



# *The Immanuel Informer*

## Immanuel Lutheran Church's Monthly Newsletter

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*The mission of Immanuel Lutheran Church is to preach Christ crucified and risen from the dead for the salvation of the world. We also reflect God's love by spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ through a caring ministry of reaching, teaching, and serving our congregation and the community.*

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**December, 2022**



## **The Flower Chart**

For 2023 is now up on the wall.  
Please sign up for what Month and Day that  
you would like to have. Thank You

Please let us know if you are ordering the flowers or are having someone else order them for you, or if you want us to order them. Also please let me know what you would like to have on the card. This is very important - when ordering please make sure that they have on the card who the flowers are from. Thank you.

### **New Sign-Up Sheets for 2023 are now the wall:**

Communion Attendants, January to March  
Sunday Morning Bible Class Snacks, January to March  
Altar Guild Schedule for (January to December)  
College Refreshment Snacks, January to April

College Refreshment Tuesday,

College Refreshment Sign up for 2023 is now up  
on the Wall for Tuesday's 7:00pm. January to April,  
please sign up for what Month and Day that you would  
like to do. Thank You.

**Sunday School:** Every Sunday at 10:15 am in the Lutheran  
Student Center. 2: 1Corinthians



**Bible Study:** Every Sunday at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying Book of Ecclesiastes

Come join us every **Thursday at Noon for Bible Study:** will meet in Fellowship Hall. We are studying The Book of Ephesians

**Leisure Lutheran** Cards and Games every Thursday at 1:00 pm after Bible Class. Everyone is welcome to participate. 1: To be fruitful and increase in numbers

**Lutheran Student Fellowship Bible Study:** Every Tuesday evening at 7:00/pm, Bible Study for the LSF students at the Lutheran Student Center. We are currently studying – HAS AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY FAILED?

**Confirmation Classes:** Are every Wednesday, in the Lutheran Student Center from 4:00 to 5:00 pm

**COPIES OF "LIFE DATE"**, a quarterly journal of news and commentary from Lutherans for Life, are available for the taking on the table next to the church office door. This publication is filled with life issue articles. Feel free to take one and add it to your reading list this fall 3:A rib

## **Service Schedule for Christmas and Advent:**

Advent Midweek Service:

December 07, 12:00 & 6:00 pm

December 14, 12:00 & 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service:

December 24, 6:00 pm

**December's Newsletter:** There are copies on the table in the Narthex for you to take.

**Parking Lot Special Fund:** The new parking lot project is underway. In addition to the parking lot itself, we will need to fund (at the minimum) the following as part of the parking lot project: landscaping, parking lot lighting, and a new shed (to replace the one that is currently located where the parking lot will be). If you would like to make a donation toward this project--above and beyond your normal offering, please list "Parking Lot Fund" on your donation and place it in the offering plate. Any questions can be directed to Christy Rush (treasurer) or any Council member.<sup>9</sup> He thought that he would be killed because she was so beautiful

**Leisure Lutheran** now have available boxed Christmas Cards for sale on the bookcase next to the bathroom. 5: Genesis

**A Christmas Fellowship Gathering:** On December 11 we will be combining the lunch for the LSF with a congregational Christmas fellowship gathering of Hors d'oeuvres and appetizers. Please bring desserts

**NOW FOR A LITTLE BIT OF FUN:**

**Look for the Hidden Answers and Mistakes:**

**THE ULTIMATE BIBLE FACTS and QUIZ TRIVIA:**

- 1: What was God's first command to Adam and Eve?
- 2: In which of Paul's letters dose he write about marriage and being single?
- 3: From which part of Adam's body was Eve made?
- 6: In which Gospel dose Jesus meet the Samaritan woman who has had many husbands?
- 10: From which Old Testament book dose Paul quote when writing to the Ephesians, "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and united to his wife?"
- 11: In which book is the following passage found: "The sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose"
- 13: Why did Lot's son-in-law leave Sodom with him and his daughters?
- 14: Name one of the two Old Testament kings who took Sarah from Abraham, thinking she was his sister.
- 15: In Egypt, why did Abraham pretend that Sarah was not his wife?

# LWML/Dorcas



**DORCAS/LWML** activities for December, include mite collection on Sunday, December 4, There will be no workshop in December.4:John's Gospel

**LWML Activities for December** include Mite Collection Sunday, December 4. The mite collection box will be located on the table next to the pillar in the narthex. Our mite donations fund national and district mission projects. To view an entire list of national mission grant projects, log on to [lwml.org/mission-grants](http://lwml.org/mission-grants). To learn more about district mission grant projects, log on to [www.missourilwml.org](http://www.missourilwml.org).

**Ladies Christmas Tea** is scheduled for Sunday, December 11, 2 p.m. in Immanuel Fellowship Hall. There will be a short program, refreshments, a cookie exchange, and packaging cookie boxes for the homebound. All ladies of the congregation are invited. Bring a guest. Please bring 3 dozen cookies: 1 to share, 1 to share with homebound, and 1 to share with university students. Be prepared to take a variety of cookies home with you. Please RSVP to Carla Roedemeier, Jean Kramme, Mary Wittmaier or use the sign-up sheet on the coffee pot counter in the narthex by Wednesday, December 7.

**There will be no Servant Workshop in December.** Servant Workshops will resume, Tuesday, January 17, 1-3 pm and 7-9 pm in the church basement.

**As Lutheran Women in Mission**, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. To God be the glory.

**Thrivent members:** The beginning of a new year presents the opportunity for all Thrivent members to request two new \$250 Action Team Grants to fund the non-profit project of choice. Action Team Grants fund many LWML Servant Workshop

projects. To request an Action Team Grant log on to [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com). Please contact Sue Kamprath with questions regarding the Back Pack Program; Carla

**The Back Pack Committee** continues to assemble weekend food items for children in the Rolla School District. Should anyone wish to participate or apply for a Thrivent Action Team grant to support this activity, please contact Sue Kamprath.

**Plastic Bags:** Plastic bags are again needed for the backpack program.



## Did you know?

### PROJECT CONNECT:

Good news that makes a difference!

Bring welcomed hope to your community through Project Connect—an indispensable, on site, booklet ministry resource that uses display fixtures of :pocket-sized, topical booklets to promote outreach. Project Connect Booklets can help people with relevant, Christ – centered messages connecting with them wherever they are. Theses free booklets cover a variety of topics and can be found on the rack in the Fellowship Hall 8: Pharaoh and Abimelech, king of Gera

December 04,  
Precious in His Sight (6BE191)

This Children's booklet shows how we should all be mindful and respectful to differences of others.

December 11,  
I Love My Neighborhood (6BE186)

This rhyming Children's booklet emphasizes how we should love our neighbors and take care of our neighborhoods.

December 18,  
The Bully (6BE151)

This Children's story book is about a boy affected by bullying in school. He knew the bully the bully needed God in his life, and he cared enough to pray for him.

December 25,  
Live the Six (6BE153)

Learn how to be an everyday missionary. Inviting God into the life you're already living.

### **GREETER ASSIGNMENTS:**

First Week: Erma Jean Haas and Arlene Marr

2nd Week: Sue Perry and Jim Perry

3rd Week: Carla Roedemeier and Jana Wassilak

4th Week: Nancy Anderson and Andy Anderson

5th Week and Subs: Bill Wuenscher,

**IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO BE A GREETER, PLEASE LET  
BILL WUENSCHER or the CHURCH SECRETARY KNOW**



### **Elders: for December:**

December 04<sup>th</sup>. Matt Banholzer  
December 11<sup>th</sup>. Bob Gorrell  
December 18<sup>th</sup>. Ed Hoertel  
December 25<sup>th</sup>. Jim Perry

### **Ushers/Teams for December:**

December 04<sup>th</sup>. Team 1  
December 11<sup>th</sup>. Team 2  
December 18<sup>th</sup>. Team 3  
December 25<sup>th</sup>. Team 4

### **Organ Schedule for December:**

December 04<sup>th</sup>. Phil Thiem  
December 07<sup>th</sup>. Phil Thiem (Advent – 12:00pm & 6:00pm)  
December 11<sup>th</sup>. Berniece Strandberg  
December 14<sup>rd</sup>. Phil Thiem (Advent -- 12:00pm & 6:00pm))  
December 18<sup>th</sup>. Berniece Strandberg  
December 24<sup>th</sup>. Berniece Strandberg (Christmas Eve 6:00pm)  
December 25<sup>th</sup>. Berniece Strandberg (Christmas Day)

### **Altar Guild for the Month of December:**

Kelle Swyres, Sue Perry and Emily Guffey

### **Flowers for the Month of December:**

December 04<sup>th</sup> Altar Committee

December 11<sup>th</sup> Altar Committee

December 18<sup>th</sup> Sharon Swyres

December 25<sup>th</sup> Karen Clancy

### **College Refreshment for December (Tuesday's)**

December 06<sup>st</sup> Bill Wuenscher (personal pan pizza)

December 13<sup>th</sup> Arlen Marr

December 20<sup>th</sup> No Bible Class

December 27<sup>th</sup> No Bible Class

### **Sunday Morning Bible Class Snacks for December:**

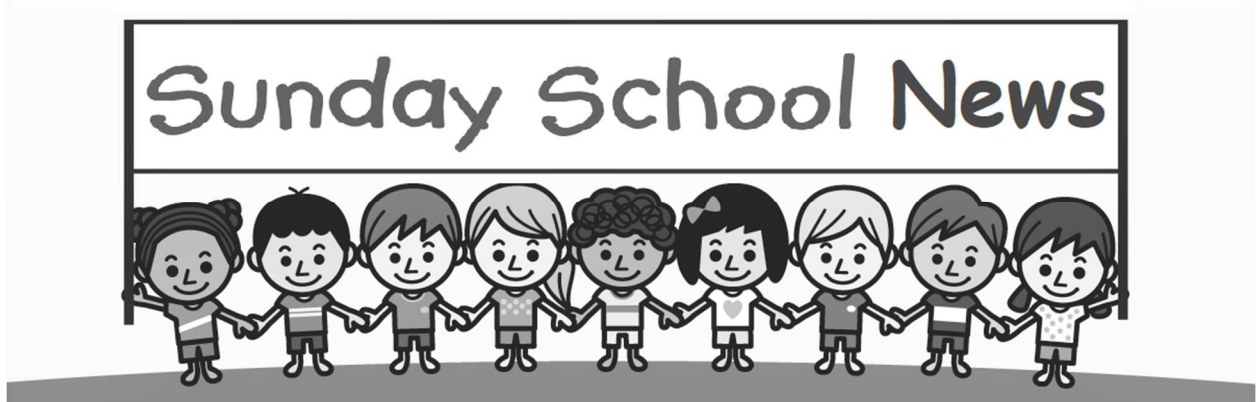
December 04<sup>th</sup>. Eileen Theiss

December 11<sup>th</sup>. Janis Wassilak

December 18<sup>th</sup>. Arlene Marr

December 25<sup>th</sup>. No Bible Class

## SUNDAY SCHOOL, November, 2022:



Joshua Holzerland & Oaklyn Crawford had perfect attendance for the month of November. Oaklyn Crawford was the winner of the attendance prize.

**Sunday School:** At 10:15 in the lower level of the Lutheran Student Center. We will have **Preschool** 3-year-old to kindergarten, **Elementary** 1<sup>st</sup> grade to 4<sup>th</sup> grade & **Jr Youth** 5<sup>th</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Come join us as we start "In the beginning". We'll learn about creation; man's fall into sin & that God promised to send a Savior. 6: Genesis

### Sunday School Lesson Summaries UNIT 4 God Calls A Nation

December 4,

### Lesson 13:

In today's lesson, we learn about how God provides "Food from Heaven." The Israelites arrive in the wilderness with no food, grumbling against Moses and Aaron. God keeps His promise to provide for His people as He daily sends manna (bread) and quail (meat) from heaven for them to gather. The Lord teaches His people to trust as they gather only what they need for one day.

December 11,

### Lesson 14:

In today's "Waterworks" lesson, we learn how God provided water from the rock. Having moved their camp from the wilderness of Sin to Rephidim, the Israelites face a new challenge – no water. Despite His daily food supply, the people doubt God's ability to provide water for them and their livestock. Moses cries out the Lord, who instructs him to strike the rock with his staff. Moses does so and water pours out, providing all that the people need.

If you would like to order a poinsettia to decorate the chancel, please fill out this form, and put it in a pew envelope. Mark it "Poinsettia," and either put it in the offering plate, or turn it into the church office **by noon on Sunday, December 15th**. Poinsettias are \$15.00 each.

DONATED By: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I will pick up my poinsettia after the Christmas Day Service.

☐ Please share my poinsettia with one of our homebound members.



Let's all look back at the last couple of years and see how the world has changed, with Covid, people, families, and friends fighting with each other. Over things that don't really matter. We need to look back when we all got along and help each other, when someone needed help, we used to be there. Not ask what's in it for me or what can you pay me to help you out. What we need to do is put our Faith back in-to God's hands, and He will show us the way. Just a thought, all it takes is just a minute, a Smile, Can I Help You, or Thank You, goes along way and doesn't cost you anything. Let's all try to be a little more kind in the coming New Year.

**History from the past will start up in January.**