

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS
December 15, 2024

Monday-Friday Office Hours:	8:00 – 4:00 pm
Sunday, Dec. 15: Divine Service	8:00 am
Sunday School Christmas Program	10:15 am
Monday, Dec. 16: LifeLight Bible Study	9:00 am
High Rise Church	1:00 pm
ILCW Christmas Tea	6:00 pm
Snowflake/Snowball Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
PTL Meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday, Dec 18. ILS Christmas Program	6:00 pm
Thursday, Dec. 19: Men’s Thursday Morning Bible Study	6:00 am
ILS basketball game vs. St. John’s Red Wing	6:00 pm
Sunday, Dec.22: Divine Service (No Sunday School or Bible study)	8:00 am & 10:15 am
Choir practice for those singing at 10:15 service today	9:30 am

ILCW Christmas Tea will be held on **Monday evening, December 16, at 6:00 pm** in the church basement. Come enjoy an evening of fellowship as we enjoy a meal, celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, sing Christmas carols and listen to our guest soloist, Madalynn Koehler. Also this is an opportunity to reveal your Prayer Pal with a gift and drawing for 2025 Prayer Pal. You are welcome to bring gifts for the sharing tree which goes to nursing home residents in Plainview. If you bring a gift (or two), please bring them wrapped, marked with "man" or "woman", and also note what is inside, as they will be distributed to a fitting recipient. Suggestions: socks, note cards, lotions, candy (sugarless and regular) and such. We look forward to celebrating Christ's birth with you. If you have questions or need a ride, please call Bonnie Boettcher at 534-3045.

The students of Immanuel Lutheran School will present their Christmas Concert this week. It is in the church the **evening of Wednesday, December 18 at 6:00 pm**. Come enjoy what our students have been working hard on as they share the Story of the Birth of Jesus in skit and song.

Due to the ILS Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 18th, there **will not** be an Advent Supper or Advent Service.

The Youth Group and Youth Board wants to thank all those who supported us during Old Fashioned Christmas. Whether that be baking for the bake sale, buying at the bake sale, supporting our vendors, or any other ways. This past weekend is our biggest fundraiser of the year that provides funds for fun activities, service events, youth night and possible trip experiences. We continue to be humbled by the congregations/communities' support for our group! May God bless you this Christmas season."

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Live Nativity a very special evening. And, to those who worked to build the scene, hauled and watched the animals, thank you. What a blessing to be able to share with the community our Live Nativity.

Poinsettias adorn our altar this month The poinsettias on the altar are given by Sue Lamprecht and family in memory of Bob Lamprecht. Also given in Bob's memory are the white Chrismon ornaments on the Christmas tree. Thank you to the Lamprecht family for these new decorations for this season that Bob loved. The poinsettia by the tree is in memory of Heidi Hoekstra given by Tom and Lisa Hoekstra. As we remember our loved ones this Christmas, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him" Romans 15:13

Advent devotions are available at the entrances. Pick up for yourself or a friend.

ILCW would like to thank everyone who came out to support the ILCW in their yearly fundraiser during Country Christmas! If you came for lunch, bought candy at our candy table, worked in the kitchen or candy table - THANK YOU! If you helped us by making bars, soups, or candy - THANK YOU! It was a fun weekend, a record year for sales, and we couldn't have done it without your support!! The monies raised will allow the ILCW to continue their mission here at Immanuel.

To those who are able to sing an Advent choir piece for the 10:15 am service on Dec. 22nd, we will be practicing the song again in the church basement at 9:30 am prior to the church service.