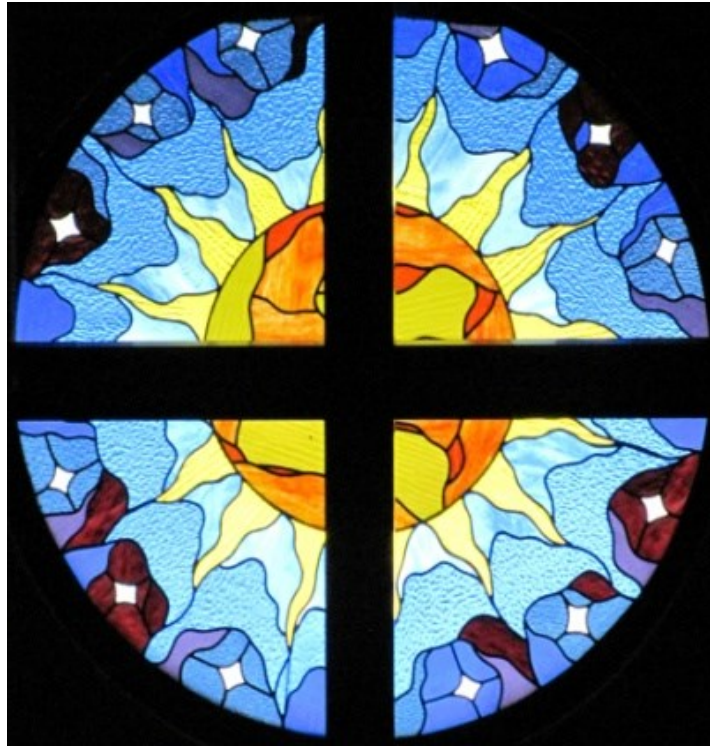


# Immanuel Lutheran Church

Share Christ's Love.

*December 2024 Newsletter*



*Worship and Communion*  
*Sunday services ~ 9:00 a.m.*  
\* In-Person \* Live Streaming

*Faith Formation*  
*Faith Formation ~ 10:15 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](http://luthwash.org)  
YouTube- luthwash \* Email us at [luthwash@hotmail.com](mailto:luthwash@hotmail.com)  
Come visit us at 1226 East Washington Street, Washington, Iowa 52353  
Church ~ 319.653.3950

Attendance

Sunday, November 3  
9 am ~ 70

Sunday, November 10  
9 am ~ 60

Sunday, November 17  
9 am ~ 76

Sunday, November 24  
9:00 a.m. ~ 80

**Birthdays  
for December**

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



**HACAP**

Your dollar buys more when HACAP orders food,

consider sending a few dollars to:

**HACAP**

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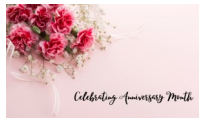
Washington, Iowa 52353

Help your local families during this difficult time.

Thank you, DeAnn

**Anniversaries  
For December**

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



**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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



Last day to order Poinsettias will be  
Sunday, December 1st.



**Encore at Immanuel Meals this month:**

ENCORE EXPRESS



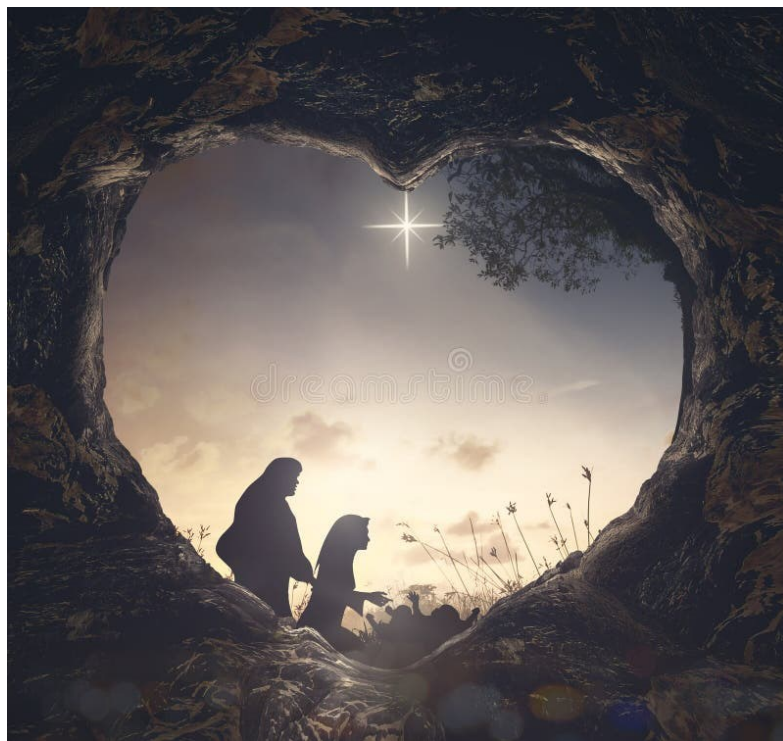
**Thursday, December 12th**

**THERE IS ONLY ONE  
MEAL IN DECEMBER**

Serving at 11:30 a.m.

**RSVPs are required. See you there!!**

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*Merry Christmas!!*

Dear Friends In Christ,

I wish everyone a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving.

Peace & Love

Pr. Cindy



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## Faith Formation

The Children's Christmas program will have practices on :

**Sunday, December 8 at 10:30 am**

**Sunday, December 15 at 10:30 am**

There will be no practice on Sunday, December 1st.

Please try to have your child(ren) attend all practices if possible. I will try to have them finished by 11:00. If any changes come up I will send out an email to all parents. The children are excited about our program. New ideas and two new songs are being learned.

Any questions please contact me.

Linda Brown, Director



Wise men still seek Him.





**Luther League had a great Friendsgiving. We enjoyed a feast, played Thanksgiving Would you Rather, wrote thank you cards, turned three of our friends into turkey legs, and played Thanksgiving Taboo.**

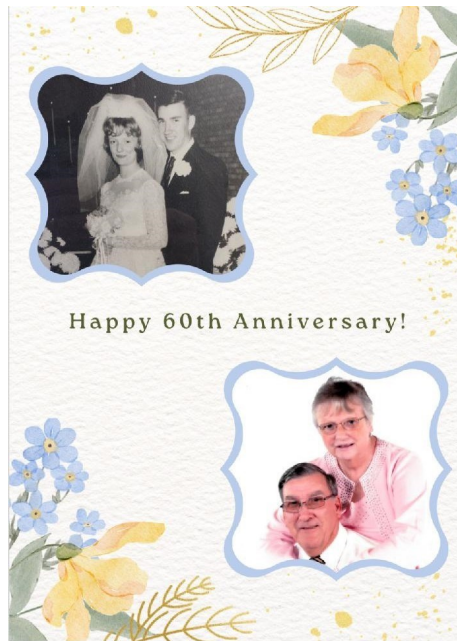
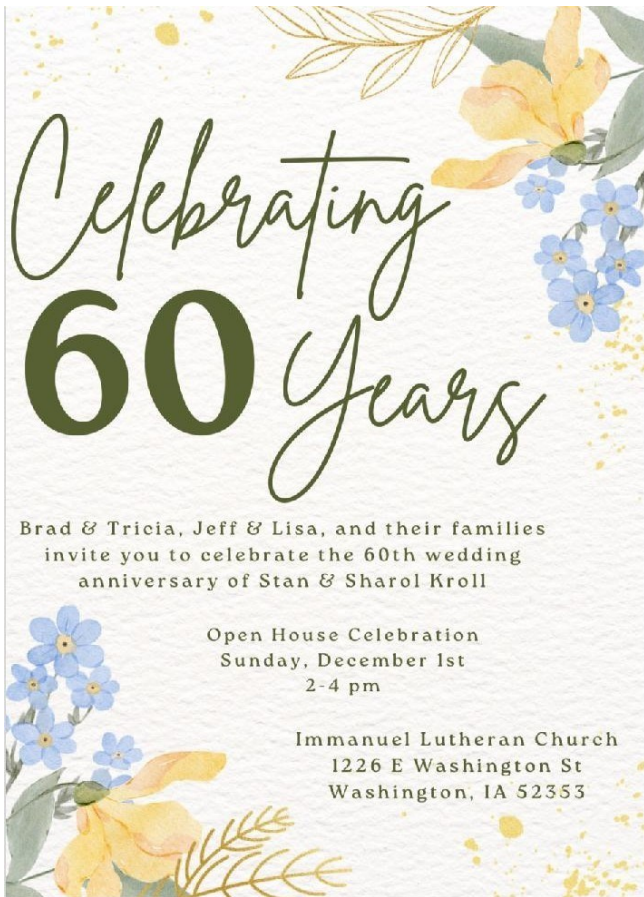
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**A note from Renee Hardman, President and CEO of Lutheran Services in Iowa:**

Dear friends,  
I hope this finds you safe and warm. As I am closing in on my first year as President and CEO at LSI, I am filled with gratitude for our generous donors, dedicated staff members, and kind supporters. Thanks to caring people like you, LSI had another incredible year serving our neighbors. Your donations ensured young parents had access to resources and support. Your in-kind items provided comforting beds for immigrants and refugees to rest upon. Your prayers lifted the spirits of our LSI team members and those we serve. As we enjoy this holiday season, I want to thank you for supporting LSI. If you would like to serve more neighbors in need, please give at [LSIowa.org/donate](https://LSIowa.org/donate).  
Eternally Grateful,  
Renee

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

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Stan & Sharol Kroll are celebrating 60 years!!  
 Sunday, December 1st, 2-4 pm  
 Open Hours at Immanuel Lutheran Church

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 1** Stan and Sharol 60th wedding anniversary reception 2-4 PM  
**Last day to order poinsettias.**
- December 7** Municipal band concert at 2:30 p.m.
- December 12** Encore at Immanuel 11:30 a.m.
- December 15** Choir Cantata during the service
- December 21** Bell Ringing at Fareway 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- December 22** Children's Christmas Pageant during service
- December 24** Christmas Eve Worship Service at 5:30 p.m.



**Mark your calendar!**  
**2025 Saturday Kitchen**  
**Dates:**

**February 22nd**

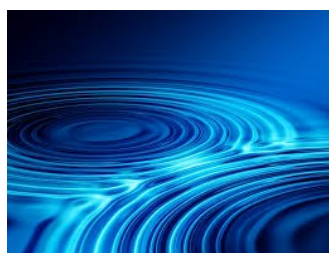
**May 10th**

**September 13th**

**December 6th**



**Thank you to everyone who helps with this local ministry!**



**Centering Prayer:**  
**Saturday, December 7th and**  
**Saturday, December 21st**  
**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



# December

Service Date	Acolyte	Greeter	Reader	Tech	Usher	Communion
December 1	Bentley Striegel	Ron & Char Andersen	None needed		Bob Coker, Landon Coker, and Ryan Woline	Christina Woline
December 8	Paige Woline	Holly & Dave Mueller	Tricia Kroll	Brayden Zywiec	Steve Vetter, Brad Kroll, and Gary Fischer	Peg Harris
December 15	Clayton Bartholomew	Michelle Bartholomew and Taylor Bartholomew	Gary Fischer		Scott Bartholomew, Stephen Bay, and Landon Coker	Naomi Erickson
December 22	Evan Woline	Bev Crandall and Gene Booth	Angela Taylor	Steve Vetter	Ryan Woline, Ron Andersen, and Bob Coker	Steve & Kathy Vetter
December 29	Need volunteer	Steve & Kathy Vetter	Bev Bailey		Steve Vetter, Gary Fischer, and Stephen Bay	Bev Bailey

**Christmas Eve Worship- Tuesday, December 24th at 5:30 p.m.**

**Acolyte- Grace Taylor**

**Greeters- Gary & Kathy Fischer**

**Reader- TBD**

**Tech- Steve Vetter**

**Ushers- Jason Taylor, Rob Taylor and**

**Need volunteer**

