

NOVEMBER 29, 2015

# IMMANUEL

Broken and Loved, Saved by Jesus, Freed to Live



**His name will be the hope  
of all the world.**

Matthew 12:21

One of the best ways to prepare for the very special season of Advent is to "get in touch with ourselves." It may sound odd, but one symptom of our contemporary lives is that we can often be quite "out of touch" with what is going on in our very own hearts.

We are about to begin our Advent, right at the time our Western culture begins Christmas preparations. It is a busy time, and our heads are filled with details to remember. And, it is a time of emotional complexity that is part of this holiday season - with all of the expectations and challenges of family and relationships: who we want to be with and who we struggle to be with. So, our hearts are a bit tender, if not completely defended from experiencing anything deeply. We are about to hear some very powerful and stirring readings from Isaiah, the Prophet. We will re-enter the ancient tradition of a people longing for the coming of a Savior. We may remember the days of our childhood when we longed for Christmas to come, because it was a magical time of receiving gifts. As adults, we have to ask ourselves:  
*"What is it I long for now?"*

The answer won't come easily. The more we walk around with that question, and let it penetrate through the layers of distraction and self-protection, the more powerfully we will experience Advent.

- Creighton University

## This Week

### IMMANUEL

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#### TODAY

9:00 Worship --  
Advent Begins!  
10:15 Coffee & Conversation  
Adult Study with Paul

#### MONDAY

Tom's Day of Rest

#### TUESDAY

10:00 Staff Meeting

#### WEDNESDAY

10:30 Food Truck Delivery  
2:00 Text Study  
3:45 Confirmation &  
Christmas Program Practice  
5:30 Advent Dinner  
6:30 Midweek Worship  
Holden Evening Prayer

#### THURSDAY

10:00 Food Pantry  
5:00 Food Pantry

#### SUNDAY

9:00 Worship  
10:00 Coffee & Conversation  
Adult Study with Paul



LEFSE MAKING

***This Thursday at 3:30 pm***

## Announcements



### COOKIE WALK Saturday, December 5th

Share 5 dozen  
of your favorites!

If you have a White Elephant  
Gift -- drop it off anytime now.  
The Cookie Walk proceeds will  
benefit the building fund  
and Faith Adventures



## SNACKS

We need some people to  
bring after school snacks  
and serve them for the  
Christmas Program &  
Confirmation Kids  
December 2nd & 9th.  
Please plan for 38.  
*Warning -- they are hungry!*

COMING SOON

### MIDWEEK ADVENT Dinner & Worship

Rest your hearts in the  
promises of God.  
Advent Worship with  
Holden Evening Prayer  
December 2nd, 9th, and  
16th at 6:30 PM

Dinner is served at 5:30.  
Free Will Offering  
Welcome!

## GREAT NEWS!

We have received the Infaith  
Community Foundation Grant.  
All contributions to Immanuel's  
Ministry Endowment Fund will  
be matched up to \$1,000  
through March 2016.

We're happy to announce  
our Endowment Grant  
Recipients for this year:  
\$300 Special Worship Services  
\$300 Nursing Home Rides  
\$300 Holden Village  
\$150 School Kits for Africa  
\$150 Food Pantry Match  
\$300 Luther Park Scholarships

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING  
for a new church year

### PRAYERS OF HEALING

Mark, Brandon K, Bradley L, Debbie W, Hannah, Camille,  
Mai Yang, Brad, Janice, Margaret, Kathy, Curt D, Barb J, Bob J,  
Pam W, Larry W, Carol H, Tom C, John N, Mike M, Dennis,  
Greg E, John H, Cory S, Betty B, Dick L, Michael S, Bruce O,  
Darlene S, Meg L, Jason P, Nona, Josh G, Mary B, Jim S

### PRAYERS FOR CARE CENTER FRIENDS

Alice T, Ann B, Barb S, Kathy S, Merlin W, Pearl, Betty B

### PRAYERS OF CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The family and friends of Mary Anderson,  
Bernice Anderson, and Jerry Neitzel

THANK YOU FOR ...

SERVING IN WORSHIP

### THIS SUNDAY: TEAM THREE

Dave, Andrew & Laura Brevick.  
Sara Cedarblade, Mavis Kjarland,  
Kevin & Cindy Kosok, Bryon

### WEDNESDAY: TEAM FOUR

Ron & Kim Erickson,  
Pamm Mercer, Tom A

### NEXT SUNDAY: TEAM FOUR

Dave, Andrew & Laura Brevick.  
Sara Cedarblade, Mavis Kjarland,  
Kevin & Cindy Kosok, Bryon



## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

It's an AMAZING story  
of God's AMAZING love!

Everyone is welcome  
to join the fun!

Rehearsals:

Wednesdays, Dec 2 & 9  
3:45 – 5:30

Sunday, Dec 6  
10:00 – 11:15

Our director, Samantha,  
will be driving from Plainview.  
We are looking for leaders  
to share their time & gifts.

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emailing the church:  
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