

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS December 29, 2024
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WELCOME TO IMMANUEL

A warm welcome to our friends and visitors this day! Thanks for joining us at church or online. If you are looking for a church home, please talk to Pastor Lee. We hope you will join us again!

HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus' body and blood in His Supper is given for the forgiveness of our sins. We celebrate this gift today as a community of LCMS members. Please speak with the Pastor if you have not knelt with us at the Lord's Table before. Register your attendance in the pew folder.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Order of Service Service of Hymns
Hymns: Chosen by Congregation
Sermon: "Called Holy to the Lord" Luke 2: 22-40
Organist: Saturday: Gloria Hollatz Sunday: Maureen Diedrich

PARISH PRAYERS

God's healing for Gene Payne, Mary Springer, Ivy McKane, Todd Lucht, Roger Wallner, Paul Peterson, Darrel Eggert, Bruce Wiitanen, Jerry Lee, Al & Diane Riedel, Lois Zimmerman, Dennis Karger, Mike McDaniel, Deb Marquard, Steph Wilde, Bryce Cook, Aiden Schwarz, Joan Drevlow, Luke Shamp, Kevin Scott (son of Cheryl), Ed Bridwell (uncle M. Wilde), Elaine Springer, Pam Richter (f. of M. Pooler), Kim Doering, Naomi Lahman and Bill Weniger (f of Lisa Koehn).

God bless Ivy Diedrich (12/30) 93, Howard Ost (1/2) 88 and Jerry Lee (1/4) 84 on their birthdays.

We thank the Lord for the blessings of the past year and ask Him to bless the coming year.

THIS WEEK

Saturday, December 28

10-4:00 PM Directory Photos
7:00 PM Worship w/Communion

Sunday, December 29

9:00 AM Worship w/Baptism & Communion, also Livestreamed
10:00 AM Coffee
7:00 PM Service on Cable Ch 14

Monday, December 30

2-9:00 PM Directory Photos

Tuesday, December 31

9:00 AM Bible Breakfast
7:00 PM Worship w/Communion, Livestreamed

Thursday, January 2

9:00 AM Footcare

Saturday, January 4

7:00 PM Worship w/Communion

Sunday, January 5

9:00 AM Worship w/Communion, also Livestreamed
10:00 AM Coffee
10:30 AM Sunday School
6:30 PM Circuit Epiphany Service at Trinity, Carlos
7:00 PM Service on Cable Ch 14

WORSHIP HELPERS

December 28: Jesse & Mindy Meissner family and Braedyn Tvrdik.
December 29: Josh & Alexandra Wilde, Scott & Ashley Iverson Family and Antonio Castro. January 4: Todd & Kayla Gaarsland Family and Ryker Porter. January 5: Jon Lammle, Susan Lammle, Dale & Vicki Downing and Sophia Warzecha.

Life Thoughts: The Old Testament ritual of redeeming firstborns clearly declares that the Lord lends us our children, but they belong to Him (Exodus 13:11-12). Little ones are gifts and privileges, not property, preferences, accessories, or rights. The coming of Christ extends this designation to every neighbor, including those of advanced age (Luke 2:25-26, 36-38). Let us not neglect to teach and admonish one another about it (Colossians 3:16)!

Want to give electronically? You can make a text gift by texting \$xx (the amount) to 844-330-1376. Or you can give through the church website.

INFORMATION FOR YOU

From Our Library: Check out our many Christmas movies. They are mostly listed under the Chri section. Feature Movie: Christmas Oranges - a delightful story in which a young girl is an orphan and taken to an Orphanage with a director who is cruel and mean in dealing with the children. Only one day is special when each child is given an orange of their own. It's a great family movie with lovable characters.

Next Sunday's Lutheran Hour is "In the Beginning Was Dialogue" with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Do you need more faith? Then you need the Word. Faith comes from hearing the Word of Christ. (John 1:1)

Watch Main Street Living on TV, a service led by local LCMS pastors. See it Sundays on Ch 15 KVRR Fargo (Ch 10 on Arvig) at 9 am, on Ch 29 WFTC at 9:30 am from the Cities (including on DISH if you have the Twin Cities stations or on Selective TV 9.2) or at mainstreetliving.com anytime. Rev. Heath Trampe, Minot, preaches January 5.

LWML Mite Offering for missions is next weekend. Bring your coins! There will also be a collection box for Canadian coins.

Needed: \$311 to meet our TIM Mission goal by the end of the year. Designate "TIM" on your envelope.

Sponsor an orphan for \$90/month through Christ's Care for Children: Kenya, an LCMS mission project. Brochures are on the narthex counter.

Needed: sponsors for the Lutheran Hour on KWAD 920 Wadena. Cost is \$35 per Sunday. It is broadcast at 8:30 AM. It can be in memory or honor of someone. See Pastor for more information.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Attend 12-18	61	Offering	\$3,114.00
Home Use	\$50.00	TIM	\$20.00
Attend 12-21	9	Attend 12-22 (9 AM)	67
Offering	\$1,807.00	Home Use	\$800.00
TIM	\$50.00	Attend 12-22 (4 PM)	175
Offering	\$856.00	Total	\$3,463.00
Attend 12-24	296	Offering	\$4,236.00
Home Use	\$250.00	TIM	\$200.00
Attend 12-25	79	Communed	64
Offering	\$1,244.00		
Offerings for December			\$21,409.00
Offerings Needed each Month			\$21,848.00
Sunday School Attend	51	Offering	\$10.00
TIM Goal: \$3,000		Receipts:	\$2,539.00

OUR MISSION:

Empowered by God's Word; we know, love and share Jesus Christ.

INFORMATION FOR TODAY

Who can I tell about how Jesus makes us holy to the Lord.

Being baptized today is Walter Otis Allen Samuelson, son of Wyatt & Janessa Samuelson. Walter's sponsors are Harry Samuelson and Jakki Elfering. May God bless and keep Walter always!

Welcome to Greg Wachter, a member of Zion, North Effington and short-term missionary to Africa, who will give us a brief update at the end of our service today on the work our circuit is doing to build a school in Malawi.

Portals of Prayer for January - March are available in the narthex.

We are taking pictures for a new church directory. Sign up today at the narthex counter, sign up at ucdir.com or call the church office. The church code is MN528 and password is photos. There are openings on Monday, December 30. Pictures will also be taken on a couple days in January yet to be scheduled.

Pick up your 2025 offering envelopes in the coat area. If you would like 2025 envelopes and haven't received them in the past, or if you would like to sign up for electronic giving for 2025, let the office know.

Sign up at the narthex to serve coffee after worship. Every Sunday is available!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way with our Advent and Christmas services.

We are in need of "facilitators" for some work groups. This can be a husband & wife team. Please contact the office if interested. We will be coordinating the work groups through the church office.

Volunteers are needed to help check in people for the church directory. Sign up at the narthex counter to help on Monday from 2-4 or 4-6.

Circuit Epiphany Service is Sunday, January 5 at 6:30 PM at Trinity, Carlos. Plan to come to this special service! Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Wednesday Bible Class will begin a study of the Gospel of John on January 8.

If you have a Thrivent grant available for 2024, please let the office know.

Lutheran Island Camp is looking for volunteers on January 4 starting at 9 AM to carry heavy furniture up and down stairs and into a trailer for storage during their renovation. See Pastor or call camp at 218-583-2905.

INFORMATION FOR YOU

If you would like to donate banners similar to the green ones at the front of the church for other seasons of the church year, please contact the church office. Cost is about \$300.

We are in need of another current or former nurse to join our footcare team. Please contact JuAnn Riedel or Pastor.

Pastor Mark's New Address is 616 Elm St. Athens, WI 54411. His new email address is: marklschwarz79@gmail.com

Do you like to do jigsaw puzzles? Need a puzzle for the snowstorm? Drop off or pick up a puzzle at the puzzle cabinet in the library.

Special Needs offering is this weekend. This fund is used by the elders and pastor to help people with special financial needs. Use a special needs envelope in the pew to contribute to this fund. Gifts are needed.

We have a seminary student scholarship fund to support members of our congregation attending seminary. Designate a gift for scholarships.

Our Library Boutique is a corner shelf full of things that you might want to purchase as a gift for someone or yourself. Check out the books, gifts, index Bible tabs, etc. Payment goes into the slot on front of desk. (We may have the last minute gift you need.)

Volunteers are needed to help deliver and assemble meals for Meals on Wheels. If interested call 218-338-6211.

Check out our website at www.immanuelparkersprairie.com.

Thrivent members: Sign up at the narthex counter for a project. If you have Thrivent and would like help, contact the church office.

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Both common and individual cups are offered. If you prefer the common cup, do not take an individual cup. If you have not been confirmed in the Lutheran Church, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing during communion distribution. Simply cross your arms to indicate your desire for a blessing. All children are also invited to come for a blessing.

Support Main Street Living by mailing a check to: Main Street Living NORTH, 821 5th Ave S, Fargo ND 58103 or donate online at mainstreetliving.com/make-a-contribution.

Consider an offering to the Trustee Fund, which is in need of funds.

Senior Nutrition Service, Inc offers meals on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for those 60 and older (and spouse of any age). Call 338-6211 between 9-10:30 AM to order your meal. Volunteers are also welcome to help assemble and deliver meals.

Now is a great time to be looking for items for Operation Christmas Child. We have a container beneath the coat rack for items. Remember you can fill your own shoe box if you like.

Children's bulletins are available at the bulletin shelf.

Special Needs Fund offering is this weekend. There are special needs envelopes in the pews. Gifts can be given to this fund anytime.

Sign up at the narthex counter to serve coffee after worship! If you like to bake and prefer not to serve, you can put items in the church freezers.

Do you like to pray for others? Join the prayer chain. Contact Pastor.

Do you like to scrapbook? We are looking for someone to compile photos & news into a scrapbook. Contact the office if interested.

The first Sunday of every month is **LWML Mite Sunday**. We invite you to drop your loose change into the LWML mite box in the narthex. 25% of our mites go to the national biennial goal of \$2,350,000, including \$100,000 for Set Apart to Serve. The remainder of our mites are sent to the Minnesota North District for grants of \$147,000 biennially, including \$15,000 for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. There is also a box for Canadian coins and other donations for Michael Thomas.