



# Welcome

November 24, 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.)

- All those suffering with serious illnesses. Prayers for comfort and healing.
- MaryBeth Lassman, late-stage kidney disease. Prayers for strength in adjusting to life changes
- For all those that are homeless. Prayers for comfort and shelter in cold weather.
- Shannon, friend of Karen Simpson diagnosed with breast cancer. Prayers for strength.
- Our new administration. Prayers for wisdom and understanding.
- Tara Demmer, friend of Judy Miller, cancer surgery. Prayers for successful surgery.
- Jerry Steelman, hospice. Prayers for comfort.
- Pat Middeke, prayers for continued healing.
- Laurie Fetterman, mother of Katrina Stern, healing from surgery.
- Nick Eichman, deployed to the Middle East. Prayers for safety for all 550 deployed.

## We share the resurrection hope with:

- Paul & Barb Savereide and family. Paul & Barb's son, Erik, passed away last week. Please keep Paul, Barb & Laura in your prayers.
- Randy Stengel and family. Randy's mother, Doris Stengel, passed away November 8. Her service will be in Brainard.

## 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 SMORGASBORD DECEMBER 5 – TICKETS NOW ON SALE!** Tickets will be available for sale in the Atrium on Sundays & Wednesdays. Ticket prices are \$35.00 or \$20.00 if you bring a traditional dish to share.

**HOLIDAY GIVING 2024** Bringing joy and financial assistance to those in need will make an incredible difference this holiday season! Details can be found online [www.immanuel.us/serve](http://www.immanuel.us/serve) or on the bulletin board across from Fellowship Hall.

**HOPS & HOPE Next gathering Monday, November 25, 6pm at Hackamore Brewing.** For November we will be reading and discussing Ch.1-8 of the book *The Sandbox Revolution: Raising Kids for a Just World*. As always, you are more than welcome to join, whether you've read the book or not. (It is also certainly not a requirement to be a parent to join this discussion!). More information at [www.immanuel.us/justice/hops-and-hope](http://www.immanuel.us/justice/hops-and-hope)

**THANKSGIVING EVE PIE FELLOWSHIP Pie donations needed.** One of our favorite annual traditions is pie fellowship following Thanksgiving Eve worship. This year we gather at **7:00pm on Wednesday, November 27** to give thanks for all of our blessings and bring forward our non-perishable gifts for PROP. Sign-up to donate a pie for our celebration following worship at [www.immanuel.us/About/thanksgiving](http://www.immanuel.us/About/thanksgiving). Please have donations to Immanuel NO LATER than 6:30pm.

**THANKSGIVING FAMILY CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA.** People of all ages (children - adult) are invited to join in our intergenerational Thanksgiving Choir and Orchestra. Music will be available in advance, and we'll have a short rehearsal right before the worship service (6:15 p.m.) Contact Kyung Ko, Minister of Worship & Music, at [kyung@immanuel.us](mailto:kyung@immanuel.us) for information.

**DECK THE HALLS DECEMBER 1, 10:00am.** Following our 9:00am service, we will join together to decorate the church for the Advent Season. Join us for carols, treats, crafts and decorating followed by a short Advent service in the atrium.

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS Decorate our Sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones.** Donate a poinsettia to decorate our church for the Christmas season in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The cost of each poinsettia is \$13. Order online at [www.immanuel.us/about/register-by-December-15](http://www.immanuel.us/about/register-by-December-15). Poinsettias may be picked up and taken home after 10:30 worship on Sunday, December 29.

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24-30, 2024

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Stewardship Breakfast-Luther Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Epiphany Choir-Room H
	10:45 a.m.	Immanuel Brass-Living Room
Monday	10:00 a.m.	Prayer & Praise-Living Room
	6:00 p.m.	Yoga-Luther Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Hops & Hope-Hackamore Brewery
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study-Chanhassen Legion
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting-Library
	2:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee-Library
Wednesday	6:20 p.m.	Thanksgiving Family Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Worship-Sanctuary
	8:00 p.m.	Pie Social-Atrium
Thursday		Church Office Closed – <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>
Friday		Church Office Closed
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Casual Worship-Sanctuary

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECT Sunday, December 8, 1:00pm at Target (Chanhassen)** Thanks to generous donations from congregation members, we have extra funds to purchase Christmas gifts for the upcoming Salem and Redeemer Christmas Stores and we need your help. Join Deacon Savannah and Grace at the Chanhassen Target to help us go shopping! Each family or group of students will be given a budget and one hour to go pick out gifts for our partner congregation's Christmas Stores. Then, after shopping, we invite you to join us for a hot drink at Starbucks as we talk about what it means to serve during the holiday season. Please register in advance at [www.immanuel.us/serve](http://www.immanuel.us/serve).

**PASTOR TRANSITION DIGITAL SURVEY** We are utilizing multiple methods to obtain input as part of the Pastor Transition listening process. If you have not already provided input or have thought of additional items, please go to [www.immanuel.us/about/transition](http://www.immanuel.us/about/transition) and complete a brief survey to communicate your hopes, priorities, and concerns about our pastor transition. **Please complete the online survey by December 8.** Thank you for sharing your input!

**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.

**PRAYER & PRAISE Monday morning women's Bible study** will be using Kate Bowler's Advent Devotional, *The Weary World Rejoices* December 3, 10, & 17. The group meets Mondays 10 – 11:30 am. Questions? Kim Paul at [dempauls@comcast.net](mailto:dempauls@comcast.net).

**ADVENT CANTATA Sunday, December 8,** Vivaldi's *Gloria* will be incorporated into the Advent liturgy at the 9 am worship service. With a professional chamber orchestra, this Baroque music will help us dive deeper into the season.

**ADVENT VESPERS Saturday, December 14.** Join us at 5pm for a service of waiting, silence, and mystery through prayers, poems, and familiar carol singings with Chamber singers and instrumental soloists.

**SERVE AT SALEM** Our next Salem Meal will be Tuesday, December 3 from 4-6:30pm. Come join our partners at Salem Lutheran Church in preparing a meal for the N. Minneapolis community! Volunteers will help with food prep and will help with serving meals to-go style from the church parking lot. It's a great chance for fellowship and maybe to learn a new recipe as well!

**SALT (Senior Adults) CHRISTMAS PARTY Thursday, December 12, 10:30am at Immanuel.** All adults are invited to gather in Fellowship Hall enjoy music, a sing-along and sharing of holiday traditions led by Minister of Music, Kyung Ko, et al. Lunch is included. Suggested donation is \$4 per person. Please register at [www.immanuel.us/adults/senior-adults](http://www.immanuel.us/adults/senior-adults) to let us know if you are coming. All are welcome!

**YOUTH CHOIR ANNUAL BAKE SALE December 14 & 15.** This is the choirs' only fundraiser for its Spring trip to Duluth! You can help by donating baked goods or any kind of homemade snack/munchies. Donated items should be delivered to the kitchen no later than 12 noon on Saturday, December 14 and clearly marked "Choir Bake Sale." Call or text Julie Summer (612-790-2662) or Barb Savereide (612-220-6463) with any questions.

**COAT DRIVE UPDATE A record collection!** Thank you, Immanuel, for your amazing generosity which enabled us to break all previous coat/warmth records for donations. Donations included 325 coats (181 coats last year) 250 pairs of new, warm socks, hats, gloves, fleece, hoodies, many other items of warmth. Also, a special thank you also to Park Nicollet Hospice & Eden Prairie Noon Rotary for their donations. Joshua, the driver who picked up the donations, said "God Bless you for helping people in need."