

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.

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: The new church office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 am – 12 pm, and closed Friday. The office may be closed on occasion, so please call ahead.

STILL NEED USHERS FOR 2025: *There are 3 more spots to be filled for ushering.* Please see the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board, and sign up for the months you are able to usher.

VOTERS' MEETING: The January Voter's Meeting will take place on the 26th following the Divine Service.

TREASURER'S REPORT: If you would like to see the full detailed 4th Quarter Treasurer's report, a copy can be found in the Treasurer's mail box.

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!

WALK FOR LIFE: This annual walk to promote the sanctity of all human life will take place on Saturday, February 1st. A pre-walk gathering with refreshments and a brief worship service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church (Lincoln) at 8:30 a.m. The Walk For Life begins at the state capitol at 10 a.m. The new walk route ends at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, where there will be a featured speaker and many pro-life booths.

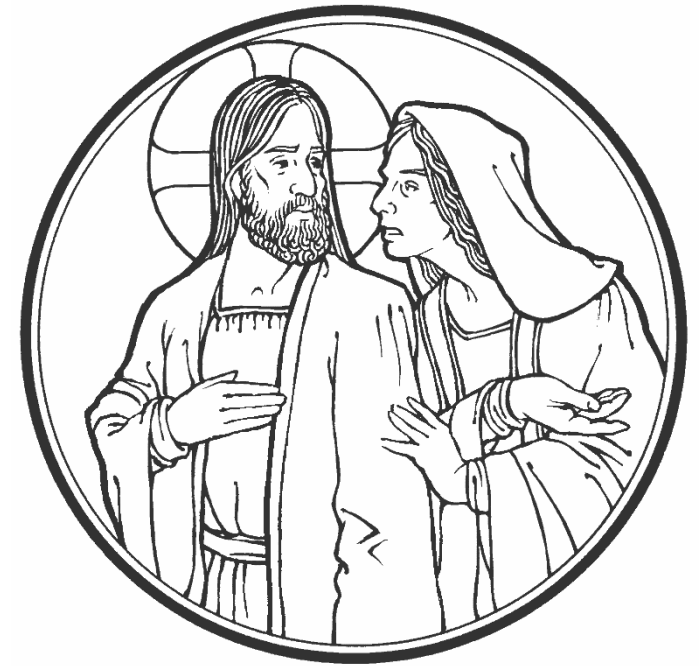
SAVE THE DATE: Immanuel will celebrate her 125th Anniversary on July 13, 2025.

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.

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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



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JANUARY 19, 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** + Brett Schroder (Marlene’s nephew), Julie Bolin (Kevin’s mother), Roger Hestermann (Kati Yelkin’s step-father), 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: Brooklyn McDowell
 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: 111	Sunday School: 13
<u>Last Week’s Offerings</u>	<u>Year To Date Offerings</u>
*Sunday Divine Service \$ 3,423.62	General Fund Offerings \$ 6,972.37
Special Service \$ 200.50	
Sunday School \$ 9.50	Sunday School \$ 13.50
Building Fund \$ 100.00	Building Fund \$ 100.00
Other Offerings \$	Other Offerings \$
**Total Offerings \$ 3,733.62	Offerings Received \$ 7,085.87
<u>Last Week’s Budget</u>	<u>Year To Date Budget</u>
General Fund Needed \$ 4,369.15	General Fund Needed \$ 8,738.31
Difference \$ (745.03)	Difference \$ (1,765.94)

*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 19 th	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	SS/Youth/Adult Bible Study
Monday, January 20 th		
Tuesday, January 21 st		
Wednesday, January 22 nd	6:30 pm	Catechesis
Thursday, January 23 rd		
Friday, January 24 th		<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Saturday, January 25 th		
Sunday, January 26 th	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	SS and Youth Bible Study
	11:15 am	Voters’ Meeting

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