

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.

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

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES: Join us for Evening Prayer on Wednesday evenings (Dec. 18) 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 hosts a fellowship time with refreshments. Please consider signing up to bring cookies, bars, or other treats for one of the Wednesday services.

CLEANING BUCKET DONATIONS: The LWML will be collecting items, as well as monetary donations for Orphan Grain Train disaster cleaning buckets. Please take an ornament from the parish hall Christmas tree and return by January 5th.

STILL NEED USHERS FOR 2025: The sign-up sheet for 2025 Ushers is posted the bulletin board. Please sign up for the months you are able to usher.

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!

2025 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: Please pick up your offering envelopes in the parish hall.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS will take place next Sunday, December 22, after Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible classes. Make plans for your family to help.

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

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 Sunday, December 22. *Thank you, your Elders, Birk Baker, Tom Cosby, Kevin Bolin, Shawn Luedders.*

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.

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

PORTALS OF PRAYER for Oct-Dec 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. This week's topics include: The Movie "Gladiator II," The Hymn "May God Bestow on Us His Grace," Roman Catholicism & Indulgences, Mary Visits Elizabeth, The Testimony of John the Baptist and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2025:

President – A.J. Reimer
Vice-President – Frank Maurer
Recording Secretary – Becky Obenland
Treasurer – Jim McLaughlin
Bd. Education – Bridget McDowell, Leah Obenland
Bd. Elders – Dallas Obenland, Terry Kuebler, Tom Cosby
Bd. Evangelism – D'Ann Washington, Audra Yelkin
Bd. Stewardship – Jameson Hofker, Sydney Young
Bd. Trustees – Charlie Yelkin, Scott Hrabik

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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DECEMBER 15, 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

+ **Death** + John Meuret (Pam Fusselman's father) + **Military** + Thomas Roberts (Stacy Reimer's nephew), Konner Lamb (Mike & Leila Karle's nephew) + **Hospitalized, Suffering, Ill or Recovering** + Joy Schroder (Verda Umland's brother), 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: Tenley Peery
 Altar Guild: Audra Yelkin and Paula Persinger
 Elders: Kevin Bolin (450-3043) and Shawn Luedders (960-0659)
 Ushers: Tom Hohman, Andy McLaughlin, Terry Kuebler, Kevin Schroder

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Divine Service:	110	Sunday School:	SS Practice
<u>Last Week's Offerings</u>		<u>Year To Date Offerings</u>	
*Sunday Divine Service	\$ 3,474.00	General Fund Offerings	\$ 186,197.09
Special Service	\$ 233.00		
Sunday School	\$ 4.50	Sunday School	\$ 276.07
Building Fund	\$ 100.00	Building Fund	\$ 4,350.00
Other Offerings	\$	Other Offerings	\$ 1,600.00
**Total Offerings	\$ 3,811.50	Offerings Received	\$ 192,423.16
<u>Last Week's Budget</u>		<u>Year To Date Budget</u>	
General Fund Needed	\$ 4,176.85	General Fund Needed	\$ 204,665.46
Difference	\$ (469.85)	Difference	\$ (18,468.37)

**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 15 th	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	Youth/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 M	Children's Christmas Program Practice
Monday, December 16 th	7:00 pm	Anniversary Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 17 th	9:00 am	Matins
	9:30 am	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Didache
Wednesday, December 18 th	5:30 pm	Catechesis
	7:00 pm	Midweek Advent Service
Thursday, December 19 th	6:30 pm	Didache
Friday, December 20 th		
Saturday, December 21 st		
Sunday, December 22 nd	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	SS/Youth/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 am	Children's Christmas Program Practice
	11:15 am	Decorating the Church

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

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