## IMMANUEL CHURCH AND SCHOOL MINISTRY

**Church Website** 

**School Website** 

ilsgaylord.org

immanuelgaylord.org

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(507) 237-2804 Faculty

Principal & Teacher: Michelle King

Secretary: Stacey Kranz Head Cook: Eunie Peterson Janitor: Kishan Latchman Technology: Vernette 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

# **OUR LIFE TOGETHER IN CHRIST**

C.O.O.L. Kids

Meets upstairs after Worship!

<u>Bible Class</u>

Meets in the Fellowship Hall after Worship!

Attendance Last Week

Worship Service

116

C.O.O.L. Kids Adult Bible Study Men's Bible Study Youth Group

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## **PRAYERS**

## For Healing

JoAnne Abraham; Carol Borchardt; Darrel Borchardt;

LeRoy Bruss; Dave Donner; Eldrene Ebert; Bea Goetsch; Beverly Graupman; Greg Grochow; Al Hahn; Wilbert Hildebrandt; Jim Kehr; Donna Kuphal; Steve Kuphal; Karina Lieske; Diana Meyer; Rev. Gary Schack;

Marlys Schauer; Sandra Schulte; Harlan Wendlandt.

# **UPCOMING AT IMMANUEL**

Week of January 7- January 13					
SUN	1/07	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Divine Service at St. John's- Mountville Divine Service at Immanuel Adult Bible Study C.O.O.L Kids Youth Group		
		1:00 p.m.	Open House at Pastor & Michelle King's		
MON	1/08	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting Council Meeting		
WED	1/10	8:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	ILS Chapel Service Co-Chairs Meeting Confirmation ILS Adult Choir		
THURS	5 1/11	7:00 a.m. <b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Men's Bible Study  ILS Home Basketball Game		
Week of January 14- January 20					
SUN	1/14	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Worship Service at St. John's- Mountville Worship Service at Immanuel C.O.O.L Kids Men's Club Pancake Breakfast		
MON 1/15			ILS NO SCHOOL		
TUES 1/16		4:00 p.m.	ILS Basketball @ Hutchinson		
WED 1/17		<b>8:30 a.m.</b> 6:00 p.m.	ILS Chapel Service Confirmation		

**ILS Adult Choir** 

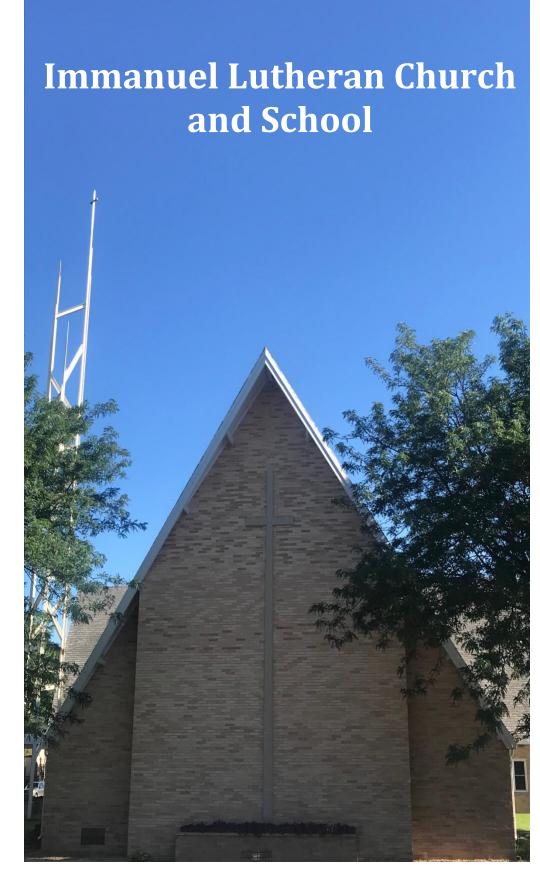
Ladies Aid

Men's Bible Study

7:00 p.m.

1:30 p.m.

**THURS 1/18** 7:00 a.m.



January 7, 2024
The Baptism of Our Lord

## **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:

In Holy Baptism, the Triune God Reveals Himself and Recreates Us in His Image

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1:1). Then, as "the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters" (Gen. 1:2), God spoke His Word: "'Let there be light,' and there was light" (Gen. 1:3). In the same way, "the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ" (Mark 1:1) brings about the new creation through the waters of Baptism by the same Word and Spirit of God. When John the Baptist came, "proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins," Jesus also came "and was baptized by John in the Jordan" (Mark 1:4, 9). Although He had no sins of His own, He took His stand with sinners in His Baptism and took the sins and mortality of the world upon Himself. He was baptized into His own death, by which the heavens are opened and the Spirit is given to us. God the Father is well pleased with His beloved Son and raises Him from the dead. As we share His Baptism and are "united with him in a death like his" (Rom. 6:5), we also share His resurrection unto "newness of life" (Rom. 6:4).

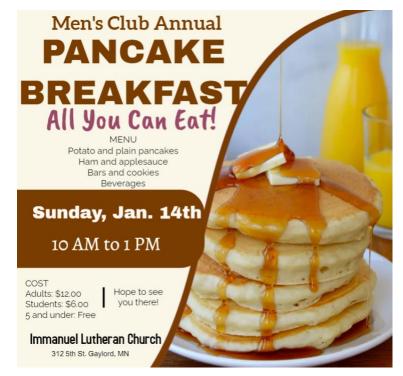
**Presiding Minister** – Pastor James King

Elder/s on Duty - Jeramiah Williams, Dan Uecker, Luke Kranz

Organist – Jeanne Bruss

Scripture Readings Today: Genesis 1:1-5; Romans 6:1-11; Mark 1:4-11 Next Weekend: 1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20); 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



### **Church Officers and 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 yrs 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) - 3yr term - Michelle Halverson
Assistant Chief Usher - 1 yr term and succeeds outgoing Chief Usher

#### Mortgage Buster

# Let it Snow!



\$34,800 to go!
Mark your donations
with "Mortgage
Buster" OR give your
donation to an ILS
family to help the
students reach their
goal and get an
"in-school snow day"!

## **FINANCE**

Regular giving to our Lord					
	12/24-12/30	12/31-01/06			
Sunday Offerings (HP)	\$15,485.01	\$10,358.36			
Birthday Offering (HP)	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Gifts to Mortgage	\$1945.00	\$245.00			
(Weekly Mortgage Gifts needed: \$745)					
Home Purpose - Fiscal Year to Date					
Home Purpose Offerings Given*	\$140,657.75	\$151,215.09			
HP Offerings Needed	<u>- \$170,100.00</u>	-\$178,200.00			
Surplus/Deficit giving	-\$29,442.25	-\$26,984.91			
Gifts to Monthly Mortgage - Fiscal Year to Date					
Gifts to Monthly Mortgage Payments	\$15,109.70	\$15,554.70			
<b>5</b> Mortgage Pmts. (Aug-Dec)	\$16,122.25	\$16,122.25			
Surplus/Deficit giving	-\$1,012.55	-\$567.55			
(Monthly mortgage payment: \$3,224.45)					

MORTGAGE BUSTER DONATIONS: \$35,200.00

\* 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: Mary Goetsch \$38.00
In Memory of Doug Pomplun: \$300
Lavonne Sanderfeld: \$125
John Rickaby: \$10
Justin Schade: \$10
Marlene Uecker: \$40
Verona Braasch: \$20

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
- Open the QR Reader App or the camera on your smartphone and scan the code.

