

Announcements

For the week of Sunday, January 7, 2024

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 those 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.

CHRISTIAN PARENTING CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 29TH Children aren't born with an instruction manual attached. So how do I raise my child in the Lord? Come join us for a 5-6 session Christian Parenting Class beginning Monday January 29th from 6-7:30pm and continuing every following Monday for 5-6 weeks. We'll study and discuss all the instruction God gives for how to raise the young souls He has blessed you with. Because these classes will run at the same time as God and Me class (G&M will be downstairs in the Bible Class room, Parenting will be upstairs in the church sanctuary), childcare will be provided.



Mornings with Mommy: Winter Fun! Join us for our January session. This month's theme is Winter Fun! We'll meet Thursday, Jan.11th from 10-11am in the church lower level. Scan the QR code to RSVP + claim your spot! New faces always welcome. (Geared toward children ages birth - 5.)

An Opportunity: The Immanuel Lutheran Endowment Fund (ILEF) - Committee continues to offer an opportunity for all Immanuel organizations to request funds from the ILEF. The grant amount from 2023 funds (awarded in March of 2024) will be \$11,000.

These requests should align well with the mission of Immanuel: ***Immanuel is a family glorifying God, growing in faith, and leading others to Christ.*** Primary consideration will be given to requests for projects or ideas that are non-budgetary, innovative, and outreach focused. If your group has a ministry idea or project in need of special funding, please pick up a grant request letter and form (available on the information center at the back of church). Please complete the form and forward it to the ILEF Committee no later than February 29, 2024. Contact Greg Schmill for additional information (920-323-0440 or gschmill@sbcglobal.net).

Coffee Serving Schedule 2024 – is out and can be found in your church mail, for those on the schedule.

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

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.

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.

Jesus Cares Ministry It is not too late to become involved in the local work of Jesus Cares Ministry, a ministry that is already established in **Manitowoc at Grace and is now at Bethany**. Jesus Cares Ministry is dedicated to spreading the eternal hope and joy of Jesus Christ, specifically tailored for individuals with disabilities, taking place on the second and third Saturdays of each month for approximately one hour.

Our first Jesus Cares Ministry Worship service will take place at **Bethany on Saturday, January 13th at 9:00 am**. The following **Saturday, January 20th at 9:00 am**, will be a corresponding Bible study and activity taking place at **Grace**.

If you are interested in getting involved, feel free to come to any of the Jesus Cares Ministry events to see if you might be interested, or you can use the web address below to complete the survey, or call the church office. More information is within the January newsletter or you can call Erin Kolar at 920.860.3656 or Denise Haese at 920.901.2242. <https://forms.gle/PhDohyXPvniWQaQE6>

2024 MOHW Conference - The 15th annual Men of His Word Conference (Theme: Built to Serve based off of Galatians 5:13) will be held at the Oshkosh Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh on Saturday, February 17, 2024. Please go online at www.menofhisword.org to register and get details about schedule, breakout sessions, keynote speaker, cost, etc.

Please join us for a day of worship, praise and fellowship in God's Word!

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8 this is the theme passage for the 2024 Pathways to Christ Women's Retreat held in Oshkosh, WI on March 1-3, 2024. Registration for 2024 Pathways to Christ Retreat is now open! Please visit <https://pathwaystochrist.org/> for more information about speakers, topics, accommodations, and more! Please reach out via email at pathwaystochristretreat@gmail.com with any questions.

Coming Up at MLHS

Friday, February 9 | Night to Shine @ MLHS

Tuesday, March 5 | Board of Control Meeting

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

Junior Lancer Basketball & Wrestling Registrations Open Visit www.mlhslancers.org/jrlancers to register for boys and girls junior lancer basketball as well as junior lancer wrestling.

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

Scripture Lessons: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17, John 1:43-51

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

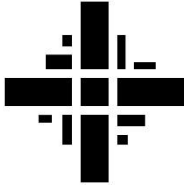
Our Thanks for God's Love

Last Week's Attendance: 100 + 151= 251

Thankful Gifts Offered (*last wk*): **\$22,650** Thankful Gifts Needed (*weekly*): **\$15,610**

This Week at Immanuel – January 8, 2024

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| Tuesday, Jan 9 | 6:00pm | Elders' Meeting |
| | 7:00pm | Board of Ed Meeting |
| Wednesday, Jan 10 | 4:30pm | Public School Confirmation |
| Thursday, Jan 11 | 10:00am | Mornings with Mommy |
| | 2:30pm | GriefShare |
| | 6:30pm | WORSHIP |
| Saturday, Jan 13 | 8:00am | Men's Bible Study – 1 st German |
| | 9:00am | Women's Bible Study – Conference Room |
| Sunday, Jan 14 | 8:00am | WORSHIP |
| | 9:30am | Bible Study (<i>lower level</i>) |
| | 10:30am | WORSHIP |



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

Worship Schedule:
Thursdays at 6:30 PM
Sundays at 8 AM & 10:30 AM

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