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# The Newsletter

of Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Lakefield, Minnesota

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## January



**A new year  
- a new  
beginning.  
Begin  
each day  
with the  
Lord!**

### *Immanuel's Statement of Mission*

***"We Love Because He First Loved Us" - 1 John 4:19***

*Acknowledging with gratitude all that God has done for us in Christ Jesus, we the members of Immanuel Lutheran Church and School dedicate ourselves to educating, equipping (2 Timothy 3:17) and building one another up in love as part of the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:16) and to the furthering of His kingdom in and around the city of Lakefield and throughout the world. (Acts 1:8)*

**JOINT BOARDS** meets on Wednesday, January 28th at 7:00 p.m. All Board Members are asked and encouraged to attend. Communication between our Boards is a vital key in helping our congregation grow. Joint Boards meets in the church basement. Meetings prior to Joint Boards are:

- Board of Congregational Services: Monday, January 12th at 5:15 p.m.
- Board of Elders: Wednesday, January 28th at 5:30 p.m.
- Board of Finance: Wednesday, January 28th at 6:00 p.m.
- Board of Trustees: Thursday, January 15th at 5:30 p.m.
- Board of Ed: Wednesday, January 21st at 5:30 p.m.

**VOTERS MEETING** for the 1st quarter is Sunday, January 14th right after church around 10:15 a.m.

**OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED** on Thursday, January 1st so our staff can spend the Christmas holiday with their families.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** for January through March are now available on the welcome center in the narthex in both regular and large print. Please help yourself to a copy. Did you know that Portals of Prayer are also available in digital format through an app? Cost is \$9.99 for the year. Not only can you read the daily devotion in whatever size print you like, but an audio option is also available. You also have access to over 10 years Portals of Prayer archives. Meaningful daily and special occasion prayers can also be found on the app. If you're interested go to the app store and search for Portals of Prayer.



## National Lutheran Schools Week Dinner

**Sunday, January 25**

**10:30-12:30**

**Pulled Pork Sandwiches,  
Salads, Desserts, and a Beverage**

**Meal provided by ILS Staff and Families**

### 2026 CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Board of Elders: Jim Berkevich, Shane Rossow, Luke Henning, Steve Matasovsky, Joel Poppe

Board of Education: Jonah Dangel, Brandon Laabs. Justin Scholten, Leann Henning, Deb Jons, Lori Henning

Board of Finance: Ron Gettler, Debbi Gettler, Joel Burmeister, Tara Boogerd, Cheryl Ulferts, Josh Swanson

Board of Trustees: Jeff Frantsen, Mark Freking, Austin Rossow, Andrew T. Rossow, Clay Salzwedel, Albert Henning

Board of Congregational Services: Monette Berkevich, Lola Gunther, Dellynn Monson, Danielle Rossow, Beth Carlson, Dory Poppe

Congregational Chairman: Kurt Swanson

Congregational Secretary: Kerry Sydnes

### INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

will take place on Sunday, January 14th. All incoming and continuing officers are asked to take part. A name tag may be found in the narthex for you. You may sit with your family until asked to come forward.

**LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH:** Please keep the men and women you have entrusted to lead our congregation in your prayers as they serve in the ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church in their official capacity as an officer or board member.

**THANK YOU** to our outgoing Officers for their many hours of dedicated work during their term of office. Your support and help are very much appreciated, especially by the staff of Immanuel. Thank you to:

*Travis Dennis Rossow: Trustee*

*Jesse Ackermann: Finance*

*Sarah Laabs: Congregational Services*

*Tim Timko: Congregational Services*

## OFFICIAL ACTS FOR DECEMBER 2025

Membership: Baptized: 601

Communicants: 433

ENTERING IMMANUEL...

...By Transfer—

Jameson (JD) and Sandra Palm along with children, Simon, Clara, and Harvey from The Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Windom, MN

...By Profession of Faith—

Ty Schneider

LEAVING IMMANUEL

### COMMUNION FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE

**TO ATTEND WORSHIP SERVICES:** Anyone who is not able to join us for worship services, but would like to receive communion please contact Pastor Obermann directly. He will schedule a time to meet you. Pastor's cell is 563-321-0032 and email is [pastor@immanuellakefield.com](mailto:pastor@immanuellakefield.com).

**ANNUAL REPORTS:** January is here. Amy would appreciate having the reports in the church office by January 10th. The list of reports needed includes:

- Voters' Annual Report
- LWML
- Quilters
- Youth Group
- Funeral Lunch
- Sunday School
- Vacation Bible School
- Immanuel Choir
- Immanuel Bell Choir
- Immanuel Lutheran School
- Endowment Fund
- Gardeners' Market
- Trustees
- Congregational Services
- Video Ministry

Thank you for your help!

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** If you would like to place flowers on the altar for a special occasion for this coming year, please contact Amy in the church office at 507-662-5718.

## Immanuel Lutheran School Basketball Schedule

January 6 at 4:15

B away at St. John Vianney, Fairmont

January 9 at 4:00

A & B home vs. MCAL

January 13 at 4:00

A & B away at Worthington Christian

January 16-17

A Tournament at St. Paul's, Truman

January 30-31

A Tournament here at ILS

February 2 at 4:00

A & B home vs. Worthington Christian

February 6-7

B Tournament at St. Paul's, Fairmont

February 13-14

A Tournament at Immanuel, Courtland



**ALTAR GUILD:** Ladies, we welcome your help... it is time once again to set up the schedule for our Altar Guild for the 2026 calendar year. Time involved is approximately one hour per week getting the chancel ready for worship. There will always be two others on the schedule with you. Your job would include dusting the Chancel area, filling the candles, preparing for communion, and cleaning the communion ware after communion services. To volunteer or if you have any questions, please contact Dory Poppe or Connie Rossow.



### *Stewardship Moment...*

**Matthew 4:20** – “Immediately they left their nets and followed him.” Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had. They left their trade, their hometown, their families, and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship, the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is this: we know that all we have is the Lord's, to be used for His purpose. We are His disciples and are ready to follow where He leads.



## Lutheran Hour Ministries

The Lutheran Hour may be listened to on Sunday –

KICD – 1240 AM, Spencer, IA at 10:30 AM

WCCO – 830 AM, Minneapolis, MN at 6 AM

KSUM – 1370 AM, Fairmont, MN at 11 AM

KJLY – 104.5, Blue Earth at 6 PM

**KDOM, 103.1 FM at 10 AM**

KDCR, 88.5 FM at 1 PM

You may also listen anytime on their website: [lhm.org](http://lhm.org)

### January 4 "Knowing and Being Known in a New Year"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

God invites us to speak with Him in prayer and hear from Him in the Bible, to know Him and to love as we are loved.

John 17:3

### January 11 "Solidarity"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

Solidarity is how Christians understand their relationship to Jesus Christ. We believe that Jesus, the Son of God, went where we had gone so that we might go where He goes.

Romans 6:5

### January 18 "Outstanding Universal Value"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

The Christian faith has the power to make us act better. But that's not the goal.

1 Corinthians 1:18-19

### January 25 "Cross Words--Words of Power"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

A crossword puzzle uses an answer only once, but Christ is the answer for all people in every place and time.

1 Corinthians 1:17-18

**REDCROSS BLOODMOBILE** will be at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Tuesday, February 3rd from 1:00-6:00 p.m. For appointments call 800-733-2767 or online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

**DVDS** of both the Sunday School Christmas Service and the ILS Christmas Program are available. The cost is \$3 per DVD. Please let Amy in the church office know if you would like one by calling 507-662-5718.

**LAKEFIELD MEAL SITE** is serving in-house and home delivered meals. Meals served at 11:30. Birthday parties are held quarterly. The next birthday party is in February. Call 507-662-6714 to reserve.

- Tuesday, January 6: Bingo at 12:30 with prizes provided by Thrivent.
- Tuesday, January 6: Lunch and Learn with Julie Woodall-Smith (PAC at Lakefield Clinic)
- Tuesday, January 13: Pinochle at 12:30.
- Wednesday, January 14: Game Day. Bring your own or play one of ours
- Thursday, January 15: 1/2 Price Meal sponsored by Bethlehem Lutheran Ladies. Menu: diced turkey/gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing
- Wednesday, January 21: 500 at 12:30.
- Monday, January 19: 1/2 Price Meal sponsored by Colleen Anderson Insurance Agency. Meal: spaghetti/meat sauce, green beans, cookie
- Tuesday, January 20: Frozen meals only for those already reserved
- Wednesday, January 28: Pinochle at 12:30.

Call Marless (507-662-5254) for card Details and to schedule playing. All card games cost 10 cents to play.

**VALET PARKING:** We would like to invite those of you who have a problem walking a distance to drive your car up to the carport when you come for worship and we will have an usher or an elder park your car for you. Following services, we will return your vehicle to the carport. We especially encourage you to take advantage of this during icy, snowy, winter weather.

### Stewardship Moment...

**Matthew 3:15 – "But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.'" God sent His Son into the world to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. Here, Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His Baptism, so that in our Baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. All our offerings back to our Lord are in thanksgiving for this one great, true offering.**

# *Immanuel Lutheran School Highlights*

*"We love because He first loved us." -1 John 4:19*



- **FIRST DAY BACK FROM CHRISTMAS BREAK—MONDAY, JANUARY 5th**
- **2ND QUARTER CHAPEL OFFERINGS** will go to our school's Lunch Assistance Program.
- **3RD QUARTER CHAPEL OFFERINGS** will go to Hearts for Jesus. This is a service project of the Minnesota South District.
- **CHESS CLUB** will start in January. It is held on Mondays from 3:15-3:45 p.m. in the church basement. Chess Club is for students in Kindergarten through 8th grade.
- **STAR ASSESSMENT TESTING** takes place January 5th-16th.
- **PARENT TEACHER LEAGUE (PTL)** meets on Thursday, January 8th at 6:00 p.m.
- **WILD COMPASS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION** is here on Wednesday, January 7th from 2:15-3:45 for 3rd-6th grade students.
- **LAST DAY OF THE 3RD QUARTER is Thursday, January 16th.**
- **NO SCHOOL—MONDAY, JANUARY 19th**
- **PARENT DRIVE DAY—NO JCC BUS—FRIDAY JANUARY 23rd.**
- **NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK** is January 25th-31st. A full week of fun activities is being planned including dress up days, eating breakfast together, movie day, service projects, tribal olympics, parfaits with pastors, muffins & donuts with mom & dad, swimming & gym time at the RWC in Estherville, and a pep fest!
- **ALL SCHOOL CHOIR** sings here at Immanuel on Sunday, January 25th at 9:00 a.m.
- **NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK DINNER** is Sunday, January 25th from 10:30-12:30 in the Activity Center.
- **ILS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** is Friday, January 30th, and Saturday, January 31st.

*From the Principal:*

## *Setting the Pace*

I have the honor and privilege of serving in the greatest mission field on the planet. I get to work with the future leaders of our families, churches, communities and world! At Immanuel Lutheran School, we are led by an incredibly talented group of 8th Graders that are doing a great job of setting a positive example to the younger students. And, they keep our staff on our toes as well!

Colossians 2:6-7: Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. God's Word is at the center of all we do at ILS and we do our best to ensure our 8th graders and all of our students leave here grounded in faith that will be their guide through the ups and downs of high school and life beyond.

As we celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week later this month, we'll set aside time to celebrate what makes us uniquely Lutheran as followers of Christ. We'll dress-up, serve, volunteer, swim, play, sing, honor, watch, listen, learn, laugh, pray and worship - all to God's glory. He created us for community and it's our Cougar community and the one that surrounds us that we'll be celebrating. And no doubt, our 8th Graders: Abby, Alivia, Regan, Nora, Mathias, Damien, Devyn, Arya, Simeon and Sofia will be setting the pace as they always do!

Cougar Family, here's to a great week of making a joyful noise unto the Lord (Ps.98:4)!

*Dean Jennissen, Principal (aka Mr. J)*

**FOR LIABILITY REASONS** and safety issues we need to know who is in the church and when, especially as we host benefits and other events. All building use needs to be scheduled with Amy in the church office. Many groups and individuals for whom we are very thankful use our building, but we do need to remember to schedule rooms. Please call the church office to schedule an event or meeting.  
*Thank you for your consideration.*

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** With our offering envelopes not being date specific, please continue to use them until they are gone. When you are getting low ask Amy in the church office or an elder for a new box and they will get one for you. Remember, your number will never change and we do have an extra box with your number on it.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY?

- “Libraries Spark Your Imagination” Winter Reading Program for adults and teens (grades 8-12) is from January 1st through March 31st. Registration is open. Register online or at your library.
- Great Puzzle Race is on Saturday, January 24th from 10:30-12:30. Register a team of 2-4 people to see which team can finish their puzzle first to win a prize!
- Homebound delivery is available for anyone living within Lakefield city limits. Call the Lakefield Library at 507-662-5782 to sign up for this service.
- Library is closed on January 1st and January 19th.
- Story Time for kids is on Thursdays at 10:00
- Bedtime Story Hour is Thursday, January 15th at 6:30
- Elementary After School Program for K-4th grade is “Games & Popcorn” on Thursday, January 8th at 3:45. Registration required by calling 507-662-5782.
- Tween & Teen Scene for 5th-12th grade is “Homemade Ice Cream” on Tuesday, January 27th at 3:45 p.m. Registration required by calling 507-662-5782.
- Homeschool Connection meets weekly at the Jackson Library on Thursdays at 10:30. Call the Jackson Library for more info 507-847-4748.
- Adult Program is “Bingo with prizes!” on Wednesday, January 14th at 2:00 p.m.
- Adult Monthly Movie Matinee is on Friday, January 16th at 2:15 p.m.
- Book Club meets on Wednesday, January 7th at 3:00 to discuss “Hillbilly Elegy” by J.D. Vance.

**MARCH FOR LIFE 2026:** The annual Minnesota March for Life raises awareness surrounding pro-life issues, especially the value of mothers and unborn children. Along with the March around the Capitol grounds, the event features speakers and the opportunity to advocate for legislative changes that protect the rights of the unborn. This year's March will be held on Thursday, January 22nd at noon at the State Capitol. Everyone is encouraged to participate! Please dress appropriately. For more information go to [mcll.org/march](http://mcll.org/march)

**Y4LIFE SUMMIT** is an annual educational event that equips youth to uphold the lives of others through education, service, worship, and celebration. This year, it is at Concordia University St. Paul February 20th-22nd. Filled with educational sessions and hands-on opportunities to support life, including making kits and blankets for the unhoused, this conference offers college and high school youth an opportunity to transform their beliefs into actions and build deep relationships with other life-affirming youth. Youth from across the nation will learn about the life-affirming benefits of marriage and family, the complex intersection between mental health and homelessness, and how to engage as a compassionate Christian citizen in a world broken by sin. For more information go to [y4life.org/events/](http://y4life.org/events/)

**EARLY ENROLLMENT AT MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL** will open on January 25th for new and returning students. Early Bird enrollment discount of \$100 is effective until March 1st. For more information, go to [martinlutherhs.com](http://martinlutherhs.com).

## LWML Happenings

### Lutheran Women In Mission

Serving on Altar Guild for the month of January are Amery Rossow, Lori Rossow, and Myleen Swanson. We thank them for taking care of the altar duties.

The next LWML monthly meeting will be Wednesday, January 14th in the church basement. A light supper will be served by Sue Spoo and Myleen Swanson at 5:15, followed by our meeting.

All women of the congregation are welcome to attend the Immanuel LWML meetings and activities.

As we begin a new year, we remember that our Lord does not change. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. We look forward to a New Year to experience our Father's continued faithfulness!

**Serve the Lord with Gladness ~ Psalm 100:4**



- 1 ~ Roger Carlson  
Jamie Koep
- 2 ~ Shirley Freckmann  
Kaitlyn John Nehowig  
Kayle Koep
- 3 ~ Kiara Baumann  
Claire Dagel  
Timothy Tungland
- 4 ~ Lisa John
- 7 ~ Olive Kruger  
Luke Rossow  
Tricia Schulz
- 8 ~ Douglas Hansen  
Crystal Rossow  
Derek Somnis
- 10 ~ Jessica Rossow
- 11 ~ Leah Gunther  
Brenda Matasovsky  
Simeon Peterson  
Parker Wendt
- 12 ~ Jared Ackermann  
Leah Rossow
- 14 ~ Julie Pederson
- 16 ~ Matthew Dorschner
- 17 ~ Laura Hage  
Calvin Nyborg  
Cora Nyborg  
Jolene Rossow  
Isaiah Schmid
- 18 ~ JD Palm
- 19 ~ Greg Pauling
- 20 ~ Zadi Farmer  
Travis Dennis Rossow
- 21 ~ Russell Burmeister  
Michael Dempster  
Deb Jons
- 25 ~ Marilyn Bauer  
Austin Haar  
Jacqueline Ward
- 26 ~ Clayton Burmeister  
Phyllis Rossow
- 28 ~ Corey Ulferts
- 31 ~ Pamaline Bellows  
Merlyn Rossow

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR NAME ON THE PRAYER LIST,  
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 507-662-5718  
OR EMAIL [immanuel@immanuellakefield.com](mailto:immanuel@immanuellakefield.com)

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We would rather hear it two or three times  
than not at all. Also because of privacy issues  
we need your permission.

**LUTEFISK SUPPER** is at American Lutheran Church in Windom on Saturday, January 10th from 4:30-6:30. On the menu: Lutefisk, Meatballs, Lefse, and more. Reservations encouraged by calling 507-831-1794 by January 5th. Limited tickets will be available at the door. Adults are \$15 and children age 12 and under are \$8. The church is located at 906 Prospect Avenue in Windom.

**THOUGHT PROVOKING TIPS ON INVESTING** will be presented at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop on Wednesday, January 14th, at 6:00 p.m. Dan Hamlett from 360 Integrated Financial in Fairmont will present on these topics: Is it possible to invest Biblically? What does it mean to plan as a steward instead of an owner? What does college funding look like for Christians in the next decade. Everyone is welcome. Event sponsored by the MLHS PTL. The school is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

**THE LAKEFIELD FOOD SHELF** would like to thank you for your support throughout 2025. Your gifts are helping those in our community who need a helping hand. Thank you for Monetary gifts, donations of food and allowing us to use the tree in the Narthex as part of gathering gifts for the Sharing Tree. By giving these families the gift of anonymity, you are preserving their dignity. Thank you for joining hands with the Lakefield Food Shelf, your support is uplifting. Please check out our Facebook Page.

God's Blessings, The Lakefield Food Shelf

**THE DINNER DATE** is a free meal for everyone in the community. It is on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Lakefield Legion Hall. This month's date is Tuesday, January 13th from 5:00-7:00. All are welcome! Meal is sponsored by St. Peter Lutheran Church, rural Lakefield. Lakefield American Legion is located at 413 Main Street.

#### CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER...

*A serious illness or death in your family; a personal crisis;  
a time of major decision making; a time of great joy;  
all of these times when pastoral care is vitally important.  
If you or a family member or a friend is experiencing any  
of these, please contact the church office. We, here at  
Immanuel, welcome the opportunity to provide spiritual  
care and guidance in difficult times, as well as to rejoice  
with you in times of joy.*



## 12.14.2025 VOTERS' MEETING MINUTES

Called to order at 10:18 a.m. by Chairman, Kurt Swanson

Opening prayer by Pastor Obermann

Only item for this Voter's Meeting is to vote for Congregational Officers.

MSC to have a unanimous ballot, as presented. The result of the vote is:

- Elder: Jim Berkevich, Shane Rossow
- Board of Education:
- Board of Finance: Josh Swanson
- Board of Congregational Services: Monette Berkevich. Lola Gunther. Beth Carlson. Dory Poppe
- Board of Trustees: Jeff Frantsen. Albert Henning
- Congregational Chairman: Kurt Swanson

MSC: to Adjourn

75 members attending

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Kerry Sydnes, Congregational Secretary

**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS:** St. Paul's Lutheran School in Fairmont is excited to share they have started a fun new reading event called Battle of the Books!

In this program, students will form teams of four and work together to read four different books. All books have been carefully vetted by a team of teachers, parents, and local readers to ensure they are high-interest, Christ-centered, and books you can feel confident and comfortable having your child read. After completing the books, teams will attend a special Battle of the Books event, where they will participate in a friendly competition answering questions about the stories they've read. This event is designed to encourage teamwork, close reading, comprehension, and a love of reading—all while having fun! It will be exciting to see students growing as readers and cheering one another on through this engaging and meaningful experience.

There are 2 levels of readers. Level 1 for grades 1-3 and Level 2 for grades 4-6.

Battle of the Books Event is on Saturday, April 18th at St. Paul's Lutheran School, 201 Oxford Street, Fairmont. Level 1 is at 1:00 p.m. with Level 2 starting at 2:00 p.m.

Cost is \$40 per team of 4 and includes a set of books for each team member.

Email Leslie at lwokasch@splfairmont.org for more information. Register your team of 4 by scanning the QR code on the flyers that can be found on the church bulletin boards or contact Amy in the church office. Thank you for your continued support in fostering strong reading habits and a love of learning!



### ADVANCED PLANNING COMMUNITY

**WORKSHOPS** are at the LaCanne Family Celebration of Life Center. Workshops here in Lakefield are on Thursday, January 29th at 11:30 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. The Lakefield location is 229 Third Avenue North. Workshops in Jackson are on Tuesday, January 27th at 11:30 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. The Jackson location is 1000 Prospect Lane.

**SCRIP ORDERS** are taken weekly. Please turn in your orders to Amy in the church office by 8:00 a.m. on Monday and it will be ready for you to pick it up the following Monday. Order forms can be found on the welcome center in the narthex (they're blue). Any questions ask Amy in the office by calling 507-662-5718 or send an email to [immanuel@immanuellakefield.com](mailto:immanuel@immanuellakefield.com).

This is a great way to support Immanuel!

### IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE

you may contact Pastor Obermann directly ([pastor@immanuellakefield.com](mailto:pastor@immanuellakefield.com) or 563-321-0032) or speak to one of the elders. This includes visits, prayer requests, communion for home bound members, among others.

### TREASURERS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

*Current Fund needed for November.....\$41,914*

**Current Fund received in November...\$36,016**

*Current Fund needed each week .....\$10,112*

*If you have any questions,  
please contact Jesse Ackermann*

### TREASURERS REPORT FOR DECEMBER

*Current Fund needed for December.....\$41,914*

**Current Fund received in December...\$40,815**

*Current Fund needed each week .....\$10,112*

*If you have any questions,  
please contact Jesse Ackermann*

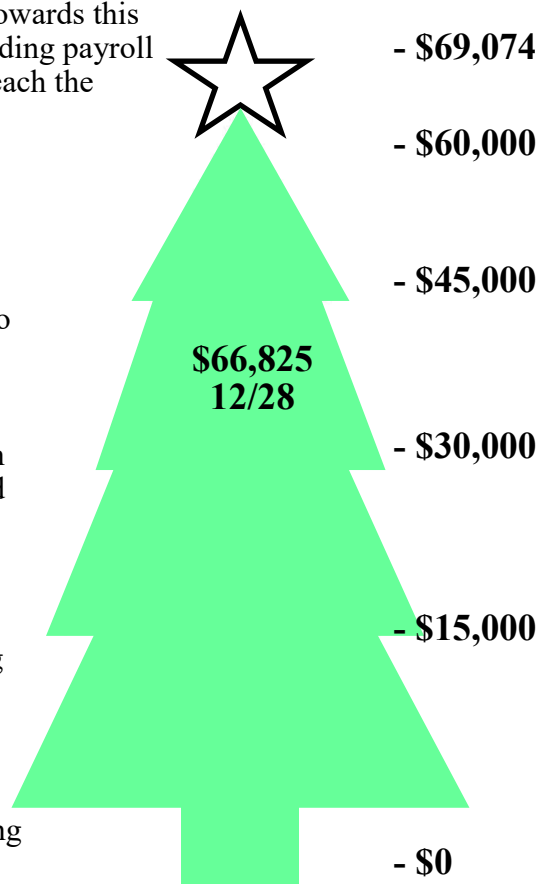


**WE NEED YOUR HELP:** We are looking for members to help with ushering. Please check out the sign-up sheet on the window in the narthex and write yourself in for a service if you are able to. Questions on ushering? Please ask one of our elders.

**DISHES WANTING TO GO HOME...** Please check out the counter in the church basement to see if one of the cake pans or Tupperware containers belong to you. There's also a black crate that someone brought cherry tomatoes in that can go back home. Thank you for your help in supplying food for our many meals and activities. It is very much appreciated.

**HAVE YOU MOVED IN THE LAST YEAR? CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL?** If so please fill out the form below and let Amy in the church office know.

**CHALLENGE FROM THE FINANCE BOARD:** The Christmas in July Service is always a special service for our congregation. We sing some of our favorite Christmas hymns, worship outside in our Lord's creation, and gather together afterwards for a meal. At this service we also get the opportunity to show support for our school with gifts toward the Teacher Salary Fund. The gifts towards this crucial mission go towards providing payroll to our outstanding faculty who teach the young students of Immanuel to grow in Christ. The end of this school year marked our 126th anniversary. As a gift to ensure that the mission of the school in Immanuel is as eternal as God's love, let us challenge ourselves to give 12.6% of our salaries and benefits of school faculty in the amount of \$69,074 as a special giving project. There has been an anonymous donor who has gifted \$25,000 to this fund leaving a remaining balance of \$44,074. Please consider making a gift above and beyond your normal offering. There will be a tracking thermometer in the Narthex to follow along with as we work towards this goal along plus this Christmas tree in the bulletin. Don't forget to mark your offering envelopes "TSF or Teacher Salary Fund" when giving.



### ***IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH MEMBER ADDRESS, EMAIL, AND PHONE NUMBER UPDATES***

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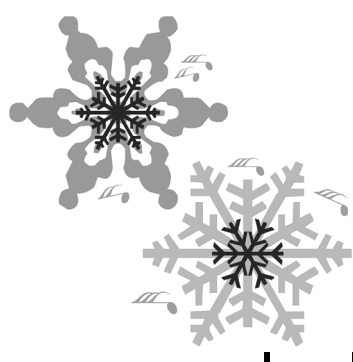
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*Please feel free to drop off this form in the Offering Plate, box in the Narthex, or at the church office*



# January 2026



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| 4<br>9:00 Worship with Communion<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>10:15 Bible Class<br>10:15 Youth Group Bible Study                                                                                 | 5<br>5:15 Bd Cong. Services Mtg  | 6<br>4:15 B BB away at St. John Vianney Fairmont  | 7<br>8:20 Chapel<br>2:10 Confirmation<br>2:15 Wild Compass Environmental Ed—grades 3-6                                                     | 8<br>6:00 PTL (Parent Teacher League) | 9<br>4:00 A & B BB at home vs. MCLA                                   |
| 11 Installation of Officers<br>9:00 Worship<br>10:15 Voters Meeting<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>10:15 Bible Class<br>10:15 Youth Group Bible Study                                              | 12<br>5:15 Bd Cong. Services Mtg | 13<br>4:00 A & B BB away at Worthington Christian | 14<br>8:20 Chapel<br>2:10 Confirmation<br>5:15 LWML                                                                                        | 15<br>5:30 Bd Trustees Mtg            | 16<br>Last Day of 2nd Quarter<br>A BB tournament at St. Paul's Truman |
| 18<br>9:00 Worship with Communion<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>10:15 Bible Class<br>10:15 Youth Group Bible Study                                                                                | 19<br>NO SCHOOL                  | 20                                                | 21<br>8:20 Chapel<br>2:10 Confirmation<br>5:30 Bd Ed Mtg<br>6:10 Imm Ringers<br>7:10 Choir                                                 | 22                                    | 23<br>PARENT DRIVE DAY<br>NO JCC BUS                                  |
| 25<br>9:00 Worship<br>9:00 All School Choir sings here at Immanuel<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>10:15 Bible Class<br>10:15 Youth Group Bible Study<br>10:30-12:30 NLSW Dinner in Activity Center | 26                               | 27                                                | 28<br>8:20 Chapel<br>2:10 Confirmation<br>5:30 Bd Elders Mtg<br>6:00 Bd Finance Mtg<br>6:10 Imm Ringers<br>7:00 Joint Boards<br>7:10 Choir | 29                                    | 30<br>ILS A BB tournament                                             |
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| National Lutheran Schools Week                                                                                                                                                                |                                  |                                                   |                                                                                                                                            |                                       | January 25-31                                                         |

“Let’s Make a Joyful Noise” ~ Psalm 98:4

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*Worship Schedule —*

Sunday Morning Services  
9:00 AM

Sunday School  
Youth Group Bible Study  
Bible Class  
10:15 AM

Communion Celebrated  
1st and 3rd Sunday

Happy New Year to:

*JANUARY Monthly*

