

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.

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

TUESDAY MATINS & BIBLE STUDY: Matins and Bible Study will not meet this week.

CATECHESIS CLASSES will not meet this week. Classes resume on January 5th at 6:30 p.m.

THE EPPHANY OF OUR LORD will be celebrated on Thursday, January 6th with Divine Service at 7:00 p.m. Following the service, we will take down the Christmas decorations. If you could help, that would be greatly appreciated.

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.

NEBRASKA WALK FOR LIFE: This annual walk will take place on Saturday, January 29, 2022. We will meet at Trinity Lutheran Church (724 S. 12th St., Lincoln) for worship at 8:45 a.m. We will head over to the State Capitol building around 9:30 a.m. where there will be various speeches at 10 a.m. Then we will walk from the Capitol to the UNL Student Union to show our support for the sanctity of all human life. The guest speaker at the Student Union will be Ashley Bratcher, the award-winning actress of "Unplanned." Trinity Lutheran Church will be receiving donations of baby wipes and size 4-6 diapers which they will distribute through their Forward program in support of families with little ones in Lincoln.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for Jan-March are available on the Guest Book table in the narthex.

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. 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!

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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** + Jim McLaughlin, Helen McKinney (Birk Baker's mother), Stacy Reimer, 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: Michaela Stine
 Altar Guild: Audra Yelkin and Paula Persinger
 Jan: Lois Ikenberry and D'Ann Washington
 Elders: Dallas Obenland (786-7277), Shawn Luedders (960-0659)
 Jan: AJ Reimer (515-0748), Birk Baker (419-8008)
 Ushers: Tom Hohman, Gregg Fusselman, Cliff Schildt, Tom Cosby
 Jan: Mike & Blake Krause, Scott Washington, Terry Reynoldson

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Divine Service:	105	Sunday School:	n/a
<u>Last Week's Offerings</u>		<u>Year To Date Offerings</u>	
*Sunday Divine Service	\$ 3,787.50	General Fund Offerings	\$ 165,057.20
Special Service	\$		
Sunday School	\$ 1.50	Sunday School	\$ 152.98
Building Fund	\$ 110.00	Building Fund	\$ 8,990.00
Other Offerings	\$ 45.00	Other Offerings	\$ 855.20
**Total Offerings	\$ 3,944.00	Offerings Received	\$ 175,055.38
<u>Last Week's Budget</u>		<u>Year To Date Budget</u>	
General Fund Needed	\$ 3,820.50	General Fund Needed	\$ 194,845.50
Difference	\$ (33.00)	Difference	\$ (29,788.30)

**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 26 th	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Study
Monday, December 27 th		
Tuesday, December 28 th		
Wednesday, December 29 th		
Thursday, December 30 th		
Friday, December 31 st		
Saturday, January 1 st		
Sunday, January 2 nd	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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