

## IMMANUEL CHURCH AND SCHOOL MINISTRY

### Church Address

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### Staff

Pastor: Reverend James T. King

Secretary: Stacey Kranz

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### School Email

immanuel@ilsgaylord.org

### School Phone

(507) 237-2804

### Faculty

Principal & Teacher: Michelle King

Secretary: Stacey Kranz

Head Cook: Eunie Peterson

Janitor: Kishan Latchman

Technology: Vernetta Mehlhop

Teachers: Angela Hoeft; Hannah Klaers; Rex Mindach; Morgan Nelson;

Barb Wenninger (LSEM); Brenda Poquette, Aide

### Shining Stars Learning Center

Director & Teacher: Amy Reynolds

Teacher: Julia Cohrs

Care Providers: Brenda, Madi and Xavery

*If you have pastoral needs, hospital visit, and/or an emergency please contact*

*Pastor King during office hours at (507) 237-2380*

*or on his cell phone at: (507) 241-0197*

*Head Elder: Luke Kranz (612) 916-3019*

### Church Website

immanuelgaylord.org

### School Website

ilsgaylord.org

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER IN CHRIST

### C.O.O.L. Kids

Meets upstairs after Worship.

### Bible Class

Meets in the Fellowship Hall after Worship.

### Attendance Last Week

#### Worship Service

187

#### C.O.O.L. Kids

37

#### Adult Bible Study

20

#### Men's Bible Study

#### Youth Group

10

## PRAYERS

### For Healing

JoAnne Abraham; LeRoy Bruss; Eileen Busse; Dave Donner;

Beverly Graupman; Greg Grochow; Al Hahn; Wilbert Hildebrandt; Jim Kehr;

Donna Kuphal; Steve Kuphal; Diana Meyer; Larry Podratz; Rev. Gary Schack;

Marlys Schauer; Sandra Schulte; Harlan Wendlandt.

## UPCOMING AT IMMANUEL

### Week of December 10 – December 16

<b>SUN</b>	<b>12/10</b>	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service at St. John's- Mountville
		9:30 a.m.	Worship Service at Immanuel <b>ILS Sings</b>
		10:45 a.m.	Adult Bible Study, C.O.O.L Kids
<b>MON</b>	<b>12/11</b>	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
<b>WED</b>	<b>12/13</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>ILS Chapel Service</b>
		6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		7:00 p.m.	ILS Adult Choir
<b>THURS</b>	<b>12/14</b>	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
		1:30 p.m.	Ladies Aid
<b>SAT</b>	<b>12/16</b>	9:00 a.m.	C.O.O.L Kids Christmas Practice
		2:00 p.m.	ILC Choir Practice

### Week of December 17- December 22

<b>SUN</b>	<b>12/17</b>	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service at St. John's-Mountville
		9:30 a.m.	C.O.O.L Kids Christmas Program Presentation of "Symbols of Salvation" Youth Group Donut Fellowship ILC CHOIR CONCERT
		3:00 p.m.	
<b>WED</b>	<b>12/20</b>	6:00 p.m.	5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation NO 7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation ILC CHOIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
<b>THURS</b>	<b>12/21</b>	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
		10:00 a.m.	Bayside Manor Communion Service
		6:30 p.m.	<b>ILS Christmas Program</b>

### Week of December 23-December 29

<b>SUN</b>	<b>12/24</b>	9:30 p.m.	Worship Service @ Immanuel
		6:00 p.m.	<b>Christmas Eve</b> Divine Service @ Immanuel
<b>MON</b>	<b>12/25</b>	9:30 a.m.	<b>Christmas Day</b> Divine Service
<b>MON 12/25-MON 1/1</b>			<b>ILS-NO SCHOOL Christmas Break</b> School resumes <b>Tuesday, Jan. 2</b>

# Immanuel Lutheran Church and School



**December 10, 2023**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

## WELCOME

### Visitors

Welcome to Immanuel! We are so pleased that you are here to worship our dear Lord with us. God's richest blessings to you!

### Our Vision

We are a friendly, growing congregation, united in our commitment to support and encourage individuals and families, both young and old, as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grow in love and faith, and to learn and live by the Word of the Lord.

### Holy Communion

We celebrate the Lord's Supper the first and third Sunday of every month, we want to be faithful to God's Word. We understand what St. Paul wrote, "For anyone who eats or drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord, eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:29). For this reason, the congregations of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod have promised to practice "close communion." That means we encourage all who have been properly instructed in the doctrine of the Lord's Supper, who repent of all their sin, and who set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us to commune with us.

If you have not received instruction, been confirmed in the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, or talked with Pastor beforehand, we would still encourage you to come forward and receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms in front of your chest and the pastor will give you a blessing.

*Gluten-free wafers and diluted wine are available for those who have sensitivities. The diluted wine is in the center of the communion tray.*

*Please notify the pastor or Elder in charge if you need a gluten-free wafer.*

*Common Cup is available on the Pulpit side.*

### Sight and Sound

Immanuel has individual hearing receivers to help you if you have hearing difficulties and a wheelchair is available if needed. Please ask for assistance from one of our ushers if you need this service.

## WORSHIP

### Theme of the Day: You Are Prepared through Repentance for the Coming of the Lord

"The gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1) begins when John the Baptist appears and comes "proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Mark 1:4). As the prophet Isaiah had written, John is the messenger of the Lord, sent before His face to prepare His way. To this day, the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of the Law and the Gospel and in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. By these ways and means, "the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together" (Is. 40:5), and the Good Shepherd "will gather the lambs in his arms" (Is. 40:11). He speaks "tenderly to Jerusalem," and He comforts His people by pardoning their iniquity (Is. 40:1-2). What is more, He promises "new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Peter 3:13). Repent, therefore, and humble yourself as you wait for His coming in peace (2 Peter 3:14), because He "is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).

**Presiding Minister** – Pastor James King

**Elder/s on Duty** – Dan Uecker

**Organist** – Jeanne Bruss

**Scripture Readings Today:** Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

**Next Weekend:** Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; 1 Thess.: 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Christmas Open House

Pastor & Michelle would like to welcome you to a Christmas Open House on January 7 from 1 pm – 4 pm at their home at 577 Wood Circle. Come enjoy some fellowship, cookies and refreshments.

### Immanuel Church Board Positions

We need your help in filling a number of church positions in 2024!

If you have any interest or have any questions, please contact Pastor or the contact name below:

Elder (2) – 3 yr. term - Luke Kranz

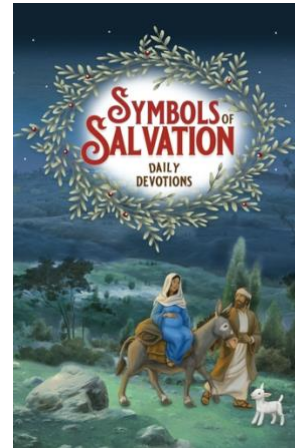
Congregation Secretary – 1 yr. term - Mary Goetsch

Trustee (2) – 3 yr. term - Logan St. John

Board of Finance (2) – 3 yr. term - Deb Swenson

Board of Christian Ed (2) – 3 yr. term - Michelle Halverson

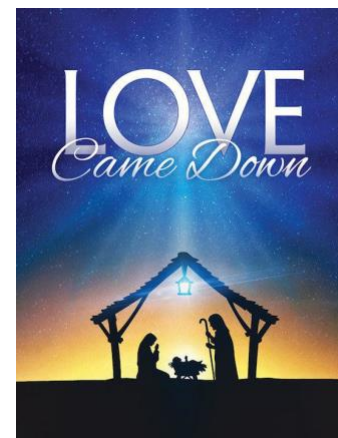
Assistant Chief Usher – 1 yr. term and succeeds outgoing Chief Usher



**C.O.O.L Kids Christmas Program**  
**"Symbols of Salvation"**  
**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 9:30 am**



**ILC Choir**  
**Advent Concert**  
**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 3 p.m.**



**Immanuel Lutheran School Christmas Program**  
**"Love Came Down" Thursday, December 21 at 6:30 pm**

## FINANCE

### Regular giving to our Lord

	<u>11/20-11/26</u>	<u>11/27-12/03</u>
Sunday Offerings (HP)	\$11,437.27	\$7,651.40
Birthday Offering (HP)	\$0.00	\$134.00
Gifts to Mortgage	\$200.00	\$511.00

(Weekly Mortgage Gifts needed: \$745)

### Home Purpose - Fiscal Year to Date

<b>Home Purpose Offerings Given*</b>	\$99,417.43	\$107,202.83
HP Offerings Needed as of 11/26/23	<u>-\$137,700.00</u>	<u>-\$145,800.00</u>
<b>Surplus/Deficit giving</b>	<b>-\$38,282.57</b>	<b>-\$38,597.17</b>

### Gifts to Monthly Mortgage - Fiscal Year to Date

<b>Gifts to Monthly Mortgage Payments</b>	<b>\$11,633.70</b>	<b>\$12,144.70</b>
5 Mortgage Pmts. (Aug-Dec)	<u>\$12,897.80</u>	<u>\$16,122.25</u>
<b>Surplus/Deficit giving</b>	<b>-\$1,264.10</b>	<b>-3,977.55</b>

(Monthly mortgage payment: \$3,224.45)

**\* This figure shows the congregational giving/offerings to Home Purpose. This is the money needed from the congregation to cover budgeted expenses and debt. Currently our only debt is the mortgage. Our fiscal year began August 1, 2023.**

### Gifts/Memorials

Birthday Offerings Donna Zachow: \$134  
 In Memory of Roman Zachow: \$135

Special thanks to the many volunteers whose gifts of time and talent given in service to their Lord are not reflected in these monetary offerings. Without all these God-given gifts and God-blessed efforts, Immanuel's ministry of spreading His Word would not exist, much less thrive!

### Two Simple ways to give...

1. Access the online giving page at:  
<https://giving.servantkeeper.com/ImmanuelLutheranGaylord>
2. Open the QR Reader App or the camera on your smartphone and scan the code.

