

## Announcements

For the week of Sunday, December 24, 2023

### Christmas Worship Schedule:

Join us to thank Jesus for coming as our Savior! Invite a friend to join you!

- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:** Sun, Dec 24 at **6pm**. (*Traditional Carols & Silent Night by Candlelight*)
- **Christmas Day Worship:** Monday, December 25 at **9am**. (*The Birth of Jesus, our Savior*)
- **NO Thursday Evening Worship:** Thursday evening worship will resume on Thurs, **Jan 4 at 6:30pm**.

**The God + Me Class** – Make a resolution to be closer to God this year! Beginning **Monday, January 29**, this course will explore the basic truths of the Bible and briefly compare simple differences between religions and Christian denominations. Most importantly, it will answer the questions every person needs to answer in life... *who am I?... what's my purpose in life?... how can I get to heaven?... how can I be certain I am loved and forgiven?... how does the Bible apply to me?*

This class can serve as a **membership** class or simply a good **spiritual refresher** and a further step to understanding God and self. We promise: *there are no strings attached and there is no cost* – all materials and **childcare** are provided. “Try it before you buy it!” If, after 2-3 weeks you decide to step away, you won't be made to defend your decision to leave. So, as the cold winter months begin to take over, consider taking in the warmth of the God who loves you so much! To learn more or register please go to [ilutheran.org/intro-class](http://ilutheran.org/intro-class).

**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 church office during regular office hours. Thank you to everyone who participated in updating our Immanuel Family Photo Directory.

**Calling Immanuel Elves** - The Immanuel decorating committee will take down the church's decorations on **Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.** Many hands make light work. See you there!

**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.

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

**Hat, Mittens, Scarves, Gloves** - Beginning on December 1st and through the winter months, the Immanuel Evangelism Team is again 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. If you'd like to share Jesus' love this way, feel free to donate!

**Office Hours** – for the week of Christmas (12/26-12/29) will be open Tues and Wednesday from 9-3:30pm.

**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.

### Coming Up at MLHS

**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

**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!

**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)

**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 Call Report - Miss Abbie Bosin**, who serves as our Spanish 1&2 instructor as well as our Dance Team head coach, received a call to serve at Arizona Lutheran Academy to teach Spanish 2-4.

**Mrs. Keturah Hochmuth**, who serves as our Learning Coordinator is still holding her call to serve as 6th grade instructor at St. Martin's LS, in Watertown, SD.

**Pastor Paul Cerny** is still holding the call to serve in our Theology Department. He currently serves at Immanuel LC in Campbellsport, WI.

**Mr. Matthew Meitner**, who was called to serve in our English department, has returned the call.

**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!

**Part-time Afternoon Preschool Assistant Position Available:** Jesus' Lambs of Grace (2426 N. Rapids Rd., Manitowoc) is looking for one or more people willing and able to assist with the care of children during the afternoon hours of 1:00-5:30pm Monday through Friday. This shift could be split if we have more than one person interested. If you, or someone you know, over the age of 18, loves working with kids, has one or more afternoons available, and would like a flexible part-time job, please contact the preschool at 920-482-0001 and ask for Peg Janke.

**Loving Arms CCDC is adding to our family!** Would you enjoy playing like a kid again while sharing the joy of Christ with toddlers and being a part of their development? Do you know someone who would? We are looking for someone to nurture and teach our 2.5–3-year-old class. This will be a full-time position with hours from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please call 920-863-5437 to talk with us about joining our dedicated family. We can't wait to hear from you!

**WORSHIP NEXT WEEK** – You may wish to prepare for worship next week by meditating on the Scripture lessons for the First Sunday after Christmas.

**Scripture Lessons:** 1 Kings 8:6-13; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:22-40

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

### Our Thanks for God's Love

Last Week's Attendance: **200** (Wed) + **43** (Wed) + **109** + **200** = **552**

Thankful Gifts Offered (*last wk*): **\$18,665** Thankful Gifts Needed (*weekly*): **\$15,610**

### This Week at Immanuel – Dec 25, 2023

#### **(Christmas Break, School resumes Jan 3)**

Monday, Dec 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00am Christmas Day Worship (Adult Choir)

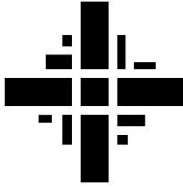
Sunday, Dec 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

8:00am WORSHIP w/ Lord's Supper

NO BIBLE CLASS

10:30am WORSHIP w/ Lord's Supper



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LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

*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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