



Welcome

January 12, 2025

Immanuel's Values:

- Loving God and one another
- Active service in the community
- Intentional faith development and expression
- 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.)

- Chuck & Sandy Tebelius, friends of Harriet Johnson, grieving the death of their daughter, Lara. Prayers for comfort.
- Mary Rogness, family member of Pat & Stephen Rogness, breast cancer. Prayers for healing.
- Matt Ropchak, recovering from heart attack. Prayers for recovery and healing.
- Keats family, relatives of Sharon Peterson, multiple health issues. Prayers for healing.
- Jerry Total, Tom Total's father, memory care placement. Prayers for all during this transition.
- Jerry Steelman, hospice. Prayers for comfort.
- Pat Middeke, prayers for continued healing.

We celebrate the baptism of (Sunday, 9:00 a.m.):

- Adin James Anderson born on June 16, 2019 and Henry Fin Anderson born on July 13, 2021, sons of Amy & Jacob Anderson. Their sponsors are Anthony & Kaitlyn Erkel.

A rose has been placed on the altar to celebrate the birth of:

- Viggo Lloyd Olaphson, son of Deacon Savannah and Eric Olaphson. Viggo was born Tuesday, January 7.

We share the resurrection hope with:

- Bev Lohs and family. Bev's mother, Anna Wengner, passed away Saturday, December 28.
- Bob Hendrickson and family, Bob's daughter, Rebecca Dorr, passed away Tuesday, December 31.
- Jill Patterson and family. Jill's mother, Marjorie Larson, passed away Tuesday, December 31.

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!

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! Sign-up to bring chili on the Connect form.

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!

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

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S STUDY, 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.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES! As we prepare for the 2025 Annual Meeting we are looking for volunteers to serve as Delegates to represent Immanuel at the Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly May 2 & 3, 2025. We are also looking for a Council Rep for the Fellowship Committee. Check the box on the Connect form and place in offering plate or visit the REGISTER page of our website.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 12-18, 2025

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Epiphany Choir-Room H
	10:30 a.m.	9 th Grade Stepping Stone-Luther Hall
	10:45 a.m.	Immanuel Brass-Living Room
Monday	10:00 a.m.	Prayer and 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
	4:45 p.m.	Service and Justice Committee-Library
	6:00 p.m.	Executive Committee-Fellowship Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Church Council-Fellowship Hall
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.	Holy Commotion-Luther Hall
	5:45 p.m.	Cornerstone Choir-Music Room
	6:00 p.m.	Ascension Choir-Room H
	6:00 p.m.	Praise Ringers-Library
	6:15 p.m.	9 th Grade Stepping Stone-Luther Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation-Luther Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Adult Education-Luther Hall/Fellowship Hall
	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
	6:00 p.m.	Volleyball-Luther Hall
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Immanuel Book Club-Library
Saturday	12:00 p.m.	Funeral for Becky Dorr with visitation at 10:00 a.m.
	5:00 p.m.	Casual Worship-Sanctuary

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

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.

SUMMER 2025 AT IMMANUEL

- High School Service/Learning Trip (Chicago) – June 15-20
- Camp Wapo Youth Camp – June 15-20
- Camp Wapo Seeds Weekend – June 20-22
- Vacation Bible School – July 7-10
- Family Camp (Black Hills) – July 13-18
- Middle School+ Service/Learning Trip (Duluth) – August 4-8