

Schedule for the week of December 1-7, 2019. (A complete listing of meetings/events is posted by the church office door. Please check this listing to verify in which room your meeting/event is. Due to conflicting requests, you may not be assigned the room you requested.)

Monday	10:00 a.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Prayer & Praise-Library Holy Commotion-Luther Hall Onward EP Board Meeting-Library
Tuesday	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study-Panera Bread in Eden Prairie Staff Meeting-Library Yoga-Luther Hall
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	Women's Bible Study-Living Room Wednesday @ Immanuel Dinner: Tacos Advent Worship-Fellowship Hall Backpacking Info Meeting-Library
Thursday	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study-Bakers Square Quilting-Room H Smorgasbord
Friday	5:00 p.m.	Toys for Tots/KARE-11
Saturday	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study-Library Casual Worship-Fellowship Hall



Welcome

December 1 & 2, 2019

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 write it on your gold sheet. Your request will be listed for three weeks. Please let us know if you would like to have it listed longer.)

- Ann Harris, back surgery 11/19. Prayers for healing.
- Lorinne Mikelson, at Masonic Home with knee injury. Prayers for comfort and healing.
- Barry Pratt, brother of Paula Wyman, serious staph infection. Prayers for healing.
- Vicki, sister of Paul Demmer, terminal brain cancer. Prayers for comfort.
- Mary Shurson, continued issues with vertigo. Prayers for healing.
- Barb Sims, rehab. Prayers for continued healing and comfort.
- Walleye Dan Eigen, son of Ike & Barb, multiple myeloma. Prayers for comfort and successful treatment.
- Heather Lindholm, daughter of Roxanne Kloskowski, return of cancer. Prayers for successful treatment and outcome.
- Renee Elgethun, pancreatic cancer. Prayers for comfort, strength and healing.
- Steve Evangelista, cancer. Prayers for strength and healing.
- All seeking employment. Prayers that they find fulfilling and meaningful work.

Flowers in the church today are given in thanks to God by:

- John & Jennifer Urbanski in honor of Isaac's baptismal birthday.

We share the resurrection hope with:

- Janet Sailer & family. Janet's brother, Richard Wheeler, passed away on Friday, November 22. His service was Tuesday, November 26 in Barnsville, MN.

Wednesday Café Dinner. Join us for dinner starting at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be Tacos with all the fixings. Cost for dinner is \$4 for adults, \$2.50 for kids; 3 and under eat free.

Worship on Wednesday this Advent. December 4 & 11, 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Inter-generational and family-friendly worship with Holden Evening Prayer in Fellowship Hall. **December 18, 6:15 – 7 p.m.,** A Traveler's Christmas in Luther Hall especially for those who will be traveling away from Immanuel over Christmas.

Advent Experiment: Try out a new personal or family faith habit for the season of Advent, pausing for 5 minutes, 10 minutes, or more, each day in Advent (Dec. 1-24) to encounter God. We have lots of options, ideas and suggestions online - www.immanuel.us/adults/advent-experiment - so you can pick and choose what works for you or your family. You can also sign up to receive Advent Experiment emails (1 intro email and then 4 emails) arriving in your inbox each Saturday. To sign up you can text: **ADVENT2019** to **22828**.

Backpacking Interest & Information Meeting, Wednesday, December 4, 7:45 p.m. Take a ride across Dakota to the Bighorn Mountains of Wyoming, laugh with friends, enjoy Solitude, take a shower in a mountain waterfall, sing around campfires, sleep under the stars, commune with God. Hike, work, cook, play and pray together, and take part in the best adventure of all, friendship grounded in faith. July 18 – 25. Come and learn about this amazing trip! More info online: www.immanuel.us/youth/backpacking.

Ascension Choir Bake Sale December 14 & 15. The annual Ascension Choir (3rd-6th grade) Bake Sale is coming soon and donations are appreciated! This is the choir's only fundraiser for its spring trip to Duluth, so please help to make this a success! You can help by donating baked goods or any kind of homemade snack/munchies. The bake sale will take place before and after services on Saturday, December 14 and Sunday, December 15. Donated items should be delivered to the kitchen no later than 12 Noon on Saturday, December 14 and clearly marked "Ascension Choir Bake Sale." Call or text Tom Getchius with any questions: 612-205-2125.

Assisting Today

	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Sunday 9:15 a.m.	Sunday 10:45 a.m.
Acolytes		Gus Freeland	Claire Fairbanks Siri Kotonias	Jillian Figg Aiden Moroney
Greeters		Garry & Tina Housker	Hayley & Steve Tang & family Judy Miller	Jim & Sandra Davis
Ushers		Brian Vik Brad Kingsley	Cindy Vavra John Dockter	Peggy & Earl Smith
Lectors		Bev Lohs	Gay Ludvig	Sandra Davis
Communion		Garry & Tina Housker	Kathryn Bonine Tammy Vergeront	Sandra Davis Becky Liebl
Nursery			Hayley Tang	
Welcome Center		Carol Swanson		
Altar Guild	Sally Olson/Shirley Truempi/Spike Sarles/Julie Taylor/Terri Tomlinson			
Counters	Mark Arvidson/Bill Maes			
Coffee	Jennifer & Glenn Andis/Laura Erickson			
Treats	Meredith Holm/Vickie Eichman/Stephanie Vik			

Wednesday @ Immanuel Schedule:

- 5:00-6:00 p.m. Dinner – Atrium
- 5:30-6:10 p.m. Cornerstone Choir (Grades 7-12) – Music Room
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. Praise Ringers – Library
- 6:15-7:00 p.m. Ascension Choir (Grades 3-6) – Music Room; Epiphany Choir (grades K-2) – Room H
- 6:15-7:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation – Fellowship Hall
- 6:15-7:45 p.m. Confirmation – Luther Hall
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. Servant Song-Sanctuary
- 7:30-9:00 p.m. Reformation Choir (Adult) – Music Room

Worship schedule

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

SERVICE MINISTRY

Everyday Generosity Serving Opportunities (sign up at immanuel.us/serve):

- Friday, December 13 – 2:45-6:00 p.m. – Cornerstone. Help kids choose and wrap gifts for their family.
- Saturday, December 14 – 9:00 a.m. to noon – Redeemer. Help kids decorate cookies at the Community Christmas Event.
- Saturday, December 21 – 8:30-11:30 a.m. – Salem Lutheran. Help kids choose and wrap gifts for their family.

Fair Trade Items, including coffee and chocolate, are available for purchase today. Purchasing Fairly Traded items means that the artisans and growers receive a fair wage for their labor. *New this year* – do your fair trade shopping online using our unique link to SERRV: www.serrv.org/?a=ILCFairTrade

Make a Gift to ELCA World Hunger and give the gift of hope to someone this year! Choose a project to support by choosing an ornament off of the tree and making a donation at the Registration Desk.

Anna’s Craft Sale – Thank you to all crafters, shoppers and donors who made the Craft Sale a success! A record \$2746 was raised and will be given to the Families Moving Forward Program to help people out of homelessness. This brings the five-year total to \$10,000.

Everyday Generosity Giving Opportunities:

- \$30 Target Gift cards – for PROP’s Holiday Gift Program. Due December 1
- Sponsors for Youth at LSS’s Rezek House (\$75-100) – wish lists now available. Contact Jennifer Johnson jeninvictoria@hotmail.com
- \$5-7 gifts for all ages for Christmas events at Cornerstone, Redeemer and Salem Lutheran Churches (See bulletin board for details)
- Christmas Wrapping supplies (especially gift bags and tissue!) for Christmas Events

Men’s Serve at Simpson December 7. Men of Immanuel are invited to prepare, serve and clean up breakfast for about 50 people at Simpson Shelter in Minneapolis on Saturday December 7. Meet at Immanuel at 5:30 a.m. to carpool, return by 9:30 a.m. Contact kim@immanuel.us to volunteer.

14th Annual Coat Drive for Loaves & Fishes: Project Warmth. “The person who has two coats must share with the one who doesn't have any.” ~ Luke 3:11 .We are collecting new/gently used coats, hoodies, all items of warmth, including boots, sleeping bags and NEW long underwear. Monetary donations also accepted. (checks made out to Immanuel, Coat Drive in memo.) Questions? Jackie Terauds 612-201-1199. **December 8 is the final day for donations.**

Habitat for Humanity Volunteers needed for Saturday, December 7. Could you help on Saturday, December 7 at a Habitat house in Bloomington? Volunteers needed for the construction team, to bring food, take photos, or make phone calls. No experience required. Minimum age 16 for construction volunteers. Not only do we build a home, we build community, putting our faith into action. To sign up, contact Ruth Lunde at lundeworld@yahoo.com or Lynn Swanson at 952-974-1689.

ADULT MINISTRY

Advent/Christmas Smorgasbord, Thursday, December 5, 6:15 to 9:00 p.m. Tickets now available at the Registration Desk or weekdays in the church office.

Winter League Volleyball January 9-February 27. Come play volleyball in Luther Hall this winter. Teams are co-ed and there is a \$10 registration fee. Childcare is available with one-week advanced notice. Sign up as a team or as an individual at www.immanuel.us by December 18. For more information contact Paul Erdmann at paule@immanuel.us.

Women's Retreat 2020. The 2020 Women's Retreat is just around the corner on January 18, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Arboretum in Chaska. Dr. Terri Elton, an associate professor at Luther Seminary, will be speaking on “Developing Spiritual Intelligence.” Tickets go on sale December 10 and are \$40/person which includes entrance fee and a light lunch. Scholarships are available by contacting MaryKay Copp in the church office. This would make a great Christmas gift for that woman in your life. For more information contact Bev Osekowsky @ 952-934-5824 or @comcast.net.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday School Child-Led Advent Worship

9:15 a.m. – December 8

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

10:30 a.m. – Children & Family Service

2:00 p.m. – Traditional

4:00 p.m. – Traditional

5:30 p.m. – Contemporary

10:00 p.m. – Family Blessing with Holy Communion

Christmas Day

10:30 a.m. – Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion

There will be no Saturday Evening Worship on December 28.