

Announcements

For the week of Sunday, December 3, 2023

Order Your Poinsettias! - Help to beautify Immanuel for the celebration of the birth of our Savior! **TODAY, Dec 3 is the last day to** place your order for poinsettias for the Christmas celebration. The cost is \$12.00 per plant. The envelopes for signing up are in the back of the Gathering Room. You are able to take your poinsettia home following the Christmas Day worship service.

SAVE THE DATE - ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT - Women of Immanuel are invited, and are encouraged to invite your female family members, friends, and neighbors to join you at this year's Advent by Candlelight on **Saturday, Dec 9 at 5:30 PM** in the church Fellowship Hall. Please plan to join us for an evening of visiting, encouragement, and enjoying beautiful music and delicious dessert. This evening is a wonderful event to prepare your hearts for Advent. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

The Seminary Chorus, a 70-voice choir composed of men studying for the pastoral ministry at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will present its Christmas concert on **Sunday, Dec 10 at 3pm and 7pm** in the auditorium. The program includes anthems by the choir and hymns for the congregation. The Seminary Chorus is directed by Prof. Aaron Christie and has toured throughout the country in its 92-year history. Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary is **located at 11831 N. Seminary Drive, Mequon, WI 53092**. The 3:00pm (central) concert will be live streamed at livestream.com/WLSLive.

The Lakeshore OWLS organization is planning a bus trip to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary for this event. The seminary chorus will present its annual Christmas concert "*Christmas at the Seminary*" at 3pm on the **10th**. This is open to everyone, not just the OWLS members. **We will leave First German at 1pm**. The cost for the bus is **\$21 per person**. To reserve your spot, please contact Ralph Schwark at 920-684-5892 or by email at jeanemil99@att.net

Happy Birthday, Jesus Party! Mornings with Mommy is hosting our annual Happy Birthday, Jesus Party!! Dec 14 from 10-11am. A holiday event for moms/caregivers & kids to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas through crafts, stories, songs, community, and our traditional cupcake celebration. This event does tend to fill to capacity to RSVP using this QR code ASAP! **Help Needed!** We will be setting up Wed evening 12/13, after the Advent dinner. Contact Andrea Dolan (715-220-1439) if you are able to help move tables, chairs, set up crafts and streamers.



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, December 16th, 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.

Ladies of Immanuel Christmas Party - The Ladies of Immanuel are having their Christmas Party on **Thurs., Dec 14 at 1:30 PM**. **ALL** ladies are invited! Join us as we celebrate Jesus' birth, and enjoy food and fellowship with your sisters in Christ. Entertainment will be provided by Immanuel's 1st and 2nd grade students. Please bring a food dish to share. If you would like, you can also join in the "bring a present, get a present" gift exchange (\$2-\$5). We are also holding a Voluntary Service Project benefiting ***New Beginnings-A Home for Mothers***. If you would like to help, you may choose to give a monetary donation; donate clothing in child sizes 6 and up or boys size 2T; or pull-ups in any size.

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.

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

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

Friday, February 9 | Night to Shine @ MLHS

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.

ATTENTION ALL MLHS ALUMNI This year we would like to invite all MLHS Alumni to join us in singing the final song at the MLHS Christmas Concert. To help everyone learn their vocal parts, we have purchased rehearsal tracks and provided the music online for you to practice at home! Visit www.mlhslancers.org/finearts. Our concerts are on Thurs, Dec 21 at 4:30pm and 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! Please spread the word! 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 Dec 21.

The **Trinity Brillion** Outreach Team will be hosting their second **Live Nativity at Stone Prairie**, (Center Road, Brillion) on **Sat, Dec 9**, with six 20-minute performances that begin at 5pm and repeat every half hour until 8:00pm. And yes... Joe the Camel will be there! This is a wonderful opportunity to tell people about the birth of Jesus and give the Holy Spirit a chance to work faith in people's hearts. The event is free... Plan on attending with your friends, neighbors, & relatives!

Night to Shine Registration OPEN! Registration is NOW OPEN for Night to shine here at MLHS. Please help us spread the word that we are hosing Night to Shine here. Register by visiting the MLHS website www.mlhslancers.org

St. Johns Newtonburg hosts 'A Savior is Born' As we prepare our hearts for our Savior's birth, there will be special worship services on Dec 10, 8 am and 10:30 am. Professional singers Darren and Shelly Johnson from St. Mark in De Pere will enhance our service with special Christmas music.

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK – You may wish to prepare for worship next week by meditating on the Scripture lessons for the Second Sunday of Advent.

Scripture Lessons: Genesis 37:1-4

Prayer for Worship: 1st page in blue *Christian Worship*

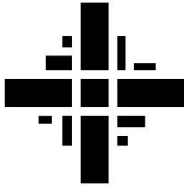
Our Thanks for God's Love

Last Week's Attendance: **271 + 119 + 139 = 529**

Thankful Gifts Offered (*last wk*): **\$6,570** Thankful Gifts Needed (*weekly*): **\$15,610**

This Week at Immanuel – Dec 3, 2023

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| Monday, Dec 4 | 10:00am | Pastors' Circuit Meeting (Bethany) |
| | 6:00pm | God + Me (New Member) |
| | 6:00pm | Board of Education |
| Tuesday, Dec 5 | 6:00pm | Adult Choir |
| | 7:15am | Men's prayer group |
| | 7:00pm | Church Council |
| Wednesday, Dec 6 | 4:00pm | Advent Worship |
| | 4:45pm | Light Supper – Ladies of Immanuel |
| | 6:30pm | Advent Worship |
| Thursday, Dec 7 | 4:30pm | Public School Confirmation Class |
| Saturday, Dec 9 | | LEGO League Sectional Competition |
| | 8:00am | Men's Bible Study – First German |
| | 1:00pm | Piano Recital (Lepich) |
| Sunday, Dec 10 | 5:30pm | Advent by Candlelight |
| | 8:00am | WORSHIP (Adult Choir sings) |
| | 9:30am | Family Bible Study (<i>lower level</i>) |
| | 10:30am | WORSHIP (Adult Choir sings) |
| | 11:45am | Voters' Meeting |
| | 6:30pm | Piano Recital (Haag) |



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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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