



Welcome

January 21, 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.)

- Paul Sabatino, father of MaryKay Copp, ankle surgery. Prayers for healing.
- Spike Sarles. Prayers for healing.
- Mark Praxl and Deb Mosser, friends of MaryKay Copp. Prayers for healing.
- Janell Weum, shoulder replacement surgery December 28. Prayers for successful surgery and recovery process.
- Tommy Chevalier, deployed to Israel. Prayers for safety.
- Trevor Fleck. Prayers for healing.
- Melissa Larson, brain cancer. Prayers for comfort and successful treatment.

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 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, January 21 following 10:30am worship. Join us for a warm chili lunch and our annual congregational meeting. Official meeting will begin at 12:00noon. We will look back at 2023 and vote on our 2024 Congregational Council and budget. An important annual day in the life of this vibrant congregation.

COMMUNITY WORLD RELIGION EVENT Sunday, January 21, 7:00pm at Immanuel. This interfaith event will include people of faith from local Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, Baha'i, Hindu, Jewish, and Mormon communities and congregations. Each group will offer a glimpse into their beliefs through song, dance, and spoken word. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow our official gathering. Come and be part of this blessing for our community!

SUMMER 2024 Make your plans now! Registration for trips for several 2024 summer trips are now open. We are excited to plan for a summer outdoors, serving, learning, and having fun! Mark your calendars:

- Middle School & High School Service-Learning Trip (Duluth) June 9-14
- Camp Wapo Youth Week June 16-21
- Wapo SEEDS Weekend June 21-23
- Vacation Bible School July 8-11 (registration opens 2/11/24)
- ELCA National High School Youth Gathering (New Orleans) July 16-20
- Backpacking (Wyoming Bighorns) July 20-27

Details: www.immanuel.us/about/summer2024

THANK YOU to those who have already submitted their pledge/estimate of giving toward our Annual Operating Budget for 2024! This really helps with our 2024 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/giving.

SOUTHWEST GRIEF SUPPORT COALITION Mondays, 6:00-8:00pm January 15 - February 19 at Immanuel. Each session begins with light snacks followed by a presentation and small group discussion. No cost to participate. Register at www.swgriefcoalition.org. Volunteers from Immanuel are needed to provide the snacks/appetizers. For more information email marykay@immanuel.us.

NEW FAITH GROUPS FORMING Let us know if you are interested! Faith groups offer an opportunity to create connections with others and grow together in study and fellowship. They are formed based on similar interests and life stages. The goal is to meet once per month, but each group will create a routine that works best for them. Information and interest form at www.immanuel.us/Adults/faith-groups. Groups will be formed and begin in February. Contact Pastor Dan, dan@immanuel.us with questions.

LARGE PRINT BIBLES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH. Ask an usher if you would like to use one.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21-27, 2024

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	4 th Grade Stepping Stone-Luther Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Epiphany Choir-Room H
	10:10 a.m.	Smorgasbord Meeting-Library
	10:30 a.m.	Brass Rehearsal-Room N
	11:30 a.m.	Annual Meeting and Chili Feed-Luther Hall
	7:00 p.m.	World Religion Day Worship-Sanctuary
Monday	10:00 a.m.	Prayer & Praise-Living Room
	5:30 p.m.	SW Grief Coalition-Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Altar Guild Meeting-Altar Guild Room
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study-Chanhassen Legion
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting-Library
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study-Fellowship Hall
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Café-Atrium Dinner: Sloppy Joes
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Service Projects
	6:00 p.m.	Ascension Choir-Room H
	6:00 p.m.	Praise Ringers-Library
	6:15 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation-Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Servant Song-Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Reformation Choir-Music Room
	7:45 p.m.	Backpacking Information Meeting-Luther Hall
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study-Chanhassen Legion
	5:00 p.m.	Volleyball-Luther Hall
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Saturday Evening Worship-Sanctuary

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT, Saturday, February 10, 5pm-8pm Drop your kids off at Immanuel while you take the night off; have an early Valentines celebration, get together with friends or family, or get some alone time! Youth from Immanuel will be taking care of children of all ages as we eat dinner, make crafts, play games, and more! The youth will be earning money for their summer trips, including the National Youth Gathering, by participating in this event. ALL families are invited - tell your friends! Register no later than February 8. Details: www.immanuel.us/children/parents-night-out

WOMEN'S FALL HIKING TRIP September 2024 Women's Ministry is planning another hiking weekend either on the MN North Shore or by Itasca State Park, leaving on a Friday in September and returning on a Sunday or Monday. Please complete the interest form at www.immanuel.us/adults/women and let us know your preferences! For additional information contact [Bev Osekowsky](mailto:Bev.Osekowsky@comcast.net), bosekowsky@comcast.net.

DRUMMER NEEDED for our Servant Song Worship Team Share your musical gifts with a fun, talented, collaborative group at least 2 times a month (or more!). Rehearsals are Wednesdays 7:00-8:30pm, Sundays 9:00-10:00am, Worship Sundays at 10:30am. Contact Beth Hansen at ehansen5@mac.com for details.

ALTAR GUILD LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS! The altar guild cleans & prepares the altar area for worship. They also prepare the communion elements, clean up afterwards, and decorate the church for festival worship. Time commitment is only a few hours per month. Contact MaryKay for information: marykay@immanuel.us or 952-230-0359. Information meeting Monday, January 22, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.by the Altar Guild room (next to the Music Room).

SNOW SHOVELERS NEEDED. Sign-up to be on-call for 2-3 weekends and make sure our entrances are cleared and safe for weekend events. Snowblower and shovels provided! Sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CAAAB22A46-snow#.

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 back often. Registry link: <https://www.immanuel.us/serve>

POINSETTIA PICK-UP If you ordered a poinsettia for Christmas please pick-up your plant in the atrium. There are bags available to protect plants from the cold. Thank you for adding to our beautiful altar area over Christmas!

2024 CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER.