

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD AT IMMANUEL					
DATE	TIME	EVENT	MEETING PLACE	AGE GROUP	CONTACT PERSON
<b>Sun 12/14/25</b>	—	Food Pantry Sunday	Garage	Everyone	Bd of Trustees
	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 w/Children's Program	Sanctuary	Everyone	Rev. Marty Marks
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<b>Mon 12/15/25</b>	10:00 AM	Gift Card Orders Due	Office	Everyone	Katie Martinez
	3:30 PM	Bright Pointe	Fellowship Hall	Community	Office
	7:00 PM	Zoom Bible Study	Online	Adults	Pastor Marty
<b>Tue 12/16/25</b>	12:15 PM	Staff Christmas Party	12:15 PM	Fellowship Hall	Darlene Hillman
	5:30 PM	Girl Scout Meeting	5:30 PM	Fellowship Hall	Office
<b>Wed 12/17/25</b>	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
	7:45 PM	Council Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Council/Elders	Rob Tiggelaar
<b>Thur 12/18/25</b>	8:30 AM	Bulletin Deadline	Office	Everyone	Darlene Hillman
	6:00 PM	Little Lambs Christmas Program	Building	Little Lambs	Katie Martinez
<b>Fri 12/19/25</b>	—	Offices Closed	—	—	—
	—	No Little Lambs	—	—	—
<b>Sat 12/20/25</b>	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Sun 12/21/25</b>	—	Food Pantry Sunday	Garage	Everyone	Bd of Trustees
	9:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	Everyone	Rev. Marty Marks
	9:00 AM	Facebook Live/YouTube	Online	Everyone	Nathan Allen
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	Adults	McQuillan/Misic
<b>Mon 12/22/25</b>	10:00 AM	Bulletin Deadline	Office	Everyone	Darlene Hillman
<b>Tue 12/23/25</b>	8:30 –12:30	Office Hours	Office	Everyone	Pastor Marty
<b>Wed 12/24/25</b>	—	Offices Closed	—	—	Pastor Marty
	3:00 PM	Candlelight Service	Building	Everyone	Pastor Marty
	7:00 PM	Candlelight Service	Building	Everyone	Pastor Marty
<b>Thursday</b>	Christmas Day	Offices Closed	—	—	—
<b>Friday 12/26/25</b>	—	Offices Closed	—	—	—

**PARTNERING IN PRAYER December 14-20, 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:**  
 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:** Linda Hammes    Christine Taylor    Tiffany Kousoulas  
 Joshua Lothson    Katie Martinez    Prezley Phelps    Jennifer Allen

**THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:**  
 12/17/1988    Glenn & Julie-Ann Fuchs                      12/19/1981    Ronald & Linda Hammes



*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

**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.

**Special Christmas Services & Events**

**Sunday, December 21:** 9:00 a.m. – Worship/ *No Sunday School*  
**Wednesday, December 24** 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. *Candlelight Service for Christmas Eve*  
**Thursday, December 25 – Christmas Day** — *No Worship Service*  
**Sunday, December 28:** 9:00 a.m. – Worship/*No Sunday School*

*Pastor Marty will be on vacation December 26—January 9. Pastor Prohl will be caring for Sunday services. Pastor Pinion will be available for pastoral care.*

**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



### Sunday School Children's Christmas Program

The children will be taking part in the 10:30 a.m. worship service today, Sunday, December 14th. Please join us as the children as they share the message of Christmas.



**TODAY—December 14: Place nonperishable items for the local Salvation Army Food Pantry in the grocery cart. Forgot today?**

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



### Little Lambs Christmas

Program is Thursday, December 18. The congregation is invited as the children share the message, "Jesus is the Sweetest Gift!"

**We are also 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!**

### RaiseRight Holiday Gift Card Fundraiser —



RaiseRight

**Deadline is 10:00 a.m. Monday!**

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: If you download the app, the RaiseRight 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!



**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.



### Final day to sign up for 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.

**Council Meeting:** The council will meet on Wednesday, December 17th immediately following the advent service. (Approximately 7:40 p.m.) All newly elected council members are encouraged to attend this meeting. We will be setting installation dates.



**LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

Don't miss your chance to send Christmas Greetings to fellow members! These greetings will be included in the December 21st bulletin. The sign-up deadline is TODAY, though payment can be made through the end of the year.

This beloved tradition began when members decided to share Season's Greetings with each other by way of a special bulletin insert, donating what would have been spent on postage to a designated fund.

To sign up, simply add your name to the list in the Narthex or contact the church office. The deadline for sign-ups is **December 14th**. Be sure to print your name(s) exactly as you'd like it to appear in the greeting.

Donations can be submitted in person to the office or placed in the offering plate. Please mark "Christmas Greeting" on the memo line. You can also donate online through our website. All funds raised will go to **Christian Senior Ministries**.

### About Christian Senior Ministries, Inc. (CSM):

Founded in 2000 by local LCMS churches, CSM ministers to residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities in the DeKalb area who may not have regular access to God's Word. Currently, CSM serves eleven facilities and reaches approximately 125 individuals each week through services that include sermons, prayers, hymns, and blessings.

Two pastors oversee the ministry, with additional support from substitute pastors and volunteers, including pianists. CSM is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

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**Holiday Office Hours:**  
**December 23: 8:30– 12:30**  
**December 24—26: Closed**  
**December 29 & 30: 8:30—12:30**  
**December 31—January 2: Closed**