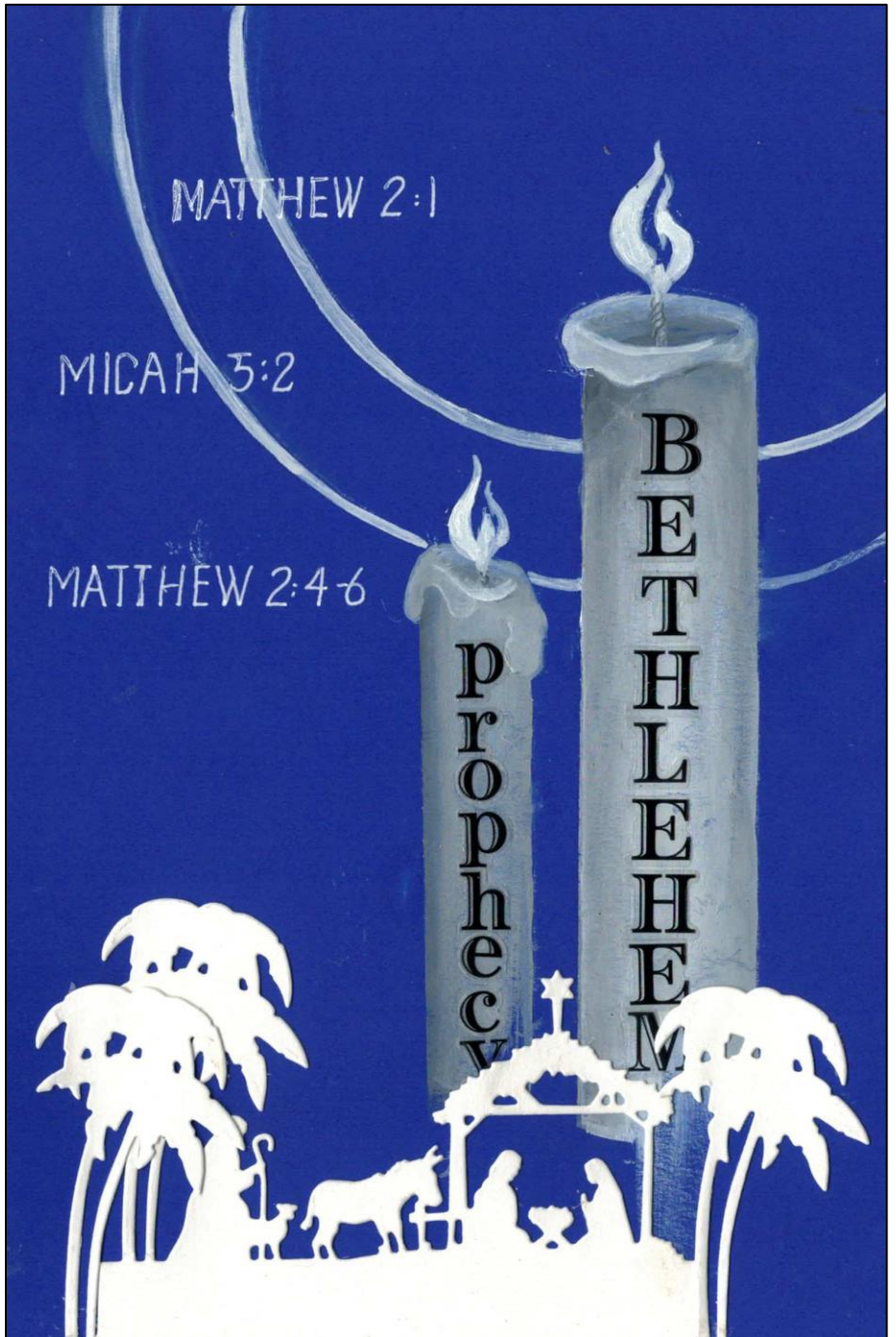
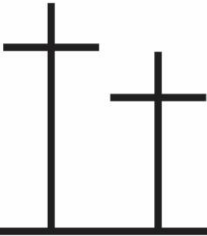


MATTHEW 2:1

MICAH 5:2

MATTHEW 2:4-6





WELCOME TO
IMMANUEL

2nd Weekend in the Season of

Advent

VISITOR INFORMATION

RESTROOMS are located at the bottom of the stairs to the right when you exit the church entry into the school building.

MOTHER'S ROOM is next to the bookshelf in the corner of the entryway.

AMPLIFYING HEADSETS are available in the Deacons room. Please see any usher if you would like assistance.

QUESTIONS? Please contact the Deacon on call this weekend (wearing a "Deacon" badge) or one of the ushers. They would love to assist you!

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE? Take a picture of this QR code to learn more about what we believe here.
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ORDER OF SERVICE

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation (C): ♪ Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

WS 702:1-4 “As Angels Joyed with One Accord”

Confession and Absolution of Sins

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: ♪ Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: ♪ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

All: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray that You would of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪ Amen.

The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father

♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

The Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

♪ Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Luther's Sanctus Hymn

#249 in The Lutheran Hymnal

♪ Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,
The Lord of all in spirit did behold
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,
With robes that filled the temple courts with light.
Above the throne were flaming seraphim;
Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.
With two they veiled their faces as was right,
With two they humbly hid their feet from sight,
And with the other two aloft they soared;
One to the other called and praised the Lord:
 "Holy is God, the Lord of heav'nly hosts!
 Holy is God, the Lord of heav'nly hosts!
 Holy is God, the Lord of heav'nly hosts!
 His glory fills the heavens and the earth!"
The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,
And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...
C: ♪ Amen.

Epistle Reading

Romans 15:4-13

4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. 5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, 6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to

the glory of God. 8 Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, 9 and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name." 10 And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!" 11 And again: "Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" 12 And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope." 13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Congregational Praise: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:25-36

Congregational Welcome: ♪ Glory be to You, O LORD!

25 "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; 26 "men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. 27 "Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 "Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near." 29 Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. 30 "When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. 31 "So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 "Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. 33 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. 34 "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. 35 "For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 "Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Congregational Response: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

TLH 56 "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"

Sermon

Psalm 50:1-15

- A. 1 « A Psalm of Asaph. » The Mighty One, God the LORD, Has spoken and called the earth From the rising of the sun to its going down. 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth.
- B. 3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; A fire shall devour before Him, And it shall be very tempestuous all around Him. 4 He shall call to the heavens from above, And to the earth, that He may judge His people: 5 "Gather My saints together to Me, Those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice." 6 Let the heavens declare His righteousness, For God Himself is Judge. Selah
- C. 7 "Hear, O My people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you; I am God, your God! 8 I will not rebuke you for your sacrifices Or your burnt offerings, Which are continually before Me. 9 I

will not take a bull from your house, Nor goats out of your folds. 10 For every beast of the forest is Mine, And the cattle on a thousand hills. 11 I know all the birds of the mountains, And the wild beasts of the field are Mine. 12 "If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world is Mine, and all its fullness. 13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, Or drink the blood of goats? 14 Offer to God thanksgiving, And pay your vows to the Most High. 15 Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

“An Advent Carol,” about Jesus

- The shadow of Advent past (A)
- The glory of Advent present (C)
- The hope of the Advent to come (B)

Preaching today: Pastor Neal Radichel

Offertory

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♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

Offering of Thankful Hearts / Meditation “Rejoice Always” N. Radichel

The Lord will come like a thief in the night.
But you are sons of the light -not of the night.
Then let us not be like others, who sleep.
For He died for us so we will not weep.
Rejoice always, Pray without ceasing;
Give thanks always, For this is the will of God
Comfort and build each other up.
No matter how full or empty your cup.
And let patience fill you in all you do through and through
Pursue what is good as He did for you.
He who calls you is faithful in every way,
and may His Grace be with you until that Final Day (1 Thessalonians 5)

The General Prayer

COMMUNION SERVICE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: ♪ It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly fitting, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: . . . Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory;
hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

The Lord's Prayer

P: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil;

C: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is she for you for the forgiveness of sins, Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: ♪ Amen.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

C: ♪ O Christ, the Lamb of God,
 You take away the sin of the world,
 have mercy upon us.
 O Christ, the Lamb of God,
 You take away the sin of the world,
 have mercy upon us.
 O Christ, the Lamb of God,
 You take away the sin of the world,
 grant us Your peace. Amen.

Distribution

Our Practice of Close Communion	Communing
<p>A Holy Sacrament Holy Communion is correctly called a ‘Sacrament’ because it is a “Sacred act;” not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US.</p> <p>Spiritual Unity God’s Word also presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; Rom. 15:5,6).</p> <p>Close Communion We ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church to come forward for Communion at this time. This isn’t a judgment of anyone’s faith, but rather an expression of ours. (Ro.16:17-18)</p>	<p>Kneeling rail Members who have difficulty at the kneeling rail may sit in the front pews. The pastor will bring communion to you there.</p> <p>Balcony Any communicants sitting in the balcony should please come down to the narthex for direction to the table.</p> <p>Direction Communicants are ushered to the communion table. If you desire the bread in your hand, simply extend your hand to the Pastor as he approaches you with the bread. Those desiring an individual cup, please take a cup when the tray is offered. The common cup will follow.</p>

<p>Visitors If there are visitors present who wish to commune with us in the future, you are invited to speak with the Pastor about this at your convenience. We'd love to have you!</p>	<p>Gluten Free Bread / Non-alcoholic Wine - Communicants can find these items on the way up to the Lord's Table.</p> <p>Dispose cup - Please dispose of your individual cup in the baskets located on each side or in the center aisle.</p>
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Distribution Hymns

TLH #370 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

TLH #310 "Thy Table I Approach"

TLH #316 "O Living Bread from Heaven"

Nunc Dimittis

Now Let Depart

C: ♪ Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people. A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

Benediction

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn

WS 702:5-7 "As Angels Joyed with One Accord"

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LAST WEEK

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH	CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION
<u>(Nov 19-20, 23-24, 26-27, 30 REPORTED)</u>	\$938 CLC General Budget
<i>Budgetary</i>	\$20 CLC MDF (Missions)
\$19,065.32 Current Expenses General Budget	\$124.80 CLC Kinship
	\$20 ILC Student Aid
 <i>Non-Budgetary</i>	 <i>Memorials:</i>
\$19 Major Improvement	In Memory of Gayle & Lois Stelter
\$735 ILS Student Aid	\$200 Major Improvement
\$120 Land Purchase	\$20 General Fund
\$80 ILS Foundation	\$10 ILS Foundation
\$40 Benevolent	
\$646.54 Gym Floor Contributions	
\$20 Men's Breakfast	
\$12,185 Thanksgiving	
\$700 Preschool Fund	
\$813 Advent	
\$150 Facilities Use	

Saturday Worship 11/19: 48

Sunday Worship 11/20: 217

Sunday Bible Class: 66

Sunday School: 17

Ambassadors: 6

Thanksgiving Eve 11/23: 171

Thanksgiving Day 11/24: 60

Saturday Worship 11/26: 42

Sunday Worship 11/27: 206

Saturday Bible Class: 11

Sunday Bible Class: 42

Sunday School: 19

Ambassadors: 7

Advent 2pm 11/30: 150

Advent 6pm 11/30: 56

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	1st & 3rd Monday	Worship	6
Old Main	Yes	11:00 AM	2 nd & 4 th Monday	Worship	11
Latitude Bible Study	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	13
Realife	Yes	2:00 PM	Every Tuesday	Study	3
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	7

Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:45 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	4
Oak Terrace	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	9
Walnut Towers	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	9
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	9
Gus Johnson	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	2
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	19
Primrose	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Friday	Study	
Hillcrest	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Friday	Worship	27
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

Sat Dec 3	6:00p	WORSHIP, In-Person- Communion Weekend
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School
Sun Dec 4	9:00a	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School/ Ambassadors
	9:15a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	WORSHIP, In-Person or Live Stream- Communion Wknd
		Live Stream- www.ImmanuelMankato.org
		Watch - www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/
	11:00a	Meet & Greet Coffee Fellowship Hour
Mon Dec 5		Blessings on your week!
	5:00p	Boys JV Home Game vs North Metro
	6:30p	Boys Varsity Home Game vs North Metro
Tues Dec 6	3-5p	Pastors Office Hours (contact for a visit)
	4:30p	Kiwanis Lights Shift
	7:00p	Outreach Meeting
Wed Dec 7	12:45p	Televised Worship Service, Charter #181; Cons Com #7
	2:00p	Midweek Advent Service
	5:00p	Catechism Class
	6:00p	Midweek Advent Service
Thur Dec 8	8-10a	Pastors Office Hours (let them know if you need a visit)
	5:45p	Televised Worship Service, Chart #181; Cons Comm #7
	5:45p	Boys JV Home Game vs Glenville Emmons
	7:15p	Boys Varsity Game vs Glenville Emmons
Fri Dec 9	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
	8:45a	Christmas Eve Program Practice
	4:00p	Girls 5 & 6 Home Game vs Trinity Janesville
	5:00p	Boys 5&6 Home Game vs Trinity Janesville
	6:00p	Girls 7&8 Home Game vs Trinity Janesville
	7:00p	Boys 7&8 Home Game vs Trinity Janesville

Sat Dec 10	2:00p	Girls Varsity Home Game vs Loyola
	6:00p	WORSHIP, In- Person
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
Sun Dec 11	9:00a	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School / Ambassadors
	9:15a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	WORSHIP In-Person or Live Stream Food Shelf Sunday
	3-5p	Ladies Ugly Sweater Party

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNICATION AT IMMANUEL is very important to the ministry that God has entrusted to us all. To keep those lines of communication open, email groups have been created so that you can voice your thoughts and concerns to the appropriate leaders and boards at Immanuel. To communicate with any of the groups below, simply address an email to the corresponding email address and it will be sent to the entire group.

Board of Education: Board-of-Education@ImmanuelMankato.org

Board of Deacons: Board-of-Deacons@ImmanuelMankato.org

Board of Property: Board-of-Property@ImmanuelMankato.org

Board of Finance: Board-of-Finance@ImmanuelMankato.org

Church Council: Church-Council@ImmanuelMankato.org

2023 CALENDARS Women's Study Guild is selling 2023 wall calendars for \$8.00 each. An information poster, signup sheet, and payment box are in the narthex. Calendars will be delivered in person or in church mailboxes as payment is received. Calendars are available as supplies last. Thank you for supporting Study Guild service projects.

HOLIDAY GREETING CARDS The Women's Study Guild has updated the card display in the back church entry. It now includes Thanksgiving and Christmas Cards. Cards are available for purchase for 50 Cents each.

ILHS BOYS BASKETBALL AT TARGET CENTER The boys basketball team has the opportunity to play Community Christian (Willmar) at the Target Center on Saturday, December 31 at 1:15 PM. As part of the game day festivities, we need to sell a minimum of 40 tickets for the game. This offer is

open to all ILS families and church family members to come out and support the team!

Before the boys' game, they will do "Lights out" announcing, introducing each player during the pre-game and will play 3 - 16-minute halves with running time. It is Coach Hanel and Coach Matzke's goal to give each player at least 5 minutes of playing time that afternoon. A group photo will be taken at center court after the game. Tickets will be purchased from Mrs. Harris in the school office on a pre-pay basis. Everyone attending the game that day needs a ticket. This ticket is also your ticket for the Timberwolves game vs. the Detroit Pistons that evening at 7 PM. The tickets are \$50 each and will be seated on the upper-level sidelines, about halfway up. Please let Marie Casto know if you have any questions and thank you for your support for ILS Athletics!

UGLY SWEATER PARTY All ladies of Immanuel are invited to our Ugly Sweater Party on Sunday, December 11th from 3-5pm. Wear an Ugly Sweater, bring a dish to pass, and join in for some fun games and activities! We will have prizes for the Ugliest Sweater and game winners! After the fun we will join efforts to fill the Christmas Eve treat bags for the Children's Program. Please come down for some fun fellowship time with your sisters in Christ! Any questions can be directed to Hilary Lien.

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP HOUR In an effort to know our new members better, and form bonds within our church family, this weekend will be our 2nd Coffee and Fellowship Hour after church on Sunday! Wear a name tag that will be found in the narthex at the start of service, bring a treat to share, come down for some coffee and enjoy some time together before going home!

THIS WEEKEND'S BULLETIN COVER The second candle of the Advent Wreath is the 'Bethlehem Candle'. It represents faith. This candle signifies Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem in fulfillment that the Messiah would be born there.

WHITEWATER Date January 27-29 Ages: High School to Sophomores in College Cost: \$70 per camper (\$80 from Eau Claire). Make checks out to Immanuel Ambassadors. Please give both your fee and registration form to our school secretary, Mrs. Harris by January 22nd. Click here for Online Registration: <https://forms.gle/Pk1NEwgCrjxvzjzCC9>

ICE CREAM BUCKETS NEEDED: If anyone has ice cream buckets with lids, the church kitchen needs them. Put them on the cupboard.

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN, has returned the dual call to serve Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA. <> Pastor Bruce Naumann of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, has accepted the call to serve as the CLC's Third Foreign Missionary <> Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI, is still considering the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL.

If you have an announcement or event for next weekend's bulletin, please send it to Bulletin@ImmanuelMankato.org or contact Hilary Lien by Friday at 10 am. Thank you!



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Serving Us Today

PASTOR Neal Radichel

DEACON Daniel Pfeiffer

ORGANIST Bonnie Cornish

SCREEN (Sat.) Joe Furst

(Sun.) Russ Schmitt

FLOWERS Grace Schreyer

COVER ART Marlys Leiding

USHERS Kyle Hulke, Karl Friedrichs, Mac Friedrichs, Matt Hagen Andrew Lentz, Austin Lien, William Lien, Gary Mittelsteadt, Alan Olmanson, Alex Schmitt, Brent Schreyer, Ted Schreyer, Philip Stelter, Ross Theneman

Serving Us Next Weekend

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