

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS
December 25, 2022

Monday – Friday office hours 8:00-3:30 pm
(Office closed *Monday Dec 26 with morning hours rest of week*)
Sunday, December 25: Divine Service 9:30 am
No Bible classes until January 8
Monday, December 26: Stephen Ministry 7:00 pm
Sunday, January 1: Divine Service 8:00 & 10:15 am
Installation of new Board members both services
No Bible classes until January 8

Charitable contributions for 2022 must be received before January 1, 2023 to be on your giving statement for this year for charitable giving deduction for 2022. Checks that are mailed and postmarked in 2022 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 their e-giving platform) are not direct gifts to Immanuel and therefore not on your statement of giving.

Brick Fund contributions – The Brick Fund debt is now under \$4,000! The Church Council approved a recommendation by the Treasurer, in anticipation of special year-end gifts to retire the debt, to direct any excess gifts to the Stained Glass Window repair project. What a Christmas this would be to celebrate that debt retirement!

Quilting begins again on January 3rd. Come join fellow quilters as we start tying quilts on Tuesday, January 3, 1:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. If you have a large needle, scissors, or pliers, please bring with. No experience needed...just a fun hour with yarn tying quilts for all the charities we support.

SAVE THE DATE! We will be taking the Sanctuary Christmas decorations down and putting them away after the 10:15 service on Sunday, January 8th. Please plan to help! If we have a good group of people, we should be done by noon. Thanks!

Thank you to all the members of Immanuel for the cards and care for Christmas. We wish you all a blessed new year! - *Jean and Pastor Fuchs*

Installation of new Board members will be at church services on January 1, 2023. If you have been elected or re-elected to a Board position, please plan on a time of recognition and blessing of your service to the Lord and His Church.

Trinity Lutheran, Elgin is hosting a bus trip to the Church Basement Ladies, Saturday, January 28, 2023 at the Ames Center in Burnsville. Cost is \$56 person (price includes play ticket and motorcoach transportation). Sign up with Patty at 507-273-7675. We will leave Trinity, Elgin at 1:00 pm, supper on your own at Pizza Ranch, and return home approximately 8:00 pm.

2023 offering envelopes are in the resource room (side room by the elevator). Please pick them up for yourself and/or family members and neighbors. Thank you!

The Trustees need someone that holds a MN Boilers License MNB-16622 and is willing to assist with the church boiler operation. Contact the church if you can help or may know someone.

Sacred music for the season - Got an Amazon Alexa or Google Home device? Want some sacred music for the Advent and Christmas seasons? Simply state, "Alexa, play Lutheran Public Radio" or "Hey Google, play Lutheran Public Radio." Also available online at lutheranpublicradio.org.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

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Around Christmas and New Year's, 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: Becky Luckstein (534-2236 or 951-1716) or Val