

## Announcements for December 7

### Calendar

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| December 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Divine Service           | 9:00 a.m.            |
|                           | Fellowship               | 10:00 a.m.           |
|                           | Sunday School            | 10:20 a.m.           |
|                           | Bible Classes            | 10:30 a.m.           |
|                           | Elders                   | 11:30 a.m.           |
|                           | SS Christmas Rehearsal   | 12:00 p.m.           |
| December 10 <sup>th</sup> | Bible Class              | 10:00 a.m.           |
|                           | Confirmation             | 6:30-8:30 p.m.       |
|                           | Advent Service           | 7:00 p.m.            |
| December 11 <sup>th</sup> | Women of Immanuel        | 6:30 p.m.            |
|                           | Christmas Party          |                      |
| December 14 <sup>th</sup> | Divine Service           | 9:00 a.m.            |
|                           | Fellowship               | 10:00 a.m.           |
|                           | Sunday School            | 10:20 a.m.           |
|                           | Bible Classes            | 10:30 a.m.           |
|                           | Church Council           | 11:30 a.m.           |
|                           | SS Christmas Rehearsal   | 12:00 p.m.           |
|                           | Christmas Caroling       | 2:00 p.m.            |
|                           | Bible Class              | 10:00 a.m.           |
| December 17 <sup>th</sup> | Confirmation             | 6:30-8:30 p.m.       |
|                           | Advent Service           | 7:00 p.m.            |
|                           | SS Christmas Rehearsal   | 9:00-11:00 a.m.      |
| December 20 <sup>th</sup> | Birthday Party for Jesus | 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. |

### Serving

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| December usher captain .....              | Martin Fabrizius                               |
| December 7 <sup>th</sup> ushers .....     | Martin Fabrizius, Jay Remmele, Aaron Jaspersen |
| December 14 <sup>th</sup> ushers .....    | Martin Fabrizius, Todd Marxhausen, Ron Kluver  |
| December 7 <sup>th</sup> communion .....  | Sue Munneke                                    |
| December 14 <sup>th</sup> communion ..... | Vicki Drayer                                   |
| December 7 <sup>th</sup> greeters .....   | Todd & Jenny Marxhausen                        |
| December 14 <sup>th</sup> greeters .....  | Dwight & Sue Munneke                           |
| December 7 <sup>th</sup> servers .....    | Jodi Johnson & Lindsay Marks                   |
| December 14 <sup>th</sup> servers .....   | Rhonda Anderson, Judy Field, & Anne DeVries    |
| December newsletter .....                 |  |

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**Advent Preparation:** In Advent, our meditation is on the three-fold coming of Jesus (his birth in Bethlehem, as he comes to us in Word and Sacrament, and his coming in glory). We will offer midweek services during Advent to aid our preparation to receive him on December 10th and 17th.

**Advent By Candlelight:** The Advent by Candlelight service at Zion in Olivia is today at 2:00 p.m. If interested or have any questions, speak with Diane Kremin.

**Invitations to Christmas Services:** There are postcard invitations for our Christmas Eve and Day services on the shelf in the Narthex. Please use them to invite friends and family to join us this Christmas.

**New Member Welcome:** We will welcome John and Dawn Kappers as members of Immanuel next Sunday during our time for fellowship. John and Dawn joined Immanuel last month.

**Sunday School Christmas Rehearsals:** We will feed the children after Sunday School and then hold rehearsals from 12:00 until 1:00 p.m. today and December 14<sup>th</sup>. We will also meet on Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The Christmas service will be held on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m. A meal will follow the service.

**Sunday School Christmas Meal Signup:** There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for those who would be willing to serve and/or bring food for the meal that follows the Sunday School Christmas Service on December 21st.

**Women of Immanuel Christmas Party:** Thursday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend, an appetizer and a \$10.00-\$15.00 gift to exchange (if you choose to participate).

**Christmas Caroling:** We will be caroling at the homes of some of our members on Sunday, December 14th. We will meet at church at 2:00 p.m. Please talk to Jan Krueger if you would like to participate.

**Birthday Party For Jesus:** Saturday, December 20th, 11:30 to 1:00 p.m.

**2026 Offering Envelopes:** Please pick up your envelopes for 2026 on the table in the large classroom.

**Online Giving:** We will be changing the vendor that processes offerings and gifts that are given online. We will let you know when this change will take place. If you have recurring offerings set up currently, you will need to set up those offerings on the new system.

**Winter Weather and Worship:** We will hold our regularly scheduled Sunday services for those who are able to make it to church. If conditions are poor enough, we may cancel Sunday School, Bible classes and other activities but we will always hold our Sunday services. Check Operation Snowdesk for cancellations. Please use your sound judgment to determine whether or not you should travel to and from church in hazardous conditions.

**Address Changes:** We have recently updated our church membership software and would like to make sure we have contact information that is current. Please make sure that we have the correct addresses and phone numbers for you and your family members and notify the office of any changes.

**Volunteers to Provide Transportation:** We are in need of some more volunteers to give rides to church on Sunday morning. Please talk to pastor if you would be willing to help.