

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS
December 10, 2023

Monday – Friday office hours	8:00-3:30 pm
Sunday December 10: Divine Service	8:00 & 10:15 am
Christian Education Hour	9:15 am
Christmas Choir Concert	3:00 pm
Monday, December 11: Lifelight Bible Study	9:00 am
ILS home Basketball game/Red Wing	4:30 pm
Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm
Tuesday, December 12: Church Council Meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday, December 13: Chapel Service	8:30 am
Advent Supper (open to serve)	5:00-6:15 pm
Advent Worship	6:30 pm
Saturday, December 16: ILCW Christmas Brunch	9:30 am
Sunday December 17: Divine Service	8:00 am
Christian Education Hour	9:15 am
Sunday School Christmas Program	10:15 am

The flowers, red pointsettas, which adorn our altar today are given by Bob & Sue Lamprecht in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary which is December 9th.

Christmas Concert by Immanuel Lutheran Church and School is today, Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3:00 pm. You are invited to join us at what is guaranteed to be a great Christmas concert retelling of the Birth of Christ, our Lord, along with songs prepared by the students of ILS and the Immanuel Lutheran Church Choristers. Light refreshments will be provided in the church basement following the concert.

Advent Services continue this Wednesday, December 13 and December 20. Make plans to join us for a time of repentance, prayer, and hope in our coming Lord Jesus Christ. Meals will be served before each evening service starting at 5:00 pm. Services are at 6:30 p.m.

Advent Supper Signup If there is a group willing to serve an Advent Supper, December 13 is open. Call the office if you would like to serve a meal.

ILCW Christmas Brunch is coming up soon!! **ALL WOMEN OF IMMANUEL** are invited on **Saturday morning, December 16, 2023 at 9:30 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. Also, this is an opportunity to reveal your Prayer Pal with a gift and drawing for 2024 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.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way to make the Live Nativity a very special evening. After questioning whether we would have enough characters to fill shifts, we ended up with more than enough willing to join in. And, to those who worked to build the scene, hauled and watched the animals, thank you. What a blessing to start our Advent Season with the Live Nativity.

The Youth thanks everyone who helped prepare the Thanksgiving Eve meal, donated salads, desserts, helped serve or did clean up detail. It was an evening of blessings for all who came.

The Youth Group baked goods table at Country Christmas was very busy! Thank you to all who shared their baking talents to help fund our Youth Group events throughout the year.

The ILCW would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make Country Christmas weekend a huge success! If you worked in the kitchen or the candy table - thank you. We couldn't do it without you! If you brought food for lunch or candy for the candy table - thank you! If you supported us by having lunch or purchasing some yummy candy - thank you! We had another fantastic year! This allows us to continue with our mission work at Immanuel and to support the many missions outside of Immanuel.

We are still looking for a person to be Chairman of the congregation. I know there is someone out there saying, "Why hasn't anyone asked me to be Chairman?" If you are that person, call me at 507-534-2115 or the church office at 507-534-3700. If you know that person and they are afraid to call, you call with their name at the same numbers. Butch Mussell

New Directories are available in the Resource room to account for the address and membership changes over the past year.

Advent Devotions are available at the entrances. The larger connects to the Advent series Pastor is using on "The Clothing of the King". This devotion runs from December 3 to Christmas Day. The smaller booklet goes from December 3 to January 6 and is from Lutheran Hour Ministries and connects more with the Christmas story. Both will be a blessing for your preparation for the coming of Christ at His birth and His return!

Candles and Cookies for sale...ILS has these two fundraisers for the school through December, or until sold out. The candles are lighted and range in price from \$15 to \$40. There are nativity, cardinal, and snowman scenes left. Cookies come 5 dozen per bag, precut, frozen and ready to bake for \$30. All proceeds go to Immanuel Lutheran School. Contact the office to purchase.