

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. On March 5, the Ash Wednesday Divine Service begins at 7:00 p.m. The Imposition of Ashes will begin at 6:45 p.m. You are encouraged to come into the sanctuary early and use the resources provided for a time of self-examination. Those who desire to receive the ashes in the sign of the cross upon their forehead may come forward at any time before the service begins.

LENTEN DINNERS will be served at 5:45 p.m. before each midweek Lenten Service, **beginning March 12**. The Board of Evangelism will be **servicing soups** on March 12. Please sign up to bring food for these dinners. Sign-up sheets are located in the parish hall by the kitchen.

LENTEN DINNER DONATIONS: The Board of Evangelism has designated the free-will donation on March 12 & 19 to go to Forward (a ministry of Trinity-Lincoln) which provides diapers, wipes, and other items for families in need with small children.

SAVE THE DATE of July 13, 2025, to celebrate Immanuel's anniversary: 125 Years of Receiving God's Gifts.

MEMORABILIA AND ARTIFACT DEADLINE: The deadline for memorabilia and church artifacts for the anniversary celebration is **June 1**. Please provide a brief description of any items that you are submitting for informational purposes. These items will be on display at church starting **June 29 through July 13**.

BOARD MEMBER PHOTOS NEEDED: As we compile the 125th Anniversary Book, we'd like to include a photo of current 2025 board members. Please coordinate with your respective board members to attend church on one of the following dates: **March 9** or **March 30**, to take a quick photo following the Divine Service. If those dates don't work for all members of your board, please let Rachel Hrabik know and we will coordinate another date/time.

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.

WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY PACKETS are on the table in the parish hall. When new neighbors move in, please take one and give it to them. These welcome packets contain small gifts and information about Immanuel. There are two different packets – one for adults or families with older children – and one for families with young children (which are labeled). If you have any questions, please talk with a Board of Evangelism member.

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: Critical Theory; The Foundation, Focus & Shape of the Christian Life; Communion with Christ; The Gift of Marriage and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

SCHOLARSHIP BLOOD DRIVE: The Elmwood-Murdock FCCLA is sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, February 25 from 12:30-6:00 p.m. at the Elmwood Fire Hall to help students earn scholarship funds. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Elmwood-Murdock to schedule an appointment and for additional information.

CPR CLASS: There will be a CPR Class on Saturday, March 15th at 9:30 am at Immanuel that anyone can attend. There is a small fee of \$15. Please call Bonnie Campbell if interested, 402-430-2974.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



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FEBRUARY 23, 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** + JoAnn Schmidt (Marlene Schroder-friend), Tina Luedders, Jan Wismer (Kevin Bolin-friend), Brett Schroder (Marlene's nephew), Julie Bolin (Kevin's mother), Roger Hestermann (Kati Yelkin's step-father), Dax Petersen (Hrabik's nephew), Cathy Oberg (related to Hofkers), Frank Umland, 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: Debbie Kuebler and Tina Luedders
 Elders: Terry Kuebler (314-3171) and Kevin Bolin (450-3043)
 Ushers: Terry Reynoldson, Kevin Schroder, Scott Washington, Jameson Hofker

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Divine Service:	93	Sunday School:	16
<u>Last Week's Offerings</u>		<u>Year To Date Offerings</u>	
*Sunday Divine Service	\$ 3,125.50	General Fund Offerings	\$ 28,827.80
Sunday School	\$ 3.50	Sunday School	\$ 44.51
Building Fund	\$	Building Fund	\$ 900.00
Other Offerings	\$	Other Offerings	\$
**Total Offerings	\$ 3,129.00	Offerings Received	\$ 29,772.31
<u>Last Week's Budget</u>		<u>Year To Date Budget</u>	
General Fund Needed	\$ 4,369.15	General Fund Needed	\$ 30,584.08
Difference	\$ (1,243.65)	Difference	\$ (1,756.28)

**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, February 23 rd	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	SS/Youth/Adult Bible Study
Monday, February 24 th		
Tuesday, February 25 th	9:00 am	Matins
	9:30 am	Bible Study
Wednesday, February 26 th	6:30 pm	Catechesis
Thursday, February 27 th	6:30 pm	Didache
Friday, February 28 th		<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Saturday, March 1 st		
Sunday, March 2 nd	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	SS/Youth/Adult Bible Study

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and Closed Friday. The office may be closed on occasion, so please call ahead.

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