



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Caring for Our Community Through Christ
for over 125 Years!*

REV. DAVID CASEY-MOTLEY, PASTOR

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Restrooms** are located downstairs. An elevator is available in the narthex.
- A **nursery room** is available at the rear of the Sanctuary for young children and their parents. The nursery room is equipped with a speaker so you can hear the service.
- **Worship Bags** are available in the nursery room every Sunday to help kids engage and participate in the service. They include coloring pencils, coloring sheets and Worship Guides. After worship service, keep your papers and place the bag back in the nursery room.
- **Registration cards** are placed in the back of the pews for worshipers to use for: 1) Visitor registration; 2) Communion registration for communion services; 3) Prayer requests may be written on the back of the card; after filling out the card, please place it in the offering plate.
- **Preprinted offering envelopes** are available in the pews for special offerings and Special Funds donations. Visitors are welcome to use these envelopes as well as members. Members, please make sure to note your envelope number on these special envelopes and place in the offering plate.
- **Kids Worship** - We love having children in church! It is so important for the kids to be welcomed and loved in God's house. Kids Worship is offered during the service, after the Bible Readings. Kids ages 3 through 10 can come downstairs where we offer an age appropriate lesson on the readings, snack and sometimes a craft. Children will return to the sanctuary on communion Sundays just before communion. For more information, contact Rene Langwost at 410-253-8735.

We kindly request that all cell phones be silenced.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
JANUARY 5, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

The Magi followed a star to worship Jesus and present him gifts. We too have been guided here by God's light, to worship Jesus and offer him our gifts of love. Welcome.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Dear God, at the start of this new year, and the Epiphany season,
shine your light on my path. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION AT IMMANUEL

Holy Scripture, according to St. Paul, clearly teaches that in Holy Communion we are receiving the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus, together with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our Christian faith and life. Furthermore, Holy Scripture clearly teaches that those who do *not share this* belief about the Sacrament would be sinning against Jesus if they were to receive the Sacrament (1 Corinthians 11:27, 29).

For this reason, if you desire to receive Holy Communion today, you are, in obedience to God's Word (1 Corinthians 11:28), to examine yourself *before* receiving the Sacrament. To do so, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Have I been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
2. Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness?
3. Do I believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, paid for my sins by His death on the cross?
4. Do I believe that in Holy Communion Jesus gives me His true body and true blood, with the bread and wine, to forgive my sins and to strengthen my Christian faith and life?
5. Do I intend, with God's help, to turn away from my sin and try to live as God wants me to live?

If you answer, "Yes," to all five of these questions and you have been instructed in the Christian faith of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS), then you are well prepared to receive the Sacrament here at Immanuel. If you are not in agreement and have not received instruction, we ask that you, out of great Christian love and concern for your spiritual welfare, to refrain from the Sacrament. If you are a visitor who has not communed with us before, we ask that you meet with our pastor as soon as possible to let him know your intention to commune prior to the service.

Those receiving the Sacrament should wait for the usher's invitation to approach the altar. The pastor will offer the bread. The assistant will offer the individual cup of wine to those who desire to receive in that manner, after which the pastor will offer the chalice to those who desire to receive the wine in that manner. A few cups of white grape juice are available for those who are not able to drink wine.

♪ = *congregation sings response*

Prelude

“Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light”

Gathering Prayer Concerns

Welcome

The Call to Worship

P This is the day the Lord has made.

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P We pause silently to prepare ourselves for worship.

Sharing of the Peace

P The Lord says to you as Paul wrote to the church at Colossae: “Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.”

C We come to the Lord to hear His Word, to receive His forgiveness, present our tithes and offerings at the altar, and to celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar. It is my desire to be reconciled – to make things right – with you my sisters and brothers (Matthew 5:23-24). Receive the “peace” I share with you as I receive the peace of God through Jesus.

Stand

Opening Hymn

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

LSB 395

~ Confession and Absolution ~

LSB 167

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

~ Service of the Word ~

Introit

Psalm 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14

P The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

C **Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

P Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

C **But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

P Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Kyrie

LSB 168

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

♪ C ***Lord, have mercy.***

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

♪ C ***Lord, have mercy.***

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

♪ C ***Lord, have mercy.***

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

♪ C ***Lord, have mercy.***

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

♪ C ***Amen.***

This Is the Feast

LSB 171

A *This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.*

♪ C ***Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.***

Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

♪ C ***And also with you.***

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪ C ***Amen.***

Sit

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:4–15

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” ⁶ And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of your

people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 119: 97-104

Please join in singing the psalm as printed below.

The psalm tone will be played twice as an introduction.

♪ C *Oh how I / love your law!**
It is my meditation / all the day.
*Your commandment makes me wiser than my / enemies,**
for it is ever / with me.
*I have more understanding than all my / teachers,**
for your testimonies are my medi- / tation.
*I understand more than the / aged,**
for I keep your / precepts.
*I hold back my feet from every / evil way,**
in order to / keep your word.
*I do not turn aside from your / just decrees,**
for you have / taught me.
*How sweet are your words / to my taste,**
sweeter than honey / to my mouth!
*Through your precepts I get under- / standing,**
therefore I hate every / false way.
*Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**
and to the Holy / Spirit;
*as it was in the be- / ginning,**
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173

♪ C *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:40–52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

♪ C *Glory to You, O Lord.*

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And

his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” ⁴⁹And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
♪ C *Praise to You, O Christ.*

Sit

Children’s Sermon

Kids’ Worship

Hymn of the Day “Within the Father’s House”

LSB 410

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

LSB 174

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P Heavenly Father, we give You thanks that Your Son, the eternal Word, has become flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Extend His praise into all the world, that many would come to hope in His steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, You have blessed us in Christ, Your beloved Son, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. Preserve Your Church by the preaching of the Gospel of salvation and the seal of the promised Holy Spirit in Baptism. Raise up among us faithful preachers to the praise of Christ's glory, until we acquire the inheritance promised us in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, You prepared a place for Your Son, Jesus, in the womb of the Virgin Mary and in the home of Mary and Joseph. Bless our homes and all who dwell in them, that Your Word would be heard and Your mercy be shown therein. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, You gave to Your servant Solomon unsurpassed wisdom to rule Your people Israel, chiefly the wisdom that begins in fearing You. Give to the leaders and elected officials of our nation wisdom for their task to discern between good and evil and to govern this people in peace and quietness. Be gracious to preserve our president and president-elect, our governor, and all legislators and judges. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, give patience and endurance to all who are sick or in any need,
[especially _____,] and heal them according to Your will. Receive our
thanksgiving for every blessing and kindness You have shown to Your people in
Christ. Give comfort and hope to all who mourn. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, Your Son has won redemption through His blood, granting the
forgiveness of our trespasses. According to the riches of Your grace, receive those
who come to Your blessed Sacrament this day. Grant worthy repentance and
confident faith to all who commune, united in a sincere confession of the faith. Lord,
in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, in mercy You have established the Christian home among
us. We implore You, rule and direct our hearts to be good examples to children and
those subject to us. Grant that we may not offend them by word or deed but faithfully
teach them to love Your Church and hear Your blessed Word. Give them Your Spirit
and grace, that this seed may bring forth good fruit and our homelife may advance
Your glory, honor and praise as well as our own improvement and welfare, giving
offense to no one; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Sit

Offering

“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”

Senior Choir

Stand

Offertory

LSB 176

♪ C *What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

~Service of the Sacrament~

Preface

LSB 177

P The Lord be with you.
♪ C *And also with you.*

P Lift up your hearts.
♪ C *We lift them to the Lord.*

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
♪ C *It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 178

♪C *Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 180

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
♪ C *Amen.*

Agnus Dei

LSB 180

♪ C *Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.*

Sit

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Amen.

Amen.

C Amen.

Communion Hymn **“God Loves Me Dearly”** *LSB 392*

Thank the Lord *LSB 181*

♪ C *Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.*

♩ C Amen.

Benediction

LSB 183

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

♪ C *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

LSB 397

Sit

Announcements

P Go in peace, and serve the Lord!
C **Thanks be to God!**

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“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning” by Reginald Heber and James P. Harding.

SERVICE INFORMATION

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL TODAY 1/05/2025

Pastor	Rev. David Casey-Motley
Administrative Assistant	Raechl Cannon
Director of Music, Emeritus	Dennis L. Janko, M.M.
Director of Music & Organist	Lynn Short
Director of Hand Bells	Janice Isenberg
Ushers	Dicky Wheatley, Ron Andrew
Lay Reader	Kate Frase
Assisting Elder	Hugh Smith
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Grayson Jackson
Sound Operator	David Schmidt
Camera Operator	Janice Isenberg
Greeters	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley
Tellers	Janice Isenberg, Shelly Kapitan, John Crampton

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL NEXT SUNDAY 1/12/2025

Ushers	Dicky Wheatley, Ron Andrew
Lay Reader	Cathy Baker
Greeters	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley
Assisting Elder	
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Coltyn Bowman-Pinder
Sound Operator	David Schmidt
Camera Operator	Jennifer Phillips
Tellers	Karen Lyons, Jennifer Phillips

ADMINISTRATION

THE WEEK AHEAD 1/06/2025 – 1/12/2025

Monday	Epiphany	
	Board of Elders	7:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday	Nursery School Open	8:50 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
	Church Office Open	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Youth Confirmation Class	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Handbells	6:30 p.m.
	Senior Choir	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	WinGS	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	Baptism of Our Lord	
	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Service with Installation of Officers	10:30 a.m.
	Church Council Meeting	
	AA Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Be sure to check the church calendar for events happening at Immanuel Lutheran this month. Check with the church office before scheduling meetings or activities so they can be put on the calendar.

STATISTICS December 29, 2024

WORSHIP SERVICE

Attendance: 42

Goal Income Per Week: \$3,802.04

Offering: \$1,560.00

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2024

Goal income per month	\$18,842.67
Actual Offerings	\$13,623.00
Total Disbursements	<u>-20,407.04</u>
Checking account balance, end of month	\$51,378.43

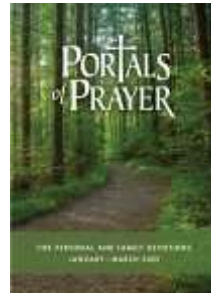
PRAYER LIST & CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS

SHUT-INS – RETIREMENT FACILITIES – NURSING HOMES: Jimmy Fuchs and Janice Plutschak.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Wyatt Ewing, Jennifer Flanagan, Butch Frase, Linda Frase, Cheryl Hochmuth, Dennis Janko, Nicole James, Maggie Thompson, Brianna Fissel, Tony Krupka, James Cohee, William Frase, Page Murphy, Mason Puckett, Sharon Taylor, Jeannie Kegeal, Terry Lloyd, Mike Lloyd, Dora Bailey, Sheri Rodriguez, Brenda Richards, Sharlene Steere and Joe Bartenfelder.

ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE PERSONNEL & FIRST-RESPONDERS:

Ryan Andrew, Matthew Harris, Shelby Hochmuth, Michael Jantz Jr., Robbie Phillips, Eric Stacey, Jerry Stivers, Amber Thamert, and Robert Barnett.



Grab your free copy of Portals of Prayer for January through March 2025! Available in the narthex today while supplies last.

Happy New Year, 2025!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME VISITORS! Before leaving, please stop in the Narthex to sign the guest book and pick up a gift pack. We hope to see you again!

ALTAR FLOWERS: The **2025 Altar Flowers Chart** is **now available** in the narthex! Please sign up using the altar flower chart in the narthex. The following florists provide flowers for Immanuel and have the ability to deliver to the church prior to Sunday Service:



- Lucy's Flowers – Federalsburg – 410-754-5011
- John's Four Seasons Florist – Federalsburg / Reliance – 410-754-5835
- Vintage Family Farms – Preston – 410-310-6457
- Tammie's Country Florist (Roses & Bows) – Federalsburg / Hurlock – 443-786-8102



SPECIAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY: TODAY, January 5, 2025 after the service. Voters, please plan to attend to welcome new voters and nominate and elect a new Treasurer and Secretary.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2025: They are ready for pick up and use in the New Year! *Thank you for your continued support of Immanuel Lutheran Church!*



POINSETTIAS: If you ordered poinsettias, please take them home with you after the service today. Thank you!!

THANK YOU WINGS: Dear WinGS, Thank you so much for helping with the refreshments for the nursery school Christmas program and the midweek Advent service lunches! We appreciate everything that each of you do!



PASTOR DAVID'S SURGERY UPDATE: Pastor David's surgery is scheduled for January 23rd, 2025. He asks for your prayers!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Resumes Thursday January 16, 2025, 9:30 – 10:30 am. Be in God's Word in the new year!
We will do a 10-week study of the Book of Mark. Contact Rene Langwost or Lynn Short by January 5th to get a copy of the study book.

GRIEFSHARE: Each Sunday at 3:00 pm, in the fellowship hall, we will have a GriefShare ministry here at Immanuel. What is GriefShare? GriefShare is for everyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. It's a video and sharing ministry that is open to everyone and runs 13 weeks. This ministry will be facilitated by Pastor David and Sheri Rodriguez. If you have any questions, please let Pastor David know. For more information visit: griefshare.org. * **No GriefShare for the month of January. GriefShare will resume after Pastor David's surgery.**



HIS HOPE MINISTRIES – BREAKFAST DONATIONS: Immanuel has, again, shown that we truly “Care for our community through Christ” by donating many items of breakfast food in December. Our January collection dates are TODAY, Sunday, the 5th and next Sunday, the 12th. Thank you to all who have helped us supply His Hope Ministries Homeless Program with single serve breakfast items that do not require refrigeration. May God continue to bless you in 2025!

MARYLAND FOOD BANK – FOOD TRUCK: The MD Food Bank Mobile Market will be at **Bethlehem Wesleyan**, 5330 Bethlehem Rd, Preston, MD on **Thursday January 23rd** from **12:00pm – 2:00pm** (or until done).



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UNTIL HUNGER ENDS.

COMMUNITY SPEAKERS SERIES: Friends of the Caroline County Public Library in partnership with Burke & Herbert Bank will be hosting a Winter – Spring 2025 Community Speakers Series. The Speakers Series is free to the public and will be held in the large conference room of the Central Branch of the Caroline County Library in Denton. Topics include Financial Literacy & Fraud Protection, Addressing Social Isolation in Later Life, Food for Overall Well-Being, Long Term Care Insurance & Medicare, and Financial Fraud & Fraud Protection. Pamphlets are available in the narthex for more information.



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