

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS
December 26, 2021

Monday – Friday office hours	8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday, Dec 26: Divine Service	8:00 am & 10:15 am
Thursday, Dec 30: Youth bowling	11:00 am
Sunday, Jan. 2: Divine Service	8:00 am & 10:15 am

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

ILS Christmas Break December 23 – January 2nd

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!

LifeLight Monday morning bible study will restart Monday, January 3rd at 9 am in the CLC lobby. We are on day 5, Isaiah 12.

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.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Holiday blues? - As Thanksgiving and Christmas have passed, and New Year's approach, many people are hurting due to the loss of a loved one, a cancer diagnosis, divorce, job loss, or some other significant life challenge. These experiences can make an ordinarily joyous season difficult, lonely, and perhaps even painful. If you or someone you know are hurting, consider a Stephen Minister to come along side you and walk with you. Contact one of our Stephen Leaders: Val Aarsvold (259-3586) or Becky Luckstein (534-2236 or 951-1716). Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you.