

Announcements

For the week of Sunday, December 31, 2023

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.

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!



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.)

Hat, Mittens, Scarves, Gloves – Has started and goes 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!

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

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

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.

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. **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 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

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 Epiphany of Our Lord.

Scripture Lessons: Numbers 24:15-17a; Romans 11:13-15,28-32; Matthew 2:1-12

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

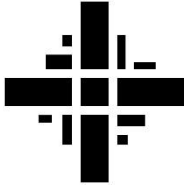
Our Thanks for God's Love

Last Week's Attendance: 245 (Wed) + 244 (Fri) + 758 (Sun am) + 291 (candlelight) + 173 (Christmas Day) = 1,711

Thankful Gifts Offered (*last wk*): **\$35,720** Thankful Gifts Needed (*weekly*): **\$15,610**

This Week at Immanuel – January 1, 2023

Monday, Jan 1	New Year's Day
Tuesday, Jan 2	7:30am Men's Prayer Group
Wednesday, Jan 3	School Resumes
	4:30pm Public School Confirmation
Thursday, Jan 4	2:30pm GriefShare
	6:30pm WORSHIP w/ Lord's Supper
Saturday, Jan 6	8:00am Men's Bible Study - Grace
Sunday, Jan 7	8:00am WORSHIP w/ Lord's Supper
	9:30am Bible Study (<i>lower level</i>)
	10:30am WORSHIP w/ Lord's Supper



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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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