



Welcome

January 29, 2023

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.)

- Amanda, friend of Becky Liebl, cancer. Prayers for healing and comfort for Amanda's 5-year-old daughter.
- Sonja Zeithamer, mother of Twylla Vickmark, declining health. Prayers for comfort.
- June Gilbert, friend of Harriet Johnson, pancreatic cancer. Prayers for comfort and healing.
- MaryKay Copp, knee replacement surgery. Prayers for healing.
- Earl Ross, stroke. Prayers for continued healing.
- Melissa Larson, brain cancer. Prayers for comfort and successful treatment.
- Leslee Bode, Stage IV cancer. Prayers for comfort and healing.
- Diane Markovich, car accident. Prayers for continued healing.
- Kate Preece, diagnosed with Stage IV melanoma. Prayers for successful treatment and healing.
- Katie Kretchmer Clemence, paraplegic due to a ruptured tumor. Prayers for healing and discernment.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

- **Sunday, February 5, following 9 a.m. service:** Congregational vote on calling Savannah Olaphson as Deacon
- **Sunday, February 19, 9 a.m.:** Savannah's Ordination

SO... WHAT EXACTLY IS A DEACON?? Sunday, February 5, 10:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall. In 2016 the ELCA made the decision to recognize two rostered positions in the church, Ministers of Word and Sacrament (Pastors) and Ministers of Word and Service (Deacons). Yet what exactly is a Deacon and what do they do? Join our soon-to-be Deacon Savannah and learn more about the history of diaconal ministry and the many forms this role takes in our church today.

CALL COMMITTEE FORMED. Immanuel voted to call an Associate Pastor at 25 hours a week at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 22. The Associate Pastor will assume responsibilities for Adult Faith Formation and Fellowship, as well as sharing worship, preaching, and caring ministry duties with Pastor Paul and Deacon Savannah. Please keep this process in your prayers!

ASH WEDNESDAY Journey of Repentance, February 22. At 12 p.m. there will be worship with communion and the imposition of ashes with a light lunch to follow. Volunteers are needed to serve the lunch. Sign up at www.immanuel.us/serve or on the connect form in your bulletin. At 7 p.m. join us for worship with Holden Evening Prayer, communion, and imposition of ashes.

YOUTH! REJOICE! Feb. 25 & 26. Join us for a celebration of Immanuel's youth and a fundraiser for our youth! It is a morning that includes a Pancake Breakfast, Silent Auction and Youth leading worship as we celebrate how Christ is at work in their lives! **Silent Auction Items are now being received:** unique gift items, family or couple-oriented gifts/getaways, specific skills you may be willing to volunteer for a day or weekend, travel points you may be willing to gift to someone else, cash and/or gift cards, or anything you think may generate bidding excitement! More information and how to donate at www.immanuel.us/youth/youth-rejoice

CARING MINISTRY REQUESTS. We have created a Caring Ministry Request Form on our website to keep our caring ministry team updated on any needs you, or your loved ones, might have. If you or someone you know could use extra support (for example, after receiving a new or difficult diagnosis, before an upcoming surgery, when a friend or loved one that has passed away, or any other of life's challenges) please let us know by filling out this form so that we can support and walk with you. Our new Caring Ministry Request form can be found at www.immanuel.us/adults/care

WOMEN'S HIKING TRIP, September 2023. If you're interested in hiking part of the Superior Hiking Trail near Tofte for a couple of days, while staying at an Airbnb, please let us know. www.immanuel.us/adults/women

Schedule for the week of January 29-February 4, 2022

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Epiphany Choir-Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Brass Rehearsal-Room H
	10:30 a.m.	9 th Grade Stepping Stone-Luther Hall
Monday	10:00 a.m.	Prayer and Praise-Living Room
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting-Library
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study-Fellowship Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Wednesday Café-Dinner: Pasta
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Commotion-Luther Hall
	5:45 p.m.	Cornerstone Youth Choir-Music Room
	6:00 p.m.	Praise Ringers-Library
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation-Luther Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation-Fellowship Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Ascension Choir-Room H
	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
	6:15 p.m.	Volleyball-Luther Hall
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study-Library
	5:00 p.m.	Casual Worship-Sanctuary

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: YOU, YOUR FAITH AND THE WORLD-SOCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE ELCA, Wednesdays, Jan. 4 - Feb. 15, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Join an important conversation of our church's social statements that include: Feb. 1, *Abortion*; Feb. 8, *Caring for Creation*; Feb. 15, *Race, Culture and Ethnicity*.

HOPS & HOPE February 21, 6:30 p.m., Boom Island Brewery. We will be reading and discussing, *The Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East*, by Sandy Tolan. All are welcome! More info at www.immanuel.us/justice/hops-and-hope

WEDNESDAY CAFÉ Supper is served 5 - 6:15 p.m. Cost: \$5/adult, \$2.50/child. If this cost is a burden to you or your family, please accept it as a gift, gladly given. The menu can be found online: www.immanuel.us/adults/wednesday-menu. Dinner this week is pasta

CAMP WAPO REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Youth Camp: June 18 – 23; Seeds Weekend: June 23 – 25. For more information go to www.immanuel.us/children/camp-wapo.

FAMILY CAMP July 27 - 29 (Thursday - Saturday) Families are invited to join us for fun connecting with other families at Cleary Lake (Three Rivers Park District), Prior Lake, campground. For more information or to register go to www.immanuel.us/children/family-camping.

THANK YOU to those who have already submitted their pledge/estimate of giving toward our Annual Operating Budget for 2023! This really helps with our 2023 budget planning! If you have not yet pledged, please either return your pledge card to the church office or submit your pledge online at www.immanuel.us/about/pledge.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- **DIAPER SQUAD.** Support our partner Redeemer Lutheran as they help with a food shelf in their neighborhood. Donations of diapers, baby wipes and sanitary pads are needed - these items are in high demand for families accessing food shelves. Sign up online to donate or deliver diapers at www.immanuel.us/Serve.
- **SNOW SHOVELERS NEEDED.** Sign up to shovel snow on 3 or 4 weekends a season and serve our faith community! Snow blower provided! Contact marykay@immanuel.us
- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Saturday, February 25** in Chaska. We need volunteers for the construction team, to bring lunch or take photos. No experience required. Minimum age 16 for construction volunteers. Sign up with Ruth Lunde at lundeworld@yahoo.com or Lynn Swanson at 952-974-1689.

SALT (Seniors) HEALING TOUCH, Thursday, Feb. 23, 10 a.m. Shelley Germundson, an Immanuel member, will unpack what healing is Biblically, historically, and currently, and help you explore what healing is and how you might be a healing presence. More information and sign-up at <https://www.immanuel.us/adults/senior-adults>