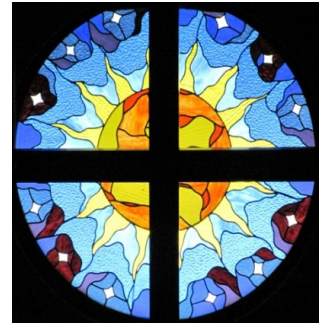


# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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

## May 2021 Newsletter



"The Holy Spirit Fell Upon All Who Heard the Word."

by Peter J. Weller

### Weekly Services and Communion

*Sunday services*  
9 am

- \* In-Person RSVP  
by Wednesday
- \* Live Streaming
- \* Conference Call

*Wednesday services*  
6 pm

- \* In-person no RSVP

### Car Hop Communion

*Sunday, May 16th*  
11- 11:30 am

### Office Hours

*Kelly in office*  
*Tuesdays and*  
*Thursdays*  
9 am - 1 pm

All of the First Lesson readings for this month are from the Book of Acts. In this book, we see the growth and expansion of Christianity, beginning as a sect of Judaism, and then becoming a major world religion in its own right. The Apostle, Peter, was particularly active in expanding Christianity in the Eastern Mediterranean regions north of Jerusalem, and he has been believed to have founded the Church of Antioch and served as bishop there for seven years. Some ancient writings have said that he also traveled to Corinth and to Rome and that, he and Paul together founded Churches there.

Unquestionably, Paul was indeed the greatest missionary of the early Church. More than any other person, he caused this new religion to grow, and he established congregations throughout the regions of Turkey and Greece, as well as in Rome. Nine of his thirteen letters in the New Testament were addressed to congregations that he helped to organize.

In the tenth chapter of Acts, Peter addressed a gathering of family members and friends at the home of a Roman centurion, Cornelius, a devout believer who feared God. That a Roman military officer could become a follower of Jesus says something about the power and growth of this new religion: that this God of the Jews is not just the God of the Jews only, but is God of the world, that others, non-Jews, can receive the Holy Spirit, can believe in Jesus, and gain eternal life.

Chapter 10 of Acts tells us that an angel, in a vision, appeared to Cornelius and told him to send for Peter, who at the time was in Joppa, and tell him to come to Cornelius' house in Caesarea so that he and those close to him can hear what Peter had to say. Similarly, the Spirit spoke to Peter and told him to go to Cornelius. After his arrival, Peter began to speak to them, and he gave a quick synopsis of Jesus' ministry on earth, that he went about doing good, that he was anointed with the Holy Spirit, that he was crucified, that God raised him from the dead, and that those who believe in him receive forgiveness of sins through his name.

"While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days." (Acts 10:44-48)

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YouTube- [luthwash](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8w8w8w8w8w8w8w8w8w8w8) \* Email us at [luthwash@hotmail.com](mailto:luthwash@hotmail.com)

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

Church ~ 319.653.3950

Monthly Updates (Month to date)

Account balances as of 4-20-21

General Fund ~ \$5,843.32

Building/Visions ~ \$4,003.66

Endowment ~ \$3,303.80

Community Assistance ~ \$3,825.94

Mortgage ~ \$65,650.90

**IMMANUEL'S  
IN PERSON WORSHIP**

You have three Sunday opportunities to worship our Triune God as Immanuel Lutheran: in person, RSVP by Wednesday evening; live streamed to Immanuel's Facebook page

(Immanuel Lutheran Washington Iowa), website ([luthwash.org](http://luthwash.org)), and uploaded to YouTube ([luthwash](http://luthwash)); and conference call (319) 656-2663 using participant code 344238#. This phone line will open at 8:50 a.m. on Sundays and it will end at the conclusion of worship.

Wednesday 6 pm worship, no reservation needed.

To worship together safely, Immanuel's Council has approved guidelines we will be following.

**Please note that  
Sunday in person  
worship is through  
reservation only by  
calling the church.**

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Attendance

Sunday, March 28 ~ 9 am ~  
Views ~ 310

Maundy Thursday, April 1 ~  
In person ~ 12 Views ~ 116

Good Friday, April 2 ~  
In person ~ 12 Views ~ 118

Easter Sunday, April 4 ~  
7 am ~ 19 10 am ~ 47  
Views ~ 396

Wednesday, April 7 ~  
In person ~ 9

Sunday, April 11 ~  
9 am ~ 25 Views ~ 566

Wednesday, April 14 ~  
In person ~ 3

Sunday, April 18 ~  
9 am ~ 37 Views ~ 452

Wednesday, April 21 ~  
In person ~ 4



Remember a loved one with a beautiful bouquet. Celebrate life's milestones with an arrangement from your garden. Honor that special person with God's blooming miracles. Sign up on the hall table (or call the church 653-3950) to adorn the Altar with real flowers to the Glory of God. The new sign-up sheet is available, do not miss out celebrating your special person or occasion.



## Birthdays for May

- 1- Nancy Baker
- 4- Anna Gaughan
- 5- Scott Bartholomew
- 7- Corrine Martin
- 8- Megan Hill
- 16- Carol Woodruff
- 18- Deb Tisor
- 18- Martin Runaas
- 19- Vanessa Westen
- 29- Brayden Zywiec
- 30- Kyle Middle
- 30- Cris Gaughan



## Anniversaries for May

- 12- Dale & Candace Talbot Scheibe
- 16- Jeremy & Kelly Smith
- 29- Steve & Kathy Vetter



## Don't Forget Immanuel Lutheran

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 you 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](http://luthwash.org)). We are grateful for your continued generosity to God through Immanuel Lutheran.

## 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

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Council: May 2nd at 11 am

Finance: May 6th at 6:30 pm

Worship/Music: May 20th at 11 am

Education: TBD



## Luther League

- When:** Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>
- Where:** Immanuel's yard
- Why:** Lawn Games and Fellowship
- Who:** 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders (friends are WELCOME!)
- Time:** 11 – 12:30 p.m.
- Lunch:** Sub Sandwiches; bring ½ pound of sandwich meat or cheese to share and a side
- Leadership:** Steve Vetter and Pastor Howard



## Christian Sympathy

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy to the families of

+The Reverend Brian Gentz

+Frieda Lowland

(Jon Runaas' Godmother and  
Pr. Bill Runaas' "second" Mom)

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

## In Christian Joy

We extend our Christian Congratulations

**Marcus Alan Gutierrez** was born on April 2nd to Anna Gaughan and Miguel Gutierrez with adoring sisters Nora and Amaya.

**Emma Louise Detweiler** was born on April 9th to Katie (Gaughan) and Dylan Detweiler.

The proud grandparents of Marcus and Emma are Cris and Tom Gaughan. Congratulations to the Gaughan family!!

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

**THANK YOU** to **Bev Bailey** and **Naomi Erickson** for stripping the altar during the Maundy Thursday worship. Your ministry added a special touch to a worship that needed to be live streamed.



**THANK YOU** **Mike Jewell** and **John Harris** for enhancing Immanuel's Easter worship through your music. What excitement and joy was pronounced through your singing and/or playing of the organ and trumpet. Christ is **RISEN**, celebration abounded!

**THANK YOU** to **Bev Bailey, Gray Brown, Lee Buchholz, DeAnn Hakert, Mike Howard, Pastor Howard, Clyde Pearce, Steve Vetter, and Fran Victor** for participating in Washington Against Hunger's food packaging on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Forty people, from eight Washington churches, came together and packed **12,528** black beans and rice meals! These meals will be sent to Texas and Oklahoma to feed the hungry and homeless wrestling with natural disasters.

**THANK YOU** to the musicians who provided special music during the Easter season: **Mikaila Matheson, Jane and Margie Runaas, Sara Bartlett, Claire Wubben, Lee Buchholz, and Mike Jewell.**

**THANK YOU** to **Bev Bailey** for playing your Alto Saxophone for the Good Friday, Noon, service. Your playing gave us a time for mournful contemplation and a richness to the service.

**THANK YOU** **Margie Runaas** for spending hours overseeing and editing the Easter and Easter Season's special music. Your commitment to producing a quality video is evident in the flawlessness of the video. Your talent is enabling worship to be all the richer in this non-singing time.

**THANK YOU** to Immanuel's Adult Choir: **Lee Buchholz, John Harris, Debbie Jewell, Mike Jewell, Brian Lueck, Carrie Lueck, Clyde Pearce, Margie Runaas, Fran Victor** with **Sara Bartlett**, Director. Your voices singing *Run to the Garden* was a blessing to the congregation and our online worshipping community. Our resurrected Lord, Jesus, was given Glory through your gift of song.

## **Congratulations 2021 Graduate....**



**Mariah Howard** will be graduating from Iowa State University on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> with two majors: Fashion Merchandizing and Psychology. Mariah will continue her education at Adams State University (Alamosa, Colorado) to earn her master's degree in Mental Health Clinical Counseling. Congratulations Mariah and God's speed to you as you leave Iowa to further your education.

## **Synod Assembly**

The 2021 Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly will gather virtually on Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22, 2021 under the theme "Baptized and Set Free." The assembly will be held in a manner similar to the 2020 assembly with voting members gathering via zoom and visitors invited to view the event via livestream. The production will again take place thanks to the ministry and hospitality of Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines. Immanuel's elected voting members are Ron and Char Andersen along with Pastor Howard.





## **May 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story**

Happy Mother's Day! Mother's Day is a time to celebrate the strong, loving women in your life. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we see thousands of Iowa moms through their journey to build the brightest future for their children. We see moms turning to LSI Behavioral Health Intervention Services to ensure their child is receiving the coping skills and behavioral supports they need to thrive. In our Early Childhood Services, we see first-time moms who are eager to join our parenting education classes and support groups. In 2020, LSI's Early Childhood programs provided support to more than 1,097 families of young children. We are so inspired to hear their stories and see their hard work pay off as they raise our next generation. As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, remember how many Iowa moms are being empowered because of your support. If you are looking for a way to honor your mother this year, please consider making a gift in her name to LSI. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

### **Wrapping Care Around Iowa Children**

Martha and Marti first became foster parents in September of 2018, after their biological children expressed that they wanted to provide foster care as a family. They decided to become licensed through LSI Foster Care and Adoption and soon after, they welcomed a sibling group of three into their home. "Our kids really wanted to look into foster care as a way to be able to help others as a family," Martha says. "Everybody had to sacrifice and pour in, and everybody was needed and brought something to the table." The siblings stayed with the family for almost two years, until the opportunity came for them to find a forever home through adoption. Over the years, the siblings had become bonded to Martha and Marti, as well as their extended family and friends. The siblings are currently in the process of officially being adopted by a family close to Martha and Marti, so they can continue to stay connected to the important relationships they built in foster care. The family has found a passion they can all share, and it's making a difference in the lives of Iowa children. "We always explain fostering as 'good' and 'hard.' You never want to take one away from the other, because it's both. It's the hardest thing we've ever done, but it's the best thing we've done," Martha says. "We've had the privilege of having the kids in our home and you have the responsibility and the privilege to take care of them in their time of need."

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Peter faced criticism in Jerusalem for associating with, preaching to, and baptizing Gentiles in Caesarea. But, Peter defended himself by telling them about all that had happened in Caesarea, and he said, "If then God gave [the Gentiles] the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" The scripture continues, "When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'" Acts 11:1-18)

We see here the beginnings of the realization among Jesus' followers that Jesus Christ and his teachings and his place and importance in the world were meant to be more than just for the Jewish people, they were meant for the whole world. Very probably, Peter thought of what Jesus had said to his disciples after the resurrection, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20) But, Peter also sensed, from his visit with Cornelius, that there was a hunger among at least some of the Gentiles to learn about and to know and believe in Jesus, and that the Holy Spirit was actively engaged in making that happen. Perhaps, there were even more Gentiles that could be reached and would embrace the word of God and accept Jesus as God's Son and gain eternal life.

What is amazing to contemplate is the vast growth in numbers of the followers of Jesus Christ over the centuries, from twelve disciples to more than two billion believers today. For the most part, and especially in the beginning, this growth occurred simply by word of mouth, one on one, or in small groups, without the use of the printed word, without radio, television, or other forms of mass communication, and often in the face of powerful opposition by governments or significant social or religious forces. Yet, through the power of the Holy Spirit—as it was on the Day of Pentecost, as it was with Cornelius and his family and friends, and as it is today and will be in the future—that people come to know and accept Christ. As Martin Luther wrote in his Small Catechism, "I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith. . . ." Indeed.

## Easter flowers 2021

Lee Buchholz - In memory of Lois Buchholz and our parents

Naomi Erickson - In memory of Ken Erickson

Marilyn Bennett - In memory of Steven Bennett

Pastor Maureen and Mike Howard - In memory of our beloved parents +Ken and Clara Mulcox, and +Al Howard. In Glory to God for our risen Lord

Beverly Bailey - In memory of Roy & Irene Backstrom

Mike & Debbie Jewell - In memory of Clarence & Ethel Jewell. In memory of Bobby & Betty Voss

Ron & Linda Brown - In memory of our parents, our granddaughter, Paula KaDawn Brown, and our son-in-law, Gary Bray. In memory of our dear friends, Jim and Dorothy Gallagher, Inez McAllister, and Gale Arnold.



### Welcome Pr. Bill and Jane Runaas!

We received **Pr. Bill** and **Jane** on Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, during the 6 p.m. worship service. We welcome you with joy and excitement into Christ's family known as Immanuel Lutheran! We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

We, William and Jane Runaas moved to Washington to be near our youngest son, Jonathan, his wife Margie and our almost three year old grandson, Martin Runaas. Jon has an older brother, Erik. Erik and his family live near Davenport, Iowa. William is a retired ELCA pastor having served congregations in the Northeast, Western, Southeast Iowa and in Nebraska Synods. Both boys graduated from Nebraska High schools. We are Husker fans as a result of living in Nebraska. William likes the Green Bay Packers since he grew up in Wisconsin. Jane is from northwest Ohio and attended Waldorf College in Forest City before going to Luther. William was a full time pastor for 43 years, having served both small rural congregations and larger congregations. He graduated from Luther College and Wartburg Seminary. He and his wife met while students at Luther College. William likes cars, motorcycles and traveling, traits he has passed down to both of his sons. His bucket list is to see as many National Parks as possible during his retirement. Jane likes music, a love she passed down to Jon. William, Jane, Jon, Margie and Martin are all living together in our retirement house here in Washington while Jon continues to work on his home in Ainsworth. Taking care of Martin while Jon and Margie work is how we currently spend most of our time. Martin is better than a gym membership since he keeps us moving, with the added benefit of sore muscles, and laughing. The floor is a long way down and we have learned to have a plan to get up in case we get stuck there. Much more fun than a gym work out. We are looking forward to meeting people at church when the pandemic safely allows it. You'll most likely find us chasing Martin around church when we are able to worship together. Look for Jon, Margie and Martin if you want to know who we are. God's blessings on all at Immanuel.

William and Jane Runaas

## Immanuel at HACAP



Photo taken before COVID-19

HACAP food boxes need to be put together more than ever. Immanuel needs 6-8 volunteers to meet at HACAP (2175 Lexington Blvd, Orchard Hill Complex Building 1) in June. You must be feeling healthy and wear a mask. Standing is a requirement for this volunteering service project. We will be completed in less than an hour. Please let Pastor Howard know that you will be boxing food at HACAP. **THANK YOU** for your willingness to help in this time of social distancing. To have food boxes ready for June distribution, Immanuel will probably box food late May or early June. Once a date/time is set, you will be updated.

## God's Blessing upon All Women, May 9<sup>th</sup>

In celebration of the faithful women of Immanuel Lutheran, we will bestow upon them the blessings of God. Join us on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day) or Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and bless the women of Immanuel who have been formed by God's grace. The blessing liturgy is found on page 17 of the Easter/Easter Season bulletin (which may be downloaded from Immanuel's webpage [luthwash.org](http://luthwash.org)).



*A Mother's Hands...*

*reach out to bless her children and  
reach up to praise the Lord.  
They're always loving, often praying, and  
ever giving more than she keeps for herself.  
A mother's hands may tire,  
but they never expire in their efforts  
to do good for those she loves.  
A mother's hands may age,  
but her influence lasts forever.*

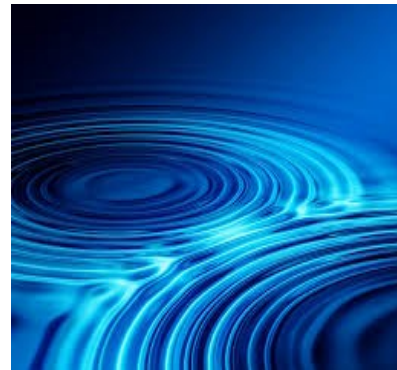
*Lift up your hands in the sanctuary  
and praise the LORD.*

*Psaln 134:2 (niv1984)*



### **Centering Prayer: May 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

Deacon Fran Victor will be leading an hour of contemplative prayer in Immanuel's sanctuary (practicing social caring and wearing masks) the second and fourth Saturday mornings of each month; 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. The hour begins with Centering Prayer and then moving into Lectio Divina (using a verse of scripture as the basis for prayer). No experience is necessary in either prayer practice to participate. No reservations needed, just come and enjoy the hour of contemplation. If you would like to join this intimate group, but are new to this type of prayer, come at 8:15 a.m. for explanation. Centering Prayer will be offered on Saturdays May 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. "God's first word is silence." – Thomas Keating



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### **Ascension of Our Lord; Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

We often cast our eyes upward to look for God. When we are feeling lonely or misunderstood, we raise our hands to ask why, or shake our fists in gestures of prayer, anguish, or praise. While the scriptures promise that God is king of all the earth, sitting on his holy throne (Psalm 47), we need not only look up for God's action in our lives. Our ascended Lord lives in the heavens, but Jesus does not leave his disciples—or us—to fumble while he naps in the clouds. Before he ascends, Jesus promises that we are clothed with the Holy Spirit's power, witnesses "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). We look up to the skies for help, then return our gaze to those among us in need of our care, to the body of Christ and the wind of the Spirit among the baptized, preparing for the time when Jesus comes again to gather us in. (From Sunday and Seasons)

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### **WEAR RED Pentecost ~ Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Pentecost is an especially important day in the church year. The name "Pentecost" comes from a Greek word meaning "fifty." It is fifty days after Easter and commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the early Christians. It is the birthday of the church! The color of the day is red, to remind us of the flames of fire that rested on each of them as they gathered together; "They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:3-4a). We thank God for giving us His Holy Spirit at our Baptism. "The Holy Spirit calls us through the Gospel, enlightens us with God's gifts, and sanctifies us and keeps us in true faith. In the same way the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it untied with Jesus Christ in the one true faith" (The Small Catechism by Martin Luther; the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed). Let us celebrate the birth of the church through the Holy Spirit at Pentecost by wearing red!

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### **Holy Trinity Sunday; May 30<sup>th</sup>**

The doctrine of the Trinity invites us to consider how a God constituted by relationship—the Father with the Son, the Son with the Spirit, the Spirit with the Father—draws us into that relationship with God and one another. Gradually or suddenly, through the work of the Spirit, we come to know our belonging to the Father and to Christ's body.

In such loving relationships, truth is discovered. But people cannot bear the truth all at once, so discipleship and faith formation are gradual processes of listening for the Spirit's voice. Christian practices such as worship, learning, and service are occasions for people of all ages to be "guided into truth." Such practices are rooted in baptism, in which God draws us into a lifelong relationship in which we grow into truth and love over time—guided by the Spirit, accompanied by Jesus, and having peace with the Father.

In Romans, we hear the truth of how love originates and grows in us: Poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, God's love gives us a hope that will never disappoint. Christian community offers the delightful opportunity to experience one's own growth in hope, faith, and love, and to witness others' growth as they too are drawn more deeply into relationship with the triune God. (from Sundays and Seasons)



### Confirmation Dinner/Rehearsal

The confirmand, her mentor, and family will gather at Immanuel Lutheran for a dinner on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. Following the delicious dinner (prepared by Deb Tisor), we will add Claire's handprint and Bible verse to the hallway wall, get her robe, and have rehearsal for her Affirmation of Baptism.

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### Confirmation Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9 a.m.

The following youth from our congregation has been instructed in the Christian faith, as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church, and desires to make public affirmation of her Baptism: **Claire Wubbena**. Please plan to attend the 9 a.m. worship service (in person, live streaming, or conference call) May 2<sup>nd</sup>, to support Claire as she affirms and underscores God's action in her Baptism. Make your reservations early, the sanctuary will be at maximum capacity! To celebrate Claire's faith milestone the Education Committee will be serving take and go cupcakes!



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### Car Hop Communion: Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

Pastor Howard will be serving Holy Communion on **Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** under the portico in the church's parking lot. **11** people were nourished with the presence of Christ at Car Hop Communion on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Howard will consecrate the elements (wafers, wine, and grape juice) during worship, 9 a.m. Pastor Howard will be wearing a face mask 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).

A quick glance at Car Hop Communion Dates:

May 16<sup>th</sup> (**NOTE DATE CHANGE**)

Serving **11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

June 13<sup>th</sup> (**IF NEED DICTATES**)

Serving **10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. (NOTE TIME CHANGE)**

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

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**Celebrate  
Recovery**

A CHRIST CENTERED Recovery Program

### Celebrate Recovery in Washington!

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12-step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain, or addiction of any kind. Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our life.

Washington's Celebrate Recovery launched on Tuesday evening, April 13<sup>th</sup> at the United

Methodist Church's fellowship hall. We had an AMAZING turnout! A total of 31 people attended the evening with the breakdown being 17 participants and 14 volunteers.

We had participants from Retrograde in Kalona, The Lighthouse Center, and a few walk-ins join us for a great evening of a meal 6 p.m., fellowship, worship, Large group 6:30 p.m., and small group discussion 7:30 p.m.

The Celebrate Recovery team's intent was to have a "soft launch" on the 13<sup>th</sup>, but obviously God had bigger plans for us! While we are so excited with the turnout, we are still short on volunteers and potential leadership candidates. To volunteer or consider leadership training, please contact Tim Johnson 461-5294.

**THANK YOU** to Bev Bailey, Mary Chmelar, Gary Fischer, Pastor Howard, April Six, Avery Six, Ajay Six, Aden Six, Angela Taylor, Emma Taylor, and Grace Taylor who went to Kalona to load 5,000+ (500+ boxes) of Lutheran World Relief school kits into U-Haul trucks on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Werner Fick, the preparer of ALL the school kits, called and asked for our help and we responded! In less than 40 minutes Werner's garage was emptied and the trucks loaded. The heavy boxes were no match for the muscles of Immanuel's volunteers. We are the hands of Christ serving our neighbors. Mary, the cookies at the end were a bonus! More photos of this service activity may be viewed on Immanuel's Facebook page: Immanuel Lutheran Washington Iowa.



## Cookies for Camp

Emma Taylor, Claire Wubbena, and Brayden Zywiec the confirmation youth at Immanuel Lutheran Church are raising money to cover costs of registration for Confirmation Camp at Camp EWALU this July. To send one confirmand to camp costs \$479. Please support our youth by purchasing one of these fun cookie mix jars prepared by the confirmands for \$10. Checks can be made out to Immanuel Lutheran Luther League.

**Order through google docs <https://forms.gle/77pEYwAEPC1GZByx7> or see order form on hall table at the church. Orders will be accepted through Sunday, May 9 and will be available for pickup at the church Sunday, May 23 from 10am-12pm.**

If you have any questions or are unavailable to pick up your jars on this date, please contact Molly Zywiec at [mollyzywiec@gmail.com](mailto:mollyzywiec@gmail.com) or (402) 578-5520.

