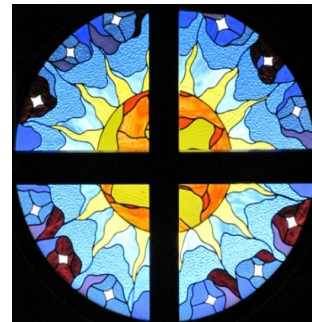


Immanuel Lutheran Church

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

September 2019 Newsletter



Weekly Services and Communion

Sunday ~ 9 am

Starting Sep 8th

8 am and 10:30

FF- 9:15 am

Wednesday ~

6pm

Office Hours

Weekdays

9am ~ 1pm

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Amos Prophesies God's Destruction of Israel by Peter J. Weller

One of the Old Testament lessons for this month is from Amos: "Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat'

"The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds." (Amos 8:4-7)

In Biblical times, an ephah was a unit of volume of dry measure, particularly when measuring grain, equivalent to 0.62 bushels. Yet, it was difficult to establish an accurate measure for the ephah because no set standards existed throughout the Mideast region, and therefore, weights or sizes of the ephah varied from place to place.

A shekel was an ancient Mideast coin used throughout the region of ancient Israel, and came into general use in the 700's B.C. Prior to that time, the value of the shekel was based on the weight of a specific amount of gold or silver, whose value fluctuated over time. So, it is difficult to estimate what an ancient shekel would be worth in today's money.

In Amos' time, Israelite businessmen outwardly observed the Sabbath and the monthly New Moon festivals but with growing impatience. They awaited anxiously the end of these religious observances so that they could get back to making money. Moreover, by manipulating the size of ephah (making it smaller) or changing the weight of the shekel on their scales, they could get a greater price for a smaller amount of product and thereby increase their profit. And then, too, if they mixed in the sweepings off the granary floor with good grain and sell the mix at the price of good grain, that would further increase their profits.

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Find us on Facebook at Immanuel Lutheran Washington Iowa or online at luthwash.org.

Email us at luthwash@hotmail.com

Come visit us at 1226 East Washington Street, Washington, Iowa 52353

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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)

Account balances as of 8-20-19

General Fund ~ \$754.05

Building/Visions ~ \$3,957.32

Endowment ~ \$3,203.95

Community Assistance ~ \$4,944.03

Savings ~ \$8,713.43

Mortgage (WSB) ~ \$26,417.88

Line of Credit (WSB) ~ \$0

Hills Bank Savings Account ~ \$5,220.85
(Restricted Savings)

Attendance

Sunday, July 28 ~ 65

Wednesday, July 31 ~ 11

Sunday, August 4 ~ 57

Wednesday, August 7 ~ 4

Sunday, August 11 ~ 60

Wednesday, August 14 ~ 10

Sunday, August 18 ~ 59

Wednesday, August 21 ~ 12

Sunday, August 25 ~ 84

August Milestones



Jon Runaas' brother, Erik got married! June 8

I am going to Hilton Head. July 7

Margie Runaas' sister, Katie got married! July 13

I am 6.



Brayden says, "I love Immanuel because we do lots of fun things and activities and stuff".



In Christian Joy

We extend our Christian
Congratulations to the families of
Tom & Cris Gaughan

On the birth of their granddaughter,
Charlotte Elizabeth Vogel. She was born on August
15th at 1:59 pm. She was 7 lbs and 21 inches.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15

Question about the BBQ– How can we afford it? We used:

* Thrivent cards

* Generosity of your council members in their time and giving.

Funds did not come out of weekly offerings.

Birthdays for September

6- Makayla Middle
 7- Candace Talbot Scheibe
 8- Audrey Wubbena
 9- Tegan Bartholomew
 10- Jon Runaas
 10- Maci Quigley
 12- Margaret Quigley
 16- Dale Venzke
 17- Peg Harris
 18- Makenzie Middle
 19- Ken Baker
 22- Carrie Lueck
 23- Bob Coker
 24- Brad Kroll
 25- Randy Poos
 26- Charlotte Andersen
 27- William McWhirter
 28- Robert Warren
 28- Tracy Almelien
 30- Sara Bartlett
 30- Mariah Howard



Anniversaries for September

2- Yaro & Mary Chmelar
 5- Ron & Charlotte Andersen
 8- Scott & Laurie Pemberton



It's **VEGETABLE** month at Immanuel!!

Please consider donating proteins to send to HACAP this month. Other items will be accepted and appreciated as always. Vegetables will be our focus items.

Thank you, truly, for your generosity!!



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Finance– Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

Council– Sunday, September 9, 2019 at 7 pm.

Exec– Thursday, September 26 at 9:30 am.

Ladies Night Out for September will be at Tequila Grill in Kalona, Iowa. Carpool from the church will meet at 5:30 p.m.



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

When: Sunday, September 15th

Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church

Why: Faith, Fun, and Fellowship

Who: 6th – 12th Graders Invite your friends!!

Time: 6– 7:30 p.m.

Bring: T-shirt for reverse tie-dye

Supper: Making personal pizzas, bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Leadership: Steve Vetter and Pastor Howard

Kinnick Clean-up: The confirmation and older youth, parents, and anyone willing to assist with this fundraising project will be doing Kinnick clean-up on the **Sunday mornings of home games: 9/1, 9/8, 9/29, 10/13, 10/20, 11/17, and 11/24.** The money earned from cleaning up Kinnick Stadium goes towards the Luther League activities.



Congregation, Thank you so much for sending me to EWALU, I have had such a blast spending time with friends I've made and learning more about God. I was so excited to go before I left, and the time there just flew by singing, playing, and meeting new people. Our counselor was amazing and one of the nicest people I have ever met. I am so glad I got the opportunity to come to this camp! Whether it was crying at campfire, playing volleyball, or just hanging at our cabin. It always was a blast. Thank you Pastor for taking us to this amazing place! Thank you, Emma Lueck

Congregation, Thank you so much for supporting my faith and helping me to learn about God. The week at camp was SO much fun! Our counselor's name was Jaque. When we were at campout she had pick 4 rocks, 3 small and one big. The big rock was for our biggest prayer. The other girls in our cabin were really similar to us. We all got along really well. I would like to thank Pastor for taking us and Taylor and Emma for experiencing it with me! Sincerely, Caitlin Kroll

Dear Immanuel Lutheran, Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl and farewell blessing. You all were so welcoming, and I'm thankful for all your support. Washington will hold a special place in my heart with beginning my teaching career there. I'm starting to get settled back in Clear Lake! It is very surreal being back home, but is it also a nice blessing. If any of you are making a trip up North, please let me know! Thank you again for being my church family and helping me foster my faith while I had my time in Washington. May many blessings continue to come to Immanuel. Much love, Kelli Gapinski

Thank you for the prayers, cards and well wishes during and after my heart ablation. I am feeling better everyday.-Bonnie Taylor

Thank you for the cards, phone calls, flowers, and gifts for our 60th wedding anniversary. Thank you also for the BBQ meal. Jack & Margaret Quigley

Congregation, Thank you for helping me experience that will always stick in me head! I will never forget this experience. My favorite day was Wednesday because we did high ropes, and had a very emotional campfire with our cabin. We went night swimming on Wednesday. I am so happy that I came to make my new friends but even better a family. Our cabin made so many amazing memories! I want to also take a second to thank Pastor. Thanks for driving 2 1/2 hours to take us to this amazing place. We had the best time geocaching and going on hikes. I am also going to thank 2 AMAZING girls that went with me! Caitlin and Emma thanks for pushing me to do the things I didn't want! Thank you all for letting me to go to camp EWALU! Sincerely, Taylor Bartholomew

Dear Pastor Maureen Howard and Immanuel, It was a great blessing to be a part of the morning worship on Sunday, July 14, 2019. The warm and gracious reception of your congregation was genuinely felt and appreciated. Your congregation love for the Word is obvious. The offering of \$224 is what we consider to be a partnership between the church and The Gideon's International in providing God's Word to a lost world. Please know that these funds will be used entirely to provide scriptures in the traffic lanes of life. Certainly we can pray for searching hearts to be touched and for souls to be saved by way of the scriptures. Sincerely yours in Christ, Oren W. Jarvis

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Women of ELCA,

Thank you for supporting the ministries of Women of the ELCA with your recent gift of \$62.50. Your faithful generosity makes a real difference. Thank you.

Your support also made it possible for Women of ELCA to be present at the Youth Gathering, helping thousands of teen and their adult leaders understand human trafficking and what they can do to help end it.

Your generosity makes this all possible, and so much more. Thank you. Your giving really does make a difference. Thank you.

With gratitude, Linda Post Bushkofsky, Executive Director

THANK YOU to everyone who prayed for and/or participated in the fundraisers to financially assist our confirmands **Taylor Bartholomew, Caitlin Kroll, and Emma Lueck** in going to Camp Ewalu's confirmation camp August 4th – 9th. During the week Christian community was formed and lived as the youth learned about how Jesus Changes Everything. Don't hesitate to ask the confirmands what they learned and/or what their favorite activity was. The week at Ewalu was GREAT! Photos of the week's activities will be posted on the church's Facebook page; Immanuel Lutheran Washington Iowa. You may also go to Camp Ewalu's Facebook page to see more photos of the week; EWALU Bible Camp & Retreat Center.

September 2019, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Direct Support Professionals Week Do you know someone who is a caregiver to a loved one? It is a role that is both demanding and meaningful. During September's National Direct Support Professionals Week, we celebrate all the ways in which professional caregivers help children and adults achieve their goals and build meaningful lives. One way LSI empowers Iowans is through our Services for People with Disabilities. From 24-hour support to occasional respite care, the LSI team lifts up Iowans with disabilities as they find the confidence and independence they need to thrive in their communities. We thank you for your faithful support of LSI – you create so many new life-changing possibilities for children, adults, and families! If you would like to learn more about how you can support crucial programming like LSI's Services for People with Disabilities, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

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 LSIowa.org and [Facebook.com/LSIowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSIowa). Building Bright Futures

For 13-year-old Eric, the weekends he spends with his respite caregivers, Carolyn and David, have been life-changing. Through LSI's Services for People with Disabilities, Carolyn and David provide temporary care for Iowa children, allowing their families and caregivers to take a well-deserved break. As respite care providers, they are helping kids like Eric become more active in their community and find hobbies they enjoy. During every visit, Eric loves going to the movies, flying kites in the local park, discovering the newest video game, and playing with the family dogs. He's enjoyed learning how to play pool – especially when he wins a match against David. His mom, Erika, says it's amazing to see her child bloom. Carolyn and David have created a space where Eric can relax, receive one-on-one care away from his siblings, and just be a kid. "Spending time with Carolyn and David is something I know my son loves and looks forward to. As a mom, that's huge for me," Erika says. "Respite is one of the best decisions I've made for Eric. I thank heaven for Carolyn and David and for LSI."

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In his sermon on September 30, 2007, Pastor Gregg Bitter of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hancock, Minnesota said regarding Amos 8:6: "Now it appears that some of the poor and needy couldn't pay the price for the wheat. But they had to eat. So they would borrow money, maybe giving even their sandals as collateral. And when they couldn't pay off the debt, the merchant sold them into slavery. Amos puts it this way: 'Buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals.' "

And how about in our own day? Retailing is now a seven-days-a-week activity. Our economy operates increasingly on a 24/7/365 basis. Employee work schedules might preclude attending Church. Sports and entertainment are big on Sundays and compete for our attention. Our minds drift away from God.

Today's consumers are bombarded with thousands of messages persuading us to overspend and buy on credit. Some get into financial difficulties and may face bankruptcy. Some have become victims of identity theft or other types of fraud. More than half of all telephone calls are scams.

Can the Lord be pleased about how our present society is organized and run? Could he not say of us, "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."? Certainly, it should give us pause. In his last two chapters, Amos writes that the Lord threatens to destroy the Kingdom of Israel. Yet, he will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob. Then the Lord says, "I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them. . . ." (Amos 9:14)

Pastor Bitter concluded his sermon by saying that in the cross God has forgotten our sins. "All your sins are removed and forgotten because God placed them on Jesus and nailed them to the cross. In baptism you have been crucified with Christ and buried with him, so that just as he was raised to life through the glory of the Father, so also you have a new life in him. Put off the sinful flesh and live that new life that rejoices in God's forgiveness that forgets your sins.

"As your heart rejoices in God's forgiveness that forgets your sins, that changes our perspective on our daily buying, selling, and working. We see that all that we do reflects on our heavenly Father who has adopted us. Why dishonor his name by lying, cheating, or fudging. Even if honesty seems to put us at a disadvantage, will not your Father, who already gave you his Son, take good care of you?"

Knowing that God has forgotten our sins, we can see the problems of the poor and the needy in a new light. We can then move forward to help them and providing them with necessities, but also help them spiritually. We do this knowing that we have already been blessed by God the Father and that what we do reflects back on him.

THANK YOU to **Steve Vetter** (July 24th), **Jon Runaas** (July 31st), **Lee Buchholz** (August 7th and 14th) and **Linda Six** (August 21st) for leading Wednesday worship while Pastor Howard was either on vacation or at Camp Ewalu with our confirmands. God was given honor and praise through your leadership.



Sunday Worship times to CHANGE

Beginning Sunday, **September 8, 2019** we will resume to **8 a.m.** and **10:30 a.m. worship** times. **Faith Formation** (education) will resume between worship at **9:15 a.m.** Wednesday worship will remain at 6 p.m.

This year we're headed to...

2020 YOUTH/ADULT MISSION TRIP

When: Sunday, July 26 - Friday, July 31, 2020

Where: It's a SURPRISE!

REVEAL PARTY: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 5 P.M. (just before our next LL meeting)

Deposit: \$100/participant due at Reveal Party

Location Hint: Receive a hint each week: PowerPoint at worship and on the sign in the hallway

We are currently looking for volunteers to head up the pill bottle ministry and to send in full boxes. Contact a council member or Kelly in the office if you are interested. We have already sent in two boxes of pill bottles!!

Cincinnati-based Matthew 25: Ministries, an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization, accepts donations of empty plastic pill bottles that are either sent to places where medical supplies are needed or are shredded and recycled. "Our pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment."

Wednesday Worship 6 p.m.

If you are away for the weekend don't forget we offer worship on Wednesday evenings. Make time in your very hectic schedules to give God thanks and praise. We worship God using Marty Haugen's "Now the Feast and Celebration" liturgy. The service is very relaxed with an intimate gathering. Depending upon attendance, we receive Holy Communion around the Altar or Baptismal font. Join us for worship on Wednesdays, 6 p.m., when you are busy with summer activities on Sunday mornings.



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday September 8th

Immanuel is participating again celebrating whom we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. On **Sunday, Sept. 8th** nearly 10,000 congregations of this church gather to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people.

Last year for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, Immanuel helped do odd jobs around our members' homes and packaged food boxes for HACAP distribution. Details about the job(s) we will be doing will be published soon.

Boxing HACAP Food; September 8th

Ever wonder what happens to the assortment of food we place in Immanuel's HACAP cart? Join Immanuel on **Sunday, September 8th, 1 p.m.** at the HACAP office (Orchard Hill Complex Building 1, 2175 Lexington Blvd) and find out firsthand. Immanuel will be boxing food which HACAP will distribute through the month of September to families in need. Your eyes will be opened to the great need Washington has in feeding the hungry of our community. This activity is open to upper elementary students through adults of our congregation (the ability to stand and place cans in a box is a requirement of this volunteer job). This is a wonderful opportunity to participate in the body of Christ. We have had fabulous turnouts! Join in on the boxing fun; be the hands of God in September!



Confirmation Classes Resume September 4th

Confirmation is the journey into adult faith formation **for all students in the 7th and 8th grades**. Confirmation classes are held on Wednesday evenings, beginning **Wednesday, September 4th at 7 pm**. Another exciting year is planned for: learning about the Lutheran faith, servant projects, fellowship opportunities, Sunday Faith Formation classes, and confirmation camp in 2019. The requirements to be confirmed are to faithfully attend: Wednesday classes with Pastor Howard, Sunday Faith Formation classes, Sunday worship, and complete a servant project with a mentor (8th grade). Contact Pastor Howard if you have any questions. **A parent meeting** will follow the first confirmation class on **September 4th at 8:15pm**.

Confirmation

20th Annual 5K Memorial Walk/Run Fundraiser for Hospice of Washington County

Saturday, September 21, 2019
Sunset Park (near Rocket Slide)
Washington, Iowa 52353
8:00 a.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. Walk/Run begins

Race Location:

The Walk/Run begins and ends in the lower section of Washington's beautiful Sunset Park near the Rocket Slide. The course is relatively flat with one short challenging hill. Participants will go through Sesquicentennial Park, Hayes Timber and on to the Rails-to-Trails KEWASH Trail.

Honoring the past and present patients:

Family members are invited to submit two favorite photos of their loved one, their name, special dates, and a personal message to be displayed along the Walk/Run path. You may send the photos and information by postal mail, email, or you can bring them by our office. If sending digital images by email please make sure they are high resolution photos. If you have questions, please call the office at 319-653-7321 or email robyn@hospicewc.com

For more information, please check out our Facebook page. Look for the event information under the Events tab.



Craft/Vendor Show **Saturday, October 5th** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Donuts/rolls in morning and walking tacos and nachos for lunch.

Questions see Deb Tisor.



September Council Highlights

Hopefully Faith Formation and the neighborhood barbecue had a huge turnout and was enjoyed by all. I'm anxious to know how it turns out. (this is being written August 20th).

September 8th is God's Work Our Hands Sunday. Plans are in the works. Please donate some time for this endeavor.

We will continue to collect items for HACAP, School Kits, Layettes, the empty pill bottles, Hy-Vee receipts and the School Hygiene Closets.

Are you aware of the Christian Community Outreach Center started by Darren Brown and housed in the former 180 could use some assistance with cleaning. Ask Mr. Brown about the vision for this building. Quite interesting.

Dates to get on your calendar are:
September 8...God's Work Our Hands
October 5.....Craft and Vendor Sale
October 27.....Trunk or Treat
November 10....Annual Meeting

We will be getting busier and busier.

We would really like to have you get as involved as possible.



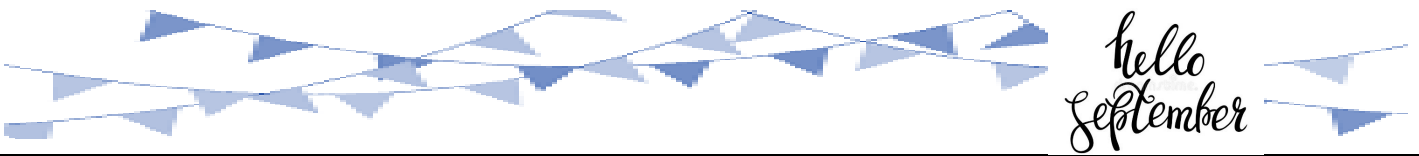
CHOIRS SET TO RESUME AT IMMANUEL

Adult Choir will resume in September with the first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Children's Choir will also resume in September. Due to scheduling conflicts, rehearsals will be on THURSDAYS this year with our first rehearsal on Thursday, September 5th at 4:00. Children in grades Kdg. - 5th are eligible to attend. Call with questions or concerns: 319-461-4024.

Wandering Worshipers

On Sunday, July 14, 2019, Richard Schmidt worshipped with our brothers and sisters in Christ at United Church of Christ in Clay Center, Nebraska, Sunday, July 21, 2019 at Southwood Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, Sunday, July 28, 2019 at Grace United Methodist Church in Hastings, Nebraska, Sunday, August 11, 2019 at Lutheran Church of God in Hastings, Nebraska, and on Sunday, August 18, 2019 at Holy Trinity Church in North Liberty, Iowa.



Service Date	Greeters	Ushers	Reader	Acolyte	Communion Set up/Clean up	
<i>September 1 (K)</i>	DeAnn Hakert and Sherry Ives	Tom Gaughan, Peg Harris, and Ben Striegel	Lee Buchholz	Issac Giesmann	Tricia Kroll Stan & Sharol Kroll	
<i>September 8 (K)</i>	8 am- Bev Crandall and Carol Woodruff 10:30- Doris Moore	8 am- Gary Fischer, Michael Howard, Steve Vetter 10:30- Brian & Carrie Lueck and Ben Striegel	8 am- Michael Howard 10:30- Fran Victor	8 am- Clayton Bartholomew 10:30- Thomas Lueck	Set up- Bev Bailey Clean up/Set up- Naomi Erickson Clean up- Corrine Martin	
<i>September 15</i>	8 am- Craig & Tina Montz and family 10:30- Linda Six	8 am- Rich & Deidra Baker and Steve Vetter 10:30- Aaron & April Six and family	8 am- Deidra Baker 10:30- Clyde	8 am- Vivienne Kroll 10:30- Claire	Set up- Bev Bailey Clean up/Set up- Ray & Alta Poe Clean up- Stan & Sharol Kroll	
<i>September 22</i>	8 am- Ken & Susan Baker 10:30 Marilyn Bennett and Naomi Erickson	8 am- Stan & Kristin Jones and family 10:30- Brian & Carrie Lueck and Marty Westen	8 am- Kristin Jones 10:30- Bev Bailey	8 am- Brayden Zywiec 10:30- Mikaila Matheson	Set up- Kristin Jones Clean up/Set up- Naomi Erickson Clean up- Bev Bailey	
<i>September 29 (K)</i>	8 am- Ray & Alta Poe 10:30- Phyllis Hagensick and Vi Kruse	8 am- Michael Howard, Ray Poe, and Steve Vetter 10:30- Bob Coker, Jon Runaas, and Marty Westen	8 am- Ray Poe 10:30- Peter Weller	8 am- Emma Taylor 10:30- Issac Giesmann	Set up- Bev Bailey Clean up/Set up- Naomi Erickson Clean up- Karen Heineman	

Confirmation Pictures!!

