

## *News and Notes of Interest*

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

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is very beneficial for the baptized children of God as they hear and study God's Word, learning how God's grace to them in Christ sets them free to live in this world, and for all eternity. All parents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

**TUESDAY MATINS & BIBLE STUDY:** Matins is a service of Scripture and prayer that begins at 9:00 a.m. We are currently studying the Gospel of St. Matthew, and that study begins at 9:30 a.m.

**THANK YOU** to all our brothers and sisters in Christ here at Immanuel for your love and support throughout the year, but also for the cards, gifts and goodies this Christmas. We are truly blessed. (The Porath family)

**VOTERS' MEETING:** The January Voter's Meeting will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> following the Divine Service.

**NEW MEMBER POT LUCK:** Please join in welcoming the newest members of our congregation at the New Member Potluck on Sunday, January 23, 2022, following the Voter's Meeting. Please sign up in the parish hall to bring a dish to share.

**USHERS FOR 2022:** The sign-up sheet for 2022 Ushers is posted the bulletin board. Please sign up for the months you are able to usher.

**THANK YOU:** The Board of Trustees would like to thank all the congregation members that helped with cleaning of the church and mowing for 2021.

**2022 PARISH DIRECTORY:** The 2022 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 as well. Thank you!

**NEBRASKA WALK FOR LIFE:** This annual walk will take place on Saturday, January 29, 2022. We will meet at Trinity Lutheran Church (724 S. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln) for worship at 8:45 a.m. We will head over to the State Capitol building around 9:30 a.m. where there will be various speeches at 10 a.m. Then we will walk from the Capitol to the UNL Student Union to show our support for the sanctity of all human life. The guest speaker at the Student Union will be Ashley Bratcher, the award-winning actress of "Unplanned." Trinity Lutheran Church will be receiving donations of baby wipes and size 4-6 diapers which they will distribute through their Forward program in support of families with little ones in Lincoln.

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

**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. This week's topics include: The Persecution of Christians in India, The Introit, What Can We Learn from "The Benedict Option"?, Jesus Healing Ten Lepers and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



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**JANUARY 9, 2022**

**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** + Daniel Yslas (Dan & Susan Vrbka's grandson), Jonathan Umland (Bill & Verda's grandson) + **Hospitalized, Suffering, Ill or Recovering** + Bud Yelkin, Donna Ekstrum (Verda Umland's niece), Mike Johaneck (Sheryl Stine's cousin), Helen McKinney (Birk Baker's mother), Stacy Reimer, Geoffrey Bowder (Bonita Severson's nephew), Bev Schmidt, Carol Schoenleber (A.J. Reimer's grandmother), Tony Fulton, Duane Arends, Verda Umland, Larry Ikenberry, John Rader (Kenny's brother), Michael Gay (friend of the Colemans), Bill Umland, Jenny Henderson (relative of Larry Severson), Raven Curtis (Gregg Fusselman's granddaughter), 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 the governing authorities, those in medical professions, those suffering because of the coronavirus, and all who mourn the death of loved ones. 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: Henry Reimer  
 Altar Guild: Susan Vrbka and D'Ann Washington  
 Elders: AJ Reimer (515-0748), Birk Baker (419-8008)  
 Ushers: Mike & Blake Krause, Scott Washington, Terry Reynoldson

## Gifts of Time and Treasure

Divine Service:	83	Sunday School:	9
<u>Last Week's Offerings</u>		<u>Year To Date Offerings</u>	
*Sunday Divine Service	\$ 3,843.22	General Fund Offerings	\$ 3,843.22
Special Service	\$		
Sunday School	\$ 1.60	Sunday School	\$ 1.60
Building Fund	\$	Building Fund	\$
Other Offerings	\$ 25.00	Other Offerings	\$ 25.00
**Total Offerings	\$ 3,869.82	Offerings Received	\$ 3,869.82
<u>Last Week's Budget</u>		<u>Year To Date Budget</u>	
General Fund Needed	\$ 3,957.02	General Fund Needed	\$ 3,957.02
Difference	\$ (113.80)	Difference	\$ (113.80)

*\*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 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Study
	11:15 am	Board of Evangelism Meeting
Monday, January 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Circuit Pastors' Conference
Tuesday, January 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Matins
	9:30 am	Bible Study
Wednesday, January 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Catechesis
Thursday, January 13 <sup>th</sup>		
Friday, January 14 <sup>th</sup>		
Saturday, January 15 <sup>th</sup>		
Sunday, January 16 <sup>th</sup>	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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