

JANUARY 11, 2026 || BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY

Welcome to Worship at



CARRY THE FLAME

2025 - 2026 SERMON SERIES

DEEPER *faith*

DEEPER *hope*

DEEPER *love*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

1.11.26 || BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY || BANNER #40 "FOR GOD SO LOVED"

PRELUDE & BELL

Milianna Carlson

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Isaac Kubat

OPENING HYMN

#288 We Three Kings

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Isaac Kubat

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG

We Are the Church

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Conner Freerks

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Laura Severson

Isaiah 40:28-31; Ephesians 1:15-23; Mark 1:9-20

APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor Andrew

OFFERTORY

#247 Let's Worship and Adore Him

MESSAGE

Pastor Andrew

Deeper Hope

WORSHIP SONGS

*#389 Spirit of the Living God;
Lord, I Need You*

CLOSING PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

Grant Severson

BENEDICTION & SENDING

Grant Severson

CLOSING WORSHIP SONG

Living Hope

POSTLUDE

Milianna Carlson

CHURCH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Welcome to worship at Immanuel! Light of the world, shine in our hearts today. As the Magi once followed your star, lead us closer to you and guide our steps in the year ahead.

Today's bulletin is lovingly sponsored by the family of **Marjorie Michaelson** in honor of her 95th birthday on January 15th. Happy birthday!

You're invited to a special fellowship time after worship in the Social Hall as we celebrate the **3rd birthday of Myrtle's Closet!** Thank you for supporting this mission!

Our condolences to the family and friends of **James Concannon** who passed away on January 4. His funeral service was held at Immanuel on Friday.

To whoever borrowed the Immanuel Quilters' scissors and yard sticks: please return them to the quilting closet. Thank you!

Riverside Bible Camp has opened registration for the summer 2026 season! Get your camper registered early - Early Bird Registration ends after February 15th! Immanuel is also blessed to provide camperships to all Immanuel members. Contact the Church Office directly for this code. Are you sending a first-time camper or would like a campership for family camp? Contact the Church Office to submit your request to our Board of Trustees.

An announcement from Bible Faith Church: Please join us in celebrating Gladys Peter's 90th birthday! An open house will be held Sunday, January 11, 2026, from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM at Bible Faith Church in Story City. Your presence is the only gift needed! If unable to attend you're welcome to send a card to 519 Marvick Ave., Story City, IA. This celebration is given by her family.

EPIC resumes this Wednesday, January 14th!

Any articles, pictures, or other newsletter submissions for our **Spring Quarterly Newsletter** (February/March/April) are due to the church office by January 15th.

Join us for a special **Prayer Service** on Sunday, January 25 at 6:30 P.M. This will be a peaceful and quiet guided prayer service along with music and communion. The pastors and other prayer partners will be available for personal prayer during the service.

Have something to share with the Immanuel church community? All bulletin, worship and/or weekly email announcements are due to the church office by 10 A.M. on Thursday mornings for inclusion in our church communications.

Access and act on next steps to get involved at Immanuel by checking out the kiosks in the lobby, browsing our website (immanuelstorycity.org), or signing up for our weekly emails with the church office.

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

WELCOME TEAM

Doug & Mary Mechaelsen, Cindy Blomberg, Claudia Fuhrman

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Laura Severson

TECH TEAM

Trent Whipple, John Rathmacher

COFFEE CART

Steve & Miriam Skartvedt

ACOLYTE

Annabelle Potratz

PRAYER PARTNERS

Immanuel Deacons

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Myrtle's Closet Volunteers

BANNER/PARAMENT COMMITTEE

Lori Whipple

Visit the Immanuel Kiosk in the lobby or contact Mary Mechaelsen to volunteer at church!



Celebrate the beauty of winter with these fun snowflake-inspired treats!

What you need:

- Graham cracker squares or sugar cookies
- White frosting or marshmallow fluff
- Pretzel sticks (snowflake arms)
- Shredded coconut or white sprinkles
- Mini marshmallows or candy pearls



What you do:

1. Frost each cracker or cookie.
2. Arrange pretzel sticks in a crisscross for the snowflake base.
3. Sprinkle with coconut or sprinkles for snow.
4. Add marshmallows or candy pearls to the ends for detail.

Lesson tie-in:

Remind kids that God made each of us unique—just like no two snowflakes are alike!
(Psalm 139:14, KJV)



THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

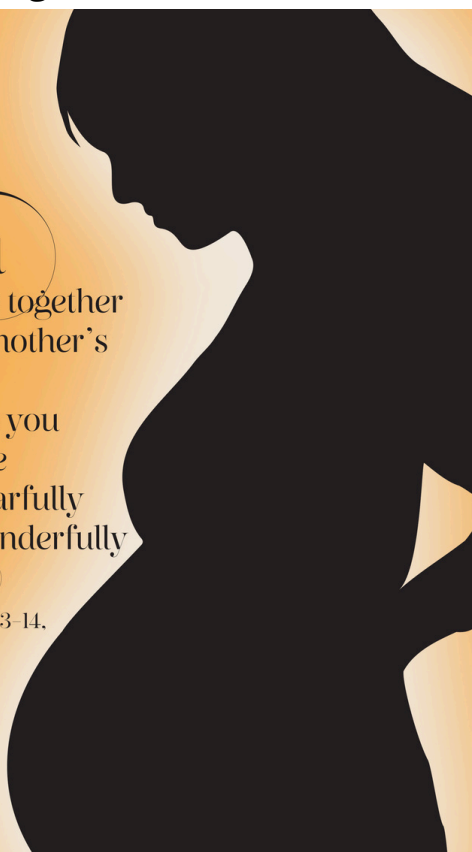
We celebrate the precious gift of life — each person wonderfully made and deeply loved by God.

Whether you are young or old, joyful or weary, know that your life has purpose and value in His eyes.

May we honor the Creator by cherishing the lives He has created.

You
knit me together
in my mother's
womb.
I praise you
because
I am fearfully
and wonderfully
made.

•Psalm 139:13–14,
NIV



MY SERMON notes



today's scriptures

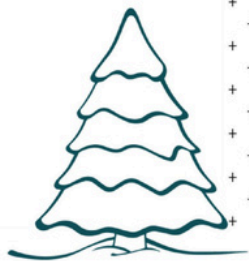
things to remember

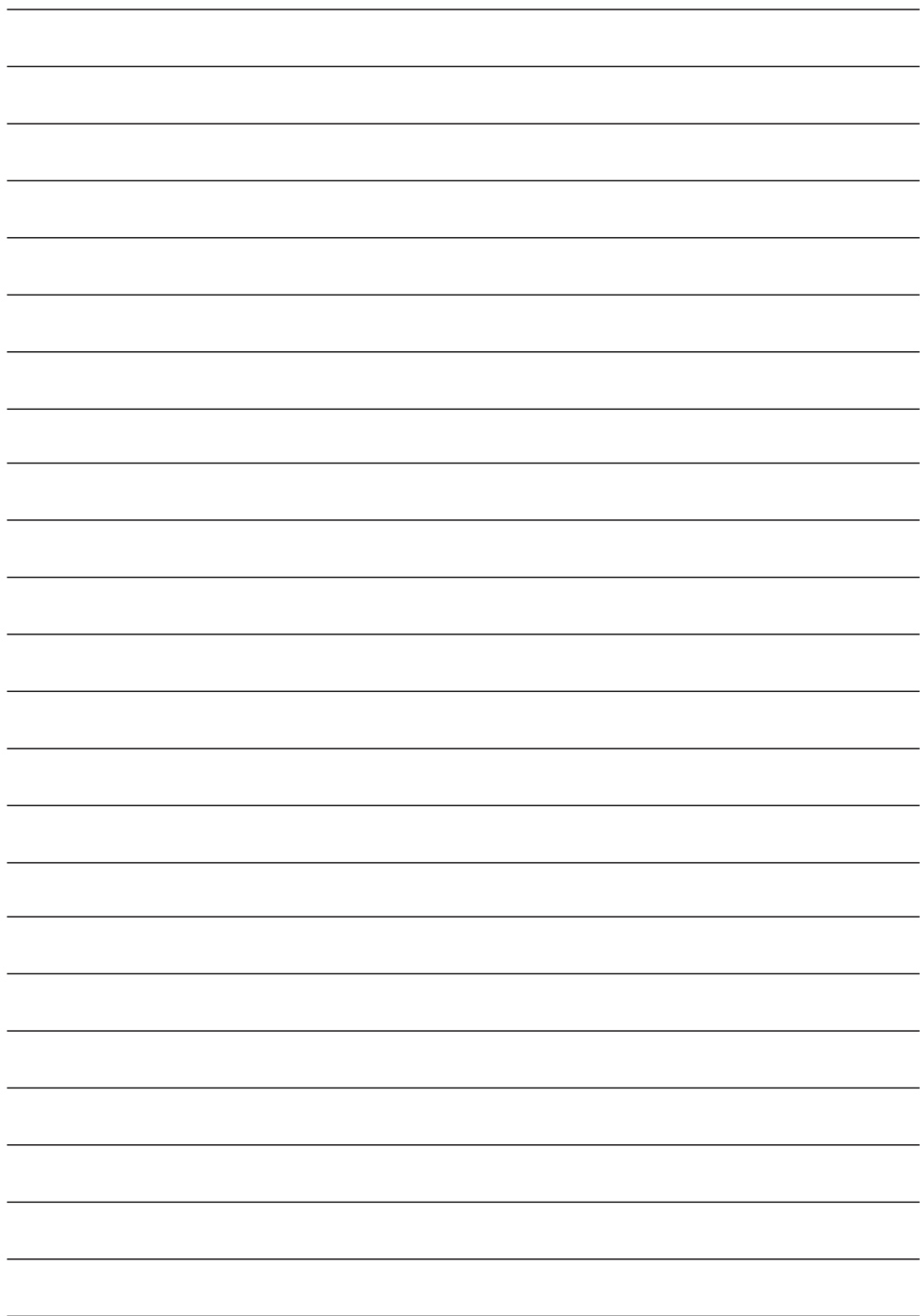


prayers



to study at home:





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Mondays - Thursdays: 9 A.M. - Noon
Fridays by appointment only

Sunday Schedule

8:00 A.M. RADIO BROADCAST
(KASI, 1430 A.M.)

8:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR
(CONFIRMATION & ADULT BIBLE STUDY)

9:30 A.M. WORSHIP
LIVE STREAM

10:30 A.M. COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



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