

# In Word & Deed

“God With Us”



Feb & Mar 2023

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### When Your Church is Without a Pastor by Dale A. Robbins

It happens in every church sooner or later. Eventually, the beloved pastor that many looked to for spiritual guidance will depart for one reason or another. Occasionally, a minister may have the opportunity to devote their entire life to one particular congregation until he/she retires (or is promoted to Heaven), but pastoral transition occurs with far greater frequency in most churches. First, when it comes time for your pastor to leave, remember to keep your eyes on the Lord, not the person. It is understandable how people can become attached to their pastor. They are rightly viewed as God's representative to preach and teach His Word, a trusted counselor and friend, a father or mother figure of influence in our faith, a servant who sacrificed time and energy to love and care for us and our family. However, as remarkably important as God's servants are, we must always remember that they are merely mortals... and that our faith must be rooted in Christ alone, not in a person or any of His servants. To be sure, no one will ever truly be able to replace your departed pastor. They were a unique person and will always be one of a kind... BUT their position as pastor can indeed be filled again. God will have another genuinely unique servant that He will send to lead the flock of God. Pastoral change is not the end of the world. Change is a part of life, and although there will definitely be a need for some extra patience and flexibility by everyone in the congregation, you and your church will get through this... especially if you follow these tips:

1. **Be Faithful to Attend Services**
2. **Be a Person of Prayer**
3. **Be Extra Patient and Understanding**
4. **Continue to Contribute Financially**
5. **Volunteer More than Usual**
6. **Help Contribute to Unity**
7. **Avoid Church Politics**
8. **Don't Waste the Opportunity**
9. **Finally, Don't Panic and Be at Peace!**



To read the entire article, go to <https://www.victorious.org/pub/without-pastor-170>

# Confirmation & GLOW

The next **YOUTH COUNCIL Meeting** (all youth 6th grade & above are invited) is scheduled for **Sunday, March 12th after worship - 10:00 a.m.!** Snacks will be provided as we plan our next Fun Day, Service Project and make plans for the upcoming Youth Gathering in New Orleans - 2024!!!



**Join the Youth Group**

**CREATED TO BE** 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering including **MYLE the tAble** Young Adult Gathering

Thanks to all those who donated **FLEECE** toward the Family Fun Day project. 6 fleece blankets were made for Children at the **MAYO Clinic Children's Center** & will be very much appreciated!!!



**God's Love on Wednesdays (GLOW) is alive and well!!** Come join in the learning, laughing and growing as a family of God...As always a free dinner is offered at 5:15 p.m., class at 6:00 p.m. and worship at 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Parents are encouraged to stay with their children for any or all of the evening. For more information, contact the office at 563/547-2108.



## **HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED!!**

We are **ALWAYS** looking for adults to help with Kitchen help, Teaching in the classrooms or simply Support throughout the evening. If available at ANY time between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., please let us know! Every little bit helps!

Remember to bring in your **NOISY (LOUD) OFFERING!!**

Any change you find laying around makes a ton of fun dropping it into our cans during Wednesday night offering!! The Youth are now collecting funds to donate toward the Children's Center at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.



**Calling all 5th - 8th Graders!!** You have been added to our Wednesday p.m. and Sunday a.m. Acolyte Schedule. Please see the schedule sent home on Wednesday night to see when you acolyte next. Each acolyte must be present 15 minutes before each church service for acolyte instructions from Matt.

Thanks and see you then!

# YOUTH EVENTS

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS  
FOR  
FEBRUARY**

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN GLOW  
**PRAISE  
&  
WORSHIP**

WEDNESDAY, FEB 8TH 7PM  
4TH-6TH BELLS

WEDNESDAY, FEB 15TH 7PM  
1ST-6TH SINGING

COME JOIN US AND LISTEN TO THE MUSIC!

*Start planning your summer now!!*



ewalu summer  
camp ideas

EWALU SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS 2023	WEEK 1 June 11-15	WEEK 2 June 18-23 OT week	WEEK 3 June 25-30	BREAK July 3-6	WEEK 4 July 11-14	WEEK 5 July 16-21	WEEK 6 July 23-28	WEEK 7 July 30- Aug 4	WEEK 8 Aug 6-11
Day Camp <small>Grades 2-5</small>	X	X							
Mini-Camp <small>Grades 7-8</small>		A B	A B		A	A B	A		B
Explorers <small>Grades 9</small>	X	X			X	X	X		
Trailblazers <small>Grades 6</small>		X	X		X		X	X	X
Forerunners <small>Grades 8</small>		X	X		X		X	X	X
Pioneers <small>Grades 6</small>		X	X		X	X	X	X	
Night Camp <small>Grades 7</small>	X				X	X			X
Confirmation Camp <small>Grades 8-9</small>	X	X			X	X			X
M.A.D. Camp <small>Grades 6-8</small>			X					X	
Pack and Paddle <small>Grades 7-9</small>	X		X			X			X
Knobboating <small>Grades 6-10</small>			X		X	X		X	
Rock & Raft <small>Grades 9-12</small>		X					X		
Uplifted! <small>Grades 9-12</small>		X							X
Boundary Waters <small>Grades 9-12</small>								X	
Family Camp <small>All ages</small>	June 16-18				July 14-16		July 28-30		
Grandparent Camp <small>All ages</small>			June 26-28				July 24-26		
Leadership Training <small>Grades 10-12</small>	SESSION 1				SESSION 2		SESSION 3		

SEE EWALU WEBSITE  
TO SIGN UP!! SIGN UP  
BY FEBRUARY 28TH  
FOR EARLY DISCOUNT!  
PAMPHLETS LOCATED  
IN LOBBY!

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

# VALENTINE'S

## Youth Run Event



**We need youth from 6th grade and up to help out with the Valentines Dinner! Silver cord hours will be awarded to high schoolers!**



### SHIFTS YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR:

- Friday, February 10th 5pm - 9pm (Help decorate & food prep)**
- Saturday, February 11th 1pm - 4pm (Help make lasagna and prep food)**
- Saturday, February 11th 4pm - 7:30pm (Help serve and wash dishes)**
- Saturday, February 11th 6:30pm - 9:30pm (Help serve, wash dishes and clean up)**



# Easter Egg Hunt Donations

Please help donate candy and or small toys/activities to help fill youth Easter eggs! We will also take donations of plastic Easter eggs!

Please drop off donations by Sunday, April 2nd. There will be a box in the lobby!

Start planning for Spring!!!

Immanuel Lutheran  
PRESENTS

# EASTER EGG HUNT

**5** APRIL | START AT  
2022 | **6:00 PM**

OPEN TO GLOW AND  
CONFIRMATION FAMILIES &  
YOUTH MEMBERS.

## SUMMARY OF COUNCIL MINUTES – DECEMBER 5, 2022

**CALL PROCESS:** Pastor Brackett of the Northeastern Iowa Synod is one of three people in the Waverly Synod office who are helping congregations with calling a pastor. Immanuel has completed the exit interview and the Certification of Completion. He explained the terms “intentional interim”, “interim”, “contract pastor” and “supply pastor”. He spoke about the qualities a pastor should have and that candidates are vetted by the Synod. There are Synod Constitutional guidelines for calling a pastor and each congregation has their own unique constitutional guidelines. He said the ideal size for a call committee is 6 to 8 and the members should be diverse in regards to age, gender and socio/economic status. The congregation will have an opportunity to vote on the members of the Call Committee. Pastor Brackett will return to Immanuel at crucial times. They are always available to help.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** General Fund Ending Balance \$18,549.02, Capital Improvement \$32,707.68, Benevolence year to date sent to ELCA \$14,578.95, Checking Account balance \$72,460.84, Savings Account \$103,505.75 and ILC Miller Fund \$269,963.76.

**YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Adam Nelson’s report stated there is a youth cookie making fundraiser on Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup>. Youth will also be making tie blankets for the four senior youth at Immanuel and for the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester. There are plans for snow tubing at Stewartville, Minnesota. GLOW and Confirmation youth have decided to have the Noisy Offering go towards the Mayo Clinic Children’s Center in Rochester. The Synod has already begun planning for the 2024 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Board of Church Properties wishes to increase their 2023 budget because of rising insurance costs, property taxes and church utilities. The Board of Parish Fellowship wishes to increase their 2023 budget because the church now furnishes the donuts and cookies for Sunday morning fellowship from \$350 up to \$1,000. Board of Worship & Music is reducing the budget for Professional Resources from \$1,600 down to \$1,300 and Substitute Musicians from \$1,700 down to \$1,000.

Immanuel pledged to give the ELCA \$16,000 in 2022 for benevolence. To date the offering collected for benevolence is \$14,578.95. The church voted to meet the pledge and make up the difference. Then the council pledged \$15,500 to the ELCA for benevolence in 2023.

The council reviewed the guidelines for a Call Committee as set out in the Constitution.

The church received a check for \$16,027.70 from the Alvin Sommer Estate. Motion passed to check with relatives if they have any special wishes and then eventually to put it into a certificate of deposit.

A bid has been received for Wi-Fi and security cameras in the church and the council voted to spend \$3,800 plus tax for Wi-Fi and security cameras and to take the money out of the newly received Alvin Sommer bequest.

**BOARD REPORTS:** Church Properties – The board got the Christmas trees from Curtis and a door lock has been installed on the inside door of the education unit. There is loose carpet by the altar and it will be patched. In regards to the west lot recently sold to Louis and Lisa Lienhard, four trees have been planted on the lot line and the church’s snow removal cost has been reduced by \$20 per removal.

*This is a summary of minutes of the December council meeting.  
Full minutes will be available after formal approval by council at the next meeting.*

## **SUMMARY OF COUNCIL MINUTES – JANUARY 9, 2023**

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** General Fund Ending Balance \$40,250.27, Capital Improvement \$33,387.68, Benevolence year to date sent to ELCA \$16,267.37, Checking Account balance \$91,712.61, Property Sales CD \$18,701.80, Savings Account \$103,550.42 and ILC Miller Fund \$284,254.13. Our share of the First Lutheran Parsonage expense was large in December due to First Lutheran not sending a bill and it will be the final bill.

**YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Adam Nelson said the Christmas Children’s Program went well and about 15 youth volunteered at the Live Nativity. GLOW and Confirmation youth had games and a movie for the end-of-the-year Pajama and Pancake Night. GLOW and Confirmation will resume on January 11<sup>th</sup> and the curriculum has been modified so that the elementary-age lessons will be less complicated. There are plans for snow tubing at Stewartville, Minnesota and bowling in Decorah. Scholarships will be available. Wendy Johnson has volunteered to be in charge of the Valentine’s Dinner December 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was an unexpected extra charge of over \$1,600.00 per month from Portico for Pastor Charis’ insurance due to her filing for disability. We are required to pay this for two months which will be for December and January.

There will have to be either a special meeting or email confirmation of the Council to approve nominees for the Call Committee and to approve the agenda for the Semi-Annual Meeting January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Due to comments from the congregation, there was a discussion about the height and location of the Christmas tree which has been by the pulpit and under the projected image on the wall. The tall tree covers the projection in places for those that sit on the west side of the church especially when sitting closer to the front. A couple of suggestions were to move the tree to the east side or have a shorter tree.

Martha Rasmusson brought up for discussion the proposal to establish a new position with compensation for the GLOW meal coordinator.

Another proposal for discussion was having the boards meet at 6:30 p.m. and the council meet at 7:00 p.m. Currently it is 7:00 and 8:00. It was mutually agreed upon by the council to try the new times to allow the council members to leave at an appropriate time.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The Endowment/Memorial Committee proposed spending \$1,710.00 of Endowment interest as follows: Howard County Food Pantry \$500.00, EWALU Bible Camp \$400.00, Riverside Bible Camp \$300.00, ELCA water projects \$510.00. Motion passed to approve the distribution of Endowment interest as proposed by the Endowment/Memorial Committee.

**BOARD REPORTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The next council meeting is February 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

*This is a summary of minutes of the January council meeting.  
Full minutes will be available after formal approval by council at the next meeting.*

## February 2023 — Worship Assistants

	GREETERS/USHERS	COMM. ASSISTS	WORSHIP LEADER	LECTOR	ACOLYTES	SOUND SYSTEM	PROJECTION
February 5, 2023 Sunday	Ken & Wendy Lueschow	Marlene Michel Sue Easler Matt Hemann Kat Zachary	Jim Hughes	Rod Bakken	Matt Hemann & Youth	Arlyn Grube Al Voyna Matt Gates	Jenny Matt
February 8, 2023 Wednesday	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth	5th & 6th Graders	Arlyn Grube	Jenny Matt
February 12, 2023 Sunday	Lewie & Thea Perkins	Ken & Charlotte Hebrink Rod & Nancy Bakken	Scott Wiley	Penny Hughes	Matt Hemann & Youth	Arlyn Grube Al Voyna Matt Gates	Kenny Lueschow
February 15, 2023 Wednesday	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth	5th & 6th Graders	Arlyn Grube	Jenny Matt
February 19, 2022 Sunday	Dave & Jenny Matt	Dale & Joyce Vagts Jim & Penny Hughes	Cindy Yslas	Jenny Matt	Matt Hemann & Youth	Arlyn Grube Al Voyna Matt Gates	CJ Yslas
February 22, 2022 Ash Wednesday	Youth	Youth	Jim Hughes	Youth	5th & 6th Graders	Arlyn Grube	John Wiedeman
February 26, 2022 Sunday	Ken & Charlotte Hebrink	Gary & Sharon Johnson Phyllis Barth Sonia Ollendieck	Cindy Yslas	Sharon Johnson	Matt Hemann & Youth	Arlyn Grube Al Voyna Matt Gates	Doug Berg

Tickets are available for the youth run

### Valentines Dinner!

Saturday, February 11th, 2023

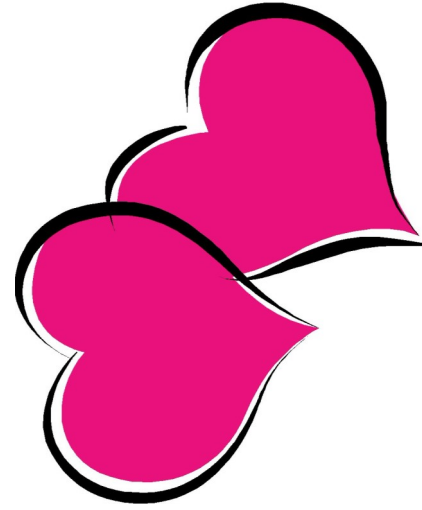
5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Seatings

(Beef) Meat Sauce Lasagna or Chicken Alfredo Lasagna

\$20.00 a person

Wine, Salad & Dessert included!

Proceeds go toward Youth Gathering Trip 2024!!





## March 2023—Worship Assistants

GREETERS/USHERS	COMM. ASSISTS	WORSHIP LEADER	LECTOR	ACOLYTES	SOUND SYSTEM	PROJECTION
Mar 5, 2023 Sunday	Marlene Michel John Wiedeman Matt Hemann Kat Zachary	Jim Hughes	Tanya Fencil	Matt Hemann & Youth	Arlyn Grube Al Voyna Matt Gates	Matt Gates
Jan 8, 2023 Wednesday	Youth	Youth	Youth	5th & 6th Graders	Arlyn Grube	Jenny Matt
Mar 12, 2023 Sunday	Manley & Linda Bigalk Dick Franks Sue Easler	Scott Wiley	Sonia Ollendieck	Matt Hemann & Youth	Arlyn Grube Al Voyna Matt Gates	Al Voyna
Mar 15, 2023 Wednesday	Youth	Youth	Youth	5th & 6th Graders	Arlyn Grube	Jenny Matt
Mar 19, 2023 Sunday	Bill & Cheryl Seele Marge & Merle Sovereign	Cindy Yslas	Marlene Michel	Matt Hemann & Youth	Arlyn Grube Al Voyna Matt Gates	CJ Yslas
Mar 22, 2023 Wednesday	Youth	Youth	Youth	5th & 6th Graders	Arlyn Grube	Jenny Matt
Mar 26, 2023 Sunday	Sonia Ollendieck Phyllis Barth Sue Easler Judi Bina	Jim Hughes	Wendy Johnson	Matt Hemann & Youth	Arlyn Grube Al Voyna Matt Gates	Jenny Matt
Mar 29, 2023 Wednesday	Youth	Youth	Youth	5th & 6th Graders	Arlyn Grube	Jenny Matt

### Volunteer Opportunities at Immanuel Lutheran!!

Did you know you could assist with ANY of the following projects!!

Back-Pack Program      GLOW Teacher/Assistant      Kitchen Help      Music Teacher  
 Pianist      Busy Bags      Youth Music      Mobile Food Pantry      Meals-On-Wheels  
 Cutting/Rolling Bandages      Joy Visitor      Prayer Chain Member      Bulletin Delivery  
 Men's Breakfast      Circle of Grace      Pew Maintenance      Clothing Drive  
 Youth Council      Food Collection      Fellowship Support      ... and much more!!

October Calendar







**Treasurer's Report**

**Summary**

	November	Year to Date	
GENERAL FUND			
Beginning Balance	\$19,023.06	\$22,623.08	<b>General Fund</b>
General Fund Income	\$12,108.94	\$139,635.92	<b>Savings Account</b>
Reimbursed Income	\$200.00	\$46,787.51	<b>\$103,505.75</b>
Reimbursed Expenses	\$0.00	-\$7,922.95	
Miscellaneous Income	\$868.21	\$103,520.62	<b>Parsonage</b>
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0.00	-\$884.44	<b>Rent 2022</b>
Coffee Fellowship	\$153.00	\$936.75	<b>\$8,200.00</b>
<b>General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>-\$3,306.30</b>	<b>-\$50,410.71</b>	
General Executive Committee Expenses (Payroll)	-\$10,497.89	-\$129,886.76	<b>ILC Miller Fund</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$18,549.02	\$124,399.02	<b>Account Balance</b>
Operating Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$269,963.76</b>
Savings income	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	<b>10/31/2022</b>
Savings expense	\$0.00	-\$160,000.00	
<b>Debt Reduction Income / Fall Dinner</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$4,150.00</b>	<b>Prop Sales CD</b>
<b>Debt Reduction Exp /Op Loan / Savings / Payment</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$18,701.80</b>
General Fund Ending Balance	<b>\$18,549.02</b>	<b>\$18,549.02</b>	
Men's Breakfast			
Beginning Balance	\$392.09	\$151.02	
<b>Men's Breakfast Income</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>	<b>\$1,913.00</b>	
<b>Men's Breakfast Expense</b>	<b>-\$203.80</b>	<b>-\$1,755.73</b>	
Ending Balance	<b>\$308.29</b>	<b>\$308.29</b>	
Hands of the Master			
Beginning Balance	\$1,083.42	\$1,083.42	
<b>Hands of the Master Income</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>Hands of the Master Expense</b>	<b>-\$95.83</b>	<b>-\$95.83</b>	
Ending Balance	<b>\$987.59</b>	<b>\$987.59</b>	
BENEVOLENCE FUND			<b>Sent to the ELCA</b>
Beginning Balance	\$5,316.13	\$2,877.30	<b>November</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$1,880.00</b>	<b>\$25,563.51</b>	<b>\$1,130.63</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>-\$1,420.00</b>	<b>-\$22,664.68</b>	<b>2022</b>
Ending Balance	<b>\$5,776.13</b>	<b>\$5,776.13</b>	<b>\$14,578.95</b>
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND			<b>Pledged</b>
Beginning Balance	\$32,152.68	\$25,613.68	<b>\$16,000.00</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$555.00</b>	<b>\$7,094.00</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
Ending Balance	<b>\$32,707.68</b>	<b>\$32,707.68</b>	
Luther League Account			
Beginning Balance	\$14,132.13	\$11,023.82	
<b>Youth Income</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,823.00</b>	
<b>Youth Expense</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>-\$714.69</b>	



## January 2023, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Amplifying the Voices of Iowa Children and Families Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) works to provide services to Iowa children and families and to share their stories with the community. As a way of amplifying our communities' voices, we invite you to be a part of the annual Lutheran Day on the Hill event.



Join Lutheran Services in Iowa and the three Iowa synods of the ELCA for Lutheran Day on the Hill in Des Moines on March 14, 2023! This day is essential for amplifying the voices of those who are not heard, for seeking social justice and for empowering people to exercise their right and responsibility to be part of the legislative process.

If you are interested in joining LSI for Lutheran Day on the Hill, visit our website at <https://lsiowa.org/ldh/>. 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.

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](http://LSIowa.org) and [facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

### **A Journey of Overwhelming Joy**

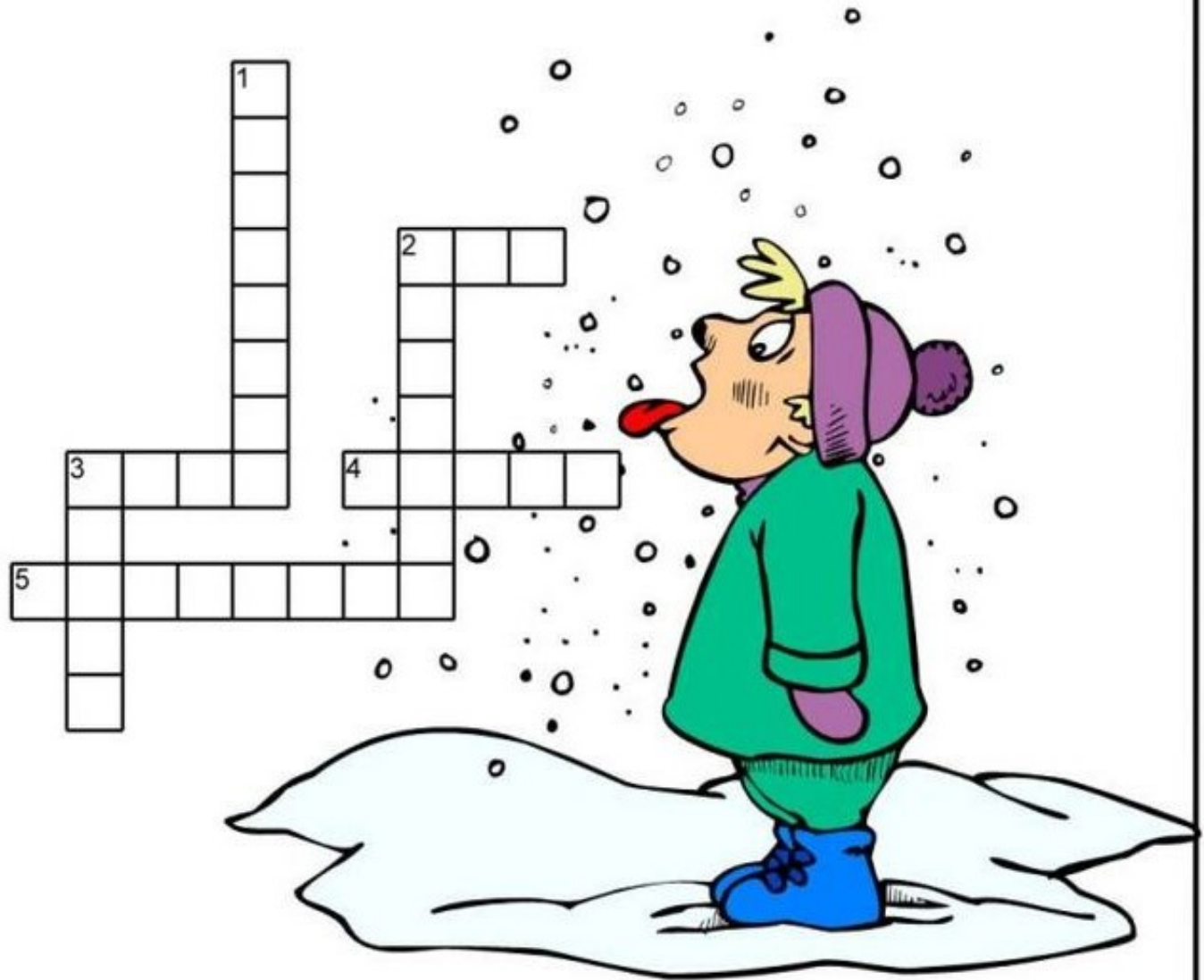
After going through fertility treatments and being told they weren't able to have any more kids, Dani and her husband pursued their foster care license in 2015 and have cared for 13 kids since. "Throughout our journey of being foster parents, we've had many great placements," said Dani. "Our shortest placement lasted five days when we cared for a girl, whose mother was incapable of watching her while she recovered in the hospital, and our longest lasted 18 months."

Dani shared that one of their biggest blessings was having the opportunity to adopt some of the children they fostered. The family adopted their first child at age one, and they had plans to adopt another when the child turned 18 years old.

"Every time our family adopts another child, I get the same feeling of overwhelming joy," said Dani. "I feel like any expectant mom –not being able to contain my joy when their adoption comes up, and telling everyone I know about it." Dani shared that it is hard to explain the full impact fostering – and the lows and highs it brings – has had on her family. "We've cried, stressed and lost a lot of sleep. We loved, laughed and had so many firsts," said Dani. "But I still tell everyone who is considering being a foster parent to do it. It's a roller coaster, but so worth it."



# Winter Weather!



**Across**

- 2. \_\_\_ is very slippery and dangerous when on the sidewalk or street.
- 3. This fluffy white stuff falls from the sky.
- 4. This unpleasant stuff is a cross between snow and rain.
- 5. Wear these on your ears to keep them warm.

**Down**

- 1. This big vehicle clears the snow from the streets.
- 2. These long stems of ice can form on the edges of a roof.
- 3. Wrap this around your neck to feel cozy when it's cold outside.





# Radio Broadcast Sponsorship!

## February & March 2023

- Feb 5, 2023      In loving memory of Leone & Arnold Ernst's Wedding Anniversary on February 3, 1939. Sponsored by their daughters Helen Schmauss, Sandra Peter and Linda Bigalk and their families.
- Feb 12, 2023      In honor of the many volunteers that make the church run so smoothly. From the backpack program, the Joy visitors, to the GLOW program and those who step in to play piano at worship, we could not do it without the remarkable team of Immanuel Lutheran members that give of themselves in so many ways. Sponsored today by members of the Immanuel Family who wish to say Thanks!
- Feb 19, 2023      Sponsored by Rick and Karen Nance in memory of their parents. Karen's parents, I.W. "Mike" and Doris Dietz. Mike was born: September 3, 1927 and died January 29, 2014 and Doris was born June 23, 1927 and died September 23, 2013. Rick's Dad is Charles T. Nance and he was born on April 15, 1928 and passed away on September 12, 2019.
- Feb 26, 2023      **Available to Sponsor**
- Mar 5, 2023      In loving memory of Merlin Schmauss, sponsored today by his wife Helen Schmauss and family. Merlin was born on March 8, 1941 and died on February 1, 1995.
- Mar 12, 2023      In memory of Walter and Gertrude Zeller's March Birthdays, sponsored by Leonard Zeller. Walter's was March 9th, 1893 and Gertrude's was March 25, 1900.
- Mar 19, 2023      **Available to Sponsor**
- Mar 26, 2023      Sponsored by Arlene & Robert Falk in memory of Walt Reis and his March 26th Birthday. And in memory of Mike Pierce who was born on March 29, 1911 and died on May 16, 1952, sponsored by LuAnne Lewis.

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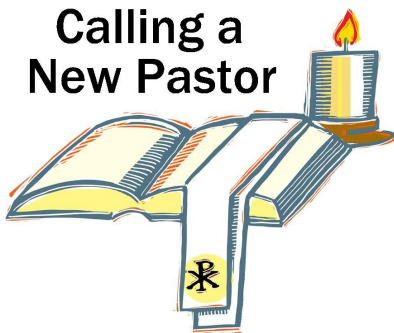
### Call Committee Update!

Your **Call Committee** (in search of a new Pastor) were confirmed during the Semi Annual meeting held on January 29th, 2023.

#### They include:

- Rod Bakken
- Matt Gates
- Vickie Grube
- Karen Nance
- Adam Nelson
- Mick Yslas
- Dale Vagts

Kaiya Holten (Youth Rep)



We will keep you posted as the process continues with new developments.



**Altar Guild:** Volunteers are always needed for children's busy bags, filling alter candles, alter linens, and pew cards. Please see the office if you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities! Thanks!



### Adult Education News

**The 7:45 a.m.** Adult Study group continues to meet on Sunday morning for coffee, treats and discussion. In September they returned to "Faith Lens" material, connecting world events with Bible, faith, and everyday life. You'll find them in the conference room (across from the office).



**The 6:00 p.m.**—Sunday Night lessons on *The Lords Prayer* have been a real success as well...please continue to look in your bulletins each week for additional Sunday night lessons throughout the year!!

### Prayers of Healing, Comfort and Guidance

Brad McCarroll, SueAnn Ferrie, Sammy Evenson,  
Stacey Anderson, Sarah Lienhard, Ron Herbison, Roger Rodden,  
Rick Nance & Blake Stevenson

### Loved Ones Serving Our Country

Joshua Kappes, Brady Vrieze, Cameron Krueger, Brandon Ludeman  
& Landon Nordby

### Friends & Family in Assisted Living

JoAnne Kratz & Perry Blaser

### Joy Visits (Home Communion)

If you or someone you know would like a visit to your home or would like to receive *home communion*, please let the office know and we will add you to our *JOY VISIT* list.

### **Official Acts in Nov, Dec & Jan**

**Funerals:** Arliss Fox, 12.27.22  
Lois Albers, 1.26.23

**Baptisms:** None



### **February & March Mid Month Communion**

We will NOT be hosting a Mid Month Communion until such time as we have a Full Time Pastor again. If interested in a Home Visit/Communion, please let the office know!  
Thanks!

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weather is hot,  
keep a cool  
mind. When  
the weather is  
cold, keep a  
warm heart!!