

## December 10, 2023 Attendance & Giving

Attendance:	Weekly Income:
8am 80	Weekly Offering (Sunday) \$13,120.17
10:15am 83	Additional Income
11:30pm 42	(Special Gym Usage, etc.)
Live Streamed	<u>Mortgage Reduction</u> — \$100.00
9 / 4 / 8	<b>Total Income:</b> \$13,220.17
<b>Total: 205 / 21</b>	General Fund Weekly Need \$15,909.74
	Weekly <b>Shortfall</b> <b>\$2,689.57</b>
<b>Advent 12/6 188 \$567</b>	

## Week at a Glance —December 17—December 24

<b>Sun</b>	8am Divine Service-Comm	<b>Wed</b>	8:30am Wednesday Warriors
	9:15am Sunday School		5:30pm Confirmation
	9:15am Bible Study		<b>5:30pm Pre-Service Meal</b>
	10:15am Family Worship Service		<b>6:30pm Youth Group—YR</b>
	10:30am Spanish BS & SS		<b>6:30pm Advent Service</b>
	11:30am Spanish Service	<b>Thurs</b>	8:15am Chapel
	2pm Basketball Pick up Game		<b>ILS 1/2 day</b>
<b>Mon</b>	1pm Nifty Fifty Luncheon	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Beginning of Christmas Break</b>
	7pm Boy Scouts	<b>Sun</b>	10am Divine Service-Comm
	7pm Cub Scouts		5:00pm Family Service—
<b>Tues</b>	9:30am Bible Study		Bilingual Candlelight
<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>ILS Preschool Christmas Program</b>		7pm Candlelight
	6pm Spanish Class	<b>Mon</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>
	6:30pm Hand Bells		10am Communion
	7:30pm Choir		

## Bible Studies

Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am in the Youth Room  
With Pastor Dan on Ephesians

Elder-Pastor led Bible Study in the Youth Room—Sundays  
9:15am to 10am Book of Acts

## Wednesday Night Bible Study

With Pastor Haara at 6:30pm

## Book of Philippians

Paul wrote that he poured out his life as an offering for the sake of Christ, leading Paul to find great joy and contentment in Christ's service. His letter to the Philippians showed them that by centering their lives on Christ, they, too, might live in true joy.

## Spanish Bible Studies Aprendamos Juntos la Palabra de Dios!

(Wed) Miércoles-6:30pm—Separate Groups for Men-hombres,  
Women-Mujeres Children-Ninos



## Blue News

Weekly Newsletter for

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School—Sunday, December 17, 2023

## Holiday Worship Schedule



Advent Bi-Lingual Services - 6:30 p.m.

December 6th, 13th and 20th

Preservice meals at 5:30pm

Christmas Eve—10am Communion

5:00pm Family Service Bilingual Candlelight

7pm—Candlelight

Christmas Day - 10am Communion



This year the tree near the church office is a "Giving Tree". You may choose a tag if you wish to participate and bring the items you purchase to the church office.



## POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR

There is a sign-up sheet in the breezeway if you would like to purchase poinsettias for the altar. The cost will be \$10 and you will be able to take your poinsettia(s) home with you after Christmas Day Service.



## Hand Bell and Choir Practice

Our Choir and Hand Bells need more members. Anyone from teenage on up who can sing, or interested in playing Hand Bells.



If interested please show up at a practice on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 for Hand Bells and 7:30pm for Choir to check it out.



## Gifts for our Pastor

Should you desire to donate to a "purse" which will be presented to the Pastor, place your cash or checks (payable to ILC) in a plain white envelope and mark it "**Pastor's Gift**". You may give it to our greeters, put it in the collection plate or drop it off at the Church office.

We need volunteers to manage the Power Point for the TV screens for all services. It is very easy—just pushing a button. If you would be interested in doing this please contact the church office and state which services you can help

## SCHOOL NEWS

ILS Preschool Christmas Program  
December 19th at 5:30pm

School is looking for **substitute teachers** for this school year. If interested please get an application from the school office.

**Flag football season is upon us and we are looking for a new coach.**

If you or someone you know may be interested please email [athletics@ilsbrandon.com](mailto:athletics@ilsbrandon.com) for more information

Second Quarter Chapel Offerings Each quarter our school chooses a worthy organization to give our student's Chapel offerings to. This quarter we have chosen to give to Samaritan's Purse—Operation Christmas Child

To Enroll—call Christal Trlak at the school office for more information—813-685-1978

## Christian Growth & Education

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Regular SS at 9:15am—

Meet in the Resource Room first for some singing

If you have questions please call Beverly at the church office or email Neoda at [neoda.rae@gmail.com](mailto:neoda.rae@gmail.com)

**SPANISH CLASS** being offered at no cost. One class a week on **Tuesdays, from 6pm to 7pm in the Youth Room.** All are **Welcome** Pastor Miguel's wife, Katherine, teaches the class.

**NIFTY FIFTY LUNCHEON—Monday, December 18th at 1pm**  
**Olive Garden—2602 W. Brandon Blvd.**  
Please sign up in the breezeway

**USHERS NEEDED:** If you are willing to Volunteer at 8am or 10:15am service please email Colleen at [cbwebb1978@outlook.com](mailto:cbwebb1978@outlook.com).

**ACOLYTES NEEDED:** All Children from 4th to 8th grade. Please let the church office know if you are interested. 813-689-1787

If you would like to have a mailbox in the breezeway please respond to [beverlyl@godsoloved.org](mailto:beverlyl@godsoloved.org) and we will be sure to have a mailbox for you.

Please help support Immanuel Lutheran Church by going into Google or Bing and **leaving a positive review.** At this time we have less reviews than any other churches in this area. We would like to get into the top 20 in the search engine optimization and this will help. Just type in Immanuel Lutheran Church in Google or Bing and go to the box at right and leave a positive review.

## Stewardship Notes for December 17, 2023

### 1 Thessalonians 5:18

*"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord's work, in acts of service to others, in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord's many gifts to us.*

## 1X MINISTRY (ECHO)—DECEMBER

**URGENT NEED: Toiletries of all types & sizes**

**for men & women—please drop off in 1X Ministry box in breezeway at your earliest convenience**

**Most Needed Items:**

Tuna (single serve pack); Condiments; Can Openers; Toiletries, Pop Top Cans of SpaghettiOs's, Ravioli, etc.; Ramon Noodles

**(& Pet Food)**

(Please donate only 6 & 12 count egg cartons —NO 18 count egg cartons)

As always, be sure and keep ECHO and our efforts to help them in their ministry in your prayers. **ECHO needs Volunteers!! Please stop by their North Parsons office and see how you can help!**

**ATTENTION:** There is now an ECHO Thrift Store at 424 W. Brandon Blvd.—open Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 6pm

## Family Life & Youth



**YOUTH GROUP—Wednesdays at 6:30pm.**

All middle thru High school youth are welcome and please bring a friend or two. :) For questions or details, please call Jackson Hamilton 813-707-3915 or Tyler Winn at 813-393-7619

## Board of Property Management

Troubleshoot inoperative lights on the west side of the FLC and the North Canopy. Replaced two bulbs outside the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom. Replaced one light bulb at the East Gym Entrance. Trimmed trees and hauled over 700 pounds of limbs to the Yard Waster recycling center. Replaced timer for outside lights for the school office. Moved chairs from the Youth room to the breezeway for Wednesdays meager meal.

## WEDNESDAY WARRIORS

Our Board for Property Management have their gang of 'Wednesday Warriors' who work diligently every Wednesday morning on many projects around the church & school. Help is always appreciated and there are always more projects to be worked on.

**Please consider your time & talents in helping out the BFPM on Wednesday mornings.**

**Flowers on the Altar:** Just a reminder that flowers can be put on the altar in honor of birthdays and anniversaries or in memory of loved ones. **The cost is now \$25 per arrangement** and the sign-up is now in a Binder in the breezeway. They can be picked up after last service of the day. Please leave containers here or bring back on Monday.

**No Food or Drinks in Sanctuary**

