

IMMANUEL CHURCH CALENDAR—A PEEK AT THE WEEK!

Sun., January 6

Food Shelf Sunday and Aluminum recycling—January 6!

9:00-Prep and Prayer meeting for those helping with the service-fireside room

9:15-Church nursery is staffed

9:30-WOW Worship, Holy Communion, Sunday School

10:30-Coffee

10:30– New Testament Study-right after worship grab a cup of coffee and meet in the Sanctuary Basement. Topic: 6. Matthew-the Jewish Messiah

Mon., January 7

Tues., January 8

10:00-No Text Time

Pastor at North Conference Pastor's meeting

6:00 - Worship & Music

Wed., January 9

12:30-Worship Planning Team

6:00-Choir rehearsal with ILC Worship Band

6:30-Confirmation

Thurs., January 10

9:00-Men's Bible Study of Revelation

6:00-Pastor Marla at Synod Council meeting

Fri., January 11

3:15-ILC Worship Band rehearsal

Sat. January 12

10:15-Youth leave for Feed My Starving Children food packing event

Sun. January 13

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10:30-WELCA Annual Planning Meeting—Sarah Circle in charge

2:00-Citizenship Concert for Momoh, refreshments follow!

Volunteers are needed to serve on committees in 2019. Call Pastor Marla or a member of the Nominating Committee; Dave Rue, Jeske Noordergraaf, John Sandberg, or Joanne Johnson to volunteer to be on the 2019 ballot.



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012

Rev. Marla Amborn

Epiphany of our Lord

January 6, 2019, 9:30 A.M.

A welcoming community rooted in Christ, growing in faith and serving with joy!

Today's Hymnal: **WOV - With One Voice (small blue hymnal)**

Hearing devices are available from an usher.

Children's bulletins & Worship Bags are available at the back of the church.

P: Pastor, C: Congregation, R: Reader

Prelude "I Saw The Light" ILC Worship Band

Welcome and announcements

Call to Worship

Pastor: As a new year dawns, God is with us.

In our service of others,

Congregation: in our hopes and our dreams, in our regrets and uncertainties, in our church and our worship, God is with us.

P: A New Year...

C: a new vision.

P: A New Year...

C: a new energy.

P: A New Year...

C: a new hope for positive change.

P: A New Year...

C: a new chance to bring about God's vision.

Gathering Hymn WOV #646 **We Three Kings** vs. 1-3

Confession and Forgiveness ELW pages 94-96

Prayer of the Day (*prayed in unison*)

O God, you sent magi with generous gifts to visit the baby Jesus and proclaim his reign to all the world. Make our voices heard when we proclaim God's love to all. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Gospel Matthew 2:1-23 C: Glory to you, O Lord.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

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Pastor Marla Amborn.

³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

¹³Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰"Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was

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♪ **This Land is Your Land, This Land is My Land** ♪ **This Land is Soon to be Momoh's Land!**

Our very own Momoh Freeman is seeking to become a US Citizen. That is an expensive process costing thousands of dollars. To support him in this effort you are invited to his **Citizenship Concert:**

Sunday, January 13, 2 PM

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Almelund

Talented musicians from within our congregation, the surrounding community, and the Liberian community will come together sharing their musical gifts. Our new baby grand piano will get a good work out! Following the concert we will gather for a reception with fancy desserts hosted by the Worship and Music Committee.

This is a fund raiser, so gifts of any amount will be appreciated and be used to directly support Momoh's citizenship effort. Bring family, friends, and anyone who loves music and loves this country to come and be part of it. Together we will celebrate the joy of music as we help Momoh know the joy of becoming an American Citizen. It will be fun. You won't want to miss it!

Generous Reflections

Most people believe that money brings happiness, so they always want more of it. But money does not bring happiness. Money and the things that money can buy do not produce the good life. The good life is found in a relationship with Jesus and in using what God has given us to build his kingdom. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we will hold the things of this world loosely and focus on things that are eternal.

*Blessings on your stewardship journey!
Your Stewardship Committee*

Date change update: **LUTHER POINT RETREAT**—January 17-20, hosted by Sarah Circle

Note to Immanuel Committees—Please make assignments as to who will be turning in your committee/treasurer's reports for the 2018 Annual Report. Deadline is January 27 so report can be copied and ready for pick up on February 3, one week before the annual meeting. Material is preferred typed and ready to copy or even better, sent to the office via email in MS Word so it can be formatted for the report.

Thank You!

Treasurers reports are due as soon as you have them ready early in January so the Auditing can be done in time for the printing of the Annual Reports on Jan. 27.

There is a box in the Church office for documents for the auditors. *Thank you for your work!*

PEASE CHECK OUT THE POSTERS ON THE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD.

Known to be hospitalized this week:

Alice & John Mortenson - Alice is in hospice at Parmly
Gloria Bourasa - recuperating at home
Lloyd Johnson - recuperating at home

December 24, 2018 Attendance: 4:00-134 10:00-27

Financial report:

Current-\$1,200.00; Building Fund-\$400.00; Loose-\$321.50

Special Donations-\$100.00; Christmas-\$1,887.50

Total: \$3,909.00

December 30, 2018 Attendance: 43

Financial report:

Current-\$3,118.00; Building Fund-\$2.00; Benevolence-\$435.00;

Initial-\$5.00; Loose-\$22.00; Special Donations-\$500.00;

Christmas-\$100.00 Total: \$4,812.00

Benevolence: Und. \$410; LSS \$25

Special Don: Momoh's Benefit \$400; Itonya Scholarship \$200.

Bible Study Opportunities:

Scriptural Text Bible Study "Text Time," Tuesdays., at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room with Pastor Marla

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY with Jim Mielke, Thursdays, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. We will continue looking at the book of Revelation. New Members welcomed!

SUNDAY MORNING STUDY WITH JIM begins next Sunday!

We will meet right after worship—grab your cup of coffee and meet in the Sanctuary basement. **Explore the New Testament from the Gospel of Matthew to the Book of Revelation with this 24-part study.** You can come for every topic or come for the ones that especially interest you. The titles will be published in the bulletin. This study begins with a DVD presentation each week. .

This Week's topic: 6. Matthew-Jesus the Jewish Messiah.

Next Week's topic: 7. Luke - Jesus the Savior of the World.

Discover how historical research can illuminate the New Testament—the most widely read book in history—in this riveting course that combines Biblical scholarship, archaeological discoveries, and literary analysis. Call if you have questions: Jim Mielke at 651-587-7177; or church office 651-583-2340. *New Participants expected and wanted!*

YOUTH/CONFIRMATION UPCOMING DATES:

Wed., Jan. 9 6:30-8:00-Confirmation Class

Sat., Jan. 12, 10:15—Youth Group leaves for Feed My Starving Children event

afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ

Special Music "There's A Star in the East" ILC Worship Band

Children's Sermon Debra Scott

(Sunday School begins for age 3-grade 6 following the children's sermon. Visiting Children are welcome to join us in the upper level of the new building.)

Sermon Pastor Marla Amborn

Hymn of the Day WOV #649

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Apostles' Creed ELW page 105

Intercessory Prayers *(after each petition respond with:)*

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

Tithes and Offerings

Offering Music "Oh, Sleep Now Holy Baby" ILC Worship Band

Offering Prayer

Litany for the New Year:

Pastor: Lord God, seeking to look forward, we first look back, recognizing all that you provide for our lives.

Congregation: We thank you for family, work, leisure-time and faith. We thank you for a world, limitless in possibility. We thank you for the opportunities that have come our way, for friendship and love.

P: Lord God, having looked back, we now look forward seeking more of the same.

C: Protect us from those things that challenge us to the point of despair and grant to us abundance in those experiences that lead to knowing ourselves richly blessed.

In mercy hear us. In mercy release us. In mercy help us.

P: Let us get up and go, forward into a new and fresh start, ready to receive direction from you, and willing to be those who, through love and justice for our neighbors, effect change in the world.

C: Let it be your choosing Lord. Amen.

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Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer ELW page 173

Continuous Holy Communion

All in Christ are invited to come forward to the Lord's table.

Please fill out a communion card located in your seat and drop it in the bowl when you come forward. If you are gluten intolerant please help yourself to a wafer from the gold tray. We serve local wine, if you prefer juice tell the server or take a cup of white grape juice from the center ring of the tray. Children may come forward for Communion or a blessing! If you wish to receive communion hold your hands in front of you. If you do not wish to have communion hold your hands by your sides. If you are unable to come forward please let an usher know and you will be served at your seat. We welcome all!

Communion Hymn WOV #642 *I Wonder as I Wander*

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Pastor: We got up and came

All: because you invited us here.

P: We get up and go

All: because you send us forth now.

P: Into the world

All: we go with the Father's blessing.

P: Into a new year

All: we go with Christ's blessing.

P: Into the unknown

All: we go with the Spirit's blessing.

P: Go! Go! Go!

Benediction

Sending Hymn WOV #651 *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Dismissal P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Shine, Jesus, Shine" ILC Worship Band

WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY!

Visitors, please sign our guest book located in the back of the sanctuary. If you are interested in knowing more about our congregation please speak to Pastor Marla or call the church office! Contact info is on the back of this bulletin.

Encourage all children who can read to follow along in the bulletin and hymnal during our worship service today! There are children's bulletins at the back of the Sanctuary. **Sunday School for age 3-grade 6 is off for the holiday** will resume next Sunday.

A nursery & mother's lounge is located in the upper floor of the addition, with a speaker in the room so you can hear the service. **We provide volunteer Nursery Care** each week beginning at 9:15.

All are welcome to come to the Fellowship Hall after worship for a time of...fellowship! Treats are here but we need a server to make coffee, serve, set up and clean up.



THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE TODAY:

Pastor: Marla Amborn

Children's Sermon: Deb Scott

Ushers: Deb Kregel and Julie Weller **Head Usher:** Deb Kregel

Worship Musicians: ILC Worship Band

Altar Guild: Martha Strecker

Greeter: LaQuita Wedell

AV Tech: Steve Blomquist

Reader: Lori Blomquist

Acolyte: Philip Larson

Communion Servers: Don Noyes, Dana Johnson, Shannon Lindgren

Communion Wine: Alan & Judy Olson/Wild Mt. Winery

Home-made Communion Bread: Linda Mielke

Offering Counters: Alice Burnside, Pat Remer, Deb Kregel

Coffee: Servers needed!—treats and juice are here.

Sunday School Teachers: Tara Rothe, Teresa Carlson

Nursery Caregiver: Gwen Swenson

Happy Birthdays: 6th—Nathan Oknich; 7th—Cindi Sellman; 9th—Tora Carlson; 10th—Dan Schleusner, Logan Ellifritz; 11th—Roberta Tauer, Dunken Buckingham; 12th—Shanna Geslin; 13th—Rebecca Haag, Steven Wagner;