

announcements~12.10.23~Immanuel Lutheran Church



December mission emphasis will be helping those families that have a difficult time keeping up with the school lunch accounts. *NOISY OFFERINGS FOR OUR DECEMBER EMPHASIS ARE WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13 AND SUNDAY, DEC. 17.*

Wednesday Community Meals: Serving each week 4:15-6:15 in the fellowship hall—eat in or takeout. Menu this week: hamburgers, French fries, broccoli salad, strawberry fluff. 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.

USHERS needed for 5:30 Christmas Eve. A family, couples, individuals of any age, let Jaci in the office or Mary Kingland know if you would like to volunteer!

CAN / BOTTLE TRAILER is parked out in the north alley TODAY for all your 5¢ redeemable cans and bottles. This is an ongoing church fundraiser on the 2nd Sunday of the month. *Thanks!!*

A table of FREE BOOKS is in the fellowship hall for an early Christmas present to you from your Immanuel Library. Take as many as you want. Also take some for your friends and neighbors. Merry Christmas from your Library Committee!

Join in the video series and fellowship based on the Christmas season on Wednesdays! All adults welcome to gather in the Lounge on Wednesdays during Promiseland (5:25-6:25) to join in this video series along with a little discussion and fellowship.

Prayer Chain Contacts: Jaci Thorson in church office (585-3152) or email 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.



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!

Around the community:

CHRISTMAS JOY FOR YOUR FAMILY! Amid the busyness of the holiday season, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever



is an opportunity for your family to experience joy and be touched by Christmas's power of redemption. The story is based on the classic children's book by Barbara Robinson. It tells the story of how one church experienced its best pageant ever after receiving the unexpected gift of Christmas's deeper meaning. Best of all, it's delivered by "the worst kids in town," the Herdman children. The show is being performed in the Boman Fine Arts Center by BrickStreet Theatre. The remaining shows are Sundays,

Dec. 10 and 17, at 2 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 15, and Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at brickstreettheatre.org, or by calling 641-585-1800, as well as at the door, as available.

Remember the FC Neighborhood Food Bank! Emphasizing canned soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, 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!

Donating blood brings people home for the holidays! Forest City Community Blood Drive, Thursday, Dec. 21, 1-6pm, First Baptist Church (18508 Hwy 9, FC). For appointments, text: LIFESERVE to 999.777; call: 800.287.4903, or visit: lifeserve.info/schedule.

ABIDE Young Adult Retreat (18+), December 29-31 @ Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp. ABIDE is a brand new weekend retreat for young adults to gather for fun activities, Bible teaching, worship, cookie decorating, pilates, sledding, game night, connection with other young adults. Cost is \$99. For more details and to register, check it out on the www.okoboji.org/abide website. (Most housing will be cabin groups of 3-6 males or females with some married housing available.)

This Week at Immanuel:

TODAY:	9:15am	3 rd Sunday of Advent Worship – Promiseland Christmas Program
	10:15am	Light Brunch, hosted by Education Board, served by HS Youth, Fellowship Hall
MONDAY:	5pm	Trustees, Shalom
	6:30pm	Council, Shalom
TUESDAY:	3:30pm	Intercessor Prayer Group, Zoom
	4:30pm	Education Board Meeting, Kitchenette
	5:30pm	Bell Choir, Fireside Room
WEDNESDAY:	4:15-6:15	Meal, FH
	4:45pm	Mission & Outreach Board, Zoom
	5:25pm	Promiseland / Middle School Ministry / Adult Class, Lounge
	6:30pm	Worship, <i>Noisy Offering for December Mission Emphasis ~ FC Schools Lunch Program</i>
	7:15pm	Choir
	7:30pm	HS Youth Group
THURSDAY:	9am	Women's Bible Study, Lounge
	6:30pm	Good Grief Group, Shalom
NEXT SUNDAY:	9:15am	4 th Sunday of Advent Worship, communion, <i>Noisy Offering for FC Schools Lunch Program</i>
	10:15am	Coffee, Fellowship Hall
	10:30am	Promiseland

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

9:15am Christmas Eve Morning Worship ~ 'birthday party for Jesus'

1:00pm Forest Plaza Christmas Eve Service for residents & families

3:00pm Candlelight Service, communion, choir
(pre-service music begins at 2:30)

5:30pm Candlelight Service, communion
(pre-service music begins at 5:00)

Radio broadcast over KLOW 107.3FM at 5:00 of pre-recorded 3:00 service.

Live online beginning at 2:30 with pre-service music at immanuelfamily.com or Facebook.

