

THE SON TIMES

Newsletter of St. Paul & Immanuel Lutheran Church-November 2025



We are holding a new members class on Sunday's at 2 pm @ St Paul. If anyone is interested in attending or joining, please speak to PC and he'll get you all caught up.



Pastor Craig & Wendy will be leaving for a vacation to Ireland on November 24, returning on December 5th. Pr. Ahlborn will be leading worship for us on Nov. 30. Pastor Stoll at Mountain & Breed is on call for an emergency you might have. He can be reached at 712-212-4590

On Sunday, Nov. 2, we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday at Immanuel & St. Paul. On this day, we remember those saints who entered the Church Triumphant in this past year, lighting a candle and tolling the bell at their name. This year we remember:



Roy Fischer-March 4



Immanuel continues our Worship service at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of the month, allowing those unable to attend on Sunday to worship, as well as giving all of us another opportunity to gather as the Church each week. We will be looking at the Epistle reading for the next Sunday. Our service this month is November 5.

Practice for our annual Christmas Cantata begins on Sunday, October 26 at 3 pm @ Immanuel. Anyone and everyone is invited



to join us as we fill our Advent with the joyous sound and songs of Christmas. We will perform the Cantata at our 10 am service on Sunday, December 14.

For more information, speak to Tim Treptow.

Be sure to check out Pastor's sermon on the radio each Sunday morning at 7:30 am on WTCH. Cost to sponsor a week is \$60 and can be signed up and paid at either congregation.



For those who are perhaps thinking about going with Pastor & Wendy to Germany next summer, we will have a meeting before our worship service on the 5th at 5:45 pm at Immanuel. Flights are now available to price out and we will have a bit more of an itinerary to look at. Even if you're on the fence, come and see what we are thinking about.

Advent-by-Candlelight

Join the Immanuel LWML with their family members, friends & neighbors on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7. This year, the theme is tentatively, "Favorite Christmas Hymns." Please plan on joining us for an hour or two for a Christ-centered program, fellowship, beautiful music, and delicious desserts all in preparation of an unforgettable Advent season.



We are again collecting boxes for OCC at St Paul & Immanuel, gifts that help bring Christmas to kids around the world. Look for brochures in the narthex. Please have the boxes at the churches by Sun, Nov 16. We will have a basket out if you would just wish to donate to help cover the cost of shipping the boxes. Typically, \$10 is requested.



In the early hours of October 12, as I walked through the quiet and dark of Immanuel, I saw what would in a few hours, be the bustling of the annual potato pancake dinner. Upstairs, the fall decor was out and gift baskets adorned tables; downstairs, the tables were all set and the preparation of the dinner filled the kitchen. And a thought came over me: what a thing we can do when we work together. I then thought about the summer, how both St. Paul & Immanuel worked so hard, from our few numbers, to serve not only the people of Shawano a tasty brat or burger, but our congregations, adding what could be to ensure that the sound of rung bells and proclamation of the Gospel will continue from our steeples and pulpits.

And I began to think about this is what "Giving Thanks" is finally about-not merely in the gifts we have received through the year and years, but in each other: in the fact that we've been brought together by our God in this place, for such a time as this. Sure, we're not the biggest or "flashiest" parish around-but we're faithful to our God and we're loving toward one another. Never perfect in either-but we let grace and mercy unite us to where we would much rather do our little things together than to embark on grand adventures alone. This is what makes the Church-both our two little congregations of it and the universal held in the heart of God alone-so great and why it and we will always have a place in this old world.

So as you gather this month to give thanks with family and friends, add in your words to God for our parish of St. Paul & Immanuel. For we are vivid reminders of what God can and does do when He gathers sinners of His own redemption to be His people.

