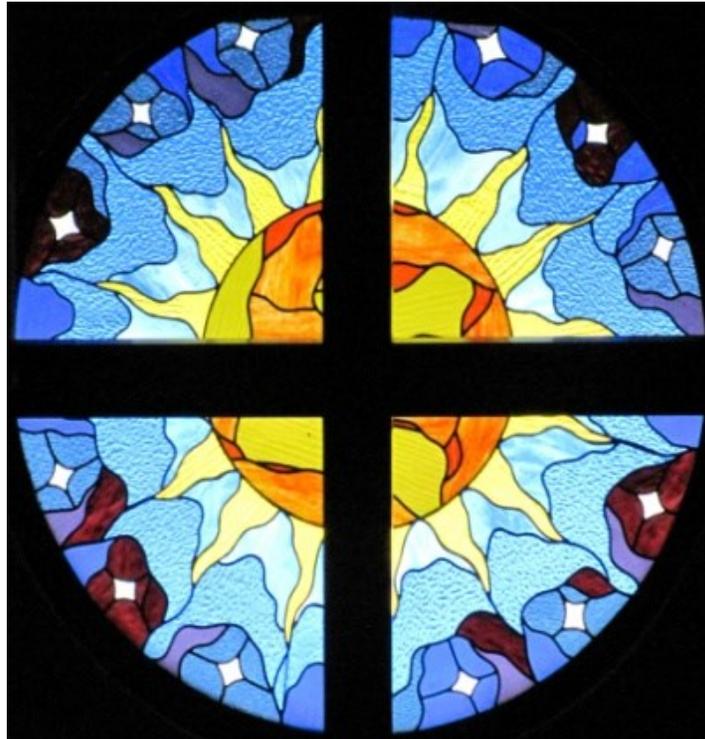


Immanuel Lutheran Church

Share Christ's Love.

January 2023 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

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

YouTube- [luthwash](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) * 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 12-27-22

General Fund ~ \$31,286.87

Visions ~ \$4,894.65

Endowment ~ \$3,310.25

Community Assistance ~ \$3,793.70

Mortgage ~ \$0.00

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

Attendance

Sunday, December 4

9 am ~ 66 Views ~ 68

Sunday, December 11

9 am ~ 47 Views ~ 127

Sunday, December 18

9 am ~ 83 Views ~ 105

Sunday, December 24

9 am ~ 54 Views ~ 96

Sunday, December 25

9 am ~ 22 Views ~ 55

Meals for seniors 60+!



ENCORE EXPRESS

Heritage

Area Agency on Aging



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, January 12th and Thursday, January 26th

Serving at 11:30 a.m.

RSVPs are required.

See you there!!



Birthdays for January

7- Naomi Erickson
7- Sherry Ives
8- Jim Six
11- Marty Westen
13- Peter Weller
14- Tricia Kroll
18- Ray Poe
18- Mary Gail Lyons
24- Ainsley Six
28- Rodney Hill
28- Angela Taylor
31- Ron Andersen



Anniversaries for January

22- Ray & Alta Poe

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Council - Sunday, January 8 at 10:30 am

Education - Tuesday, January 24 at 3:45 pm

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

**Children over the age of 7 who are interested in
being an acolyte, please stay after Faith
Formation on Sunday, January 15th for training.**



acolyte training

January 2023, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Amplifying the Voices of Iowa Children and Families

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) works to provide services to Iowa children and families and to share their stories with the community. As a way of amplifying our communities' voices, we invite you to be a part of the annual Lutheran Day on the Hill event.

Join Lutheran Services in Iowa and the three Iowa synods of the ELCA for Lutheran Day on the Hill in Des Moines on March 14, 2023! This day is essential for amplifying the voices of those who are not heard, for seeking social justice and for empowering people to exercise their right and responsibility to be part of the legislative process.

If you are interested in joining LSI for Lutheran Day on the Hill, visit our website at <https://lsiowa.org/ldh/>. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

A Journey of Overwhelming Joy

After going through fertility treatments and being told they weren't able to have any more kids, Dani and her husband pursued their foster care license in 2015 and have cared for 13 kids since.

"Throughout our journey of being foster parents, we've had many great placements," said Dani. "Our shortest placement lasted five days when we cared for a girl, whose mother was incapable of watching her while she recovered in the hospital, and our longest lasted 18 months."

Dani shared that one of their biggest blessings was having the opportunity to adopt some of the children they fostered. The family adopted their first child at age one, and they had plans to adopt another when the child turned 18 years old.

"Every time our family adopts another child, I get the same feeling of overwhelming joy," said Dani. "I feel like any expectant mom –not being able to contain my joy when their adoption comes up, and telling everyone I know about it."

Dani shared that it is hard to explain the full impact fostering – and the lows and highs it brings – has had on her family. "We've cried, stressed and lost a lot of sleep. We loved, laughed and had so many firsts," said Dani. "But I still tell everyone who is considering being a foster parent to do it. It's a roller coaster, but so worth it."



Centering Prayer: January 14th and 28th 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



Thank you to all who were involved in putting the Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 18th.

Cast: Narrator-Thomas Lueck, Mary-Paige Woline, Joseph- Clayton Bartholomew, Mary's Donkey-Bentley Striegel, Innkeeper-Axel Six, Main Angel-Vivi Kroll, Baby Jesus- Lillian Runaas, Angels-Ainsley Six and Makayla Middle, Shepherds-Axel Six, Evan Woline, & Armor Six, Mama Sheep-Grace Taylor, Lambs-Makenzie Middle, Ellis Almelién, Kennedy Striegel, & Avenley Six, and Calves- Anders Almelién, Martin Runaas, & Anker Six

High school choir: Taylor Bartholomew, Emma Lueck, Caitlin Kroll, Ajay Six, Avery Six, & Aden Six.

Accompanist: Jane Runaas

High school Band: Emma Taylor, Brayden Zywiec, Mila Hansen, Izzy Murphy, & Angeline Anderson

Band director: Margie Runaas

You all did a great job!

A special thank you to Pastor Bill Runaas who graciously offered to be Joseph at the last minute after Clayton became ill.

The following members helped in the background and were very much appreciated. Chrissy Middle, Angela and Jason Taylor, Kelsey and Ben Striegel, Christina Woline, Emma Taylor, Mike Jewell, Brian Lueck, Dave and Deb Simmering, Kelly Smith, Bev Bailey, DeAnn Hakert, Linda Six, and Ron Brown.

**Thank you everyone for a wonderful performance!
I couldn't have done it without each and everyone of you.**

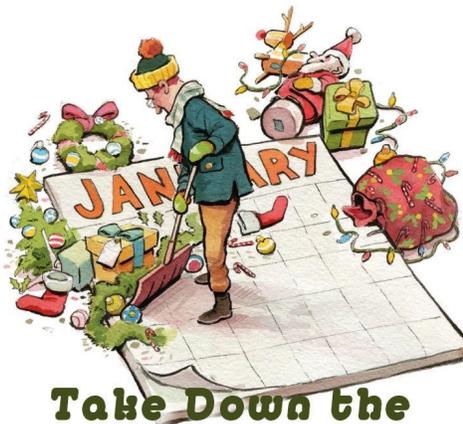
Blessings to you all,
Linda Brown, director

Scholarship Application for the coming year is open

The Immanuel Lutheran Scholarship is for any active members of Immanuel Lutheran. The scholarship is for students who wish to attend an ELCA college, or any 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 a committee member. If you would like to donate to the Scholarship fund you can do so by sending your donations to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Please designate the donation to the Scholarship fund thank you.

The committee members are Bev Bailey, Mary Chmelar, Linda Six, and Steve Vetter.

Please plan on staying after church on Sunday, January 8th to help take down the Christmas decorations.



**Take Down the
Christmas Tree Day**

**Immanuel served 90 meals at the Saturday Kitchen on
Saturday, December 10th.**

Thank you to all who provided food, set up, served and cleaned up.

God's Work Our Hands!





Service Date	Acolyte	Greeter	Reader	Tech	Usher	Communion
January 1	Paige Woline	Clyde Pearce & Fran Victor	Linda Brown	Brian Lueck	Clyde Pearce & Fran Victor	NO Communion
January 8	Vivi Kroll	The Kroll Family	Tricia Kroll		Brad Kroll, Stan Kroll, and Gary Fischer	Tricia Kroll
January 15	Grace Taylor	The Taylor Family	Bev Bailey		Jason Taylor, Steve Vetter, and Ray Poe	Stan & Sharol Kroll
January 22	Evan Woline	The Woline Family	Christina Woline		Ryan Woline and Ron Andersen	Naomi Erickson
January 29	Thomas Lueck	Clyde Pearce and Fran Victor	Deb Simmering		Gary Fischer, Clyde Pearce, and Steve Vetter	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!