

## announcements~1.21.24~Immanuel Lutheran Church



**2024 FIRST QUARTER MISSION EMPHASIS:** Forest City Neighborhood Food Bank with emphasis of CANNED SOUPS for SUPER BOWL SUNDAY February 11. Donations accepted anytime!

**SMALL GROUP SURVEY**—Would you like to be part of an Immanuel Small Group? We are looking to start up some small groups in the new year for some faith-based fellowship, fun, study, food, community service, or other activities that the groups choose for themselves. There are survey forms to pick up in the narthex, office, and fellowship hall, to see who might be interested in joining and/or leading one of these new groups. Please fill out a form and return to the office, and we'll get the ball rolling in January!

**Wednesday Community Meals:** Serving each week 4:15-6:15 in the fellowship hall—eat in or takeout. Menu this week: baked chicken, oven-roasted potatoes, peas, cake. Come enjoy the fellowship with others for this free community meal. Bring the family, invite a neighbor, friend, or someone who could use a meal.

**MANY MORE BOOKS ADDED to the tables of FREE BOOKS** in the fellowship hall. Browse through and take as many as you want. The books are gifts from the Immanuel Library Board.

**Prayer Chain Contacts:** Jaci Thorson in church office (585-3152) or email [jaci@immanuelfamily](mailto:jaci@immanuelfamily). **The prayer intercessors** are praying together on Zoom from their homes. Please notify office with any additions or corrections. **Pastoral Hospital Visits:** If you or your family members are hospitalized, please let us know.

**Consider automatic giving:** We invite you to consider supporting the mission and ministry of Immanuel through automatic giving by following the link on the website or calling the church office for assistance. OR USE IMMANUEL'S QR CODE TO GIVE ELECTRONICALLY. Thank you for your consideration. Mailing in your gifts is another way to support our mission and ministry.



### Around the community:

**Remember the FC Neighborhood Food Bank!** Emphasizing canned soups, vegetables, fruits, toilet paper, and brown-handled paper grocery bags. Items may be brought to the church anytime during office hours or Sundays and placed in grocery carts by the office or in the narthex. Thank you!

**WINTER CRAFTING RETREAT,** January 26-28, Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp. Cost: \$119 per person-Friday-Sunday. Set aside some time just for you to do what makes you happy ~ a weekend of fun, fellowship, and accomplishment! Find details and registration online at [www.okoboji.org/crafting-retreat](http://www.okoboji.org/crafting-retreat). (Spring Crafting Retreat dates are April 26-28.)

**OKOBOJI MARRIAGE RETREAT:** Enjoy your own Valentine's Getaway weekend at Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp, February 9-11. Enjoy a wonderful weekend with a banquet dinner, evening entertainment, free couples photo shoot, breakfast café, great sessions... whether you've been married many years or just one year, take time to re-vision your marriage together. Guest speakers: Pastor Jeremy & Michelle King. Cost: \$219 for the weekend per couple. Register, or for more info, [www.okoboji.org/marriage-retreat](http://www.okoboji.org/marriage-retreat).

**It's not too early to think about 'Bible Camp fun' this summer!** February is the month to sign up to receive the discounts. A representative from Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp will be visiting on Wednesday, Jan. 31. Check out all the camp websites of the 3 that we help support: Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp, Lutheran Lakeside Bible Camp, and Ingham-Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp. FEBRUARY IS 'EARLY-BIRD' DISCOUNT MONTH.

**NIACC is hiring ESL Instructors** for a variety of locations, including Forest City. They are looking for dedicated individuals to teach ESL (English as a second language) part-time during the day or evening. Four-year degree required, teaching experience preferred, no need to be bilingual, training provided, need a passion for helping students succeed. *Teaching ESL is like traveling the world in a classroom!* Questions? [NIACC.edu/ESL](http://NIACC.edu/ESL) or call 641-422-4358 to learn more.

**CLOTHES CLOSET at Fertile Lutheran Church.** Open every Wednesday evening from 5:30-7pm. This clothing ministry provides clothes and shoes of all sizes for free to those in need. All families and individuals in the surrounding area are welcome to see what is in the Clothes Closet. Racks and shelves of clothing sorted by size from newborn to adults. Donations may also be brought on Wednesday evening or call the church and leave a message (641-797-2767) about donations. There is a convenient drop-off box located at the back entrance.

**This Week at Immanuel:**

TODAY:	9:15am	Worship, communion
	10:15am	Coffee, Fellowship Hall
	10:30am	Promiseland
TUESDAY:	1pm	LWR Quilting Do Day, Fellowship Hall
	3:30pm	Intercessor Prayer Group, Zoom
WEDNESDAY:	4:15-6:15	Meal, Fellowship Hall
	5:25pm	Promiseland / Middle School Ministry / Adult Class, Lounge
	6:30pm	Worship, communion
	7:15pm	Choir
	7:30pm	High School Youth Group
THURSDAY:	9am	Women's Bible Study, Lounge
	6pm	Personnel Meeting
	6:30pm	Good Grief Group, Shalom
NEXT SUNDAY:	9:15am	Worship, communion
	10:15am	Coffee, Fellowship Hall
	10:30am	Promiseland

***Parents Night Out***  
**Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:00PM-8:00PM**  
**Hosted by the High School Youth**  
**and Adults, in the Fellowship Hall**  
**Proceeds go towards the Gathering**

**Food**  
**Games**  
**Crafts**  
**Fun**

**\$15 1<sup>st</sup> Child**  
**\$10 each additional child**

**Please contact Jaci, Pastor Zech, or Intern Elizabeth to sign your kids up for this event by February 6<sup>th</sup>.**