

## announcements~12.31.23~Immanuel Lutheran Church



**December mission emphasis** has been 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: meatballs, mashed potatoes & gravy, scalloped corn, Jello. 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 you to browse through and take as many as you want. The books are gifts from the Immanuel Library Board.

**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.

**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.



**TODAY is the final day to give towards your 2023 contributions.** Thank you to all of you for your generous support in 2023!

### 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 Worship, communion  
10:15am Coffee, Fellowship Hall

MONDAY: HAPPY NEW YEAR! Church closed

TUESDAY: 3:30pm Intercessor Prayer Group, Zoom  
4:30pm Parish Life Board Meeting  
5:30pm Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY: 4:15-6:15 Meal, Fellowship Hall  
5:25pm Promiseland / Middle School Ministry / Adult Class, Lounge  
6:30pm Worship, communion  
7:15pm Choir  
7:30pm High School Youth Group

THURSDAY: 9am Women's Bible Study, Lounge

SATURDAY: *Epiphany ~ 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas*

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:15am Worship, communion  
10:15am Coffee, Fellowship Hall

UPCOMING 1-14: 10:15am '2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month' Potluck Brunch, hosted by Trustees

