

announcements~1-19-25~Immanuel Lutheran Church



MISSION EMPHASIS: January-February Mission Emphasis will be towards our local community that we provide nourishment and other needs—Immanuel’s Wednesday Night Meals and Good Samaritan Fund.

Wednesday Community Meals: Serving each week 4-6:00pm in the fellowship hall—eat in or takeout. Menu this week: ham, macaroni & cheese, green beans, brownies. Come enjoy the fellowship with others at this free community meal. Talk to Kathy in the kitchen if you would like to help anytime.

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.



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.

Immanuel is seeking to fill a Parish Nurse position. This is a nine-month, 16 hour per month position, January through May. The Parish Nurse partners with the church to build healthy community in Jesus’ name, supporting the work of the church in healing and health of body, mind, and spirit. The person filling this position will embody this concept in the nursing care and ministry in the congregation and community by stressing health maintenance and illness prevention. An active nurse’s license or a Health Education degree is required. For more details and a job description, contact Pastor Rod Hopp at pastorrod@immanuelfamily.com or 515-450-3704.

PROMISELAND CLASSROOM PROJECT: Elizabeth Bohl and the Education Board have a plan for updating the Education Wing and need your help. Check out the display and the plan on the bulletin board across from the office on how to donate funds and/or adopt a room or see the other posters and tags to take for ways you would like to help with the project. The work will begin in June 2025 after VBS and be completely volunteer and fundraising driven.

In preparation for the FEBRUARY 9th ANNUAL MEETING, reports are due to the office by Monday, Jan. 27.

Also, in preparation for the FEBRUARY 9TH ANNUAL MEETING, a BUDGET FORUM will be held on Sunday, Feb. 2, 10:30am in the Shalom Room. A time to hear and ask questions about the proposed 2025 church budget.

Altar flowers procedure: If you are interested in having altar flowers for a celebration or remembering loved ones, we ask you to order, pay, and deliver (or have delivered) what you choose to have for flowers. Then contact the church office so we may acknowledge this gift.

Around the community

Okoboji Marriage Retreat, February 14-16, Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp. Cost for the weekend per couple: \$229. A time for couples to enjoy a Valentine Getaway with great sessions—guest speakers Pastor Ben & Stephanie Mason, banquet dinner, evening entertainment, free couples photo shoot, couples chair massages, free time options like pickleball & Escape Room. Call 800-656-2654 or email registrar@okoboji.org for more information or to register. (Brochures available on the camp bulletin board in lower-level hallway.)

This Week at Immanuel

TODAY: 9:15am Worship
10:15am Promiseland
10:15am Coffee Fellowship, FH
12:15pm Middle School Prayer Group returns from Twin Lakes Camp

MONDAY: 2-4pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Shalom
FEBRUARY MESSENGER DEADLINE

TUESDAY: 3:30pm Intercessor Prayer Group, Zoom
6:30pm Scout Pack Meeting, FH

WEDNESDAY: 4-6pm Meal, FH
5:25pm Promiseland
5:25pm Middle School Ministry, Shalom
6:30pm Worship, Promiseland kids sing, communion
7:15pm Choir, Fireside Room
7:30pm High School Youth Group, Youth Room

THURSDAY: 9am Women's Bible Study, Lounge
6:30pm Good Grief Group, Shalom (starting a new session)

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:15am Worship
10:15am Promiseland
10:15am Coffee, FH

UPCOMING:
SUNDAY, FEB. 9: 10:45am CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING (following worship & potluck brunch)

Lutheran Disaster Response: LA Wildfires

Multiple wildfires have broken out across Los Angeles County in California, with over 100,000 people under evacuation orders. Sparked by dry conditions, strong winds and a limited water supply, these fires have destroyed homes and businesses and have led to injuries and loss of life.

Lutheran Disaster Response will be there for the rebuilding ahead. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to wildfires and other disasters, wherever and whenever they strike. Learn more at [ELCA.org/wildfires](https://www.elca.org/wildfires).



Scan the QR code to give today.

By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you make it possible for the ELCA to act quickly after disasters such as wildfires and to remain for as long as the recovery takes.



OR give your gift thru Immanuel designating 'wildfires' on your check.