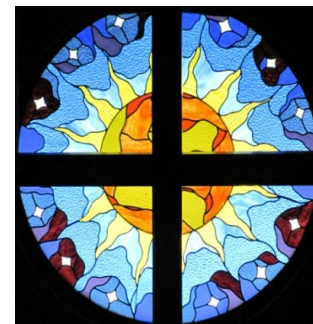


# Immanuel Lutheran Church

Hear Love. Eat Love. Share Christ's Love.

## February 2019 Newsletter



### Weekly Services and Communion

Sunday ~ 8 am  
and 10:30 am

Faith Formation ~  
9:15 am

Wednesday ~ 6pm

### Office Hours

Weekdays

9am ~ 1pm

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**"But In Fact Christ Has Been Raised From the Dead"**  
by Peter J. Weller

The New Testament lessons for February are all from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. And this column will focus on verses 12-20 where Paul advocates passionately for believing that Christ indeed was resurrected from the dead. He writes, "Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, then your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those who have also died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died." (I Corinthians 15:12-20)

Paul's concerns about the issue of Christ's resurrection arose from two factors. First, Jews who were Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. Second, Corinth was a Greek city and Christians there were heavily influenced by the Greek idea that the body was of this earth and mortal, while the soul would continue to exist beyond this life. The body, therefore, was something to be left behind gladly at death. Some Corinthian Christians, therefore, found it difficult to accept the idea of the resurrection of the body.

Paul addresses these issues in this letter. Earlier in Chapter 15 (vv. 5-8), Paul notes the people to whom Jesus appeared after his resurrection, ". . . he appeared to [Peter], then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared to me."

Hector Cervantes, in a research paper submitted to Dr. Martin Sheldon of Liberty University, wrote, "Saul. . . became a staunch opponent of the movement Jesus started. Saul's mission was to squelch the idea that Jesus was the Messiah, along with persecuting the disciples of Jesus, viewing their message as heresy. . . . Yet, upon encountering the risen Christ (Acts 9) Saul's life, mission and even his name was changed.

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Pastor Howard ~ 319.333.7758

**How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! Psalm 133:1**

**Monthly Updates** (Month to date)

General Funds ~ No Update Available

Benevolence, gifts outside of church ~\$

Building Fund Gifts ~ No Update Available

Monthly payment ~ No Update Available

Debt reduction ~ No Update Available

**Immanuel Lutheran Church, to meet monthly financial obligations, needs a minimum of \$13,000 per month.**

**This translates into an average of \$134 per month per giving family.**

**Attendance**

Sunday, December 30 ~ 67

Wednesday, January 2 ~ 11

Sunday, January 6 ~ 8 am ~ 42  
10:30 ~ 43

Wednesday, January 9 ~ 16

Sunday, January 13 ~ 8 am ~ 26  
10:30 ~ 31

Wednesday, January 16 ~ 8

Sunday, January 20 ~ 8 am ~ 39  
10:30 ~ 35

Wednesday, January 23 ~ 6



**January Milestones**

**1) I made the SEIBA honor band again on alto saxophone! Audrey Wubbena**

**2) I'm turning nine!!! Vivi Kroll**

**3) I got to have a sleepover at my grandma & grandpas house! Kenzie & Maci Quigley**

**Christian Sympathy**

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy to the families of

+Elizabeth Gaughan, Tom Gaughan's grandmother died on December 25th.  
And his cousin, +Susan Rosenthal, died on December 26th.

+Anita Tisor, Jeff Tisor's wife, Karl Tisor's step-mom, and Deb Tisor's sister-in-law.

may their families find comfort and peace in the promise of the resurrection of Christ.

**Wandering Worshipers**

Richard Schmidt worshipped with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Grace United Methodist Church in Hastings, Nebraska on Sunday, January 6th.



Just a reminder we need volunteers to clear sidewalks at the church when it snows.



## Birthdays for February

2- Nancy Rash  
3- Lee Buchholz  
6- Vi Kruse  
15- Susan Baker  
15- Vivienne Kroll  
23- Molly Zywiec  
25- Aden Six  
25- Avery Six  
25- Ajay Six



## Anniversaries for February

15- Brian & Carrie Lueck  
16- Nancy Rash & Lyle Moen



## It's protein month at Immanuel!!

Please consider donating proteins to send to HACAP this month. Other items will be accepted and appreciated as always. Tuna and Peanut Butter will be our focus items. HACAP sends out 150 jars of peanut butter each month.



Contact DeAnn for patterns to make bedding items for HACAP.

*Thank you, truly, for your generosity!!*

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Council– Sunday, February 3 at 11:45 a.m.  
Education– Tuesday, February 5 at 5:30 p.m.  
Exec– Thursday, February 21st at 1:00 p.m.  
Finance– Thursday, February 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Night Out for January will be Tuesday, February 19th at 6:00 p.m. at Panda Palace.

Please to join us!!



**LUTHER LEAGUE**  
(Youth Group)  
6th – 12th Graders

**When:** Sunday, February 17th

**Where:** Carpool to Coral Ridge Mall from Immanuel

**Why:** Ice Skating and Whitey's Ice Cream

**Who:** 6th – 12th Graders (friends are WELCOME!)

**Time:** 1:30 p.m. meet at Immanuel (open skate until 4 p.m.)

**Cost:** Money for ice cream; Luther League will cover skating

**Leadership:** Pastor Howard and Steve Vetter

## Immanuel's Spring 2019 Faith Formation Schedule

**January 27th–** NO regular class. Kids in attendance will listen to Pastor Collell speak.

**February 3rd–** Regular FF rotations at 9:15 am

**February 10th, 17th, and 24th–** Youth Led Service Rehearsal with Pastor Howard at 9:15 am

**March 3rd–** Youth Led Service. Youth will lead BOTH worship services. No FF in between. If you plan on participating you must be at rehearsals!

**March 10th– April 7th–** Regular FF Rotations at 9:15 am

**April 14th–** Last FF at 9:15 for the year.

Enjoy Summer Break!!

Watch for VBS registration coming soon!!!!





Pastor,

Thank-you so much for coming and supporting my team and I in our first basketball game. I really appreciate all of our support.

Thanks again,

Taylor

Thank you for all the cards, telephone calls, visits, and food.

From Jack and Margaret Quigley

Immanuel Lutheran-

Thank you for your generous donation to the Hawkeye Area Community Action Program, Inc.

**December 17, 2018**

**Winter Clothes**

**Value: \$1100**

Sincerely,

Kristy Harker

HACAP

Thank you to Linda Six for leading our worship on Wednesday, January 23rd.

Thank you to Ron Brown and Steve

Vetter for clearing our walks.

We appreciate it!!

**THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU**, Ray and Alta Poe for your wonderful gift of quilt fillings. The HOPE workers were pleasantly surprised to enter the sewing room and find two huge rolls of cotton quilt filling. We cut one apart and found it will divide into 11 quilts; that is the two will fill 22 quilts! Thank you from the HOPE workers, and from the recipients who will wrap up and be warm with these quilts that come from Immanuel Lutheran Church. Our women who come together each Tuesday and Wednesday morning in the church sew room, appreciate the support from our congregation. We are always in need of more hands if you would like to join our group. We can also always use items for our projects for Lutheran World Relief. If you would like to help by supplying thread, towels, quilt filling, baby items or CASH, please contact Doris Moore, Nancy Baker, Bev Crandall, Wilma McKinstry, Judy Venzke Sandy Weller or Mary Chmelar.



Happy  
are those  
who keep  
Gods Word.



## February 2019, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Happy Valentine's Day from LSI! "We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Lutheran Services in Iowa's (LSI) mission is about love: responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. We give thanks for all the ministry partners, both individuals and congregations, who help share this love for Iowa children, families, and adults! We see this love in newly adopted children and their families, in teens who learn to trade self-harm for self-worth, in Iowans with disabilities who are growing their independence and confidence, in new parents who are raising strong and healthy families, and in so many other moments of joy. You can help carry out our mission of hope and healing by giving a gift and showing love to the Iowa families we serve. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org). Thank you for the love you share and create through LSI. Happy Valentine's Day!

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

### Helping Kids Thrive

When Kari, a little girl they knew through church, was in need of a foster home, Stacie and Blake decided to step up. The couple became licensed as foster and adoptive parents, and Stacie says it's been a rewarding experience ever since. With LSI Foster Care and Adoption in their corner, ready to provide support, guidance, or even just a listening ear, Stacie and Blake lift up children in their community through foster care. After caring for Kari as foster parents, the opportunity came to adopt her. Now 10, Kari is an amazing big sister. The family has fostered and adopted a son, 3-year-old Silas, and they recently welcomed their biological son, 1-year-old Jett, into the family. Stacie and Blake continue to foster children in need of a safe and supportive home, and Stacie says they hope to adopt again in the future. "When you become a foster or adoptive parent, yes, you're helping children. But at the same time, you learn about yourself and you learn more about the world around you," Stacie says. "Foster care is an experience that is indescribable and life-changing."

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"This experience of seeing the resurrected Jesus convinced Saul that the followers of Jesus were right: Jesus had been raised; he was "Son of God," "Lord," and "Christ" ("Messiah" in Hebrew). He would soon return, and he would save those who put their faith in him. Paul's encounter with the risen Christ was such a radical turning point for the Apostle that it motivated him to interpret Scripture through the person and work of Jesus Christ. . . . Paul believed a correct view of the resurrection of Christ is of the utmost importance, for there are eternal implications. What can be understood [is that] the future hope of the believer rests in the resurrected Christ."

Unquestionably, Paul's encounter with the resurrected Jesus on the Road to Damascus had shaken him to his core. This was for him a God Moment of monumental proportions. He was definitely not the same person after this encounter that he was before. Based on his own experience, therefore, he simply could not accept the proposition that there is no resurrection from the dead. If that were the case, then Paul must have asked himself exactly what did he experience and whom did he see in that moment on the Road to Damascus? For him, the argument against the resurrection flew in the face of his own very intense personal experience and was simply unsupportable. In a series of statements in verses 12-20, Paul makes the case that the resurrection of Christ's body did occur, and that it is simply not tenable to believe otherwise:

"Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?" "But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised."

"If Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain, and your faith also is in vain."

"We are even found to be misrepresenting God because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised."

"For if the dead aren't raised, neither has Christ been raised."

"If Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins."

"Then they also who are fallen asleep in Christ have perished."

"If we have only hoped in Christ in this life, we are of all men most pitiable."

In our modern world, one might be tempted to look for a scientific explanation to Paul's encounter on the Damascus Road, and finding none, be further tempted to say that it never happened, or that Paul was mistaken or delusional, and the story is therefore not believable. Such a view, however, might very well be short-sighted. Paul certainly experienced something very significant and profound, and it created within him, an unshakeable belief in the resurrection and the resurrected Christ. He had no doubt in his mind that he had personally seen Jesus and was forever changed by that experience. He was passionate in his beliefs and did more to spread the gospel than any other person of his time. He was a prolific writer and author of thirteen books of the New Testament. His influence in shaping early Christian beliefs was enormous. And, in these verses in I Corinthians, he nails down convincingly the case that the resurrection is real: "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died."

# Jesus In The Synagogue

And he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." Luke 4:21 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 4:14-21 (NIV).



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Have you *prayed* for someone today?

# The Lost Sheep

"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?" Luke 15:4 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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2. 21-24-11-20-2 \_\_\_\_\_
3. 6-15-4-13-15-20 \_\_\_\_\_
4. 10-4-14-4-8-1-15 \_\_\_\_\_
5. 1-24-17-5 \_\_\_\_\_
6. 21-14-18-15-20-2 \_\_\_\_\_
7. 6-24-3-15 \_\_\_\_\_
8. 14-15-10-15-20-5 \_\_\_\_\_
9. 17-6-15-15-10 \_\_\_\_\_
10. 14-15-12-24-18-25-15 \_\_\_\_\_

HEAVEN	RIGHTEOUS	FRIEND	SHEEP	REJOICE
HOME	PARABLE	LOST	REPENT	FOUND



Another day  
another  
blessing!



## Valentine Gifts

Valentine Cookies and dried apple slices will be available for pick-up on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDERS!**

This was a fundraiser for the confirmands to attend confirmation camp at Camp Ewalu. The cost to send one confirmand to Ewalu's 2019 confirmation camp is \$439 (that's the early registration discount!). We thank you for your generous support of the confirmation youth: Avery Six., Ajay Six, Aden Six, Taylor Bartholomew, Caitlin Kroll, Emma Lueck, and Mikaila Matheson.

## Council Highlights

In December the council met at the Taylor farm for a short meeting. When Tim told us at the annual meeting that he would be leaving us we decided to advertise for a financial secretary. (The interviews will begin soon.)

At the January meeting it was decided a committee will be formed to review the constitution and bylaws in anticipation of ELCA updates. A scholarship committee will also be formed.

The council will hold their meetings the first Sunday of each month.

It was decided to hold cottage meetings to discuss who we as Immanuel are and where and how we want to meet the challenges facing us in Washington and beyond. Are we willing to go the extra mile? Are we willing to reach out and be an inviting congregation? What are the needs in the Washington Community and are we as Immanuel going to be workers for Christ? Do we have a passion to serve?

On March 3rd the children will be giving each of us a name of a church member asking us to pray for that person through the lent and Easter season. We're calling this prayer links.

As always if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact a council member.



## Cottage meetings

It's your chance to have your voice heard. There are several meetings set up, just pick a time. They are going to be fun and informative. Learn about what's coming up at Immanuel. You won't want to miss out. See hall table for dates and times available.





### Youth to Quake in Des Moines

Aaron Six and Pastor Howard will be taking Taylor Bartholomew, Emma Lueck, Caitlin Kroll, Ajay Six, Avery Six, and Aden Six, and Rob Taylor to the Quake in Des Moines Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>. The theme for the Quake is

Quake says participants will have the opportunity to: Praise and worship God, experience a caring community, develop healthy relationships with other youth, grow deeper in faith through focused workshops, discuss issues of interest, and learn about global hunger.

The participants will sing and dance to the music of AGAPE\* (Dave Scherer) and will be moved and inspired by the presentations of Gabe Kasper (Pastor at University Lutheran Chapel on the campus of the University of Michigan). We look forward to an exciting weekend as we each deepen our faith in Jesus Christ. We ask that you surround this group in prayer for safe travel and that the weekend is a blessing to all whom attend.



### Save the Date: Lutheran Day on the Hill

Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Registration: Let Pastor Howard know by Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

Registration: with free t-shirt (everyone wears them) by Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

Our faith in Jesus Christ who cared for the poor and the outcast calls us to speak for those who are left out or relegated to the edges of society. Lutheran Day on the Hill provides you with an opportunity to join a group of passionate, faith-filled advocates in making a difference for tens of thousands of Iowans. Your legislators want and need to hear from you about critical human services issues and needs – and our neighbors in need likewise need our voices and advocacy.

The morning will include a keynote address from Mikka McCracken from ELCA Hunger, and break out sessions on the three issues that will serve as the focus for conversations with legislators, including 1) Improving Iowa's Medicaid Managed Care System, 2) Investing in a Strong Child Welfare Workforce, and 3) Supporting Refugee Community Services.

Following a group picture and a free lunch at the Capitol, participants will be free to visit with their elected officials. You are encouraged to email them prior to your arrival to let them know you will be there and that you would like to visit with them as a part of Lutheran Day on the Hill.

Chartered buses will be stopping in Iowa City, and Newton. This opportunity is offered at no cost to attendees.



<b>Service Date</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Communion Set up/Clean up</b>	
<i>Feb 3</i>	8 am- Ken & Susan Baker 10:30- Marilyn Bennett and Naomi Erickson	8 am- Rich & Deidra Baker Ray Poe 10:30- Brian & Carrie Lueck, Marty Westen	8 am- Deidra Baker 10:30- Mikaila Matheson	8 am- Emma Taylor 10:30- Emma Lueck	Set up- Bev Bailey S/C- Ray & Alta Poe Clean up- Karen Heineman	
<i>Feb 10</i>	8 am- Bev Crandall Don McAvoy 10:30- Andy & Danielle Six family Linda Six	8 am- Michael Howard Brad Kroll Katie McWhirter 10:30- Aaron & April Six family	8 am- Michael Howard 10:30- Bev Bailey	8 am- Caitlin Kroll 10:30- Aden Six	Set up- Tricia Kroll S/C- Naomi Erickson Clean up- Corrine Martin	
<i>Feb 17</i>	8 am- Craig & Tina Montz family 10:30- DeAnn Hakert Sherry Ives	8 am- Gary Fischer Ray Poe Steve Vetter 10:30- Bob Coker John & Peg Harris	8 am- Gary Fischer 10:30- Fran Victor	8 am- Claire Wubbena 10:30- Issac Giesmann	Set up- Bev Bailey S/C- Kelli Gapinski Clean up- Naomi Erickson	
<i>Feb 24</i>	8 am- Rich & Deidra Baker 10:30- Doris Moore Carol Woodruff	8 am- Stan & Kristin Jones family 10:30- Tom Gaughan Brian & Carrie Lueck	8 am- Linda Brown 10:30- Peter Weller	8 am- Vivienne Kroll 10:30- Mikaila Matheson	Set up- Kristin Jones S/C- Stan & Sharol Kroll Clean up- Marilyn Bennett	



Tithing and volunteering are two ways that I can thank God for what He has first given me. Volunteering means that I get to know about my fellow Christians. Helping, learning, giving, and growing in fellowship, it's a blessing for all of us.

DeAnn Hakert



"I love Immanuel because Sunday School is fun. It is a fun church. When I was little I got baptized. Everybody should get baptized at this church." Grace Taylor

