

## announcements~12.5.21~Immanuel Lutheran Church



### Worship for the family!

- Nursery staff available during worship on Sundays and Wednesdays in nursery below the narthex. (Also, during Whirl Wednesday in the education wing nursery.)
- Note: you and your children are welcome and celebrated here! We now have space in the south transept for you and your kids to use as is helpful because we love that they are a part of our worship community.

**If you are not already giving automatically**, 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 the mission and ministry here at Immanuel.



**ZOOM Coffee Fellowship** for anyone to join in on Sundays following 9:15 worship. Link button on the home page at [immanuelfamily.com](http://immanuelfamily.com). 'Bring your own coffee' and join in the conversation!

**Wednesday Meals:** Serving out of the kitchen each week – **erving time: 4-6pm** – to eat in the fellowship hall and for takeout. Signup online at [immanuelfamily.com](http://immanuelfamily.com) only if you need delivery. Menu this week: Chili/vegetable beef soup, bread, cake.

**CALL FOR PIE BAKERS!:** Children's Education is serving Pie & Ice Cream following the Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, Dec., 12, 2:00 p.m. Sign up thru the button link on [immanuelfamily.com](http://immanuelfamily.com) website if you can help furnishing pie(s). Only need one more pail of ice cream! All are welcome to attend this fun afternoon!

**Good Gifts Trees:** Stop by a tree and pick out an ornament and purchase ELCA Good Gifts to give a gift that matters. (Find trees by south entrance and in the narthex.)

**USHERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE:** 3:00 & 5:15 services; 4 ushers for each. Please sign up in the narthex, or leave your name in the office.

### Prayer concerns:

**Prayer Chain Contacts:** Barb Johnson (585-2998) or Jaci Thorson in church office (585-3152). Or you may email Barb at [barbjohnson104@gmail.com](mailto:barbjohnson104@gmail.com). **The prayer intercessors** are praying together on Zoom from their homes. Please notify office with any additions or corrections.

### Around the community:

**Christmas with Waldorf ~ OUT OF DARKNESS,** TODAY, 2pm. 2021 Christmas program with Jazz Ensemble, Choir, Wind Symphony, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble & Singers, and Immanuel Bell Choir. Tickets and more information available on Boman Fine Arts Center website. Advance-\$15, at the door-\$20, Children-\$10. Waldorf Christmas Open House at the Boman Fine Arts Center, 12:30-2pm today.

**Forest City Community Blood Drive:** LifeServe Blood Center will be set up on Thursday, Dec. 16, 1:30-6pm at First Baptist Church. To schedule an appointment, text LIFESERVE to 999-777 or call 800-287-4903.

**MercyOne North Iowa Hospice's TREE OF LIFE:** The Tree of Life event again this year will be a VIRTUAL LOCATION: wherever you are! Tuesday, Dec. 21, 6:00 p.m. Remember your loved ones or honor those living at the event. The lights on the Tree serve as a beautiful symbol of the love and memories we cherish. This year's event includes a video featuring the tree lighting plus, each location will have a special video with the requested names. **Requested names must be received by Wednesday, Dec. 8.** Mail your name(s), location, and your special gift to: MercyOne North Iowa Hospice, 232 2<sup>nd</sup> St SE, Mason City, IA 50401. The event link will be available at: [Facebook.com/MercyOneNorthIowaHospice](https://www.facebook.com/MercyOneNorthIowaHospice); Tree of Life Facebook event; [MercyOne.org/northiowa/tree-of-life](https://www.MercyOne.org/northiowa/tree-of-life).

**The North Iowa Choral Society**, under the direction of Linda Ferjak and accompanied by Jackie Burk, will be presenting its' Christmas Concert entitled "**Light Beyond Shadow**", on Sunday, December 12 at 2:00 in the North Iowa Community College Auditorium. We are excited to be singing again after being shut down due to COVID restrictions and look forward to sharing our music with the surrounding communities. Our program celebrates the season with both old and familiar holiday songs as well as new pieces by contemporary composers. Guest musicians appearing with the ensemble are Maria Meyer on flute and the string quartet of Patty Guetzgo, Ken Bahls, Kathy Rogotzke, and Kerry Anderson. Also appearing are guest vocalists from Forest City High School, Brooke Olson, Eimmy Candelaria Vasquez, Cesar Lechuga, Gracie Lackore, Abbie Jo Segerstrom and Elsa Anderson, all under the direction of Annika Andrews, and The NordKor Children's Choir under the direction of Melissa Shellsburg. Admission is \$5.00 and tickets are available from any member of the Society or at the door. We welcome one and all to share in our celebration of the season!

**Remember the FC Neighborhood Food Bank! Non-perishable food items and toiletries may be brought to the church anytime during office hours or Sundays. Place in grocery cards by the office or in the narthex.**

**This Week at Immanuel:**

TODAY:	9:15am	Worship, communion, <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>
	10:15am	Promiseland / Coffee, Fellowship Hall / <b>DECORATING SANCTUARY TREE</b>
MONDAY:	2:30pm	Forest Plaza Communion Service w/pastor
TUESDAY:	2:30pm	Intercessor Prayer Group
	5:30pm	Bell Choir, Fireside Room
	6:30pm	Parish Life Board
WEDNESDAY:	4-6pm	Meal, Fellowship Hall
	4:45pm	Mission & Outreach
	5-6pm	Children's Christmas Program Practice, Sanctuary
	5:30pm	Middle School Youth Group
	6:30pm	Worship
	7:30pm	HS Youth Group / Choir
THURSDAY:	9am	Women's Bible Study, Lounge
NEXT SUNDAY:	9:15am	Worship
	10:15am	Promiseland / Coffee, FH
	1pm	Good Grief Group, Shalom <b>**NOTICE NEW DAY AND TIME**</b>
	2pm	Children's Christmas Program, pie & ice cream follows
CHRISTMAS EVE:	1pm	Christmas Eve Worship @ Forest Plaza for residents
	3pm	Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship (2:30 pre-service music) livestreamed
	5pm	Radio broadcast on KLOW 107.3FM will be 3:00 service pre-recorded
	5:15pm	Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship (4:45 pre-service music)

All are welcome to come enjoy the Immanuel Children as they present their Christmas Program on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 12, 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Enjoy pie & ice cream following the program in the Fellowship Hall.

