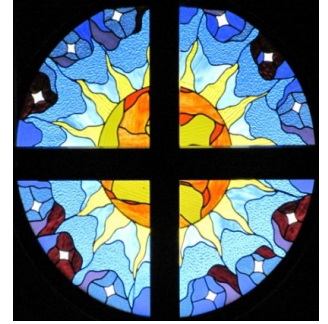


Immanuel Lutheran Church

Share Christ's Love.

November 2022 Newsletter



Worship and Communion

Sunday services

9 am

* In-Person

* Live Streaming

Faith Formation

Sunday

10:15 am

Office Hours

Kelly in office

*Tuesdays and
Thursdays*

9 am - 1 pm

An Interview with Peter Weller on His Twelve Years
of Exploring Scripture for this Newsletter

When Peter Weller reported that he was no longer able to do the Immanuel Newsletter monthly article based on a Scripture reading---as a member of this congregation, I, Fran Victor, did not want this to happen. As I reflected on the reality of the change that was about to occur, I wanted us as congregational participants to learn from his years of experience. I interviewed him on the morning of October 11.

Peter spoke with sadness about how complicated health issues causing low energy and the lack of time has resulted in his no longer being able to continue. When I asked him to share his experience, a smile came and he shifted to discussing his "enjoyment" of scripture. He noted that 12 years ago when he was ready to say "No", a second request from Mary Gail Lyons brought forth a "Yes". Peter said, "As a teacher, I became a learner and my biblical horizons broadened especially regarding the Old Testament. I had to "push into the unfamiliar." He soon had ideas and then he began to use internet resources such as the "working preacher" with perspectives from theological and biblical scholars.

Peter Weller's second "enjoyment" was coming to appreciate the Psalms of David. "You feel the intensity of David's feelings, this man who loved the Lord and was no saint. 'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Romans 3:23. None of us can scold David.'" Peter then spoke of his own faith as "feeling God in my gut" and like Luther knowing it is "by grace we are saved through faith," Ephesians 2:8.

A third delight for Peter was the teenagers he related to in Scripture. First, from the Old Testament---Joseph and his brothers, and how the memories of events in our adolescent years stay vivid, perhaps even more so as we reach our elder years. And John, the disciple of Jesus, was probably a teenager when he followed Jesus and wrote the Gospel of John in his elder years.

Finally, Peter depended on the Holy Spirit. When he struggled to find an idea, one would "pop into my mind"; then he would say to himself "how did that happen" and realized we cannot come to God on our own and that the Spirit was actively assisting him.

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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 10-25-22

General Fund ~ \$23,133.91

Visions ~ \$3,518.60

Endowment ~ \$3,308.87

Community Assistance ~ \$3,773.70

Mortgage ~ \$50,336.86

For detailed finance information,
refer to the monthly Council minutes or
contact any member of Finance.

Attendance

Sunday, October 2
9 am ~ 39 Views ~ 34
Kinnick ~ 19

Sunday, October 9
9 am ~ 64 Views ~ 102

Sunday, October 16
9 am ~ 52 Views ~ 56

Sunday, October 23
9 am ~ 60 Views ~ 44



ENCORE EXPRESS

Heritage

Area Agency on Aging



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

Encore Express Meals for November:

Thursday, November 10th and Thursday, November 17th

(Note the change in dates)

**Serving at 11:30 a.m. Call with your reservations the
Tuesday before the meal.**

See you there!!



Birthdays for November

12- Alta Poe
16- Steve Vetter
21- Lucas Kroll
22- Clayton Bartholomew
23- Francis Johnston



Anniversaries for November

10- Peg & John Harris
19- Gary & Helen DeWolf
28- Stan & Sharol Kroll

UPCOMING MEETINGS

To have your meetings listed,
please let Kelly know when they are held.

Worship and Music- Thursday, November 3rd at 1 pm

Annual Meeting- Sunday, November 20th

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

THANKS

Immanuel,

Today I received my care package from you all.

Thank you so much for thinking of me while I am at school. I will use everything that was sent to me and enjoy the snacks. I appreciate you all.

Thank you

Addison Six

November 2022, 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 services, and to raise awareness for the hundreds of Iowa children in need of a safe, healthy home.

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. Thousands of children in the U.S. are waiting to be adopted from foster care into a “forever 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.

A Picture of Foster Care and Adoption

The goal of foster care is to reunite children with the parents when possible. The foster family can play an integral part in making that happen, often becoming mentors to the birth parents, helping them learn parenting skills they may not have had modeled to them. An LSI provider told me about a picture she had recently received. Imagine, if you would, a photo of two women, one on each end of a bench, and four kids with them. All happy. All smiling. It looks like they were enjoying a beautiful day in the park.

On the left is the birth mother of those kids. She will be the first to admit, things haven’t been easy – but she loves these kids.

The other woman is the foster mother. She loves these kids too. Two of the kids were adopted by the foster family, one lives with the birth mom, and the foster child on the mother’s lap was soon to be reunited with the birth mom. They are celebrating Mother’s Day together.

Foster families provide more than a safe place for children to land. This foster/adoptive parent is a wonderful mentor for this birth mom!

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Whenever there was a change in ministers in the years from 2010 to present, Peter would request they write monthly article from the lectionary, but each time they requested he continue. Peter has the hope that a new pastor will be the next author of the monthly Immanuel Scripture column. Yet, he and I agreed that it might be a while before that occurred. We discussed engaging people of Immanuel especially those ages 9 to 49 years in sharing how their life has been influenced by a scripture. Please consider writing an article for this newsletter on how Scripture has been an influence on your life. Please submit to Kelly by November 12th.
Fran Victor

*Thank you, Peter, for your sharing your
appreciation for scripture with us for 12 years.*



Centering Prayer: November 5th and 19th at 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.

“God's first word is silence.” – Thomas Keating

Looking ahead at the dates for upcoming Centering Prayer times

December 3rd and 17th (Note this is a change to the 1st and 3rd weeks to avoid Christmas Eve.)

In January we return to the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month.

Don't forget to vote for your favorite pumpkin while entering church on Sunday. Prizes will be awarded immediately after worship and kids may take their pumpkins home at that time.



We have many wonderful entries and are thankful for all the mentors and parents who helped.

We are also thankful to Fran Victor who will be making some home visits and delivering some of our kindness pumpkins this week.





Sundays
Nov. 13th

Saturday
Nov. 26th



Meet at Immanuel @ 7:45am or meet at Kinnick @ 8:30am, let someone know if you need a ride – all are welcome! Great fellowship and there will be donuts!!!

Contact Brad Kroll @ 641-781-0388 or Tricia Kroll @ 319-530-0415 with questions.

Beginning on November 20 with "Arts in Worship"/ Christ the King Sunday, we will worship through the blue and gold artwork created by Kathleen Almelien and Charlotte Anderson. Each Sunday through advent we will feature a few panels that depict biblical stories and symbols as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.



Surviving the holidays

Seminar will be in the Timmins Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 5th.

Call Chuck Atwood for information at 319.461.0322

Christmas meal at Washington First Assembly
Donations of money, food, or paper goods needed.
Meal held December 25, from 11 am - 1pm

Contact Dave Watson 319.653.3749

Our wonderful sew ladies have sent off the quilts, school kits, personal care kits and baby kits. Bet you thought they only did the quilts!. Oh no, they have other projects too.

You were all so wonderful providing for the school kits and now it's time to begin helping with the other kits they provide.

So the baby kits contain the following items:

Light weight cotton t-shirts
Long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers
Receiving blankets
A jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with a hood or a hat
Flat fold cloth diapers
Socks
Bath size gentle soap bars
Dark color hand towel
Diaper pins
(the clothing does not need to be new , just clean without damage)

The personal care kits need:

Light weight bath size towel
Soap bars
Adult toothbrush in package
Sturdy comb
Metal nail clippers.

The ladies would really like your support in finding some of these items. They also use flat sheets and material.

Mark your calendar.

**Our next Saturday Kitchen will be
December 10th.**



The week of December 12th, Immanuel will be hosting Toys for tots again this year. More information to follow.





Service Date	Acolyte	Greeters	Reader	Ushers	Communion Set up/Clean up
November 6	Grace Taylor	John & Peg Harris	Peg Harris	Jason Taylor and Steve Vetter	Tricia Kroll
November 13	Paige Woline	Christina Woline	Bev Bailey	Gary Fischer and Ray Poe	Naomi Erickson
November 20	Clayton Bartholomew	Michelle Bartholomew	Taylor Bartholomew	Scott & Michelle Bartholomew	NO Communion
November 27	Thomas Lueck	The Lueck Family	DeAnn Hakert	Brian & Carrie Lueck	Bev Bailey

Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly PARTY

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 20, 2023

YOU READ THAT RIGHT—NEXT YEAR THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY WORK SESSIONS WILL BE ONLINE ONLY FOR THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES (MAY BE IN DES MOINES ON SATURDAY, MAY 15 AND 16) AND THE PARTY IS IN PERSON **FOR EVERYONE IN THE SYNOD** ON SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023 IN DES MOINES.

SAVE THE DATE! WE ARE ALL INVITED!