

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

## Prayer Concerns

### Health Concerns

#### *For Members of Immanuel:*

Gail Schoberg

Kim Stokes

#### *For Friends of Immanuel:*

Jana Lawton (former Immanuel member & friend of Marilyn Broding)

Rebecca Johnson  
(John & Marie Johnson's granddaughter)

Lela Platt (Friend of Janice Dobson)

Jim Sharp (Onni Sharp Anderson's brother)

### Mourning the Loss of a Loved One

Bonita McKellep & Family in the death of her husband, Scott McKellep

Gail & Chuck Schoberg in the death of Gail's sister, Doreen Johnson  
Family & Friends of Cora Steffens

### Other Prayer Concerns

Conflict in Ukraine/Middle East/Sudan/  
Venezuela/Iran/Minneapolis

### Military Prayers

#### *For Members of Immanuel:*

James Kloss

*For Friends of Immanuel:*  
Riley Broding  
(Grandson of Marilyn Broding)

Sean Evans  
(Greg & Alicia Johnson's nephew)  
Joe Holweger  
(Gladys Chase's grandson)

If you would like to add yourself or a loved one to our prayer list, please contact the church office. Health and grief prayers will remain on our list for four weeks. Military prayers will remain on the list for 6 months.

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### **Today's Worship Leaders:**

Accompanist: Matt Greenwaldt

A/V Team: Bryan Greenwaldt

Altar Care: Shaneen Schmidt

Acolytes: Landon Grangruth & Brynn Rach

Cantor: Amy Greenwaldt

Communion: Jane Bagstad

Lector: Deb Andrews

Ushers: Dean Krogstad & John & Ann Pate



Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Sunday, January 18, 2026  
Second Sunday After Epiphany  
9:30 am

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn – ELW 661 – *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

Greeting & Kyrie – NTF p.2-3

Hymn of Praise – NTF p.4

Prayer of the Day

Scripture: – Isaiah 49:1-7

– Psalm 40:1-11

– 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

– John 1:29-42

Sermon

Pastor Birgitte Simpson

Trombone Duet Chloe Leeseberg & Martin Michelli

*"Let the Lower Lights Be Burning"*

*"A Mighty Fortress"*

(Offering gathered and received)

Offering Prayer

Apostles' Creed – ELW back cover

Prayers

Peace

Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer – NTF p. 13

Distribution of Holy Communion

Benediction

Hymn – ELW 671 – *"Shine Jesus Shine"*

Dismissal

Postlude

## Welcome Birgitte Simpson Today!

The Endowment Fund recently made a \$2000 gift to People's Church, an Indigenous Ministry in Bemidji, MN. Birgitte Simpson, Mission Developer, Shelter Advocate, and Pastor, is here with us to share a greeting, words of thanks, and tell us more about this vital ministry in our Synod. Join us after worship for more conversation in the Fellowship Hall!

## EARLY RISERS CLASS ON JOHN

Join the Early Risers, online or in person, for a class on the Gospel & Epistles of John @ 8 am in the Friendship Room. This will be a 12-week class, January 11—April 19. If you would like to join online, email Pastor Nate for a Zoom link (nateloer@gmail.com).

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The ILC Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 28**, with supper @ 5:30 pm and meeting to follow @ 6:30 pm and in case of bad weather, the alternative date/time will be Sunday, February 1st @ 10:45 am.

## THANK YOU, JIL! WELCOME, AMY!

Jil Fiemeyer is taking a new job in Grand Forks and is stepping down as bookkeeper. Join us February 8 as we say farewell to Jil and thank her for serving our congregation. And we welcome our new bookkeeper, Amy Greenwaldt, who previously held the position until 2019.

## IMMANUEL YOUTH CARE PACKAGE COLLECTION

The Immanuel Youth are seeking donations to help assemble care packages for the residents of Humphrey Manor. This project is designed to help our youth experience the joy and importance of serving others. Requested items include: cozy socks, hard candy, granola or cereal bars, gum, and mini notebooks. Please turn in all donated items to the church office by February 4, as the youth will assemble the care packages during the Worship Wednesday supper that night. Delivery to Humphrey Manor is planned for February 11.

## 2025 ANNUAL REPORTS

The ILC 2025 Annual Report is available in the concourse and there is a link to the report on our website:

[www.wadenaimmanuel.org](http://www.wadenaimmanuel.org)

Please bring your copy of the report with to the annual meeting!

## JOIN US FOR WORSHIP WEDNESDAYS

We hope you will make Wednesday evening part of your New Year! Start the evening with us for a meal at 4:30 pm.

### **Tentative January/February Meals:**

**January 21:** Chicken Drumsticks,  
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy

**February 4:** Chicken Patty

**February 11:** Meatballs

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**

## COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

We welcome to our Lord's Table today ALL who desire Christ Jesus, members and visitors. As the ushers direct you forward, come down the center aisle to receive these gifts. Gluten free wafers are available on the baptismal font and white grape juice is available in the trays as a wine alternative. Place the empty cup in the basket provided near the outer walls of the sanctuary and return to your seats using the side aisles. Children who have not received communion instruction or those who desire a blessing instead of communion may come forward with their hands held near their chest as a visible sign to our servers. Please let an usher know if you need communion delivered to your pew.

## January 18 – January 25

### **Sunday, January 18**

- 8:45 am – Early Risers
- 8:30 am – Coffee & Conversation
- 9:30 am – Worship (LIVE on YouTube)
- 9:30 am – Radio Broadcast KWAD (920AM or 101.7FM)
- 3:00 & 5:00 pm – Julia Whynott Student Piano Recitals

### **Monday, January 19 – Martin Luther King Jr Day**

OFFICE CLOSED/NO ICW Quilting

- 11:00 am – Funeral Service for Cora Steffens (will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel)
- 6:30 pm – PEO Meeting

### **Tuesday, January 20**

- 9:00 am – Staff Meeting
- 9:00 am-2:00 pm – ICW Quilting
- 12:00 pm – Soup Tuesday
- 5:30 pm – Dinner Club – The Uptown

### **Wednesday, January 21**

- 12:00 pm – Rotary (#1 G.Kluenenberg)
- 4:30-5:45 pm – Worship Wednesday Meal (Chicken Drumsticks/Mashed Potatoes)
- 6:00 pm – Worship
- 6:45-7:30 pm – Education/Confirmation
- 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir

### **Thursday, January 22**

### **Friday, January 23**

### **Saturday, January 24**

### **Sunday, January 25**

- 8:45 am – Early Risers
- 8:30 am – Coffee & Conversation
- 9:30 am – Worship (LIVE on YouTube)
- 9:30 am – Radio Broadcast KWAD (920AM or 101.7FM)