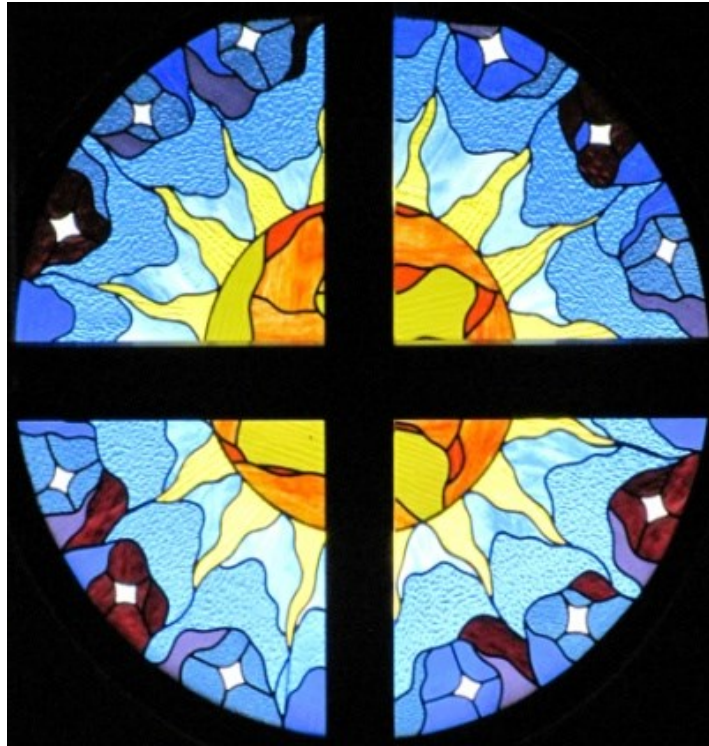


Immanuel Lutheran Church

Share Christ's Love.

January 2024 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 26
8:30 am ~ 48 Views ~ 108 UP ~ 32

Sunday, December 3
8:30 am ~ 75 Views ~ 67

Sunday, December 10
8:30 am ~ 77 Views ~ 189

Sunday, December 17
8:30 am ~ 92 Views ~ 117

Sunday, December 24 Morning service
8:30 am ~ 55 Views ~ 201

Sunday, December 24 Evening service
5:30 pm ~ 106 Views ~ 158

Birthdays for January

7- Naomi Erickson
7- Sherry Ives
8- Bill Runaas
8- Jim Six
11- Marty Westen
13- Peter Weller
14- Tricia Kroll
17- Brian Lueck
18- Ray Poe
18- Mary Gail Lyons
24- Ainsley Six
25- Ellis Almelien
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 7 at 11 am

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

A huge thank you to the Immanuel Congregation for the generous of \$600 that was gifted to pastor Erin.

What an incredible gift!

Our council had decided to give The United Presbyterian church \$2500 for gifting us Pastor Erin these past few months.

We are thankful for her and for all of you showing your appreciation.



Encore at Immanuel Meals this month:



ENCORE EXPRESS

Heritage
Area Agency on Aging

HyVee
EMPLOYEE OWNED

Thursday, January 11th

and

Thursday, January 25th

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

RSVPs are required. *See you there!!*

I'd like to thank the congregation for the Christmas gift. I really appreciate it. It is my pleasure to serve as your bookkeeper.

Deb Shepherd

To the Faith Formation Children,

What a beautiful job you all did performing, "Jesus, The Greatest Gift of All!" The program was not only perfect but flawless!! We received a lot of wonderful comments about how great it was

You kids did exactly what I told you to do.... Watch me and/or your teacher and listen to Taylor our narrator! I am so proud of each and every one of you!! It was by far the best program ever!!

Thanks to you all!!!

What a surprise from the Faith Formation teachers! Thank you so much for the lovely print of Isaiah 7:14. Perfect gift for a children's Christmas program director!!

Happy New Year,

Linda Brown

Thank you to Immanuel's council and congregation for the Christmas bonus. It is very much appreciated.

Blessings,

Ron Brown

Thank you Immanuel Council and Congregation for my gift and for thinking of me during the Christmas season. I am extremely grateful for your kindness and generosity.

Thank you again, Kelly Smith

If anyone took pictures of the Children's program on December 17th and are willing to share please send to me at

319/863-3387

or camimaudegeorge@gmail.com.

I would really appreciate it.

Thanks, Linda Brown



Our next Saturday Kitchen date is January 27th. Thank you to all those who continue to help us serve in this local ministry!



January 2024, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Amplifying the Voices of Iowa Children and Families

Individuals struggle without access to critical healthcare and family support services. Human service providers are overworked and underpaid. Former refugees and immigrants strive to build new lives in the U.S.

These are all issues faced by Iowans from all different walks of life. Join Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) to advocate for our community members at Lutheran Day on the Hill (LDH) on Monday, February 19, 2024.

In partnership with the three Iowa synods of the ELCA, LDH is LSI's biggest day of advocacy. Over 150 participants gather at Capitol Hill Lutheran Church in Des Moines to learn about critical issues Iowa children, adults, and families are facing. You'll learn more about the legislative process, the issues impacting your neighbors, and your role as a citizen in helping to amplify their voices.

After learning how to advocate for our neighbors, the group heads to the Iowa State Capitol to talk directly with legislators.

For more information and to register for this year's Lutheran Day on the Hill, visit LSIowa.org/LDH.

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.



Centering Prayer: Saturday, January 13 and Saturday, January 27 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 the people that helped decorate for
Advent and Christmas:**

**Bev Bailey, Ron & Linda Brown, Naomi Erickson,
Mike & Debbie Jewell, Dave & Deb Simmering,
Linda Six, Aaron & April Six, Christina Woline, and
to Sam Shepherd for building the new stable.**

**Not pictured: Dave & Deb Simmering, Aaron Six,
Christina Woline, Mike Jewell, and Sam Shepherd**



The JOY of giving....

Luther League had a great time shopping for a local family for Christmas. Thanks to your generosity we were able to purchase many wonderful gifts and holiday goodies!





| Service Date | Acolyte | Greeter | Reader | Tech | Usher | Communion |
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| January 7 | Vivi Kroll | Gene Booth and Bev Crandall | Fran Victor | | Gene Booth, Steve Vetter, Gary Fischer | Tricia Kroll |
| January 14 | Grace Taylor | Angela and Emma Taylor | Angela Taylor | | Jason Taylor and Rob Taylor | April Six |
| January 21 | Evan Woline | Christina and Paige Woline | Christina Woline | | Ryan Woline and Ray Poe | Christina Woline |
| January 28 | Paige Woline | Steve & Kathy Vetter | John Harris | | John & Peg Harris | John & Peg Harris |
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