

announcements~11.27.22~Immanuel Lutheran Church



Let's do some Christmas decorating in the Sanctuary TODAY, following 9:15 worship. Anyone is welcome to come join in the seasonal fun!

STOCK THE PANTRY: Intern Elizabeth Carr will begin her year at Immanuel on December 1st. Let's welcome her with a 'Stock the Pantry' party by sharing staple pantry-type items. These gifts may be left in the church office by the 1st.

PROMISELAND CHRISTMAS PROGRAM is Sunday, Dec. 11, 2:30pm, with a Pie & Ice Cream Social time following the program. If you would like to help by donating pie(s) and/or ice cream, find the sign up button on the immanuelfamily.com homepage to sign up, or call the church office, 585-3152. *Everyone is invited to come enjoy as all the children share the Christmas Story with us.*



November Mission Project: 'NO BAKE BAKE SALE' to benefit our ELCA Missionary Karen Anderson in Chile. (Check out the flyer in the narthex or read about it in the November Messenger or Facebook.) Share your favorite Christmas treat recipe with us!

If you are not already giving automatically, 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.



Prayer Chain Contacts: Jaci Thorson in church office (585-3152) or email jaci@immanuelfamily.com. **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.

Prayer Shawls available: If you are chilly sitting in your pew, prayer shawls are available in the narthex that you can use to stay warm. Just ask an usher. If you or someone you know could benefit from a prayer shawl, you are welcome to take it with you.

Wednesday Community Meals: Serving each week 4-6 in the fellowship hall—eat in or takeout. Menu this week: chicken noodle hotdish, peas/carrots, applesauce. Bring the family, invite a neighbor or friend, come enjoy the fellowship with others for this free community meal. *Interested in volunteering to help in the kitchen?* Talk to Dawn in the kitchen.

WARNING: Occasionally staff members, leaders, and congregation members receive an email that appears to be from pastorrod@immanuelfamily.com asking for your help. The scammer will eventually ask you to purchase e bay gift cards, scratch off the coating from the hidden code and send a picture. From Pastor Rod: I will always unabashedly invite and challenge you to support the vital mission of this congregation, however I will never ask any one of you to help me or the church through gift cards. This is a scam. Please do not open these emails, nor respond to them. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Around the community:

Remember the FC Neighborhood Food Bank! Emphasizing macaroni & cheese, pork & beans, Jello, boxes of cereal, toilet paper, and brown-handled paper grocery bags may be brought to the church anytime during office hours or Sundays. Place in grocery carts by the office or in the narthex.

Forest City Community Blood Drive: Thursday, Dec. 15, 1-6:00pm, First Baptist Church. Appoints are encouraged: text: LIFESERVE to 999-777, call: 800-287-4903, visit: lifeservebloodcenter.org. *Your blood. Your hospital. Your neighbors.*

MercyOne North Iowa Hospice Tree of Life: Join NI Hospice for the Tree of Life Virtual Program on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 6:00pm. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one, please submit names by Dec. 5. Your loved one does not need to have been a hospice patient to be remembered or honored. Send names, and any donation you would like to share to: MercyOne North Iowa Hospice, 232 2nd St, SE, Mason City, IA 50401. A holiday ornament will be mailed to you. EVENT LINK: [Facebook.com/MercyOneNorthIowa](https://www.facebook.com/MercyOneNorthIowa), Events: Hospice Tree of Life. Or MercyOne.org/northiowa/tree-of-life.

This Week at Immanuel:

TODAY:	9:15am	1 st Sunday of Advent Worship
	10:15am	Coffee, Fellowship Hall / Christmas decorating in Sanctuary
TUESDAY:	3:30pm	Intercessor Prayer Group
	5:30pm	Bell Choir, Fireside Room
WEDNESDAY:	4-6pm	Meal, Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm	Whirl Wednesday / Adult Learning, Lounge / Middle School Ministry, Shalom
	6pm	Worship, communion
	6:45pm	Choir, Fireside Room
	7:30pm	High School Youth Group
THURSDAY:	9am	Women's Bible Study, Lounge
NEXT SUNDAY:	9:15am	2 nd Sunday of Advent Worship, communion
	10:15am	Coffee, Fellowship Hall
	10:30am	Promiseland



and all through the earth every creature was stirring awaiting a birth!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Followed by Pie & Ice Cream hosted by Board of Education
Sunday, December 11, 2:30pm

All welcome to come enjoy all the children share the Christmas Story!