
The Image

January 2019



Epiphany means “manifestation.” We celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. Some Christian traditions celebrate three great epiphanies on this day: the magi’s adoration of the Christ child, Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle, in which he changes water into wine. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God’s grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.

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Christmas has passed, the presents are opened, and the cookies are eaten.

Now – what to do with that bare tree? The 2019 Summer Adventure Team is happy to take it off your hands! On Sunday, January 6 & Sunday, January 13 our team will be offering Christmas tree pick up. Simply sign-up & take an envelope from the narthex, then place that envelope (be sure it's visible!) on your curbside tree before worship on the day you signed up for – we'll be by to collect it late morning or early afternoon. The cost is any free will donation to our trip. Thank you in advance – we appreciate your support!

Annual Family Retreat at Luther Park Bible Camp!

Looking for a fun family get-away this winter? Consider coming to the Immanuel Winter Retreat at Luther Park. **The retreat this year is February 15-17.** As always, you are welcome to stay the entire weekend, or come for any portion of the weekend that works for your schedule. We will be housed at the Shalom center, which is a very comfortable building for sleeping and relaxing. We will have lots of activities for your family to participate in. Please consider coming to the retreat! Registration forms and additional information are available on the table in the Narthex.

Family Fun Night at the Eau Claire Indoor Sports Center! All are welcome for an active night at the Sports Center on Friday, January 18. We will meet there around 6 pm, feel free to come & go as needed. Cost is \$5/person, and you will pay the Sports Center on arrival.

Get to know our Adventure Trip Team!

My name is Carter Chapman and I am a 8th grader at DeLong. I am 13 years old and when I was 11 I went to Denver on spring break. It was super pretty there and I would love to go again but this time with more people and do more hiking.



Dear whoever is reading this. My name is Ava Weber, and I am in 9th grade. I'm excited for white water rafting and rock climbing not on a rock wall. I mean, I guess I'm scared and excited to do those things. I really like to write in my free time or read other peoples work on Wattpad. I also enjoy organizing things, redecorating, fashion,

makeup, and traveling. I play the violin at Memorial. I have been to Colorado before, I have been to 23 states including Colorado and Canada. I have blonde hair and green eyes and fair skin. My hands are always hot, and I'm usually warmer than everyone else. Which in Colorado in the summer is not a good thing. I am fairly strong, as my mom says a good norwegian. Which I'm half norwegian. Anyway. I LOVE music. I listen to music all the time ask any one of my friends and they will tell you I listen to music or create music all the time. I enjoy road trips as long as they don't go through Nebraska or Illinois.

Epiphany blessings!

Dear friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas and Epiphany blessings! Here in January we are celebrating the end of the feast of Christmas and moving towards Epiphany. Our Epiphany season will be filled with the stories that enlighten us about who Jesus is. From the gift of the magi, the baptism of Jesus, the wedding feast in Canaan, to the Transfiguration of our Lord, we will learn anew how Jesus is Savior to each of us and to the world.

All of us rely deeply on God's grace. I am especially reminded of this for myself in this season of convalescence and healing after being sick and having surgery. I am doing my best to rest and recover, being intentional about receiving care from my family and friends. In this time, I am deeply grateful for the support of Immanuel, my faith community. In some seasons of our lives we focus on giving and taking care of others, and in some seasons we simply need to be taken care of! And that's not always easy to do, trust me! Yet, allowing ourselves this gift helps us to truly experience the depth of what life has to offer.

In our weakness, we find God's strength. In our need, we find the gifts of the community around us. In this season of Epiphany, we can see how God comes to be with us and to save us, just as we are. God entered this world just as it is. In its pain and brokenness, and in its beauty and joy. God comes to us. Jesus, our Savior, is with us through all of life's ups and downs. I pray this Epiphany season, God may be revealed to you in a new way. Maybe it's through your need, as is true for me. Maybe it's through your joy. Maybe through the everyday lessons. Whatever you are going through, know that Jesus your Savior walks with you. May God's love enliven your hearts and minds this new year.

In God's Amazing Grace,
Pastor Jamie Brieske

Pastoral Care Update:

If you would like a visit from Pastor Brieske, please call the church office during office hours or the pastor's cell phone after office hours. We do not receive updates from the hospital about our members due to privacy concerns. Please leave info about the hospital and room number and your condition and if you have you with the person or an immediate family member. The pastor will make every attempt to see you in the hospital or at home.

Add Pastor's phone number to your contacts or have her card in your wallet in case of emergencies. Contact info is on the Website too. Pastor Jamie: 715-563-3145

Begin the New Year trying something new!

Every couple of years we have a ministry fair to show the many opportunities we have for our congregation members to serve. We have ministries that are staples for the church and many new ministries offered as our church continues to grow and evolve. During the years when we don't have the fair it is easy to miss opportunities to serve and not know all the wonderful things we do at Immanuel.

During worship we need people to assist Pastor Jamie to read prayers and help with communion; people are needed to read the lessons during worship, to be greeters to welcome everyone into our space, and ushers to show new comers where to go. We need Journey of Faith guides, people who are interested in participating in a book group or bible study. We need Eucharistic ministers to bring communion to people who have a hard time getting to church. We need people to help with our Food Pantry. We have opportunities to quilt, knit, sing and to even do yoga!

In our community we support Beacon House, who needs us to cook and serve meals and to stay overnight. We support the Community table by also cooking meals and serving. We deliver Weekend kids meals to South Middle School and Meadowview Elementary. We provide spaces for meetings and gatherings for groups such as JONAH and Lutheran Social Services.

We serve the world by walking together with our companion parish in Zomba, Malawi Africa, We sell coffee from Lutheran World relief to help farmers with fair trade and provide the opportunity to support the ELCA good gifts program.

The New Year is a good time to think about our spiritual gifts and ask ourselves "in what new ways can I serve my community"? Jesus' movement was to teach us to serve and love our neighbors; to be community with one another. There will be CONNECT booklets available later this month that will list many opportunities to serve here at Immanuel, the community and the world, and we are always interested in new ideas for new innovative ways to minister and serve.

Acts 6:4

while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.

May you feel God's blessings and renewal for the New Year!

Janet Carlson, Ministry Coordinator

Giving Options

- 1.You can request envelopes for your weekly giving.
- 2.You can set up auto pay from our financial institution.
- 3.You can go to our website and use the e-giving option.
- 4.Ask us about legacy giving.

Are you a Thrivent Member?

We have used Action team dollars for food for fundraisers, to buy t-shirts for the Youth team, to purchase flowers for our beautification project, and to buy products for the blessing box. Contact your agent to see if you qualify for Action Team dollars and help us to do more for our church! Let Alyssa or Janet know if you qualify!

A simple way to set up e-giving. Scan the QR code to link with our e-giving site. Or **Give + text** 715-972-7067



Serving during Worship

Assistant Ministers

06 Kitty Rahl
13 Zan Degen
20 Dave Langhus
27 Marianna Gilbertson

Lectors

06 Diane Kaufmann
13 Becky Wilcox
20 Diane Kaufmann
27 Barb Hokanson

Ushers

06 Barb and Thom Hokanson
13 Bill and Peggy Schwengel
20 Patty and Steve Isaacson
27 Sue Luthy

Greeters

06 Carol and Jerry Hanson
13 Cheryl and Jim Ulberg
20 The Prissel Family
27 Jan Bille and Becky Ihle

Counters

Sue Luthy and Al Ludwig

Serve during Worship

Contact the coordinator below!

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Barb Hokanson
715-835-1524
Bread and Wine
Melissa Tarpinning
715-858-1190

Birthday's

01 LaVerne Parenteau
01 Carol Ebel
01 Megan Zimmerman
02 Mercedes Isham
03 Pam Johnson
04 Deanna Larson
05 Bob Lodahl
06 Tom Buchholz
07 Zachary Heck
08 Todd Pickett
09 Ayva Peterson
10 Sheldon Satter
10 Rayna Felling
11 Marianna Gilbertson
11 Kim Bowman
11 Scott Calkins
11 Felicity Manning
12 Brenda Johnson
13 Greg Peterson
14 Doly Rakotomahenina
14 Weston Neidermire
16 Al Ludwig
17 Irv Peterson
17 Jim Fey
22 Ruth Halvorson
23 Fern Satter
23 Lincoln Prissel
24 Kallen Engedal
25 Larry Blanshan
26 Janet Forster
26 Andy Benware
27 Seth Redetzke
27 Rylin Rassbach
28 Dan Malnory
29 Neil Hanson
29 Marguerite Gilbertson
31 Marcia Bowman
31 Schyler Manning

Anniversaries

16 Lang and Holli Jacobson
20 Larry and Diane Blanshan
25 Bob and Deanna Larson

Fellowship sign-up

We all enjoy our fellowship time after worship with a little coffee and snack. There is always an open invitation to make coffee and provide a simple snack with your Immanuel friends. The sign-up is in Narthex by the front door.

Helping with the Immanuel Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry is located in the kitchen. The mission of our pantry is to help people who are experiencing food insecurities. It might be a family, a single person or even a senior citizen. We serve people who come on a regular basis, who are homeless, who might be living in a motel or someone might be passing through town. No one is turned away, we do not require ID's or paperwork. All we ask is that people mark who is in their family, as we report those numbers to Feed My People foodbank. We are open Monday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm and Thursdays and Fridays 9-11am. We need volunteers to greet our guests!

Wear your name tags every Sunday!

In our community

Worship Opportunity for People with Disabilities

Inclusive Ministry of Eau Claire

IM(Inclusive Ministry) Church is a coalition of several faith communities working together to provide a monthly message of God's love for people with cognitive and other disabilities. Recognizing that all people have gifts, IM church invites all members to participate and serve in God's ministry.

Our time at IM church includes a message, activity, worship, fellowship and a meal. IM church will be held the 3rd Sunday every month at 3:00 PM. Lake Street Methodist will be the permanent host providing a consistent location. Partner churches take turns leading IM church. The first IM church was held July 22nd with much success, and had over 60 participants of all abilities. Volunteers are always needed! Let Janet Carlson know if you are interested in helping!

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Community Table

Excerpt from the website

Since 1993, The Community Table has been nourishing hungry bodies and spirits in the Eau Claire Community by serving one meal each day, 365 days a year on a no-questions asked basis. Anyone can join our table during meal time. Immanuel helps cook, serve and clean every 4th Wednesday of the month. Consider volunteering your time!

Sign up in the narthex by the office.

From Feed My People

Addressing Senior Food Insecurity

"Seniors in need are often too proud to come to the food pantry. When I visit low-income senior housing with a box of food I have to reassure them that they aren't taking items that someone else needs. These people usually are alone with no one to talk to, no one to encourage them to eat more. Often when I open the fridge to help them put the food away, the shelves are bare, and I know these seniors need our help. We live in rural Wisconsin with limited resources. What would our senior friends do without hunger-relief programs?" shared Ann Sonderegger, FMP Board Member and Director of the Cornell Food Pantry.

Data shows that the number of food insecure seniors is projected to increase by 50% when the youngest of the Baby Boom Generation reaches age 60 in 2025. Locally the number of seniors served through FMP and our partners has increased 14% in the last 3 years. After a life of working, paying taxes, and raising families, our seniors are facing high medical costs, transportation issues and limited food budgets. To address this alarming need, FMP continues to foster partnerships to expand our reach through our partner programs, senior centers and resident pantry sites.

While statistics and resources may change over time, the effect hunger has on the lives of our neighbors facing food insecurity remains devastating and acts as a barrier to health and productivity. As part of an ongoing commitment to removing the hunger barrier, FMP continues to establish and strengthen new partnerships to rescue and redistribute healthy food to our neighbors who need it most.

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