

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: will not meet this week, and resume Tuesday, January 13.

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 6th at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Jon Sollberger of Immanuel Lutheran Church (Louisville) will be our guest pastor for the Divine Service.

LWML GIVING TREE: The LWML is collecting non-perishable food item for the *Bread of Life* food pantry at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lincoln. Please place your donated food items in the boxes by the Christmas tree in the parish hall. Donation will be collected until January 7th.

USHERS FOR 2026: The sign-up sheet for 2026 Ushers is posted the bulletin board. Please sign up for the months you are able to usher. There are 10 more open spots to be filled.

2026 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: Please pick up your offering envelopes in the parish hall.

ANNIVERSARY BOOK – LAST CALL! There's still time to place your order! If you didn't get your order in previously, you still have a chance. Please complete an order form and leave your payment in Rachel Hrabik's box. Anniversary books are \$15. As a reminder, ornaments are still available for \$10. Order forms are due by January 4.

2026 PARISH DIRECTORY: The 2026 Parish Directory will be published soon. Please let Ashley in the office know if you have a new phone number, email, or home address. Also, parents with children in college or living out of the area, please update with the child's most current information. Thank you!

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

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.

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 at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



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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** + Thomas Roberts (Reimer's nephew), Konner Lamb (Karle's nephew)
 + **Hospitalized, Suffering, Ill or Recovering** + Tom Hohman, Baby Mae (Obenland's foster granddaughter), Charlene Miller, Rhae Werner (Jolene McLaughlin's sister), Eldon Hestermann, Kenneth Case (Alice Rader's brother), Amanda Stine (Sheryl's sister-in-law), Gary Linden (Carol Boller's brother), Amanda Luedders (David's daughter-in-law), Jen Vaughn (Lisa Schmidt's sister), Bonita Severson, Gary Sindelar (Suzanne Yelkin's brother-in-law), Renee Holland (Ken Nowak's daughter), Marcus Schmidt, JoAnn Schmidt (Marlene Schroder's friend), Brett Schroder (Marlene's nephew), Roger Hestermann (Kati Yelkin's step-father), Cindy Ortlieb (Art's daughter), Kim Tatum (Baker's friend), 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: Anderson McCreight
 Altar Guild: Audra Yelkin and Paula Persinger
 Elders: Terry Kuebler (314-3171) and Kevin Bolin (450-3043)
 Ushers: Andy McLaughlin, Tom Hohman, Birk Baker, Ron Graphenteen

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Divine Service:	108	Sunday School:	n/a
<u>Last Week's Offerings</u>		<u>Year To Date Offerings</u>	
*Sunday Divine Service	\$ 3,700.00	General Fund Offerings	\$ 202,160.39
Special Service	\$ 235.00		
Sunday School	\$ 3.50	Sunday School	\$ 280.44
Building Fund	\$ 100.00	Building Fund	\$ 3,477.00
Other Offerings	\$	Other Offerings	\$ 1,600.00
**Total Offerings	\$ 4038.50	Offerings Received	\$ 207,517.53
<u>Last Week's Budget</u>		<u>Year To Date Budget</u>	
General Fund Needed	\$ 4,369.15	General Fund Needed	\$ 222,826.85
Difference	\$ (434.15)	Difference	\$ (20,666.46)

*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 28 th	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	SS/Youth/Adult Bible Study
Monday, December 29 th	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Tuesday, December 30 th		
Wednesday, December 31 st		
Thursday, January 1 st		
Friday, January 2 nd		
Saturday, January 3 rd	10:30 am	Didache
Sunday, January 4 th	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	SS/Youth/Adult Bible Study

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and closed Friday. The office may be closed on other occasions, so please call ahead.

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