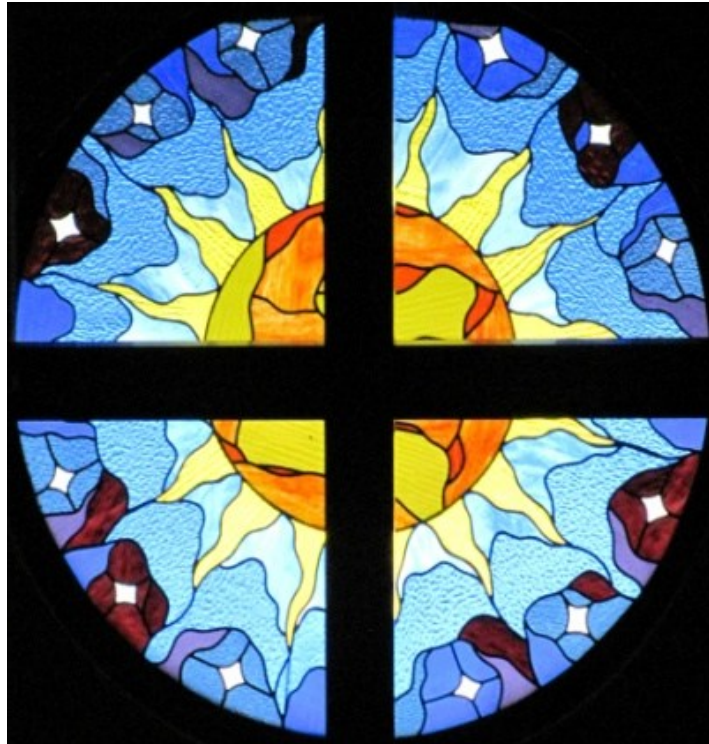


Immanuel Lutheran Church

Share Christ's Love.

January 2025 Newsletter



Worship and Communion
Sunday services ~ 8:30 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

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

Attendance

Sunday, December 1
9:00 am ~ 70

Sunday, December 8
9:00 am ~ 75

Sunday, December 15
9:00 am ~ 80

Sunday, December 22
9:00 am ~ 114

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve
5:30 pm ~ 93

Sunday, December 29
9:00 am ~ 54

**Birthdays
for January**

- 7- Naomi Erickson
- 7- Sherry Ives
- 8- Bill Runaas
- 8- Jim Six
- 11- Marty Westen
- 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



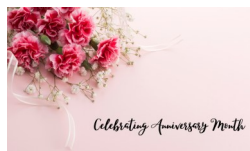
UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Council- Sunday, January 12 at 11 am

**Anniversaries
for January**

- 22- Ray & Alta Poe



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



ENCORE EXPRESS

Encore at Immanuel Meals this month:

Thursday, January 9*

and

Thursday, January 23

Serving at 11:30 a.m.

Check Facebook for the menus.



RSVPs are required. *See you there!!*



*Change for January–

HACAP will be here on the 9th NOT the 23rd.

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.



A big thank you to the drivers and helpers for Meals on Wheels in December.



Church COUNCIL

President- Gary Fischer

Vice president- Peg Harris

Secretary- Ryan Woline

Members

Linda Six

Tricia Kroll

Beverly Bailey

Ron Andersen





Kinnick Crew



The last Kinnick clean up of the season. Thank you for everyone who participated, some not pictured. Your help is very much appreciated!!





**Centering Prayer:
Saturday, January 18
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

Happy December!

My name is Grace Johnson, and I've written these articles for the past year. My time at LSI has come to an end, and I am setting out on a new adventure. It has been a delight to write these articles for you to share with your congregations. I loved seeing my writing in my own church's newsletter!

While we work through team transitions, I ask for your grace (no pun intended!) and patience as we figure out our next steps. I've gathered stories for the next three months, so you will have lots of content to share with your congregations! These stories are also available on our website if you'd like to include a snippet and link to the full story. Find them here: lsiowa.org/stories

If you have any problems, please reply to this email or reach out to Deborah Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

We are so grateful for your partnership in sharing our mission!

Sincerely,

Grace Johnson



Immanuel's Faith Formation children presented their pageant "Let's Take a Peek in the Manger" during the December 22nd worship service. The cast included: Nora Gutierrez as Mary, Bentley Striegel as Joseph, Kennedy Striegel as Mary's Donkey, Axel Six as the Innkeeper and a shepherd, Grace Taylor as the Main Angel, Bensen Striegel as Baby Jesus. Ainsley Six, Avenley Six, Amaya Gutierrez, Tegan Bartholomew, and Henley Sage were the Angel Choir, Anders Almelién, Evan Woline, and Armor Six were the Shepherds, Paige Woline as Mama Sheep, Ellis Almelién and Marcus Gutierrez as the lambs, Anker Six as the cow, Lillian Runaas and Martin Runaas as the doves, and Clayton Bartholomew as the narrator. Vivi Kroll was the assistant director and Linda Brown was the director.

The support people who helped out on the pageant were Sara Bartlett, accompanist. Band members: Emma Taylor, Brayden Zywiec, Thomas Lueck, and John Harris. Dave and Deb Simmering, Angela Taylor, Grace Taylor, Rob Taylor, Kelsey Striegel, and Christina Woline were the costumers. Deb Simmering did the publicity. The stage hands were Jason Taylor, Rob Taylor, Ron Brown, and Daegan Brown. Steve Vetter, Mike Jewell, and Brian Lueck were tech support and Kelly Smith did the printing.

The children did a great job and everyone enjoyed birthday cake at Jesus' party afterwards!





Service Date	Acolyte	Greeter	Reader	Tech	Usher	Communion
January 5	Bentley Striegel	Ron & Char Andersen	Linda Brown	Steve Vetter	Bob Coker, Landon Coker, and Ryan Woline	Christina Woline
January 12	Paige Woline	Marilyn Bennett and Naomi Erickson	Tricia Kroll	Thomas Lueck	Steve Vetter, Brad Kroll, and Gary Fischer	Peg Harris
January 19	Clayton Bartholomew	Michelle Bartholomew and Taylor Bartholomew	Taylor Bartholomew	Brayden Zywiec	Scott Bartholomew, Rob Taylor, and Jason Taylor	Tricia Kroll
January 26	Evan Woline	Bev Crandall and Gene Booth	Angela Taylor	Thomas Lueck	Ryan Woline and Ron Andersen	Naomi Erickson



On December 4th, Immanuel Lutheran Church was granted \$49,502.00 from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation. This was used for the exterior and remodeling/updating of the east wing. Steve Vetter and Gary Fischer were in attendance of the Grant Reception for 2024. Pictured is Steve Vetter. :)

Thank you, Washington County Riverboat Foundation!!