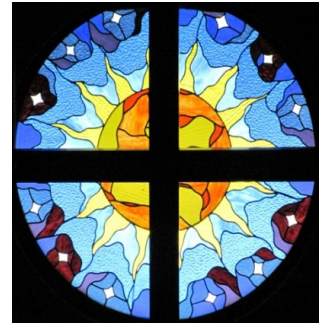


Immanuel Lutheran Church

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

September 2020 Newsletter



Weekly Services and Communion

9 am Live
Streaming
9/13 and 9/27
Outdoor worship
7 pm
9/13 Car Hop
Communion
10:30- 11 am

Office Hours

Call for
appointment

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“Even Though You Intended To Do Harm To Me,
God Intended It For Good”

by Peter J. Weller

The biblical text for this month's column comes from the 50th chapter of the Book of Genesis, from the familiar story of Joseph's brothers begging him for forgiveness for what they did to him in his younger life. Joseph was the favorite of his father, Jacob, which made his brothers very jealous, and they sold him as a slave to some traders who took him to Egypt. There, over time, Joseph rose from slavery to become second in command in the Egyptian government, next to Pharaoh. Years later, Jacob's sons arrived in Egypt searching for food during a time of famine, unaware that Joseph was now the administrator of the Egyptian government's supply of grain, and he wielded much power in the government.

Following Jacob's death, reconciliation occurred between Joseph and his brothers, and this month's biblical text is set in that context: “Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, ‘What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?’ So they approached Joseph, saying, ‘Your father gave this instruction before he died. “Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.” Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.’ Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, ‘We are here as your slaves.’ But Joseph said to them, ‘Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.’ In this way he reassured them speaking kindly to them.” (Genesis 50:15-21)

On its face, this is a wonderful story of forgiveness. Doubtless, Joseph had been severely and grievously wronged, and yet, at the end of this story, he achieves a reconciliation with his brothers. Still, any similar story in any other book, could have ended quite differently. A character like Joseph could have reacted very angrily toward his brothers and had them thrown into prison, or enslaved, or executed. Joseph certainly had the power to do any of those things. The fact that years earlier, his brothers overpowered him as a seventeen year old, bound him up, and sold him to some traders in a passing caravan, and sent him off to Egypt, might well have left psychological scars and a huge reservoir of anger ready to boil over inside Joseph whenever he might see them again.

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Email us at luthwash@hotmail.com

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

Church ~ 319.653.3950

Pastor Howard ~ 319.333.7758 (Home)

Monthly Updates (Month to date)

Account balances as of 8-21-20

General Fund ~ \$10,648.38

Savings ~ \$0

Building/Visions ~ \$4,702.02

Endowment ~ \$3,300.52

Community Assistance ~ \$3,822.54

Mortgage ~ \$70,001.53

Attendance

No Wednesday evening worship
Due to COVID-19

Sunday, July 26 ~ 9 am ~
Live Streaming 214 views

Sunday, August 2 ~ 9 am ~
Live Streaming 222 views
Outdoor ~ 17

Sunday, August 9 ~ 9 am ~
Live Streaming 224 views

Sunday, August 16 ~ 9 am ~
Live Streaming 279 views

Sunday, August 23 ~ 9 am ~
Live Streaming 540 views
Outdoor ~ 15
Car Hop Communion ~ 50

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mary Chmelar has offered hospitality at her home for the women's bible study on September 8th---provided there is no rain and no mud from rain. We would have to travel in more vehicles than usual to respect the needed space. We would meet at the church at 1 PM and drive there with someone who knows the way leading us. If the weather is such that we cannot go to Mary's, but it is not raining, we would meet under the drive through at Immanuel.

Blessings, Fran Victor

In Christian Joy

We extend our Christian Congratulations

Avenley Rose Six born August 3rd,
proud parents are Danielle and Andy Six.

Excited siblings are sister Ainsley
and brothers Axel, Armor, and Anker.

Beaming grandparents are Linda and Jim Six.

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

Altar Flowers

Since we are not currently worshipping inside the building, the chancel is not being adorned with flowers from the congregation. If you would like to give God glory through bringing altar flowers/plant please call the church 653-3950. Arrangements will be made for the church to be open so you may adorn the chancel.

Immanuel's Golden Nuggets

As a people of God, the following are the identifying, non-negotiable characteristics of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

- 1) God's Word and Sacraments (Baptism and Holy Communion) are paramount in the life of Immanuel.
- 2) We are an inclusive congregation; ALL are welcome.
- 3) As disciples of Christ, we live in service to God and others.
- 4) We are an Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) congregation.

As discerned by the 2019 Council.



Birthdays for September

6- Makayla Middle
 7- Candace Talbot Scheibe
 8- Audrey Wubben
 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 Almelen
 30- Sara Bartlett
 30- Mariah Howard



Anniversaries for September

2- Yaro & Mary Chmelar
 5- Ron & Charlotte Andersen

HACAP

Your dollar buys more when HACAP orders food,
 consider sending a few dollars to:

HACAP

2175 Lexington Blvd # 1

Washington, Iowa 52353

Help your local families during this difficult time.

Thank you, DeAnn

Washington School Kindness Closets

Each month we will spotlight items needed for the clothes closets at our schools.

September- Deodorant

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Finance- Thursday, September 3rd at 6:30 pm
 Education- Wednesday, September 9th at 4:00 pm
 Council- Sunday, September 13th at 8:00 am



Luther League

When: Sunday, September 27th
 NOTE DATE CHANGE
Where: Immanuel Lutheran
Why: Planning and making/mailling cards!
Who: 6th – 12th Graders
Time: 6- 7:30 pm
Supper: Taco Night!
 Bring a taco filing (meat provided)
 or dessert to share
Leadership: Steve Vetter and Pastor Howard

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF REPORT

This is "School Kit Season," when we always ask the congregation to help us collect school supplies for children in Third World countries who do not have basic school supplies. This year we have an abundance of the supplies that we usually collect except for



CHILDREN'S SCISSORS BALL POINT PENS CRAYONS

We are OUT of these items. You can drop off your donation at the church. If you would like the HOPE workers to do your shopping, you can leave a cash offering in the jar provided in the Narthex.

Please have your donated items to the church by
Sunday, September 27th. Immanuel Youth K-5th will be packing the school kits at 10:30 am.

We would like to thank everyone who sent us cards and called us to help celebrate our anniversary. Thank you!!

Jack and Margaret Quigley

THANK YOU

THANK YOU to **Bev Bailey** for playing your saxophone on Sunday, August 16th during worship. What a wonderful addition to the way Immanuel gives God thanks and praise. You blessed God and you blessed the worshipping community.

THANK YOU to **Lucas Kroll** for handling the live streaming of worship while Pastor Howard is on vacation. God is praised, across the nation through Immanuel's worship, because of your commitment to live stream worship.

Thank you so much for the beautiful cards. It's so nice to be remembered.

Bev Crandall



“God’s work. Our hands.” Saturday, September 12th

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. 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 worked around Immanuel’s yard. We will be

doing the same activities on **Saturday, September 12th, 8 a.m. – noon.** At the conclusion of our work we will celebrate with a walking taco lunch! Come and join us. Masks will be required to enter people’s homes and we will be social distancing while we work. COVID-19 cannot stop serving our neighbors in Christ’s love.

Odd Jobs Needed?

Do you have odd jobs needed to be completed around your home? Your Immanuel family will be available to complete your job(s) on Saturday, **September 12th, 8 a.m. – noon.** If your job(s) are inside your home, we will be wearing masks. Please have all necessary materials on hand to have your job accomplished (i.e.: light bulbs, furnace filters, batteries, lawn waste bags, cleaning products, etc.). **Call Steve Vetter, 319-461-2404,** and let him know what job you would like done, so we come prepared to accomplish your task. We look forward to serving you!

Would you like to help?

The Property Committee is in need of committee members and volunteers to help with projects around the church, to help keep the church running smoothly. If you are willing to serve on the committee or help call Steve Vetter at 319-461-2404. We’d love the help. Thank you!!



September 2020, 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, especially during the extra challenges surrounding COVID-19 this year. 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 recent months, our DSPs have been dedicated to the people we are privileged to serve, adding extra safety measures to continue supporting individuals in our 24-hour facilities and providing new activities to keep everyone entertained and busy when leaving the house was not safely an option. This high-quality care is possible because of you – thank you for lifting up your Iowa neighbors in times of crisis! 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 563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

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 and www.facebook.com/LSIowa.

We are Still Here: LSI's Services for People with Disabilities

LSI Team Leader Ada works at Harmony House in Muscatine, a 24/7 care facility provided through LSI's Services for People with Disabilities. The home provides consistent care to five Iowans with intensive disabilities and medical conditions. Ada and her team assist residents with most parts of their day, from movement around the home and hygiene routines to medications and meals. Because of COVID-19, the residents at Harmony House have not been able to safely see their families or participate in the volunteering or work they love, as some are able to do. But Ada and her team are there to offer a familiar face and structure when everything else feels uncertain. On days when clients feel scared or unsure, Ada and her team provide support and comfort. Throughout the pandemic, Ada and her team have worked long hours to ensure they follow additional safety precautions, protecting both themselves and the clients they serve. "We are an essential part of their daily life, regardless of whatever storm lies in front of us. My work is needed for my clients to survive," Ada says. "But they are essential to me and the other staff. They are the reason we do what we do."

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While he treated them roughly at first when they came to Egypt, he became more kind to them later.

Many families have experienced serious disharmony or even fracturing in relationships among their members. Difficulties with in-laws, serious breakdowns in relationships between or among siblings, divorce, disputes regarding property or estates, failure to accept an adult child's choice of spouse, or serious issues regarding drug use—any of these things can tear a family apart for decades. In the absence of forgiveness, these kinds of fissures simply do not heal.

Yet, forgiving can be extremely difficult, particularly when what needs forgiving involves assault, physical or sexual abuse, significant trauma, or breach of trust. It may appear to be much easier to carry grudges, to nurse wounds, to forgive only with conditions, with strings attached, or to say that "I can never forgive."

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we say, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." But, how can we ask God to forgive us our sins if we have not forgiven those who sin against us? We must remember Jesus saying, "Forgive, and you will be forgiven," and not expect that God will forgive our sins when we will not forgive those who sin against us.

Dr. Dennis Olson, Professor of Old Testament Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, wrote in *Working Preacher*, "It needs to be said that this response to tragedy may not be appropriate in every instance of human suffering. It is sometimes impossible for humans to understand what good could come out of certain experiences of intense suffering and loss (see the book of Job). Nor should such a response ("God meant it for good") be imposed upon a sufferer by someone else from the outside; it is a response that is best self-discovered by those who have suffered. Joseph sits in a secure place in his life and is able to look back and see in his long struggles the hand of a gracious and loving God." (Genesis 45:5-7)

Joseph is able to see beyond the personal suffering, trauma, and humiliation that his brothers caused him and find the Spirit of God at work in all of this. As he said to them, "Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." Joseph's brothers must have felt a great sense of relief and gratitude when they heard their youngest brother say those words to them. Joseph's words should also provide inspiration to any who find themselves in those kinds of tough situations where forgiveness will be required.

Ecclesiastical (Church) Balloting

The church council has adopted a Holy Spirit led approach to raising up leaders for Immanuel Lutheran. We invite the congregation to enter into a time of prayer asking God to lead your thoughts to persons who have spiritual gifts in leadership and vision to serve as church council members for 2021-2023. We ask that you begin praying for God's wisdom on Sunday, September 6th concluding on Sunday, October 4th. Please mail the names God has revealed to you no later than Saturday, October 17th to: Steve Vetter, Nominating Committee Chair, 114 McCreedy Dr., Washington, IA 52353. The nominating committee will then contact each viable person, to prayerfully consider serving on church council. At the Annual Meeting (November 22nd), we will vote from the pool of candidates that have prayerfully accepted the nomination.

Prayers for Leaders:

"Faithful God, you raise up leaders for your Church in every generation. Guide our thoughts to the persons you desire to lead Immanuel Lutheran Church in the next years. Give them the will to serve and peace to leave the final election in your hands. We ask this for the sake of Jesus, our Lord. Amen."

What are the qualities of an Immanuel Lutheran Council Leader?

After the Ecclesiastical ballots are received, the nominating committee prayerfully discerns the calling of the Holy Spirit's work from the names submitted. The nominating committee uses the guidelines in Immanuel's Constitution C12.04 to discern the Holy Spirit's calling. The following is the section in Immanuel's Constitution the nominating committee uses:

C12.04. The Congregation Council shall have general oversight of the life and activities of this congregation, and in particular its worship life, to the end that everything be done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The duties of the Congregation Council shall include the following:

- A. To lead this congregation in stating its mission, to do long-range planning, to set goals and priorities, and to evaluate its activities in light of its mission and goals.
- B. To seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support.
- C. To oversee and provide for the administration of this congregation to enable it to fulfill its functions and perform its mission.
- D. To maintain supportive relationships with the rostered minister(s) and staff and help them annually to evaluate the fulfillment of their calling or employment. To be examples individually and corporately of the style of life and ministry expected of all baptized persons.
- E. To promote a congregational climate of peace and goodwill, and, as differences and conflicts arise, to endeavor to foster mutual understanding.
- F. To arrange for pastoral service during the sickness or absence of the pastor.
- G. To emphasize partnership with the synod and churchwide organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as well as cooperation with other congregations, both Lutheran and non-Lutheran, subject to established policies of the synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- H. To recommend and encourage the use of program resources produced or approved by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- I. To seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel.

Confirmation

Confirmation Servant Project

During the 9 a.m. live stream worship service, on **Sunday, September 13th**, confirmands/mentors **Taylor Bartholomew/Katie McWhirter, Caitlin Kroll/Danielle Six, Emma Lueck/April Six, Mikaila Matheson/Char Andersen**, will talk to the congregation about the servant projects they have been working on. A requirement of the confirmands was to choose a mentor; journey together on specific subjects of faith; and plan and complete a servant project that addresses a need of the church or Washington. The confirmands and their mentors have been working extremely hard on their projects. We look forward to hearing about their projects and what they have learned about being a servant. The sanctuary will only be open to the confirmands, their families, and mentors.

Confirmation Rehearsal Dinner

The confirmands, their mentors, and families will gather at Immanuel Lutheran for a dinner on **Saturday, September 19th, at 6 p.m.** Following the dinner (prepared by Deb Tisor), we will add our handprints and Bible verses to the hallway wall, get our robes, and have rehearsal for the Affirmation of Baptism.

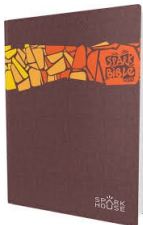
Confirmation Sunday, September 20th, 9 a.m.

The following youth from our congregation have been instructed in the Christian faith, as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church, and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism: **Taylor Bartholomew, Caitlin Kroll, Emma Lueck, and Mikaila Matheson**. Please plan on worshipping online, 9 a.m., to support these confirmands as they affirm and underscore God's action in their Baptism. We cannot hold a cake reception, as we normally would, so please shower these young women, of deep faith, with cards.

These confirmands will be confirmed while wearing masks and practicing social distancing during the 9 a.m. live streaming of worship. The sanctuary will only be open to the confirmands, their families, and mentors.

Confirmation Classes Resume October 4th

Confirmation is the journey into adult faith formation for all students in the **7th and 8th grades**. Confirmation classes are held on Sunday mornings, beginning **Sunday, October 4th at 11:30 a.m.** Another exciting year is planned for: learning about the Lutheran faith, servant projects, fellowship opportunities, Sunday Faith Formation classes, and confirmation camp in 2021. The requirements to be confirmed are to faithfully attend classes with Pastor Howard, Sunday Faith Formation classes, Sunday worship (online for now), 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 **October 4th at 12:45 p.m.**



Third Graders to Receive Bibles

The church has purchased Bibles for the youth of our congregation to have and learn about the deep love and forgiveness of God. On **Sunday, September 27th** all the third graders will receive a Bible during worship. There will be a special blessing liturgy as the parents give a Bible to their child. Don't miss this milestone in the lives of the youth in our congregational family.

The youth will receive their Bibles while wearing masks and practicing social distancing during the 9 a.m. live streaming of worship. The sanctuary will only be open to the youth and their families.

Bishop-Elect Amy Current

The 2020 Southeastern Iowa Synod Assemble elects the first woman Bishop to the synod:

The Reverend Amy Current. The Rev. Amy Current was elected on the fifth ballot, with 178 votes. The Rev. Erika Uthe received 173 votes. The Rev. Amy Current is currently serving as Vice President of Admissions and Student Services at Wartburg Seminary.

Bishop-Elect Current graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, and received an M. Div from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA, and was ordained on July 13,

1997. Bishop-Elect Current will succeed Bishop Michael Burk, who has served as bishop since 2008. Her installation will be on Saturday, October 10th. The installation details are still being decided.



Don't Forget Immanuel Lutheran

During this time of social distancing, we continue to give God our thanks and praise through our tithes and offerings of thanksgiving for the mission of the church including the care of those in need. We continue to receive your tithes and offerings by: mailing your checks to Immanuel Lutheran (1226 E. Washington St., Washington 52353), call the church (653-3950) to have the automatic withdrawal (Simply Giving) enrollment form mailed to you, or give online through Immanuel's website (luthwash.org). We are grateful for your continued generosity to God through Immanuel Lutheran during this time of separation. The ministries of Immanuel Lutheran do not stop because we are in "safety/separation mode" due to COVID-19.



Disaster Response Derecho Storm

The storm that hit Iowa on Monday, August 10th has left catastrophic damage in its wake for the residents of Cedar Rapids and Marion. If you would like to donate to assist in the clean-up efforts and relief to our sisters and brothers to the North, the Southeastern Iowa Synod is receiving those monetary

contributions. Go to: <https://seiasynod.org/synod-news/disaster-response-derecho-storm/> Or mail your checks to Immanuel Lutheran and put "Derecho" in the memo of your relief donations. Letting our fellow Iowans know they are not forgotten and are LOVED by God! THANK YOU for being generous.

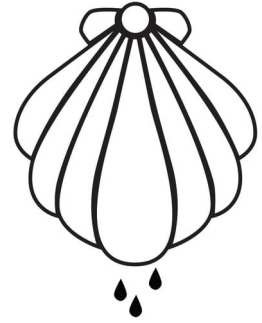
HAPPY 60th ANNIVERSARY !!!

Sixty years ago in August 1960, a group came together to form Immanuel Lutheran Church. In Sept of 1960, the first worship service was held in the old Farm Bureau building. You are invited to attend a special celebration service on Sept. 13th, 4:00 p.m. outside on the east lawn. (masks, social distancing will be observed) Refreshments will be safely served outside following the service.

HAPPY 60th ANNIVERSARY IMMANUEL LUTHERAN FAMILY !!!

WELCOME to Christ's Family!

Congratulations to **Kennedy Rose Striegel** who was baptized in the name of our Triune God during our social distancing, live stream worship on Sunday, August 23rd. "We welcome you into Christ's family known as Immanuel Lutheran and into the mission we share: giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world."



September Bulletins

Immanuel will be using a different bulletin during the month of September. To fully participate in live streaming or conference call of worship download the September bulletin from Immanuel's website "luthwash.org". The bulletin is located at the "September Bulletin" tab. The September bulletin has different hymns, the weekly scripture texts, the Holy Communion liturgy (September 13th), Confirmation (September 20th), and Gifting of Bibles to 3rd graders (September 27th).

A different bulletin will be used for our outdoor worship on Sundays, September 13th and 27th, 4 p.m. The bulletin for the outdoor service will also be available at Immanuel's website luthwash.org for you to download. No bulletins will be printed and available for you during this evening worship. Outdoor worship will be cancelled if raining.

A quick glance at Outdoor Worship Dates; 4 p.m.:

September 13th and 27th

October 11th and 25th

November 8th and 22nd

Outdoor worship will be on the East Lawn during favorable temperatures. Once it is too cold to sit outdoors, worship will be moved to the parking lot where you will remain in your cars. Outdoor worship will be cancelled if raining.

Car Hop Communion: Sunday, September 13th

Pastor Howard will be serving Holy Communion on Sunday, September 13th, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. under the portico in the church's parking lot. 50 people were nourished with the presence of Christ at the Car Hop Communion on Sunday, August 23rd.

Pastor Howard will consecrate the elements (wafers, wine, and grape juice) during the live stream/conference call worship, 9 a.m. Pastor Howard will be wearing a face shield when consecrating the elements and during distribution. The common cup will not be available only individual, plastic cups. Cars will enter the parking lot through the North entrance and exit through the West entrance. Pastor Howard will give you Holy Communion while you remain in your cars. You will then drive to the garbage can and throw away your plastic cup(s). However, if you chose not to participate in this meal opportunity, fasting is still an appropriate option.

A quick glance at Car Hop Communion Dates:

September 13th - Serving 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

October 11th - Serving 11:30 a.m. - Noon (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

November 8th - Serving 11:30 a.m. - Noon (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

Communion is served under the portico in the church's parking lot, regardless of the weather.

Story Time with Pastor Maureen, 10 a.m., RESUMES

Pastor Howard will resume story time on September 3rd, 10 a.m., with stories of the Old Testament. Enjoy past readings anytime you like as they remain on Immanuel's Facebook. These stories are NOT just intended for children, adults are learning the stories of the Bible too!



LIVE Streaming of Worship or Conference Call options

Until further notice, Immanuel is live streaming our Sunday worship at 9 a.m. Streaming is going to Immanuel's Facebook page: Immanuel Lutheran Washington Iowa. Brian Lueck is also putting it on Immanuel's website: luthwash.org. You may go back to these locations and the video will still be available. We are reaching people across the country who are choosing to worship with us!


If you choose not to use the streaming of worship, you may conference call in. Call this number: (319) 656-2663 and it will ask you for a participant code 344238#. Then you will be connected to the church phone and Pastor Howard will have it next to her during worship. This phone line will be opened at 8:50 a.m. on Sundays and it will end at the conclusion of worship. **HOWEVER**, when you use the conference call option, know that all talking you do is heard by the other participants on the conference call. If you begin talking to other people in your home, then all the people on the phone hear your conversation and not the worship service.

Immanuel's Own YouTube Channel!

Immanuel now has a YouTube channel and the address is: luthwash. Thanks to Brian Lueck all Sunday, live streamed worship services and Story Time with Pastor Maureen will be available to you for viewing on YouTube.

Once you are at the YouTube website (youtube.com) put



Immanuel's channel address (luthwash) in the search feature . YouTube will then take you to our own channel!!! Brian has added all our services and story times, since March!, to our channel. Now you may worship as Immanuel Lutheran via Immanuel's Facebook page (Immanuel Lutheran Washington Iowa), conference call (319 656-2663 participant code 344238#), Immanuel's website (luthwash.org), and now YouTube (luthwash)! Please not that YouTube is not a livestream.

College Student Addresses

Our college students have returned to their dorms or apartments and are fully focused on their studies. Earning an Associate, Bachelor, Master, or PhD degree is a long and arduous job. Many hours are spent alone in library cubicles writing papers and studying for exams. Now many colleges have gone to online classes only. Students LOVE to receive mail and care packages from home. We at Immanuel want to make sure that our students know they are prayed for, missed, and loved. **PLEASE e-mail Kelly luthwash@hotmail.com the correct college addresses of our Immanuel family members attending college** (regardless of degree being earned) – let the church know. We want to remain in contact with them by sending mail during the year and care packages during mid-terms and finals. Also include e-mail addresses.

Support Campus Ministry of the ELCA which invites people in academic settings to grow more deeply into Jesus Christ and the community that bears his name, so that they can discover and fulfill their vocation as disciples. Pastor Howard will be thrilled to help our college students find a "church home-away-from-home" either through connecting them with Campus Ministry or a local Lutheran church in their college town.