

## IMMANUEL CHURCH CALENDAR—A PEEK AT THE WEEK!

**Sun., December 16— Third Sunday in Advent**

**All-Church Christmas Program for Sunday School, Youth, Choir, Congregational members!**

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

9:15-Church nursery is staffed

9:30-Christmas Program Worship, Holy Communion, No Sunday School class

10:30-Christmas Program Coffee—All bring cookies to share!

NO New Testament study today, will resume in January

**Pick up your Christmas Wreath order from our youth today in church garage**

**Mon., December 17—Merrie Vacation Day**

6:00-Website Task Force meeting

**Tues., December 18**

10:00-Text Time Bible Study

NO Quilting in December—Merry Christmas!

**Wed., December 19**

No Prayer Shawl Ministry meetings in December

6:00-Choir rehearsal

6:30-8:00-Confirmation and Youth Group

**Thurs., December 20**

9:00-Men's Bible Study of Revelation—Last meeting for the year.

**Fri., December 21**

3:15-ILC Worship Band Rehearsal

**Sat. December 22**

**Sun. December 23-Fourth Sunday in Advent, Choir Cantata**

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

9:15-Church nursery is staffed

9:30-Worship Service, Sunday School

10:30-Coffee time



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## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012

Rev. Marla Amborn

Third Sunday in Advent

December 16, 2018, 9:30 A.M.

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

Today's Hymnal: **ELW** - Evangelical Lutheran Worship (**red**)

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

**Tithes and Offerings** Our gifts will be received at the back of the Sanctuary as you leave worship today. Thank you!

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and announcements**

**Advent Candle** Janine Schifsky, Annamae and Jace

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of Joy. Joy came to Elizabeth even in her barren years. Joy comes to us when we do not expect it still. May Joy surprise us this morning. May joy fill us this morning. Let us worship God.

### **3 Advent Candles are lit by the Acolyte**

#### **Lighting Song**

*He Came Down* (Tune from ELW #253)

He came down that we may have Joy.

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He came down that we may have Joy.

Hallelujah, forevermore!

## **"New Star"**

the Immanuel Lutheran Church  
All-Church Christmas Program!

**The Old Star tells a younger New Star all about the first Christmas. Along with the New Star we will learn that Jesus Christ is the true reason we celebrate Christmas.**



*"Hark, The Herald Angels Sing"* Quintin Carlson, trumpet

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**O Come, O Come Emmanuel** ELW #257  
vs 1 - Congregation, vs 3 Choir, & vs 5 - congregation

**O Little Town of Bethlehem** ELW #279  
vs 1 & 2 - Congregation

**Away in a Manger** ELW #277  
vs 1 - Sunday School & Youth group kids,  
vs 2 - Congregation

**Special Music** “New Star” ILC Choir and Sunday school

**Angels We have Heard on High** ELW #289  
vs 1: The women of the choir,  
vs 2: Congregation; Quintin Carlson, trumpet

**Special Music** “We, Three Kings of Orient Are”  
sung by our 3 kings - Marlin, Momoh and Mark

**Silent Night** ELW #281  
Congregation

**Special Music** “Go Tell It on the Mountain”  
Eithan Carlson, soloist; Quintin Carlson, trumpet

**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** ELW #296 **What Child is This**  
**Post Communion Prayer**

**YOUTH/CONFIRMATION UPCOMING DATES:**

Sun., Dec. 16 @ 9:30-All-Church Christmas Program-Youth included  
Wed., Dec. 19 @ 6:30-8:00-Confirmation Class  
Sun., Dec. 26 @ No Youth Group or Confirmation, Pastor on Vac.

**If you ordered a wreath please pick it up today after worship in the church garage. Please do not pick one up without having it checked off the list by a youth representative.**



**Our Mitten Tree** is up in the Narthex through mid Dec. Bring donations of winter accessories hats, gloves, scarves, mittens and socks for all ages.

**LUTHER POINT RETREAT**—January 18-21, hosted by Sarah Circle

**January Newsletter Deadline is December 15**—Please get your info in asap to avoid publication pileup due to the Christmas Holidays!  
Thank you!

**Please plan to help with snow removal!** Remember, when it snows at home, the church needs to be dug out too!  
Thanks for your help!

**HANDICAPPED/SENIOR PARKING SPACES IN THE UPPER, NORTH PARKING LOT.** Property Committee has designated spaces in the north lot to be reserved for handicapped parking and seniors. Safe access to the elevator is past the large front doors on the front of the church through the ground level access door. Please leave these spaces near the church for those who need them. Parking is available in the parsonage lot across from the church. Thanks.

**Like the shepherds, we kneel in humble adoration of the newborn King and then go to tell the Good News.**

“They spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all . . . were amazed at what the shepherds said to them”  
(Luke 2:17-18).



**Blessings on your stewardship journey!**  
**Your Stewardship Committee**



## Christmas Worship at Immanuel!

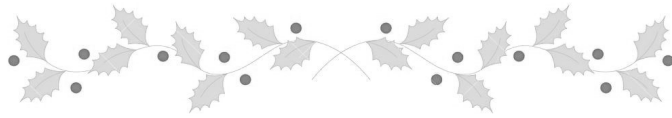
Invite family, friends and neighbors to worship!

Sun., Dec. 23, 9:30am—Fourth Sunday in Advent

Christmas Cantata “Christmas Fantasia”,  
presented by Immanuel’s Choir, Sunday School

Sun., Dec. 24, 4:00pm and 10:00—Christmas Eve

Candlelight Worship Service, Holy Communion



### Immanuel Annual Congregational Meeting is set for: February 10, 2019.

**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!*

### Volunteers are needed to serve on committees in 2019.

Call Pastor Marla or a council member to volunteer to be on the 2019 ballot.

## Benediction

**Sending Hymn** ELW #288 *Good Christian Friends Rejoice!*

**Dismissal** P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Tithes and Offerings** Our offering gifts will be received at the back of the Sanctuary as you leave worship. Thank you!

## Postlude

**Let’s Celebrate with Christmas Cookies!** All are invited for a special Christmas Cookie reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the service. Thank you to the congregation for providing the cookies; Thanks to Tara Rothe and the Payer Shawl Ministry participants for serving today!

### THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE TODAY:

**Pastor:** Marla Amborn

**Ushers:** Marshall & Justin Johnson **Head Usher:** Marshall Johnson

**Organist/Choir Director:** Momoh Freeman **Accompanist:** Pat Remer

**Altar Guild:** Nancy Nadeau **AV Tech:** Steve Blomquist

**Greeter:** Bernice Pearson **Acolyte:** Philip Larson

**Advent Candle Readers:** Janine Schifsky, Annamae and Jace

**Christmas Program:** Thanks to Momoh, The Choir, The Sunday School Kids & Teachers, The Youth Group, The cast of “New Star”. Special thanks to Lori Haag for help with costumes and props and Merrie Tolzmann for administrative assistance. Many Thanks to our Christmas Program Director, Teresa Carlson.

**Communion Servers:** Bob Stirling, Steve Peterson, Shannon Lindgren

**Communion Bread:** Pat Noyes

**Communion wine:** Alan & Judy Olson/Wild Mt. winery

**Offering Counters:** Alice Burnside, Pat Remer, Deb Kregel

**Coffee:** Tara Rothe & Prayer Shawl Ministry participants

**Sunday School Teachers:** No Sunday School today

**Nursery Caregiver:** Gwen Swenson

**The Naomi Circle members would like to thank everyone** that contributed so generously to the collection of pajamas and women’s personal items for the refuge. They were so very appreciative for all of it.

**THANK YOU!!**

## 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 today or call the church this week! 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. 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.

**Today we celebrate Christmas with an all-church program by our Sunday School, Youth Group, ILC Choir and others of the congregation!** We will learn that Jesus is the real reason for Christmas as we hear from the stars of Christmas!

**All are welcome to come to the Fellowship Hall after worship for a time of fellowship!** Make a new friend today!

**New Testament Bible Study is now on recess until next year!** Watch for an announcement on the next Sunday Morning New Testament Bible Study with Jim Mielke!

**See the envelope in your bulletin today for an opportunity to donate toward two wonderful funds through our church.**

## THE GRAND PIANO HAS ARRIVED AND IS READY TO PLAY!

The piano, donated by Robin Chinander, was tuned after acclimating to the sanctuary, and is ready for our all-congregation Christmas program today, and will be dedicated on Dec. 23. There are still a few expenses ahead -- a piano light and humidifier system (which helps keep the piano in tune) are needed and will cost \$770.00 total. **Donations will be greatly appreciated to underwrite these expenditures** and will complete this wonderful musical project.

**In addition to the piano upcoming costs, the council approved the request for dollars to help the students of Itonya to continue their education.** We need \$750.00 total to continue helping students from our sister congregation in Itonya Africa! If you are interested in helping to pay toward the education of our brothers and sisters across the sea please use the giving envelope in your bulletin today. Any amount will be well used for these giving opportunities! Blessings to you!

## Known to be hospitalized this week:

Alice & John Mortenson - Alice is in hospice at Parmly

**December 9, 2018**

**Attendance: 88**

### Financial Picture:

Current-\$3,384.00; Building Fund-\$135.00; Benevolence-\$195.00; Loose-\$22.00; Christmas-\$100.00; Special Donations-\$50.00  
Total: \$3,886.00

Benevolence: Und. \$115; Synod \$70; World Hunger \$10.  
Special donations to Itonya scholarship \$50.

## 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. We will be meeting 'til Dec. 20 and then take a break.

## PLEASE CHECK OUT THE POSTERS ON THE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARDS.

**Pastor Marla will be on vacation the week of Dec. 25 through Jan. 1.** If you have a pastoral emergency please contact Pastor Marla during this time.

**Don't forget** to get your end of year donations to Immanuel in by Dec. 30 to have your gifts noted in your 2018 statement of giving. Also, Thrivent Members—Thrivent Choice Dollars need to be assigned to Immanuel if you wish to give! Thanks so much!

**Happy Birthdays:** 16th—Mike Tauer; 17th—Shannon Lindgren; 18th—Declan Bauman; 21st—Mark A. Johnson; 22nd—Tyler Johnson; 23rd—Suzanne Minar

## Jason and DeeDee became grandparents for a second time!

Jackson Graham Fredlund was born to Jason and DeeDee's son Devon and his fiancé Kayla on December 9. He was born on his great grandpa's birthday - three weeks early, but is doing fine. He is 20 inches long, 5 pounds 10 ounces. Congratulations to the Fredlund family.