



Welcome

January 7, 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.)

- Janell Weum, shoulder replacement surgery December 28. Prayers for successful surgery and recovery process.
- Diane Koceja, cousin of Ruth Elsberry, thyroid cancer. Prayers for successful treatment, healing, and strength.
- Tommy Chevalier, deployed to Israel. Prayers for safety.
- Trevor Fleck. Prayers for healing.
- Melissa Larson, brain cancer. Prayers for comfort and successful treatment.

We share the resurrection hope with:

- David Paul and family. Dave's mother, Ruth Paul, passed away December 29 in Wisconsin.

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!

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.

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. Email MaryKay if you can bring a crock pot of your famous chili!

SUMMER SUNDAY JANUARY 14. Plan now for Summer 2024! We will have information available for all our summer 2024 opportunities. Registrations for trips will be open on this date (if they have not already opened). VBS registration will open in the spring. We are so excited to plan for a summer outdoors, serving, learning, and having fun! Mark your calendars now:

FAMILY BEACH PARTY Friday, January 19, 5:30-7:30pm. Looking for a fun way to snap out of the winter blues? Join the fun at the family beach party in Immanuel's 'sunny' atrium! Wear your beach clothes and bring a towel. We will transform our atrium into a tropical paradise featuring: a real sand beach and pool; beach balls; beach bingo; surf music; a limbo competition! The Evangelism Committee will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, chips, beans drinks and treat for dessert. NO CHARGE for this fun evening. Register at www.immanuel.us/About/fellowship

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. Our hope with this event is to build bridges between peoples of different faiths, to grow in our understanding of different beliefs, and to help nurture goodwill with one another. God knows our world could use more peace, love, and understanding. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow our official gathering. Come and be part of this blessing for our community!

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

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7-13, 2024

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	UnDeck the Halls
	10:00 a.m.	Epiphany Choir-Room H
	10:30 a.m.	9 th Grade Stepping Stone-Luther Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Brass Rehearsal-Room H
Monday	10:00 a.m.	Prayer & Praise-Living Room
	5:30 p.m.	SW Grief Coalition Facilitator Dinner-Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting-Library
	12:30 p.m.	Game Day-Library
	6:00 p.m.	Executive Committee-Fellowship Hall
	700 p.m.	Church Council-Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study-Fellowship Hall
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Café-Atrium Dinner: Pasta
	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 th Grade Stepping Stone-Luther Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation-Luther Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation-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
	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

PRAYER AND PRAISE WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY Mondays, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Women of all ages are invited to join us in the Living Room at Church for community & lively discussion! **Winter 2024 (January 8 - March 4, 2024):** "Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again" by Rachel Held Evans which is available through Amazon for \$11.49. Contact Kim Paul at dempauls@comcast.net with questions.

WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11 a.m. January 2024 study: "Who We Are as ELCA Lutherans" by Reverend Marcus Kunz & Reverend Susan M. Lang. **January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 in Fellowship Hall.** We often identify with who we are not in our faith, but do we fully understand who we are as ELCA Lutherans? This study invites discussion and imagination around the four foundational claims of the church and the scripture passages that inspire them. Copies of study are available in the church office. Contact Jen Johnson at jeninvictoria@hotmail.com with questions.

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).

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Our next work date is Friday, January 19 from 8:30 am to 4 pm in Prior Lake. Volunteers are needed for construction, to bring lunch for the workers and to take photos. No experience required. Minimum age 16 for construction volunteers. Register at www.immanuel.us/serve.

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#.