# **Announcements**

# For the week of Sunday, January 21, 2024

Divine Calls – Mr. Putz has received a divine call to serve as 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for Emanuel School in New London, WI and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have received calls to serve as Principal and 5-8<sup>th</sup> grades and 1/2 grades for Divine Grace in Lake Orion, MI. Because our teachers hold multiple calls from the Holy Spirit – to either continue serving here at Immanuel or elsewhere in His kingdom, over the next few weeks, they will be consulting with God's people at both ministries to decide where they might best serve the Lord with their gifts and abilities. Please keep Mr. Putz and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson in your prayers as they deliberate and feel free to share any thoughts or insights you might have with them.

Christian Parenting Classes begin January 29<sup>th</sup> - 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-session Christian Parenting Class beginning Monday January 29<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm and continuing every following Monday for 5 weeks total. 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.

**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 <u>ilutheran.org/intro-class</u>.

**Ladies of Immanuel News** All men and women are invited to our meeting on **Thursday, February 8, at 1:30 P.M**. to hear our guest speaker, author **Sue Fink, talk about the topic of self-care.** Is the concept of loving ourselves as important as service to others? Come find out! Members of Ladies of Immanuel are reminded to bring \$12.00 for our annual dues.



Mornings with Mommy: Valentines! Join us for our February session. This month's theme is Valentines + Love! We'll meet **TUESDAY** (not Thursday), Feb 13 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.)

**Hat, Mittens, Scarves, Gloves** - The Immanuel Evangelism Team is 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. **Please help warm our community.** 

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 Saturday, January 27 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.

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).

Have a passion for serve our seniors? Especially during these cold months, we're looking for people to visit our homebound members with a recorded worship service. Some of our members know how to or have someone helping them worship using our online services, but there are those who don't. Could you load an archived service and then sit to worship with them? What a blessed interaction – two people gathered in the Word and striving to make our homebound members still feel a part of this church family. If you are interested in volunteering, please let the church office know! *Laptops will be provided*.

**New Monitor** - Have you noticed the new monitor on the face of the balcony? This was generously donated by anonymously so that preachers and presenters can see what is showing on the screens.

**Family Photos Orders Are Here** - If you purchased any photos from InFocus Photography during our recent Immanuel **Photo Directory** sessions in October and November, please stop at the church office during regular office hours.

## 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 hosing Night to Shine here at MLHS. Register by visiting the MLHS website <a href="www.mlhslancers.org">www.mlhslancers.org</a>

Job Opportunities at MLHS: Director of Finance MLHS is looking for a full-time employee to manage all aspects of finance associated with the high school. This includes budget preparation; preparing financial reports; developing and maintaining an effective system of accounting; managing the payroll system, maintaining accurate financial records for audit, working with tuition assistance, and helping in administrating the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. In addition, this person will be responsible for Human Resources, which includes responsibilities in functional areas such as benefits, compensation, and maintaining required paperwork. Food Service Coordinator MLHS is looking for a full-time employee (while school is in session) to lead the food service program at the high school. This includes shopping for food, preparing and serving for lunch, cleaning up, following safety procedures, adjusting for food allergies, and serving breakfast. Call the office, visit www.mlhslancers.org/jobs or email David Uhlhorn duhlhorn@mlhslancers.org for more information.

MLHS Dance Camp Registration Open Girls K-8 Dance Camp is Sat, Feb 17 from 8:30-11AM at MLHS. If you want a dance camp T-shirt you MUST register before Jan 31. Cost \$10. To learn more or register scan the QR code or visit <a href="https://www.mlhslancers.org/kids">www.mlhslancers.org/kids</a>



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

Scripture Lessons: Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Hebrews 3:1-6, Mark 1:21-28

Prayer for Worship: 1st page in blue Christian Worship

#### **Our Thanks for God's Love**

Last Week's Attendance: 42 + 99 + 164 = 305

Thankful Gifts Offered (last wk): \$29,500 Thankful Gifts Needed (weekly): \$15,610

### This Week at Immanuel - January 21, 2024

Monday, Jan 22	6:30pm	PIE Meeting
Wednesday, Jan 24	4:30pm	Public School Confirmation
Thursday, Jan 25	2:30pm	GriefShare
	6:30pm	WORSHIP
Saturday, Jan 27	8:00am	Men's Bible Study – First German
	9:00am	Women's Bible Study
Sunday, Jan 28	8:00am	WORSHIP (1 & 2 Grade sings)
	9:30am	Bible Study ( <i>lower level</i> )
	10:30am	WORSHIP



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

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