

## *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 Matins Service of prayer, Scripture, and hymns at 9:00 a.m. A Bible study follows from 9:30-10:30 a.m. We are currently studying the Book of Exodus.

**CATECHESIS CLASSES IN ADVENT** begin at 5:30 p.m.

**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES**: Join us for Evening Prayer on Wednesday evenings (Dec. 13, 20) at 7:00 p.m. as we rejoice in the Advent (the coming) of Our Lord.

**ADVENT FELLOWSHIP**: After the midweek Advent Services, the Board of Evangelism sponsors a fellowship time with refreshments. Please consider signing up to bring cookies, bars, or other treats for one of these Wednesday services.

**GIFT**: If you would like to contribute to the Christmas gift for Pastor and Catherine, please make sure to give it to one of the Elders by Wednesday, December 20. *Thank you, your Elders, Dallas Obenland, Tom Cosby, Birk Baker, Shawn Luedders.*

**DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS** will take place on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> after Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible classes. Make plans for your family to help.

**POINSETTIAS**: If you have a poinsettia and you would like to share, please bring them to church before the Christmas Eve Service. If you want to take yours home after the Christmas season, please put your name on it.

**GIVING TREE**: For the 2023 Giving Tree project, LWML will be collecting hats and gloves for Eagle Elementary School children, also needed are coats for First-Fifth graders. Please bring your donations by January 1st. Thank you for your participation!

**USHERS FOR 2024**: The sign-up sheet for 2024 Ushers is posted the bulletin board. Please sign up for the months you are able to usher.

**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!

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

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

**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](http://issuesetc.org) and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

**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: Christian Decision Making & the End of Life; Biblical Inerrancy; Has Evolution Disproved the Creation Account; Gender Fluidity; Pre-Marital Sex 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 IN ADVENT



### IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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DECEMBER 10, 2023

**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** + Bonita Severson, Carol Luedders, Brad Lahm, Randy Sweley (Carolyn Jensen's cousin), Linda Maloy (Bonita Severson's sister), Rich Husman (Bonita Severson's brother-in-law), Brian (Bonita Severson's nephew), Kim Tatum (friend of the Bakers), Larry Kimble (Frank & Gloria Umland's son-in-law), Siouxsee Taylor (Bonita Severson's cousin), 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  
 Acolyte: Jaysa Yelkin  
 Altar Guild: Audra Yelkin and Paula Persinger  
 Elders: Dallas Obenland (786-7277), Shawn Luedders (960-0659)  
 Ushers: Tom Hohman, Andy McLaughlin, Kevin Bolin, Carl Althouse

## Gifts of Time and Treasure

Divine Service:	97	Sunday School:	Practice
<u>Last Week's Offerings</u>		<u>Year To Date Offerings</u>	
*Sunday Divine Service	\$ 4,169.50	General Fund Offerings	\$ 165,418.22
Special Service	\$		
Sunday School	\$ 6.75	Sunday School	\$ 211.53
Building Fund	\$	Building Fund	\$ 4,910.00
Other Offerings	\$	Other Offerings	\$ 435.00
**Total Offerings	\$ 4,176.25	Offerings Received	\$ 170,974.75
<u>Last Week's Budget</u>		<u>Year To Date Budget</u>	
General Fund Needed	\$ 4,218.15	General Fund Needed	\$ 206,689.54
Difference	\$ (48.65)	Difference	\$ (41,271.32)

*\*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, December 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	Youth/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 am	SS Christmas Eve Practice
Monday, December 11 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 pm	Circuit Pastors' Conference
	6:30 pm	Didache
Tuesday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Matins
	9:30 am	Bible Study
Wednesday, December 13 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	Catechesis
	7:00 pm	Midweek Advent Service
Thursday, December 14 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Didache
Friday, December 15 <sup>th</sup>		
Saturday, December, 16 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	SS Christmas Eve Practice
Sunday, December 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	Youth/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 am	SS Christmas Eve Practice
	11:15 am	Decorate for Christmas

**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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