



Welcome

December 29, 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.)

- Mary Rogness, family member of Pat & Steve, breast cancer. Prayers for healing.
- Marjorie Larson, mother of Jill Patterson, Stage 4 cancer. Prayers for healing.
- 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.
- Jerry Steelman, hospice. Prayers for comfort.
- Pat Middeke, prayers for continued healing.

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

- Tom & Megan Bigelow in honor of Lucy Bigelow's 7th birthday.

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!

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

PRAYER & PRAISE ~ MONDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY. Please join us as we begin our next study on the book of Amos. We will be using two resources – *Notes on Amos* by Dr. Thomas L. Constable and notes provided by Pastor Dan to use as a compendium. We will begin our study on Monday, January 6 and meet weekly from 10:00-10:30am. If interested, please contact Kim Paul at dempauls@comcast.net.

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S STUDY New study begins January 8, 9:30-11:00am. 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. Register at www.immanuel.us/about/register.

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, 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.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 29, 2024-January 4, 2025

Monday	6:00 p.m.	Hops & Hopes-Hackamore Brewery
	6:00 p.m.	Yoga-Luther Hall
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study-Chanhassen Legion
		New Year's Eve-Church Office Closes at Noon
Wednesday		New Year's Day-Church Office Closed
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Quilting-Room H
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study-Library
	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

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.

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.

FAMILY BEACH PARTY Friday, January 31, 2025, 5:30-7:30pm Families are invited to Immanuel for an indoor beach party! Wear your beach clothes and bring a towel. The atrium will be transformed into a tropical paradise with:

- real sand beach and pool
- beach balls
- beach BINGO
- surfing music
- a limbo competition

The Evangelism Committee will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, beans, drinks, and dessert. Register online at www.immanuel.us/about/register for this fun evening!

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

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.