

**Welcome to
Immanuel Lutheran Church**

A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

**December 19, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Advent**



*“And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary,
the baby leaped in her womb.” Luke 1:41*

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Rev. J. Philipp Augustine, Pastor

Welcome to Immanuel! We ask all guests to please fill out the Communication/Communion Card, which has been placed at the entrances. You can place the completed card in the offering plate, hand to an usher or elder, or drop in the basket as you come forward for Holy Communion. We hope you have enjoyed our worship service, and we invite you to join us again soon. Members, please fill out the Communion Card to inform the church office of your attendance today and any needed prayers and visits.

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Sermon: “Blessed are You in Christ” – Luke 1:39-45

Hymns: 354 - Arise, O Christian People
357 - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
933 - My Soul Rejoices

Organist: Debra Eggenberger

Elders/Ushers: 8:00 am: Mark Bartsh, Robert Lamprecht
10:15 am: Brent Wohlers, Don Luckstein

Acolyte & Cross Bearer: 8:00 – Bryson Boettcher

Altar Duty December: Don & Becky Luckstein, Tom & Lisa Hoekstra

Busy Bags: Will be available once COVID19 concerns are past.

Our Mission

Immanuel Lutheran Church exists to spread the Gospel in its truth and purity through Word and Sacraments in accordance with the Confession of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod.
Immanuel Lutheran School exists to share the Gospel, so children become disciples of Jesus.

OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 12th: 142

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS

Wednesday, December 8th: \$ 633.00

OUR OFFERING OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Those known to be hospitalized – *no one at this time.* For any prayer requests wanted on the Congregational Prayer Chain, or in public worship services, call the church office (534-3700) or Barb Larson (251-2138) or E-mail office@immanuelplainview.org

God's richest blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week:

December 19: Peighton Prigge, Jameson Prigge,

December 20: Tyler Miller

December 21: Katlin Bauer, Duane Schulz, Thomas Neumann

December 24: Jean Schreiber

December 25: Kim Zabel, Mary Lamprecht



Will you join us in being Jesus’s hands and feet?

We ask you to prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister.

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation.

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ’s love and care to people during a time of need.

We are looking for members of our church to join our Stephen Ministry team!

If you have a desire to support others during their time of need, contact one of our Stephen Leaders –

Becky Luckstein (534-2236 or 951-1716) or Val Aarsvold (259-3586).

We are organizing a class to train Stephen Ministers to do the important work God has called us to do. Is God calling YOU?



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS December 19, 2021

Monday – Friday office hours	8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday, Dec 19: Divine Service	8:00 am
Sunday School Christmas Program	10:15 am
ILS Christmas Program	3:00 pm
Monday, Dec 20: High Rise Chapel	1:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec 22: ILS Chapel	8:25 am
Friday, Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service	5:00 pm
Saturday, Dec 25: Christmas Day Service	9:30 am
Sunday, Dec 26: Divine Service	8:00 am & 10:15 am

Office hours: December 24 – Closed; December 27th – 31st will be 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Trustees and Elders are looking for volunteers to help shovel sidewalks around the church

and school. This would be an “on call” type of list so that if we need to clear things quickly due to a ill-timed snow, extra help can come. Please contact Randy Boettcher at 507-259-1875 to be on the list. Thank you!

New and Re-elected Officers and Board Members installation will take place on January 2. You need not be at both services, but please do attend one for a time of recognition and blessing of your service to the Lord and His Church.

Sunday School, Youth and Pastor’s Bible studies will be on Christmas break December 19 to January 2. All will resume on January 9.

Charitable contributions for 2021 must be received before the first worship service in 2022 to claim the deduction for 2021. Checks that are mailed and postmarked in 2021 will still be deductible even if received at church in January. For your contribution to be on your statement of giving, it must be in a giving envelope, a check with your name on it, or through our website with Vanco’s e-giving service. Gift made through Thrivent (Choice Dollars or its e-giving platform) are not direct gifts to Immanuel and therefore not on your statement of giving.

Year-end Gifts needed! At the special voters meeting on November 21, the assembly approved a \$740,000 ministry plan for 2022. This is roughly a \$100,000 increase due to additional school staffing, insurance/benefits increases, and building maintenance. **A special year-end gift** to Immanuel will help provide the resources needed to fuel this great ministry of Christ Jesus in our church and school. May the Lord reward your generosity with even greater blessings than you could ever ask or imagine (Eph. 3:20, Malachi 3:10)!

Calling all youth group members! The youth group is headed to Gopher Lanes for bowling on **Thursday, December 30 at 11 AM.** Lunch and bowling are provided! If you need transportation, the Feils and Bedtke families are happy to pick up and drop off. If you are interested in attending, please let Kim, Amanda, or Matthew know.

The office is selling winter themed light up lanterns to raise money for the school. We have 5 different themes to choose from (red truck, holy family, angel, carolers and a nativity scene) and the prices range from \$35 - \$45. Please stop by the office to see them and to purchase!

Quilt making will begin again in January We need sheets in good condition (no worn spots or stains) to use for backings. If you have any you wish to donate, you can leave them at the church office or bring on a Sunday. We have quite a few kits to sew for quilt tops. If you would be willing to sew one or two, please contact either Linda Zabel or Margaret Carrothers. Our biggest need is people willing to tie quilts. This task does not require any sewing knowledge, just the ability to tie a double knot.

2022 Offering Envelopes & Year-to-Date giving statements are now available for pick up in the North entrance of church. These are tools for you to use in your personal stewardship. ILC members who choose to give electronically are not automatically assigned envelopes. If you would like envelopes and do not see a packet with your name on it, or if you have been assigned envelopes but they are not useful to you, please let the office know so we can adjust our order list for next year.