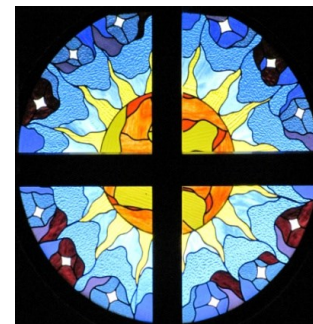


# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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

## October 2021 Newsletter



“Whoever Wishes To Become Great Among You Must Be Your Servant”  
by Peter J. Weller

### Weekly Services and Communion

Sunday services  
9 am

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

Wednesday  
services 6 pm

- \* In-Person

### Car Hop Communion

Sunday,  
October 10th  
10:30 - 11 am

### Office Hours

Kelly in office  
Tuesdays and  
Thursdays  
9 am - 1 pm

Most of the gospel lessons for October are from the tenth chapter of Mark, and this column will look specifically at verses 35-45: “James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to [Jesus] and said to him, ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’ And he said to them, ‘What is it that you want me to do for you?’ And they said to him, ‘Grant us to sit one at your right hand and on at your left in your glory.’ But Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?’ They replied, ‘We are able.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I drink you will drink, and the baptism that I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.’

“When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, ‘You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’ ” (Mark 10:35-45)

Interestingly, Matthew recounts in his version that it is the mother of James and John, who requests of Jesus that they be seated to his right and to his left. (Matthew 20:20-23) Although Luke omits this part of the story altogether, he includes the information from the second paragraph of Mark’s gospel above. But, Luke goes on to add, “But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.” (Luke 22:24-27)

In Mark’s account, this story of James’ and John’s request occurs right after Jesus tells his disciples that he and they were going to Jerusalem where he would be handed over to the Gentiles, and he would be mocked, flogged, spit upon and killed. and after three days he will rise again. Mark does not tell us if their request was in reaction to what Jesus had just said, or whether some time had elapsed between Jesus’ prophesy about Jerusalem and their request.

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YouTube- [luthwash](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8) \* 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 9-21-21

General Fund ~ \$5,069.05

Building/Visions ~ \$4,142.81

Endowment ~ \$3,305.18

Community Assistance ~ \$3,845.94

Mortgage ~ \$62,877.96



Attendance

Sunday, August 29

9 am ~ 26 Views ~ 172

Car Hop Communion ~ 16

Sunday, September 5

9 am ~ 20 Views ~ 134

Kinnick ~ 20

Wednesday, September 8

6 pm ~ 6

Sunday, September 12

9 am ~ 41 Views ~ 136 views

Wednesday, September 8

6 pm ~ 5

Sunday, September 19 ~

9 am ~ 27 Views ~ 182 views

Kinnick ~ 22

Wednesday, September 22

6 pm ~ 8

**Christian Sympathy**

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy to the families of

+Harold Henry (Evelyn Brown's brother, Gary's uncle)

+Rose Simmering (Dave's mom, Rachel Quigley's grandma, Gary DeWolf's aunt)

+Dean DeWolf (Gary's brother)

+Craig Voss (Debbie Jewell's brother)

+Mary Barnett (Harold Frakes' sister)

+Roger Frakes (Harold Frakes' brother)

+Margery Krantz

+Kennedy Parkin-Stover

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



## Birthdays for October

1- James Almelien  
5- Linda Brown  
6- Aaron Six  
8- Madelyn Widmer  
10- Josh Gaughan  
14- Doris Moore  
16- Stan Jones  
17- Emma Lueck  
17- Rex Findley  
20- Ron Brown  
21- John Harris  
22- Charlane Tanner  
24- Betty Warren  
25- Linda Six  
28- DeAnn Hakert  
28- Craig Bartholomew



## Anniversaries for October

5- Rich & Deidra Baker  
7- Jason & Angela Taylor  
24- Ron & Linda Brown

## 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

**Finance:**

**Worship/Music:**

**Council:** Sunday, October 3rd- 11 a.m.

**Education:** Sunday, October 10th- 11am



## LUTHER LEAGUE (Youth Group) 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

**When:** October 17<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Start at Immanuel Lutheran

**Who:** 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders; friends are WELCOME!

**Why:** HACAP Food Scavenger Hunt (Boys won the trophy in 2017, Girls won in 2018 and 2019 ~ though it was close, Boys won in 2020, who will win in 2021?)

**Time:** TO BE DETERMINED

**Adult Drivers Needed** (Must have cleared Immanuel's background and driver's check)

**Supper:** To be determined

**Leadership:** Pastor Howard and Steve Vetter



Thank you to Deb Tisor, Kathy and Steve Vetter, DeAnn Hakert, Fran Victor, Pam Johnston, and Peg Harris for preparing and serving the luncheon for the funeral of +Margery Krantz on September 9th. Thank you to everyone who provided food.

**“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**THANK YOU Steve and Kathy Vetter, DeAnn Hakert, Bev Bailey, Pam Johnson, Fran Victor, Clyde Pearce, Gary Fischer, Deb Tisor, Gary DeWolf, John and Peg Harris, Brian & Carrie Lueck, Emma and Thomas, Doris Moore, Mike Howard, and Pastor Howard**



### **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.

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**Christ in Our Home for December is out on the hall table. Get yours TODAY!!**



## October 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Leaving a Legacy Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) has responded to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service for more than 150 years. We have created a legacy of lifting up and empowering thousands of our Iowa neighbors, thanks to the generosity of our supporters. Through LSI, Iowans also have the opportunity to leave a legacy of their own. When you include LSI in your will or estate planning, you are making a lasting impact for years to come. By including LSI in your will or living trust, you are ensuring that we can continue our mission and ministry well into the future.

If you would like more information on how you can include LSI in your estate planning, 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. LSI is also available to provide a customized virtual shared ministry opportunity for your congregation. If you would like to share the message of LSI with your community, please visit [LSIowa.org/church-relations](http://LSIowa.org/church-relations) or contact our Waverly office at 319.352.2630 to get started.

One Backpack and a Simple Act of Kindness The start of fall classes can be difficult for any child – especially as youth of all ages adjust back to “normal” following a year of virtual classes and Zoom meetings. But for kids who have experienced trauma, back-to-school season can bring additional stress: anxiety about meeting new people; worry that their family may not have enough grocery money for lunch every day; insecurity if they come to school without some of the fun supplies other kids have.

Thanks to donations of backpacks, crayons and pencils, glue, and more, LSI is ensuring Iowa youth have access to the school supplies they need to succeed. And because of this, kids are empowered with the ability to choose their own supplies that show off their own styles and personalities so they can feel confident as they return to classes.

After having a tough day, Marisol was feeling sad and was told she and her guardian would be stopping by the LSI office for some school supplies. She wasn't in the mood for a visit but after arriving at the office, she found a bright spot in her day: her LSI worker was there to help her pick out a new backpack of her own. She was delighted after finding her favorite, and eagerly walked around the office to choose more back-to-school items she could place in her backpack.

Thanks to these contributions, Marisol's day was turned around by a simple act of kindness and a new backpack.

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If their request followed immediately after Jesus' prophesy, then it sounds crass and opportunistic. And, even if not, it still sounds as if they were very anxious to move to the head of the line and grab the good seats ahead of the others. Clearly, James and John did not grasp the full significance of the kind of Messiah that Jesus proclaims himself to be. Rather, they wish to be seated next to one who wields power and issues commands and makes things happen.

These kinds of desires are not unusual among human beings. People today like front row seats to be close to or to be seen with or photographed with celebrities or people of power or influence. They will pay \$100 or \$1,000 or \$5,000 or more per plate for a dinner to raise funds for a candidate's political campaign to be in the same room with or to gain influence with a particular candidate. And, some people simply like to be near famous people and bask in the reflected glory that they radiate.

The other ten disciples became angry with James and John for making such a request of Jesus. Neither Mark nor Matthew tell us possible reasons for their anger. Perhaps, they felt them to be self-evident. It could have been righteous indignation. Perhaps, it was jealousy or a strong belief in equality among the disciples, a feeling that none of them should be any closer to Jesus than another.

Yet, in the previous chapter, the disciples had been arguing about who among them was the greatest. Though not a party to this argument initially, Jesus was aware that something was bothering them, and he knew what it was. So, he sat down, called them together, and said, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” (Mark 9:35)

In both chapters 9 and 10, Jesus makes it clear that his Messiahship is not of swords and thunderbolts and power, but of servanthood. It is not important who stands closest to the king, but that the least is as important as the greatest, that the last is as important as the first, that in God's kingdom, all are equal. So, there is no advantage to being first in line or getting ahead of anyone else or boasting of one's status or position. As Jesus said, “. . . whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:43-45) And, that should be how we conduct ourselves as followers of Christ.

## **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 2022-2024. We ask that you begin praying for God's wisdom on Sunday, September 26th and Wednesday, September 29th concluding on Wednesday October 13th and Sunday, October 17th. Please mail the names God has revealed to you no later than Wednesday October 20th and Sunday, October 24th 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 21st), 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 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 preform 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 synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as well as cooperation with other congregations, both Lutheran and nonLutheran 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 ministry of the Gospel.

## Immanuel's Children's Christmas Program

Immanuel's Children's Christmas program "The Greatest Gift" will be performed during Faith Formation on Sunday, November 7th at 10:15a.m. The program will be videotaped. DVDs will be available later for purchase. Only parents and immediate family will be able to watch. There will be no performance during church services.

We will be practicing on Sunday, October 3 and Sunday, October 24 from 10:15a.m. - 11 a.m. Practices could run over that time. It is very important that the children attend these practices and also be on time for them.

If your child(ren) will not be participating in the program or will miss any practice please let Linda Brown, program director know at 319-863-3387 or [camimaudegeorge@gmail.com](mailto:camimaudegeorge@gmail.com) as soon as possible. The parts for the program have been given out.

Thank you, The Education Team Members

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## 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: 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.



Remember a loved one with a beautiful bouquet. Celebrate life's milestones with a floral arrangement. Honor or remember 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. Dates are available on the sign-up sheet. Do not miss out celebrating your special person or occasion.

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## SHINE YOUR LIGHT!





## **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***

### **The Power of Planning**

- Here at Immanuel!! On Thursday, October 21st from 10 am- 11:30 am in the fellowship hall. Legal
- provider will be answering questions and having conversations about Power of Attorney paperwork. The
- program is free but you do need to register. Call 800.332.5934 to reserve your seat today! Masks required.
- Open to Washington and surrounding communities.

### **Car Hop Communion: Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

Car Hop Communion has been REINSTATED. When COVID cases decrease, the offering to receive Holy Communion through Car Hop Communion will be suspended again.

Pastor Howard will be serving Holy Communion on **Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** under the portico in the church’s parking lot. 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).

#### **A quick glance at Car Hop Communion Dates:**

<b>October 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Serving 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.</b>
<b>November 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Serving 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.</b>

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



### **Food for HACAP Collection: Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

For the past several years, Immanuel's Luther League has done a food scavenger hunt to collect food items for HACAP. On Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, Luther League will be driving around town collecting the food you have put on your front porches for pickup. Have your bagged donations on your porch in the morning, the time this will occur still needs to be determined. The youth love this friendly competition as a trophy is at stake. Your generosity has exceeded our expectations and we thank you. Together we are feeding the hungry of Washington County.



Hurricane Ida made landfall near New Orleans on Aug. 29 – exactly 16 years after Hurricane Katrina. As a strong Category 4 storm, Hurricane Ida's 150 mph winds, torrential rain and strong storm surge caused widespread flooding and wind damage in southeastern Louisiana and coastal Mississippi. On Sept. 1, the remnants of Hurricane Ida barreled through the Northeast, leaving devastation in their wake. New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey were hit with historic flash flooding and tornadoes touched down in Maryland and New Jersey. Homes and subways filled with water, cars were swept away and the death toll continues to rise.



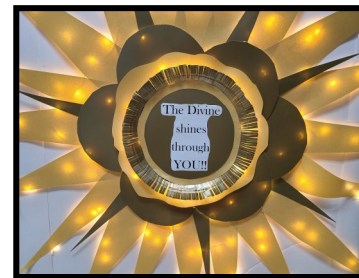
Meanwhile in Louisiana and in some parts of Mississippi, evacuees have been told not to return because many areas remain without electricity and people are struggling to find gas, food and clean water. The impact of Ida is yet to be fully assessed, but with a hurricane of this scale, rebuilding will be costly and take years. With extensive experience in accompanying communities throughout the relief and long-term recovery phases, Lutheran Disaster Response is working with local ELCA synods and Lutheran social service organizations to coordinate a response to Hurricane Ida. Immediate needs will include basic necessities and temporary housing. Long after the headlines change, Lutheran Disaster Response will continue to accompany communities on the journey of rebuilding their homes and lives.

Gifts to "Hurricane Response – United States" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes until the response is complete.

## The Divine Shines through YOU!!!

Beginning in September we've started taking individual photos of EVERYONE in front of the "Holy Halo". All God's Saints at Immanuel Lutheran are Holy and we radiate God's presence wherever we go. A mural of our shining photos is being created on the corkboard in the hallway to the fellowship hall. Don't miss out in having your photo taken and posted with all the other beloved, Holy Saints of God. The mural is a photo reminder that the Divine DOES Shine through YOU!!! "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

*"In the same way, let your light shine before others,  
so that they may see your good works  
and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16*



### Wear **RED** on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

Reformation Sunday is October 31<sup>st</sup> and we remember our Lutheran heritage when Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the church door 500 years ago. The reformation lasted between the years 1517 and 1546. "After Luther's death Luther's followers struggled with questions that threatened to split the evangelical movement. Fifty years after the presentation of the Augsburg Confession, they drafted a solution to those questions and pointed to other writings that defined what they believed. This Formula of Concord and those writings were published as *The Book of Concord* (1580) and form the core of Lutheran teaching and shape its preaching."\* Pastor Howard has a copy of *The Book of Concord* if you would like to look at it.

But the true center of this day is found in the appointed readings. In Jeremiah we are reminded of a new covenant and the promise that God will forgive, the promise written on our hearts. In Romans Paul brings the full force of the law to bear on our lives: "since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). With this reality, how can we have any hope apart from divine grace? Finally, in the gospel reading from John we are reminded that our freedom comes from Christ alone. We are neither bound to the past nor slaves to our anxieties of the present. On Reformation Sunday—as every Sunday—we remember that we are not ashamed of this good news, this gospel.\*\*

Let's wear **red** on Reformation Day to celebrate the movement of the Holy Spirit through our Lutheran roots!

\* The Lutheran Handbook II (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2007) 23.

\*\*SundayandSeasons

<sup>20-21</sup> 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