

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD AT IMMANUEL

DATE	TIME	EVENT	MEETING PLACE	AGE GROUP	CONTACT PERSON
Sunday 12/18/22	—	Deadline to sign up for Member to	Narthex	Everyone	—
	—	Member Greeting	—	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 w/ Children's Program	Sanctuary	Everyone	Rev. Marty Marks
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10:30 AM	10:30 AM	Facebook Live Worship	Facebook Live	Everyone	Doug Nelson
	10:30 AM	Broadcast of Worship Service	WLBK 1360 AM	Everyone	Doug Nelson
Mon 12/19/22	7:00 PM	Zoom Bible Study	On Line	Everyone	Pastor Marty
Tues 12/20/22	4:00–5:30	Children's Home & Aide	Fellowship Hall	Community	Office
	5:30–6:30	Girl Scout Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Community	Office
Wed 12/21/22	12:15 PM	Staff Christmas Party	Fellowship Hall	Staff	Pastor Marty
	—	NO Jr. Confirmation	—	Middle School	Pastor Marty
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Council/Elders	Brian Pringnitz
Thur 12/22/22	—	—	—	—	—
Fri 12/23/22	—	Offices Closed	—	—	—
Sat 12/24/22	3:00 PM	Christmas Candlelight Service	Sanctuary	Everyone	Pastor Marty
	7:00 PM	Christmas Candlelight Service	Sanctuary	Everyone	Pastor Marty
Sunday 12/25/22 <b>Christmas Day</b>	9:00 AM	Worship Service/Hymn Sing	Sanctuary	Everyone	Rev. Marty Marks
	9:00 AM	Facebook Live Worship	Facebook Live	Everyone	Doug Nelson
	9:00 AM	Broadcast of Worship Service	WLBK 1360 AM	Everyone	Doug Nelson
<b>Monday December 26</b>	—	Office Closed	—	—	—

Limited Office Hours Through January 6 — See schedule in this insert for complete details.



**TODAY—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  
 Bruce Whitman

**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 Michelle 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 Knudson family who mourn the loss of Lawrence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 14;
- For Bruce Whitman as he continues recovery from a stroke. He is now back at Marion Joy at this time, with plans to transfer to a nursing home in the near future;
- 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:** Nathan Perry Jen Allen Sydney Ziola Chelsea Banks  
 Curtis Baumann Matthew Gratschmayr Angela Brown

**THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:** 12/19/81 Ron & Linda Hammes

**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

### Special Services & Times Through January 1, 2023

**10:30 a.m. Sunday, December 18**

**A Worship Service with the Children**

*9:15 a.m.: Rehearsal*

*(Both the 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. service will include Holy Communion)*

**3:00 & 7:00 p.m. Saturday,  
December 24 (Christmas Eve)**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service**

**9:00 a.m. Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day)**

**Christmas Morning Hymn Sing & Worship**

*10:30 a.m. Broadcast of Christmas Eve Service on 1360AM WLBK radio*

*(No 8:00 or 10:30 service/no Sunday School)*



### HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

*Monday, December 26: Closed*

*Tuesday—Thursday December 27-29: 8:30—12:30*

*Friday, December 30: Closed*

*Monday, January 2: Closed*

*Tuesday—Thursday, January 3—5: 8:30—12:30*

*Friday, January 6: Closed*

*Monday, January 9: Regular hours resume*



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**Thank you** to all who participated in the Gift Card fundraiser. We raised just under \$800—\$798.11! Your support is greatly appreciated!



**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 signup sheet is in the narthex for the month of December & January. We need your smiling faces!

**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.

**LWML Note:** The winter copy of the Lutheran Women's Quarterly is available. If you have a subscription to the publication please pick your copy up from Darlene's office today.

**Today is the Final Day to Sign Up for 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. If you would like more information on these projects, approved by the voter's at the November meeting, you can pick up a packet on the table in the narthex. To participate in the greeting: Sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, call the office or use our sign-up Genius. Deadline is today, 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.****

*Do you have a favorite chili recipe and would like to join us for our:*



**Chili Cook-Off and Game Afternoon  
Sunday, February 5, 2023**

Save the Date!!! The FUNTASTIC Chili cookoff and game day is coming back!!!



**Game Day in Jan. will be January 6th.** Come & enjoy playing and visiting with old friends and meeting new ones. The holidays will be over, time to relax and play a new game or an old favorite one. Both men and women are welcome. The games start at 1pm & wrap up between 3 and 3:30.

**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 2022 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.
- **If you would like to sign up for Joyful Response, (automated giving)** take a form from the envelope table and turn it in to the office.
- **If you prefer to not use envelopes and give in an alternative way,** such as using your own bill-pay, Joyful Response, or through our debit/credit machine in the office, please notify the office and we will assign you a virtual number.
- **If you are already enrolled in Joyful Response or use a virtual number,** you will find ONE envelope confirming your virtual number. Joyful Response participants will also find a form in your envelope, as this is an excellent time to evaluate your giving commitment.

*If you have any questions concerning contributions, please contact CJ Motisi or the office.*

**Giving statements for 2022** will be available by the end of January.

As you anticipate the upcoming holidays, pause to consider your gifts to the Lord. Often this is a time when one makes year-end charitable donations. Your contributions to the work of the church are both welcomed and appreciated. All contributions for 2022 must be turned into the office by Saturday, December 30, 2022.

Giving to the general ministry budget is encouraged, however some have inquired about special projects. If you are interested in giving towards capital projects above your regular giving, you can note that desire on the memo line of your check. (i.e. new drainage tile project, A.V. system update.)