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# IMMANUEL TIDINGS

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 LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL  
*Looking up...Reaching out!*

*Blood Drive*  
 January 13, 2022!  
**Can You Spare A Drop?**

Our next blood drive is Thursday, January 13th from 12pm—6pm in the Fellowship Hall. You can make an appointment to donate anytime between now and then. Call the church office or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter Sponsor Code ImmanuelLutheran.

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## SCRIP

Buying SCRIP is an excellent way to support our school. What is SCRIP? Gift Cards! When you buy SCRIP, a percentage of each purchase goes towards tuition costs for our school families. SCRIP is currently sold at the church or school office and after the 10:30 service. A list of available SCRIP to buy or order is available at both places. Some of the more common ones available are Hy-Vee, Super Saver, Runza, and Wal-Mart. We also carry Broken Mug, Big Apple Bagels, Sonic, and Freddy's. We are working with other local businesses to encourage participating in the program.

## Upcoming Events:

- 11/13-14 Jr. High Youth Gathering
- 11/15-Board Meetings
- 11/16-Endowment Committee 4p
- 11/18-Runza Fundraiser 4p-8p
- 11/21-Harvest Dinner 11:30—1:30
- 11/28—Church Decorating after Services
- 12/1-Advent Meal 5:30p
- 12/1-Advent Service 7p
- 12/2-Altar Guild 5:30p
- 12/3-Card Club 6p
- 12/5-Ugly Sweater Bowling 5p
- 12/5-Advent by Candlelight 5:30p
- 12/8-Advent Meal 5:30p
- 12/8-Advent Service 7p
- 12/12-Family Christmas 10:30a
- 12/13-Mission Sowers 7p
- 12/14—Cookiefest 4:30p-6p
- 12/15-Advent Meal 5:30p
- 12/15-Advent Service 7p
- 12/16-Preschool Christmas Program
- 12/19-S.S. Christmas Program 10:30
- 12/21-ILS Christmas Concert 7p
- 12/24-Christmas Eve Service 5:30p
- 12/24-Christmas Eve Service 7p
- 12/25-Christmas Service 9a
- 12/26-Worship Service 9a
- 1/1—No Worship Service

## Advent by Candlelight

Save the date for the return of Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, December 5th at 5:30pm. This is a wonderful way to celebrate and prepare our hearts for the season of our Lord's birth. This is an opportunity for fellowship, fun, and preparing our hearts for the Christmas season. If you are interested in hosting a table or attending, please let us know as soon as possible. Beth Olsen 402-910-0289, Joan Hasenkamp 402-910-8522 or Bonnie Schumacher 402-276-0964

## Orphan Grain Train News

- Nursing students from UNMC in Norfolk volunteered for a day on behalf of the M25 program to help a young lady pay for her surgery from Dr. Aguila with Healing Hands of Nebraska. OGT partners with the M25 program which will accept some payment in the form of volunteer hours to encourage giving back to others.
- 98.2% of all donations go toward Orphan Grain Train mission projects. Only 1.8% of donations go toward administrative and fundraising expenses.



## Worship Times

Immanuel Lutheran Church

- **Saturday 5:30 pm** worship with communion on the first and third weekend of the month.
- **Sunday 9:15 am** Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Sunday 9:15 am** Sunday School for those entering grades PreK-12.
- **Sunday 8:00am** traditional worship with communion on the first and third Sunday of the month.
- **Sunday 10:30 am** worship with communion on the second and fourth Sunday of the month.

### Christmas/Advent 2021

- 12/1—Advent Meal 5:30pm (Youth & Family)
- 12/1—Advent Service 7pm
- 12/8—Advent Meal 5:30pm (Elder's)
- 12/8—Advent Service 7pm
- 12/15—Advent Meal 5:30pm (Evangelism & Stewardship)
- 12/15—Advent Service 7pm
- 12/24—Christmas Eve Service—FLC 5:30p
- 12/24—Christmas Eve Service—Sanctuary 7:30p
- 12/25—Christmas Service 9am

## Harvest Dinner

Sunday, November 21st, 2021  
 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Family Life Center  
 Enjoy Turkey and all the Trimmings

Adults—\$12.00  
 Children 6—10 yrs \$8.00  
 Children 5 & under—Free

Proceeds will be applied to Immanuel Youth Ministries



**FROM THE PASTOR:**

**Anything but Normal**

*For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.  
Ephesians 5:8*

“We just can’t wait for things to get back to normal again!” Have you heard anyone tell you this recently? Usually it’s in reference to the big change we’ve seen, witnessed and lived through in this time of a pandemic. And indeed, a lot has changed. We’ve gotten familiar to many of the adjustments made to our day to day life and the changes in how we interact with one another.

But what about our Christian walk of faith? Paul writes to the church in Ephesus concerning the change that they have experienced through their faith in Jesus Christ. He says to them, “at one time you were darkness.” Before knowing Jesus and his sacrificial love for them, the Ephesians were walking around in darkness. Not only the darkness of not knowing their savior, but quite literally living in the darkness of sin. Paul goes on to tell of the examples of this dark living that was seeking to become the “normal” for the people of Ephesus.

The Spirit works through Paul to send this letter to turn on the lights for those that have been lingering in the darkness. Paul writes, “but now you are the light in the Lord” One thing that darkness cannot do is exist in the midst of light. It’s not possible! That’s what Jesus Christ has done in our lives. He’s come to completely chase away the darkness of sinfulness from our lives. Jesus took that darkness upon himself for us in His death upon the cross. After laying in a tomb for three days, He came forth with the glorious light of resurrection. That light changes our whole lives! We can’t go back to the way things used to be.

Our faith in Christ is anything but normal, and thank God for that! Our Heavenly Father has found the way to break us out of the darkness of the temptations of this world. Instead, He calls us forth to walk in His light, the light of Jesus shone brightly for us. That light causes us to walk confidently in faith and see clearly God’s plan for us in the love and service of our neighbors around us. For Christians, it’s never about getting back to normal – it’s all about the change that each day brings and the opportunities to reach out with the light sent to us from above in Jesus our Savior. While we may hope for the normality of life to return to our lives, we also thank God for the change He’s made in us. He’s taken us from living in darkness, to being the light in the Lord. Now go and let that light shine bright!

God’s Peace,

*Rev. Christopher M. Ramstad*

Pastor Chris



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> <b>6:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study @ Stack n'Steak <b>9:00 AM</b> The Knotty Ladies <b>6:00 PM</b> 5th & 6th Grade Midweek <b>6:00 PM</b> Confirmation <b>6:30 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>7:00 PM</b> Advent Service <b>7:30 PM</b> Sr. High Cross Training	<b>2</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Altar Guild	<b>3</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Card Club - Registration Required by 11/16	<b>4</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> Contemporary Music Rehearsal <b>5:30 PM</b> Contemporary Worship/Communion
<b>5</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship/Communion <b>9:15 AM</b> Advent Family Celebration <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>5:00 PM</b> Ugly Sweater Bowling (6th - 12th) <b>5:30 PM</b> Advent By Candlelight - FLC	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>2:30 PM</b> Pastors Hour(Prairie Village)	<b>8</b> <b>6:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study @ Stack n'Steak <b>9:00 AM</b> The Knotty Ladies <b>6:00 PM</b> 5th & 6th Grade Midweek <b>6:00 PM</b> Confirmation <b>6:30 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>7:00 PM</b> Advent Service <b>7:30 PM</b> Sr. High Cross Training	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Card Club - Full class	<b>11</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> Contemporary Music Rehearsal <b>5:30 PM</b> Contemporary Worship
<b>12</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Bible Class in FH <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School (PreK-12) <b>10:30 AM</b> Family Christmas Celebration	<b>13</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Mission Sowers	<b>14</b> <b>2:30 PM</b> Pastor's Hour (Brookestone) <b>4:30 PM</b> Cookiefest-FH <b>7:00 PM</b> Executive Board	<b>15</b> <b>6:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study @ Stack n'Steak <b>9:00 AM</b> The Knotty Ladies <b>6:00 PM</b> 5th & 6th Grade Midweek <b>6:00 PM</b> Confirmation <b>6:30 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>7:00 PM</b> Advent Service <b>7:30 PM</b> Sr. High Cross Training	<b>16</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Preschool Christmas Programs	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> Contemporary Music Rehearsal <b>5:30 PM</b> Contemporary Worship/Communion
<b>19</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship/Communion <b>9:15 AM</b> Bible Class in FH <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School (PreK-12)-Program Rehearsal <b>10:30 AM</b> Children's S.S. Christmas Program	<b>20</b> Board Meetings Elder's Meeting	<b>21</b> <b>2:30 PM</b> Pastor's Hour - Emerald Care & Rehab <b>7:00 PM</b> ILS K - 8 Christmas Concert @ CHS	<b>22</b> <b>6:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study @ Stack n'Steak <b>9:00 AM</b> The Knotty Ladies <b>2:00 PM</b> Pastor's Hour - Meridian Garden <b>6:30 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Christmas Eve Service -FLC <b>7:30 PM</b> Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary	<b>25</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Christmas Service
<b>26</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship/Communion	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>6:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study @ Stack n'Steak <b>9:00 AM</b> The Knotty Ladies	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>

**NOTES:**



**Youth News**

**The Board of Christian Education:** Members of the congregation are encouraged to let the board know of individuals who are qualified to serve as our next Principal by November 22nd. Please call or email Stefanie Siegel (BCE member) in the church office with your suggestions.  
**Ugly Sweater Bowling Party:** Grades 6th—12th are welcome to come bowling Sunday, December 5th from 5pm –6:30pm at Westbrook Lanes. Bring \$5 and a friend!  
**ILS Christmas Concert:** Come and watch the K—8th grade ILS students at the Columbus High School on Tuesday, December 21st at 7pm!

**The 4th Quarter Mission Project  
Is Designated to**

To designate offerings to this project, mark the 2nd line (Mission Project) of your contribution envelope or on the app under Give and select Quarterly Mission Project.