



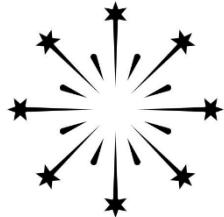
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*To Know God and to make Him known through fellowship, prayer, and service.*

## Welcome

# January 2026



"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding." — Proverbs 3:5–6

### **Weekly:**

Bible study Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM (Library)

Friday Mornings -      Prayer Hour Friday mornings at 8 am (Sanctuary)

                            Bible Study Friday mornings at 9:30 am

Men's 260 Accountability group Wednesday's 5:00

The Chosen Series Friday at 6:30 pm

### **Monthly:**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month we serve communion and we have our Friendship Sunday potlucks. Join us on January 4<sup>th</sup> and bring a friend. (No pot luck in February –  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday - Men's breakfast January 10th

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Mission Moment – information about one of our mission projects is shared during the service.

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – January 13<sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM ICC Women's Group - Bring a Friend!  
Council meeting January 11, 2026

## **Reminders:**

**Annual Church meeting** will be January 25, 2026 following the service with a potluck lunch.. (No potluck the first week in February)

6:03 Pray for ONE (2Peter 3:9)

Continued prayers for our shut-ins, those who are ill, had recent surgery, grieving, dealing with difficult challenges. For our church, our country, our world. Take note of our weekly "Prayer Requests" and keep those requests in mind.

Let's start reading the Bible in one year together. <https://bible.alpha.org/en/>

Our Daily Bread devotional booklets are available at the back of the sanctuary.

*Gifts given in memory of someone or in honor of someone still living, will be added to our Memorial Fund. The names of those honored by these gifts will be read aloud at our service on Remembrance Sunday, May 24, 2026*

**New project** — Let's start a Meal Train to provide meals to our friends experiencing hard times such as illness , accident, new widow /widower.

The first step is to find volunteers who are available to help. If this is something you can do please sign up on your communication card or contact Belle Ash at church. Her email address is: [bello205@gmail.com](mailto:bello205@gmail.com) or phone number 603-731-4132

## **A message:** What Are Your Gifts?

God's love is unconditional. Sometimes we hear God telling us what direction to go in or what to do, but we decide not to listen because we are stubborn or think we are smarter than God and know better than Him! We do what we want. I think God just watches and shakes his head. No matter what, He is still going to love us. He made us and "God doesn't make junk!"

While working in my first real ‘adult’ job I started to learn what my talents and God-given gifts were. I did clerical and secretarial work and with the guidance of many wonderful people I learned that I was organized, a good proofreader and I had a real need to help others. I got my first apartment and I think I did pretty well for myself.

We all have value/talents/gifts, whether anyone has affirmed them or not. Examples of gifts are cooking, typing, cleaning, smiling, loving singing, playing sports, etc. Have your gifts been discovered? How have you chosen to use your gifts in your life or share them with others?

**Missions** – Our shut ins were happy to see us and be remembered during the Christmas season.

**Friendly Kitchen** needs powdered hot chocolate mix in January.

Many thanks to all who helped fill the bin with hats, mittens, scarves, socks and hand warmers! It has been so very cold already this winter those warm things will go a long way towards helping to keep our Friendly Kitchen folks a bit warmer.

Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU!  
Beth-Ann

**The ICC Women's Group** Next meeting 1/13/2026 11:30 AM

New officers for 2026. Susan Andrews (Co-Chair), Kimberly Palmer (Co-Chair) and Sharon Dotson (will continue as Secretary)

### **Testimonial**

The older I get the faster life seems to move. As the aches and pains become more frequent and with the struggles of life we all face from time to time, I am reminded that I am only a visitor just passing through. My citizenship is in heaven, where there will be no pain, no illness nor worldly struggles, and without conflict of interest. I will be home and how nice that will be. Until then it's push forward, and seek each day as a new adventure, new lessons to be learned or even shared, and to look forward with hope in mind and heart.

Belle Ash

We have allotted 5-minute testimonials after the offering for anyone who wants to share. If you are interested please see Terri Morgan or Pastor Bill so that we can assign you a date.

*We would like to include your story here in our newsletter. When and how did Jesus come into your life? How is he working in your life now? (If you need help contact Ruby or Terri).*

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## January Birthdays

Kimberly Palmer Jan 14  
Susan Spaulding-Poehler Jan 16  
Marlene B. Fritz Jan 17  
Wayne Wheeler Jan 20  
Wayne Andrews Jan 28

*If you would like us to add your birthday to our list - please note the month and day on a communication card.*

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**Thank you:** To everyone who made the Advent/Christmas season special at Immanuel. ***A great big applause to the Prodigals for the “Night of Joy”- it sure was that and oh so many surprises by our talented group. If you missed it you missed a special Christmas blessing. Check YouTube you may be able to catch a recording.***

To my Secret Santa,

Thank you so much for my gift card to the grocery store...not only do I love to eat but I also enjoy cooking for others so it was perfect :) Beth-Ann

Thank you for my secret Santa gifts. You brought a smile to my face, thanks a million! Joni Cacavas

Thank you Secret Santa for the thoughtful gifts you left for me. Ruby

I'm grateful for the donation given to the Friendly Kitchen in my name. and Thank you for the \$20.00! Gayle Fulk

**NOTICES:** **Annual Church meeting** will be January 25, 2026 following the service with a potluck. (No potluck the first week in February)

**Please note:** All church business such as Council Minutes etc. are on the bulletin board in fellowship hall. Above the buffet table.

**Council** Thank you to all those that have volunteered for the year of 2025! Wayne Wheeler for running the PowerPoint, greeters, offering, worship team, people who have made coffee and all those who have made our Potlucks special with their dishes.

For all those who run a bible study.. Also for Wayne Andrews in maintenance – he is kept busy with many tasks!. Bryan Bartlett who updates our website each week which includes the bulletin for those on YouTube.

Secret Santa tree tags went well. Next year the council would like to have names of only those in need on the tree. The council will come up with a list of names for next year.

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**Check our website:** <https://www.immanuelcommchurch.org/>

Our services are being live streamed on YouTube at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings and the recordings are there for you to view at your convenience. You can read our bulletin and newsletter as well as make prayer requests and donate online.

*If you have Items for the February issue of our newsletter please get them to Ruby Bartlett ([rcbart5242@gmail.com](mailto:rcbart5242@gmail.com)) by. **January 27<sup>th</sup>.***