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Immanuel students bake for school community

Immanuel Lutheran School's Upper School offers a variety of unique programs and extra activities for students in fourth through eighth grades, which supplement the daily work inside the classroom and provide opportunities for students to live out their vocations as leaders in the upper grades.

During the season of Advent, seventh grade girls took the initiative to lead and organize an effort to serve their neighbors by preparing special treats for the community.

Advent is a time for Christian fasting, prayer, and good deeds. In the spirit of the latter virtue, the seventh graders voluntarily gave up most of their lunch recess periods the

week before Christmas break to organize and execute an extensive baking project to prepare little "blessings" for Immanuel neighbors, teachers and other families in the neighborhood.

Students collected and brought in their own recipes for favorite holiday treats and shared their domestic skills in baking up a storm of cookies and other candies. Other Upper School ladies also helped package and assemble the treat bags. On December 19, the seventh grade girls distributed the to the Immanuel community and throughout the neighborhood.

"Through the course of this project, the seventh grade young ladies demonstrated cheerful spirits, generous attitudes, and diligent work ethic," said teacher Abigail Clevenger. "I was inspired both by the leadership the girls demonstrated in initiating and executing their plans, as well as by their joy in performing these acts of service for both our community here at ILS as well as the broader communi-



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ty in our neighborhood. Truly we have learned the beautiful lesson that it is more blessed to give than to receive."