



Purpose Statement

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

News for Sunday, January 4, 2026 Second Sunday of Christmas

Join us for at 9:00 a.m. for Worship NAME TAG SUNDAY!

Today is Name Tag Sunday! This will help us all! The ushers will remind us to make our own nametags as we enter the sanctuary. The nametags and markers on the table by the sound booth.

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

Click [HERE](#) to watch the Livestream

We Remember in Prayer; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Ron Billings, 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.

Christmas Tree

Your help is needed this morning following worship to take the Christmas tree down. Please stay and help. Many hands make light work!

Custodian

We are looking for a part-time custodian approximately 5 hours per week. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact Chrissy Zollinger.

WELCA Tri-Church

Sign up now to attend the WELCA Tri-Church's Kickoff Event on January 15. The clipboard is on the table at the back of the church. We are very excited to support each other as women of the ELCA. There is a place for you.

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!**

Mark your calendar!

The Annual meeting will be held following worship on Sunday, February 1. All committee reports need to be turned into the church office by Thursday, January 15.

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 January children's offering will go to the Sauk Valley Food Bank. Sauk Valley Foodbank supplies food to our local pantries so they are able to provide food to families in need during the week. We also run mobile pantries at various sites in Sterling and Rock Falls throughout the week where we give directly to families.

THIS WEEK

Monday, January 5

Menz Group at St. John's – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 8

Council Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Next Sunday, January 11

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

Coffee fellowship at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.

Tri-Church Confirmation at St. Paul – 11:00a –
2:00p

Next week – January 11

Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Stacey Avelar

Acolytes – Avelar family

Greeters – Audrey & Cathy Cox

Ushers – Ruben & JoAnn Garcia

Reader – JoAnn Garcia

Sound – Bradyn Arians

Communion Assistant – Chad Arians

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.**

