

NEWS & NOTES—WEEK OF DECEMBER 14TH TO DECEMBER 20TH, 2025

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Sunday 14	Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19	Saturday 20
-9:00 am: Worship Children's Program NO Sunday School -4 to 6 pm: Janell Torgerson Visitation -6:00 pm: Game night at City Auditorium	-11:00 am: Janell Torgerson Funeral	- 7:00 pm: Bible Study	-9:00 am: 3D -10:30 am: Bible Study -3:00 pm: Spring Grove Nursing Home Worship -6:30 pm: 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation – @ Church -7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal	-9:00 am: Claddagh Worship	Pastor's Day Off!	

Birthdays this Week: Kenzi Eglinton, Matthew Schuldt, Paul Fruechte, Levi Danielson, Ellert Mindrum, Nancy Cowgill, Patty Nelson, Clare O'Brien, and Emma Rommes. Happy Birthday!

Remembering Those who Died within the Last 20 Years: no one this week!

Please Keep in Your Prayers:

Emily Douglas, **Patricia** Holdmeyer (mother of Ryan Holdmeyer), **Tim** Schroeder, **Bob** Meiners, **Loretta** Knutson, **Gayle** Grippen, **Karen** Meiners, **Chelsey** Kruckow, **Libby** Eyre (granddaughter of Bob & Joyce McCarthy), **Dave** Lais (brother-in-law to Wendy Brownlee), **Noah and family**, **Roger** Vick, and **Rachel** Storlie.

Please hold in prayer the family of Janell Torgerson. Janell passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, December 6 at the age of 74. A Memorial service will be held on Monday, December 15 at 11:00 am here at Immanuel. A visitation will be held at the church on Sunday, December 14 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm and from 10:00 am Monday until the time of the service. Burial will be held at a later date in Greenfield Cemetery in Harmony, MN.

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

Bible Study-Prayer The last session will be held on **Tuesday, December 16 at 7:00 pm and Wednesday, December 17 at 10:30 am** with the topic Does Prayer Change Anything?

Choir News: Due to a small amount of interest, the bells workshops that were originally scheduled for December, have been cancelled. Choir rehearsals will still be held at 7:00 pm December 10 and 17. Emails went out to choir.

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. I will be adding a few days the week of December 15 to be in the office. I am hoping to be in the office **Monday from 8 am until 10:00 am, Wednesday from 12:30 pm until 2:30 pm, and again Friday from 12:30 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! Please watch announcements and check Facebook for any changes that may need to be made. Thank You, Chelsey

Faith Formation Center: A Faith Formation Center table in the Narthex has many Christmas items for sale, including; all occasion cards, Christmas cards, and Christmas thank you cards, all \$1 each. Jigsaws featuring 3 different Christmas scenes are available, including a wooden puzzle-new this year! All ornaments are just \$5 each. Manger scenes for children to assemble are \$1 each, and included heavy-duty paper for the scene. Do you need Christmas paper for your annual Christmas letter? That's available for \$5 per packet. New Christmas décor or a

holiday mug would make an appropriate hostess gift. Children's books are great stocking stuffers. Come and browse!

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 7th**! 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. This will be out beginning **Wednesday, December 17** in the afternoon. Any questions, contact the office, DeAnna McCabe, or see an Immanuel Youth!

Readers Needed: For the upcoming 9:00 am Lessons and Carols Worship at Immanuel on Sunday, December 28, we are in need of some readers. If you are able and willing to read, please let Chelsey know or there is a sign-up sheet on the back counter in the Narthex. Immanuel members, please select from the EVEN numbers of the listed readings and Wilmington members will choose from the ODD numbers of the listed readings. Copies of the readings are printed out and next to the sign-up sheet. Thank You!

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!

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. 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

Kwik Trip Script: Script cards have been refilled and there are cards available in the amounts of \$10, \$25, and \$100! Stop by the office or arrange a time with Chelsey to pick them up just in time for the holidays!

Caledonia Public Library Design Meeting: The Caledonia Library Design Committee will be introducing their designs for a NEW Caledonia Public Library on **Saturday, December 20th from 10 am to 12 pm** at the City Auditorium. Please plan to attend this exciting time for our community!

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