



Our mission is to prepare people to know, follow, and share Christ.

News & Notes

December 15, 2019

Prayers: Chris (Faust) Wise, in need of a kidney; Marilyn Schrum

From the Dakota Ranch: Pray for Kylen's mother to not drink and that she would find a unicorn. (This prayer request is from a 10-year-old girl who was prostituted by her father for drug money. To cope with the horrendous, repeated abuse, she imagined that a unicorn would come and take her away. In her use of the term "unicorn," she is praying for Kylen's mother to find a safe place in her mind, body, and spirit. With the help of the Ranch staff and their Christ-centered treatment, this little girl is working through past trauma toward healing and recovery.)

Last Sunday's Attendance:

Last Sunday's Offering:



Building & Pledge Contributions: You are encouraged to prayerfully continue making contributions to the building fund. There are extra Building Fund Envelopes in the back of the sanctuary -- or choose "Building" on your offering envelope. (This will greatly assist us in meeting our monthly loan payment.)
Parking Lot envelopes are on the Welcome Desk

2019/2020 Theme: Foundations of Faith 1.

Psalm 18:2 - *The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

Cookies for Sale! The Mission Committee is selling Christmas cookie trays for \$30. All proceeds will go to support Robin Morelock's mission work in Papua, New Guinea.

Sunday School Christmas Program

Celebrate the Gifts will be presented **TODAY** at 11am. (no HC will be served)

Thanks to all the kids and baking helpers for the treats served during fellowship time today!

Learn to Love Your Bible! Join us for Adult Bible class **TODAY** at 10:00am as we see God at Work in our first building block -- The Word! Pastor is sharing tools to assist us in Learning to Love our Bible!



Immanuel Preschool Christmas Program

TODAY at 2:00pm. All are invited!

Christmas Caroling: Come and join the Dorcas (LWML) women as we go Christmas Caroling **TODAY**. Everyone is invited to join us, both young and old! We will meet at **NorthCrest Specialty Care, 2001 Heath Street, W'loo** at 5:30pm to sing in the dining room. Then we will travel to **The Rose of Waterloo, 421 Oak Avenue, W'loo** and be there about 6:15pm to sing to residents in the dining room. Bring your families! We will end the evening at the W'loo Panera for hot cocoa and fellowship!

Please Welcome Cris Natvig, who joined Immanuel this fall.

Advent Midweek: Join us for our Advent worship series, *Arise and Shine*. Each week will focus on a different aspect of the light of Christ and how we are enlightened by Him throughout our lives. In our worship this **Wednesday** at 5:30pm, we anticipate with repentant joy the birth of our Savior, listen to His Word and seek to live according to it until He comes again.

Hear Valley Lutheran Sing!

Grades 6th-12th Christmas Program will be **Thursday**, December 19 at 7pm at Ascension Lutheran Church.

Christmas Baskets: Caring Committee will meet **Friday**, December 20 at 11:30am to put food baskets together. If you are aware of an Immanuel or community member in need, please give the name to the office for consideration.

Holiday Worship Schedule:

Christmas Eve 5:30pm and 11pm both with HC
Christmas Day 9:00am with HC

SCRIP for Xmas: From retail stores to restaurants, using scrip cards is easy! Not only do the cards make great Christmas gifts but are handy for your everyday use. All families buy gas, buy groceries, and eat out. Why not use a scrip card? Immanuel keeps a percentage of each card purchased, which is then given to the building fund. Buy scrip at the Welcome Desk, from Deb Newton, or from the church office.

2019 Year-End Contributions should be in the church office by end of day Monday, December 30, in the offering plate New Year's Eve, or by mail, postmarked 2019 to count as a 2019 contribution. Thank you! **Also, please take your 2020 envelopes!**

IA Lutheran STO -- The deadline for donating to the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO) is December 31, 2019. Please consider donating today to help fully fund tuition assistance to students in our Iowa Lutheran schools. How much Iowa tax do you pay each year? Why not send this money to help Lutheran students' families instead! Donors receive a 65% Iowa tax credit. Brochures about this opportunity are on the Welcome Desk. For further information, contact Dewey Torkelson

Electronic Giving: Would you find it helpful to have your church offering debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? Immanuel offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have your contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. Contact the church office for more details. (We have over 20 families who use this convenient service!)

Robin Contributions: If you would like to contribute in support of Robin Morelock using your offering envelope, please write "ROBIN" on the front of the envelope next to "OTHER" and the offering amount you wish designated.

Many thanks to Barb Reinking and Deb Oltmann for chairing Advent by Candlelight. Thanks also to our wonderful table hostesses, our set up and tear down crew, and our beloved wait staff! Thank you to Karen Weber for playing the organ, Jon Illian for tech support, and Jackie & Carly Illian for their moving performance. Special thanks to the A by C committee: Diane Clark, Cindy Grim, Laverne Kelderman, Cheryl Lauer, Melissa Lynch, Mari Snyder, and Deb Staack;

Directory Advertising Opportunity: We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office.

Update Membership Information: Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct? It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year. Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct.

Chick Flick: Monday, January 6, at 6:00pm at the home of Laverne Kelderman. Sign up at the Welcome Desk. Join us for food, fellowship & the flick *Overcomer!*

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Deacons for next week:

Wed. 18 5:30: Jason Heinz

Sun. 22 8:30: John Schrum

11:00: Gene Boevers

Acolytes for next week:

Wed. 18 5:30: Melia Stone

Sun. 22 8:30: Jared Piehl

11:00: Baylee Marquart

Ushers for next week:

Sun. 22 8:30: Team of 4

11:00: Team of 4

Readers for next week:

Sun. 22 8:30: Les Redinbaugh

11:00: Sign up at the Welcome Desk

Greeters for next week:

Sun. 22 8:30: Sign up at the Welcome Desk

11:00: Sign up at the Welcome Desk

Our Week at a Glance:

Tue. 17	7:00: Staff study 9:15: Women's Bible Study
Wed. 18	5:30: Advent Midweek
Fri. 20	11:30: Christmas baskets Info due for Jan Messenger
Sun. 22	8:30: Worship No Sunday School 10:00: Adult Bible Study 11:00: Worship

Valley Lutheran would like to tell our congregations how "Thankful" they are for having us walk along side of them as they help students grow in faith, knowledge and service. To Him be the glory! (VLS Office closed Dec 23-Jan 3.)

