

# The Immanuel Informer

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Immanuel Lutheran Church's Monthly Newsletter

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## *Pastor's Monthly Minute...*

Jesus will return someday soon. We know this for sure. His promise is true. We will see His face. His name will mark us as His own. His promise is true.

In his cross, He has given us a spotless robe and the right to eat forever from the tree of life in the Heavenly Jerusalem. His promise is true.

Knowing all of this, we pray a simple prayer everyday: "Come, Lord Jesus Come"

Sursum Corda,

Pastor Swyres



Immanuel Lutheran Church is the sole supporter of The Lutheran Hour on KTTR every Sunday morning 9:30 am to 10:00 am. You can also listen on many streaming services. The sermon topics for this month are:

**January 2024**

January 7

**"As We Forgive"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler**

Dr. Michael Zeigler discusses forgiveness--what it is and what it isn't.

(Matthew 6:12; Luke 11:4)

January 14

**"How Could She Ever Forgive Him?"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler**

Dr. Michael Zeigler explains why it's not a contradiction to offer forgiveness while insisting on justice.

(Matthew 18:27)

January 21

**"TBD"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler**

January 28

**"Forgiveness Is a Gift from Far Away"**

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola**

(Psalm 103:11-12)

## ***Sunday School...***

All children ages 3 through 9th grade are invited and encouraged to join us. We meet at 10:15 in the lower level of the Lutheran Student Center.

**Jan 7:** Lesson 2 "Silence before a Son-John is Born"

Doubting the angel's announcement of his coming son, John, Zechariah finds himself unable to speak until the boy's birth.

**Jan. 14:** Lesson 3 "The Temple Testimonies-Jesus Birth & Presentation"

God fulfills His promise as Jesus is born in Bethlehem. Forty days later, the family travels to Jerusalem's temple for Mary's purification & Jesus' Presentation.

**Jan. 21:** Lesson 4 "His Fathers House-Boy Jesus in the Temple"

Jesus' parents travel to Jerusalem as they do each year for the Passover. On their trip home, they find Jesus is missing. After searching for three days, they find Jesus in the temple, talking with the teachers, who are amazed at his understanding.

**Jan. 28:** Lesson 5 The Pointing Prophet-John Points to Jesus

John was a prophet sent to point out the Messiah. When John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan River the Spirit descends on Him as the voice of the Father proclaims, "This is my beloved Son"

## **Baby Shower**

The ladies of Immanuel Lutheran Church are invited to a baby shower open house for Sophie Stagner, Saturday January 13, 2024 from 2-4 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

## **Ushers**

Ushers are needed for Sunday morning Please prayerfully consider helping out in this ministry.

## **LSF**

The 2024 College refreshment sign-up sheet is up on the bulletin board for Tuesday evening bible class. Bible Study resumes January 16th. Please consider helping out in this ministry.

A sign up sheet for Sunday morning refreshments is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Plenty of spots remain. It would be nice to partner with someone. Please consider helping in this ministry

## **Flower Chart**

The 2024 flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board and several spots are open. Please consider helping in this ministry.

## **Immanuel Book Club**

Many people are unaware that Immanuel has a book club. The book club is a book discussion group that meets in Immanuel's fellowship hall on the **third Monday** of each month, except December. Our meetings begin at 2pm. The books are chosen in advance by the book club attendees. We try to divide our yearly list of books between fiction and non-fiction. Our leader is Kathy Nickason, but generally whoever suggested the monthly book leads the discussion on it. The books we choose to read are not always books with a Christian theme, or by a Christian author. But we always discuss them from our Christian perspective. If you love to read and talk about books, the Immanuel Book Club might be something you want to try. Here is a list of the books we will be discussing from January 2024 – November 2024.

January 15 Killers of the Flower Moon (non-fiction) by David Grann  
February 19 Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club (fiction) by Ryan Stradal  
March 18 The Day the World Came to Town (NF) by Jim DeFede  
April 15 Thursday Murder club (F) by Richard Osman  
May 20 America's First Daughter (NF) by Stephanie Dray, Laura Kamoie  
June 17 The River We Remember (F) by William Kent Krueger  
July 15 The Light We Carry (NF) by Michelle Obama  
August 19 Hang the Moon (F) by Jeannette Walls  
September 16 Unwise Passion (NF) by Alan Crawford  
October 21 The Ladies Midnight Swimming Club (F) by Faith Hagan  
November 18 The Greatest Beer Run Ever (NF) by John "Chick" Donohue  
There is no meeting in December.

## *Updates Around Church...*

### **Adult Bible Study Opportunities**

On Sundays, everyone is welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:15am for Bible study. We are currently studying the book of Genesis.

A weekly Bible study is held every Thursday in the Fellowship Hall at noon. We are currently studying the book of Ephesians

## **LWML**

LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Women in Mission) mite collection will take place Sunday, January 7. The collection box will be located in the narthex. Everyone is welcomed to contribute to the LWML national and district mission projects funded by mite offerings. For a complete list of mission projects funded by the national LWML log on to [www.lwml.org/mission-grants](http://www.lwml.org/mission-grants). For a complete list of mission projects funded by Missouri District LWML log on to [www.missourilwml.org](http://www.missourilwml.org).

Immanuel LWML will be working on local mission projects once again. The goal is to contribute 100 quilts to Lutheran World Relief and/or Orphan Grain Train. Please consider joining in the project of tying quilts and/or making pillowcase dresses for distribution to those affected by disaster. Activity date is Tuesday, January 16, 1-3 p.m. in the church basement. All supplies are furnished and prior experience is not required.

Thrivent members are invited to request Action Team Grants to fund supplies for the Backpack Program; diapers, wipes and formula for Pregnancy Resource Center; pillow case dresses for Orphan Grain Train; and bedding linens for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. LWML will supply the participants to complete the project. Please contact Sue Kamprath for information on the backpack Program; Carla Roedemeier or Mary Wittmaier for Pregnancy Resource Center, Orphan Grain Train, Lutheran World Relief or Sleep In Heavenly Peace.

Save the date—Saturday, February 17, 2024, LWML Salad Luncheon and Prayer Service. New bed linens for Sleep In Heavenly Peace will be the in-gathering suggestions. To God be the glory.

## **LEISURE LUTHERANS**

Noon lunch is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 12:00 noon, in the church fellowship hall. Soup, rolls, cheeses and sausages will be served and plans for February through May will be discussed. Join us for a warm meal and warm friendship.

## **THRIVENT**

The beginning of 2024 allows all Thrivent members, 18 years and older, to request two \$250 Action Team Grants funding projects benefiting a non-profit organization. In the past, Action Team Grants have funded supplies for the Backpack Program, quilts for Lutheran World Relief, baby needs for Pregnancy Resource Center, and pillowcase dresses for Orphan Grain Train.

We would like to include a new opportunity by suggesting Sleep In Heavenly Peace which provides beds for children. This organization provides several opportunities for volunteers to construct beds and provide bed linens for children. Please contact Sue Kamprath to provide an Action Team Grant for the Backpack Program and Carla Roedemeier or Mary Wittmaier to provide a grant for Lutheran World Relief, Orphan Grain Train, Pregnancy Resource Center or Sleep In Heavenly Peace.

## **Welcome New Members**

Mark Remspecher & Kate Rehkop From Farmington Missouri Welcome!

# *Those Who Serve in January...*

## **Elders**

Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>: Tom Mesko  
Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>: Bob Gorrell  
Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>: Ethan Swyres  
Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>: Matt Banholzer

## **Ushers**

Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> : Team 1: Andy Anderson, Matt Banholzer, Alan Elsing, Bob Lemen, and Ethan Swyres  
Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> : Team 2: Ben McWilliams, Aaron Wassilak, Dan Wassilak, Jim Wassilak, Jim Wassilak, and John Wassilak  
Jan. 21<sup>th</sup> : Team 3: Tom Evers, Charlie Johnson, Tracy Krauss, Tim Rush and Bill Wuenscher  
Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>: Team 4: J.D. Cox, Bob Gorrell, Jim Perry and David Roedemeier

## **Organists**

Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>: Berniece Standberg  
Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> Phil Thiem  
Jan.. 21<sup>st</sup> Berniece Strandberg  
Jan.. 28<sup>th</sup>: Phil Thiem.

## **Greeters**

Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>: Erma Jean Haas and Bill Wuenscher  
Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>: Sue Perry and Jim Perry  
Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>: Carla Roedemeier and Jana Wassilak  
Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>: Nancy Anderson and Andy Anderson

## **Money Counters**

Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>: Jean Kramme & Sue Perry  
Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>: Don Langhoff & Terry Theiss  
Jan.. 21<sup>st</sup>: David Roedemeier & Aaron Wassilak  
Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> : Malissa Bisson & John Wassilak

**Altar Guild** Aaron & Kacie Wassilak

**Sunday Bible Class Snacks**

Jan..7<sup>th</sup> Mary Wittmaier

Jan.14<sup>th</sup>: Christy Rush & Robert Berkelman

Jan.21<sup>st</sup>: Janis Wassilak

Jan.28<sup>th</sup>: Pam Phelps

**Altar Flowers**

Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>

Jan: 14<sup>th</sup> Andy & Nancy Anderson

Jan. 21<sup>th</sup> Sean & Emily Guffey

Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>



## January Birthdays

Jan 3	Sara McClelland
Jan 4	Charles Robertson, Holly Statler
Jan 5	Abigail Swyres
Jan 6	Candice Gorenflo
Jan 10	Elianna Bender, Kanda Ousley
Jan 12	Donald Langhoff
Jan 14	Jamie Bryant
Jan 18	Jessica Schwarz
Jan 20	Alex Schwarz
Jan 21	Judy Elsing
Jan 23	Ed Hoertel, Ben Sommer, Eileen Theiss
Jan 26	Sean Guffey
Jan 31	Lois Hilgers


## January Anniversaries

Jan . 1	Randy and Laura Stoll
Jan 15	Andy and Nancy Anderson

### Voters Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the November Church Council Minutes by Aaron Wassilak and seconded by Christy Rush; motion passed.

A motion was made to use the Tech Special Fund and the Unrestricted Special Fund in order to fund the video upgrade project by Christy Rush and seconded by Aaron Wassilak; motion passed.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 SUN 31 9am Church Service 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Bible Class	MON Jan 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4 ● 12pm Adult Bible Class ● 1pm Leisure Lutheran Cards and Games	FRI 5	SAT 6 Rental Tracey Rosnow Gym and Kitchen
7 9am Church Service 9am Mite Collection Sunday 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Bible Class 11am Council Meeting	8	9 ● 7pm LSC Bible Study	10 ● 4:30pm Confirmation Classes	11 ● 12pm Adult Bible Class ● 1pm Leisure Lutheran Cards and Games	12	13 ● 2pm Sophie Stagner Baby Shower open hou
14 9am Church Service 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Bible Class	15 ● 2pm Book Club	16 ● 1pm LWML Servant Workshop ● 7pm LSC Bible Study	17 ● 12pm Leisure Lutherans Lunch Meeting ● 4:30pm Confirmation Classes	18 ● 12pm Adult Bible Class ● 1pm Leisure Lutheran Cards and Games	19	20
21 9am Church Service 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Bible Class	22	23 ● 7pm LSC Bible Study	24 ● 4:30pm Confirmation Classes	25 ● 12pm Adult Bible Class ● 1pm Leisure Lutheran Cards and Games	26	27
28 9am Church Service 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Bible Class	29	30 ● 6pm God & Grapes ● 7pm LSC Bible Study	31 ● 4:30pm Confirmation Classes	Feb 1 ● 12pm Adult Bible Class ● 1pm Leisure Lutheran Cards and Games	2	3

