# what's happening at Immanuel ???

*PRAYER*

*Gracious and Loving God, as we gather in this season of Thanksgiving, we pause to thank You for the countless blessings You pour into our lives. Thank You for family and friends, for daily provisions, and especially for Your never-ending love and grace. Help us to recognize Your goodness even in difficult times and to share our blessings with those in need. May our hearts be filled with gratitude, our words with kindness, and our lives with acts of love and service.* ***In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.***

**CALENDAR**

November 19—25

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Thursday | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Den |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Churchyard Practice |
| | **6:30 p.m.** | **Making Sense of Health Care Changes Talk by Amy Hart** |
| Sunday | **9:30 a.m.** | **Worship** |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Coffee Fellowship |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Call Committee Nominees Meeting |
| Monday | 4:00 p.m. | Advent Luncheon Planning Meeting |
| | | TOPS |
| Tuesday | 9:00 a.m. | Staff Meeting |
| | | **Hanging of the Greens** |
| | 3:30 p.m. | Bible Study |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Handbell Rehearsal |
| Wednesday | 8:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| | **6:30 p.m.** | **PRAISE & PIE** |

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Robin Anderson, Ron Christenson, Don Erickson, Lee Fredrickson, Tim Hummel, Sandy Johnson, Krista Jones, Ricky Kooy, Betsy Liedl, Pat Loew, Kim Maas, Saylor Newton, Jen Nissen, Mike Patrick, Nicole Peterson, Holly Popkes, Tracy Popkes, Shirley Sanborn, Sandy Solom, Faith Swanson, Bill Thoms, Owen West & family, Jackie Wood, Melonie Wynn, Faye Ysseldyke

**After Worship on Sunday, November 22,** help is needed to bring Christmas decorations into the church from the garage. This will take minimal time if we have enough people!

**Hanging of the Greens (**decorating for Advent/Christmas) will be done on Tuesday, November 24 at 9:00 a.m. Please consider coming to the church to help out that day!

**Praise & Pie** is back! Worship is at **6:30 p.m.** and pie will be served following the worship service. It's not too late to sign up to bring a pie! Sign up sheet is in the fellowship hall.

ADVENT is fast approaching and we need to plan our annual **Advent Luncheon.** If you are interested in helping ,please join us on Monday, November 23rd at 4:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Hope to see you there!

*Eileen Patrick & Pat Neros*

Meals for confirmation students & leaders are needed on **December 2 & 9.** This would involve preparation and serving a meal to approximately 10 people at 5:30 p.m. Tacos, casseroles and soups work well. No dessert is necessary. ***Please sign up on the Connect Slip on Sunday.***

**Our young people need us!** Immanuel is in need of people to help teach confirmation throughout the school year. If you would like to help, or need more information, Nancy Heise would like to visit with you. Email Nancy at njhk00@gmail.com

Your **stewardship materials** have been sent out. Please take the time to fill out your pledge and return to the church. If you have questions, call and talk to our Financial Manager, Deb Eatros.

**Message from the Spirit of Christmas Bazaar Leaders**

Everyone, thank you to those individuals who volunteered their craft projects for the raffle. Thank you to all the crafters, bakers, canners, wreath makers, men in the congregation who moved furniture and office staff. Thank you to the Team Captains for organizing your volunteer helpers. Thank you to all the volunteer helpers. Thank you to everyone in our Immanuel Church Family for supporting the Spirit of Christmas Bazaar!

**Half Price Sale** The Spirit of Christmas Gift Corner in the Fellowship Hall is November 22nd (**one Sunday only**). Buy your treasures while you can!

**Note to Crafters-** If you do not want your donation to be sold at half price, Please take it home before this Sunday's service. The monies raised from the Bazaar will go to help the many in need in our community.

Blessings!

Carol Pundt and Patty Kahnert

**Attention: Families with small children.** Immanuel with have a Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 13 during Worship. Children will have an opportunity to ring bells to a Christmas song and participate in the reading of the Christmas Story. Each child will receive a bag of treats as well. **Please contact Judy Kirchoff**, hjkirchoff@gmail.com if your child/children would like to participate. Please include your child's name and age, your name and phone number. More information will be coming soon!

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
## Sunday, December 13, 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary
## Purpose: Election of the Call Committee

## Bible2School

Early this fall I was listening to THE WORD podcast from Focus on the Family. A guest was talking about a program that brings elementary students, second through sixth grades, to Bible studies during their lunch. I was intrigued and went online to their website https://www.bible2school.com and read more. Since then, I have chatted with a couple people from there and know these facts:

In 1950 the federal government authorized a program called **Released Time Bible Education** that allows public school students to leave campus during school hours for off-site religious instruction. Parental permission is required and programs are privately run. Typically, the children leave school during lunch time so no core studies are missed.

The release time is for one hour which includes transportation to the off-site location. One volunteer is needed for every 6 children. I now have a 30 minute videochat on Monday, November 23rd at 10:30am. If you are also intrigued, you can join me in the videochat. We could meet in the church office and use the general computer.

Terri Wisniak (612)210-1024