

**Schedule for the week of December 8-14, 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.)

<b>Sunday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Immanuel Brass-Living Room
<b>Monday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Prayer & Praise-Offsite
	6:45 p.m.	Holy Commotion-Luther Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry-Room H
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study-Panera Bread in Eden Prairie
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting-Library
	5:45 p.m.	Executive Committee-Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council-Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Yoga-Luther Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study-Living Room
	5:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Wednesday @ Immanuel Dinner: Hamburgers & Fries
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Caroling/Christmas Party
	6:15 p.m.	Advent Worship-Fellowship Hall
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study-Bakers Square
	7:00 p.m.	Jayne Meyer Memorial Service with visitation at 5:00-Atrium/Sanctuary
<b>Saturday</b>	12:00 p.m.	Ascension Choir Bake Sale Prep-Kitchen/Atrium
	5:00 p.m.	Casual Worship-Fellowship Hall

**Assisting Today**

	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Sunday 9:15 a.m.	Sunday 10:45 a.m.
<b>Acolytes</b>		Caroline Larsen	Maddie Fouks Adam Rickman	Belle Greep Kamyra Hernandez
<b>Greeters</b>		Nancy Lenhart	Sharon Peterson	Rich & Sandy Strosahl
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Vickmark	Brian Vik Al Olson	Andy Vergeront Mark Arvidson	Tom Brown Karilyn Jons
<b>Lectors</b>		Ruth Lunde		Paula Wyman
<b>Communion</b>	Twylla Vickmark			Monte & Jennifer Johnson
<b>Nursery</b>			Amber Rogotzke	
<b>Welcome Center</b>		Doris Nelsen		
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Susan Clarke/Julie Taylor			
<b>Counters</b>	Steven Jons/Renae Dennison			
<b>Coffee</b>	Darla Nemeč/Bill & Lesley Greep			
<b>Treats</b>	Darla Nemeč/Stephanie Vik/Barb Eigen			

**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.



# Welcome

December 7 & 8, 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, recovering from back surgery. Prayers for healing.
- Mary Shurson, continued issues with vertigo. Prayers for healing.
- Barb Sims. 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.

**Many opportunities available to donate altar flowers.** Donating flowers is a fine way to recognize a special milestone or person in your life and many opportunities are available. Sign up on Immanuel's website; they can help you at the Welcome Center. Cost is \$40 and the flowers are yours to take home after the last service.

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

**Worship on Wednesday this Advent. December 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](http://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**.

**Ascension Choir Bake Sale December 14 & 15.** The annual Ascension Choir (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**We Come Bearing Peace – A Posada.** Sunday, December 15 beginning at 4 p.m. Join the Posada – the journey of Mary and Joseph seeking shelter – in a bi-lingual multi-sensory procession of prayer and solidarity. The procession will start at Powderhorn Park in Minneapolis and end at St Paul's Lutheran Church about 6 blocks away. For more information see Paul Erdmann or Kim Rathjen in the church office.

## SERVICE MINISTRY

**The Mitten Tree is bare.** Help warm the tree and the hands and heads of neighbors in need by adorning the tree with mittens and hats for all ages!

**Everyday Generosity Serving Opportunities** (sign up at [Immanuel.us/serve](http://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](http://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.

**Everyday Generosity Giving Opportunities:**

- \$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

**Coat Drive.** The 14<sup>th</sup> Immanuel Coat Distribution through Loaves and Fishes will happen this Wednesday, December 11 at Holy Rosary in Minneapolis. Still needed:

- Winter warm wear for children of all ages
- Volunteers: 2:30 p.m. Wednesday—load donations at Immanuel; 3:30 p.m.—set up at Holy Rosary; 5-7:00 p.m. (approx.)—distribution

Contact Jackie Terauds 612-201-1199 or [Kim@immanuel.us](mailto:Kim@immanuel.us) to volunteer.

## ADULT MINISTRY

**The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work, Wednesdays, January 8 to February 19, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m.** Come share practical ways you can make your marriage happier and healthier, more satisfying and resilient using John Gottman's research, led by Pastor Paul.

- Nurture fondness and admiration
- Turn to each other instead of away
- Let your partner inspire you
- Solve your solvable problems
- Create shared meaning

**Brunch Bunch at Luce Pizza on December 8 at 10:45.** 11347 Viking Dr, Eden Prairie, just off Prairie Center Dr.

**Altar Guild Invites New Members.** Immanuel Lutheran Altar Guild is looking for new members to join our organization that makes things run smoothly for worship services. The Altar Guild sets up and cleans for communion and prepares for baptisms. A member serves two months a year with a team of 3 or 4 other members. If you are interested please call the church office 952-937-8123 or Shirley 952-937-2764.

**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](http://www.immanuel.us) by December 18. For more information contact Paul Erdmann at [paule@immanuel.us](mailto: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](mailto:@comcast.net).

## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Advent Worship**

6:15 p.m. – December 11 in Fellowship Hall

**A Traveler's Christmas Worship**

6:15 p.m. – December 18 in Luther Hall

**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.