

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.

ADAPTED SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE: Sunday School will run from 10:15-11 a.m. Then the students will practice for the Christmas Eve Service from 11-11:30 a.m. There will be no Sunday School on Christmas Day.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS AND POTLUCK will take place after Sunday School/Bible Study TODAY. Your help and favorite dish would be appreciated. Many hands make light work.

TUESDAY MATINS & BIBLE STUDY: All are welcome to join us on Tuesday mornings for a Matins Service (prayer, Scripture, hymns) at 9:00 a.m., following with a Bible study from 9:30-10:30 a.m. We are currently studying the Book of Exodus.

CATECHESIS CLASSES DURING ADVENT meet from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

MIDWEEK ADVENTS SERVICES will be held on Wednesdays during Advent (December 21) at 7:00 p.m.

ADVENT FELLOWSHIP: After the Advent Services, the Evangelism Committee sponsors a fellowship time with refreshments. Please consider signing up to bring cookies, bars, or other treats for one of the Wednesday services held December 21.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2023 are on a table in the parish hall. Please pick yours up and begin considering your offering gifts for next year.

GIVING TREE: The Christmas tree in the parish hall has gift tags that you can take and purchase the item on it. These do not have to be wrapped, but just returned under the tree. The items will go to the Lincoln Pregnancy Center. Please bring them by Sunday, January 1. Thank you for your participation!

CHECK THE KITCHEN: Please pick up your dishes from the counter in the kitchen and also check the refrigerators if you recently brought a salad. Thank you!

CHRISTIANS IN A WOKE WORLD is the title of a new bible study that will begin around the first of the year. If you would like to have your own copy of the study booklet to keep, you can turn in \$13 to the church office with a note that it is for the bible study booklet. All are welcome to attend.

HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONALS: A booklet of daily *Reflections* through Christmas are available on the guest book table. There are also other formats available at <https://higherthings.org/reflections>.

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

USHERS FOR 2023: The sign-up sheet for 2023 Ushers is posted the bulletin board. Please sign up for the months you are able to usher.

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 TODAY. *Thank you, your Elders, Dallas Obenland, AJ Reimer, 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.

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 interview topics include: The Movie "Avatar," Marriage Enrichment, Looking Forward to Christmas Sunday, Jesus Heals Jairus's Daughter and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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!

2023 PARISH DIRECTORY: The 2023 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!

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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DECEMBER 18, 2022

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), Ryan Merrill (Scott & D'Ann Washington's relative) + **Hospitalized, Suffering, Ill or Recovering** + Diane Falin (Charity Baker's mother), Brenda Ivy (Carolyn Jensen's daughter), Terrie Bowder (Bonita Severson's relation), Owen Hestermann, Denise Ortlieb (Art's wife), Larry Kimble (Frank & Gloria Umland's son-in-law), Hudson Vrbka, Siouxsee Taylor (Bonita Severson's cousin), Lori Koepsel (Obenland's friend), Carol Luedders, Greg Bauer (friend of the Bakers), Maverick Roland (Dan & Cheri's son), Bill Umland, John Rader (Kenny's brother), Michael Gay (friend of the Colemans), Jenny Henderson (relative of Larry Severson), 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, Cliff Schildt, Terry Kuebler

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Divine Service:	97	Sunday School:	14
<u>Last Week's Offerings</u>		<u>Year To Date Offerings</u>	
*Sunday Divine Service	\$ 4,688.93	General Fund Offerings	\$ 160,317.49
Special Service	\$ 357.00		
Sunday School	\$ 4.80	Sunday School	\$ 184.89
Building Fund	\$ 600.00	Building Fund	\$ 5,400.00
Other Offerings	\$ 25.00	Other Offerings	\$ 645.00
**Total Offerings	\$ 5,675.73	Offerings Received	\$ 166,547.38
<u>Last Week's Budget</u>		<u>Year To Date Budget</u>	
General Fund Needed	\$ 3,957.02	General Fund Needed	\$ 197,850.96
Difference	\$ 1,088.91	Difference	\$ (37,533.47)

**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 18 th	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Study
	11-11:30 am	Children's Christmas Eve Practice
	11:30 am	Potluck and Decorating for Christmas
Monday, December 19 th		
Tuesday, December 20 th	9:00 am	Matins
	9:30 am	Bible Study
Wednesday, December 21 st	5:30 pm	Catechesis
	7:00 pm	Midweek Advent Service
Thursday, December 22 nd		
Friday, December 23 rd		
Saturday, December 24 th	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service/Children's Program
Sunday, December 25 th	9:00 am	Christmas Day Worship Service

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion, so please call ahead.

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