



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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## Notes & News

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### PLEASE JOIN US IN CHAPEL

Our children of Grades 3 Day Preschool through 8 will meet again in church, next Wednesday, at 8:10 a.m. for a family worship service. Mr. Young will be our worship leader. As will be the case at each chapel service, an offering will be received.

### VALLEY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

In the mood for some wonderful Christmas music this holiday season? Come listen to Valley Lutheran's choir groups December 10th at 3:00pm at Immanuel as they use their voices to give praise and glory to God, reminding us of the reason we celebrate this time of year.



### GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

RaiseRight is a gift card fundraiser that earns money for special projects at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School! You can purchase gift cards for yourself or someone else and use them on everyday purchases or special items. With 750+ brands to choose from, there is a brand for every household need or wish list. (Think gift giving, but also weekly grocery shopping!) You can pick from eGift cards or physical gift cards. It's instant earning with every purchase. Sign up at [raiserright.com](https://raiserright.com) and use the enrollment code: 322834D72164.

Contact Courtney Witucki with questions: [scrip@immanuelbaycity.com](mailto:scrip@immanuelbaycity.com)



### HOT LUNCH INCREASES

Beginning Thursday, January 4th, hot lunch prices will be as follows:

Milk with cold lunch or an extra milk with hot lunch will remain \$.75 per carton.

Preschool through Grade 4 - Lunch will increase to \$3.75 per meal.

Upper Grades 5 through 8 - Lunch will increase to \$4.00 per meal.

Preschool through 8th Grade seconds will remain at \$1.00.

Adults eating will also remain at \$4.00.

As you are aware, food prices are continually increasing. We are not part of the national hot lunch program so we receive no assistance. Presently we are operating in the red. It is important to keep our prices in line with the cost of food.

Thank you for your understanding. Please contact Mr. Vincent if you have any questions.



## HOLLY JOLLY SHOPPE

PTL is excited to bring the Holly Jolly Shoppe to our students again this year! Please see the back pages for more information.



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE

We are offering two Children's Services on December 20<sup>th</sup>. The services will be at 9:30 a.m. and the 6:30 p.m. Family members are invited to attend the two services.



## REMINDER

*Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Will be a full day of school. It will be our last day prior to vacation. Remember our Christmas service at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Christmas break will begin on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, and classes will resume on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. God's richest blessings to you and your family this joyous season!*

## *Christmas Break*



## BASKETBALL GAMES

Come cheer our Immanuel Team on!

Thursday 11-30

4:30 Girls (6-8) Game Home vs. St. Peter

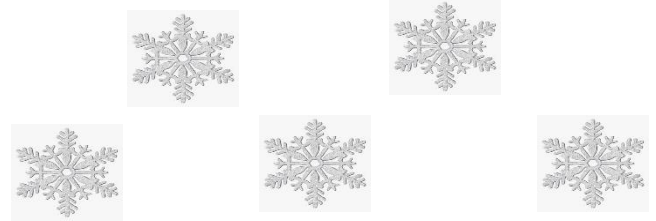
Saturday 12-2

11:30 Girls (6-8) Tournament at Peace



## SNOW DAY PROCEDURE REMINDER

Our school will not be in session when acts of God (snow days, ice storms, etc.) make it unsafe and/or unreasonable to hold classes. In some instances, but not always, our school will close when the Bay City Public Schools close. Receive school closing information regarding our school from television stations WNEM (Channel 5), WJRT (Channel 12), and WEYI (Channel 25), and from these stations' respective websites. Do not assume that our school has closed unless you have specifically seen or heard our school name listed in school closing announcements. On rare occasions, television stations might be instructed by us to announce a two-hour delay in the start of particular school days here at Immanuel. Whenever there is a two-hour delay, it is to be understood that morning Preschool classes have been cancelled.



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

We send happy birthday wishes to our school family members who celebrate birthdays throughout the month of December! HAPPY BIRTHDAY to: Luka Moreno (12/4), Lakyn Walther (12/5), Oliiviannah Tyvela (12/8), Jackson Weidner (12/8), Harlow Straight (12/10), Ayla Miller (12/11), Joanna Palmer (12/18), Jericho Rivas (12/19), Mr. Tomashewsky (12/20), Robert Guerrero (12/23), Clara Johnson (12/23), Josie Bauer (12/24), and Kane Nielsen (12/31).







# DECEMBER | 2023

## Immanuel Lutheran School

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
27 Spaghetti Turkey Sub	28 Chicken Nuggets & Potato Side Turkey Sub	29 Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup Turkey Sub	30 Hard Shell Beef Tacos Turkey Sub	1 Hot Dog & Potato Side Turkey Sub
4 Chicken Sandwich & Buttered Noodles Hot Dog	5 Pepperoni Pizza Hot Dog	6 Orange Chicken Over Rice Hot Dog	7 Hamburger & Potato Side Hot Dog	8 Soft Shell Chicken Tacos Hot Dog
11 Baked Rotini PB&J Sandwich	12 Nachos & Toppings PB&J Sandwich	13 Mac & Cheese & Vegetable PB&J Sandwich	14 Chicken Noodle Soup & Dessert PB&J Sandwich	15 Popcorn Chicken Bowl PB&J Sandwich
18 Hot Dog & Potato Side Ham Sub	19 Christmas Dinner: Ham, Potatoes, G. Beans, Roll, Dessert Ham Sub	20 Pepperoni Pizza Ham Sub	21 No School	22 No School
25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School

### News

#### PRICES:

Students Pre K-4<sup>th</sup>: \$3.25

5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: \$3.50

Extra Milk: 75 Cents

Seconds: \$1

Adults: \$4

Ham Sub, Turkey Sub, PB&J Sandwich, and Hot Dog are offered as alternative options and will be rotated each week.

All hot lunch sides will still be offered with alternative lunch choice.

1% white or chocolate milk are offered at each meal.

Salad bar always contains any combination of yogurt, cottage cheese, fruit, and vegetables.

Condiments include: Ranch, French, Ketchup, Mustard, and Mayo.

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE!!

**Starting Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>  
Pizza Day will be on  
WEDNESDAYS**

## SHOP to SHARE

Our Immanuel Food Pantry needs Bulldog help. After just handing out Thanksgiving dinner supplies to over 30 needy families in our community, the Pantry needs to quickly restock to give out CHRISTmas dinner supplies for even more needy families. So by December 8, could the Bulldog Family generously share its blessings by providing the following items:

### Personal Care Items

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

Deodorant

Shampoo

Bar soap

Toilet paper

### Food Items

Cereal – large boxes

Boxed mashed potatoes

Jars or cans of gravy

Canned fruit

Pancake Mix (complete – just add water)

Syrup

Canned tuna or chicken

Tuna Helper

Mac & Cheese

Peanut Butter

Jam

The Bulldog classrooms which bring in one item per student in the class will receive a lunchtime treat. The Bulldog classrooms which bring in two items per student in the class will receive a lunch time treat on two days, three items per student in the class – a treat on three days, four items per student in the class – a treat on four days. Finally, the class that brings five items per student in the class will receive a lunchtime treat all five days of the week.

**All items for the Food Pantry must be brought into the classrooms by FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8.** Treats will be awarded during the week of December 11. Come on, Bulldogs, show our community what you can do!





The Holly Jolly Shoppe is back!

December 15th

PTL is looking for new & gently used items that the students can purchase for Christmas Presents!

Items we are in need of are:

- Gifts for Pets, Kids, Men and Women
  - Gift Bags
  - Tissue Paper

Please take any donations to the school office!

If you would like to help the day of the shoppe please contact Courtney Witucki (989-326-1279) or Nicole Tuzas (989-980-4434)



# KINDOM KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL and YOUTH CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

"This is My Son – He Made a Way in a Manger~  
Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24 5:00 pm

**"Featuring a special song with Pastor Jones"**

**It is Very Important to be at every practice so that we can help them learn their parts and movements for this very special Christmas Eve Service.**

**Practices begin at 8:30 am – please be in church by 8:25 am**

## December:

- 3- Christmas Technical Practice in church – take home lessons 8:30am
- 10- Christmas Staging & Music Rehearsal – take home lessons 8:30am
- 17- Christmas Blocking & Costume prep - 8:30 am
- 24- Christmas Eve – Rehearsal report to multi-purpose room 3:30pm
- 24 Christmas Eve Pageant during the 5:00 pm service
- 31- Christmas Break

## January

- 7- Classes Resume at 8:45am in school

## A reminder for ALL Students and Parents:

- ❖ We will *meet in Multi Purpose Room / not school.*
- ❖ All children need to report to Immanuel Church Multi Purpose room **3:30 – 3:45pm** on Christmas Eve – Practice begins **promptly** at 4:00 pm.
  - ❖ Please have your children eat a healthy & filling snack before coming to practice!
- ❖ Children will remain with the class during the entire service. They will process out during the last hymn "Joy to the World"
- ❖ You are to pick up your son or daughter in multi-purpose room.
- ❖ Students will receive their Christmas brown bag gifts after service
- ❖ Please call Miss Betsy if you have any questions or concerns at: 893-4088 or Fast Direct anytime.



**REMINDERS FOR DECEMBER PROJECTS**  
**ROCK SOLID YOUTH GROUP SCOOP FOR DECEMBER**  
**(December Event brings our Youth Members and**  
**students from grades 2 and 3 together for an outreach**  
**Christmas event)**

**“Sharing the Joy of Christmas”**  
**With residents at New Hope Bay**  
**668 N Pine Rd, Bay City**  
**~Sunday, December 10 ~**  
**(Meet in the main parking lot**  
**back building at 1:45 am)**  
**2:00 – 3:00 pm**

“One Generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts” Psalm 145:4

Members of Immanuel’s Youth Group will join together with our younger students from Grades 2 and 3 to sing Christmas Carols, share Christmas Stories, Tell the Nativity story and simply bring the Joy of Christmas to residents at New Hope Bay residential care facility. While many of the residents now face a time of year that has changed their Christmas traditions, our students and youth will bring back memories of Christmases long ago; ones they remember - ones they treasure. Plan to meet in the back parking area around 1:45 pm and then gather in the main lobby to prepare for this joyous afternoon. As our young students adorn Nativity costumes, and our youth singing out: “Silent Night”, it promises to be a day where all will feel the love of our Heavenly Father through the birth of our Savior Jesus!

Parents are encouraged to stay for this delightful outreach event!

Call Miss Betsy for details and questions.



**“After our December  
SNAG Outreach Event”**

**Youth Group Christmas Party to follow for:**

**~ Youth Group Members~**

**At:**

**KG’S Bistro & Ice Cream**

**1480 W Center Rd**

**Essexville, Mi**

**Bring a Gift- Receive a Gift**

**(Gift no more than \$8.00)**

**Lunch provided at no cost:**

**Meal: KG Bistro Sandwich**

**(Let Miss Betsy Know if you are attending for  
food count)**

After you have spread Christmas Joy at New Hope Bay, travel a short hope skip and jump over to KG’S Bistro at the corner of Pine and Center Ave. for some Christmas

Fun with **YOUTH GROUP** friends.

**Bring an \$8.00 gift – receive an \$8.00!!!**

**(Note: Parents, we need you to transport kids  
to and from both events!)**

May the Joy of The Real Meaning of Christmas; The birth of your Savior Jesus, be  
with you through the Advent and Christmas season and year to come!!

**Merry CHRISTmas!**





**Attention Youth Bible Study Students:**  
**Remember to report to church each Sunday Morning for**  
**Christmas Eve Practice at 8:30 am sharp.**  
**(December 3, 10, 17)**

**“This is My Son”**  
**~He made A Way in a Manger~**  
**Sunday School and Youth Christmas Program**  
**Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve 5:00 pm Service**

Once again, our joy filled Sunday morning bible study students will take part in this month's  
5:00 pm Christmas Eve service.

As ‘Angels from the Realms of Glory’ these wonderful young adults  
will bring an extra special joy to this service.

As a reminder:

- Remember to report to each Sunday's practice at 8:30 am in church.
- Christmas Eve Practice at 3:30 pm in church.



Make Note of the First Weekend in December:

The First Saturday in December ushers in:

“Annual Hanging of the Greens”

Christmas Decorating Immanuel Church

**THIS Saturday, December 2**

9:00 am – Noon

**You're Help is Needed and So Appreciated!!**

This year, more than ever, your help is needed to volunteer in the very large, yet joyous task of decorating Immanuel Church for the Advent / Christmas seasons. As in past years, **we depend on the faithfulness of volunteers** to help with this joy-filled task of Christmas preparedness. If you have always helped, we look forward to see you again - if you have never been part of this event,

Please feel *gratefully encouraged*

to join in - Your help is so needed and appreciated!

Please consider making this one of your ways to give back to Immanuel;  
making a joyful tradition come to life for so many  
who worship at our parish.

(All Youth Group members and Parents are needed to help with  
this as part of our “work” project for December).

**Thank you for your help, in whatever capacity you can give!**

