December 31, 2023 Attendance & Giving						
Attendance:		Weekly Income:				
8am	69	Weekly Offering (Sunday)	\$6,556.00			
10:15am	69	Additional Income				
11:30pm	45	(Special Gym Usage, etc.)				
Live Streamed		Mortgage Reduction —	\$45.00			
6/4/7		<b>Total Income:</b>	\$6,601.00			
Total: 183 / 17		General Fund Weekly Need	\$15,909.74			
		Weekly Shortfall	\$9,308.74			

# Week at a Glance —January 7—January 14

Sun Mon Tues	8am Divine Service-Comm 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Bible Study 10:15am Family Worship Service 10:30am Spanish BS & SS 11:30am Spanish Service 2pm Basketball Pick up Game School Resumes 6:30pm Evng-Stwd 6:30pm Boy Scouts—YR 6:30pm Cub Scouts-Gym 9:30am Bible Study-YR 6pm Spanish Class 6:30pm Hand Bells 7:30pm Choir	Wed Sun	8:30am Wed Warriors 5:30 Confirmation Class 6:30 Youth Group 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Estudio Biblico en Espanol
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#### **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 Ephesians**

What is the main message of Ephesians? The main message of Ephesians is that **believers in Christ are reconciled not only to God, but to each other**. They are to maintain unity of purpose within their families and church, while resisting the temptation to fall into the sin of the world surrounding them.

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, January 7, 2024

#### INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR PASTOR PHIL RESSLER

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Invite you to the Installation Service on February 10, 2024 at 4pm in the Sanctuary

Please join us immediately after the installation, in the gym for a Dinner Reception. Main course will be provided.

Please bring a side dish or dessert
Sign up sheet is in the breezeway.

Volunteers for set up, clean up and to help with food & drinks are most welcome.



# BLOOD DRIVE Is Postponed

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



# 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.



# Please remember to pick up your Poinsettias

#### **2024 ENVELOPES**

Your 2024 giving envelopes will be in your mailbox on Sunday. Anyone without a mailbox, they will be on a table in the breezeway.

## LADIES GUILD

Regular Meeting on Monday, January 15th At 10am We will first meet at the Latin Grill at 9am on John Moore Rd.

The Ladies Guild will start taking orders for Cuban Sandwiches, for Super Bowl Sunday between services on January 21st & 28th and February 4. The proceeds will be used for a specific cause chosen by the Ladies Guild. More information to follow.

#### **School Board**

#### SCHOOL NEWS

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

school office.

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**

SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 8th to 12th

Theme: Make a Joyful Noise Next Meeting for all: April 11th at 6pm

# 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

**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.

**USHERS NEEDED:** If you are willing to Volunteer at 8am or 10:15am service please email Colleen at 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 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.

#### Evangelism & Stewardship

#### Stewardship Notes for January 7, 2024 Isaiah 60:6 -

"They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD." Faith in God moves the heart toward thanksaiving, which moves us toward making offerings to the Lord in His house. It's simply what Christians do: Our thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us simply must overflow into sacrificial giving to the Lord. What Isaiah prophesied, the Wise Men did, and we still do today: we give with a thankful heart.

# 1X MINISTRY (ECHO)—JANUARY

**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**

Not working this week.

#### 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.

