

## **NEWS & NOTES—WEEK OF DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> TO JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2025**

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<b><u>Sunday 28</u></b>	<b><u>Monday 29</u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday 30</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday 31</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday 1</u></b>	<b><u>Friday 2</u></b>	<b><u>Saturday 3</u></b>
<b>-9:00 am:</b> Combined Worship Lessons & Carols  <b>NO Sunday School!</b> <b>Pastor Meyer on Vacation</b>	<b>Pastor Meyer on Vacation</b>	<b>-1:00 pm:</b> Newsletter Folding	<b>New Year's Eve!</b>  <b>No 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation!</b>	<b>New Year's Day! Office Closed</b>		

**Birthdays this Week:** Tricia Babinski, Bronko Knutson, Erica Knutson, Kris Sorenson, Isaac Housker, Crystal Gross, and Jacob Rogich. Happy Birthday!

**Remembering Those who Died within the Last 20 Years:** Lucille Olson, Hazel Burmester, and Robert Myhre.

**Please Keep in Your Prayers:**

**Emily** Douglas, **Patricia** Holdmeyer (mother of Ryan Holdmeyer), **Tim** Schroeder, **Bob** Meiners, **Loretta** Knutson, **Gayle** Grippen, **Karen** Meiners, **Everett** Kruckow, **Libby** Eyre (granddaughter of Bob & Joyce McCarthy), **Noah and family**, **Roger** Vick, **Rachel** Storlie, **Joann** Novak, and **Tom** Danielson.

-Please keep the family of **Dave Lais** (brother-in-law to Wendy Brownlee) in your prayers. Dave entered eternal life on Wednesday, December 17.

**If you would like a prayer request to be added, please contact the church office.**

**Chelsey Resuming A Few Office Hours:** As I continue to progress with my two surgery recoveries, I will be adding a few days a week I will be available in the office for a few hours at a time. I have not worked my way up to being in the office full hours quite yet. For the upcoming week of **Monday, December 28** I will try to be in the office **Monday, and Friday** from **12:00 pm until 2:30 pm**. As I continue to heal, but slowly get back into the office, I thank you all for your continued patience and support! All is going as is expected with recovery and I am hoping to be back next week with more hours! Thank You, Chelsey

**Please Recycle Greeting Cards:** Remove greeting card FRONTS (no Hallmark, American Greetings, or Disney due to copyright), make sure there is no writing on the back, and drop them off in the church office. Wilmington WELCA sends these to St. Jude's Ranch for Children, which recycles and sells them to help support children in need. Questions? Contact Jan Lee Buxengard. Thank You!

**Pizza Orders:** Immanuel Youth are beginning to sell pizzas once again this year ready by **February 7<sup>th</sup>**! If you would like to place an order, there will be a sign up sheet and white envelopes to collect money, which can be placed inside a manilla envelope outside the church office window. Any questions, contact the office, DeAnna McCabe, or see an Immanuel Youth!

**Thank You:** Thank you to Dave Renslo, Dean Schutte, Joyce McCarthy, Jane Renslo, Carol Hood, Bonnie Tollefson, and David Erickson for decorating Immanuel for the Christmas season! Thank you to everyone who has had their hand in helping in anyway during this holiday season!

**2026 Offering Envelopes:** Envelopes have been placed in the mailboxes of families that usually use them. Thank you for doing that as it makes it easier for me to record your offerings. Those who utilize Vanco or bank payment have no need for envelopes. If you did not get them but want the pack for the year, contact me by leaving a message at the church office or email me at [vnfruechte@gmail.com](mailto:vnfruechte@gmail.com). Remember to use these envelopes **after January 1, 2026!**

The last day to have your 2025 offerings at the church office is Monday, December 29, 2025. Anything after that will be credited to your 2026 giving record and deposited in 2026. Thanks, Naomi Fruechte, Financial Secretary

**Nominating Committee:** And Mary said, “let it be with me according to your word.” Can you imagine if Mary had said no when the angel Gabriel came to visit her? The Nominating Committee has begun their work of asking members they believe have gifts to use for the well-being of the congregation. If you are asked to serve on church council or a committee for the congregation, prayerfully consider your answer. Give thanks to the person asking you and talk with God before saying “Yes” or “Not at this time.” It takes the whole people of God, working together, using our gifts for the good of the church and the work God has given us to do. Thank you!

**Meatball Supper:** The 2026 Immanuel Lutheran Meatball Supper will be held on **Wednesday, February 11**. This event is made possible with the help from all Immanuel members by working or making a monetary donation. This year we are asking those who worked in 2025 to keep the same job for 2026. Those who made a monetary donation in 2025 may do the same in 2026. If you are not available to work on February 11, please print your name on the “Unable to Work” sheet along with the job you had in 2025. The sheet will be attached to the Kiosk in the Narthex. If you would like to be included as an extra on-call worker, please write your name on the “Above and Beyond” sheet. Thank you! Bonnie Tollefson, Holly Becker, and Priscilla Jacobson.

**January Rebecca Circle:** Save the date for January 14 at 9:00 am for the next Rebecca Circle meeting. It will be at the church and hostesses will be Kari Neumann and Phyllis Chiglo.

**Poinsettias:** Thank you to those who purchased poinsettia’s to help make the sanctuary decorated for the Christmas services. Please pick them up after today’s service or over the next few days. Any poinsettia’s still here on January 2<sup>nd</sup> will be given away. A full list of who provided poinsettias can be found in the back of the bulletin!

**Sunday School:** A reminder that Sunday school is on a brief break and will resume again on **Sunday, January 25 at 9:15 am!** Confirmation classes for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will resume **Wednesday, January 7 at the church.**

**Pastor Meyer on Vacation:** Pastor Meyer will be on vacation from December 28 through January 2. In you need anything or any emergencies come up, please contact Chelsey at the church office (507-725-3123), email (churchoffice@acegroup.cc), or her cell phone (507-459-3369)!

**Annual Meeting:** Please take note to the right the information for this years’ annual meeting! Please start thinking about gathering together your end of the year reports and turn them into Chelsey as soon as you are able to!

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT REPORTS IS:**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5.**

Thank you in advance for your submissions!

**\*\*ADDITIONAL NEWS AND NOTES IN THE BULLETIN!\*\***

## Save the Date!

Immanuel Lutheran Church will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 25 following the 9:00 am Worship.

Mark your calendars!

