

News and Notes of Interest

WELCOME PASTOR KUHLMAN: We are grateful to have you with us this morning as you serve us with Christ's very own Word and Sacraments. Thank you for your service to Christ's Church.

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 will not meet this week. They will resume on January 9th.

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!

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD will be celebrated on Sunday, January 7th at the 9:00 a.m. Divine Service. Following the Sunday School hour, we will take down the Christmas decorations. If you could help, that would be greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU! Your cards, gifts and goodies were wonderful! Thank you so much for your love and support. The Lord has blessed us with a congregation of great people. A blessed Christmas to all of you, and a Happy New Year. *Pastor & Catherine*

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.

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!

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.

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-Epiphany are available on the guest book table. Go to <https://higherthings.org/reflections> to see other formats that are available.

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

2024 PARISH DIRECTORY: The 2024 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!

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



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DECEMBER 31, 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** + Christa Surman, Don Luedders (David's brother), 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

Guest Pastor: Rev. Brent Kuhlman—Trinity Lutheran, Murdock

Organist: Barbara Hohman

Acolyte: Tenley Peery

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: 99	Sunday School: Practice
<u>Last Week's Offerings</u>	<u>Year To Date Offerings</u>
*Sunday Divine Service \$ 1,730.30	General Fund Offerings \$ 178,486.60
Special Service \$ 2,466.00	
Sunday School \$ 2.00	Sunday School \$ 217.53
Building Fund \$	Building Fund \$ 5,010.00
Other Offerings \$ 5,500.00	Other Offerings \$ 5,935.00
**Total Offerings \$ 9,698.30	Offerings Received \$ 189,649.13
<u>Last Week's Budget</u>	<u>Year To Date Budget</u>
General Fund Needed \$ 4,218.15	General Fund Needed \$ 215,125.85
Difference \$ (21.85)	Difference \$ (36,639.25)

**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 31 st	9:00 am	Divine Service	
	10:15 am	SS/Youth/Adult Bible Study	
Monday, January 1 st			<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Tuesday, January 2 nd	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting	
Wednesday, January 3 rd	6:30 pm	LWML Epiphany Party/Meeting	
Thursday, January 4 th	7:00 pm	Didache	
Friday, January 5 th			
Saturday, January 6 th			
Sunday, January 7 th	9:00 am	Divine Service	
	10:15 am	SS/Youth/Adult Bible Study	

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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