

## *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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is helpful for the hearing of Bible stories in which one sees the grace of God in Christ Jesus. We hope you will bring your children to the Divine Service each week, and to Sunday School. If you have any questions, speak with Pastor or a member of the Board of Education.

**THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD** will be celebrated on tomorrow, Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> in the Divine Service at 7:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY MATINS & BIBLE CLASS**: Join us for this service of prayer, hymns and Scripture at 9:00 a.m. We continue our study of the Six Chief Parts of the Christian Faith at 9:30 a.m.

**NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**: Starting on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> the new church office hours will be Monday-Thursday, 9 am – 12 pm and closed Friday. The office may be closed on occasion, so please call ahead.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**: We will take down the Christmas decorations after bible class TODAY.

**CLEANING BUCKET DONATIONS**: The LWML will be collecting items, as well as monetary donations for Orphan Grain Train disaster cleaning buckets. Please take an ornament from the parish hall Christmas tree and return by TODAY.

**CATECHESIS CLASSES** will resume on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**INSTALLATION** of new Officers and Board Members for 2025 will take place during the Divine Service on January 12.

**USHER TRAINING**: Training for all 2025 Ushers will take place after the Divine Service on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

**STILL NEED USHERS FOR 2025**: The sign-up sheet for 2025 Ushers is posted the bulletin board. Please sign up for the months you are able to usher.

**SAVE THE DATE**: Immanuel will celebrate her 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on July 13, 2025.

**2025 PARISH DIRECTORY**: The 2025 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!

**HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONALS**: A booklet of daily *Reflections* for Advent 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.

**ISSUES, ETC.** ... is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Promises of God, The Top Biblical Archeological Discoveries of 2024, Eastern Orthodoxy, the Book of Lamentations and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



### IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**JANUARY 5, 2025**

**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** + Thomas Roberts (Stacy Reimer's nephew), Konner Lamb (Mike & Leila Karle's nephew) + **Hospitalized, Suffering, Ill or Recovering** + Alfred Schroder (Marlene's brother-in-law), Frank Maurer, Roger Hestermann (Kati Yelkin's step-father), Joy Schroder (Verda Umland's brother), Charity Masters (Rader's niece), Dax Petersen (Hrabik's nephew), Cathy Oberg (related to Hofkers), Frank Umland, Ron Miller, Leila Karle, Darlene Webb (sister-in-law of Bonita Severson), Cindy Ortlieb (Art's daughter), Bonita Severson, Dale Kuker (A.J. Reimer's step-father), Kim Tatum (friend of the Bakers), Larry Kimble (Frank Umland's son-in-law), Lori Koepsel (Obenland's friend), Larry & Donna Harschfield (Marlene Schroder's sister, 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: Jaysa Yelkin

Altar Guild: Susan Vrbka and D'Ann Washington

Elders: Birk Baker (419-8008), Tom Cosby (659-2618)

Ushers: Andy McLaughlin, Terry Kuebler, Dan Vrbka, and Adam Vrbka

## Gifts of Time and Treasure

Divine Service:	96	Sunday School:	n/a
<u>Last Week's Offerings</u>		<u>Year To Date Offerings</u>	
*Sunday Divine Service	\$ 1,562.75	General Fund Offerings	\$ 200,618.35
Special Service	\$ 2,261.00		
Sunday School	\$ 5.00	Sunday School	\$ 285.07
Building Fund	\$ 100.00	Building Fund	\$ 4,550.00
Other Offerings	\$ 122.00	Other Offerings	\$ 4,222.00
**Total Offerings	\$ 4,050.75	Offerings Received	\$ 209,675.42
<u>Last Week's Budget</u>		<u>Year To Date Budget</u>	
General Fund Needed	\$ 4,176.85	General Fund Needed	\$ 217,196.00
Difference	\$ (353.10)	Difference	\$ (16,577.65)
<small>*Includes only General Fund Offering towards the Budget</small>			
<small>**Total Received includes all offerings-General Fund, Building Fund, &amp; other offerings (special funds)</small>			

## The Lord's Week

Sunday, January 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	SS/Youth/Adult Bible Study
Monday, January 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Epiphany Service
Tuesday, January 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Matins
	9:30 am	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Didache
Wednesday, January 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Catechesis
	6:30 pm	LWML Epiphany Party
	8:00 pm	Council Meeting
Thursday, January 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Didache
Friday, January 10 <sup>th</sup>		Church Office Closed
Saturday, January 11 <sup>th</sup>		
Sunday, January 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	SS/Youth/Adult Bible Study

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