

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD AT IMMANUEL

DATE	TIME	EVENT	MEETING PLACE	AGE GROUP	CONTACT PERSON
Sunday 12/11/22	—	Food Pantry Sunday	Narthex	Everyone	Human Care Board
	—	Poinsettia Deadline	—	Everyone	—
	8:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	Everyone	Rev. Marty Marks
	8:00 AM	Facebook Live Worship	Facebook Live	Everyone	Doug Nelson
	9:15AM	Sunday School	Sanctuary/ Building	3Yrs– Highschool	Jen Allen
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	Adult	Various Leaders
	10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	Everyone	Rev. Marty Marks
	10:30 AM	Facebook Live Worship	Facebook Live	Everyone	Doug Nelson
	10:30 AM	Broadcast of Worship Service	WLBK 1360 AM	Everyone	Doug Nelson
	12:30—3:30	Private Party	Fellowship Hall	Private Party	Office
4:30—8:30	Wedding/Reception	Building	Private Party	Office	
Mon 12/12/22	10:00 AM	Gift Card Orders Due	Office	Everyone	Darlene Hillman
	7:00 PM	Zoom Bible Study	On Line	Everyone	Pastor Marty
Tues 12/13/22	5:30—6:30	Girl Scout Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Community	Office
Wed 12/14/22	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting	Off Site	Staff	Pastor Marty
	5:30 PM	Jr. Confirmation	Fellowship Hall	Middle School	Pastor Marty
	6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Balcony	HS—Adult	C-J Motisi
	7:00 PM	Advent Worship Service	Sanctuary	Everyone	Pastor Marty
Thur 12/15/22	—	Council Reports Due	Email	Council/Elders	Kristen Goff
Fri 12/16/22	—	—	—	—	—
Sat 12/17/22	11—4:30 PM	Private Party	Fellowship Hall	Private Party	Office
Sunday 12/18/22	—	Deadline to sign up for Member to	Narthex	Everyone	—
	—	Member Greeting	—	Everyone	—
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**Children's Christmas Program**



The children will be taking part in the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, December 18. *(This will be in place of "Christmas of Four." Holy communion will still be served.)* All children are encouraged to be a part of the program. A note was sent home from Sunday School. If you did not get one, please see Jen Allen or Amy Haeseker.

*"Pray for One Another —James 5:16*



PRAYERTREE

Did you notice the Prayer Tree in the church entry area? Be sure to check it out!

It is a visual reminder to pray and to serve as a way to communicate your thanks, praise, and prayer requests.

Write your requests on one of the cards on the table and hang it on the tree. Put the request in an envelope provided if you want it to be confidential. The Prayer Team will pray for your requests during the week and at Prayer Team Meetings. The requests will be kept on the tree for two months or until resolved and then put in the container beside the tree. Please continue to make Pastor and the church office aware of your immediate prayer needs so the congregation can join in praying for you during our worship services.

**PARTNERING IN PRAYER December 4—10, 2022**

*"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone" —1 Timothy 2:1-2*

**WE OFFER PRAYER ON BEHALF OF THE FOLLOWING:**

**THOSE WHO ARE CHRONICALLY ILL:** Rob McKinley (*son of Pat McKinley*) Tiernan Merman  
 Diana Hedlund Glen Roberts Rachael McEwen Kirsten Foss  
 Robin Nielsen Fran Tatiana (*friend of Jeneane Bejnarowicz*) Craig Dybas  
 Micky McWilliams (*brother-in-law of Doris Chelikas*) Rhonda Dooley Lester Sanders

**THOSE DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER:** Glenn Lucca (*friend of Chris & Audrey Cook*) Pam Paszotta  
 Dale Geibel Staci McNett Mandy Long Gloria Balgeman David Wickstrom  
 Debbie Teason (*cousin of Audrey Cook*) Donna Cyrier & MaryAnn Sisler (*friends of Mishelle Rodgers*)  
 Rob Wessels (*friend of Bejnarowicz*) Colleen Chavez (*granddaughter of Carlos Woolbright*)  
 Michael Johnson (*friend of Bejnarowicz*) Rita Goodwin Janet Mull (*daughter-in-law Marilyn Mull*)

**OUR SHUT-INS:** Marcia Kiel Merle Sawyer Irene Nelson Pat Moeller  
 Mary Ebbesen Toni Byford Helen Deschler Mary Jane Lindaas Carol Kennett

**THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:** Dr. Robert Bejnarowicz (*colonel*) Derrick Schoo  
 LTC (Lt. Colonel) Christopher Denton (*grandson of Carol*) Brendan Spartz (*son of Mindy & Bill Lynch*)  
 Jacob Marx: US Coast Guard; now stationed in Philadelphia PA (*grandson of Janet & Patrick Byrnes*)  
 Jessica (Marx) Hess: US Air Force; stationed in Dayton, OH (*granddaughter of Janet & Patrick Byrnes*)  
 Sgt. Kaitlan Lave (*granddaughter of Al & Shirley*)  
 Owen Schroeder; Evan Schroeder (*grandsons of Dennis and Jane Schroeder*)

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- For the family of Lawrence Knudson. Lawrence was called home to be with his Savior Wednesday night. Funeral arrangements are pending;
- For Bruce Whitman who was readmitted to CHD with a blood clot. Plans are to transfer back to Marion Joy;
- For Bonnie Whitaker, aunt of Taylor and Megan McWilliams, who suffered a stroke on December 5,
- For the father-in-law of teacher, Jessica Molitor who fell, he continues recovery as well as treatment for cancer;
- May the Lord grant healing to those in need, comfort to those who mourn, wisdom to those who lead and compassion to all during this time of need. May opportunities open and may we be wise enough to recognize them to see God's love in this situation and convey it to others. Grant this to us all Lord.

**THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS:** Bob Dailey Riley Marks Bradley Sorenson  
 Norman Gilbert Brynn Phelps Linda Hammes Christine Taylor Tiffany Kousoulas  
 Jasper Baie Emma Goodman

**THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:** 12/12/09 Doug & Kara Brouwer  
 12/16/72 Gary & Stacy Knutson 12/17/88 Glenn & Julie-Ann Fuchs

**REMINDER:**

***Please fill out the attendance sheet at the end of the pew and place it in the offering plate or hand it to either an usher or the pastor.***

*Please include updates for any information that has changed so that we can update our data base. If you are an active member of Immanuel, and we have missed your birthday or anniversary, you may note it on the attendance sheet or contact the office so we may add you to the prayer list for the following week, and correct our records.*



**WELCOME VISITORS!** We are glad to have you with us today and invite you to visit again. If you are looking for a church home, please consider Immanuel Lutheran Church. Full Christian Education programs for ages 3 and up are available September —May.

*Please fill out the attendance sheet at the end of the pew or fill out the card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or hand it to either an usher or the pastor. Include your address and phone number on our attendance pad so we may note your visit with us.*

*We have a **DESIRE TO MINISTER** to all who are hospitalized or in some way shut-in.*

*However, we (Pastor and the Elders) cannot provide pastoral care if we are not made aware of the need. If you know of someone hospitalized or needing a visit, please contact the church office.*

If at any time you have specific needs, or just feel the need to talk or visit, please contact:

Church office: 815-756-6669 (church direct line) office@godwithusilc.org

Pastor Marty: 815-501-3951 (cell and text) Rev@godwithusilc.org

**Today is Food Pantry collection for December. Place a nonperishable item for the local Salvation Army food pantry in the grocery cart in the narthex.** Food Pantry Sunday is a collection day to support the Salvation Army Food Pantry.

Forgot today? - Add an item to your grocery list and put it in our shopping cart in the church narthex on the second Sunday of each month!



**Greeters:** We need greeters! Now that Covid is less of a concern, we would like to return to having friendly faces greet us on Sunday morning. We need 8:00 and 10:30 greeters. A warm welcome to members and visitors is the task! Handshaking is not required. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for the month of December. We need your smiling faces!



**FINAL DAY TO SIGN UP FOR Poinsettias for Christmas:** Once again this year we are planning on decorating the sanctuary with poinsettia plants for Christmas services. If you would like to

purchase one or more, call the office to sign-up, sign up in the entryway or watch for a sign up genius. You can indicate if you will be taking your plant home or if you would like to have it taken to a shut-in. There will be a choice of pink, red or white. You can pick up your plant after services on Christmas Day or request that it be delivered to you. Each plant will cost \$15.00. The florist shop wants to be sure they can get plants for us, so deadline to order plants is:

**December 11th!**



**VOICES FROM THE EDGE**

*Advent Encounters  
Preparing the Way*

Advent has long been a time of preparation, preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Yet the road to Christmas is anything but easy. It twists, it turns, and we meet many strange figures along the way. Prophets cry out in visions. John the Baptizer preaches in the desert. Angels appear whether you are asleep or awake. The voices are varied, the places are strange, but one thing is certain: in each encounter, God is preparing us for the celebration of the greatest encounter of all, the birth of Jesus, his Son, our Savior, the Redeemer of the world.

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 14

*The Prophet Zephaniah and a Vision of Joy*  
Text: Zephaniah 3:14–20

**Memorial Tree:** We have put ornaments on our Memorial Tree. If you would like to add one, there is a book available to register new ornaments.



- 1) Bring your ornament to church
- 2) Note it in the book
- 3) Add a tag
- 4) Put it on the tree.
- 5) We will store the ornaments from year to year, and put them on the tree for you in coming years.

**DEADLINE TO ORDER IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 12!**

**Little Lambs Holiday Gift Card Fundraiser!**

**It is time for our second round of Holiday Gift Cards!**

If you missed the first round, JUMP IN FOR ROUND TWO!

⇒Orders turned in by 10:00 a.m. December 12 will be distributed to preschool families by December 15 & 16. They will be available for pick up in the office by the 16<sup>th</sup> or at the service on December 18th.

Thank you for your continued support of Little Lambs Preschool! If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Order two ways:

**Order forms available in the narthex or from our Constant Contact link. Turn forms & payment in to the office before the deadlines.**

**ORDER ON LINE: [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com) Enrollment Code: DD7427D154116**

**TO AVOID PROCESSING FEES:** Payment may be made DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE.—(This option available for on line and paper orders.)

E-cards are delivered immediately with on-line payment. Paper order forms are available in the narthex or call the office.



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**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM MEMBERS TO MEMBERS** will be inserted in the December 24th & 25th bulletins. This long-standing custom originated when members decided to convey Season's Greetings to fellow members via a special insert, donating what would otherwise have been spent on postage to a separate fund. **The elders have decided that the recipient of the Greeting Funds will go to the capitol fund to help with the costs of the upgraded A.V. system as well as the project to prevent flooding in the lower level by repairing the tile system.** Sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, call the office or use our sign-up Genius. Deadline is December 18 in order to be included on the Greeting. Print your names exactly as you would like to have them put on the Christmas Greeting. You may turn your donation in to the office or place it in the offering plate and designate "Christmas Greeting" on the memo line. **Payment can be made online on our website.**

**2023 Giving Envelopes:** Please pick up your 2023 Giving Envelopes in the narthex. In an effort to be fiscally responsible, **if you have opted to not use your envelopes in 2021 the computer did not generate an envelope number for you. If you would like envelopes and do not see your name on a box, please notify the office or CJ Motisi and we will get you envelopes.**



Parents Group

**The Parent Support Group** will meet the 3rd Thursday in December—the 15th. In January we will resume our regular second Thursday schedule. Meetings are at 6:30 p.m. at Immanuel.

Join us December 15, 2022 and January 12, 2023 Meetings are facilitated by a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist and mother for four foster to adopted children.

Come for support, idea exchanges, assistance with resources and friendship!  
**ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME**  
\*\*\* Childcare Provided\*\*\*

Contact Amanda Banks for more information.

**Drive thru live Nativity & Chili Supper**  
**December 17, 2022 4:30—6:00 PM**

**Lutheran Church of St John**  
**26555 Brickville Rd. Sycamore**

**Come enjoy the sights and sounds of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus then come inside to enjoy a delicious chili supper.**

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