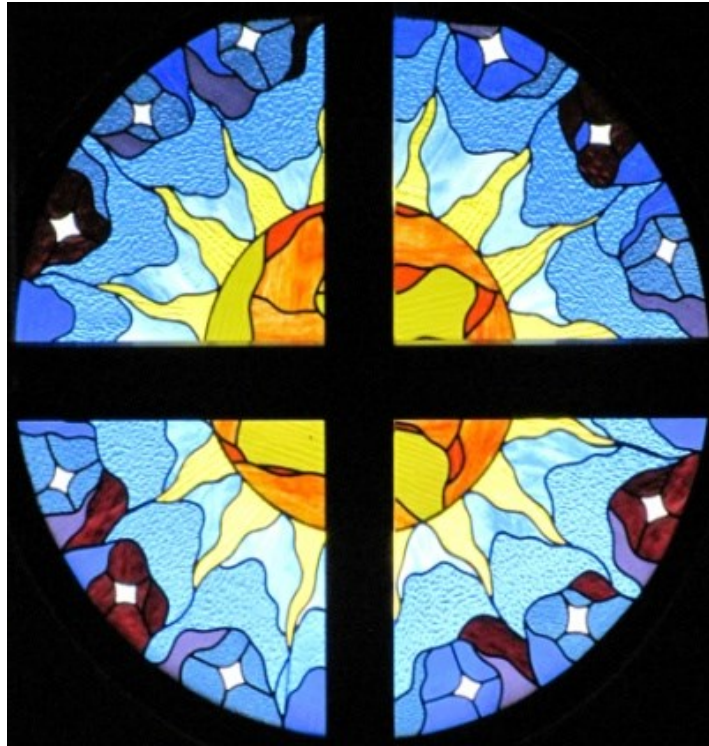


Immanuel Lutheran Church

Share Christ's Love.

December 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, November 5
8:30 am ~ 91 Views ~ 69

Sunday, November 12
8:30 am ~ 66 Views ~ 126 Kinnick ~ 21

Sunday, November 19
8:30 am ~ 51 Views ~ 71 Kinnick ~ 22

Sunday, November 26
8:30 am ~ Views ~ 107



Birthdays for December

- 1- Quinn Wubben
- 2- Stephen Bay
- 4- Kelsey Striegel
- 11- Addison Six
- 14- Lyle Moen
- 14- Sandy Weller
- 18- Bill Zywiec



Anniversaries for December

- 16- Bill & Jane Runaas
- 31- Jim & Kathleen Almelen

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Council- Sunday, December 3 at 11 a.m.

HACAP

Your dollar buys more when HACAP orders food,

consider sending a few dollars to:

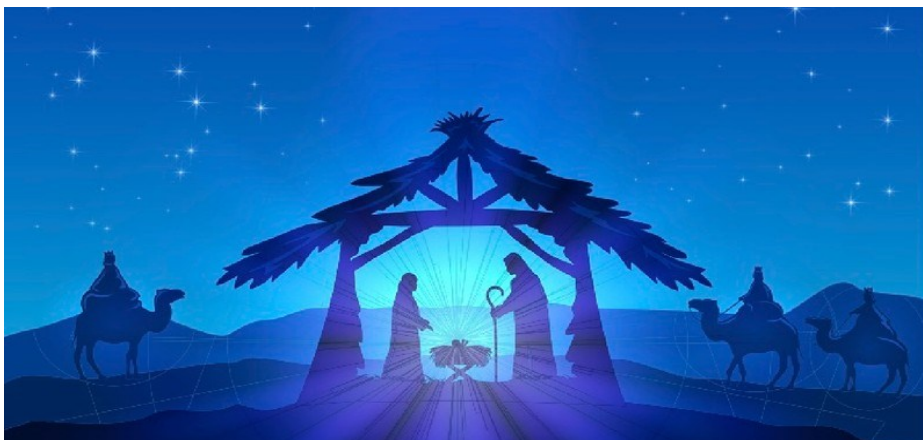
HACAP

2175 Lexington Blvd # 1

Washington, Iowa 52353

Help your local families during this difficult time.

Thank you, DeAnn



Christmas Eve Services

Sunday, December 24th at 8:30 am

Sunday, December 24th at 5:30 pm



The Santa bucket is ready for your donations to support a family this Christmas. Luther League will be shopping for a local family on Sunday, December 10th. Please have your donations in the basket by then. Thank you for your generosity.



Dear Immanuel,

We would like to thank you for the care packages we received last month. We enjoyed all the snacks and kind words. It is nice to know our church family is thinking about us.

A big thank you to everyone who donated to the Scholarship fund. We greatly appreciate the scholarship we received from church!

Thank you,

Addison, Avery, Ajay, & Aden Six

Immanuel Lutheran Church Family,

Thank you for being a wonderful place of worship and gatherings for me and my parents over all their years. This is a thank you from Margaret Quigley for the use of the church gathering area after her day of celebration of her life.

The Margaret Quigley Family

Jay, Christal, Mason, and Trevor



I want to express my heartfelt thanks for everyone's assistance, expressions of concern and caring when I fell. What a wonderful blessing it is to be a part of the Immanuel Lutheran church family!!

Naomi Erickson

Encore at Immanuel Meals this month:



ENCORE EXPRESS

 Heritage
Area Agency on Aging

Thursday, December 14th

ONLY ONE MEAL for December

(note the change of date)

 HyVee
EMPLOYEE OWNED

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

RSVPs are required. See you there!!

Dates to remember:



Saturday, December 2 - 9:30 am Advent Decorate

Friday, December 8 - 9 am-5 pm Bell Ringing at Fareway

Saturday, December 9- Saturday Kitchen

Thursday, December 14- 11:30 am Encore at Immanuel

Monday, December 18- Toys for Tots here at Immanuel

Thursday, December 21- 7 pm Home for the Holidays at Immanuel

December 2023, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Merry Christmas from LSI!

At LSI, we recognize that the holiday season can be a challenging time for many, especially for the populations we serve throughout the year.

We know parents who feel hopeless, with few resources to raise their young children. We know adults with disabilities who feel voiceless, with no support system or connection to their community. We know immigrants and refugees working to become U.S. citizens, with little community support or help along the way. We know teens who are aging out of foster care, fearing they will never have a forever home.

In the spirit of giving, the spirit of love, and the spirit of working together, let us stand with them and lift them up this Christmas season.

As we reflect on the past year, we thank you — our generous supporters and community partners — for stepping up to give and help the people LSI is privileged to serve. We are grateful for your contribution in bringing the light of Christ to your neighbors who rely on these essential services.

LSI wishes you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

LSI's annual matching gift campaign is currently active, and those making a new or increased financial gift can double their impact through the end of the year. If you would like to learn more about how you can support Iowa children and families, contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.



Centering Prayer:
Saturday, December 2nd
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

The Kinnick Crew: We appreciate all who helped at Kinnick this season. A big thank you to the UP Church youth as well for partnering with us this fall!



Luther League invited the UP youth to join us for a Friendsgiving meal Sunday evening. About 30 of us enjoyed a feast with fellowship, devotions, and games. We are thankful for all our blessings!!





Service Date	Acolyte	Greeter	Reader	Tech	Usher	Communion
December 3	Paige Woline	Gene Booth and Bev Crandall	Bev Bailey	Aaron Six	Steve Vetter, Gene Booth, and Ryan	April Six and Naomi Erickson
December 10	Vivi Kroll	Naomi Erickson	John Harris	Steve Vetter	Gary Fischer, Ray Poe, and Rich Baker	Naomi Erickson
December 17	Axel Six	John & Peg Harris	Tricia Kroll	Brian Lueck	John & Peg Harris and Steve Vetter	John & Peg Harris
December 24 8:30 am and 5:30 pm	8:30 Need Volunteer 5:30 Clayton Bartholomew	8:30 Stan & Sharol Kroll 5:30 Tricia and Vivi Kroll	8:30 Fran Victor 5:30 Taylor Bartholomew	8:30 Steve Vetter 5:30 Aaron Six	8:30 Steve Vetter Need Volunteers 5:30 Steve Vetter, Brad and Lucas	8:30 Steve & Kathy Vetter 5:30 Bev Bailey
December 31	Lessons and Carols	Lessons and Carols	Lessons and Carols	Steve Vetter	Lessons and Carols	None

Jesus

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Children's Christmas Pageant

"Jesus, The Greatest Gift of All"

Sunday, December 17 at 8:30 am service

Jesus' birthday party following service in the fellowship hall.

The
GREATEST Gift OF ALL