

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Immanuel means “God With Us”*

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First Sunday in Advent

November 30, 2025

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☞ In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Amid the darkness of this world, let us confess our sin  
and welcome the light of God’s forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

☞ God of grace and truth,

☞ **In Christ Jesus you come among us  
as light shining in the darkness.**

**We confess that we have not welcomed the light,  
and have not trusted the good news of great joy.**

**Forgive us and renew our hope,  
so that we may live in the fullness of your love,  
trusting in the grace of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

☞ The angel said, “You shall call his name Jesus for he will  
save his people from their sins.” With great joy, I announce to  
you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the  
Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☞ **Amen.**

**\*HYMN, “*Prepare the Royal Highway*”**

**LBW Hymn 26**

*Green Book*

1. Prepare the royal highway;  
The King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley  
A level road appear!  
Then greet the King of glory,  
Foretold in sacred story:  
Hosanna to the Lord,  
For he fulfills God's Word!

2. God's people, see him coming:  
Your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before him!  
Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God's promise will not fail you!  
No more shall doubt assail you!  
Hosanna to the Lord,  
For he fulfills God's Word!

3. Then fling the gates wide open  
To greet your promised king!  
Your king, yet every nation  
Its tribute too may bring.  
All lands will bow before him;  
Their voices join your singing:  
Hosanna to the Lord,  
For he fulfills God's Word!

4. His is no earthly kingdom;  
It comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom  
And justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding  
For kindness so abounding:  
Hosanna to the Lord,  
For he fulfills God's Word!

*Frans Michael Franzén (1772-1847)*

## **\*GREETING AND LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE**

**P** Grace to you and peace from him who is  
and who was and who is to come.

*Revelation 1:4*

**C And also with you.**

**P** The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end.

**C It is a symbol of God's unending love and faithfulness.**

**P** In Advent, we remember the waiting of God's people  
for the coming of the Messiah.

**C We remember Christ's coming to earth to save us.**

**P** In Advent, we remember that God comes to his people  
through the Holy Spirit in Word and Sacrament.

**C We celebrate Christ's coming to us today.**

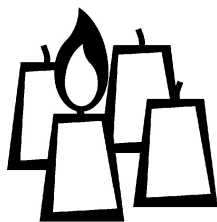
**P** In Advent, we remember that Jesus will come again  
and we long for that blessed hope.

**C We look forward to Christ's coming again.**

**P** We light this candle mindful of Christ's coming  
and his coming again. We join the hopeful prayer  
of Christians throughout the world:

**C Come, Lord Jesus.**

*The first candle of the Advent wreath is lighted.*



## **\*HYMN, "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"**

*Tune: LBW 108*

1. O Lord, how shall I meet you,  
How welcome you aright?  
Your people long to greet you,  
My hope, my heart's delight!  
Oh, kindle, Lord most holy,  
Your lamp within my breast  
To do in spirit lowly  
All that may please you best.

4. Love caused your incarnation;  
Love brought you down to me.  
Your thirst for my salvation  
Procured my liberty.  
Oh, love beyond all telling,  
That led you to embrace  
In love, all love excelling,  
Our lost and fallen race.

*Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676)*

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray together . . .

**C** Stir up your power, O Lord, and come.

**Protect us by your strength**

**and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins,  
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**CHOIR, “Come To Us, O Promised One”**

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN, “Away in a Manger” (vv. 1 & 3)**

**LBW Hymn 67**

1. Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

*Green Book*

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
And fit us for heaven to live with you there.

# — WORD —

## FIRST READING, Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

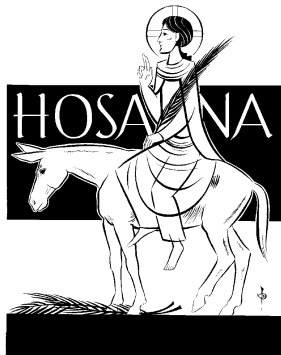
He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

*(NRSV)*

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.



## PSALM 122

**L** I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

**C** **Our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

**L** Jerusalem — built as a city  
that is bound firmly together.

**C** **To it the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD,**

**L** As was decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

**C** **For there the thrones for judgment were set up,  
the thrones of the house of David.**

**L** Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

**C** **“May they prosper who love you.  
Peace be within your walls,  
and security within your towers.”**

**L** For the sake of my relatives and friends  
I will say, “Peace be within you.”

**C** **For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek your good.**

*(NRSV)*

## SECOND READING, Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

*(NRSV)*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, “He Came Down”**

He came down that we may have love.  
He came down that we may have love.  
He came down that we may have love,  
Hallelujah for evermore.

*From Cameroon*

**\*GOSPEL, Matthew 21:1-11**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P** When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

“Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

*(NRSV)*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, “*He Came Down*”**

He came down that we may have hope.  
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He came down that we may have hope,  
Hallelujah for evermore.

## **SERMON**

**Pastor David James Baer**

## **HYMN, “*The Advent of Our God*”**

**LBW Hymn 22**

*Green Book*

1. The advent of our God  
Shall be our theme for prayer;  
Come, let us meet him on the road  
And place for him prepare.

2. The everlasting Son  
Incarnate stoops to be,  
Himself the servant’s form puts on  
To set his people free.

3. Come, Zion’s daughter, rise  
To meet your lowly king,  
Nor let your faithless heart despise  
The peace he comes to bring.

4. As judge, on clouds of light,  
He soon will come again,  
And all his scattered saints unite  
With him on high to reign.

5. Before the dawning day  
Let sin be put to flight;  
No longer let the law hold sway,  
But walk in freedom’s light.

6. All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.

*Charles Coffin (1676-1749)*



**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made;  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven;**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,**

**and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory**

**to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son**

**he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Response:*    **P** Lord, in your mercy,  
                     **C** Hear our prayer.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

**\*HYMN, “*Let All Together Praise Our God*”**                      **LBW Hymn 47**

1. Let all together praise our God  
 Before his glorious throne;  
 Today he opens heav’n again  
 To give us his own Son,  
 To give us his own Son.

*Green Book*

4. He undertakes a great exchange,  
 Puts on our human frame,  
 And in return gives us his realm,  
 His glory, and his name,  
 His glory, and his name.

*Nikolaus Herman (1480-1561)*

— SACRAMENT —

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.



## \*PROPER PREFACE FOR ADVENT

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Sanctus

(To the tune of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel")

arr. Toby Rath

O Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, The one true God of Pow-er and might, Your  
glo-ry fills the hea-vens and earth, Ho-san-na in the hig - est! Oh blessed, is  
he, who comes to us who comes in the name of the Lord.

LBW 34

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9

## \*PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION **LBW Page 90**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.  
In mercy for all fallen world you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him  
should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation  
you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.  
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ In the night in which he was betrayed  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,  
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new testament in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24  
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**LBW Page 91**

☐ **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.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

*Matthew 6:9-13*



## LAMB OF GOD

Tune: “*The First Noel*”

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Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

*John 1:29*

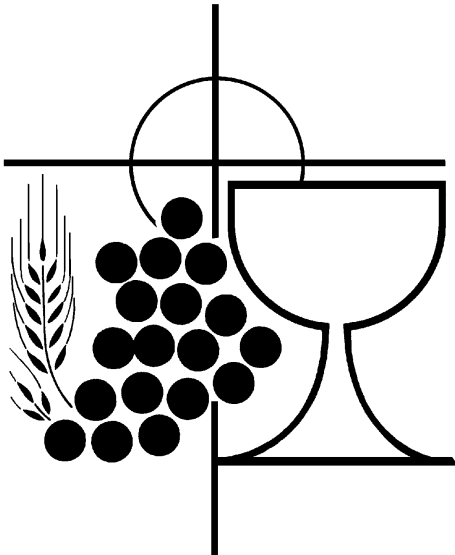
## COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians who trust that Jesus is true to his promise — giving his body and blood with the bread and wine for you for the forgiveness of your sins — are welcome to receive the Lord’s Supper with us. White grape juice is available in the center of each tray for those who are unable to receive wine for health reasons. During the distribution of Holy Communion, the congregation sings:*

LBW Hymn 34, “*Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel*”

LBW Hymn 39, “*Joy to the World*”

LBW Hymn 25, “*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*”



1. Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!

2. Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might,  
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times once gave the law  
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!

3. Oh, come, strong Branch of Jesse, free  
Your own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell your people save  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!

4. Oh, come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by your advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!

5. Oh, come, O Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!

## HYMN, “Joy to the World”

## LBW Hymn 39

*Green Book*

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev’ry heart prepare him room  
And heav’n and nature sing,  
And heav’n and nature sing,  
And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sin and sorrow grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

*Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

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1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers,  
And let your lights appear;  
The evening is advancing,  
And darker night is near.  
The bridegroom is arising  
And soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;  
At midnight comes the cry.

2. The watchers on the mountain  
Proclaim the bridegroom near;  
Go forth as he approaches  
With alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting;  
The gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory;  
The bridegroom is at hand.

3. The saints, who here in patience  
Their cross and suffrings bore,  
Shall live and reign forever  
When sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory  
The Lamb they shall behold;  
In triumph cast before him  
Their diadems of gold.

4. Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, O Sun so longed for,  
O'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
We plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption  
That sets your people free!



## \*COMMUNION BLESSING

☞ The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his holy and precious blood strengthen and keep you in true faith unto life everlasting.

☞ Amen.

## \*CANTICLE

Tune: “*The Bells of Christmas*”

Lord, you have set your servant free  
To go in peace as you declared;  
These eyes of mine at last have seen  
The Savior whom you have prepared;

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A light which will enlighten all,  
And Israel’s glory equally;  
All glory to the Father, Son,  
And Spirit evermore shall be.

*Luke 2:29-32*

## \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

☞ Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation,  
and in this meal we have feasted on your grace.  
May your Word take flesh in us,  
that we may be your holy people,  
revealing your glory made known to us  
in Jesus Christ our Savior.

☞ Amen.

## \*BLESSING

☞ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Romans 15:13*

☞ Amen.

## \*DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

**\*HYMN, “Hark! The Glad Sound”**

**LBW Hymn 35**

*Green Book*

1. Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;  
Let ev’ry heart prepare a throne  
And ev’ry voice a song.

2. He comes the pris’ners to release,  
In Satan’s bondage held.  
The gates of brass before him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.

3. He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of his grace  
To enrich the humble poor.

4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Your welcome shall proclaim,  
And heav’n’s eternal arches ring  
With your beloved name.

*Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)*

**POSTLUDE**



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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:**

Alex and family	Don Dubbe
Lenae Ebel	Kirsten Flagstad
Shelley Iverson	Felicity Kramer
Claire and Maxine Ripley	Connie Ross
Lois Rudd	Guyla Baer Sturgeon
Paul Swisher	Carletta and Steve Vasknetz
Anne Vossler	David Wanhannen

Kaleb (great grandson of Jean Sneesby)  
Cheryl Anderson (sister of Corey Halverson)  
Cherry Bieber (friend of Jon and Shelley Iverson)  
Jody Blevins (daughter of Claire and Maxine Ripley)  
Larry Conklin (brother of Claudia Christensen)  
Marla Ebel (sister of Rita Shewmake)  
Doug Karns (friend of Midge and Gail Hemeyer)  
Kris Eide (sister of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)  
Melanie Erickson (sister of Brenda Rath)  
Ellen Fiechtner (mother of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)  
Steve Fiechtner (brother of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)  
Ronnie Fischer (brother of Judy Haiwick)  
Addie Follum (granddaughter of Ray and Lynelle Follum)  
Addie Graves (sister-in-law of Brandon and Alyssa Loll)  
Ernie Griner (11-year-old friend of Meta Halverson)  
Martina Ham (mother of Diane Kunz)  
Ike Iverson (father of Jon Iverson)  
Grace Iverson Johnson (daughter of Jon and Shelley Iverson)  
Coleen Iverson-Routh (sister of Jon Iverson)  
Steve Kampfe (son of Garland and Kathy Kampfe)  
Callie Kvanvig (great niece of Ray Follum)  
Lois Meyer (sister-in-law of Midge Hemeyer)  
Michael and Jan Meyer (brother and sister-in-law of Midge Hemeyer)  
Caren Miller (sister of Maxine Ripley)  
Mitch Palmer (friend of Paul Swisher)  
Roy Riley (grandson of Carol Vercoe)  
Tim Ripley (friend of Paul Swisher)  
Carreen Smith (sister of Mimi Swisher)  
Jeremy Sundby (nephew of Claire and Maxine Ripley)  
Jess Teigen (friend of Amelia Knutson)  
Xayne Vroman (great grandson of Cindy and Harold Davis)  
Traci Westberg (daughter-in-law of Tony and Alona Westberg)  
Melissa Williams (friend of Mark and Mary Tracy)  
Robert Zuhr (brother-in-law of Chris Burleson)  
Zhuang People (unreached people group in China)

**A CHRISTMAS CONCERT** by the choirs of Sturgis-area churches is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Sturgis Community Center. Immanuel's choir is one of the participating choirs.

**BOOKS AND CULTURE DISCUSSION GROUP** is a group that meets monthly at Immanuel to discuss recent important "secular" books that have broad cultural significance and consider their implications from a Christian perspective and biblical worldview. Please read the selected book to prepare for discussion with the group. The book to be read for the December meeting is: *The Tyranny of Merit: Can We Find the Common Good?* by Michael J. Sandel. We live in an age of winners and losers, in which the odds are stacked in favor of the already fortunate. Globalization, stalled social mobility, and entrenched inequality have produced anger and frustration leading to populist protest, extreme polarization, and deep distrust of both government and our fellow citizens. We need to develop a hopeful vision of the common good. The book is available from local bookstores and online. The group meets monthly and selects a book to be read for discussion. The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 16. For more information talk to Doug Wessel who is leading the group.

**THOSE OVER AGE 70½** have the opportunity to take tax-free distributions from their IRAs for direct gifts to churches and other non-profit organizations. This is a significant tax benefit. Talk to your tax advisor, IRA custodian, or Pastor David for more information about Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD).

**OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH** is Churches Care for Whitewood. Churches Care for Whitewood is a cooperative effort of the three churches of Whitewood to care for those in need in the Whitewood area. We provide emergency assistance to individuals and families and hope to provide ongoing support and education to help them make good decisions for their future. Churches Care oversees the Whitewood Food Pantry. Churches Care provides grocery gift certificates for Thanksgiving and Christmas for families in need that are selected by the social worker at Whitewood Elementary School. Mission of the Month highlights one of the ministries supported through your regular giving to Immanuel.

## THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

<b>Today</b>	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:15 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:25 a.m. — Church Decorating
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 a.m. — Men's Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	4:30 p.m. — Kids Club
	6:00 p.m. — Confirmation class
<b>Thursday</b>	5:30 p.m. — Choir rehearsal
	6:30 p.m. — Light Supper
	6:45 p.m. — Adult class on "Solas"
<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:15 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School

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**WE ARE UPDATING OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY.** If you have a new address or phone number or if there are other changes you'd like on your page in our church directory, please get those changes to Linda Beulke or Pastor David. If you'd like a new photo, you can get that to them too. If you worship at Immanuel, we'd like you to be in our directory.

**A MEN'S GROUP** meets at 7 a.m. on Mondays at the church. They are currently studying the book of 1 Peter. All men are welcome.

**WHITEWOOD FESTIVAL OF TREES** is on Saturday at Hale Hall. Preview begins at 5 p.m. with the auction starting at 6:30 p.m. The event will raise funds for the Build for the Future Fund to benefit support education in Whitewood. The festival is sponsored by Whitewood Chamber of Commerce and the 8-10 Club.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who brought shoe box gifts for Operation Christmas Child. The gifts will be shipped to needy children around the world by Samaritan's Purse. Thank you for making a difference in the life of a child.

**WELCOME TO ALL** who are worshiping with us today. We especially welcome our visitors. If you are unfamiliar with our worship, one of our members will gladly assist you. Visitors, please be sure to sign the guest register in the narthex. We hope that you will worship with us again soon.

**ALL ARE INVITED** to stay for a time of fellowship following worship. Donuts, coffee, and juice are available. A free-will offering is received to cover expenses.

**WE WILL BE DECORATING** our church building for Advent and Christmas following worship today. Please plan to stay and join in the decorating fun.

**WHITEWOOD KIDS CLUB** — our Wednesday night children's ministry — meets from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. each week. Kids Club is designed for children Age 4 through Grade 5. For more information about Kids Club or to volunteer to help with Kids Club, talk to Brit Porterfield or Pastor David. There is no Kids Club this Wednesday because of a school conflict.

**GREETING CARDS, NAPKINS AND COOKBOOKS** are for sale by the Immanuel Church Women. Check out the new cards!

**SERVICE TEAM #1** is looking for volunteers to help with serving during December. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the library social room.

**GIVE A POINSETTIA** to add beauty to our sanctuary for our celebration of Advent and Christmas. You may provide your own poinsettia or give a gift of money and the congregation will purchase poinsettias for you. Please return a blue poinsettia gift form (available on the table in the social room) so that we can acknowledge your gift in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

**DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS** from the North American Lutheran Church are available online. You can request daily emails or text messages or download a printed copy at [thenalc.org/advent](http://thenalc.org/advent).