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**Services: Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship, 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School, Preschool to 12th grade, 10:45 - 11:15 a.m.**



*(Announcements continued from other side)*

- It's almost time for **Three Nights of Lights** at the **Jenison-Meacham Memorial Art Center**! Plan to attend December 19 and 20, from 5 to 8 p.m., and December 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. You'll enjoy a live nativity, refreshments, rides around the grounds, and you can vote for your favorite decorated tree. Donations are appreciated.
- **Ladies**, please come join us at Sugar Pie each Friday morning at 9 a.m. for coffee, tea, pastries, and sparkling conversation. We'd love to have you!
- Time to get rid of clutter? Remember, Immanuel has an account at **House of Treasures**. Take in your "treasures," mark them with I-7, and once they sell, the proceeds will go to our Women's Fellowship Memorial Fund. Thank you!
- The food pantry REALLY needs your donations of cash or groceries right now: **Soda crackers, fruit juice, boxes of instant pudding, boxes of Jello, pancake mix, syrup, salad dressing, toilet tissue and laundry soap**. Put any cash donations in an envelope and place it in Wanda's mailbox.

December 14, 2025

3rd Sunday in Advent

### Order of Service

#### Prelude

#### Welcome

#### \*Opening Hymn #131:

*Angels From the Realms of  
Glory, vs. 1 & 2*

#### Call to Worship

#### Lighting the Advent Candles

#### Praise Hymn #144:

*How Great Our Joy*

#### Praise Hymn #132:

*Angels We Have Heard on  
High*

#### Children's Message

#### \*Prayer Hymn #134:

*Emmanuel, 2x*

#### Morning Prayer

#### Scripture:

Luke 2:1 - 20

#### Message:

Joy Has Come Near

#### \*Responsive Hymn #135:

*While Shepherds Watched  
Their Flocks, vs. 1, 2 & 5*

#### Offering Prayer

#### Offertory

#### \*Doxology

#### Church Happenings

#### \*Benediction

#### \*Closing Hymn #138:

*Go, Tell It On the Mountain, vs. 1*

*\* Please Stand*

## Today's Scripture

<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." <sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." <sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

– Luke 2:8 - 20

## Prayer & Praise

- PRAY FOR HEALING: For **Kim Mason**, who had knee replacement surgery recently.
- PRAY FOR HEALING: For **Velda Steenblock**, who is recovering at home from a broken hip.
- PRAY FOR COMFORT AND HEALING: For **Nate McVey**.
- Remember **Laura, Kathy, Fritz, Wilma, Jack, Dave, Ronnie, and Scott** in prayer as they go through health struggles.

## Church & Family News

- **Immanuel's Annual Meeting** is **TODAY**. Members, grab a cup of coffee after the service and stay for the meeting.
- Your help is needed to run the **projection system** during our service December 28. If you'd like to volunteer, please see **Lawrence or Wanda**.
- Update on **Harvest Feast proceeds**: So far, we've netted \$4,820.64 from the Harvest Feast, plus donations! Thank you to all who helped out in any way!!! We will meet soon after the new year to disburse these funds.
- Aren't our **poinsettias** beautiful? All they need is a sponsor. If you can sponsor a poinsettia, please see **Julie Berneman**. They are \$25 each.
- **Mid-week** for ages 3rd to 12th grade is every Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. **Sunday school** for preschool to 12th grade is at 10:45 a.m.

*(See more announcements on the back)*

### Serving Us Today

#### Greeter & Clean-Up:

Becky Ellingston

**Musician:** Dawn Groszkruger

**Message:** Leigh Jass

### December 21

#### Greeters & Clean-Up:

Don & Darla Goeman

**Musician:** Donna Buseman

**Message:** Leigh Jass

### Happy Birthday!

**Dec 4** John Pals

**Dec 19** Larry Pals

**Dec 27** Everett Joshua Stahl,  
Nathan Stahl

**Dec 28** Brad Berneman

**Dec 29** Gary Steenblock

**Dec 30** Brenda Stahl

### Happy Anniversary!

**Dec 3** Curt & Skip Dorenkamp

**Dec 7** Tate & Jenna Goeman

**Dec 30** Joel & Cindy Boelman