-Living Room
Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Christmas Eve Worship-Children/Family Service
	3:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship-Brass
	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship-Servant Song
	10:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship-Communion and Family Blessing
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Christmas Day Worship-Lessons and Carols
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

ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, January 26, 2025. Lunch begins at 11:30am, meeting called to order at 12:00noon

Mark your calendars for this important gathering! Each year we meet to review the past year and look forward to the new. An important part is passing the new annual budget and electing members to the Council Council, Executive, Nominating, & Audit Committees as well as voting on representatives for the Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly in May. We begin with a potluck chili lunch! Watch for information and sign-ups.

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.

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.

SNOW SHOVELERS NEEDED. Sign-up to be on-call for weekend worship. Sign-up the whole family to help only if it snows on your scheduled weekend! Sidewalks at entrances need to be cleared by 4:30pm on Saturdays and by 8:00am on Sundays. Snow blower and shovels are available or you can choose to bring your own. Questions? Contact Mark Arvidson at mlarvid@gmail.com. Sign up at www.immanuel.us/about/register

SOUTHWEST GRIEF COALITION Winter 2025 Living and Growing Through Loss series. Monday, January 13 through February 17 at Family of Christ in Chanhassen. Registration begins at 6:00 pm with a light appetizers & snack until 6:30pm, educational speaker at 6:30 – 7:00pm and small adult group meetings from 7:00 – 8:00pm. Please call the church office and sign up or go online to www.swgriefcoalition.org.

DIAPER SQUAD Donations needed! Support our partner Redeemer Lutheran as they help with a food shelf in their neighborhood. Details are available at www.immanuel.us/serve/index.

COMMUNITY NEEDS TARGET REGISTRY An easy way to help with ongoing needs. Help supply needed items for our Ministry Partners by purchasing from our Target online registry! Items are updated frequently based on needs and current donation drives. Check it out at www.immanuel.us/serve/index.