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Lutheran
Church

“God With Us”

Aug & Sept 2023

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New Beginnings

This month our new full-time pastor, Rev. Daniel Baldwin, starts the next chapter of his ministry. New beginnings are exciting as they are a blank slate. The story of Pastor Dan at Immanuel has not yet been written. New beginnings also mean endings. A chapter has closed, and in many ways there will be adjustments. As a church we will

need to be flexible in the first days figuring out how we operate best with our new pastor. I can say from the conversations I've had with him that he is a great man of faith and wisdom, very thoughtful and inquisitive, and is well-spoken. He will lead us into this new beginning with grace and hope for good things.

August also means the start of the new academic year. I remember well the excitement and anticipation for the new school year to start. School was always a place of growth for me, and each new year was like planting a seed that grew throughout the months. As Pastor Dan gets settled in, he and I will discuss our GLOW and Confirmation programs and choose the paths for both that we think will allow the “seeds” of those programs to grow best.

Prayer of the Month:

Holy and loving God, we thank you for our ability to learn. Be with all educators, education professionals, students, and school staff members who are preparing for a new year. Allow them to have open minds and open hearts. May their year be full of good discussions, good laughs, and good questions, and may they become successful and educated citizens. Amen.

-Adam J. Nelson

Youth & Family Ministry Director





Upcoming Topics!!

Ronald McDonald House Tour & Deliver Tie Blankets - Date TBD

UNI Lock-In - Oct 2023

**Youth Band/Wed Night Music Ministry
Interested??**

Sept 13th—GLOW starts again!!!

5:15 p.m. - Meal

6:00 p.m. - Class

7:00 p.m. - Worship



Confirmation Classes for all 7th - 9th Graders
will start on **September 6th - 6:00 p.m.** with a Parent/
Youth Orientation Meeting with Pastor Dan!
Pizza will be provided as we look ahead
to our new year of Confirmation Expectations!
See you all then!

The Mighty Howard County Fair “Moo Mobile” was a GREAT SUCCESS!!! Over 1200 malts were made during the 14-hour day at \$1 per being raised toward Youth Events and those going to the Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2024!! Thanks to all for the hard work put on by our youth and parents as well!



Immanuel Lutheran Church Youth Fundraiser for 2024 Youth Gathering!!

Hog Ticket \$25

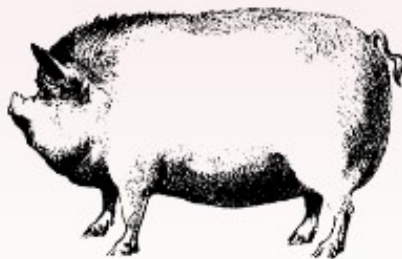
**8 winners for hog!
Each winner will get 1/4 of the hog!**

DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY AUGUST 13TH

10am after Church ■ 305 2nd Ave W, Cresco, IA 52136

Do not have to be present to win!

If you would like to purchase a ticket, please reach out to one
of our youth or call church office at 563-547- 2108



**CREATED
TO BE**

**2024 ELCA
Youth Gathering**
including **MYLE the tAble**
Young Adult Gathering

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
Presents**

**GLOW
KICKOFF**

**September 13th
Wednesday 5:15 pm**

**More information to
come!**



Mobile

The Immanuel Youth will be working in the Moo Mobile over various events this summer!! Come out and join them or simply partake in a malt as they raise money for upcoming events and for those going to the Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2024!!

Upcoming Moo Mobile Events:

Art in the Park (Beatle Park)
Saturday, Aug 5th - making them
Sunday, Aug 6th - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Family Fun Night & the Circus
Tuesday, Aug 8th - 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Donaldson's Appreciation Lunch (making them only)
Wed, Aug 23rd - Fairgrounds

Borlaug Harvest Fest - Saturday
August 26th - 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

All Youth are asked to assist with at least 2 of these 4 events over the month of August!! Please contact the office at 563-547-2108 or Adam at Immanuel.yfm@gmail.com to sign up to help/make or sell!!!



Treasurer's Report Summary

GENERAL FUND	May	Year to Date	
Beginning Balance	\$18,663.37	\$40,250.27	General Fund
General Fund Income	\$15,767.51	\$57,946.38	Savings Account
Reimbursed Income	\$215.00	\$2,405.00	\$103,550.42
Reimbursed Expenses	-\$613.80	-\$1,230.32	
Miscellaneous Income	\$833.49	\$7,891.65	Parsonage
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0.00	-\$16,027.70	Rent 2023
Coffee Fellowship	\$77.00	\$339.50	\$4,000.00
General Fund Expenses	-\$5,452.03	-\$30,146.61	
General Executive Committee Expenses (Payroll)	-\$8,136.89	-\$40,209.52	ILC Miller Fund
GENERAL FUND	\$21,353.65	\$21,218.65	Account Balance
Operating Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$289,407.01
Savings income	\$0.00	\$0.00	30-Apr-2023
Savings expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Debt Reduction Income / Fall Dinner	\$0.00	\$135.00	Prop Sales CD
Debt Reduction Exp /Op Loan / Savings / Payment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,701.80
General Fund Ending Balance	\$21,353.65	\$21,353.65	
Men's Breakfast			A Sommer CD
Beginning Balance	\$301.20	\$274.94	\$12,403.43
Men's Breakfast Income	\$209.00	\$817.00	
Men's Breakfast Expense	-\$162.93	-\$744.67	
Ending Balance	\$347.27	\$347.27	
Hands of the Master			
Beginning Balance	\$987.59	\$987.59	
Hands of the Master Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Hands of the Master Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	\$987.59	\$987.59	
BENEVOLENCE FUND			Sent to the ELCA
Beginning Balance	\$6,969.72	\$2,680.00	May
Income	\$1,810.00	\$10,149.72	\$1,353.00
Expenses	-\$1,275.00	-\$5,325.00	2023
Ending Balance	\$7,504.72	\$7,504.72	\$5,284.75
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND			Pledged
Beginning Balance	\$34,530.18	\$33,387.68	\$15,500.00
Income	\$325.00	\$1,467.50	
Expenses	-\$6,576.28	-\$6,576.28	
Ending Balance	\$28,278.90	\$28,278.90	
Luther League Account			
Beginning Balance	\$15,273.13	\$14,132.13	
Youth Income	\$0.00	\$1,141.00	
Youth Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	\$15,273.13	\$15,273.13	
Checking Account Balance	\$73,745.26	\$73,745.26	

Treasurer's Report Summary

GENERAL FUND	June	Year to Date	
Beginning Balance	\$21,353.65	\$40,250.27	General Fund
General Fund Income	\$7,790.52	\$65,736.90	Savings Account
Reimbursed Income	\$560.00	\$2,965.00	\$103,550.42
Reimbursed Expenses	-\$353.37	-\$1,583.69	
Miscellaneous Income	\$3,490.69	\$11,382.34	Parsonage
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0.00	-\$16,027.70	Rent 2023
Coffee Fellowship	\$65.00	\$404.50	\$4,800.00
General Fund Expenses	-\$4,273.41	-\$34,420.02	
General Executive Committee Expenses (Payroll)	-\$6,209.36	-\$46,418.88	ILC Miller Fund
GENERAL FUND	\$22,423.72	\$22,288.72	Account Balance
Operating Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$283,050.42
Savings income	\$0.00	\$0.00	31-May-2023
Savings expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Debt Reduction Income / Fall Dinner	\$0.00	\$135.00	Prop Sales CD
Debt Reduction Exp /Op Loan / Savings / Payment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,701.80
General Fund Ending Balance	\$22,423.72	\$22,423.72	
Men's Breakfast			A Sommer CD
Beginning Balance	\$347.27	\$274.94	\$12,403.43
Men's Breakfast Income	\$147.00	\$964.00	
Men's Breakfast Expense	-\$152.22	-\$896.89	
Ending Balance	\$342.05	\$342.05	
Hands of the Master			
Beginning Balance	\$987.59	\$987.59	
Hands of the Master Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Hands of the Master Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	\$987.59	\$987.59	
BENEVOLENCE FUND			Sent to the ELCA
Beginning Balance	\$7,504.72	\$2,680.00	June
Income	\$1,764.72	\$11,914.44	\$1,069.05
Expenses	-\$6,338.11	-\$11,663.11	2023
Ending Balance	\$2,931.33	\$2,931.33	\$6,353.80
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND			Pledged
Beginning Balance	\$28,278.90	\$33,387.68	\$15,500.00
Income	\$220.00	\$1,687.50	
Expenses	\$0.00	-\$6,576.28	
Ending Balance	\$28,498.90	\$28,498.90	
Luther League Account			
Beginning Balance	\$15,273.13	\$14,132.13	
Youth Income	\$10.00	\$1,151.00	
Youth Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	\$15,283.13	\$15,283.13	
Checking Account Balance	\$70,466.72	\$70,466.72	

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL MINUTES – JUNE 5, 2023

GUEST SPEAKER: Paul Lovell is Executive Director of the Howard County Energy District. The HCED helps individuals, businesses and organizations save money through increased energy efficiency and alternative energy production. Paul explained how the Inflation Reduction Act offers financial aid to nonprofits when they install solar panels. Pay back is 7-8 years. The overall size of the solar panels is determined by the amount of electrical usage. The church has cut its energy usage by installing LED lighting and this means fewer solar panels are needed. Alliant Energy offers Net Metering which means credits can be accumulated and then used on cloudy days. Nonprofits do not receive renewable energy tax credits because they do not pay taxes. Instead nonprofits file with the Internal Revenue Service and they send a check to help defray the cost of the solar installation. Paul suggested getting 2-3 bids from contractors. Bob's Electric in Cresco and Perry Novak Electric in Decorah are local contractors. In Iowa 60% of our energy is generated from renewables. The goal is to get the USA away from fossil fuels and dependence on foreign oil, to accomplish sustainability and to practice good stewardship of our resources.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Between donations from church members and the Circle of Grace, no family will have to pay to send their child to camp this summer. Seven youth are going to camp and families will be reimbursed for the deposits they have already made.

The May Treasurer's Report: General Fund Ending Balance \$21,353.65, Benevolence year to date sent to ELCA \$5,284.75, Capital Improvement \$28,278.90, Checking Account balance \$73,745.26, Savings Account \$103,550.42, ILC Miller Fund \$289,407.01, Property Sales CD \$18,701.80 and Alvin Sommer CD \$12,403.43.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Adam Nelson said at the May 7th worship service, three graduates were honored and received tie blankets that reflected their interests. The Confirmands worked on their faith statements in preparation for their fall confirmation. There will be youth meetings June 11 and July 16. Vacation Bible School will be July 18-20 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and the theme is Daniel in the Lion's Den. Preparations for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans are still in the planning stages but early registration in September means more and better options in regards to lodging, service days and transportation. Youth who are in 6th through 11th grades are eligible. Because they want to be active in the community, Adam and Kelsey will assist with the scoreboard at Crestwood sporting events.

Adam and Kelsey will be taking foster parent training on Wednesday nights this summer. As a result they will miss one night of Vacation Bible School and one night of GLOW.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Motion passed to give Malissa Kappes a \$1,000.00 honorarium for her past years of preparing the GLOW meals. An effort will be made to annually look at honorariums.

Motion passed to give Treasurer Alvin Voyna a \$200 gift card in appreciation of the long hours he spends as treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion passed to use the money from the Harold Hovey Estate to buy lumber for shelves in the new storage shed. Shelves will be installed prior to moving in contents. At the January 29, 2023 Semi Annual Congregation Meeting, Kenneth Lueschow and Vicki Grube were elected to be voting members at the 2023 Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly. However, neither one can attend. Motion passed that Katina Wright and Mike Yslas be the new voting members at the Synod Assembly.

June Meeting Minutes, Continued

CALL COMMITTEE REPORT: Adam Nelson of the Call Committee reported the committee had interviewed Reverend Daniel Baldwin via Zoom meeting and by an in-person meeting. Pastor Baldwin is originally from Iowa, has been teaching at a Kansas university and his wife has accepted a job to be a professor at Luther College. The Call Committee recommended that the church council tell the Northeastern Iowa Synod it was interested in calling Pastor Baldwin. Motion passed that the Call Committee should continue in the process of calling Pastor Baldwin.

BOARD REPORTS:

Stewardship & Finance – Church finances are in good shape.

Church Properties – Everyone who uses the church must pay a \$150.00 security deposit and receive permission from the Church Properties Board. The Board requested further clarification on charges for janitorial services especially in regards to weddings. Cindy Yslas will check the minutes and update the wedding procedural booklet.

It was suggested that there be a dedication ceremony for the new shed and that a plaque be put up honoring Harold Hovey.

Evangelism & Social Concerns - Preparations for the Clothing Giveaway continue and posters publicizing the event will be distributed in the area towns.

Parish Fellowship – July 9th there will be a “Watermelon Feed” which will offer the church members a chance to socialize.

Youth Ministry – Upcoming events: Youth meetings June 11 and July 16, take tie blankets to children’s medical facility in Rochester, Vacation Bible School July 18-20 and Lock-In July 21. Youth are asked to work at the Moo Mobile June 23 (fair), August 6 (Art in the Park) and August 26 (Borlaug Days). The Moo Mobile is a fund raiser for youth trips and the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

ADJOURNMENT: The next council meeting is July 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The boards meet at 6:30.

This is a summary of minutes of the June council meeting.

Full minutes will be available after formal approval by council at the next meeting.



SUMMARY OF COUNCIL MINUTES – JULY 10, 2023

TREASURER’S REPORT: The June Treasurer’s Report: General Fund Ending Balance \$22,423.72, Benevolence year to date sent to ELCA \$6,353.80, Capital Improvement \$28,498.90, Checking Account balance \$70,466.72, Savings Account \$103,550.42, ILC Miller Fund \$283,050.42, Property Sales CD \$18,701.80 and Alvin Sommer CD \$12,403.43.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Vacation Bible School will be July 18-20. Adam Nelson thanked the Immanuel community for donating most of the needed items. Youth who are in 7th through 12th grade this upcoming academic year are eligible for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. A special informational meeting for parents and children will be held. Fundraising continues with youth manning the Moo Mobile at Art in the Park in August and at Norman Borlaug Days in September. Two hogs and processing costs have been donated for a Hog Raffle. There will be 8 winners and each winner will get ¼ of a processed hog. Tickets cost \$25.00 and will be sold until August 13th.

A youth get-together will be July 21 from 5:30 to 11:00 p.m. There will be food, games and a campfire. Youth will be delivering blankets to the Ronald McDonald House where they will be given a tour of the facility. GLOW curriculum has been planned and now there is a search for teachers.

CALL COMMITTEE REPORT: The Call Committee extended a call to Reverend Daniel Baldwin and he has accepted the position as pastor of Immanuel and the pay package. He can move into the parsonage August 1st and he will go onto the payroll effective August 22nd.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jenny Matt and Arlyn Grube noticed the Immanuel website has not been updated for a long time. The website will be made current.

The Semi-Annual Meeting will be August 13th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Endowment/Memorial Committee proposed spending \$1,686.00 of Endowment interest as follows: Don Davis Fund \$400.00, Wartburg Seminary \$800.00, GoServ Global (grain bin houses) \$487.00. Memorial funds: \$245.00 payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church for radio broadcasts.

BOARD REPORTS:

Church Properties – Iowa Bible Marathon notified the Church Properties Board that they wish to use the back room at Immanuel.

Evangelism & Social Concerns - Preparations for the Clothing Giveaway continue and posters publicizing the event will be distributed in the area towns.

Parish Fellowship –The July 9th “Watermelon Feed” which offered the church members a chance to socialize was very successful (about 29 adults and youth in attendance). The board will arrange another social event with ice cream, a dedication ceremony for the Harold Hovey shed and a reception Sunday morning August 20th for the new pastor.

ADJOURNMENT: The next council meeting is August 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The boards meet at 6:30.

This is a summary of minutes of the July council meeting.

Full minutes will be available after formal approval by council at the next meeting.



2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

including **MYLE** the tAble
Young Adult Gathering

JULY 16-20, 2024

What is the ELCA Youth Gathering?

Every three years, thousands of high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation and fellowship known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through inspiring speakers, conversations with partners, Bible study and being immersed in the host city, young people will be inspired, challenged and called to live out their faith in their daily lives.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Reach out to Adam Nelson!
763-486-5240 or
immanuel.yfm@gmail.com



August 2023 Worship Assistants

	GREETERS/USHERS	COMM. ASSISTANTS	WORSHIP LEADER	LECTOR	ACOLYTES	SOUND SYSTEM	PROJECTION
August 6, 2023 Sunday	Lewis & Thea Perkins	Marlene Michel John Wiedeman Cindy Yslas Mike Yslas	Cindy Yslas	Sharon Perry	Youth Attending Worship	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Matt Gates
August 13, 2023 Sunday	Ken & Wendy Lueschow	Ken & Charlotte Hebrink Bill & Cheryl Seele	Scott Wiley	Sharon Johnson	Youth Attending Worship	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Jenny Matt
August 20, 2023 Sunday	Leonard Zeller Bob Omar	Rod & Nancy Bakken Gary & Sharon Johnson	Cindy Yslas	Rod Bakken	Youth Attending Worship	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	C. J. Yslas
August 27, 2023 Sunday	Dave & Jenny Matt	Dale & Joyce Vagts Tanya Fencil Judi Bina	Dale Vagts	Dale Vagts	Youth Attending Worship	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Al Voyna





September 2023 Worship Assistants

	GREETERS/USHERS	COMM. ASSISTS	WORSHIP LEADER	LECTOR	ACOLYTES	SOUND SYSTEM	PROJECTION
Sept 3, 2023 Sunday	Mike & Cindy Yslas	Marlene Michel John Wiedeman Matt Hemann Kat Zachary	Cindy Yslas	Tanya Fencil	Youth Attending Worship	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Al Voyna
Sept 10, 2023 Sunday	Ken & Charlotte Hebrink	Manley & Linda Bigalk Dave & Jenny Matt	Scott Wiley	Marlene Michel	Youth Attending Worship	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Kenny Lueschow
Sept 17, 2023 Sunday	Richard & Florene Holten	Bill & Cheryl Seele Merle & Marge Sovereign	Cindy Yslas	Sonia Ollendieck	Youth Attending Worship	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	C. J. Yslas
Sept 24, 2023 Sunday	Steve & Wendy Johnson	Sonia Ollendieck Phyllis Barth Sue Easler Judi Bina	Dale Vagts	Dale Vagts	Youth Attending Worship	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	John Wiedeman





Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday: 7:45 a.m. in the Conference Room
Watching “The Chosen” with discussion
Coffee & Treats Provided - All are welcome!

WELCA Circle of Grace will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall! Please come out and join them for a time of treats, fellowship, prayers & laughter!!

Lutheran World Relief will be asking for **School Supply Backpacks again this year!!** As you do your school shopping, or see things on sale, please consider picking up notebooks, backpacks, folders, rulers, pencils, pens, crayons, markers, headphones, erasers, tissues or Clorox wipes & Thanks so much for your continued generosity!!!



Congregational Meeting

SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING - Has been moved to August 13th (after Worship) See you ALL there!!

Men’s Breakfast Club meets each Thursday Morning at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall - All men interested in *Bible Study & Waffles* are welcome to attend!

Mid Month Communion will start again upon the arrival of Pastor Dan! Once he is settled, we will set a date/time that works for him and all those interested in the once a month Communion/Service and Fellowship! More info to come!



Coffee Fellowship

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

We were able to find 3 volunteers to pick up donuts each Sunday before worship to enjoy during Fellowship after. If anyone is interested in helping with making the coffee and cleaning up after, please see the Fellowship Board to offer your assistance. Thanks!¹⁸

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AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2023 RADIO BROADCAST

August 6, 2023	In loving memory of her brother Don Davis and her mother Sofie Davis. Don was born on August 2, 1942 and passed away on December 22, 2013. Sofie was born on November 9, 1914 and she passed away on December 27, 2019. Sponsored today by Carol Harrington.
August 13, 2023	In honor of the wedding of Derek & Brooke Grube on August 5, 2023 ... Sponsored by his parents Vickie & Arlyn Grube - We congratulate them all & wish them well!!
August 20, 2023	In loving memory of her parents Edwin & Minnie Schuldf and his parents Gareth & Geneva Vagts, sponsored by Dale & Joyce Vagts and family
August 27, 2023	In loving memory of Tim Vagts, son of Dale & Joyce Vagts. Tim's birthday was September 1, 1960 and he passed away on May 9, 2010. Sponsored by his parents and the entire Vagts family
September 3, 2023	In honor of Ellen & Wayne Halstead's Wedding Anniversary on Sept 8th of 1964. Sponsored today by their daughter Leanna Lewis and Family
September 10, 2023	In loving memory of Dean Ollendieck. Dean was born on June 20, 1950 and passed away on September 13, 2020. Sponsored today by his loving wife Sonia & the entire family.
September 17, 2023	OPEN
September 24, 2023	OPEN

The **Education Board**, along with the **Circle of Grace Women** will be inviting families to attend **GLOW** this coming school year. When inviting families, we would like to drop off cookies along with information about GLOW. You can help out by providing a dozen (or more) cookies. They can be homemade or store bought.



Delivering the cookies will occur beginning August 28. If you are interested, please have your cookies at church by August 27th. If you would like to help with delivering the cookies, please let Sue Easler or Jenny Matt know. Also, if you know of a family with young children that might be interested in our GLOW program, please let us know ... God's Work, Our Hands!!

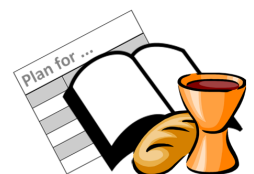
WEEKDAY DEVOTIONS-DAILY BREAD—Our Daily Bread weekday devotions are broadcast every Mon., Wed., and Fri. morning at 8:05 a.m.

Sponsorship of the Daily Bread is still needed!

Sanctuary Candle Sponsorship is no longer required as we have moved to an electric candle but if anyone is interested in sponsoring the "**Christ in Our Home**" or "**Our Daily Bread**" prayer books that are published quarterly, please let the office know. **Thanks!**



Altar Guild is desperately in need! Please find the **HOT PINK** sign up sheets in the Office Lobby & sign up today to help with these very important volunteer opportunities. Together, the church offers the entire community a complete spiritual experience. Even the smallest of tasks makes a significant difference!





Prayers of Healing, Comfort and Guidance

Brad McCarroll, SueAnn Ferrie, Sammy Evenson, Stacey Anderson, Sarah Lienhard, Ron Herbison, Roger Rodden, Blake Stevenson, Kat Zachary, Sandra Peter, Pastor Allen Vik, Jan Vik, Dick Franks, Kenny Hebrink, Charlotte Hebrink, Chuck Curtis & Dennis Vobr



Loved Ones Serving Our Country

Ariel Grinhaug, Joshua Kappes & Cameron Krueger
Brandon Ludeman & Landon Nordby

Friends & Family in Assisted Living

JoAnne Kratz & Perry Blaser

Friends & Family in Evans or Accura

Sandy Peters & Everett Schacht



Please let the office know if members listed in the newsletter are no longer needed on the prayer list, are no longer in the military or have been added/deleted as residents at the nursing homes....thanks!!

Official acts in June & July

Funerals: None

Baptisms: None

Weddings: Kenedy Heimerdinger & Dustin Reichert
6.3.23
(Kenedy is daughter of Deanna & Matt Gates)

Marijo Stapelkamp & Chris Anderson
7.15.23
(Marijo is Granddaughter of Wayne & Evelyn Stapelkamp)

Mid Month Communion

Mid Month Communion will continue upon the arrival of Pastor Dan Baldwin.
Times & Dates TBD



Happenings Around Immanuel!

Thanks to all those who came out to the **1st Annual Watermelon Feed** we held in July!! Thanks to Sue Easler, Kelly Buehler & Marti Ferrie for putting on such a “fun with fellowship” event... and thanks to Arlyn Grube for providing the perfect music!!



Vacation Bible School in July was a huge success with over 20 children here throughout the 3 days as they “**Walked through Babylon**” in lesson, activities and food...thanks to Adam and Kelsey Nelson for the amazing decorations and all the Education and Youth Board members, along with many family members that stayed for various events; we thank you all for the support & dedication to our youth!!



The 12th Annual “Back to School Clothing Giveaway” was bigger and better this year!! With over 200 people partaking in the event, it was a HUGE success. In no small part to Sue Easler and her amazing team of “angel” helpers. From the men who moved racks, tables and “shoes” to the helpers who sorted, washed, hung up, displayed and boxed up clothing, the community is blessed to have this amazing event ... all thanks to the selflessness of a few!!





Leave a Legacy Gift

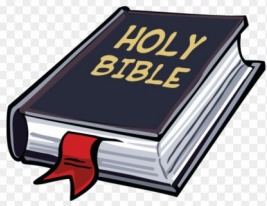
LSI has responded to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service for over 150 years. During this time, we've created a legacy of lifting up and empowering thousands of our Iowa neighbors, thanks to the generosity of donors like you. You can celebrate your lifetime through a legacy gift, to ensure LSI can continue to provide lifesaving services for those in need. Many of our faithful donors want their gifts to continue after their lifetime, and have elected to leave a legacy through LSI's foundation or the ELCA foundation. Planned gifts to LSI help to create a firm foundation for our ministry and contribute more than \$400,000 each year. Thanks to the generous compassion of individual donors, congregations such as yours, and our ministry partners at the three synods of the ELCA, we can be confident LSI will be here to meet the changing needs of Iowans for years to come.

You Can Make a Lasting Impact

A longtime supporter of LSI turned an appreciated real estate asset into a charitable remainder unitrust agreement with the ELCA foundation. Because of this agreement, they will receive income from the trust for the remainder of their two lives, and subsequently to their two adult children for a twenty-year term. According to the actuarial tables, this gift will finally terminate in about forty years, leaving a very strong and greatly appreciated impact on LSI's future. Another LSI donor elected to share their investment by directing a required minimum distribution (RMD) from their IRA directly to LSI. The donor used this contribution to match new or increased gifts during the annual matching gift campaign.

We ask you to consider how you can make a lasting impact and leave a legacy. To learn more about planned giving opportunities, go to LSIowa.org/leave-a-legacy/ or contact Deb Whitford, LSI senior director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

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.



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