



Welcome

January 26, 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.
- Pat Middeke, prayers for peace and comfort.

We share the resurrection hope with:

- Juli Steelman and family. Juli's father, Jerry Steelman, passed away Tuesday, January 21.

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. 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, and Audit Committees and also on representatives for the Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly in May. We begin with a potluck chili lunch



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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>

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.

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.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 26-FEBRUARY 1, 2025

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Epiphany Choir-Room H
	10:10 a.m.	Smorgasbord Meeting-Library
	12:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting with Chili-feed Starting at 11:30 a.m.
Monday	10:00 a.m.	Prayer & Praise-Living Room
	6:00 p.m.	Yoga-Luther Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Hops & Hope-Immanuel Library
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: Pasta
	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-Sanctuary
	6:15 p.m.	Adult Education-Fellowship Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation -Luther 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
	1:00 p.m.	Theology Over Coffee-Living Room
	6:00 p.m.	Volleyball-Luther Hall
Friday	5:30 p.m.	Family Beach Party- Atrium
	5:00 p.m.	Casual Worship-Sanctuary
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study-Room D
	11:00 a.m.	Funeral for Jerry Steelman with visitation at 10:00 a.m.
	5:00 p.m.	Casual Worship-Sanctury

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

LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA. Looking for something to do these cold winter days? If you can do basic sewing, we have something for you. Premade kits are available to make 6 pillowcase dresses each. Pick up a kit in the Atrium. Donations of pillowcases, rickrack, bias tape and thread are also welcome. For more information contact Ilene McCluskey 952-941-8471.

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

CARE TEAM REQUESTS When disruptions come up in your life, we are here to offer prayer and support. For example, if you've received a new or difficult diagnosis, have surgery coming up, a friend or loved one has passed away, or any other of life's challenges, we have volunteers who can offer prayer, meals, rides, visits, and more. To help us better support you, a friend, relative or acquaintance, please submit a Care Team Request at www.immanuel.us/about/care