

News and Notes of Interest

DIVINE SERVICES are on Sundays at 9:00 am with Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible classes from 10:15-11:15 am. The service is livestreamed on Facebook live.

TUESDAY MATINS & BIBLE STUDY: Will not meet this week. They will resume January 10, 2023. All are welcome.

THANK YOU for all the cards and gifts this Christmas. You are truly a blessing to our family. The Lord's richest blessings to you in the new year. (Pastor and Catherine)

GIVING TREE: The Christmas tree in the parish hall has gift tags that you can take and purchase the item on it. These do not have to be wrapped, but just returned under the tree. The items will go to the Lincoln Pregnancy Center. Please bring them by TODAY. Thank you for your participation!

THE EPPHANY OF OUR LORD will be celebrated on Friday, January 6th with Divine Service at 7:00 p.m. Following the service, we will take down the Christmas decorations. If you could help, that would be greatly appreciated.

CHRISTIANS IN A WOKE WORLD is the title of a new bible study that will begin around the first of the year. If you would like to have your own copy of the study booklet to keep, you can turn in \$13 to the church office with a note that it is for the bible study booklet. All are welcome to attend.

HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONALS: A booklet of daily *Reflections* through Christmas are available on the guest book table. Go to <https://higherthings.org/reflections> to see other formats that are available.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for Jan-March are available on the Guest Book table in the narthex.

CHECK THE KITCHEN: Please pick up your dishes from the counter in the kitchen and also check the refrigerators if you recently brought a salad. Thank you!

THANK YOU: The Board of Trustees would like to thank all the congregation members that helped with cleaning of the church and mowing for 2022.

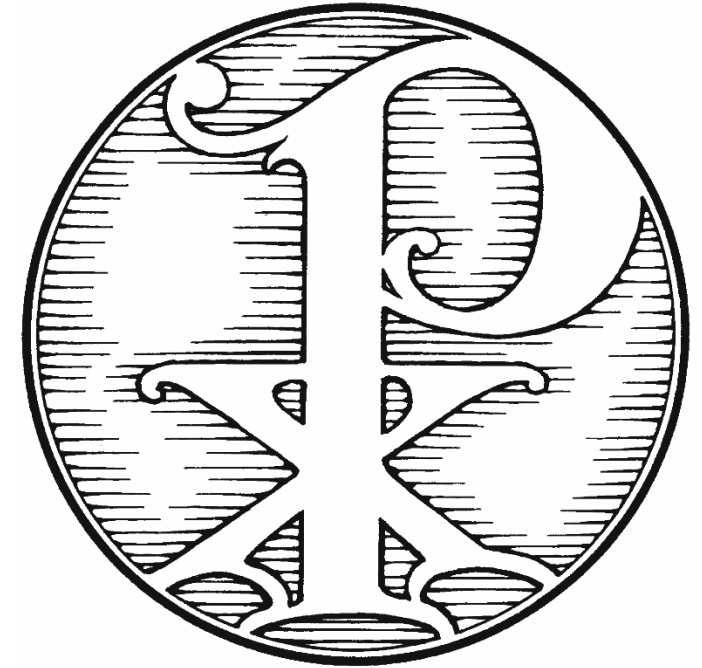
USHERS FOR 2023: The sign-up sheet for 2023 Ushers is posted the bulletin board. There are 14 more spots to be filled for 2023. Please sign up for the months you are able to usher.

ISSUES, ETC. ... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

EAGLE FOOD BANK: LWML continues to collect food for the Eagle food bank. Donations can be left in the tote by the church entrance. Thank you for your donations!

2023 PARISH DIRECTORY: The 2023 Parish Directory will be published soon. Please let Ashley in the office know if you have a new phone number, email or address. Also, parents with children in college or living out of the area, please update with the child's most current information. Thank you!

CIRCUMCISION AND NAME OF JESUS



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JANUARY 1, 2023

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL: We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you have not already done so, we ask that you would sign the guest book at the entrance to the church. If you do not have a church home, we would love for you to find a home here at Immanuel. If you have questions about the Christian faith and Lutheranism, please contact Pastor Porath, 781-2190.

THE LORD'S SUPPER IS A GIFT ... and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is given for our benefit, but God's Word also says: "Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Immanuel follows the historic practice of closed communion.

ALL GUESTS are therefore asked to visit with our pastor before coming to the altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with him prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

Prayers of the Church

Military + Alily Kliewer (Dallas & Becky Obenland's niece), Ryan Merrill (Scott & D'Ann Washington's relative) + **Hospitalized, Suffering, Ill or Recovering** + Diane Falin (Charity Baker's mother), Brenda Ivy (Carolyn Jensen's daughter), Terrie Bowder (Bonita Severson's relation), Owen Hestermann, Denise Ortlieb (Art's wife), Larry Kimble (Frank & Gloria Umland's son-in-law), Hudson Vrbka, Siouxsee Taylor (Bonita Severson's cousin), Lori Koepsel (Obenland's friend), Carol Luedders, Greg Bauer (friend of the Bakers), Maverick Roland (Dan & Cheri's son), Bill Umland, John Rader (Kenny's brother), Michael Gay (friend of the Colemans), Jenny Henderson (relative of Larry Severson), Larry Harschfield (Marlene Schroder's brother-in-law).

We ask that you would include these people in the prayers during your home devotions. Also include all Christians, our families, the governing authorities, and all who suffer in body or soul.

Please call 781-2190 if you have a petition to be included in the prayers.

In His Service

Pastor: Rev. Scott T. Porath (Cell: 440-4965; Parsonage: 781-2776)
 Organist: Barbara Hohman
 Acolyte: Hailee McDowell
 Altar Guild: Susan Vrbka and D'Ann Washington
 Elders: AJ Reimer (515-0748), Birk Baker (419-8008)
 Ushers: Dan Vrbka, Scott Washington, Terry Reynoldson, Kevin Bolin

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Divine Service:	75	Sunday School:	n/a
<u>Last Week's Offerings</u>		<u>Year To Date Offerings</u>	
*Sunday Divine Service	\$ 1,836.00	General Fund Offerings	\$ 167,158.99
Special Service	\$ 988.00		
Sunday School	\$ 200.00	Sunday School	\$ 189.96
Building Fund	\$	Building Fund	\$ 5,500.00
Other Offerings	\$ 5,500.00	Other Offerings	\$ 6,145.00
**Total Offerings	\$ 8,326.00	Offerings Received	\$ 178,993.95
<u>Last Week's Budget</u>		<u>Year To Date Budget</u>	
General Fund Needed	\$ 3,957.02	General Fund Needed	\$ 205,765.00
Difference	\$ (1,133.02)	Difference	\$ (38,606.01)

**Includes only General Fund Offering towards the Budget*

***Total Received includes all offerings-General Fund, Building Fund, & other offerings (special funds)*

The Lord's Week

Sunday, January 1 st	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Study
Monday, January 2 nd		
Tuesday, January 3 rd		
Wednesday, January 4 th	6:30 pm	Catechesis
	6:30 pm	LWML Epiphany Party
	8:00 pm	Council Meeting
Thursday, January 5 th		
Friday, January 6 th	7:00 pm	Epiphany Worship Service
Saturday, January 7 th		
Sunday, January 8 th	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Study

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion, so please call ahead.

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