

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD AT IMMANUEL					
DATE	TIME	EVENT	MEETING PLACE	AGE GROUP	CONTACT PERSON
Sun 12/7/25	—	Recycle Sunday	Garage	Everyone	Bd of Trustees
	AM	LWML Craft & Bake Sale	Narthex	Everyone	LWML
	8:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	Everyone	Rev. Marty Marks
	8:00 AM	Facebook Live/YouTube	Online	Everyone	Nathan Allen
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	Adults	McQuillan/Misic/Marks
	9:15 AM	Sunday School	Building	3 yrs—HS	Jen Allen
	10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	Everyone	Rev. Marty Marks
	10:30 AM	Facebook Live/YouTube	Online	Everyone	Doug Nelson
	10:30 AM	Broadcast of Worship Service	WLBK 1360 AM	Everyone	Doug Nelson
	12:00 PM	Peer Ministers Meeting	College Lounge	Peer Ministers	Pastor Marty
Mon 12/8/25	7:00 PM	Zoom Bible Study	Online	Adults	Pastor Marty
Tue 12/9/25	9:15 AM	Quilt & Sewing Group	Fellowship Hall	Ladies	Marion Gilbert
	4:00 PM	Bright Pointe	Fellowship Hall	Community	Office
	5:00 PM	Board of Christian Education	Upper Mtg. Room	Board	Darlene Hillman
	7:00 PM	Crafty Christians	College Lounge	College	Peer Ministers
	9:00 PM	Refuge Bible Study	College Lounge	College	Pastor Marty
Wed 12/10/25	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting	North Narthex	Staff	Pastor Marty
	5:30 PM	Jr. Confirmation	Fellowship Hall	Grades 7-9	Pastor Marty
	6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Balcony	HS—Adult	C-J Motisi
	7:00 PM	Advent Worship	Sanctuary	Everyone	Pastor Marty
Thur 12/11/25	8:30 AM	Bulletin Deadline	Office	Everyone	Darlene Hillman
	—	Council Reports Due	E-Mail	Council	Shannon Coulombe
Fri 12/12/25	8:30—12:30	Office Hours	Offices	Everyone	Office
Sat 12/13/25	—	—	—	—	—
Sun 12/14/25	—	Food Pantry Sunday	Garage	Everyone	Bd of Trustees
	8:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	Everyone	Rev. Marty Marks
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Area Events:

**The Lutheran Church of St. John** invites you to our Live Nativity and Chili Supper on December 13th from 4:30-6. Come and see this beautiful depiction of the first Christmas starting from the Old Testament prophecies to the visit from the Wise Men. Then stay for a warm bowl of chili and other goodies. It’s sure to brighten your festive spirit! St John is located at 26555 Brickville Road, in Sycamore.

**Celebration Chorale Presents: “Sing We All Noel,”** Sunday at 7th (2PM) First United Methodist Church, DeKalb. More info in the narthex.

PARTNERING IN PRAYER December 7-13, 2025

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”— *Philippians 4:6*

WE OFFER PRAYER ON BEHALF OF THE FOLLOWING:

THOSE WHO ARE CHRONICALLY ILL:

Robin Nielsen                      Craig Dybas                      Gail Cantrell                      Rob McKinley                      Tammy Snyder

THOSE DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER:

Todd Hanson (*nephew of Jackie Hanson*)  
Dale Geibel                      Staci McNett                      Mandy Long                      Rita Goodwin                      Bryan Faivre  
Danika Nelson                      Glen Roberts                      Donna Cyrier (*friend of Mishelle Rodgers*)  
Raymond Schaeffer (*Friend of Norm & Fran Pierce*)  
Colleen Chavez (*granddaughter of Carlos Woolbright*)                      Debbie Teason (*cousin of Audrey Cook*)  
Jenna Wiegel (*Laura Tiggelaar’s sister-in-law*)                      Glenn Lucca (*friend of Chris & Audrey Cook*)  
Carl Campbell (*Pastor Marty’s friend*)                      Joan Baker (*cousin of Cindy Berg*)

**OUR SHUT-INS:** Marcia Kiel    Mary Jane Lindaas                      Ruth Kuhns    Lloyd Larson    Carlos Woolbright  
Judy Thorson

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:

Jessica (Marx) Hess: US Air Force; Dayton, OH (*granddaughter of Janet & Patrick Byrnes*)  
Evan Schroeder (*grandson of Dennis & Jane Schroeder*)    Brendan Spartz (*son of Mindy Lynch*)

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For Vicky Lohmeier who will be undergoing surgery on December 24th to remove cancerous growths;
- Open our hearts to Your leading. Help us see the opportunities You place before us and share Your love with grace and humility in every moment.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS:

Max Giudice                      Evelyn Kurasz IV                      Phyllis Cress  
Kyla Carlson                      Leonardo Iaccino                      Bob Dailey                      Riley Marks                      Norm Gilbert

**THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:** 12/12/2009 Doug Jr. & Kara Brouwer



God With Us – Advent worship Series

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel (which means, God with us)” Matthew 1:23

This Advent series focuses on the ways in which God is with us through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Services will reveal how Christ continues be present with us even now.

**Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 7:00p.m.:** In our worship for the second week in Advent we will remember that God is with us as our Shepherd, who carries us close to his heart.

**Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 7:00p.m.:** In our worship for the third week in Advent we will remember that God is with us as our Living Branch, who died and rose to give us eternal life.

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



### **TODAY! - Aluminum Can Recycling —**

The Board of Trustees continues to collect cans here 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 the first Sunday morning of each month. 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.

**December 14: Bring a nonperishable item for the local Salvation Army Food Pantry.** Want to help? Add an item or two to your grocery list and put it in our shopping cart in the church narthex! Items can be placed in cart before or on the second Sunday of each month!



**Little Lambs Christmas Program** is Thursday, December 18. We are in need of volunteers to serve refreshments from 6:15—7:30 p.m. Please sign up in the narthex if you are able to help!

**Thrivent Opportunity:** For those with “Thrivent Choice Dollars,” be sure to go onto the Thrivent site to designate your dollars! Thrivent is running a special opportunity and your selected organization will be eligible for a \$15,000 gift! Little Lambs Preschool and Immanuel Lutheran Church are both eligible organizations.



**Memorial Tree:** We have put ornaments on our Memorial Tree again this year. If you would like to add a memorial ornament to the tree, just bring it in. There is a book available to register new ornaments. Note it in the book, add a tag and put it on the tree. We will store the ornaments from year to year and put them on the tree for you in the coming years.



### **Advent Devotion Books Now Available:**

In *Born to You... A Savior*, we treasure the Father's beloved Gift of love to each of us. We welcome you all to take a copy for you, your family and your friends! Share the word of love with all!

### **Christmas Greetings from Members to Members**

**Greetings will be inserted in the December 21st 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. Sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or call the office to sign-up. **Deadline is December 14th.** Print your name(s) exactly as you would like to have them put on the Christmas Greeting. Donations can be turned in to the office or placed in the offering plate. Designate “Christmas Greeting” on the memo line. Payment can also be made online on our website. **Recipient of the Greeting Funds will be Christian Senior Ministries.**

### **Who is “Christian Senior Ministries, Inc.?”**

(CSM) started in late 2000 by area LCMS churches. It was established to minister to people in nursing homes and assisted living facilities in the DeKalb area, as many of these residents did not have regular access to God's Word. CSM currently serves in eleven facilities, reaching around 125 people per week.

Weekly services include a message/sermon, prayers, hymn singing and blessing. Residents sometimes have questions that may require additional one on one time. Two pastors primarily minister at the locations with additional pastors and laity serving when substitutes are needed. Volunteer pianists also serve. CSM is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.



**RaiseRight**

### **RaiseRight Holiday Gift Card Fundraiser — Happening Now!**

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who ordered in Round #1 — together we raised over **\$550** for Little Lambs! Missed it? Don't worry... Round #2 is the perfect chance to grab gift cards for holiday shopping and everyday spending. Every purchase earns up to **20% back** for Little Lambs — it adds up fast!

Remember: the RaiseRight app isn't just for the holidays — you can use it **all year long** for groceries, gas, coffee, restaurants, online shopping, and more. Turn your everyday errands into everyday fundraising!

### **Get Started:**



Scan the QR code or contact Darlene in the office

([Darleneh@immanueldekalb.com](mailto:Darleneh@immanueldekalb.com)).

**Order Online:** [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com)

**Enrollment Code:** DD7427D154116

**Save on Fees:** Pay **directly to the office** (checks to *Little Lambs*) for both online and paper orders.

**Holiday Deadline:** Order physical gift cards by **10:00 a.m. Monday, Dec. 15** to pick them up by **Dec. 18.**

E-cards arrive instantly!

Paper order forms are available in the narthex or by calling the office.

Let's make this our biggest fundraising season yet!

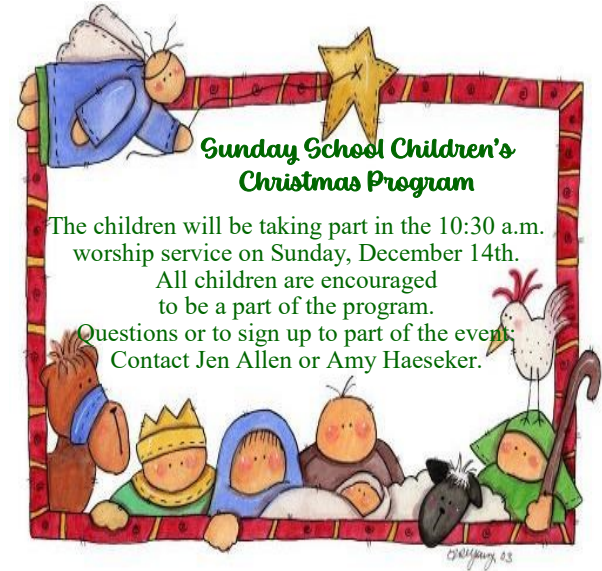
### **Poinsettia Plants for Christmas**



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, or sign up in the narthex as well. 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 marble, red or white. You can pick up your plant after services on Christmas Eve 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 14th!**



**Immanuel Apparel:** Didn't get a chance to order your Immanuel Lutheran apparel? No worries. Just stop by Sports of All Sorts (147 N 2nd St #2, DeKalb) and request to place an order under the Immanuel Lutheran Church account. Order forms are available in the church office. Prices are subject to change and you will have to pay tax on your order.



### **LWML Craft & Bake Sale Sunday, December 7, 2025**

**From  
9:00a.m.-10:30a.m.  
Come shop—enjoy  
And  
Support LWML Projects**

**Expect a variety of crafts  
and baked goods  
to tempt your tastes  
and maybe find a gift item!  
Give it a try...**