

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS
December 5, 2021

Monday – Friday office hours	8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday, Dec 5: Divine Service	8:00 am & 10:15 am
Education Hour	9:10 am
Tuesday, Dec. 6: Board of CCO Meeting	6:00 pm
Board of Ed Meeting	6:00 pm
Board of Trustees Meeting	6:30 pm
Board of Elders	7:00 pm
Board of Stewardship	7:30 pm
Wednesday, Dec 8: Chapel	8:25 am
Advent Supper	5:00 pm
Advent Service	6:30 pm
Saturday, Dec 11: ILCW Christmas Tea	9:00 am
Sunday, Dec 12: Divine Service	8:00 am & 10:15 am
Education Hour	9:10 am
Christmas Choir Concert	3:00 pm

ILCW/LWML **Christmas Brunch** is coming up soon! **ALL WOMEN OF IMMANUEL** are invited, **Saturday morning, December 11, 2021 at 9:00 AM** in the church basement. Please come and enjoy a festive meal and Christian Fellowship. We will share the Christmas message and lift our voices singing Advent/Christmas hymns. This is also an opportunity to reveal your Prayer Pal with a small gift and drawing for 2022 Prayer Pal. We encourage you to bring "Gifts from the Heart" for Green Prairie Care Center residents. Suggestions: socks, note cards, lotions, candy (sugarless and regular) and such. We look forward to celebrating Christ's birth with you. If you have questions or need a ride, please call Bonnie Boettcher at 534-3045.

Advent Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available by the entrances and in the resource room. More will be printed as needed, so pick one up for a friend or neighbor!

Hope LHS Christmas Concert - Join Hope LHS for worship and **CHRISTMAS CONCERT** Wednesday December 15 starting at 5:30 at St. Martin's Lutheran Church.

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 is 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.

National Youth Gathering: The youth group is organizing a trip to the National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas, July 9-13th. This is open to all current 8th to 12th grade students. Here is the link to the site to check out more information: <https://lcmessaging.com>. Youth group funds will pay for the majority of the trip (registration and travel). This event happens every three years, so don't miss this great opportunity to gather with fellow Lutherans from all over the country. If you are interested or have any questions, reach out to Carri Michaelis. (Sunflower_55904@yahoo.com) Carri needs to hear a answer of interested by Dec. 10th.

From the Live Nativity Stable Crew - We gratefully wish to thank the young folks and families for allowing their animals to celebrate Christmas with our Live Nativity. The families include Grover, Wood, Rother, Springer, Neumann, and Bedtke. It takes time and work to prepare them. Thank You, The Stable crew

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.

ILS Christmas Program is next Sunday, Dec. 12, at 3:00 pm in the church. Grades K-8 and the Immanuel Adult Choir will sing about the joyous news of Jesus' birth. Plan to attend and join us after the concert in the church basement for refreshments.

December Confirmations

1. In the 10:15 service today we will have the Rite of Confirmation for Seth Harper. This was rescheduled from October 31 due to family illness just prior to that day. The whole Harper family recently transferred from Immanuel-Silo. Please take a moment to congratulate Seth and welcome the Harper family!
2. Two other confirmation students, Jenna Ferk and Alicia VanSchaick, have also completed their preparations for Confirmation. Due to family availability during this busy month, they will be confirmed after the Advent service on December 15. This may seem unusual but remember that confirmation classes are about preparation for life in the body of Christ and worthy preparation to receive the Lord's Supper. This just happens to be the time when these catechumens have finished their basic instruction. God be praised for working diligently in their hearts and lives and bringing them to this place in their faith life!