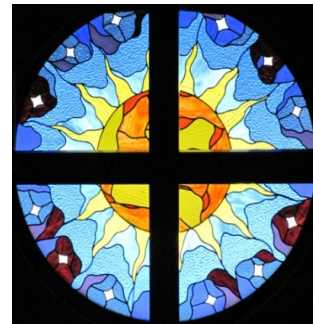


Immanuel Lutheran Church

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

August 2021 Newsletter



Weekly Services and Communion

Sunday services
9 am

- * In-Person
- * Live Streaming
- * Conference Call

Car Hop Communion

Sunday,
August 29th
10:30- 11 am

Office Hours

Kelly in office
Tuesdays and
Thursdays
9 am - 1 pm

"I Am the Bread of Life" by Peter J. Weller

The first gospel lesson for August is from John 6:24-40: "So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there [at the place where five thousand had been fed], they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

"Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet you do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. . . . This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.' "

So, here we have the story of the crowds looking for Jesus, the Miracle Worker, after he had fed five thousand people with only five loaves and two fish. What were they looking for? Spectacle? A magic show? Another free meal? Maybe all of these. Jesus suspected as much. Doubtless, the word had spread about Jesus healing sick people. He now just demonstrated that he can feed them, too, with next to nothing in terms of supplies on hand. What else is he capable of? People wanted to know. Perhaps they were also trying to figure out how he did it.

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

YouTube- [luthwash](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8) * Email us at 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 7-22-21

General Fund ~ \$3,030.15

Building/Visions ~ \$4,121.15

Endowment ~ \$3,304.62

Community Assistance ~ \$3,825.94

Mortgage ~ \$63,982.63

Attendance

Sunday, June 27~
9 am ~ 37 Views ~ 150

Sunday, July 4~
9 am ~ 29 Views ~ 120

Sunday, July 11 ~
9 am ~ 32 Views ~ 196
Car Hop Communion ~ 10

Sunday, July 18~
9 am ~ 57 Views ~ 154

Don't Forget Immanuel Lutheran

Summer schedules are in full swing. Don't forget to support the work of Christ while you are on vacation. God continues to bless us daily; our response to God's abundant blessings does not go on vacation. Don't forget to write your offering check and mail it to the church. God's mission, God's church, and our response of thanksgiving.



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 August

3- Rose Lloyd
3- Avenley Six
8- Kristin Jones
9- Rachel Quigley
12- Judy Venzke
12- Claire Wubbena
14- Michelle Bartholomew
15- Mikaila Matheson
15- Mary Chmelar
15- Joyce Westen
17- Rachel Peterson
18- David Croft
19- Alan Rebling
19- Thomas Lueck
21- Bev Crandall
29- Maggie Baker
31- Mike Jewell



Anniversaries for August

5- Jim & Linda Six
7- Rod & Julie Hill
7- Scott & Michelle Bartholomew
9- Peter & Sandy Weller
9- Bill & Molly Zywiec
10- Grant & Diana Wubbena
12- Erin & Tracy Almelen
18- Brad & Tricia Kroll
28- Neil & Julie Giesmann
29- Bob & Betty Warren
30- Dennis & Sherry Ives

Bounce Back to

Faith Formation

August 29th

Faith Formation Education

held at 10:15 a.m.

Until August 29th, continue to enjoy
Sunday worship service at 9 a.m.!



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

Worship/Music:

Finance:

Council: Sunday, August 8th



Luther League

No August meeting

Christian Sympathy

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy to the families of

+DeeAnna Newlin (Marilyn Bennett's niece)

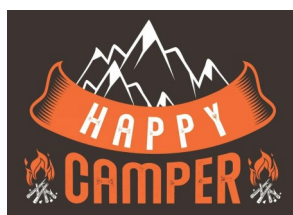
+Linda Cox (Carol Woodruff's sister-in-law, Lynn's sister)

+Kathy Venzke (Dale and Judy's Venzke's sister-in-law)

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

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Congregation, Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity and money to be able to go to EWALU. It has been loads of fun and we've done so many fun activities. These activities include throwing paint at each other to tie-dye shirts (also known as 'Color Clash'), going swimming, singing camp songs together, ziplining, and climbing telephone poles and jumping off (Leap of Faith, and don't worry we had harnesses on.) We've also made many new friends and memories that we will remember for a long time. The counselors taught us more about God and made it fun! If you hadn't supported our EWALU trip and made it possible, we would never have done these things or met our amazing counselors, so thank you very much! -Claire Wubben

Dear Congregation of Immanuel Lutheran, Thank you all very much for giving me, Emma, and Claire the opportunity to go to Camp EWALU! My whole stay has been super fun! (Except for when I grabbed a stinging nettle). Every day after breakfast, we would go to alpha and before bed, we would go to campfire. During these times, we did lots of songs and watched (or acted) in skits. The songs, skits, and bible studies all focused on the main theme of the week, which was "creation renewed." During the day, we did fun activities from playing games like ga-ga ball to zip-lining and the leap-of-faith, where we jumped off a telephone pole. We were strapped in though. I think all of the campers and counselors got along with each other, and made friends. Overall, this was a fun, exciting, and memorable experience that I am very glad I was apart of. In Christ, Brayden Zywiec



Dear Lutheran Congregation, Thank you for giving us money to go to camp. I have really enjoyed making new friends and making memories. I have also enjoyed the activities and the songs we sang. I also liked learning more about my faith. So thank you for the money and I really enjoyed camp. -Emma Taylor



THANK YOU to **Deb Tisor** for overseeing the +Lois Buchholz's funeral lunch. To **Kathy Vetter** for the planning with Deb. To the kitchen help the day of the funeral: **Nancy Baker, Marilyn Bennett, DeAnn Hakert, Peg and John Harris, Pam Johnston, and Fran Victor**. To **EVERYONE** who generously donated food. Lunch was a huge success thanks to your service.

THANK YOU to everyone who sent sympathy cards , memorials, emails, and those who called at the death of my father, Harlan Ranshaw. I was very touched and appreciated it all !

Blessings to you, Linda Brown

THANK YOU to **Yaro and Mary Chmelar** for your wonderful hospitality on Sunday, July 18th to the Luther League. We enjoyed grilling hot dogs, brats, and making smores over the grill. The pond water was warm and it was a perfect evening for a paddleboat ride, floating on the rainbow unicorn, volleyball, tetherball, and fishing. We are grateful to you for allowing us to come out and enjoy your beautiful farm.

THANK YOU to **Steve Vetter** and **Gary Fischer** for faithfully mowing and trimming the lawn. You utilize a rider mower, push mower, and weed eater to keep the lawn looking green and fabulous. The church has a welcoming appearance thanks to your service.



August 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Back to School Month School is right around the corner! This time of year can be exciting and stressful for many of us, but adjusting back into a classroom routine can be especially difficult for kids and teens with emotional or behavioral disorders. Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) provides mental and behavioral health services for children and families across the state. Our therapists provide virtual and in-person therapy sessions with children, while our Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS) team collaborates with families in their home or in a community setting to help them develop skills like anger management and healthy decision making. LSI also provides 24-hour mental health care at the Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers in Waverly and Ames to empower Iowa children and teens. We thank you for your support of LSI's mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! We know there are more Iowa children in need of this critical care. If you would like to learn more about how you can give a gift to support these crucial services, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

Helping Families Adjust to a New Normal Uriyah felt overwhelmed by anxiety. During the pandemic, it was hard for him to even leave his room, talk to his family, and attend school. When classes moved online, he felt comfortable completing his homework and attending classes virtually. But when it was time to return to school for in-person classes, he would not attend. His mom, Holly, wanted him to be able to finish the school year virtually, but she needed help navigating the transition with his school. That's when she learned about LSI's STEP IN community program. Through the service, LSI social workers are there to build on a family's strengths and ensure children and parents have what they need to thrive and create a brighter future. Children and teens in the program work with their LSI team to develop coping skills, conflict resolution, and healthy communication. The LSI team helped Uriyah feel more comfortable engaging with his family, and Holly had the support she needed to work with the school, advocate for her child, and ensure Uriyah could finish the school year online. Now, Uriyah has felt a weight lifted off his shoulders, and he successfully graduated out of LSI programming. The last year has created unprecedented stress and anxiety for many children and teens, but Uriyah now feels more comfortable and confident moving forward.

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Yet, clearly, this is not Jesus' response when he sees the crowds coming toward him. He questioned their motivations for seeking him out, and urged them to look beyond the food that perishes. Instead, he told them to look for the food that endures for eternal life. On the subject of manna, the heavenly food that God provided to the Israelites as they were starving in the wilderness, Jesus told them, "[I]t was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." Note that John changes the tense of the verb from past to present, from "gave" to "gives".

Susan Hylen, Associate Professor of New Testament at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, writes in *Working Preacher*, "At this point Jesus identifies himself with the present gift of manna God is giving to the world: 'I am the bread of life' (John 6:35). This is the first of Jesus' seven 'I am' sayings, each of which elaborates an important aspect of Jesus' identity. These sayings most often draw on Old Testament imagery to understand Jesus."

In John's gospel, Jesus continues, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. . . . [A]nyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. . . . This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life. (John 6:35-40)

Not everyone in that crowd was convinced that Jesus was, indeed, the Son of God the Father. They looked for signs. They looked for proof. They looked for some spectacular act that would convince them once and for all. And, Jesus knew that.

But, Christians do believe that he was, and that he is. If you listen carefully to these verses, you will hear Jesus say, "I am the bread of life. I have come down from heaven. Anyone who comes to me I will never drive away. All who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life." These words bring comfort and assurance and hope to the believer. Jesus is true. Jesus can be trusted. In Jesus, we will never be spiritually hungry or thirsty.

WELCOME to Christ's Family!

Congratulations to

Marcus Alan Gutierrez and Emma Louise Detweiler

who were baptized in the name of our Triune God during worship on Sunday, July 18th.
“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.”

God’s Blessings upon a New Academic Year

As we begin the new academic year, we turn to God to ask for God’s blessings of wisdom and knowledge upon all people involved in education: administrators, faculty, staff, and students. On Sunday, August 29th Pastor Howard will hold a blessing for all those beginning a new academic year. Regardless of your role in education and whether you are a preschooler or Ph.D. student come and receive God’s blessings upon your new academic year.



“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday 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. On **Sunday, Sept. 12th** nearly 10,000 congregations of this church gather to serve communities in one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. Details about the job(s) we will be doing will be published soon. We will be going to HACAP to box food as one of our projects.



Order your Gold “God’s work. Our hands.” T-shirt

People of Immanuel Lutheran have purchased these cool ELCA t-shirts for the Day of Service. If you have not ordered a shirt and would like to purchase one for September 12th’s Day of Service, please go to <https://oldlutheran.com/collections/elca> (or pay Kelly and she will order it for you). Don’t wait, *Day of Service shirts are taking approximately 2-3 weeks from order to delivery. Cost of shirts begin at only \$7.75!*

²⁰⁻²¹ God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us. Ephesians 3:20-21 The Message

Confirmation Classes Resume September 8th

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 8th 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 2022. 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 8th at 8:15pm**.

Confirmation



Kinnick Clean-up

Iowa Football is back with fans in Kinnick Stadium! 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:

9/5, 9/19, 9/26, 10/10, 10/17, 11/14, and 11/21.

The money earned from cleaning up Kinnick Stadium goes towards the Luther League activities and attendance to Confirmation Camp at Camp EWALU.

Luther League FUN!!





ENCORE EXPRESS

Meals for seniors 60+!

Encore Express is **“your second call to enhance your health”**

This **NEW** and **INNOVATIVE** program features

- Bi-monthly meals catered by Hy-Vee (coming soon!)
- Vouchers for meals at Hy-Vee
- Suggested voluntary contribution of \$5.00 per meal
- Evidence-Based Programs (Chronic Disease Self-Management, Tai Chi, Stepping On and more)
- Nutrition Education & Counseling
- Opportunities to socialize



To pick up meal vouchers and for additional information call Immanuel Lutheran

Church at (319) 653-3950. Or stop in on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 am-1 pm

Spread the word!!

Car Hop Communion: Sunday, August 29th

Pastor Howard will be serving Holy Communion on **Sunday, August 29th, 10:30 a.m. – 11a.m.** under the portico in the church's parking lot. **10** people were nourished with the presence of Christ at Car Hop Communion on Sunday, July 11th. Pastor Howard will consecrate the elements (wafers, wine, and grape juice) during worship; 9 a.m. 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).

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



**60th anniversary
Celebration and Alumni Reunion
Labor Day Weekend: September 3-6, 2021**

EWALU is strong, steadfast, and spirit-filled at 60! Come and see! Stay for the day or the entire weekend.

On Saturday, enjoy a community worship service, free-will lunch, stories from the decades, and a campfire with s'mores. *Sign up soon for your first choice of housing, which can be reserved on first come first serve basis. More information and booking instructions: Visit www.EWALU.org/event/60-anniversary or call 563.933.4700

It is school kit time again, school sales are coming up, please keep this in mind.

This is a list of items you are asked to donate:

- Spiral notebooks, 70 count
- 12" rulers (one side metric)
 - Pencil sharpeners
- Children's scissors (blunt)*
 - Boxes of 24 crayons
 - Ball point pens
- Non-sharpened pencils
 - 2" erasers



Faith Formation students will be filling school kit bags on Sunday, September 12th, please have your donated supplies in by **Sunday, September 12th**. The confirmation students will prepare them for shipment in October.

Thank you, Immanuel for your continued support of this project!

COVID Recovery Iowa

COVID Recovery Iowa may be able to assist. Free, virtual services such as counseling, group education, and stress reduction activities are available to you.

COVID Recovery Iowa's counselors will assess your needs and make referrals to community-based disaster relief services and agencies to extend support services to you. [Www.COVIDrecoveryiowa.org](http://www.COVIDrecoveryiowa.org) The site translates into 65 languages.

Iowa Warm Line: 844.755.WARM (9276). Provides confidential access to peer counseling and can connect you upon request to COVID Recovery Iowa services.

Iowa Concern: 800.447.1985. Provides confidential access to stress counselors and an attorney for legal education focusing on rural and agricultural issues.

We're stronger together even in these uncertain times!

Confirmation Camp Highlights!!

