

announcements~12.24.23~Immanuel Lutheran Church



December mission emphasis will be helping those families that have a difficult time keeping up with the school lunch accounts. *THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS MISSION!!* 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: NO MEAL THIS WEEK. RESUMES JANUARY 3. 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. **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.

2024 Scripture Readers will be scheduled in January. *Would you like to volunteer to be a reader?* New names of any age are welcome. Otherwise, all our existing readers will be included in the rotation unless you let Jaci know differently.

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!

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 Christmas Eve Worship: 'Birthday party for Jesus'
10:15am NO coffee
MONDAY: MERRY CHRISTMAS! Church closed
TUESDAY: Church offices closed
WEDNESDAY: NO meal, No programming, NO worship
THURSDAY: 6:30pm Good Grief Group, Shalom
NEXT SUNDAY: 9:15am Worship, communion
10:15am Coffee, Fellowship Hall
MONDAY, JAN. 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024! Church closed

TODAY'S 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 KIOW 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.

