

Announcements for January 11

Calendar

January 11 th	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.
January 14 th	Bible Class	10:00 a.m.
	Confirmation	6:30-8:30 p.m.
	Women of Immanuel	6:30 p.m.
January 18 th	Divine Service	9:00 a.m.
	Fellowship	10:00 a.m.
	Sunday School	10:20 a.m.
	Bible Classes	10:30 a.m.
	Meal	11:30 a.m.
January 21 st	Annual Meeting	12:15 p.m.
	Bible Class	10:00 a.m.
	Confirmation	6:30-8:30 p.m.

Serving

January usher captain	Scott Claussen
January 11 th ushers.....	Scott Claussen, Jim Buffington, Todd Marxhausen, Jay Remmele
January 18 th ushers.....	Scott Claussen, Aaron Battenhoff, Gabe Johnson, John Kappers
January 11 th communion.....	Virginia Fabrizius
January 18 th communion.....	Vicki Drayer
January 11 th greeters	Ron & Pat Lesteberg
January 18 th greeters	Todd & Jenny Marxhausen
January 11 th servers	Beth & Madelyn Kannas, Mary Lenz
January 18 th servers	Mardell Larson & Sue Munneke
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2025 Offering Statements: Please pick up your 2025 offering statement in your mailbox. If you did not receive one or if you need a detailed report, please let the church secretary know.

Congregational Potluck Meal: There will be a potluck meal on Sunday, January 18th before the annual meeting. Everyone is invited.

Voters' Meeting: The annual voters' meeting will be held on January 18th, starting at 12:15 p.m. At this meeting, the voters will hear the final reports of 2025 from the financial secretary (our offerings) the treasurer (our expenses) and committees, they will set a budget for 2025, they will elect men to serve on the church council, and they will approve our annual mission subscription to WELS. The voters will also act on a proposal to disburse the funds we will receive from the Bailey Family Estate in 2026 to: 1) WELS Home Missions; 2) WELS World Missions; 3) Martin Luther College; and, 4) Immanuel.

Mission Festival: Our mission festival is scheduled for January 25, 2026. Rev. Jacob Behnken, Dean of Chapel and Professor of Music at Martin Luther College, will be at Immanuel on that day to lead worship and make a presentation on MLC. There will also be a meal served after Pastor Behnken's presentation. There is no cost for the meal but please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex so that we know how much food to purchase.

Mission Festival Offerings: There are two options if you would like to support our project for Mission Festival. There is a special envelope included in your offering envelope packet. There will also be a free-will offering after the Service on January 25th.

Sign-Up Sheets: Sign-up sheets are in the narthex for the Ash Wednesday chili supper and also for the midweek Lent soup and sandwich suppers.

Southwest Area Lutheran Chorale: For over 42 years, the Southwest Minnesota Area Lutheran Chorale has brought singers together from our area WELS and ELS congregations to sing music to our Savior. Rehearsals for our 2026 Season will begin on January 18th at St. John's in Redwood Falls from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Members of Immanuel are invited to join. If you have any questions, please speak with pastor.

Bibles: We have purchased new Bibles and have begun using the Evangelical Heritage Version in the Service and Bible class. If you would like one of the old Bibles, there is a box of them on the small table in the large classroom.

Online Giving: We will be changing the vendor that processes offerings and gifts that are given online. We will cancel our current vendor in January. If you would like to make an online offering, go to our website —> Worship—>Online Giving. Click on the form. You will need to register and enter your payment method.

Pill Bottles for Africa: We will collect pill bottles in January-March for our medical missions in central Africa. Please wash and take labels off. Fun facts about the clinics: The Lutheran Mobile clinic in Malawi saw 61,700 patients in 2024 and acquired a new ambulance. Clinic administrators IN Malawi and Zambia have earned their Masters Degrees-in hospital administration and public health respectively with support from CAMM.

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.