

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.

FLOWERS: are in celebration of Eldon and Sharon Hestermann 60th Anniversary (December 14th).

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

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

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES: Join us for Evening Prayer on Wednesday evening (Dec. 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 join us for some cookies, bars, and other treats.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: The Christmas Eve Service (with Sunday School children) will be on December 24th at 6:00 p.m. The Christmas Day service will be on December 25th at 9:00 a.m. We hope you and your family can join us to celebration the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ!

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.*

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.

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.

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!

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2024 are on a table in the parish hall. Please pick yours up and begin considering your offering gifts for next year.

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 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. Account; Gender Fluidity; Pre-Marital Sex and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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DECEMBER 17, 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** + Kevin Schroder, 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: Henry Reimer

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	\$ 4,820.33	General Fund Offerings	\$ 170,853.55
Special Service	\$ 615.00		
Sunday School	\$ 4.00	Sunday School	\$ 215.53
Building Fund	\$	Building Fund	\$ 4,910.00
Other Offerings	\$	Other Offerings	\$ 435.00
**Total Offerings	\$ 5,439.33	Offerings Received	\$ 176,414.08
<u>Last Week's Budget</u>		<u>Year To Date Budget</u>	
General Fund Needed	\$ 4,218.15	General Fund Needed	\$ 210,907.69
Difference	\$ 1,217.18	Difference	\$ (40,054.14)

**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 17 th	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	Youth/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 am	SS Christmas Eve Practice
	11:15 am	Decorate the Church for Christmas
Monday, December 18 th	6:30 pm	Didache
Tuesday, December 19 th	9:00 am	Matins
	9:30 am	Bible Study
Wednesday, December 20 th	5:30 pm	Catechesis
	7:00 pm	Midweek Advent Service
Thursday, December 21 st	7:00 pm	Didache
Friday, December 22 nd		
Saturday, December, 23 rd		
Sunday, December 24 th	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	Youth/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 am	SS Christmas Eve Practice
	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Worship/Children's Program

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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