



Welcome

January 19, 2025

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.)

- Chuck & Sandy Tebelius, friends of Harriet Johnson, grieving the death of their daughter, Lara. Prayers for comfort.
- 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.

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.

WILDFIRE RECOVERY DONATIONS Your donation amplified!* Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwest California Synod, Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs and recovery amid the widespread destruction. Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to accompanying recovering communities for months and years to come.

*Thrivent will provide a \$1 match for every \$2 donated through this online disaster response campaign up to a maximum match of \$500,000. Thrivent will pay up to \$300,000 in online processing fees per calendar year for personal donations made through Thrivent's online giving platform. Donate at <https://thrivent.cotribute.co/events/1091099/detail>

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.

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.

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 JANUARY 19-24, 2025

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Epiphany Choir-Room H
	10:45 a.m.	Immanuel Brass-Living Room
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Opening on Council-Library
Monday	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
	10:00 a.m.	Ruth Circle-Living Room
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study-Fellowship Hall
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Café-Atrium Dinner: Catered Meal
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Service Projects
	6:00 p.m.	Ascension Choir-Room H
	6:00 p.m.	Praise Ringers-Sanctuary
	6:15 p.m.	Adult Education-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
	1:00 p.m.	Theology Over Coffee-Living Room
	6:00 p.m.	Volleyball-Luther Hall
Saturday	5:00 p.m..	Casual Worship-Sanctuary

SALT GROUP (Senior Actively Living Today) January & February events!

- **Thursday January 30, at 1:00pm** Pastor Paul is going to facilitate a discussion on a topic of his choice. We can always count on an interesting discussion with him
- **Thursday February 6, at 10:00am** Come and learn about the Muslim faith and the immigrant experience in Eden Prairie. Zina who immigrated from Tunisia will present on the Muslim Faith. We will also hear from Mohamed, a Somali immigrant. Mayor Ron Case will facilitate a discussion on how immigrants and Muslims are perceived in our Eden Prairie Community. We want to foster understanding with our neighbors who are from another cultures and religions. Lunch and time for questions are included. Cost is a donation.

Please register at www.immanuel.us/adults/senior-adults for both events. 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.

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!

HUMANITY ALLIANCE Monday February 10, 5-7pm to Help prepare food for families in need. The Humanity Alliance prepares and delivers thousands of meals each week to families in need. Adults and youth can come to help prepare food. Volunteers can either carpool (meet at 4:30pm in the Immanuel Parking Lot) or meet at the Humanity Alliance in Victoria (arriving before 5pm). Sign up at www.immanuel.us/serve/humanity-alliance

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

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