

## Announcements

### **For the week of Sunday, December 17, 2023**

**New Member Sunday!** – Today we welcome new members into our family of faith. These adults recently completed our God + Me class and have determined that they are one in faith with Immanuel Lutheran Church. This special, intimate unity is such a powerful gift from God and we're so blessed to receive these wonderful people into our fellowship. May always be a blessing to each other as long as the Lord allows us life!

### **Christmas Worship Schedule:**

Join us to thank Jesus, our Savior this Christmas. Invite a friend to join you!

- **Children's Christmas Services:** Friday, December 22 at 9am and Sunday, December 24 at 8:00am & 10:30am. These services will be held in church.
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:** Sunday, December 24 at 6pm. (Traditional Carols & Silent Night by Candlelight)
- **Christmas Day Worship:** Monday, December 25 at 9am. (The Birth of Jesus)
- **No Thursday Evening Worship:** Remember, Thursday services in December are suspended. Thursday evening worship will resume on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Family Photos Orders Are Here** - If you purchased any photos, Christmas cards, etc. from InFocus Photography during our recent Immanuel Photo Directory sessions in October and November, please stop at the Information Center after worship services this Sunday, the 17th to pick them up. Any photo orders not picked up at that time, will be available in the church office during regular office hours. Thank you to everyone who participated in updating our Immanuel Family Photo Directory.

**Women's Bible Study** - Our Bible Study exists to nurture, encourage, and equip women to faithfully and fully use their God-given gifts to glorify God. Women of all ages are invited to join us for Women's Bible Study. We are meeting on **Saturdays, January 13th and 27th at 9:00 AM**. We meet in the Conference Room in the church office. We are currently enjoying a study of Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Paul wrote his letter to them while he was a prisoner in Rome and in it he reminded the Ephesians of what God's great power and grace has done for believers. That means you too! Bring your Bible, if you don't have one, please let me know and we will supply you with one. There is a study guide and we will also be using The People's Bible Galatians / Ephesians book for reference as well. We have copies of both available. If you are planning to join us or have any questions, please call or text Judy Fuerbringer at 920-973-3355. **Join us to be refreshed & encouraged!** PLEASE...let Judy know if you have any suggestions for future a Women's Bible Study.

**Hat, Mittens, Scarves, Gloves** - Beginning December 1st and through the winter months, the Immanuel Evangelism Team will again be collecting new homemade or store bought hats, mittens, scarves and gloves to be shared with those caught in the cold. The items will be bagged along with little tags attached, letting those in need know that they have warm friends here at Immanuel. The items will be tied to our parking lot fence, and also distributed throughout the community.



**PIE is hosting the Advent Meal** this week, on Dec 20. We are requesting donations of food items. We are also looking for people to volunteer their time in prepping, serving or clean up. If you have any questions, please contact Casey Knauf. Thank you in advance for supporting PIE! <https://tinyurl.com/PIEpotluckdec20>



**THANK YOU** for your generosity! Only **\$7000** left to go for new LED lights in the classrooms & new gym fans. Please use the link or QR code, or stop by the office to make a donation for our PIE fundraiser. Every donation helps, thanks.  
<https://tinyurl.com/immanuel-givingtuesday>

**GriefShare** is a program to help people who are grieving the loss of a loved one whether recent or in the past. Each session is about 2 hours long. There is a short video on various topics presented by people who have gone through the grieving process and mental health experts. There is then group discussion time, though sharing is not required. Between each weekly session there is a workbook that has daily exercises that point you to God's Word and help you work through your grief. We will be having the GriefShare program starting **Thursdays January 4th to March 28th from 2:30 to 4:30 PM**. We will be meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 916 Pine St, Manitowoc, WI in the church office conference room. The entrance is across the covered area from the church entrance. If you are interested in getting more information or know someone who we should personally invite please contact Larry Verlinden at 920-323-2297 or verlinden@comcast.net. You also can get more information or register at the GriefShare website [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org). **Please register by December 26th** so we can make sure we have enough workbooks. We will be charging \$20 per person to cover the cost of workbooks. People are free to join our group at any time during the GriefShare cycle.

**Offering Envelopes** – Immanuel Members your 2024 offering envelopes are available in the church welcoming area.

**WELS Night at the Bucks Start 2024** by having a blast with fellow WELS members at Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee to see the Milwaukee Bucks take on the Indiana Pacers, Jan. 1, 2024, at 7 p.m. Ticket prices range anywhere between \$20-\$40 depending on your seating choice. The ticket ordering deadline is Dec. 1, 2023. [\*\*Order tickets\*\*](#)

### Coming Up at MLHS

**Thursday, December 21** | MLHS Christmas Concert

**Wednesday, January 3** | Second semester starts

**Tuesday, January 2** | Board of Control Meeting

**Thursday, January 4** | Big East Honors Band & Choir @ Capitol Civic Center

**Tuesday, February 6** | Board of Control Meeting

**Friday, February 9** | Night to Shine @ MLHS

**Tuesday, March 5** | Board of Control Meeting

**Junior Lancer Basketball & Wrestling Registrations Open** Visit [www.mlhslancers.org/jrlancers](http://www.mlhslancers.org/jrlancers) to register for boys and girls junior lancer basketball as well as junior lancer wrestling.

**MLHS Christmas Concert** MLHS Presents- *Joy to the World* – Please join us for our Sacred Christmas Concert at the Capitol Civic Centre in downtown Manitowoc! The concert is FREE and open to all. There are two performances, 4:30pm and 7:30pm on Thursday, December 21.

**NHS Pizza Sale Open** Show your support for the Manitowoc Lutheran High School National Honor Society (NHS) Students with prayers and pizza orders! From now until Tuesday, January 2nd, the NHS students will be taking orders for freshly made 12" pizzas! Visit [www.mlhslancers.org](http://www.mlhslancers.org) to order!

**ATTENTION ALL MLHS ALUMNI** You are invited to join us in singing the final song at the **MLHS Christmas Concert**. Would you please join us? We have purchased rehearsal tracks and provided the music online for you to practice at home! Visit [www.mlhslancers.org/finearts](http://www.mlhslancers.org/finearts). **Our concerts are on Thurs, Dec 21 at 4:30 & 7:30pm. Joy to the World** will be the last song of the concert. Join us in singing at either concert or better yet, join us by singing at both! We would love to have a large showing of the 68 years of students singing with us and singing the praises of the Christ-child, celebrating Christmas with us! We also plan to have an **alumni gathering** in the Mertens Lounge at the CCC on **December 21st**.

**Night to Shine Registration OPEN!** Please help us spread the word that we are hosing Night to Shine here at MLHS. Register by visiting the MLHS website [www.mlhslancers.org](http://www.mlhslancers.org)

**SCRIP (School Cash Rebate Incentive Program) News:** Do you want to help support MLHS? Now is a great time to use SCRIP. Why not use SCRIP for gift giving? Dazzle Days Holiday Bonuses are going on now through Dec. 8 on the RaiseRight app They make great stocking stuffers and small gifts for friends, teachers, bus drivers, mail carriers and more! Stop in the SCRIP Office to get started!

**Prayer for Worship:** 1<sup>st</sup> page in blue *Christian Worship*

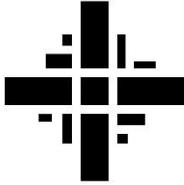
### Our Thanks for God's Love

Last Week's Attendance: **189 + 64 + 128 + 150 = 531**

Thankful Gifts Offered (*last wk*): **\$10,535** Thankful Gifts Needed (*weekly*): **\$15,610**

### This Week at Immanuel – Dec 17, 2023

Monday, Dec 18	6:00pm	Adult Choir
Tuesday, Dec 19	7:30am	Men's prayer Group
Wednesday, Dec 20	4:00pm	Advent Worship (Adult Choir sings)
	4:45pm	Light Supper – PIE & Open House (desserts)
	6:30pm	Advent Worship (Adult Choir sings)
Thursday, Dec 21	4:30pm	Public School Confirmation Class
Friday, Dec 22	9:00am	Children's Preview Christmas Service (Noon dismissal)
Saturday, Dec 23	8:00am	Men's Bible Study (First German)
Sunday, Dec 24	8:00am	WORSHIP (PreK-8 Grade Sings)
	10:30am	WORSHIP (PreK-8 Grade Sings)
	6:00pm	Candlelight Worship



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*Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church  
is a family glorifying God, growing in faith,  
and leading others to Christ.*

Worship Schedule:

Midweek Advent Thursdays at 4:00 PM & 6:30 PM

Sundays at 8 AM & 10:30 AM

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