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This Week

Mon. 15	6:00 Chick Flick
Tue. 16	5:30 Bd of Directors
Wed. 17	6:00 Faith Alive 7:00 Deaf Ministry
Thur. 18	
Fri. 19	
Sat. 20	
Sun. 21	8:00 Sunday Worship HC 9:15 SS & Adult Bible Study 10:30 Sunday Worship HC 6:30 Sr. High Youth Group

Readings for January 14

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

1 Cor. 6:12-20

Ephesians 2

John 1:43-51

Missionaries:

Scot and Ivy Wiens, Peru, Pioneers,

Michael and Irene Paul, Taiwan, Mission Central,

Tiewes, Germany, Mission Central,

Luke and Sarah Barnett, Training in Camdenton, MO,

Ethnos360,

Manohar James, India, Serving Alongside International,

Pastor Omolo, Kenya, Hope for the Destitute, Dianne

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

Weekly News

January 14, 2024

Prayers:

Deb Morrison – health

Fran Peters – health

Amanda L'Heureux – health

Kathy Camarata – recovery at home

Fran Melsh – health

Betty Tyler - health

Bob Sieglaff - health

Sr. High Youth Ministry:

Game Night tonight at 6:30 – 8:00. Bring a game that you would like to play with your fellow youth. Snacks will be provided.

Rescheduled Chick Flick:

Women of Immanuel, come join us for Chick Flick on



Monday, January 15, 2024, at Laverne Kelderman's home. We will be viewing the film "Let There Be Light," with Kevin Sorbo. Starting time is 6 pm. Please sign up at the

Welcome Desk if you will be joining us!

New Member Class:

Beginning Sunday, January 28 "Adult Information" class about the basics of Christianity and the Lutheran Faith. Class will meet each week from 2:00 – 4:30 for seven class periods. If you are interested in participating in the class stop by the office today.

Immanuel Preschool:

Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year will begin on January 15. If you have a child that will turn 3 or 4 by September 15, 2024, now is the time to get them registered preschool.



Check in with the office about getting the link to the application.

LERT:

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Mt. Vernon Iowa will be hosting Basic LERT (Lutheran Early Response Teams) Training on February 3, 2024. Participants will learn about how they and their congregation will be able to

serve their community in times of disaster in a safe and effective way. Topics to be covered will include:
Introduction to LCMS Disaster Response and LERT
Congregation Preparedness
Christian Care in Times of Disaster...



Small Groups at Immanuel:

Exciting announcement!!! We are starting our next round of Small Group Bible studies on April 7th. Depending upon which study your group chooses, it will be for 4 to 6 weeks and be done in May. Right now, I am asking for hosts and facilitators. As host, you would be providing the space for the group to meet and help organize details such as food, seating, and technology to lead the study. As facilitator, you will oversee communication for the group and lead the discussions after watching/listening to the studies.

This year, since our congregational theme is "Living by the Book" we want to use a study that is focused on a book of the Bible. There are several options available as video studies on RightNow Media, and there are several other options available as audio podcasts from 1517 Podcasts.

If you are interested in serving as a host or facilitator for a group, please let Pastor Kevin know or sign up on the welcome desk.

****Here is one idea to consider.** If you enjoyed working with your encouragement group during the Red Letter Challenge, this would be a great time to get that group back together and go through the small group study. You could even get a couple of encouragement groups together or invite friends into the group. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Kevin.

Missionary News:

The Tiews sent the Christmas post card. Their personal note says "Dear friends of Immanuel Cedar Falls, thank you so much for your continued generous support of our Gospel outreach ministry to Iranian immigrants here in Germany! Merry Christmas! Pastor & Lula Tiews"

The thank you card was from Mabel's Building Mission. It says "Thank you for your donation of \$4223.13 to Mabel's Building Mission. Your contribution will help to provide decent basic shelter for poor working families. This is the ongoing work of the late Mabel Clare Proudley who for many years worked among the poor in Nuevo Progreso, Tamaulipas, Mexico giving the housing, food, clothing, and medical help."

Valley:

Valley Lutheran School, grounded in His truth and grace, prepares, trains, and teaches our students and families to serve and live for Christ. How do we do this?

-By equipping His children with the truth as revealed in God's Word.
-By equipping His children to live out their faith and be strong witnesses for Christ in the world.
-By equipping His children with academic excellence to fulfill God's unique calling in their lives.

Learn how Valley Lutheran School seeks to be "More than a School" at our **Prospective Family Open House** happening on *Thursday, February 1st*. It will be hosted from 5:30 to 7:00 pm and all prospective families will receive FREE tickets to our Boosters Dinner!

If you've longed for a Christian education for your children, but figured you couldn't afford it, the State's Education Savings Account (ESA) program now makes Valley affordable! The program covers ALL incoming kindergarteners, ALL public school transfers no matter their grade level, and ALL fully homeschooled students.



Registration opens to the public on February 1st BUT by attending this church, you can register a WHOLE WEEK earlier on **January 25th**! So don't delay as space is limited in several of our classes. Give us a call at 319-266-4565 to set up an appointment to visit today!

Issues:

TITUS BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on The Book of Titus. He will begin a study on the Book of Ruth on January 23. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Right Now Media:

Experience the world's largest customizable library of biblical video resources for yourself and family. The mission of Right Now Media (RNM) includes the following: In our neighborhoods, at the office, and around the world the mission of the church matters. Our mission is bigger than any one person. Christ's mission in the world calls us to action right here, right now. Real-life stories have the power to inspire and validate what God is doing. God is glorified when we use our God-given passions and skills with excellence. There will always be more work to do, but not at the expense of family and friends. You too can join in using this resource at your home by getting this free gift by signing up at <https://bit.ly/ILCCF> or by texting **ILCCF** to **49775**

Metropolitan Chorale:

Sing with Chorale for their spring concert on April 28. Registration and first rehearsal is on January 15 at 6:30 at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls.