

## announcements~2.2.25~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: shepherd pie/taco bake, green bean casserole/squash, fruit, Rice Krispie bars. Come enjoy the fellowship with others at this free community meal. Talk to Kathy in the kitchen if you would like to help anytime.

**A BUDGET FORUM** will be held TODAY at 10:30am in the Shalom Room. Grab your coffee and treats and come to hear and ask questions about the proposed 2025 church budget.

### Immanuel’s Congregational Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 9, 10:45 in the Fellowship Hall

Hybrid Style (in person/Zoom)

Potluck Brunch following worship, hosted by Mission & Outreach

Can Trailer for your donations of redeemable cans/bottles available

*ALL welcome to this morning of worship, fellowship, and celebration!*

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Any youth heading to BIBLE CAMP this summer?** February is the early-bird month to register! This includes any of the 3 camps that Immanuel supports: Lutheran Lakeside Camp, Spirit Lake, Ingham-Okoboji Camp, Milford (early-bird deadline Feb. 15), and Riverside Bible Camp, Story City. Check out all the options available on the Camp websites. \*Immanuel will promote Confirmation-age youth to attend Lutheran Lakeside the week of June 22-27. Financial assistance from Immanuel is ½ the payment for confirmation students (just once), \$100 for any other campers attending a week of camp, \$50 for a shorter week.

**New Bible Book Study, Leaning on Jesus, a Study of God’s Strength,** will begin an 8-week session on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6-7pm in the Lounge at church. Christa Frank is leading this study and invites YOU (men or women) to attend. Suggested cost to cover the book is \$20. Books are available in the church office if you would like pick on up one in advance. Any questions, check with Christa 641-590-6696.

**Potluck Brunch** next Sunday (Feb. 9) following worship. All welcome to attend, even if you won't be staying for annual meeting. If you are sharing food items, leave in kitchen before worship. Mission & Outreach hosting.

**Worship & Installation Service of Pastor Jeniffer Tillman**

Sunday, February 16, 9:15am

WIS Bishop Lorna Halaas presiding the Installation Service

Pastor Steve Smith preaching the message

Senior Choir & Waldorf Choir singing

Reception following the service in dining room

**Around the community**

**Forest City Community Blood Drive**, Thursday, Feb. 13, 1-6:00pm, First Baptist Church. Appointments are encouraged: call 800.287.4903; text LIFESERVE to 999-777, visit [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org). *Share your heart. Donate blood.*

**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](mailto:registrar@okoboji.org) for more information or to register. (Brochures available on the camp bulletin board in lower-level hallway.)

**Riverside Marriage Retreat** at Riverside Bible Camp, Story City, is February 28-March 2. Guest speakers are Jeremy & Michelle King, who have served in ministry together for over 20 years focusing on strengthening marriages. Cost is \$275/couple for onsite lodging. Chapel sessions, games and activities, worship, fellowship, food, free time, extra fun date night including romantic meal and entertainment! [Riversidelbc.org](http://Riversidelbc.org) for more info or to register.

**This Week at Immanuel**

TODAY:	9:15am	Worship
	10:15am	Promiseland
	10:15am	Coffee Fellowship, FH
	10:30am	Budget Forum, Shalom
MONDAY:	11am	Melvin Peterson's Funeral, Sanctuary (10am visitation)
	2:30pm	Forest Plaza Communion Service w/pastor
	6:30pm	Mission & Outreach Board Meeting, Zoom
TUESDAY:	3:30pm	Intercessor Prayer Group, Zoom
	4:30pm	Parish Life Board Meeting, Lounge
WEDNESDAY:	4-6pm	Meal, FH
	5:25pm	Promiseland / Middle School Ministry, Shalom
	6:30pm	Worship, communion
	7:15pm	Choir, Fireside Room
	7:30pm	High School Youth Group, Youth Room
THURSDAY:	9am	Women's Bible Study, Lounge
NEXT SUNDAY:	9:15am	Worship
	10:15am	Promiseland
	10:15am	Potluck Brunch, FH
	10:45am	CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING, FELLOWSHIP HALL

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