

# November December January

## NEXUS 2023-24

### Pastoral Reflections..... *“LET’S GIVE IT A GO”*

Some things can’t be compromised. My faith in my Lord and Savior Jesus will not be conceded. My love for my family will never be denied. I will never be half-hearted about wanting all people to believe the Good News of Jesus’ love and sacrifice bringing life and salvation. I will not be ambivalent about supporting my flock and my friends whom God has blessed me with. Some things can’t be compromised.

But some things can. I can enjoy a good meal of Chinese food though my favorite cuisine is Italian. I can listen to Luke Bryan, Miranda Lambert, Chris Stapleton and other country singers but I still prefer Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Connie Francis, et al. I can even go to a Chicago Bears game as a Packer fan and have a very good time.

St. Paul would agree some things can’t be compromised but some things can be. The things that wouldn’t be compromised in his life included what he only wanted to preach about: “Christ crucified; how he felt about the “foreverness” of Jesus’ love: I’m convinced nothing will separate us from the love of Christ,” that he wanted all people to have eternal life in heaven: “So that all people would be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth”; that he was certain a day of judgement was coming: “Don’t be ignorant”; and that true joy and comfort were found in Jesus: “the God of hope fill you with joy.”

But some things he felt were negotiable. It didn’t matter who Baptized whom. He wasn’t concerned about particular days to worship (as long as one did worship!). He didn’t dwell on dietary laws or restrictions. He used multiple techniques and objects to get the Good News of Jesus out, even quoting a pagan poet and pointing to a strange altar. He explained his method of operation (M.O.) by stating: *“To the Jews I became like a Jew to win the Jews.*

*To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I become like one not having the law (though I am not free from God’s law, but am under Christ’s law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak, I become weak to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.” (I Corinthians 9:20-22)*

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## Pastoral Reflections *cont'd...*

In hearing this, some might call Paul a hypocrite or two-faced or a “mollycoddler.” But none of these are true. See Paul wasn’t going to “major in the minors.” His goal was to fulfill his mission proclaiming Christ and making “disciples of all nations.” Of course, Paul wasn’t foolish or irreverent or immoral in his evangelizing. He even said, “But all things should be done decently and in good order.” (I Corinthians 14:40) However, Paul was not going to be confined to formulas of speech or constrained by popular opinion. He certainly honored tradition but was not enslaved by it. His mission was by all possible means [he] might save some.

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School’s mission is this:

*“Draw all people closer to the person of Jesus Christ to assure them of His gifts, namely: the endless life in heaven and the abundance of life on earth.”* (The abundance isn’t material but rather spiritual such as: joy, peace, faith, hope, compassion, etc.)

To carry out this mission we employ various ways to proclaim the Gospel. Sometimes we have a special speaker or a special emphasis. Sometimes different instruments or singers are used to “communicate” the Gospel. Sometime we use school musicals or athletic contests or academic challenges to help others hear “Jesus is Lord.”

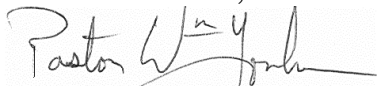
Folks, early in my ministry I heard a seasoned Lutheran pastor assert: “Every second of every hour of everyday people are dying and going to hell because they don’t know Jesus, and we waste our time fighting over things that don’t matter!” Boy oh boy, that phrase has stuck with me for almost 40 years!

Yes, there are things worth fighting for. Of course, there are truths we won’t surrender and there are principles and beliefs on which we won’t compromise. Here’s the litmus test on what to fight for: Are our contentions regarding eternal and absolutely essential things or are they just personal preferences.

I’m sure St. Paul found it extremely difficult to be “all things for all people.” It’s no easier for us today either. But let’s give it a go regarding getting the Gospel out there to others. Oh, we will remain doing things “decently and in good order,” but I say let’s be bold and creative in proclaiming Jesus is Lord. We will use our talents and not bury them in the ground.

A blessed Advent and Christmas season to you and yours! It’s such a marvelous time to proclaim Jesus as Lord!

With much love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor W. P. Yonker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and "Y".

Pastor William P. Yonker



Matthew 2:11 *"And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh."*

Is your life anything like mine, overbooked, overspend, overestimated, and overtired? Add in Christmas on top of life, the preparation of your home, the purchasing just the right gifts, creating a magnificent feast and it's a sure thing something will be overlooked. This Christmas season don't overlook what is of most value.

In the Christmas story, the magi were on the lookout for the most valued gift of all time. The magi were a combination of philosophers, scientists, and astronomers. They were quite wealthy and well educated, coming from a far land seeking Jesus, the baby born to be king of the Jews. Somehow, they stopped their lives to travel far and bring gifts of great value to the baby in the stable. Oh, that we would be like the magi, placing our life on hold to come to Him, to worship Him and to be amazed at God coming to us to begin the most important phase of redemptive history.

When your life is over, only one thing will really matter, what Jesus did for you on the cross and your faith in Him. The extra time decorating the house won't matter. The perfect Christmas presents won't matter. The time you spent preparing the perfect holiday meal won't matter either. But whether you spent time with Jesus worshiping your savior, the king of kings will matter for all eternity.

So, enjoy this Christmas season. Wrap the presents. Prepare your home in a festive way. Make memories with your family. But don't let this Christmas pass without spending some time with the baby Jesus. Worship Him with your brothers and sisters in Christ at Immanuel Church.

In His Name-  
Pastor Joe Glombicki



# SCHOOL NEWS

The school year has been going well. It is hard to believe that a quarter of the school year is over, and we look forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas Breaks.

During the first quarter, our Chapel offerings went toward the Wegner Family—Missionaries to Nigeria. We surpassed our goal of \$612 and brought in \$950.

Our Chapel offerings will go toward the Ronald McDonald House during the second quarter. For every dollar a student brings in, they get a “French fry” to put in their class’ French fry container.



The Athletic program has been very successful so far this school year. Our Varsity Boys’ Volleyball team came in 8<sup>th</sup> Place at the State Tournament, and the Varsity Girls’ Volleyball team took home the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place trophy. Josie was named to the All-Tournament team.





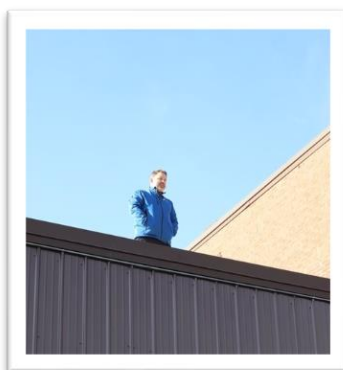


Our girls' cross-country team came in 7th Place at the state meet, and we sent two runners, Hayden and Alex, to the National meet. At Nationals, Hayden qualified for the All-American team!

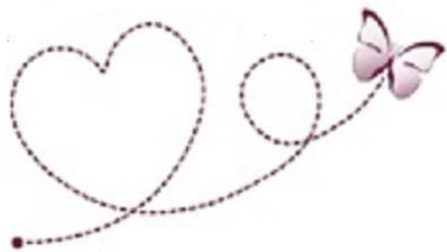
Our 5-8 graders performed *Sister Act Jr.* at the beginning of November. It was a fabulous performance!



Our students will soon start working on their Christmas Program. The title of the program is ***A Night at the Royal Museum***. The students will lead the congregation in worship on Thursday, December 21, at 6:30 and on Christmas Eve at 4:00.



After making an agreement with the students on raising a certain amount of pledges for the October Walk-A-Thon, Principal Becker spent Thursday, November 16, working on the gym roof! *Thank you to everyone who helped by pledging!*



## Calling all women to join the Dorcas Society on the following dates.

January 11      12:30P.M.    Bible Study on "Faith"

February 1      12:30P.M.    Speaker: Julia Heinz      "Redeeming Life Home"

February 10-11      **BAKE SALE**

**Come meet with us as we *"Serve the Lord with gladness."* Psalm 100:2**

**"In Stitches"** loom/knit group will resume on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from **12:30-2:30** in Luther Hall. **No experience needed!** Learn how to loom/knit hats for the homeless under the guidance of Vivian Gliessmann. Knitters and crocheters are also welcome to join this group and share their craft.

We will meet on the following dates: January 18, February 8 & 15, March 14 & 21  
(no looming January 11) Questions? Call Vivian Gliessmann @ 224-388-7901

**Greeting Card Ministry** - This group is supported by the Dorcas Society but anyone can join. **No experience necessary.** All supplies are provided and lots of fun is guaranteed as women color, stamp, cut, and assemble these cards which will be sent to shut-ins and other members of our congregation on various occasions. Please join these ladies in Luther Hall on December 28, January 25 & February 22.  
Questions? Call Cindy Meier at 847-269-1537.

**All women of the congregation are invited to attend the ....**



# Dorcas Society

## Ladies Luncheon



RSVP TO LYNN KREUTZER  
[LYNK7855@YAHOO.COM](mailto:LYNK7855@YAHOO.COM) OR 847-436-9117

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| <b>FRIDAY</b><br><b>DECEMBER 1</b><br>----- | <b>11:30 A.M.</b><br><b>LUTHER HALL</b><br>----- | <b>\$5 PER PERSON</b><br><b>CATERED LUNCH</b><br>----- |
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# MEMBER UPDATE

Each month we will publish a "GOLDEN YEARS" listing of members who have reached the milestone of 60 years of age or over. To all we say "**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**" & thank you, with God's help, for keeping Immanuel live for these many years!

|                        |       |                     |       |                    |       |
|------------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
|                        |       | Ballschmiede, Randy | 12/29 | Faga, Barb         | 01/26 |
|                        |       | Bartelt, Steve      | 12/19 | Fowler, Ron        | 01/06 |
|                        |       | Boettger, Diana     | 12/27 | Frusolone, Sally   | 01/23 |
|                        |       | Bowen, Rev. Gregg   | 12/18 | Gade, Judy         | 01/26 |
|                        |       | Broitzman, Cindy    | 12/03 | Gade, Kay          | 01/02 |
| Besch, Jane            | 11/01 | Buettner, Philip    | 12/01 | Grandt, Cynthia    | 01/05 |
| Bishop, Chris          | 11/19 | DeWitt, Richard     | 12/01 | Harmening, Deborah | 01/26 |
| Buhrow, Tom            | 11/25 | Freeman, Larry      | 12/15 | Hickman, Connie    | 01/18 |
| Christie, Jim          | 11/26 | Gamble, Dr. Robert  | 12/18 | Holland, Robert    | 01/29 |
| Davidowski, Sue        | 11/06 | Gilge, Dennis       | 12/21 | Hopp, Linda        | 01/28 |
| Eggert-Schriener, Lisa | 11/13 | Gillie, Janice      | 12/23 | Juengling, Jim     | 01/23 |
| Fleck, Mary            | 11/09 | Gliesmann, Peter    | 12/30 | Kreutzer, John     | 01/19 |
| Flolo, Sandy           | 11/18 | Harrison, Kathy     | 12/02 | Krueger, Paula     | 01/27 |
| Glombicki, Rev. Joe    | 11/16 | Harrison, Steve     | 12/26 | Landers, Ed        | 01/27 |
| Gust, Claudette        | 11/08 | Holtz, Fred         | 12/12 | Lungren, Donna     | 01/18 |
| Gust, Karl             | 11/07 | Juengling, Lois     | 12/15 | McCarthy, Richard  | 01/29 |
| Heinz, Ann             | 11/08 | Kamp, Jeannine      | 12/09 | Miller, James      | 01/26 |
| Janes, Susan           | 11/06 | Klein, Kara Mae     | 12/08 | Myers, Cathy       | 01/13 |
| Kasperson, Richard     | 11/13 | Miller, Connie      | 12/16 | Nelson, Bobby      | 01/31 |
| Massion, Robert        | 11/15 | Nelson, Geary       | 12/31 | Pedley, Dorothy    | 01/25 |
| McGuigan, Keith        | 11/30 | Nelson, Peggy       | 12/30 | Pilson, Curtis     | 01/07 |
| Nelson, Natalie        | 11/04 | Nolan, Kathleen     | 12/28 | Rakow, Mark        | 01/13 |
| Nerge, Sylvia          | 11/14 | Rakow, Debbie       | 12/09 | Reinke, LaVonne    | 01/29 |
| Polomik, Meloday       | 11/30 | Reko, Debbie        | 12/01 | Roerig, Joni       | 01/09 |
| Schuring, Sheila       | 11/11 | Russell, Bonnie     | 12/10 | Schol, Jeannie     | 01/30 |
| Smith, Kevin           | 11/20 | Schulten, Gloria    | 12/14 | Schroeder, Ken L.  | 01/09 |
| Streeter, Gail         | 11/01 | Schumacher, Bob     | 12/01 | Soutar, Beverly    | 01/14 |
| Susanke, Rogers        | 11/03 | Schuring, Ken       | 12/25 | Storm, Karen       | 01/15 |
| Theis, John            | 11/03 | Smith, Laura        | 12/14 | Trebes, Liz        | 01/26 |
|                        |       | Snell, Carole       | 12/08 | Wahl, Larry        | 01/12 |
|                        |       | Tonge, David        | 12/17 | Watson, Barbara    | 01/03 |
|                        |       | Wagner, Claudette   | 12/15 | Williams, Kile     | 01/11 |
|                        |       | Watson, Charles     | 12/15 | Wormington, Diane  | 01/22 |
|                        |       | Weber, Jan          | 12/21 |                    |       |
|                        |       | Yonker, Rev. Bill   | 12/18 |                    |       |
|                        |       | Yucuis, Tom         | 12/06 |                    |       |



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| † Connor Joseph Reilly – 9/17 | † Ronin Patrick Brandon – 9/23     | † Jonah Andrew Appel – 9/23       |
| † Jackson Jordan Hohman-10/8  | † Cruz Matthew Soto – 11/12        | † Vivian Ursula Soto – 11/12      |
| † Rhys James Fillmore – 11/18 | † Sophia Isabella Garcia – 11/19   | † Layla Rose Garcia – 11/19       |
| † Mason Scott Monahan – 11/19 | † Elijah Hensley Wistehuff – 11/19 | † Graham Joseph Wistehuff – 11/19 |

† Daniel "Dan" F. McKee – 10/6

† Phyllis Wear – 10/11

† Rogers Susanne – 10/10

† Donald Winsauer – 10/28

† Gloria Fletter – 11/10

† Karen Michalski – 11/11



# Memorials

## GENERAL FUND

***In Memory of Pinky & Irma Schroeder, Mike & Donna Fritz & Henry & Donna Karolus*** - Brian Kinast

***In Memory of Dennis Stanek*** - Patricia Stanek

***In Memory of Virginia Ikert*** - Jeff & Jeanine Sproule

***In Memory of Carol Harig*** - Paulette Jensen

***In Memory of Teresa Maciejewski***

Chad Nolte, Donald & Ruth Plauck, Bob & Natalie Nelson, Susan & Jack Schmidt, Dick & Jean Bruggeman

***In Memory of Phyllis Wear***

Andy & Linda Olsen, Ann Smith, Ralph & Judy Buhrow, Sandy Wascher, Dinah Waschow, Sally Susanne, Lynn Kreutzer, Rita Krewer, Katie & William Boughton

***In Memory of Rogers Susanne*** - Don & Peg Bruell, Chuck & Marilyn Koehlert

***In Memory of Jean Duvel*** – Mary Lichthardt, Ann Heinz

## SCHOOL FUND

***In Memory of Dennis Stanek*** - Patricia Stanek

***In Memory of Judy Bartelt*** - Doris Ozdeger

***In Memory of Teresa Maciejewski*** - Chad Nolte, Tracy Kopp, Scott Haverkamp

***In Memory of George Deihs II*** - Rebecca & Richard Ihrle

***In Memory of Donald "Don" Winsauer*** – Karl & Claudette Gust

***In Memory of Shawn Weber*** – Steve & Jan Weber

## FORWARD IN FAITH

***In Memory of Levi Comfort Dog*** - Robyn Melahn

## FOUNDATION FUND

***In Memory of Teresa Maciejewski, Phyllis Wear, Dan McKee, Gloria Fletter*** - Tom, Michele, Meredith & Carolyn Mullen

**COMFORT DOG MINISTRY-** Rev. Thomas & Jan Wirsing, Steve & Jan Weber

***In Remembrance of George & Nancy Deihs Wedding Anniversary (9-26-53)***- Rebecca (Deihs) & Richard Ihrle

***In Memory of Kevin Romer*** - Ann Smith

***In Memory of Dennis Stanek*** Allen & Arlen Bird

## DORCAS SOCIETY

***In Memory of Gloria Fletter*** (Mother of Brenda Hanson)

Carol Rogman, Robert & Patricia Milach, Juanita & Rob Margetts, Tony & Carol Glombicki Family, Haines Family, Chuck & Marilyn Koehlert, Eddie & Debbie Brown, Jeff & Cheryl Leitner, Gwen Gorman





I will purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettias at \$17.00 each to be used in our church for Christmas.

Please return this form with payment to the church office by 12/13/23.

Given in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given as a Thank Offering for: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given in honor of: (*birthday, anniversary, blessings received*) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will \_\_\_\_\_ I will NOT Pick them up after the 10:00am service on Christmas Day.

Make checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Return payment and form to:

Immanuel Lutheran Church Office 310 E. Main Street East Dundee, IL 60118

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



## Staff Gift



Warm Christian Greetings! What a wonderful blessing it is to know the Christ of Christmas! While so many in the world move toward the statement “Happy Holidays,” we as Christians know that the Christmas season is truly the time we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He has done so much for us, and while we could never repay Him, we do offer our lives as living sacrifices to be used for His glory.

Clearly God has blessed our church! He continues to bless us with the efforts of a very dedicated staff who serve as living sacrifices here at Immanuel. To carry out Christ’s mission, as our Savior’s birth approaches, we would like to recognize all of our staff through a special “**Thank Offering**” for the countless hours they contribute to care for the lambs of Jesus’ flock. This “Thank Offering” will be collected through Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> and as in the past, will be distributed among the staff. Offerings can be mailed, brought into the church or school office, placed in the offering plate or on our website at <https://immanuel-ed.org/our-church/giving/>. As we celebrate the birth of a baby who has promised us eternal life with Him and continues to bless us every day with faithful shepherds, may the Father show you again the wonder of Christmas by seeing Jesus, His greatest gift.

In His Service,  
Brent Aversano, Chairman  
Standing Committee for Day School Education



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOV. 26 – HS OPEN GYM  
 DEC. 3 & 10 – HS YOUTH NIGHT  
 DEC. 3, 10, 17 – MS BIBLE STUDY  
 DEC. 13 – LATE START BREAKFAST  
 DEC. 16 & 17 – COOKIE FUNDRAISER  
 DEC. 17 – HS CHRISTMAS PARTY  
 DEC. 30 – OPEN GYM  
 JAN. 3 – MS TRIVIA NIGHT  
 JAN. 5-6 – CASSAROLE-2-GO  
 JAN. 7 & 28 – HS YOUTH NIGHT

## HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

DEC. 17 | 5-7PM



**DECEMBER 17 | 5-7PM | LUTHER HALL**

ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12 ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY! WEAR YOUR FAVORITE UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER AND DON'T FORGET A GAG-GIFT! SIGN-UP ONLINE BY DECEMBER 13TH.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT

JAN. 3 | 6-8PM



**JANUARY 3 | 6-8PM | LUTHER HALL**

JOIN US ON JANUARY 3RD FOR A MIDDLE SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT FOR ALL 6TH – 8TH GRADE STUDENTS. PIZZA AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED. COST FOR THE EVENT IS \$5 PER PERSON. SIGN-UP ONLINE BY DECEMBER 30TH.



# Families in Faith

## Hands-on Family Focused Fun

Dec. 10 | Jan. 21 | Feb. 11 - 9:15am - 10:15am

In the School AARC

At Immanuel we love Vacation Bible School, and we know you do too! We want to bring a taste of that fun to Sunday morning with our approach to Kids ministry - Families in Faith!

Parents and children in Preschool - 5th grade are invited to join us on the second Sunday of each month as we join in memorable, hands-on, family-focused activities. There will be some familiar faces of Bible Buddies and well known VBS songs that you've heard on repeat over the years. We hope to see you and your family there! RSVP online at: <https://immanuel-ed.org/childrens-ministry>







# WE INVITE YOU... to Join Us in Worship

Special **worship & events** for the seasons

of **THANKSGIVING / ADVENT / CHRISTMAS...AND THE NEW YEAR**



**Thanksgiving Eve & Day...** Wednesday (11/22) night's service is at 7 pm & Thanksgiving morning's (11/23) - service is at 9 am. Both with Holy Communion. (*the Thanksgiving Day service will be LIVESTREAMED*)



**Midweek Advent Worship...** In our Advent midweek worship services, Pastor Bowen will be sharing the messages - focusing Advent thoughts on the theme - "**THE BEGINNING TO... THE BANQUET**"  
 "THE BEGINNING" (11/29) "THE BABE" (12/6) "THE BLOOD" (12/13) "THE BANQUET" (12/20)

We gather for Advent worship midweek on those Wednesdays mornings (at 10:30 am & 7 pm)  
 Our Wednesday evening 7 pm services are also LIVESTREAMED...see our Immanuel website for D-tails.  
 We hope you'll come...Join Us! As we invite Jesus - the Christ Child, the Light of the World...to come and shine brightly in our hearts and our lives - that others might, too, see the Light of Christ in us!



**Hanging o' the Greens...** we join together at 6:30 pm Mon. night, November 27<sup>th</sup> - the Monday **after Thanksgiving** - to hang greens & adorn the tree & sanctuary. Please join us, young or old, for a little work / lots of fellowship.



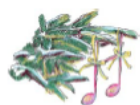
**"Comin' Alive" Services...** A time of welcome and worship. Join us as our congregation welcomes in our new A.I.M. class members and transfers during the 8 & 10:30 services on **Sun., Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>**.  
 We always encourage you to come worship with us & get acquainted with our new Immanuel families.



**"AJazzNoelle"...**Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> - our Jazz Advent/Praise service (10:30 am), led by praise ensemble, Horns and with a touch of Christmas. Communion will also be served at this special worship service, So come and join us. Be sure to invite a friend to ring in the season with carols and songs of praise.



**School Children's Christmas Eve Services...** Our Lutheran Day School will be presenting in word and song **A NIGHT AT THE ROYALE MUSEUM...THE HALL OF CROWNS** - at two worship times: Tue., Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> - 6:30 pm & Sun., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at the 4 pm afternoon worship. Prepared/presented by children of our Immanuel Day School (ILS)... a wonderful worship time for the whole family - from the youngest to the oldest.



**Christmas Eve...** Immanuel has 4 services on Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve (Day & Night)... one at 10 am for our Sunday morning worship; at 4 pm...the 2<sup>nd</sup> of our Day School's Christmas Services; at 7 pm... an evening candlelight service for the family led by a small vocal/instrumental Christmas ensemble; and our Service of Lessons, Carols & at 11 pm. All are invited - Come join us & make this a meaningful time of celebration and worship for you and your family.



**Christmas Day...** Only one service on Monday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas morning - a festival service w/ Holy Communion @ 10 am. Join us as we celebrate Jesus' birth. Pastor Yonker is sharing the Christmas message. (*this Service also LIVESTREAMED*)



**New Year's Eve...**We will have a special New Year's Eve (evening) worship at Immanuel - Sunday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Our worship service of Word & Song starts at 5 pm. Holy Communion will be celebrated. Come worship - as we reflect & give thanks to God for all He has done and the plans He already has for us in the year/year(s) ahead. (*this service also LIVESTREAMED*) -- **TAKE NOTE...***There will also be ONE SUNDAY SERVICE ON that NEW YEAR'S EVE DAY (@ 10 am)*



## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND WORSHIP TIMES...

### Sat. / Sun. / Mon., December (23) 24+25

- **1 Sat. evening service** (5 pm...normal Sat. time)
- Sunday (**Christmas Eve**) - services at 10 am\*, 4 pm, 7 pm, and 11 pm (*see details above*)
- Monday (**Christmas Day**) - 10 am\* \* (*w/Holy Communion... Also LiveStreamed*)

### Sat. / Sun., December (30) and 31

- **1 Sat. evening service** (5 pm...normal Sat. time)
- Sunday (**New Year's Eve Day/Night**) - services at 10 am\*, 5 pm\* (*see details above*)
- Monday (1/1 - NY DAY) - NO worship services \* (*w/Holy Communion... Also LiveStreamed*)

# LEVI Comfort Dog Ministry



Dear friends,

What a gift. To be able to care for people in the name of Jesus with the help of a beautiful creature like Levi was something I could never have imagined. He touched countless lives without saying a word. He brought joy to hurting people. His wagging tail told them they mattered. He was the furry courage that helped me enter situations and visit people I might not have otherwise. He helped me grow as a Christian. He helped this old Lutheran learn to pray out loud with others. He connected me to some of the best people I will ever know. I can never thank God enough for the time he gave us with Levi.

Levi loved his job. You could tell how excited he got when his vest came out and it was time to work. He stood a little taller and wagged his tail. He loved visiting with people and had a way of seeking out those who needed him. His presence and attention were a bridge for us handlers to share the love of Jesus. Sometimes we talked and prayed. Other times we just showed up and listened. People need to know that they are not alone, that they are cared for, that God loves them. That was the gift Levi brought.

You, dear people of Immanuel, deserve thanks as well. You supported this ministry in every way, before Levi came here, even before his birth and throughout his whole life. Your prayers, words of encouragement and financial support were amazing blessings. God bless for all you have done.

So now what? The comfort dog ministry at Immanuel is not in the past. You see, it's really not about the dog. It's how God uses the dog along with people to accomplish what He wants. So, we go on. And, thankfully, Levi's faithful handler, Steve Harrison has stepped up and has offered to be the Top Dog in this next chapter. It will take some time before a new dog arrives, but again, just as we did before Levi arrived, we trust in God's perfect timing.

Thank you all, again, for being such wonderful partners in this ministry and a vital part of Team Levi.

You know I love a memory verse, so here's one last one from me as Top Dog. From Numbers 6:24-26:

*"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."*

Praying God's richest blessings on each of you.

Barb Christie  
Top Dog, Team Levi





MOTHER - DAUGHTER

# Christmas Tea



December 10 | 1-4 PM | Luther Hall  
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Join us for an afternoon filled with tea,  
treats and the reason for the season.

Tickets \$50 per couple, \$30 individual



RSVP by 12/1 to [cdougherty@immanuel-ed.org](mailto:cdougherty@immanuel-ed.org) or [julie.e.schmidt92@gmail.com](mailto:julie.e.schmidt92@gmail.com)

## FEED MY LAMBS HOMELESS FOOD MINISTRY

Check out the many opportunities to serve. Adults and children are welcome.

### COOK

Join us to cook on the following dates  
from 9-11am in the church kitchen to  
prepare food for local homeless  
ministries.

Saturday, December 9th  
Saturday, January 13th  
Saturday, February 10th  
Saturday, March 9th

### SERVE

Join us to serve at the Vineyard  
Church Homeless Breakfast at 6:45am in  
Elgin to serve food to local individuals in  
need.

Saturday, December 23rd  
Saturday, January 27th  
Saturday, February 24th  
Saturday, March 23rd

Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44AFAC28A3F49-donations> to sign up to help.

Periodically throughout the school year Feed My Lambs will host service projects after school.  
Be on the look out for announcements in the school newsletter to stay informed, or join our  
email list by contacting Alison Lyon at [a.lyon@comcast.net](mailto:a.lyon@comcast.net).

## **NOVEMBER 2023**

|              |   |            |
|--------------|---|------------|
| <u>20-24</u> | <b>THANKSGIVING BREAK</b>   |            |
| <u>22</u>    | <b>Thanksgiving Eve Worship</b>   | 7:00 P.M.  |
| <u>23</u>    | <b>Thanksgiving Day Worship</b><br><i>(church office closed)</i>                    | 9:00 A.M.  |
| <u>24</u>    | <b>Church Office Closed</b>   |            |
| <u>27</u>    | <b>Hanging of the Greens</b>  | 6:30 P.M.  |
| <u>29</u>    | <b>ADVENT BEGINS</b>  |            |
|              | <b>Eucharist Service</b>  | 6:30 A.M.  |
|              | <b>Advent Worship</b><br><i>(followed by lunch &amp; fellowship in Luther Hall)</i> | 10:30 A.M. |
|              | Midweek Confirmation  | 5:30 P.M.  |
|              | <b>Advent Evening Worship</b>   | 7:00 P.M.  |
| <u>30</u>    | Card Ministry   | 1:00 P.M.  |

## **DECEMBER 2023**

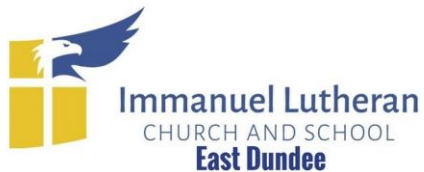
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| <u>01</u> | Dorcas Luncheon   | 11:30 A.M. |
|           | Couples Bible Study   | 7:00 P.M.  |
| <u>05</u> | Tuesday Adult Bible Study   | 1:30 P.M.  |
| <u>06</u> | <b>Eucharist Service</b>  | 6:30 A.M.  |
|           | <b>Advent Worship</b><br><i>(followed by lunch &amp; fellowship in Luther Hall)</i> | 10:30 A.M. |
|           | Midweek Confirmation  | 5:30 P.M.  |
|           | <b>Advent Evening Worship</b>   | 7:00 P.M.  |
| <u>07</u> | Women's Bible Study   | 8:30 A.M.  |
| <u>11</u> | ILS Family Night  | 6:30 P.M.  |
| <u>12</u> | Tuesday Adult Bible Study   | 1:30 P.M.  |
|           | Ministry Meetings   | 6:30 P.M.  |
| <u>13</u> | <b>Eucharist Service</b>  | 6:30 A.M.  |
|           | <b>Advent Worship</b><br><i>(followed by lunch &amp; fellowship in Luther Hall)</i> | 10:30 A.M. |
|           | Midweek Confirmation  | 5:30 P.M.  |
|           | <b>Advent Evening Worship</b>   | 7:00 P.M.  |
| <u>14</u> | Women's Bible Study   | 8:30 A.M.  |
|           | Women's Evening Bible Study   | 7:00 P.M.  |
| <u>15</u> | Couples Bible Study   | 7:00 P.M.  |
| <u>17</u> | <i>Jazz</i> Advent Praise Service   | 10:30 A.M. |
|           | High School Youth Christmas Party   | 4:00 P.M.  |
| <u>19</u> | Board of Trustees   | 6:30 P.M.  |

## **DECEMBER 2023 - cont'd**

|                  |  |            |
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| <u>20</u>        | <b>Eucharist Service</b>                                   | 6:30 A.M.  |
|                  | <b>Advent Worship</b>                                      | 10:30 A.M. |
|                  | <i>(followed by lunch &amp; fellowship in Luther Hall)</i> |            |
|                  | Midweek Confirmation                                       | 5:30 P.M.  |
|                  | <b>Advent Evening Worship</b>                              | 7:00 P.M.  |
| <u>12/24-1/5</u> | <b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>                                     |            |
| <u>21</u>        | <i>K-8 Christmas Service #1</i>                            | 6:30 P.M.  |
| <u>24</u>        | <i>Christmas Eve Worship</i>                               |            |
|                  | <i>K-8 Christmas Service #2</i>                            | 4:00 P.M.  |
|                  | <i>Evening Candlelight Service</i>                         | 7:00 P.M.  |
|                  | <i>Service of Lessons, Carols &amp; Candlelight</i>        | 11:00 P.M. |
| <u>25</u>        | <i>Sunday Morning Worship</i>                              | 10:00 A.M. |
|                  | <i>Christmas Day Worship</i>                               | 10:00 A.M. |
| <u>31</u>        | <b>New Year's Eve Worship</b>                              | 5:00 P.M.  |

## **JANUARY 2024**

|           |   |                   |
|-----------|---|-------------------|
| <u>01</u> | New Year's Day  |                   |
| <u>05</u> | Couples Bible Study   | 7:00 P.M.         |
| <u>07</u> | <b>COMIN' Alive</b> Services                                | 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. |
| <u>08</u> | <b>ILS Classes Resume</b>                                   |                   |
| <u>09</u> | Tuesday Adult Bible Study                                   | 1:30 P.M.         |
|           | Ministry Meetings   | 6:30 P.M.         |
| <u>10</u> | Midweek Confirmation  | 5:30 P.M.         |
| <u>11</u> | Women's Bible Study   | 8:30 A.M.         |
|           | Dorcas Society  | 12:30 P.M.        |
|           | Women's Evening Bible Study                                 | 7:00 P.M.         |
| <u>15</u> | <b>Martin Luther King Day</b> <i>(church office closed)</i> |                   |
| <u>16</u> | Board of Trustees   | 6:30 P.M.         |
| <u>17</u> | Midweek Confirmation  | 5:30 P.M.         |
| <u>18</u> | MOPS <i>(Mothers of Preschoolers)</i>                       | 6:00 P.M.         |
| <u>19</u> | Couples Bible Study   | 7:00 P.M.         |
| <u>23</u> | Tuesday Adult Bible Study                                   | 1:30 P.M.         |
| <u>24</u> | Midweek Confirmation  | 5:30 P.M.         |
| <u>25</u> | Women's Bible Study   | 8:30 A.M.         |
|           | Men's Club  | 6:00 P.M.         |
|           | Women's Evening Bible Study                                 | 7:00 P.M.         |
| <u>30</u> | Tuesday Adult Bible Study                                   | 1:30 P.M.         |
| <u>31</u> | Midweek Confirmation  | 5:30 P.M.         |



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