



# Welcome

January 5, 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.)

- Matt Ropchak, cardiac issues. 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.
- Mary Rogness, family member of Pat & Steve, breast cancer. Prayers for healing.
- Jerry Steelman, hospice. Prayers for comfort.
- Pat Middeke, prayers for continued healing.

### We share the resurrection hope with:

- Bev Lohs and family. Bev's mother, Anna Wagner, 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!

**UN-DECK THE HALLS** Help us UNdeck the Halls THIS Sunday, January 5, after each service! With several people we can have everything packed up quickly. Bring gloves if you are able to help remove the trees from the sanctuary after the 10:30am service. Thanks!

**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](http://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. 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.immanuel.us/about/transition) frequently for updates.

**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](http://www.swgriefcoalition.org).

### SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5-11, 2025

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Epiphany Choir-Room H
	10:45 a.m.	Immanuel Brass-Living Room
	11:30 a.m.	Transition Team-Library
Monday	10:00 a.m.	Prayer & 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
	4:30 p.m.	Executive Committee-Library
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study-Fellowship Hall
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Café-Atrium <b>Dinner: Pizza</b>
	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 <sup>th</sup> Grade Stepping Stone-Luther Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation-Luther Hall
	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
	6:00 p.m.	Volleyball-Luther Hall
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Casual Worship-Sanctuary

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto:mlarvid@gmail.com). Sign up at [www.immanuel.us/about/register](http://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](http://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](http://www.immanuel.us/serve/index).

**SMORGASBORD THANK YOU. Tack, Gracias, Danke...**no matter how you say it, **thank you** to everyone who contributed to Immanuel's successful smorgasbord! Your presence, your food preparation/ festive baking contributions, your musical talents, the dedication of the Smorgasbord committee, those who decorated (inside & out), those who prepared Lutefisk, the service of our youth workers, and all those who worked behind the scenes made this an enjoyable and memorable event. From this year's proceeds the youth workers received funds in their "Immanuel Account" to offset expenses for their service ministries, and both Youth Choirs received funds to offset expenses for their upcoming choir performance in Duluth. Immanuel's Smorgasbord is your event. If you have recommendations for next year, please text Bev Lohs (612-322-2648) or Kari Total (952-836-4484). Until then...we wish you continued Hope, Peace, Joy & Love in the new year!

**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](http://www.immanuel.us/about/care)