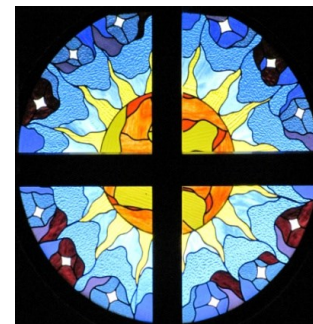


# Immanuel Lutheran Church

Hear Love. Eat Love. Share Christ's Love.

## December 2019 Newsletter



### Weekly Services and Communion

Sunday ~ 9 am

Wednesday ~  
6pm

### Office Hours

Weekdays

9am ~ 1pm

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“The LORD Will Reign Forever, Your God, O Zion, For All Generations.”  
by Peter J. Weller

Psalms 146 is the first of five praise psalms at the end of the book of Psalms. The second half of the psalm contains the verses for the third Sunday in Advent: “Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food for the hungry.

“The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

“The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!” (Psalm 146:5-10)

In an article in Working Preacher, Dr. Paul S. Berge of Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, referred to the Old Testament lesson for the third Sunday in Advent, Isaiah 35:1-10, and stated that Isaiah “calls forth celebration, praise, and singing as he envisions the return of the people from captivity in Babylon (ca. 587-538 BCE). The wilderness through which they return will blossom forth as the glory of God is present with those who return. This is the God of strength for the infirm, giver of sight to the blind, and the one in whom joy and gladness break forth as ‘sorrow and sighing shall flee away.’ (verse 10).”

Dr. Berge also refers to the Magnificat of Mary from Luke’s gospel (verses 46-55), writing, “In the same way Mary proclaims praise to the God of salvation: ‘My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior’ (verse 47). Mary’s psalm of praise continues to extol the God whose promise of salvation comes to fulfillment in the birth of the child in her womb.”

These Advent texts of Isaiah 35:5 and Psalm 146:8 refer to the eyes of the blind being opened. The Gospels also talk about Jesus giving sight to the blind. In Matthew 11:2-11, the gospel lesson for the third Sunday in Advent, John the Baptist, in prison, asks a disciple to take a message to Jesus asking, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus responds, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” (Matthew 11:3-6)

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Pastor Howard ~ 319.333.7758

**You might be a Lutheran if you know Luther’s Rose belongs on a lapel and not in a vase.**

Monthly Updates (Month to date)

Account balances as of 11/18/19

General Fund ~ \$2,365.01

Building/Visions ~ \$6,931.55

Endowment ~ \$3,295.58

Community Assistance ~ \$4,023.08

Savings ~ \$5,318.44

Mortgage ~ \$74,535.13

Attendance

Sunday, October 27 ~ 8 am ~ 40  
10:30 ~ 43

Wednesday, October 30 ~ 11

Sunday, November 3 ~ 8 am ~ 44  
10:30 am ~ 45

Wednesday, November 6 ~ 17

Sunday, November 10 ~ 8 am ~ 41  
10:30 am ~ 60

Wednesday, November 13 ~ 11

Sunday, November 17 ~ 8 am ~ 42  
10:30 am ~ 51 Kinnick ~ 23

Wednesday, November 20 ~ 9

November Milestones



**I am in 2nd grade and my teacher is Miss Shelman.  
Ainsley Six**

**I am in kindergarten. Axel Six**

**I made angel food cake treat in Sunday school.  
Kenzie Quigley**

**Steven Howard ran his first marathon in Madison, WI  
on Sunday, November 10, 2019. He finished 63rd  
out of 1109 runners!**

**NO Wednesday Worship**

There will be no  
Wednesday worship on  
Christmas Day night,  
December 25<sup>th</sup>.



**Christian Sympathy**

We extend our deepest Christian  
sympathy to the family of

Nancy Baker on the death of her niece, +Kathy Skaaggs  
may her family find comfort and peace  
in the promise of the resurrection of Christ.

**In Christian Joy**

We extend our Christian  
Congratulations to the family of

Vickie Gonterman on the birth of her granddaughter,  
Autumn Victoria Renee Gonterman  
She was born on November 14, 2019.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15

**Wandering Worshipers**

On Sunday, November 3, 2019, Richard Schmidt worshipped  
with our brothers and sisters at Calvary Lutheran Church in  
Rosemont, Nebraska .

Churchwide mandatory changes were made to the constitution and all ELCA congregations must make these changes to their constitutions. We will be approving these changes on Wednesday, December 18th and Sunday, December 22nd during worship. Hard copies are on the table.

## Birthdays for December

- 1- Quinn Wubbena
- 2- Stephen Bay
- 9- Katie McWhirter
- 11- Addison Six
- 14- Sandy Weller
- 18- Jack Quigley
- 18- Bill Zywiec
- 20- Lois Buchholz
- 29- Pastor Howard



## Anniversaries for December

- 31- Jim & Kathleen Almelen



## FILL THE SNOW BOOT!

Luther League is raising money to shop for winter clothes for children of Washington County. Luther League youth will do the shopping and the purchases will be distributed through HACAP. Let's beat the **\$1039.02 raised in 2018**. Checks are to be made out to "Immanuel Luther League" and "winter clothes" written in the memo, then place your donation inside the child's snow boot located next to the HACAP cart. Thank you in advance of your generous support of the Luther League's effort to keep the children of Washington County warm this winter. Fill the boot by Wednesday, December 11th!



## It's SOUP AND CRACKERS month at Immanuel!!



Please consider donating soup and crackers to send to HACAP this month. Other items will be accepted and appreciated as always, especially proteins. Pasta will be our focus items.

*Thank you, truly, for your generosity!!*

## Washington School Kindness Closets

Each month we will spotlight items needed for the clothes closets at our schools.

January will be tooth paste.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Council- Sunday, December 1 at 6 pm at Vetter's

Finance- Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 pm

Ladies **Afternoon** Out for December will be **Tuesday, December 17th at 12:30 pm**. We will be eating at Dino's. Please note the change in time!! See you there!!



There will be NO Bible Study at the Church in December. We will be meeting for lunch on Tuesday, December 10th, at Applewood Bistro (Halcyon House), beginning at 11:30 am.



## LUTHER LEAGUE TWO-DAY EVENTS:

**When:** Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> (NOTE DAY CHANGE)

**Where:** Immanuel

**Why:** Wrapping Christmas Presents

**Who:** 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders (friends are WELCOME!)

**Time:** 10 a.m. – Noon

**Leadership:** Pastor Howard and Steve Vetter

## ALSO

**When:** Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Wal-Mart, Pizza Ranch, and Christmas Caroling

**Why:** Shop for Children's Winter Clothes (HACAP)

**Who:** 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders (friends are WELCOME!)

**Time:** 4 p.m. Shopping at Wal-Mart

5:15 p.m. (ish) Supper at Pizza Ranch

6:30 p.m. Caroling, start at ILC

**Cost:** \$5 for supper (LL will cover the rest)

**Leadership:** Pastor Howard and Steve Vetter



**THANK YOU** to **Diana Wubben** and **Sara Bartlett** for setting up the Harvest Altar in November. Thank you to **Char and Ron Anderson** and **Mary and Yaro Chmelar** who provided harvest produce for our chancel. It was a wonderful display of the abundance God provides for God's beloved people.

**THANK YOU** to **Rich Baker** for playing the guitar during worship on Sunday, November 17th. Sharing of your talent brings an extra joy to worship and gives God glory. Thank you for blessing us.

**THANK YOU** to **Michelle Bartholomew** for decorating the fellowship hall. The cross quilted banner and the barnwood sign "Hear Love, Eat Love, Share Christ's Love" are beautiful. They are the perfect addition to the walls. Sharing of your talent is deeply appreciated. Thank you for gifting those to Immanuel!

#### Freezer Food Participants:

I hope everybody that purchased a freezer meal is enjoying it. We have heard a lot of good things and we greatly appreciate the feed back. **THANK-YOU** for supporting the youth and family members that are traveling to Denver in July 2020. Your support will provided them to put there hands to work under God's guidance. God Bless Deb Tisor, Katie McWhirter and all the other volunteers that helped before, during, and after. You are all truly a blessing to have at Immanuel. It truly takes a village to support our children of God.

Thank-you and God Bless  
Michelle Bartholomew

**THANK YOU** to **Brian Lueck** for ringing the hand-bell (borrowed from the United Methodist Church) during All Saints' Sunday worship on November 3rd and Wednesday, November 6th. The ringing of the bell, during the reading of the names of the Saints who have died, is such a solemn and holy time.

### ELCA Good Gifts Advent Tree

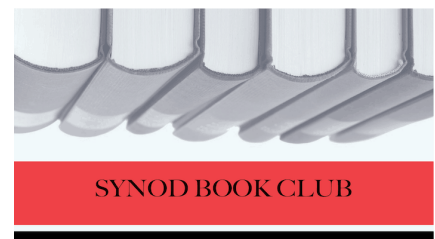
Beginning Sunday, November 24th Advent Tree Ornaments will be available for you to purchase (Sheep, \$125; Vaccinations for a Child, \$30; School Fees and Uniform for a Girl, \$40; Water Jugs, \$12; Chicks, \$10 ~ just to name of few ornament options). You will: chose your ornament(s) from the wide selection; on an envelope provided write your: name, ornament selected, and ornament cost; hang your ornament on the Advent Tree; then on Christmas Eve and following take your ornament(s) home as a reminder of your generosity. These make wonderful Christmas gifts for those who have everything. Let's fill the Advent Tree with ornaments!



### Synod Book Club

Join others from around the Southeastern Iowa Synod for online discussions on books related to our shared ministry. All discussions will include an introduction and a time to discuss the book with a small group of people from around the synod via video conference. You can register for one session or all. All occur online via Zoom video conference at 7:30 p.m.

To register, go to <https://seiasynod.org/bookclub/> and click on the dates below to get to the registration form for each date. You will have to register for each session individually.  
January 16, *Let Your Life Speak* by Parker Palmer  
February 13, *One Coin Found* by Emmy Kegler





## December 2019, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Merry Christmas from LSI! “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” — John 1:5 As Christmas approaches, we give thanks to you! Whether you have lifted up our organization through a financial or in-kind gift, volunteered your time to our programming, or supported us as a ministry partner this year, you have helped bring the light of Christ to others. At LSI, we know many people experiencing deep darkness. We know parents who feel hopeless, with little resources to raise their young children. We know adults with disabilities who feel voiceless, with no support system or connection to their community. We know teens who are aging out of foster care, who fear they will never have a family to love them. The holidays can be an especially difficult time for our most vulnerable neighbors. In the spirit of giving, the spirit of love, and the spirit of working together, let us stand with them and lift them up this Christmas season. If you would like to learn more about how you can support Iowa children and families, contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563.676.2065 or [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org). Wishing you a blessed and merry Christmas from LSI!

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](http://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa). With You Every Step of the Way

When Lexi found out she was pregnant, she felt scared. She didn’t have a job or an apartment, and she was overwhelmed as she tried to prepare for her baby. She knew she needed guidance and support, and she knew where to turn. In high school, Lexi utilized LSI’s Behavioral Health Intervention Services, where she developed skills like anger management and healthy communication through regular meetings with her LSI worker. LSI had been in her corner before, and she needed help again now. She enrolled in LSI’s Early Childhood Services. The services provide in-home parenting education for families of young children or parents who are expecting. Each week, Lexi’s LSI worker, Gretchen, brings resources and helpful tips and tricks to help Lexi feel confident as she starts her new family. Now, Lexi is thriving. She found a job she loves and she moved into her apartment earlier this spring. On May 14, she welcomed baby Javeah into the world. “LSI has always pointed me in the right direction and given me support, and they’ve really pushed me to where I need to be,” Lexi says. “I always have someone to call when I need help.”

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These are very fitting texts for the Advent season. They look forward to the coming of Jesus as Messiah. They describe a better world. They show how much God loves and cares for his people. They show that God is always faithful and is faithful forever. They show how much of what happens is God’s doing. They present a glimpse of eternal life. They give hope.

Psalms 146 concludes, “The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.” (verse 10) Isaiah 35, in describing how the desert will be transformed, concludes, “No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast. . . . And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” (verses 9-10) And, we have Jesus’ response to John the Baptist’s disciple, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.” (Matthew 11:4-5)

Matthew Chapter 11 concludes with Jesus saying, “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28)

This is what we can look forward to as we observe the season of Advent and await Christ’s coming. He is the savior. He is the one that Isaiah and David and the other psalmists have written about and are pointing toward. The author of Psalm 146 acknowledges, “Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God.” It is Jesus, God’s Son, who fulfills the psalmist’s hopes. Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, . . . for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.” (Luke 1:46-49) It is Jesus who fulfills our hopes, whose birth we celebrate, who intervenes and advocates on our behalf, who is the way, who provides the way, and who leads the way to eternal life.

## December, Sunday, Worship Times; ONE SERVICE 9 a.m.

Wednesday Worship Times remain 6 p.m.

**Sunday, December 1st First Sunday of Advent:** 9 a.m.,

10:15 a.m., Decorate for Christmas

2:30 p.m., Washington Municipal Band's Christmas program

**Wednesday, December 4th First Wednesday of Advent:** 6 p.m. Worship



**Sunday, December 8th Second Sunday of Advent:** 9 a.m. Worship -

Choirs' Advent Program

**Wednesday, December 11th Second Wednesday of Advent:** 6 p.m. Worship

**Sunday, December 15th Third Sunday of Advent:** 9 a.m., - Children's Christmas Program "Baby Jesus, Prince of Peace" during worship

**Wednesday, December 18th Wednesday of Advent:** 6 p.m. Worship

**Sunday, December 22nd Fourth Sunday of Advent:** 9 a.m. Worship

*Tuesday, December 24th 5 p.m. Christmas Eve*, Holy Communion, Candlelight Worship

NO 6 p.m. WEDNESDAY CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

**Sunday, December 29th First Sunday After Christmas:** 9 a.m. Worship, ~ Service of Lessons and Carols

**Wednesday, January 1st New Year's Day:** 6 p.m. Worship

**We will return to our normal Sunday worship schedule on Sunday, January 5th:  
Sunday worship 8 a.m., Faith Formation 9:15 a.m., worship 10:30 a.m.**



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### Decorating for Christmas

Join us on **Sunday, December 1st immediately following the 9 a.m. worship service** to decorate the church for Christmas. Helpers of all ages are welcome and needed. Help us as we prepare for the birth of Jesus through decorating our holy space with symbols of Jesus, Advent, and Christmas.



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### Beloved Bible Stories?

What are the Bible stories you love? Is it: Noah's Ark, Moses parting the sea, David and Goliath, or Jesus feeding the 5000? Beginning January, Pastor Howard will lead a class focusing on the Bible stories you treasure. Let Pastor Howard know your favorite story. These story telling classes will be led during Faith Formation (9:15 am) on Sunday mornings. We will reread the story and take a deeper look into the characters, theme, and message. This promises to be a fun experience as we deepen our faith through the Biblical stories YOU love. Join us!



## Annual Meeting Highlights

Immanuel Lutheran's 2019 Proposed Constitution: Approved

2020 Budget: Approved

2020-2023 Council Members Elected: Mike Jewell, Kristin Jones, Margaret Stangohr

2020 Synod Assembly Voting Members (May 1-3, 2020 Coralville, election of a new Bishop) Elected: Ron Andersen and Margaret Stangohr

2020 Nominating Committee Elected: Karen Heineman, Judy Venzke, Dale Scheibe, and Deb Tisor (outgoing Council member)

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### Ministry Opportunity: Be a Confirmation Mentor!

Taylor Bartholomew, Caitlin Kroll, Emma Lueck, and Mikaila Matheson are preparing for their Affirmation of Baptism (confirmation) on April 26, 2020. One of their requirements is to choose a mentor who will walk with them during the spring of '20. A mentor is a person of the same sex as the confirmand (women only this year), may not be a family member, be a faithful worshiper, and a person the confirmand has prayerfully considered. The mentor will meet with their confirmand once a week in February into March to journey together on faith topics: talking faith together; worship; learning; witness; and service (discussion sheets provided by Pastor Howard). The confirmands will write a faith review with the help from their mentor (due in March) and complete a service project with their mentor (completed by early April). The confirmand and mentor will explain their servant project to the congregation on the day of their Affirmation of Baptism; Sunday, April 26th. **The confirmands will ask their potential mentor, between January 1st and January 15th. Please, prayerfully consider this great ministry opportunity.** If you DO NOT feel called to this important mentoring ministry, please let Pastor Howard know prior to January 1st. If Pastor Howard does not hear from you, the confirmation students will consider you a potential mentor.

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### Year of St. Matthew's Gospel

Advent begins a new Liturgical year and we move out of the gospel readings of St. Luke and begin rehearsing the gospel readings from St. Matthew. We will rehear Jesus' genealogy, Jesus' birth, Baptism, ministry, crucifixion, death, and resurrection through the writings of Matthew. We will hear how Matthew claims that Jesus is the fulfiller of the Old Testament prophecies. We'll be captivated by Jesus' saving power through the writings of St. Matthew. What a great year of good news of Jesus the Christ is waiting for us.

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### 2020 Bishop's Election

The current bishop of the Southeastern Iowa Synod, Michael Burk, has announced that he will not be available for reelection at the end of his term in 2020. A new bishop will be elected at the synod assembly May 1-3, 2020, in Coralville. The election of a new bishop is a process by which a "pastor of the synod" is called. It is similar to the process a congregation undertakes when calling a new pastor. One of the first steps of this process was the formation of the synod's ministry site profile, which is available online. It gives an overview of the landscape of this synod based on what survey participants have said about our life and ministry together. As we continue this process together as the Southeastern Iowa Synod, we ask for your help by praying for the synod and its congregations as we undertake the process and praying for the people who are discerning the call to be bishop. You can also help by learning more about this process, reading the synod ministry profile and staying informed. All information is located at [seiasynod.org/bishopelection](http://seiasynod.org/bishopelection)



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### October Council Highlights

We welcome Mike Jewell, Kristin Jones and Margaret Stangohr to the 2020 council. Did you know? If you have a Thrivent contract you have Thrivent dollars you can designate each year to a cause of our choice? Of course we would like it to be Immanuel but you may have another charity you would like to gift. Just ask Maddie Widmer or Marty Westen for help doing this or if you are computer savvy you could just do it yourself. It's very easy. You also have Thrivent cards in amount of \$250 you may apply for to help fund projects. There have been many used here at Immanuel. Paraments have been funded, quilts, baby kits, personal care kits, neighborhood barbeque, trunk or treat, Christmas costumes, a fundraiser dinner for a community member and this is just a few of the projects. These are available to you twice a year. Just think what good work can be done!! Council is still looking at what can be done with the east wing. Not an easy decision. We have had 5 requests for the use of our building. What an awesome way to share Christ's love Have more ideas? Share with the council members.

### **The Meaning of Advent**

Advent begins a new liturgical church year. It is the season of four Sundays prior to Christmas. The word “advent” is derived from the Latin “adventus,” which means “coming” or “arrival”. In the societies of the Roman Empire, the word referred to the arrival of a person of dignity and great power – a king, emperor, or even one of the gods. For Christians, Advent is the time the church prepares for the coming of the King of kings Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate Dec. 25th. The Advent season focuses on Christ’s threefold coming: past, present, and future. First, we remember the Lord’s humble first coming in Bethlehem two thousand years ago. Second, we give thanks for Jesus’ present and continual coming to us through Word and Sacrament. Finally, we look forward with hope and longing to Jesus’ second coming in glory on Judgment Day. The liturgical color for Advent, which decks the altar and pastor’s vestments, is blue which represents hope, expectation, and heaven.

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### **The Meaning of Christmas**

In our commercialized society, during November and December, we are bombarded with jolly Santas, reindeer, happy snowpeople, and buy, buy, buy. Yet, there are hints and whispers that “Jesus is the reason for the season.” Yes, Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus. But exactly why is that fact so significant? For an answer, we need to look at the accounts of the birth of Jesus as recorded by Matthew and Luke. At the heart of these nativity narratives is a simple fact: amid the struggle of a people, who had longed for God to act in the world in new ways, God came to be with them in a way that totally identifies Himself with us as human beings. Amid the most unlikely of circumstances, to the most unlikely of people, God became a human being for the salvation of all people. Christmas is about possibility. It is not the kind of possibility that comes from a confidence in our own abilities. It is possibility that comes solely from the fact that God is God. Our God comes into our own human existence to reveal Himself and call us to Himself. Jesus is Immanuel – God with us. This fact brings the possibility of change for the world and all humanity who accept Jesus as their Savior. God has promised to be with the church and with us, His chosen people, as we live as His people in the world. It is this God, this possibility, which we celebrate at Christmas.

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### **Service of Lessons and Carols**

Join us as we continue to celebrate the Christmas season with a service of Lessons and Carols adapted from the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols that has been celebrated annually at King’s College, Cambridge, for almost a century. The Scripture lessons are those traditionally used at the festival, while the carols that accompany each passage have been selected from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book. Join us as we worship together, on Sunday, December 29th at one service 9 a.m. to hear and sing the promises of Christ’s birth.

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### **Chrismons**

The sanctuary Christmas trees are decorated with fragile, handmade, stained glass Chrismons. A Chrismon is one of a number of Christian symbols representing our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (his life, ministry, Divinity) and the church year. The term “Chrismon” comes from the Latin phrase “Christi Monogramma,” meaning “monogram of Christ.”

The monogram of Christ ~ the Greek letter X (“chi”) superimposed upon the Greek letter P (“rho”)

Other Chrismons are:

Alpha and Omega ~ God is the beginning and end

Shield ~ Jesus is our defender

Bible ~ Holy Scripture is God’s living Word

Star of David ~ Jesus is the descendant of David

Bethlehem Star ~ Jesus is the Savior of the world

Descending Dove ~ Holy Spirit

Fish ~ Jesus Christ is the Son of God; Greek ιχθύς ichthus, “fish”: Jesus (I), Christ (X), God (θ), Son (ύ), Savior (ς)

Candle ~ Jesus is the light of the world

Lamp ~ Jesus is the lamp of God’s light

Anchor ~ Jesus is our hope

Butterfly ~ Through Jesus we have everlasting life

Crown ~ Jesus is the King of Kings

Bread and Chalice ~ Body and Blood of Jesus

Crosses ~ Power of God

Help us place these holy symbols of Christ upon our Christmas trees on  
Sunday, December 1st, immediately following 9 a.m. worship.



### **Lutheran Pastors and Deacons to Immanuel**

Pastor Howard will be hosting the Lutheran Pastors and Deacons, in our Conference 7, on **Thursday, December 12th**, 9 a.m., here at Immanuel. The clergy will gather for worship with Holy Communion (Pastor Howard presiding), enjoy refreshments, conduct Conference business, and fellowship. Following the meeting the clergy will enjoy lunch at Café Dodici's. The Conference 7 clergy meet monthly, taking turns hosting the meeting. The clergy always look forward and enjoy their time at Immanuel. If you are willing to provide a light snack for the clergy (fruit or coffee cake/cookies) please let Pastor Howard know. Thank you for your generous hospitality!

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### **Immanuel to Ring Salvation Army Bell**

We are ringing the Salvation Army Bell again this year. Immanuel will be ringing the bell at Hy-Vee on Saturday, December 14th, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Money placed in Washington County Salvation Army Kettles serve Washington County residents in need. This is a great family service project; ring the bell as a family!



**GIVE A LITTLE  
Change A Lot**  
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Bell ringing shifts will be in one-hour increments, don't hesitate to sign up for at least one hour. The sign-up sheet is on the hallway table or call the church office. Write your name in the hour time slot of your choice and take the bell as a reminder of your commitment. Thank you for your participation.

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### **Christmas Presents Wrapping**

Luther League will be wrapping your Christmas presents on Saturday, December 14th. Bring your presents to worship before the 14th or on the 14th between 10 a.m. – Noon p.m. when we will be wrapping. Wrapped presents may be picked up at Noon on Saturday, Sunday morning, M-F 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., or by appointment (to make sure church is open). This is a fundraiser for the youth to attend events like the Denver Mission Trip, 2021 National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, and Luther League activities. The cost, to wrap ALL your gifts, is a free will offering. Tell your friends, we'll wrap theirs too! If you would like to donate gift wrapping supplies, Luther League will gladly and gratefully accept them. Please bring donated supplies to church by Wednesday, December 11th. Thank you for your continuous support of the youth of Immanuel!



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### **Congregational Old Fashion House-to-House Caroling**

Gather at Immanuel Lutheran on Sunday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m. to caravan throughout the town of Washington as we sing Christmas Carols at the front doors of Immanuel Lutheran's family. What FUN this event is! After singing we will return to the church for hot chocolate and dessert. Dress warmly; we go even if it snows! Pastor Howard will bring the flavored hot chocolate and you bring a dessert to share for the fellowship following. If you would like us to carol at your door, please let Pastor Howard know. Caroling has become a tradition at Immanuel, don't miss the excitement!



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### **ONE Christmas Eve Service**

*Join us for Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Tuesday, December 24th at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The Christmas Eve, Candlelight, Holy Communion service will be at 5:00 p.m. Let us come together to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*





Service Date	Greeters	Ushers	Reader	Acolyte	Communion
December 1	Ken & Susan Baker	Brian & Carrie Lueck and Marty Westen	Fran Victor	Emma Taylor	Set up- Bev Bailey Clean up- Margaret Stangohr
December 8	Sherry Ives	Bob Coker, Gary Fischer, and Mike Howard	Bev Bailey	Braden Zywiec	Set up- Tricia Kroll Clean up- Corrine Martin
December 15	Carol Woodruff	Ron & Char Andersen and Richard Schmidt	Mikaila Matheson	Thomas Lueck	Set up- Ray & Alta Poe Clean up- Stan & Sharol Kroll
December 22	Doris Moore	John & Peg Harris and Brad Kroll	Tricia Kroll	Caitlin Kroll	Set up- Kristin Jones Clean up- Marilyn Bennett
December 29	Ron & Karen Heineman	Aaron & April Six and family	Taylor Bartholomew	Clayton Bartholomew	Set up- Naomi Erickson Clean up- Karen Heineman

December 24 Christmas Eve Service 5 pm 	<u>Greeters</u> Alta Poe	<u>Ushers</u> Ray Poe Need 2 Disciples	<u>Reader</u> Diana Wubbena	<u>Acolytes</u> Claire Wubbena	<u>Communion</u> Set up- Bev Bailey Clean up-
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What's happening at ILC?

