



### **Purpose Statement**

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

### **News for Sunday, December 28**

#### **First Sunday of Christmas**

**Join us for at 9:00 a.m. for Worship**

Click [HERE](#) for the 9:00 a.m. Worship bulletin

Click [HERE](#) to watch the Livestream

**We Remember in Prayer;** those hospitalized this week: Ron Billings; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Lori Dewey, Maggie N., John Renner, the Woodworth family. Michelle Klinger, Pastor Bree, Matt Friel, Sandy Julifs, Mike, Dylan Wescott, Phyllis Jacobson, and Betty Steinke

**During this time of transition** if you have an emergency, please call Sue in the church office or one of the council members who will contact the pastor that is covering during that time.

**“Thank you to all of our carolers** who took the time to share the love of this season on Sunday, December 21! It was a great group who formed a beautiful choir! We enjoyed the time together and the warm welcome of those we visited. We Wish You a Merry Christmas!”

#### **It’s that time of year**

**Church Council meets monthly, serving the church through leadership.** People of God, the nominating committee will soon be seeking nominees for council. You have two options: Option #1 – Prayerfully consider serving on Church Council in 2026; Option #2 – Pray that God will raise up leaders in our congregation willing to serve on Church Council. NOW is the time to be choosing and enacting option 1 or option 2. **Thank you for your diligence in this!**

**Contributions for 2025** must be turned in to the church office by the morning of December 29<sup>th</sup>, to be counted for 2025. Thank you!

**Offering envelopes for 2026** are available for pick-up. Please dispose of 2025 envelopes at the end of the year as your number for 2026 may be different. If you cannot find your envelopes or you would like some, please contact the church office.

#### **Children’s Offering**

The December children’s offering will be for the God’s Global Barnyard through the ELCA Good Gifts. A gift to God’s Global Barnyard will be used where needed most to support livestock, agriculture and other sustainable-development projects, which help farmers and families with the resources they need to thrive.

### **THIS WEEK**

**Monday, December 29**

**Last day to turn in 2025 Contributions**

Pastor Mark will be in the office – 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

CLEO will meet at 5:30 p.m.

Check with Judy Bartel to find out where to meet.

**Tuesday, December 30**

**Office will be closed**

**Wednesday, December 31**

**Church office will be closed in the morning**

**Thursday, January 1**

**Happy New Year!**

**Church office closed**

**Next Sunday, January 4**

Worship/Communion service at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee fellowship at 10:00 a.m.

**Next week – January 4**  
Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Greg Zeigler  
Acolytes – Altar Guild  
Greeters – Susan Kuehl, Bev Graunke  
Ushers – Nancy Beck, Donna Kendall  
Reader – Greg Zeigler  
Sound – David Carrillo  
Communion Assistant – Nancy Beck  
Altar Guild – Judy Bartel, Donna Kendall  
Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer Needed*

# WELCA TRI-CHURCH KICK OFF EVENT

Calling all Women of  
Immanuel \* St. John's \* St. Paul

**This is our Year!**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026**

**5:30PM**

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

At this kick off party you will be able to  
connect with other women spiritually, in  
fellowship and in service.

- Form WELCA Groups/Circles
- Fellowship
- Supper
- Craft



**Take this opportunity to make a difference in your  
faith life and grow the WELCA Tri-Church Initiative**

Sign up in your church office by January 5, 2026  
to help the committee plan for food  
and supplies for this kick-off event.

Women <sup>of the</sup> **ELCA** 