

## **A New Journey Lutheran Parish**

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**PRAYER LIST:** *Mindy Aguilar, Jessie Beckman, Shawn Bendickson, Ron Dahl, Jayden Gensburger, Stephanie Gilbertson, Eric Grieve, Denise Halland, Kurt Halvorson, Diane Hamre, Jesse Hickman, Sherry Jensrud, Gerald Johnson, Rosie Keller, Mae Knowles, Jesse Koch, Mark Larson, Violet Lee, Donna Lisburg, Julia (Pantaleo) Madoll, Gwen Meyer, Shaun Moritz, Roger Narum, Jill Nelson, Keith Olson, Lois Ostenaar, Franklyn Preisler, Susan Ruud, Anita Slater, Lily Thronson, Gina Tiokasin, Todd Tranby and Tiffany Winter. We pray for these individuals, along with their family and friends.*

*Condolences to the family and friends of the following ANJLP members: Bob Lee (Our Savior's) who passed away on October 28; Becky Dahl (Immanuel) who passed away on October 30; and Orville Turner (Immanuel) who passed away on October 31.*

**"CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US"**  
**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Christmas Worship, Sun., Dec. 22  
10:30am – Ness, with potluck to follow

Christmas Eve, Tues., Dec. 24  
4pm – Our Savior's  
8pm – Gary

Christmas Day, Wed., Dec. 25  
10am – Immanuel



**ADDITIONAL PARISH NEWS:**

**LOOKING FOR A NEW PARISH TREASURER!** Jill Nelson, current ANJLP treasurer, will be concluding her service as of December 31. We give thanks and praise for her work and dedication, using her God given gifts and skills before, during, and after ANJLP was formed. The parish continues to look for someone to fill in this most important role. If you or someone you know may be interested, contact Jill or Jimmy Steinmetz (parish president) to find out more.

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS & WHY THEY MATTER**

Each church will gather in January or February for the annual meeting. This is the opportunity for all to learn about the ministry and mission of their church and the parish over the past year and the year to come. Business includes approving budgets (church and parish); electing council officers or members, and synod assembly representatives; and any other congregation specific items. All are welcomed to attend while confirmed church members are voting members. Each church needs a quorum for business to happen.

**Thank-you** to all who have and continue to serve on church and parish councils and all who support the work of the church in its many needed ways.

Watch for annual reports to come.

Your presence at your annual meeting would be a gift! Mark your calendars for your respective annual meeting:

- Gary: Sunday, January 12, following 10:30am worship
- Immanuel: Sunday, January 19, following 8:30am worship
- Our Savior's: Sunday, January 26, following 10:30am worship, with Zoom option available. Contact Anita to receive the Zoom link.
- Ness: Sunday, February 2, following 10:30am worship

Would love to see you there!

## **END OF YEAR GIVING REMINDERS**

God's work isn't a business, but there are many aspects that are business in nature, including the need to financially care for the ministry of people, buildings, and mission. As the end of year is quickly approaching, a friendly reminder that contributions should be received/postmarked by December 31 for 2024 giving statements.

To donate to A New Journey Lutheran Parish, checks may be mailed to

- A New Journey Lutheran Parish. % Jill Nelson, Treasurer, 320 2nd Ave East, Gary, MN 56545

To donate to individual congregations, checks may be mailed as follows:

- Gary, Ness, or Sundal Lutheran Churches: PO Box 96, Gary, MN 56545
- Immanuel Lutheran Church: PO Box 2055, Bejou, MN 56516
- Our Savior's Lutheran Church: PO Box 308, McIntosh, MN 56556

Thank-you to all who share their time, talents, and treasures for the Kingdom of God here in this place - in your church, throughout the parish, and beyond!

\*\*\*\*\* *YOUTH NEWS in the YOUTH CORNER!* \*\*\*\*\*

*Gary Sunday School* *Each Sunday at 9:30am at Gary Church, unless noted. Youth pre-school-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Teresa Werpy is the contact.*

*WEM Community Youth Ministry* *Sunday, December 8, we'll be Christmas Caroling. Meet at Our Savior's at 1:30. We will walk to Poplar Meadows to sing, and walk back to the church for food and activities.*

*January 12 will be a worship event. Watch for more details to come.*

*Congratulations!* *Braylon Hamre (Our Savior's) has committed to UM-Crookston to continue his education and to play baseball. Braylon is the son of Tonya and Eric.*

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***MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RENÉ L. MEHLBERG...***

*"What was Your 2024 Star Words?"*

Dear Beloved Children of God:

We are here once again, preparing for the often very full, too busy holiday season. Thanksgiving is upon us with Christmas literally around the corner. With Thanksgiving as late as it can be, the time from one to the other will fly by. Christmas decorations, inside and out, are already out.

Last January, you had the opportunity to choose a "Star Word", a word to guide you, meditate on, remind you of the gifts you have to share or to live into. At the February parish council meeting, I asked people about their star word, not too long from when those words were chosen. Some remembered and others said, "I didn't know there was going to be homework!" It's now December, and I'm asking again...Can you find or remember your word?

My word is "encouragement" with the star being carried in my pencil case all year. I can think how I have encouraged others throughout the year: getting involved, trying new things, cheering on our youth from the sidelines. Sitting with a grieving family after a death and continuing to show up for the time to come. I also receive encouragement from you: trying new things, getting to be a part of the community, seeing how people can come together to accomplish great things!

I "encourage" you to reflect on your word (some may need to find it first) to consider how the Holy Spirit showed up to you through that word in 2024. I've heard a couple stories and would love to hear even more!

This is a combined December-January newsletter, to "encourage" some rest for staff between Christmas and the New Year. I will also "encourage" each of you, in

the midst of the hustle and bustle of so much, to find time to breathe in God's presence, goodness, and love and breathe out any anxieties and worries.

Christmas is the celebration of when God's love came down, in the flesh, as a baby born to unwed teenagers in a stable. That babe grew up to show us how to live and love and be in relationship with one another. It's about love. It's about relationships. Give thanks to God for the special people in your lives and that love that carries us through.

Happy Advent, Merry Christmas, and many blessings for 2025!

Pastor René

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### ***A MESSAGE FROM RACHEL ROGGENBUCK, SAM...***

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

As we have celebrated our Thanksgiving with family and friends, and set our eyes toward the birth of Jesus and the new year, let us also keep focused on the one who loves us just as we are. The one who picks us up, comforts us and helps us to continue the journey toward Him. Let us share and love as we go.

*The Heavenly City. adapted from a Jewish folktale, reminds us of the words of Jesus, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, 'Lo here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you" (Luke 17:20-21) In the same way, the vision of peace begins close to us.*

There once was a poor man who grew weary of the corruption and hatred that he experienced every day. He was tired of the constant injustice that his people experienced. His family and friends listened as he spoke passionately of his desire for a city where justice was honored and peace experienced. Night after night he dreamed of a land free from discord, a city where heaven touched earth. One day he announced that he could wait no longer. He packed a meager meal, kissed his family, and set out in search of the magical city of his dream. He walked all day, and just before the sun set, he found a place to sleep just off the road, in a forest. He ate his sandwich, said his prayers, and smoothed the earth where he would lie. Just before he went to sleep, he placed his shoes in the center of the path, pointed them in the direction he would continue the next day.

That night, as he slept, a sly fellow walked that very path and discovered the traveler's shoes. Unable to resist a practical joke, he turned the shoes around, pointed them in the direction from which the man had come. Early the next morning the traveler rose, said his prayers, ate what remained of the food he had brought, and

started his journey by walking in the direction his shoes pointed. He walked all day long, and just before the sun set, saw the heavenly city off in the distance. It wasn't as large as he expected, and it looked strangely familiar. He entered a street that looked much like his own, knocked on a familiar door, greeted the family he found there and lived happily ever after in the heavenly city of his dream.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Rachel Roggenbuck, SAM

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***Minutes - A New Journey Parish Council Meeting***  
(6:30 p.m. on November 18, 2024, at Immanuel Lutheran, Bejou, MN)

Council members present: Mary Preisler, Jimmy Steinmetz, Wanda Stordahl and Kristi Skeie. Others attending: Pastor René Mehlberg, Rachel Roggenbuck and Sue Gunderson. Jim called the meeting to order and Pastor René led devotions. Even though there was not a quorum present, those in attendance went through the agenda.

Secretary's report: Minutes of the October 14, 2024, meeting were distributed. A motion was made by Mary, seconded by Kristi and carried to approve them pending final approval at the next council meeting.

Treasurer's report: Jill was not in attendance, but provided the current financial report. A motion was made by Wanda, seconded by Mary and carried, to approve the financials pending final approval at the next council meeting.

Old Business:

- It was noted that all congregation councils approved the 2025 parish budget.
- A new parish treasurer has not yet been found.

New Business:

- At Sundal's request, we will continue to include them on our mailing list for parish newsletters and they have offered to pay a monthly fee for that service.
- The next newsletter to be mailed the end of November will cover both December and January.
- The dates for each congregation's annual meeting have been set as follows: Gary-January 12; Immanuel-January 19; Our Savior's-January 26; and Ness-February 2. Annual reports for Gary and Ness will be printed at Immanuel.
- Report from each church: What's Coming up? What has gone well? How can we support and pray for one another?

Ness: None

Gary: Harvest Dinner is November 24, with a raffle ticket fundraiser.

Immanuel: Lutefisk/Meatball Supper is Saturday, December 7, serving from 4-7pm.

Our Savior's: The McIntosh Community Thanksgiving Eve worship service will be at Our Savior's on Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 7pm. Selling Hugo's Coupon books.

Staff Report:

Rachel: Continuing to work in caring ministry with home visits, texts and calls; and looking ahead to January for possible community activities.

Pastor René: Chaperoning 2 middle school students to the Synod Middle School Gathering November 23-24. Her Jeremiah 29 project will be continuing work with the WEM Community Youth Ministry Group.

Other Business:

- It would be helpful if each church named who from their congregation should arrange for pulpit supply (church lay person or someone else) when Pastor René or Rachel are not available.

Next meeting will be December 9 at 6:30pm at Immanuel. Mary motioned to adjourn. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sue Gunderson, Parish Secretary

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*News from Our Savior's...*

**November 8, 2024, Our Savior's Council Meeting Highlights**

- Council members present were Wanda Stordahl & Dave Stordahl, Kristi Skeie, Gordie Ostenaar, Marilyn Graff, Jane Aakhus and Tanya Hamre. Others in attendance were Pastor René Mehlberg, Rachel Roggenbuck and Anita Roy.
- Minutes and financial reports were approved as presented.
- Parsonage has been advertised on Zillow and 3 local papers.
- Kristi gave update on Thanksgiving Eve Service.
- Hugo's fundraiser books are still being sold.
- A surveyor will be hired to help with the cemetery plot project.
- The 2025 parish budget was approved as presented.
- Decorating the church for Christmas will start at 10am on November 30.
- Annual Meeting will be January 26, 2025.
- Pastor René reported that Our Savior's has one student in confirmation. Two kids are going to the Middle School youth gathering. WEM Youth group will be caroling on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, then will come here afterwards. Jeremiah 29 program is going well with youth ministry as her focus. Release time is going well.
- Rachel reported she's trying to schedule visits, and continuing to learn all she can.

## Additional Our Savior's Information

- Our Savior's is selling Hugo's Supermarket coupon books as a fundraiser. The coupon book cost is \$10.00 each and can be used at any of the Hugo's stores. If you are interested in purchasing a book, please contact our church office secretary, Anita Roy at 218-563-3495 or 218-849-3791. They would make a great stocking stuffer for Christmas!

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## *News from Gary Lutheran...*

### Altar Guild, Usher/Greeters and Janitor Assignments:

- Gary Lutheran Church Ushers/Greeters, including any midweek services in their timeframe. (NOTE: Please check to make sure the red Christ Candle gets extinguished after each service.):
  - Dec. 1 (8:30am) & 8 (8:30am-no communion): Jacob & Alise Liebl
  - Dec. 15 (10:30am) & 22 (no worship): Roger & Kim Knutson
  - Dec. 29 (no worship) & Jan. 5 (8:30am): Gary & Kathy TeHennepe
  - Jan. 12 (10:30am-no communion) & 19 (10:30am): Dean & Pam Pederson
  - Jan. 26 (10:30am) & Feb. 2 (TBD): Kelly & Kristi Engen
- Gary Lutheran Altar Guild for December: Gwen Meyer, Bridget Sather
- Gary Lutheran Altar Guild for January: Linda Engen, Kim Knutson

**Compassion Child Fundraiser:** Gary Lutheran Church has been sponsoring Angel from Ghana through Compassion International since 2015. To continue this sponsorship ministry, we are seeking offerings and may do small fundraisers throughout the year. The cost of the sponsorship is \$43 per month plus Birthday and Christmas gifts which equals \$576 for the year. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Stacey Knudson from Our Savior's for making handmade bows for us to sell at the Harvest Lunch on November 24<sup>th</sup>. We raised \$294 toward this ministry! Stacey's generosity of her time and talent is a great example of our congregations supporting each other in our missions. Thanks again to all who donated!



Gary Lutheran Church has sponsored Angel from Ghana since 2015. We are seeking offerings to continue this sponsorship. \$43 per month plus Birthday & Christmas gifts equal a yearly commitment of \$576. Thank you to all who donated or bought handmade bows during the Harvest Lunch. If you would like to donate, please contact staff, Katie DeMarais, or Jenny Lien.

**Compassion Child Fundraiser**



**Harvest Lunch & Raffle Success!** Thank you to all who helped in any way (cooking, serving, decorating, cleaning up, eating, donating) to make Gary's annual Harvest Lunch another success! The food was great, fellowship divine, and \$1,782 taken in. Winners of the Raffle were: \$4,000 Darrell Neisen; \$2,000 Linda Mogen; \$1,000 prizes Monica Trendera, Linda Mogen, Christine Darby and Kim Knutson.

**November 17, 2024, Gary Lutheran Council Meeting Highlights**

Those present: Bonnie Werpy, Lori Thronson, Jill Nelson, Gene Werpy, Gene Hanson, Teresa Werpy, Karen Tadych, Joe Heisler, Peggy Hanson, and Pastor René Mehlberg

- Secretary's report was approved.
- Treasurer's report approved as presented reflected a total income of \$66,692.88 from January to October, including the sale of the car for \$5,900. The total expenses for January thru October were \$61,641.91. There will not be any money left in our mission account by the end of the year to support our Compassion Child. Katie DeMarais and Jenny Lien will be selling bows at our Harvest Lunch to raise money to continue supporting this child. Donations can also be made.
- We will try to sell the church's double oven for \$4,000 or best offer.
- The proposed 2025 parish budget has been trimmed down.
- Pastor René will take the confirmation students to the Junior High Youth Gathering in Alexandra November 23-24.
- There will be no church in Gary on December 22. We will have an 8 p.m. service on December 24. Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 12 following the 10:30 service.
- Harvest Lunch was discussed and who could bring bars and work.
- We will have another meeting in December to figure out our budget, after we see our income from the Harvest Lunch and the raffle. The meeting is scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30 service.

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*News from Immanuel...*

**November 20, 2024, Immanuel Council Meeting Highlights**

Council members present: Jimmy Steinmetz, Duane Gunderson, Mary Preisler, Terry McCollum, Rachel Roggenbuck, Becky Olson, Delane Schaumburg and Joyce Bendickson. Also present was Pastor René Mehlberg.

## Staff report:

- Rachel led her second funeral; is visiting members; and arranging lay people to lead worship on Sunday.
- Pastor René reported on middle school gathering, church-led worship coverage, and various events on December 7.

## Old Business:

- The December 7 lutefisk/meatball supper (4-7pm) was discussed. Cost will be \$25. Desserts and volunteers are needed. Lendes will handle the advertising.

## New Business:

- Joint worship at Immanuel on December 29 at 10am with coffee & sweets served before worship.
- Christmas Day worship at Immanuel at 10am.
- Annual meeting at Immanuel will be held after 8:30am worship on January 19, with information for the annual reports to Sue Gunderson by January 10. Egg bake brunch will also be served after worship.
- The next newsletter to be mailed the end of November will cover December and January.

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## **Additional Immanuel Info:**

- **Help Needed:** In order to be successful, many volunteers are needed to help with our upcoming Lutefisk & Meatball Supper. Here is a tentative schedule:
  - Thursday, Dec. 5: early morning--men peel potatoes; make meatballs & gravy; cook potatoes for lefse.
  - Friday, Dec. 6: make coleslaw, make & cool lefse balls; fry lefse & cleanup
  - Saturday, Dec. 7: early morning--men peel potatoes; cook & mash potatoes; cook meatballs & gravy; butter buns & lefse; set up dining room, serving room & kitchen; make lemonade & coffee; cut desserts; melt butter; cook carrots; prepare & bake lutefisk; servers needed for tables; kitchen helpers needed to fill bowls/platters/coffee carafes/wash dishes and when everyone has been fed, we need everyone to stay and help with cleanup.
- Ladies' Aid supper with free will offering will be held at Immanuel from 4-6:30pm (with 6:00pm Confirmation, 7:00pm worship and 8pm council meeting) on Wednesday, December 18. Servers are Sandy Holmvik and Samantha Deschene.

**Area Activities:**

■ Saturday, December 7:

- Santa Claus Day in Gary Legion Hall
  - 11:30am-1:00pm: Visit with Santa, get a treat & have fun with crafts, lunch served (free will donation) by Gary Lions
  - 1:30pm: Bingo for Booster Bucks
- A Very Merry McIntosh
  - 4:00-7:00pm with Tree Lighting & prayer at 6:30pm

*Lutefisk and Meatball Supper*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7  
4:00 - 7:00PM  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH, BEJOU

LUTEFISK & MEATBALLS  
MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY  
COLESLAW  
CARROTS  
BUNS & HOMEMADE LEFSE  
DESSERT

Meal served family style  
Cost is \$25

*Church Ladies' Christmas Party*



All ladies are welcome! Bring a friend!  
The Christmas Party will be Potluck.  
Bring an appetizer OR dessert  
to share. If you would like to  
be part of the Gift Exchange Game,  
bring a \$5-10 gift.

**Tuesday, December 10 ~ 6:30pm**  
**Immanuel Lutheran, Bejou**

**Wednesday  
Night Worship**  
*hosted at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bejou*

Wednesday, Dec. 18 & Jan. 15  
 Ladies Aid Supper served from 4:00-6:30pm  
 Confirmation 6:00pm  
 Worship at 7:00pm  
 ILC Council Mtg 8:00pm

YOU are welcome at Wednesday Night Worship:  
 The Word proclaimed! Music sang! Fellowship shared!

*Church Ladies' Night Out*



All ladies are welcome! Bring a friend!  
 Each month we will gather at a local  
 restaurant for food, fellowship,  
 and fun!

**Tuesday, January 21 ~ 6:30pm**  
**Peachy's Pub, Bejou**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
*and*  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

<b>Ministers:</b>	<b>Members of the Congregations</b> Pastor René Mehlberg (218) 308-7898 <a href="mailto:pastor.rene.mehlberg@gmail.com">pastor.rene.mehlberg@gmail.com</a>
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**DECEMBER 2024 WORSHIP SCHEDULE (\*\* denotes Holy Communion)**

<b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>IMMANUEL</b>	<b>OUR SAVIOR'S</b>	<b>GARY</b>	<b>NESS</b>	<b>SUNDAL</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec. 1</b> (blue)	8:30am-Worship** (RR)	10:30am-Worship** (PR)	8:30am—Worship** (PR) 9:30am-Sunday School		
<b>Sunday, Dec. 8</b> (blue)	8:30am-Worship (RR)	10:30am-Worship (PR) followed by Council Meeting	8:30am—Worship (PR) followed by Council Budget Mtg. 9:30am-Sunday School	10:30am – Worship (RR)	
<b>Sunday, Dec. 15</b> (blue)	8:30 am – Worship** (RR)	10:30am-Worship** (RR)	9:30am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship ** (PR) with Christmas Program		9:00am-Worship** (PR)
<b>Wed., Dec. 18</b> (blue)	4-6:30pm-Supper 6pm-Confirmation 7pm-Worship** followed by Council Meeting				
<b>Sunday, Dec. 22</b> (blue)	8:30am-Worship (PR)	10:30am-Worship (RR)		10:30am-Christmas Worship** (PR) & Potluck Meal	
<b>Tues., Dec. 24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> (white)		4pm-Worship** (PR)	8pm-Worship** (PR)		
<b>Wed., Dec. 25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> (white)	10:00 am – Worship** (PR)				
<b>Sun., Dec. 29</b> (white)	10am-Joint Worship (RR) coffee/rolls prior to worship				

**JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE (\*\* denotes Holy Communion)**

<b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>IMMANUEL</b>	<b>OUR SAVIOR'S</b>	<b>GARY</b>	<b>NESS</b>	<b>SUNDAL</b>
<b>Sunday, Jan. 5</b> (white)	8:30am-Worship** (RR)	10:30am-Worship** (PR)	8:30am—Worship** (PR) 9:30am-Sunday School	10:30am – Worship** (RR)	
<b>Sunday, Jan. 12</b> (green)	8:30am–Worship (PR)	10:30am–Worship (RR) followed by Council Meeting	9:30am-Sunday School 10:30am—Worship (PR) followed by Annual Meeting		
<b>Wed., Jan. 15</b> (green)	4-6:30pm-Supper 6pm-Confirmation 7pm-Worship** followed by Council Meeting				
<b>Sunday, Jan. 19</b> (green)	8:30am–Worship** (PR) followed by Annual Meeting & Brunch	10:30am–Worship** (PR)	9:30am-Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship** (RR)	8:30am-Worship (RR)	
<b>Sunday, Jan. 26</b> (green)	8:30 am – Worship (PR)	10:30am–Worship (PR) followed by Annual Meeting	9:30am-Sunday School 10:30am—Worship (RR)		

NOTE: Ness Lutheran will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, February 2.

## DECEMBER 2024 CALENDAR ADDENDUM

### SCHEDULING REMINDERS

\*\* Denotes Holy Communion

- First Sunday of Advent, December 1 (blue)
  - 8:30 a.m. – Worship at Immanuel\*\* (RR)
  - 8:30 a.m. – Worship at Gary\*\* (PR)
  - 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School at Gary
  - 10:30 a.m. – Worship at Our Savior's\*\* (PR)
- Wednesday, December 4
  - 1:00 p.m. – Quilting at Our Savior's
  - 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Confirmation at Immanuel
- Thursday & Friday, December 5 & 6
  - Preparation work for ILC Lutefisk Supper
- Saturday, December 7
  - Preparation work for ILC Lutefisk Supper
  - 4-7:00 p.m. – Immanuel Lutefisk & Meatball Supper
- Sunday, December 8 (blue)
  - 8:30 a.m. – Worship at Immanuel (RR)
  - 8:30 a.m. – Worship at Gary (PR) followed by Council Budget Meeting
  - 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School at Gary
  - 10:30 a.m. – Worship at Ness (RR)
  - 10:30 a.m. – Worship at Our Savior's (PR) followed by Council Meeting
- Monday, December 9
  - 6:30 p.m. – ANJLP Council Meeting at Immanuel
- Tuesday, December 10
  - 6:30 p.m. – Church Ladies Christmas Party at Immanuel
- Wednesday, December 11
  - 1:00 p.m. – Quilting at Our Savior's

- Sunday, December 15 (blue)
  - 8:30 a.m. – Worship at Immanuel\*\* (RR)
  - 9:00 a.m. – Worship at Sundal\*\* (PR)
  - 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School at Gary
  - 10:30 a.m. – Worship at Gary\*\* (PR) with Christmas Program
  - 10:30 a.m. – Worship at Our Savior's\*\* (RR)
- Wednesday, December 18
  - 1:00 p.m. – Quilting at Our Savior's
  - 4-6:30 p.m. – Ladies' Aid Supper at Immanuel
  - 6:00 p.m. – Confirmation at Immanuel
  - 7:00 p.m. – Worship at Immanuel\*\*
  - 8:00 p.m. – Immanuel Council Meeting
- Sunday, December 22 (blue)
  - 8:30 a.m. – Worship at Immanuel (PR)
  - 10:30 a.m. – Christmas Worship at Ness\*\* (PR) followed by Potluck Meal
  - 10:30 a.m. – Worship at Our Savior's (RR)
- Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve (white)
  - 4:00 p.m. – Worship at Our Savior's\*\* (PR)
  - 8:00 p.m. – Worship at Gary\*\* (PR)
- Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day (white)
  - 10:00 a.m. – Worship at Immanuel\*\* (PR)
- Thursday through Tuesday, December 26-31—Pastor René Vacation
- Sunday, December 29 (white)
  - 10:00 a.m. – Joint Parish Worship at Immanuel (RR) with coffee & rolls served before worship

### AREA ACTIVITIES:

Saturday, December 7: Santa Claus Day in Gary

Saturday, December 7: A Very Merry McIntosh (4-7pm with 6:30pm tree lighting)

## JANUARY 2025 CALENDAR ADDENDUM

### SCHEDULING REMINDERS

\*\* Denotes Holy Communion

- Wednesday, January 1 – Happy New Year!!
- Sunday, January 5 (white)
  - 8:30 a.m. – Worship at Immanuel\*\* (RR)
  - 8:30 a.m. – Worship at Gary\*\* (PR)
  - 10:30 a.m. – Worship at Ness\*\* (RR)
  - 10:30 a.m. – Worship at Our Savior's\*\* (PR)
- Wednesday, January 8
  - 1:00 p.m. – Quilting at Our Savior's
  - 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Confirmation at Immanuel
- Sunday, January 12 (green)
  - 8:30 a.m. – Worship at Immanuel (PR)
  - 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School at Gary
  - 10:30 a.m. – Worship at Gary (PR) followed by Annual Meeting
  - 10:30 a.m. – Worship at Our Savior's (RR) followed by Council Meeting
- Monday, January 13
  - 6:30 p.m. – ANJLP Council Meeting at Immanuel
- Wednesday, January 15
  - 1:00 p.m. – Quilting at Our Savior's
  - 4-6:30 p.m. – Ladies' Aid Supper at Immanuel
  - 6:00 p.m. – Confirmation at Immanuel
  - 7:00 p.m. – Worship at Immanuel\*\*
  - 8:00 p.m. – Immanuel Council Meeting
- Sunday, January 19 (green)
  - 8:30 a.m. – Worship at Ness (RR)
  - 8:30 a.m. – Worship at Immanuel\*\* (PR) followed by Annual Meeting & Brunch
  - 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School at Gary
  - 10:30 a.m. – Worship at Gary\*\* (RR)
  - 10:30 a.m. – Worship at Our Savior's\*\* (PR)
- Monday, January 20 – NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- Tuesday, January 21
  - 6:30 p.m. – Church Ladies Night Out at Peachy's Pub in Bejou
- Wednesday, January 22
  - 1:00 p.m. – Quilting at Our Savior's
- Sunday, January 26 (green)
  - 8:30 a.m. – Worship at Immanuel (PR)
  - 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School at Gary
  - 10:30 a.m. – Worship at Gary (RR)
  - 10:30 a.m. – Worship at Our Savior's (PR) followed by Annual Meeting
- Wednesday, January 29
  - 1:00 p.m. – Quilting at Our Savior's
  - 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Confirmation at Immanuel

NOTE: Ness will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, Feb. 2