

News and Notes of Interest

DIVINE SERVICES are on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. with Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible classes from 10:15-11:15 a.m. The service is livestreamed on Facebook live.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is very beneficial for the baptized children of God as they hear and study God's Word, learning how God's grace to them in Christ sets them free to live in this world, and for all eternity. All parents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

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

TUESDAY MATINS & BIBLE STUDY: Matins is a service of Scripture and prayer that begins at 9:00 a.m. We are currently studying the Gospel of St. Matthew, and that study begins at 9:30 a.m.

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

CATECHESIS CLASSES will not meet the next two weeks.

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 2022: The sign-up sheet for 2022 Ushers is posted the bulletin board. Please sign up for the months you are able to usher.

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

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.*

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2022 are on a table in the parish hall. Please pick yours up and begin considering your offering gifts for next year.

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 subjects include: The Christmas Hymn "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," The Movie "Spider-Man: No Way Home," What Can We Learn from "The Benedict Option"?, Jesus Seeking the Lost in Luke 15 and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

2022 PARISH DIRECTORY: The 2022 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 as well. Thank you!

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT



IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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DECEMBER 19, 2021

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** + Daniel Yslas (Dan & Susan Vrbka's grandson), Jonathan Umland (Bill & Verda's grandson) + **Hospitalized, Suffering, Ill or Recovering** + Geoffrey Bowder (Bonita Severson's nephew), Bev Schmidt, Carol Schoenleber (A.J. Reimer's grandmother), Tony Fulton, Duane Arends, Diane Bolin, Verda Umland, Larry Ikenberry, John Rader (Kenny's brother), Michael Gay (friend of the Colemans), Bill Umland, Jenny Henderson (relative of Larry Severson), Raven Curtis (Gregg Fusselman's granddaughter), 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 the governing authorities, those in medical professions, those suffering because of the coronavirus, and all who mourn the death of loved ones. 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: Maya Yelkin

Altar Guild: Audra Yelkin and Paula Persinger

Elders: Dallas Obenland (786-7277), Shawn Luedders (960-0659)

Ushers: Tom Hohman, Gregg Fusselman, Cliff Schildt, Tom Cosby

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Divine Service:	95	Sunday School:	6
<u>Last Week's Offerings</u>		<u>Year To Date Offerings</u>	
*Sunday Divine Service	\$ 4,948.85	General Fund Offerings	\$ 161,269.70
Special Service	\$ 377.00		
Sunday School	\$ 6.18	Sunday School	\$ 149.48
Building Fund	\$ 160.00	Building Fund	\$ 8,880.00
Other Offerings	\$ 10.00	Other Offerings	\$ 810.20
**Total Offerings	\$ 5,502.03	Offerings Received	\$ 171,109.38
<u>Last Week's Budget</u>		<u>Year To Date Budget</u>	
General Fund Needed	\$ 3,820.50	General Fund Needed	\$ 191,025.00
Difference	\$ 1,505.35	Difference	\$ (29,755.30)

**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 19 th	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Study
	11:15 am	Decorate the Church
Monday, December 20 th		
Tuesday, December 21 st	9:00 am	Matins
	9:30 am	Bible Study
Wednesday, December 22 nd		
Thursday, December 23 rd		
Friday, December 24 th	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service/Children's Program
Saturday, December 25 th	9:00 am	Christmas Day Worship Service
Sunday, December 26 th	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Study

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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