

## announcements~12.17.23~Immanuel Lutheran Church



**LARGE print scriptures** are available in the narthex or from an usher if you prefer to see the scriptures in larger print.

**December mission emphasis** will be helping those families that have a difficult time keeping up with the school lunch accounts. *NOISY OFFERING TODAY! THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS MISSION!!*

**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: egg bake, fruit, oatmeal ~ thank you to John Chisholm for sponsoring this meal with a Thrivent Action Grant! 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.

**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!

**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:

**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. FINAL PERFORMANCE is TODAY at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at [brickstreettheatre.org](http://brickstreettheatre.org), or by calling 641-585-1800, as well as at the door, as available.



**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!

**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](http://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](http://www.okoboji.org/abide) website. (Most housing will be cabin groups of 3-6 males or females with some married housing available.)

**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). There is a convenient drop-off box located at the back entrance.

### **This Week at Immanuel:**

TODAY:	9:15am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Worship, communion, choir, bell choir, <i>NOISY OFFERING</i>
	10:15am	Coffee, Fellowship Hall
MONDAY:	2-4pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry, Shalom
TUESDAY:	3:30pm	Intercessor Prayer Group, Zoom
	5:30pm	Bell Choir, Fireside Room
	6:30pm	Cub Scouts Pack Meeting, Fellowship Hall
	4:15-6:15	Meal, FH
WEDNESDAY:	5:25pm	Promiseland / Middle School Ministry / Adult Class, Lounge
	6:30pm	Worship
	7:15pm	Choir
	7:30pm	HS Youth Group
THURSDAY:	9am	Women's Bible Study, Lounge
	10:30am	Good Samaritan Communion Service w/pastor
	4:30pm	Parish Life Board (packing Christmas bags)
NEXT SUNDAY:	CHRISTMAS EVE ~ SEE SCHEDULE BELOW:	



### **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)
- 4:00pm Christmas Eve at Bethany, Thompson
- 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](http://immanuelfamily.com) or Facebook.

