

announcements~12.3.23~Immanuel Lutheran Church



LARGE Printed Scriptures: If you prefer to see the scriptures as they are read at worship, copies are available in the narthex for you to read along in larger print.

December mission emphasis will be helping those families that have a difficult time keeping up with the school lunch accounts.

Wednesday Community Meals: Serving each week 4:15-6:15 in the fellowship hall—eat in or takeout. Menu this week: Scalloped potatoes & ham, green beans, pears, cake – Thrivent Grant thanks to Carol Merritt. 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!

COMMUNION SERVERS (6) needed for 5:30 Christmas Eve. Let Jaci know if you would like to help with this. Training provided if you haven't assisted before.

CAN / BOTTLE TRAILER will be parked out in the alley next Sunday 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 narthex 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 check out this new video series along with a little discussion and fellowship.

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.

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.



FOR YOUR AWARENESS: A LIFEVAC Choking Rescue Device is in the church kitchen hanging above first aid box. This tool can save a life in a choking emergency. It's non-invasive and easy to use. Simple instructions included inside the blue, zip-up case. Use on small children, by people who can't physically do the Heimlich maneuver, or on yourself in a choking emergency.

Dec. 2023-Jan. 2024 Messengers are available online at immanuelfamily.com or in print around the church.

Around the community:

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!

'1st Sunday of the month' Breakfast at the FC Legion Hall. Serving 8-noon, freewill.

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.)

THANK YOU to all of you who helped with donations of food, money, financial gifts, pie-baking, and willing hands towards Immanuel's 28th Community Thanksgiving Buffet Meal that fed around 250 guests!

This Week at Immanuel:

TODAY:	9:15am	2 nd Sunday of Advent Worship, communion
	10:15am	Coffee, Fellowship Hall
MONDAY:	5-8pm	PEO Christmas Party, Shalom
TUESDAY:	3:30pm	Intercessor Prayer Group, Zoom
	5:30pm	Bell Choir, Fireside Room
WEDNESDAY:	4:15-6:15	Meal, FH
	5:25pm	Promiseland – CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE
		Middle School Ministry / Adult Class, Lounge
	6:30pm	Worship, communion
	7:15pm	Choir
	7:30pm	HS Youth Group
THURSDAY:	9am	Women's Bible Study, Lounge
SATURDAY:	10-4pm	Holtan Family Christmas Gathering, Fellowship Hall-Kitchen
NEXT SUNDAY:	9:15am	3 rd Sunday of Advent Worship, communion / PROMISELAND CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
	10:15am	Light Brunch, hosted by Education Board, served by HS Youth, Fellowship Hall
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