

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 very beneficial for our children because it is a time spent hearing and studying God's Word, through which the Holy Spirit creates and sustains saving faith in Jesus Christ. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to lead your children in the way of the Lord.

TUESDAY MATINS & BIBLE STUDY: Join us for a service of scripture, prayers and hymns at 9:00 a.m. Following the Matins Service is our Bible study where we are currently studying the Epistle of Jude.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: Following the Sunday School hour, we will take down the Christmas decorations TODAY. If you could help, that would be greatly appreciated.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICER, BOARD MEMEBERS will take place next Sunday, January 14, in the Divine Service. All elected members for this coming year, will come forward at the appropriate time.

THANK YOU! Your cards, gifts and goodies were wonderful! Thank you so much for your love and support. The Lord has blessed us with a congregation of great people. A blessed Christmas to all of you, and a Happy New Year. *Pastor & Catherine*

USHERS FOR 2024 AND TRAINING: The sign-up sheet for 2024 Ushers is posted the bulletin board. There are still 15 spots available. Please sign up for the months you are able to usher. Usher training will be next Sunday, January 14 after the Divine Service.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2024 have been placed in your mailbox, and please begin considering your offering gifts for 2024.

VOTERS' MEETING: The January Voter's Meeting will take place on the 28th following the Divine Service.

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!

BE AWARE: Pro-abortion groups have launched a ballot initiative in Nebraska which would enshrine a right to abortion until birth in our state Constitution. This would allow abortion throughout the entire pregnancy. If asked to sign the petition, simply refuse and say that the children in the womb have a right to life. Make sure your family and friends are aware of this ballot initiative.

DAILY LUTHERAN CHAPEL SERVICE: You can listen to live chapel services from Concordia Theological Seminary (Ft. Wayne, IN) at 8:35 a.m. CST and on-demand at issuesetc.org and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

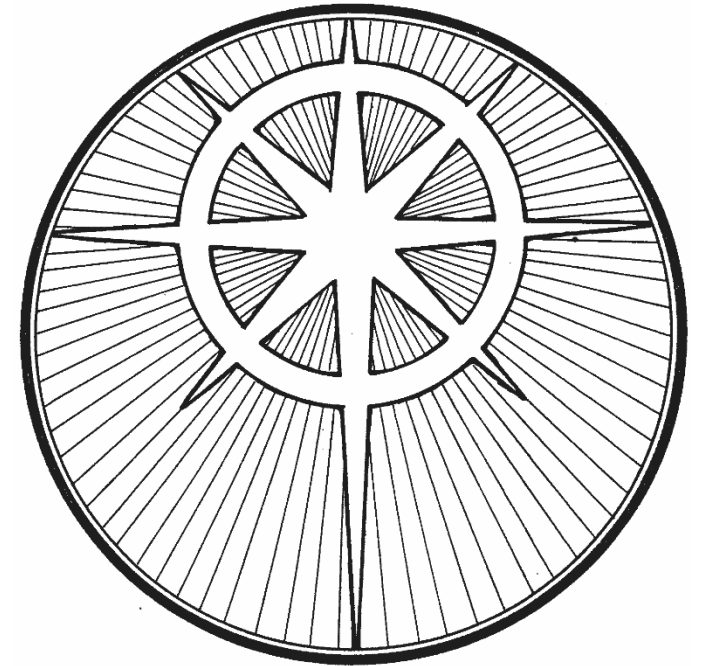
PORTALS OF PRAYER for Jan-March are available on the Guest Book table in the narthex.

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

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 at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

2024 PARISH DIRECTORY: The 2024 Parish Directory will be published soon. Please let Ashley, our Office Manager, 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!

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



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JANUARY 7, 2024

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), Konner Lamb (Mike & Leila Karle’s nephew), Matthew Brynsted (Kevin Bolin’s friend) + **Hospitalized, Suffering, Ill or Recovering** + Joe Yelkin, Christa Surman, Don Luedders (David’s brother), Kevin Schroder, Bonita Severson, Carol Luedders, Brad Lahm, Randy Sweley (Carolyn Jensen’s cousin), Linda Maloy (Bonita Severson’s sister), Brian (Bonita Severson’s nephew), Kim Tatum (friend of the Bakers), Larry Kimble (Frank & Gloria Umland’s son-in-law), Lori Koepsel (Obenland’s friend), Maverick Roland, John Rader (Kenny’s brother), Michael Gay (friend of the Colemans), 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
 Crucifer: Henry Reimer
 Torchbearers: Miles Kuebler, Anderson McCreight
 Altar Guild: Susan Vrbka and D’Ann Washington
 Elders: Birk Baker (419-8008), Tom Cosby (659-2618)
 Ushers: Terry Kuebler, Andy McLaughlin, Dan Vrbka, Adam Vrbka

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Divine Service:	80	Sunday School:	n/a
<u>Last Week’s Offerings</u>		<u>Year To Date Offerings</u>	
*Sunday Divine Service	\$ 3,285.75	General Fund Offerings	\$ 181,772.35
Sunday School	\$ 6.00	Sunday School	\$ 223.53
Building Fund	\$	Building Fund	\$ 5,010.00
Other Offerings	\$	Other Offerings	\$ 5,935.00
**Total Offerings	\$ 3,291.75	Offerings Received	\$ 192,940.88
<u>Last Week’s Budget</u>		<u>Year To Date Budget</u>	
General Fund Needed	\$ 4,218.15	General Fund Needed	\$ 219,344.00
Difference	\$ (932.40)	Difference	\$ (37,571.65)

**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 7 th	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	SS/Youth/Adult Bible Study
	11:15 am	Take Down Christmas Decorations
Monday, January 8 th	10:00 am	Circuit Pastors’ Conference
Tuesday, January 9 th	9:00 am	Matins
	9:30 am	Bible Study
Wednesday, January 10 th	6:30 pm	Catechesis
	8:00 pm	Council Meeting
Thursday, January 11 th	7:00 pm	Didache
Friday, January 12 th		
Saturday, January 13 th		
Sunday, January 14 th	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	SS/Youth/Adult Bible Study

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

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