

A big 'thank you!' to our weekly worship service volunteers!

Wednesday, December 18: Advent Four

Acolyte: 6:15 Bo Smith
Readers: 6:15 Janny Budzine

Servers for December 22: Advent Four

Lector: 9:00 Bonnie Nelson
Acolyte: 9:00 Dickson Frye
Communion: 9:00 Linda Kress, Betty Giddings, _____
Altar Care: Ron & Susan Oline
Ushers: 9:00 Hemsaths & O'Loughlins
AV/Tech: 9:00 Ron Giddings
Adv. Wreath: 9:00 _____

Wednesday, December 25: Office Closed – No Evening Worship

Merry Christmas!

Servers for December 29:

Lector: 9:00 Kent Anderson
Acolyte: 9:00 Logan Mestad
Communion: 9:00 _____, _____, _____
Altar Care: Ron & Susan Oline
Ushers: 9:00 Hemsaths & O'Loughlins
AV/Tech: 9:00 _____

Wednesday, January 1: Office Closed – No Evening Worship

Happy New Year!

Prayers for: Connie Engler, Marie Bushkofsky, Nancy Elliott, David McCollough, Klint Knutson, Cyndi Webb, Harold & Sandy Schneider, Kay Bisinger, Luann Gates, Louie Tudor, & Carrie Erickson.

Sympathies to: Neal Catt on the death of his mother, Anna Marie Catt, 92 years old, who passed away on Thursday, December 5, 2024. Services took place on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at White Funeral Home in Independence, Iowa, with burial in the Wilson Cemetery, Independence.

Military: SSG Ashley Clark & SFC David Clark (daughter and son-in-law of John & Kathy Tegler), 3071 Mondavi Crest, Schertz, TX 78154.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Our Christmas Eve Services will be at 5 pm & 11 pm this year. There are signups on the office door for Worship Service Volunteers.

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS BREAK

All youth groups will take a break from Dec 19 through Jan 7. SWAG & BLAST resume on Wednesday, January 8. FORCE will resume on Sunday, January 12. Confirmation classes resume on Wednesday, January 15.

QUAKE 2025

If you would like to make a financial donation toward the QUAKE trip, you can do so through your regular offering envelope (note on the envelope it is for QUAKE) or online. Thank you all for your support of this ministry!

Confirmation Project & Planning Meeting

All 2nd year confirmation students and parents are required to attend the project and planning meeting on Wednesday, January 8, at 7pm. We will give out all the information about Confirmation projects and the Confirmation worship service. We will discuss the retreat and banquet. If you are not able to attend this meeting, please contact Pastor Kristi as soon as possible so other arrangements can be made.

ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Immanuel's Endowment Committee is now accepting applications for 2025 Educational Grants. Students are eligible for a maximum of 4 years. Forms are salmon in color & available in the Narthex display rack, on the board in the fellowship hall, or in the office. **Please turn forms into the church office by Jan 10, 2025, to be reviewed by the Endowment Comm.**

Winter Weather Service Cancellation Policy

Please find weather related church cancellations on the Immanuel Facebook page, KWWL, or sign up for Remind text messages. Text the message "@immw" to the number 81010. If you need help signing up for these, please ask Cara Johnson or another Worship & Music Committee member, or ask the office. Church cancellation messages are separate from Youth activity messages. Cancellation of Sunday service will be announced by 6 PM the evening prior. *If Indee School District cancels school for the day, or there is an early out, there will be no Wednesday evening service. If Indee School District has a late start, there will be a Wednesday evening service.* Please do what is right for you! If there is church, and you do not feel safe, have a great Sunday, and we will see you the following week!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK

There will be no Sunday School on December 22, 29, or January 5.

Praise the Lord with Music

We are in the process of planning our prelude music for the **5 pm & 11 pm services on Christmas Eve**. Preludes start about 15 minutes before each service. We fill this time with special music of all kinds: singing, piano solos, duets, playing instruments, etc. Please let the office or Jody DeBoer know if you wish to participate in one or more of the prelude times.

Poinsettias

The Worship & Music Committee will be selling poinsettias for \$15 each from **now - December 22** after Sunday worship. They can be purchased in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Stewardship Statement

Yearly Offering Needed (7/1/24-6/30/25): \$372,940 (*rev. after 12/8 mtg.*)

YTD Needed (7/1/24-12/21/24): \$179,298

YTD Received (7/1/24-12/18/24): \$156,571.40

Raise the Roof Fund

After tallying up all the donations that came in through the Silent Auction, Soup Luncheon, and Giving Tuesday, adding in the \$10,000 challenge grant from an anonymous donor, and adding that all to what we had already brought in, we are SO GRATEFUL to announce that we have exceeded our goal for our Raise the Roof Fund! Thank you all for your generosity!!

Ways for YOU to Love, Live, & Give:

- ◆ Donate toward the youth QUAKE 2025 trip
- ◆ Provide special prelude music for a Christmas Eve service
- ◆ Purchase gift cards through the SCRIP program
- ◆ Serve as a Worship Service volunteer
- ◆ Donate your pop can/bottle refund to Immanuel Youth

Week of December 22, 2024

Sun 22: 9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Fellowship
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
12:00 pm Fellowship Hall in Use

Mon 23:

Tues 24: 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship
11:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Wed 25: *Office Closed – No Evening Worship*
Merry Christmas!

Thurs 26:

Fri 27:

Sat 28:

Sun 29: 9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Fellowship
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL



Giving Options

In Person: Place cash/check in the offering plate

Online: www.immanuelindee.com/giving or scan the QR code

Vanco Mobile App: get the free app & search for ILC of Independence

By Text: Text your donation amount to 844-201-8060, then follow the link

By Mail: 512 5th Street NE, Independence, IA 50644

SCRIP Coordinator Needed

We are looking for a **volunteer** to take over as our SCRIP coordinator. We cannot operate the program without a coordinator. This individual will be in charge of placing online orders for SCRIP cards that individuals have ordered, maintaining an accurate inventory of the cards we have on hand, assuring that we have cards on hand for our most frequently purchased local businesses, counting money from purchases and preparing deposits weekly, and being in charge of the SCRIP check book. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the office or Brittini Gipper. **If we are unable to find a volunteer coordinator by January 31, we will be discontinuing the SCRIP program.**