

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD AT IMMANUEL					
DATE	TIME	EVENT	MEETING PLACE	AGE GROUP	CONTACT PERSON
Sunday 12/25/22 <b>Christmas Day</b>	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Worship Service/Hymn Sing Facebook Live Worship Broadcast of Christmas Eve Worship Service	Sanctuary Facebook Live WLBK 1360 AM	Everyone Everyone Everyone	Rev. Marty Marks Doug Nelson Doug Nelson
<b>Limited Office Hours Through January 6 — See schedule in this insert for complete details. Little Lambs Preschool on Christmas Break. Classes resume 1/9/23</b>					
<b>Mon 12/26/22</b>	—	Office Closed	—	—	—
Tues 12/27/22—Thursday 12/29/22 Office Hours: 8:30 –12:30					
Fri 12/30/22	—	Offices Closed	—	—	—
Sat 12/31/22	—	New Year's Eve	—	—	—
Sunday 1/1/23	AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Recycle Sunday Worship Service Facebook Live Worship Broadcast of Worship Service	Garage Sanctuary Facebook Live WLBK 1360 AM	Everyone Everyone Everyone Everyone	Trustees Rev. Marty Marks Doug Nelson Doug Nelson
Mon 1/2/23	—	Office Closed	—	—	—
Tues—Thursday 1/3/23—1/5/23 Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. —2:30 p.m.					
Tues 1/3/23	AM 6:30 PM	Winkle Human Care Bd Meeting	Off Site Meeting Room	Circuit Pastors Board	Pastor Marty Cathy Faivre
Wed 1/4/23	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting	Meeting Room	Elders	Kevin Harms
Thur 1/5/23	8:00 AM	Bulletin Deadline	Office	Everyone	Darlene Hillman
Fri 1/6/23	— 1-3:30 PM	Offices Closed Game Day	— Lower Level	— Adults	— Pat McKinley
Sat 1/7/23	—	—	—	—	—
Sunday 1/8/23	— 8:00 AM 8:00 AM — 9:15 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM — 10:30 AM 12—3 PM	Food Pantry Sunday Worship Service w/ Council Installation Face Book Live Worship Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship Service w/ Council Installation Broadcast of Worship Service Council Retreat	Narthex Sanctuary — Facebook Live Various Rooms Fellowship Hall Sanctuary — WLBK 1360 AM Fellowship Hall	Everyone Everyone Council/Elders Everyone 3 yrs.—High School Adults Everyone Council/Elders Everyone Council/Elders	Human Care Board Pastor Marty — Doug Nelson Jen Allen McQuillan/Marks Pastor Marty — Doug Nelson Jen Allen
Mon 1/9/23	9:00 AM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Little Lambs Resumes Classes Board of Trustees Prayer Team Zoom Bible Study	Building Upper Mtg. Rm. North Narthex On Line	Preschool Everyone Everyone HS—Adult	Katie Martinez T. Sawyer/D Hillman Jackie Hanson Pastor Marty

**PARTNERING IN PRAYER December 24-31, 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 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:**

- In this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child.
- 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:** Sean Wilcox Kaitlynn Cook Russell Peterson  
Jacob Cook Jacqueline Hanson Roger Maas Richard McKinley  
Robert Tiggelaar Eliana Delimba Beckett Kjell Lucia Nelson  
Kylie VonSchnase Timothy Gilbert Krista Marks Hunter Tiggelaar

**THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:**  
12/26/82 Bob & Nancy Dailey 12/31/05 Mark & Kara Giudice

*"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.

**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



**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!

**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.

**Zion, Marengo Volleyball League** returns for 2023!: You--yes you!--are invited to be part of the adult volleyball league that is resuming play in the winter months of 2023. All levels of players ages 18+ welcome; no cost to participate. Open gyms will be held on Jan. 8 and 15 for registration and tune-up, followed by team selection and league play to run from 5-8 p.m. Sunday evenings from Jan. 22-Mar. 26. For more information, or to sign up before Jan. 8, please contact the Zion church office (815-568-6564)

### New Year's Resolution - working on our fitness



As a new year arrives, many of us make a resolution to improve our health and well-being through exercise and improved habits. How good is your spiritual health? I encourage you to consider resolving to improve it by joining a Bible Study. We have several excellent ones at ILC conveniently offered during the Sunday school hour (9:15am - 10:15am in Fellowship Hall). Pastor Marty leads one on the book of Revelation and

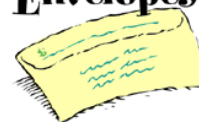
Carolyn leads one that is studying the presence of Jesus in the Old Testament. Both studies require no special knowledge and you can easily join them at any time. Why not start improving your Spiritual fitness and make the commitment to try one of these studies as part of your new year's resolution? To get more info you can contact me or either of the leaders.

**Council Installation will be Sunday, January 8 at both services.** (end of first service & beginning of second service) **All new and returning council members and elders are encouraged to attend BOTH services for installation.** (Installation will be at the end of 8:00 and the beginning of 10:30, so you can still attend the service of your choice, while only being at the other service for installation.)



**COUNCIL RETREAT:** There will be a lunch and short retreat following the 10:30 service on Sunday, January 8. Estimated time is 12 noon—3:00 p.m. All council members and elders are asked to be present. Please contact Jen Allen if you are unable to attend.

### Offering Envelopes



**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.)



**Sunday, January 1, 2023 is our FIRST Aluminum Recycle Sunday of the New Year will be Sunday, January 1.** The

Board of Trustees will continue to collect aluminum cans the *first week of the month at church.* For those who wish to drop your cans off, you can place them in front of the garage at the southwest corner of the parking lot! If you wish, you can also bring cans and metals to DeKalb Iron and Metal and tell them it is for Immanuel Church and they will add it to our account and give you a receipt for your donation.

**Set a New Year Resolution!**

**Support the local food pantry!**



**Remember Food Pantry is January 8th**

**Bring a nonperishable item for the local**

**Salvation Army food pantry.**

Food Pantry Sunday is a collection day to support the Salvation Army Food Pantry.

Add an item to your grocery list and put it in our shopping cart in the church narthex!



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!! Yes, a chili cookoff, with a prize! There will be games to play for all ages! There will be Goodies to eat! There will be fun to be had! You will not need to bring anything, just yourself, ready for fun! Human Care and Outreach are sponsoring this afternoon for Immanuel members to get together. Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 5th at 3:00pm. Do you like to make chili? As the date gets closer, we will have a sign up available if you would like to be a part of the challenge! Immanuel members will be testing all the chilis and voting for the best. More details to come!!!

