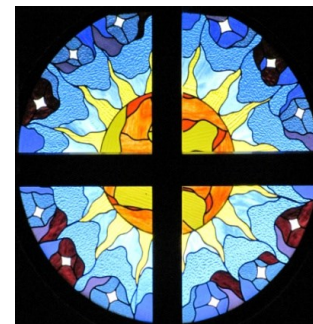


Immanuel Lutheran Church

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

November 2021 Newsletter



"My Kingdom Is Not From This World"
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,
November 14th
10:30 - 11 am

Office Hours

Kelly in office
Tuesdays and
Thursdays
9 am - 1 pm

The gospel lesson for Christ the King Sunday is from the gospel of John, where he describes Jesus brought before Pontius Pilate after being questioned by Annas, the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the High Priest. Unlike the other gospels, John makes no reference to the Sanhedrin or a trial there, but simply states that both Annas and Caiaphas questioned Jesus, following which they sent him to Pilate at his headquarters. The Jewish Police and the priests did not go inside this Roman building, for to have done so would render them ineligible to eat the Passover meal. So, Pilate came out to inquire why Jesus was brought to him. And that is where today's text begins:

"Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But, as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.' " (John 18:33-37)

Note that when Pilate asked Jesus if he was King of the Jews, Jesus does not say, "Yes, I am." Instead, he deflects the question with a question of his own, asking Pilate whether he is asking this on his own or did others tell Pilate about Jesus. Now Pilate sidesteps the question and says, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus responds, "My kingdom is not from this world. . . . My kingdom is not from here." To which Pilate then reacts, "So you are a king?" But Jesus tells him, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. . . ."

Certainly Jesus, as did every other Jew living under Roman occupation, understood that the Romans could be ruthless and brutal; they did not tolerate any person proclaiming himself to be a king, and would consider such a person as a threat to Roman authority and to Roman rule. And, they would deal severely with that kind of threat. By saying that "My kingdom is not from this world. . . . My kingdom is not from here.", Jesus gives Pilate some assurance that he is not threatening Roman rule or Roman authority.

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

YouTube- [luthwash](https://www.youtube.com/luthwash) * 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 10-28-21

General Fund ~ \$6,391.00

Building/Visions ~ \$3,604.47

Endowment ~ \$3,305.45

Community Assistance ~ \$3,770.44

Mortgage ~ \$62,304.06



Daylight Savings
Time ends on Sunday,
November 7th. Don't
forget to "fall back" an hour!!



Sign up for Altar flowers, there are
several weeks that our altar is empty.
The sign up sheet is on the hall table.

There will be a formal Celebration of Life for
Rev. Brian Gentz at 1:00 pm, Sunday,
November 7th, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
in Iowa City. The invitation to attend and help
us formally celebrate all of the things that
made up Brian's life is extended to all
members of Immanuel. If you have questions,
please feel free to contact Julie Gentz at
319.461.1403.



Centering Prayer with Deacon Fran Victor will be Saturday, November
6th and Saturday, November 20th 8:30 am- 9:30 am. Please plan on
joining, no experience needed. See you then!! PLEASE NOTE
CHANGE OF DATES

Attendance

Sunday, September 26
9 am ~ 35 Views ~ 202
Kinnick ~ 24

Wednesday, September 29
6 pm ~ 6

Sunday, October 3
9 am ~ 62 Views ~ 106

Wednesday, October 6
6 pm ~ 6

Sunday, October 10
9 am ~ 25 Views ~ 138
Kinnick ~ 20
Car Hop ~ 10

Wednesday, October 13
6 pm ~ 6

Sunday, October 17
9 am ~ 27 Views ~ 212
Kinnick ~ 22

Wednesday, October 20
6 pm ~ 10

Sunday, October 24
9 am ~ 47 Views ~ 128

Wednesday, October 27
6 pm ~ 5

Centering Prayer



Birthdays for November

8- Tammy Virzi
12- Steven Howard
12- Alta Poe
16- Steve Vetter
16- Allison Rebling
18- Jane Ann Croft
21- Lucas Kroll
22- Clayton Bartholomew
23- Francis Johnston
25- Katie Detweiler



Anniversaries for November

2- Katie & Dylan Detweiler
5- Alan & Vicki Rebling
10- Peg & John Harris
19- Gary & Helen DeWolf
28- Stan & Sharol Kroll

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: Thursday, November 4 at 6:30 pm

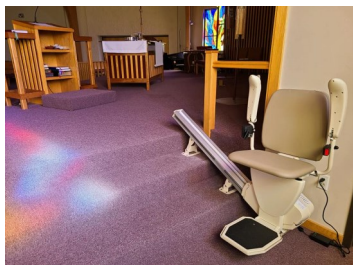
Council: Sunday, November 7 at 11 am

Funding Forward Guiding Team:
Tuesday, November 18 at 6 pm

Annual Meeting: Sunday, November 21
potluck at 11:15 am, meeting noon

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

When: November 21st
Where: Taylor's Farm
Address: 3275 Orange, Wayland
Who: 6th – 12th Graders; friends are WELCOME!
Why: Bonfire
Time: 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Supper: Fire roasted hot dogs and smores
Leadership: Pastor Howard and Steve Vetter



Look what was installed on Wednesday, October 27th!

We ARE an INCLUSIVE congregation.

Thank you for your generous
donations to the Refresh, Renew, and
Rejoice appeal!



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

THANK YOU to confirmands **Issac Giesmann, Thomas Lueck, Emma Taylor, and Brayden Zywiec** for putting up the red streamers and the Luther's Rose banner in the chancel. Your climbing skills sure do help! The chancel is so festive for the celebration of Reformation.

Thank you Immanuel Lutheran Church Youth Group for bringing cookies to the 911 dispatch center. We really appreciate you thinking of us and thanking us for "being awesome"! It is awesome of you all to be so kind.

Cara Sorrells
911 Supervisor



All Saints' Sunday is November 7th

We will observe All Saints' Sunday, during our worship on November 7th and November 10th. We will remember those of our church family and their relatives who have departed from this life to life eternal since All Saints' Sunday, 2020. The Disciples and family of Immanuel Lutheran Church who have departed from this life with the promise of life eternal since All Saints' Sunday, 2020 are:

Christ Triumphant

The Church Triumphant

Saints Received into Eternal Life

+Rex Booth	+Judy Fallsfeather	+Wilma Scott	+Robert Knerr	+Shirley Bengston
+Doug DeWolf	+Alice Gallerick	+Beverly Hanson	+Frieda Nowland	+Crystal Grange
+Carol Mulcox	+Phil Croft	+Harlan Ranshaw	+DeAnna Newlin	+Linda Cox
+Kathy Venzke	+Del Matheson	+Mary Lynn Helscher	+Larry Cox	+David Carpenter
+Mary Barnett	+Harold Henry	+Rose Simmering	+Dean DeWolf	+Craig Voss
+Margery Krantz	+Roger Frakes	+Kennedy Parkin-Stover	+Deb Quinlin	+Jody Tanner
+Lois Buchholz	+The Reverend Brian Gentz		+Mark Kendall	

We will also remember the Saints who joined our Christian family through the waters of baptism since All Saints' Sunday, 2020. The Saints who joined us in the body of Christ are:

Saints Received in Baptism

+Blaine Daniel Widmer	+Gehrig Joel Widmer	+Elliot Allan Lang
+Julian Antonio Dennis-Murguia	+Marcus Alan Gutierrez	+Emma Louise Detweiler

November 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

National Adoption Month November is National Adoption Month, a time to honor families who have opened their hearts and homes to children and teens. For LSI, it is a time to celebrate the families we support through Foster Care and Adoption, and to raise awareness for the hundreds of Iowa children in need of a safe, healthy home. In 30 counties across western Iowa, LSI Foster Care and Adoption recruits, licenses, and supports foster and adoptive families to ensure every Iowa child grows up in a safe, stable environment.

But more work needs to be done. According to the most recent federal data, more than 100,000 children in the U.S. are waiting to be adopted from foster care, and thousands of teens age out of foster care every year without a permanent family. To learn more about supporting Iowa children in foster care, visit LSIowa.org/Foster, or contact Deb Whitford, LSI Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at 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 or contact our Waverly office at 319.352.2630 to get started.

Amber and Donald had always felt called to provide foster care. But any time they would consider taking the leap and starting the process, the thought of “what if?” would leave them feeling stuck. Now, Amber can’t imagine life without the children her family has cared for over the years. Amber and Donald became licensed to provide foster care and adopt children almost seven years ago. Since then, they have provided foster care for 17 Iowa children and adopted six. Amber says one of her favorite parts of the experience is seeing her adult children bond with each child who enters their home. “It’s crazy to see our 25-year-old so bonded with our two-year-old. We don’t label the kids as ‘adoptive’ or ‘biological’, they’re just all our kids,” Amber says. “That bond is just as huge whether it’s biological or not.” As Iowa continues to see a need for more foster and adoptive families, Amber says becoming licensed is one way Iowans can give back to their community. “God gives us all gifts, and parenting and helping in the community seemed to be what He put in our hearts,” Amber says. “If you haven’t found a place to help in your community, consider foster care and adoption,” she says. “It could be exactly what your purpose is.”

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This where today’s gospel lesson ends. Yet, this story begs to include the next verse, 38: “Pilate asked him [Jesus], ‘What is truth?’ . . .” John does not tell us what either Pilate or Jesus said next. Perhaps, neither said anything. Perhaps, Jesus chose not to answer. Perhaps, Pilate simply asked the question rhetorically and did not expect Jesus to answer.

But, how do we answer Pilate’s question? What is truth? Jesus had a lot to say about truth. How many times in the gospels did Jesus say, “Truly, I tell you.”? To Pilate, he said, “. . . I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” (John 18:37) Christians believe that Jesus was without sin. Jesus would not lie. Lying is a sin. When Jesus used the word “truth”, he meant it. But for us humans, it is very easy to shade the truth, to traffic in half-truths, to imply as true, something that cannot be verified, or to misinterpret data. This certainly can be seen in our politics and our advertising.

All four Gospel accounts show that Pilate was reluctant to condemn Jesus based on the evidence presented. He said he found no case against him. Yet the increasingly restless and angry crowd demanded that Jesus be crucified and told Pilate that Jesus “claimed to be the Son of God.” (v.19:7) John then writes, “Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever.” (v. 19:8) As governor, Pilate had to retain control of this situation, which perhaps, he felt was slipping away. He, no doubt, felt that Jesus was innocent under Roman law, and he would have preferred to release Jesus rather than Barabbas. But, the Jews told him, “If you release [Jesus], you are no friend of the Emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.” (v. 19:12) Very likely, this is what convinced Pilate to give Jesus over to be crucified. To do so would defuse the situation quickly, satisfy the crowds, and hopefully, word of this would not get back to Rome. So, washing his hands of the matter was most likely an act of political expediency and an easy way to get rid of a messy problem.

Regardless, Christians believe that Jesus, the Christ, is our heavenly king, who sits at the right hand of God the Father in the heavenly kingdom. Toward the end of his gospel, John wrote, “Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.”

Car Hop Communion: Sunday, November 14th

Pastor Howard will be serving Holy Communion on **Sunday, November 14th, 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** under the portico in the church's parking lot. 10 people were nourished with the presence of Christ at the Car Hop Communion on Sunday, October 10th. 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:

November 14th Serving **10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

December 12th Serving **10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

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

Immanuel's Annual Meeting:

NOVEMBER 21st, 11:15 a.m. Potluck Lunch, Noon Meeting

We will be having a blended Annual Meeting again this year. We will first gather for a potluck lunch at 11:15 a.m. and hold the Annual Meeting at Noon. We will hold the meeting in person with social distancing and mandatory face coverings in the sanctuary. The balcony and fellowship hall will be used for additional seating if required. The Annual Meeting will also be on Conference Call (319) 656-2663 code 344238# if you do not want to enter the church building. An Immanuel moderator will be on the phone relaying your comments, questions, votes to the Council/gathered assembly. We will also offer a Google Meets option. If you want the link for the Google Meets option, let Pastor Howard know and the link will be sent to you. Council wants to make sure that as many people interested in participating in the Annual Meeting can do so.



Johnson and Washington County Toys for Tots

Assisting families in need with children ages newborn to 15 years with new toys for Christmas.

2021 Registrations are ONLINE beginning October 4

The last day to register is December 4

The following is required to register:

Photo ID for Head of Household (Adult registering children must be adult to pick up toys)

Proof of Date of Birth for each child (Birth certificate from any country or medical record)

Proof of Johnson or Washington County Residency (Valid address on photo ID, lease, utility bill, mail from government agency)

Register online:

<https://iowa-city-ia.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites-toys.aspx>

Pick up of toys for Washington County will be at the
Immanuel Lutheran Church @ 1226 E. Washington St.
Washington on Dec. 20 or 21.

For questions or additional information:

Email: usc.hrt.iowa.city@usc.salvationarmy.org

Call: The Salvation Army at 319-337-3725 or HACAP at 319-653-7275.



Great news! Immanuel Lutheran Church has set up a College Scholarship for any active members of Immanuel Lutheran. The members of the committee are Bev Bailey, Mary Chmelar, and Steve Vetter.

The scholarship is for students who wish to be considered for an Immanuel Lutheran Church of Washington Scholarship to attend an ELCA college, or any other accredited university, private, community, state, or trade school.

Contact the Church office or a committee member for an application form.

If you have any questions talk to any of the committee members.

If you would like to make a donation to the Scholarship fund you can do so by sending your donation to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Please designate the donation to the Scholarship fund thank you.

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: 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.



Christ the King Sunday

The liturgical year, or church year, ends November 21st as we observe Christ the King Sunday. We end the year acknowledging that Christ is our true King; "he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords" 1 Timothy 6:15. The following Sunday, November 29th, begins the new church year; Advent. As we enter the Advent season, let us submit to the Lordship of our Savior Jesus Christ in our lives.

Harvest Altar in November

The chancel will be decorated with the fruits, vegetables, and homemade canned goods of the harvest. Please donate pumpkins, apples, ears of corn, oranges, homemade canned goods, etc. for Immanuel's harvest Altar by Thursday, November 11th. The chancel will be decorated Sundays, November 14th and November 21st. You may claim your donated items after worship on the 21st. We give God thanks and praise for the bountiful harvest and the abundance of food the Iowa soil brings forth.



Upcoming Worship Information



NO Wednesday Worship

There will be no Wednesday worship on Thanksgiving Eve, November 24th.

ONE Christmas Eve Service; 6:30 p.m.

Join us for Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Friday, December 24th at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The **Christmas Eve, Candlelight, Holy Communion service** will be at **6:30 p.m.** Let us come together to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.





Thank you for welcoming us into your church family. We want to introduce our family to yours. We have lived North of Washington for 12 years. Ryan works in Wayland at MD Orthopedics in customer service. Christina works at the

University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics as a nurse educator. Paige is a 4th grader at Lincoln Elementary who enjoys baking, coloring, volleyball, softball, dance, and guitar. Evan is a 1st grader at Stewart Elementary who loves soccer, football, wrestling, and eating cookies. When we aren't busy enjoying kids activities, we enjoy spending time with family & friends. We look forward to meeting you all.



The Woline's

Ryan, Christina, Paige & Evan

Year of St. Luke's Gospel

Advent begins a new Liturgical year and we move out of the gospel readings of St. Mark and begin rehearsing the gospel readings from St. Luke. Throughout the year we will rehear Jesus' birth, Baptism, ministry, crucifixion, death, resurrection through the writings of Luke. We will hear how Luke claims we are all made one through what God accomplishes in Jesus upon the cross. The year of Luke promises to be a GREAT year!

The Meaning of Advent

Advent begins a new liturgical church year. It is the season of four Sundays prior to Christmas. The word "advent" is derived from the Latin "adventus," which means "coming" or "arrival". In the societies of the Roman Empire, the word referred to the arrival of a person of dignity and great power – a king, emperor, or even one of the gods. For Christians, Advent is the time the church prepares for the coming of the King of kings Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate Dec. 25th. The Advent season focuses on Christ's threefold coming: past, present, and future. First, we remember the Lord's humble first coming in Bethlehem two thousand years ago. Second, we give thanks for Jesus' present and continual coming to us through Word and Sacrament. Finally, we look forward with hope and longing to Jesus' second coming in glory on Judgment Day. The liturgical color for Advent, which decks the altar and pastor's vestments, is blue which represents hope, expectation, and heaven.

FILL THE SNOW BOOT!

Luther League is raising money to shop for winter clothes for children of Washington County. Luther League youth will do the shopping and the purchases will be distributed through HACAP. Last year the congregation's generous donations of \$708.60!!!! (way surpassing 2019's donations of \$333), the \$250 Thrivent Visa Card, and Luther League added money from their Luther League account to be able to spend **\$1699.35!!!!** We're filling the boot again this year! If you mail your donation in, checks are to be made out to "Immanuel Lutheran" and "Luther League winter clothes" written in the memo. Thank you in advance for your generous support of the Luther League's effort to keep the children of Washington County warm this winter. The Luther League youth will go shopping in December.



Decorating for Christmas

After the 9 a.m. service on Sunday, November 28th we will gather and decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Following the conclusion of decorating we will enjoy a simple brunch (bring a favorite to share). Helpers of all ages are welcome and needed. Join us as we prepare for the birth of Jesus through decorating our holy space with symbols of Advent, Jesus, and Christmas.

ELCA Good Gifts Advent Tree

Beginning Sunday, November 28th Advent Tree Ornaments will be available for you to purchase (Sheep, \$125; Vaccinations for a Child, \$30; School Fees and Uniform for a Girl, \$40; Water Jugs, \$12; Chicks, \$10 ~ just to name of few ornament options). You will: chose your ornament(s) from the wide selection; on an envelope provided write your: name, ornament selected, and ornament cost; hang your ornament on the Advent Tree; then on Christmas Eve and following take your ornament(s) home as a reminder of your generosity. These make wonderful Christmas gifts for those who have everything. Let's fill the Advent Tree with ornaments!



ENCORE EXPRESS

Heritage
Area Agency on Aging

HyVee
EMPLOYEE OWNED

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, and 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

Watoto Orphan Sunday:

November 14th and Wednesday November 17th

Watoto brings hope and healing to vulnerable women and children in Uganda and South Sudan. We are a local church and have been in Uganda for over 35 years. We began in 1984, during a time of civil war, and since then, we've rescued thousands of orphaned and abandoned children, placing them in loving families. We provide a child with more than a house; we provide them with a home and a family in one of our Watoto villages. A Watoto village is a safe place where a child can truly experience the love of a family. We have three villages that have classrooms, medical clinics, churches, playgrounds, and most of all homes for our children and mothers. In each house, you'll find a Watoto mother who is raising eight orphaned and vulnerable children. Together, they're a family, and she's raising them with love. In short, the kids we rescue have everything they need to grow up happy, healthy, and full of purpose.

Sponsors make all this possible. Sponsorship is a personal connection and an exciting journey of raising one of Africa's future leaders. When you sponsor a child, you help us provide food, clothing, medical care, education, and a safe place they can call home. Each child has multiple sponsors to give them the holistic care that every person needs to thrive. **Sponsoring a child is \$38 per month.** This monthly commitment makes a lasting impact, but it's not about money. We pray for a genuine relationship that helps our children know they are loved and valued. Every sponsor receives handwritten updates from their children and are encouraged to write back. Over years, we often hear stories of lifelong bonds formed between sponsors and the children they sponsor. We believe in the healing power that is available to both the sponsor and the sponsored child through God's love, His family, and the community of faith filled believers

To become a sponsor, go to: Watoto.com/sponsor and choose to sponsor "Baby Watoto", a "Child", a "Watoto Mother", and/or a "Watoto Neighborhood Mother". Pamphlets of available children will also be available at Immanuel Lutheran on November 14th and 17th. Sign up to sponsor a child at church! A table will be set up with sponsoring pamphlets and registration forms.

If you cannot be a sponsor at this time but would love to make a financial donation, go to www.Watoto.com where you can make your donation online.

We'll be lifting up the opportunity to sponsor Watoto orphans on Sunday, November 14th and Wednesday, November 17th during worship. Watoto fully believes in the principals of generosity, not only for the receiver, but the giver as well. Watoto is praying this sponsorship event will help lead more people into a Christ-centered life.

Watoto

