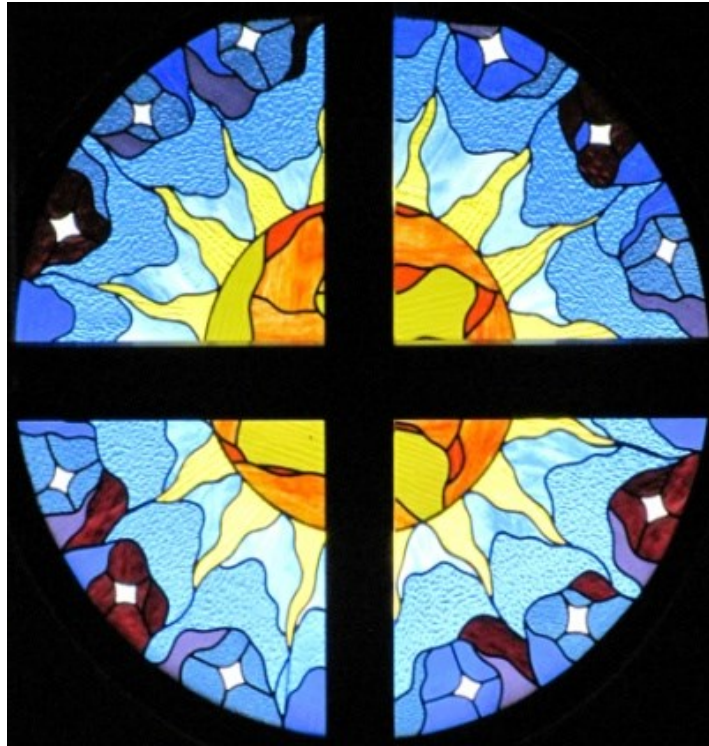


Immanuel Lutheran Church

Share Christ's Love.

November 2023 Newsletter



Worship and Communion
Sunday services ~ 8:30 a.m.
* In-Person * Live Streaming

Faith Formation
Faith Formation ~ 9:45 a.m.

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/luthwash) * Email us at luthwash@hotmail.com

Come visit us at 1226 East Washington Street, Washington, Iowa 52353

Church ~ 319.653.3950

Attendance

Sunday, October 1
8:30 am ~ 44 Views ~ 23 Kinnick ~ 16

Sunday, October 8
8:30 am ~ 47 Views ~ 55 Kinnick ~ 15

Sunday, October 15
8:30 am ~ 63 Views ~ 79

Sunday, October 22
8:30 am ~ 44 Views ~ 74 Kinnick ~ 21

Sunday, October 29
8:30 am ~ 52 Views ~ 44

If you aren't signing the register, you aren't counted in these numbers.



Birthdays for November

October 23- Deb Simmering
October 26- Dave Simmering

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



Anniversaries for November

October 28- Dave & Deb Simmering

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.

Annual Meeting- Sunday, November 5 at 9:30 a.m.
Council- Sunday, November 5 at 11 a.m.
Education- Tuesday, November 14 at 4 p.m.
Worship & Music- Thursday, November 16 at 1 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

Saturday Kitchen is December 9th

The HOPE volunteer workers have been very busy making various kits to ship to Lutheran World Relief in mid October.

There have been:

42 baby kits,

120 school kits,

55 quilts, and

128 health kits

(VBS students and staff assembled the health kits)

**Thank you to everyone for your
generous donations to these projects.**

What a wonderful blessing these will be for others.



Our Lutheran League students were very busy doing God's work with some Halloween fun on October 22. This group went trick or treating to people's houses collecting food items for HACAP. We had a friendly competition and the group who brought back the most food was Tricia Kroll, Taylor Bartholomew, Emma Lueck, Thomas Lueck, Emma Taylor, and Grace Taylor. We are very thankful for all of you who donated to this fun activity!



Luther League News:

Sunday, November 19th 5:30-7:30pm: Friendsgiving supper

Sunday, December 10th 5:30-7:30pm: Supper and Christmas shopping

Luther League will be shopping for a local family this Christmas. Please consider a financial donation to this project. Be on the lookout for the Santa basket to drop your donation.

Just wanted to thank the scholarship committee for their support and the congregation for the care package. Best, Lucas Kroll

Thank you for all the birthday cards, calls, and wishes!!

Doris Moore

As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

Christians aren't consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together.

The church needs you.
And you need the church.

-Michael Carl

Dates to remember:



Sunday, November 5 - 9:30 am Annual Meeting and Kiddos Pajama Day

Sunday, November 29 - UP comes to ILC to worship, fellowship following

Saturday, December 2 - 9:30 am DECORATE SANCTUARY FOR CHRISTMAS with coffee and pastries to follow. All are welcome!!

November 2023, 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. This month at LSI, we celebrate the families we support through Foster Care and Adoption and raise awareness for the hundreds of Iowa children needing a safe, healthy home.

Iowa foster families, like the Smiths*, raise the bar by opening their loving households to children and teens in need of a place to call home.

At LSI, we understand the importance of keeping youth in their communities to help maintain connections and stability during times of transition. So, when our staff received a referral for a teenage girl needing foster care placement, they looked inward toward the community.

At the time, homes in the area were either full or not open to accepting teenage placements. Coincidentally, the Smiths were present at a meeting the same night the referral came in. When they heard about Rebecca's* situation, they immediately knew who the child was and wanted to help in any way they could.

The Smiths were already over their licensing capacity, having been granted a variance to accept a sibling group. To be able to bring Rebecca into their home, they would need to be given another variance, which was almost unheard of.

"It was by chance, or the grace of God, that the Smiths were able to accept another child, and give Rebecca a stable placement with a family in her community," said Dawn Luetje, LSI Director of Resource Family Licensing and Support, working in conjunction with Four Oaks Family Connections.

Thanks to the combined support of the Smiths, LSI staff, and the community, Rebecca was placed in the foster home, where she could maintain her daily activities with the teachers, coaches, and friends she was comfortable with. Rebecca continues to thrive in a stable, loving foster home environment and a caring community.

Stories like these are possible through our many community partners and generous donors. To learn more about supporting Iowa children in foster care, visit LSIowa.org/Foster, or contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at 563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

*Names have been changed to protect client privacy.



**Centering Prayer:
Saturday, November 4th
at 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
(note the change of date)**

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



Sundays

November 12th

November 19th

**Meet at Kinnick @ 8:30am,
let someone know if you need a ride – all are welcome!
Contact Brad Kroll @ 641-781-0388 with questions.**

September 2023 Finance

Checking	21094.01
Visions	8594.65
Savings	2978.59
Community Assistance	3435.70
Luther League	18144.64
Hills Bank	
Checking	61189.62
Refresh Renew	1171.42
Erma Thompson (Scholarship Fund)	816.09
H.O.P.E.	673.65



ENCORE EXPRESS

Heritage
Area Agency on Aging

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Encore at Immanuel Meals this month:

Thursday, November 9th and

Thursday, November 30th

(note the change of date)

Serving at 11:30 a.m. Check Facebook for the menus.

RSVPs are required. See you there!!





November

Service Date	Acolyte	Greeter	Reader	Tech	Usher	Communion
November 5	Vivi Kroll	Stan & Sharol Kroll	Fran Victor	Brayden Zywiec	Clyde Pearce & Fran Victor	John & Peg Harris and Bev Bailey
November 12	Axel Six	Steve & Kathy Vetter	Deb Simmering	Aaron Six	Steve Vetter and Gary Fischer	Steve & Kathy Vetter and Bev Bailey
November 19	Evan Woline	Clyde Pearce & Fran Victor	Deidra Baker	Steve Vetter	Rich & Deidra Baker	Christina Woline and Bev Bailey
November 26	Clayton Bartholomew	John & Peg Harris	Georgian Roffman	Brian Lueck	John & Peg Harris	April Six and Bev Bailey

All Saints' Sunday We remember and honor all the saints, known and unknown, who have gone before us, who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with their love. We praise you, O God.

+Vern Backstrom

+Cindy Carey

+Barb Bartholomew

+Brad Buchholz

+Betty Thielen

+Margaret Quigley