



In Word & Deed



“God With Us”

Dec 22 & Jan 23

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Thanksgiving! The weather is cooler and the harvests are about done. Time to think about family gatherings and dinners. Time to first dread and then anticipate snow. All these bright leaves on the ground remind me that there is a time for everything, just like the Book of Ecclesiastes says. I don’t always give thanks for every event at the time it happens, but I know that eventually, I will. It’s a matter of trust, and I trust God’s grace and love for me and all of us. What I want to be especially thankful for now is all of you. St Paul writes in the book of Philippians 1:3, “I thank my God on every remembrance of you, constantly praying with joy in ever one of my prayers of all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ”I began ministry here on May 4, 2020 and I thank you for the time, energy and conversation we have together. Immanuel members are wonderfully invested in their congregation, and it’s an inspirational thing to see up close. I will miss each face and every smile on every Sunday for awhile. I am deeply grateful for your love and all your efforts to serve Christ. I guess that, when you all wrote your mission statement, you really meant it! I will remember you all in my prayers - it’s become a habit, anyway. Happily, I will not be leaving the Cresco community. I hope to bump into you here in town, at the grocery store or the Theater, or some sports event. I won’t be able to discuss churchly matters, but we can check in and keep up with each other and our families. May the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ and his peace be with you always.

Gratefully,
Pastor Charis



Confirmation & GLOW

God's Love on Wednesdays (GLOW) has begun!! 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 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 have met their goal for the water filtration system for an overseas school & look forward to setting a new goal!

The Children's Christmas Program is scheduled for Sunday, December 11th at 11:00 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran! There will be a "practice" performance on Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. Parents, families and friends are all invited to BOTH performances!! Come out and watch these little people celebrate the birth of Jesus as only our youth truly can!!



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!

GLOW/CONFIRMATION

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Wed, December 14th

Christmas Party (All Grades)

5:00 p.m. ~ Meal

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. ~ Movie

*"The Star" Story of the 1st Christmas
(Popcorn & Snacks provided)*

No Worship

Wear Your Pajamas!!!!

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Sat, December 17th

Winter Youth Day

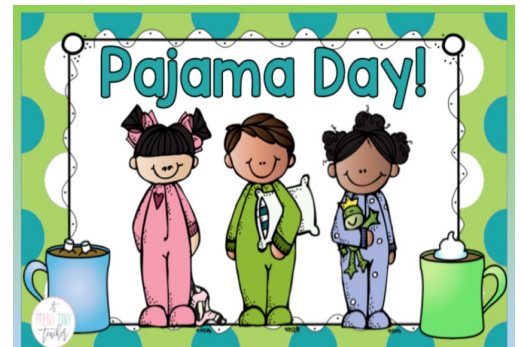
(Grades 7th—12th)

9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m.

*Christmas Baking, Making Tie
Blankets, Bowling, Arcade & so much more!!*

Bring a Friend!!!

*(RSVP to Adam
by Dec 14th)*



The Christmas Cantata

“A Candlelight Christmas”



Is scheduled for the following performances:

Saturday, December 17th, 3:00 p.m.
Notre Dame Parish

Sunday, December 18th, 9:00 a.m.
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday, December 18th, 10:00 a.m.
Cresco Community Chapel





Upcoming Youth Events Dates to Remember!!

November

- 16th GLOW/Confirmation - 6:00 p.m.
- 20th **YOUTH SUNDAY** - 9:00 a.m.
Church - *Sign up with Adam*
- 23rd NO GLOW - **Happy Thanksgiving!!**
- 30th Christmas Program Practice - 6:00 p.m./Worship - 7:00 p.m.



December

- 7th Dress Rehearsal & Worship - 6:00 p.m.
- 11th **Christmas Program** - 11:00 a.m.
Live Nativity - 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- 14th **GLOW Christmas Party** - NO Worship
- 17th **Winter Youth Day** - 9:00 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- 21st NO GLOW or CONFIRMATION
- 28th NO GLOW or CONFIRMATION



Youth Blanket Drive

Help share the Love of Christ at Christmas time with a Tie Blanket!! These blankets are being donated to the kids at the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester, MN.

Bring your donation of a new tie blanket of fleece fabric (1 yard to 2 1/2 yards spreads) to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 305 2nd Ave W Cresco by Dec 17th so the Youth can make the blankets and distribute before Christmas!!



For questions, call Kelsey at 563/379-0101 or email Immanuel.yfm@gmail.com

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL MINUTES – OCTOBER 3, 2022

TREASURER’S REPORT: General Fund Ending Balance \$6,298.40, Capital Improvement \$31,727.68, Benevolence year to date sent to ELCA \$10,253.58, Checking Account balance \$58,162.32, Savings Account \$103,505.75 and ILC Miller Fund \$284,020.13.

PASTOR’S REPORT: Pastor Charis reported her pastoral acts in September included: four Sunday worship services, one funeral, three GLOW sessions, three text studies, the Upper Iowa Conference Pastors Monthly Meeting, six miscellaneous meetings and four visits. She also hosted the September Ministerial Alliance Meeting.

Upcoming events include the wedding of Amber Hinck and Brady Vrieze October 8th and the baptism of Zoey Stephenson October 16th. First Communion practice is October 26th and the participating youth may have their First Communion with the congregation at the All Saints Celebration November 13th. The following youth have turned in their faith statements and will be confirmed on October 30th: Kenzie Moellers, Eden Rasmusson, Brennan Van Dyke, Alden Shaw, Kayli Hinck and Peyton Johnson. There may be other recipients because Covid has caused some disruptions.

Pastor Charis explained the ELCA policy in regards to a former pastor retiring in the community in which she served. She cannot be a member of Immanuel and must transfer her membership. She can socialize with Immanuel members and attend weddings and funerals at the church. However, there must be no conversations about church affairs.

Pastor Charis’ official retirement date is November 15th and she cannot take on any new duties. However, with a vote by the council she may officiate at the wedding of Tanya Lueschow and Tyler Driver. She has had all the necessary pre-wedding meetings with them. Motion passed to allow Pastor Charis Combs-Lay to officiate at the wedding of Tanya Lueschow and Tyler Driver December 10, 2022.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Adam Nelson reported GLOW and Confirmation have begun but are short one teacher. The Noisy Offering at the Wednesday night worship service will go towards helping to build a Water Purification System through Lutheran World Relief. Malissa Kappes will create a chart to show the progress of the fundraising. Upcoming events include a youth meeting October 16th, a Middle School Lock-In at the University of Northern Iowa, Trunk or Treat at the Fitness Center and helping with the Fall Dinner in November.

Adam and Kelsey work together with the Christian Education and Youth boards.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Motion passed to approve the distribution of Endowment interest as proposed by the Endowment/Memorial Committee. Endowment expenditures: CARE/Christmas in Cresco \$500.00, Don Davis Fund \$200.00, Midwest Mission \$200.00, Wings of Refuge (sex trafficking) \$447.00 and Young Adults in Global Mission \$400.00. Total is \$1,747.00.

Posters advertising the Fall Dinner are available for distribution around the community. The plan is to serve 700 people.

BOARD REPORTS:

Church Properties – The board fixed a church-sanctuary window and discussed planting trees on the property line with the Lienhards who are in the process of buying the west lot.

Evangelism & Social Concerns – The board will put up a sign on the Food Pantry cart to not bring outdated food.

Christian Education - Youth Sunday is November 20th. Upcoming events are Trunk or Treat at the Fitness Center, raking leaves and the Christmas Holiday Parade. The Live Nativity setup is December 3rd and the event is December 4th. The Christmas play practice is November 30th and December 7th. The play is 11:00 a.m. December 11th after Sunday worship service and coffee fellowship. In 2023 there are plans for snow tubing, Valentine’s Day Dinner and “Souper Bowl” (fundraiser for the hungry).

October 2022 Minutes Continued

Youth Ministry – Preparations for Confirmation include robes, photographer, flowers, cake, etc. Fall Dinner duties include preparation, serving and cleanup. There are plans for a movie night with a portable screen, an Easter Egg Hunt and a Carnival Day in the spring. Four seniors are graduating from high school this spring. Youth will tie blankets for the seniors and the Ronald McDonald House.

Worship & Music – The box for candles used on All Saints Day will be prepared and prices for poinsettias will be acquired.

Stewardship & Finance – The abstract for the church's lot at the corner of 2nd Avenue West and 4th Street West has been updated and the sale of the lot to Louis and Lisa Lienhard will soon happen.

Parish Fellowship – During the month of October there will be a standing order of donuts at Kwik Star and in November cookies may be part of the order. The weekly cost of donuts is \$18. Volunteers can still sign up to furnish the treats, make the coffee, serve and clean up.

NEW BUSINESS: There will be a farewell event hosted by the Parish Fellowship Committee for retiring Pastor Charis Combs-Lay. Leonard Zeller will be asked to use his woodworking skills to make a gift. The Council will nominate a Call Committee and appoint people after November 15th. The church does not have to pay Pastor Charis for her unused vacation but the Synod says she must be paid for the Continuing Education because it has been budgeted for. Steve Brackett of the Northeastern Iowa Synod will meet with the Council after the Call Committee is finalized.

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



Save the Date!!

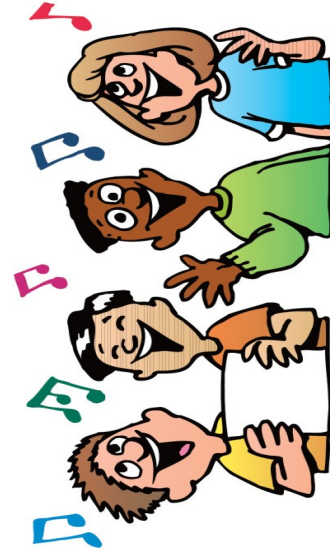
The **Semi-Annual Meeting** will be the last Sunday in
January 2023 - January 29th, 2023
at 10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

Everyone plan to attend as we will discuss our way ahead
toward getting a new Pastor and other Church topics,
projects and plans! *See you all then!!*

December 2022— Worship Assistants

| | GREETERS/USHERS | COMM. ASSISTS | WORSHIP LEADER | LECTOR | ACOLYTES | SOUND SYSTEM | PROJECTION |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---|------------------|----------------|-------------------|--|----------------|
| December 4, 2022 Sunday | Dave & Jenny Matt | Marlene Michel, John Wiedeman, Matt Hemann Kat Zachary | Cindy Yslas | Jenny Matt | Youth | Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates | Al Voyna |
| December 7, 2022 Wednesday | Youth | Youth | Youth | Youth | 5th & 6th Graders | | Jenny Matt |
| December 11, 2022 Sunday | Kenny & Wendy Lueschow | Cindy & Mike Yslas Ken & Charlotte Hebrink | Jim Hughes | Penny Hughes | Youth | Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates | CJ Yslas |
| December 14, 2022 Wednesday | Youth | Youth | Youth | Youth | 5th & 6th Graders | | Al Voyna |
| December 18, 2022 Sunday | Lewie & Thea Perkins | Rod & Nancy Bakken Jim & Penny Hughes | Scott Wiley | Sharon Johnson | Youth | Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates | Jenny Matt |
| December 21, 2022 Wednesday | NO GLOW | OR | CONFIRMATION | | | | N/A |
| December 24, 2022 Saturday | Bob Omar & Leonard Zeller | Phyllis Barth Sonia Ollendieck Gary & Sharon Johnson | Pastor Allen Vik | Rod Bakken | Youth | Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates | Kenny Lueschow |
| December 25, 2022 Sunday | Ken & Charlotte Hebrink | No Communion | Dale Vagts | Mike Yslas | Youth | Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates | CJ Yslas |
| December 28, 2022 Wednesday | NO GLOW | OR | CONFIRMATION | | | | N/A |

We Need Voices and Musicians
 for the Wednesday Night Praise Band!!
 Looking for ANYONE of ANY AGE who might be interested
 in SINGING, PLAYING an Instrument or simply BEATING
 a drum to keep beat!! We Need YOU!!
 Please let Sarah Holten know, if you have ANY interest
 in being a part of this very fun team!!



January 2023— Worship Assistants

| | GREETERS/USHERS | COMM. ASSISTS | WORSHIP LEADER | LECTOR | ACOLYTES | SOUND SYSTEM | PROJECTION |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|----------------|------------------|-------------------|--|---------------|
| Jan 1, 2023 Sunday | Matt & Deanna Gates | Marlene Michel Judi Bina Matt Hemann Kat Zachary | Cindy Yslas | Marlene Michel | Youth | Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates | John Wiedeman |
| Jan 4, 2023 Wednesday | Youth | Youth | Youth | Youth | 5th & 6th Graders | | Jenny Matt |
| Jan 8, 2023 Sunday | Dick & Florene Holten | Manley & Linda Bigalk Dick Franks & Barb Larsen | Jim Hughes | Vickie Grube | Youth | Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates | Doug Berg |
| Jan 11, 2023 Wednesday | Youth | Youth | Youth | Youth | 5th & 6th Graders | | Jenny Matt |
| Jan 15, 2023 Sunday | Mick & Jolene Gamez | Bill & Cheryl Seele Meagan & Kenzie Moellers | Scott Wiley | Bill Seele | Youth | Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates | Matt Gates |
| Jan 19, 2023 Wednesday | Youth | Youth | Youth | Youth | 5th & 6th Graders | | Jenny Matt |
| Jan 22, 2023 Sunday | Bob Omar & Leonard Zeller | Tanya Fencil Sue Easler Merle & Marge Sovereign | Cindy Yslas | Sonia Ollendieck | Youth | Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates | Al Voyna |
| Jan 26, 2023 Wednesday | Youth | Youth | Youth | Youth | 5th & 6th Graders | | Jenny Matt |
| Jan 29, 2023 Sunday | Steve & Wendy Johnson | Sonia Ollendieck Phyllis Barth Judi Bina John Wiedeman | Jim Hughes | Wendy Johnson | Youth | Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates | CJ Yslas |

Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center is Alive & Well!

Pastor Dan Johnson sends his wishes and wanted to pass on to us that Cultural Immersion visits are slowly coming back! They had 7 groups visit this year and look forward to more visits in 2023! If interested, please let the office know!! Also - They are very grateful for the Energy matching program and because of the generosity of people like you, the 2021-2022 heating season, 350 households benefited from the program. These households include 1,376 people!! If interested in supporting this program again this year, let the office know! Additionally, he mentioned that they received a large grant allowing them to work with local partners to operate a homeless shelter in the community. They use the center as a day shelter allowing showers, laundry and a warm safe space. See the lobby for a complete list of what they've been up to in South Dakota!!



October Calendar

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September 2022 Treasurer's Report Summary

| GENERAL FUND | September | Year to Date | |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$6,213.38 | \$22,623.08 | General Fund |
| General Fund Income | \$13,477.08 | \$97,987.42 | Savings Account |
| Reimbursed Income | \$15.00 | \$46,387.51 | \$103,505.75 |
| Reimbursed Expenses | -\$940.71 | -\$7,922.95 | |
| Miscellaneous Income | \$2,647.59 | \$101,794.27 | Parsonage |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | \$0.00 | -\$884.44 | Rent 2022 |
| Coffee Fellowship | \$65.00 | \$621.75 | \$6,600.00 |
| General Fund Expenses | -\$3,130.34 | -\$41,935.78 | |
| General Executive Committee Expenses (Payroll) | -\$12,088.60 | -\$106,512.46 | ILC Miller Fund |
| GENERAL FUND | \$6,258.40 | \$112,158.40 | Account Balance |
| Operating Loan | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$261,835.89 |
| Savings income | \$0.00 | \$50,000.00 | 30-Sep-2022 |
| Savings expense | \$0.00 | -\$160,000.00 | |
| Debt Reduction Income / Fall Dinner | \$40.00 | \$4,140.00 | |
| Debt Reduction Exp /Op Loan / Savings / Payment | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| General Fund Ending Balance | \$6,298.40 | \$6,298.40 | |
| Men's Breakfast | | | |
| Beginning Balance | \$392.95 | \$151.02 | |
| Men's Breakfast Income | \$164.00 | \$1,604.00 | |
| Men's Breakfast Expense | -\$157.39 | -\$1,355.46 | |
| Ending Balance | \$399.56 | \$399.56 | |
| Hands of the Master | | | |
| Beginning Balance | \$1,083.42 | \$1,083.42 | |
| Hands of the Master Income | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Hands of the Master Expense | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Ending Balance | \$1,083.42 | \$1,083.42 | |
| BENEVOLENCE FUND | | | Sent to the ELCA |
| Beginning Balance | \$3,980.59 | \$2,877.30 | September |
| Income | \$1,710.54 | \$21,128.51 | \$1,349.40 |
| Expenses | -\$1,170.00 | -\$19,484.68 | 2022 |
| Ending Balance | \$4,521.13 | \$4,521.13 | \$10,253.58 |
| CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND | | | Pledged |
| Beginning Balance | \$31,162.68 | \$25,613.68 | \$16,000.00 |
| Income | \$565.00 | \$6,114.00 | |
| Expenses | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Ending Balance | \$31,727.68 | \$31,727.68 | |
| Luther League Account | | | |
| Beginning Balance | \$14,132.13 | \$11,023.82 | |
| Youth Income | \$0.00 | \$3,823.00 | |
| Youth Expense | \$0.00 | -\$714.69 | |
| Ending Balance | \$14,132.13 | \$14,132.13 | |
| Checking Account Balance | \$58,162.32 | \$58,162.32 | |

October 2022 Treasurer's Report Summary

| GENERAL FUND | October | Year to Date | |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|--|
| Beginning Balance | \$6,298.40 | \$22,623.08 | General Fund Savings Account |
| General Fund Income | \$29,539.56 | \$127,526.98 | |
| Reimbursed Income | \$200.00 | \$46,587.51 | |
| Reimbursed Expenses | \$0.00 | (\$7,922.95) | Parsonage Rent 2022 |
| Miscellaneous Income | \$858.14 | \$102,652.41 | |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | \$0.00 | (\$884.44) | |
| Coffee Fellowship | \$162.00 | \$783.75 | \$6,600.00 |
| General Fund Expenses | (\$5,168.63) | (\$47,104.41) | ILC Miller Fund Account Balance |
| General Executive Committee Expenses (Payroll) | (\$12,876.41) | (\$119,388.87) | |
| GENERAL FUND | \$19,013.06 | \$124,873.06 | \$261,835.89 |
| Operating Loan | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 30-Sep-22 |
| Savings income | \$0.00 | \$50,000.00 | |
| Savings expense | \$0.00 | (\$160,000.00) | |
| Debt Reduction Income / Fall Dinner | \$10.00 | \$4,150.00 | |
| Debt Reduction Exp /Op Loan / Savings / Payment | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| General Fund Ending Balance | \$19,023.06 | \$19,023.06 | |
| Men's Breakfast | | | |
| Beginning Balance | \$399.56 | \$151.02 | |
| Men's Breakfast Income | \$189.00 | \$1,793.00 | |
| Men's Breakfast Expense | (\$196.47) | (\$1,551.93) | |
| Ending Balance | \$392.09 | \$392.09 | |
| Hands of the Master | | | |
| Beginning Balance | \$1,083.42 | \$1,083.42 | |
| Hands of the Master Income | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Hands of the Master Expense | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Ending Balance | \$1,083.42 | \$1,083.42 | |
| BENEVOLENCE FUND | | | Sent to the ELCA |
| Beginning Balance | \$4,521.13 | \$2,877.30 | October |
| Income | \$2,555.00 | \$23,683.51 | \$3,194.74 |
| Expenses | (\$1,760.00) | (\$21,244.68) | 2022 |
| Ending Balance | \$5,316.13 | \$5,316.13 | \$13,448.32 |
| CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND | | | Pledged |
| Beginning Balance | \$31,727.68 | \$25,613.68 | \$16,000.00 |
| Income | \$425.00 | \$6,539.00 | |
| Expenses | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Ending Balance | \$32,152.68 | \$32,152.68 | |
| Luther League Account | | | |
| Beginning Balance | \$14,132.13 | \$11,023.82 | |
| Youth Income | \$0.00 | \$3,823.00 | |
| Youth Expense | \$0.00 | (\$714.69) | |
| Ending Balance | \$14,132.13 | \$14,132.13 | |
| Checking Account Balance | \$72,099.51 | \$72,099.51 | |

Merry Christmas from LSI!

*“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”
— John 1:5*



As Christmas approaches, we give thanks to you! Because of your generosity LSI has continued to offer hope and healing to Iowans of all ages. Thank you for bringing the light of Christ to your neighbors who rely on these important services!

At LSI we see veterans getting help, children overcoming fear, moms and dads parenting with renewed joy and confidence, new neighbors from foreign lands becoming established and active in their communities, the pride of independence for those experiencing challenges in everyday life. We know parents who feel hopeless, with few resources to raise their young children. We know adults with disabilities who feel voiceless, with no support system or connection to their community. We know teens who are aging out of foster care, who fear they will never have a forever family.

The spirit of giving, the spirit of love, and the spirit of working together, allows us to stand together and celebrate this Christmas season.

LSI's annual matching gift campaign gives opportunities to double new and increased gifts through the end of the year. If you would like to learn more about how you can support Iowa children and families, contact Deb Whitford, LSI Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at 563.676.2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

LSI is also available to provide a customized virtual shared ministry opportunity for your congregation. If you would like to share the message of LSI with your community, please visit LSIowa.org/church-relations or contact our Waverly office at 319.352.2630 to get started.

Wishing you a blessed and merry Christmas from LSI!

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 www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Thank you!

As 2022 comes to an end, we reflect back on all those whose lives have been impacted by your gifts.

From Iowa's newest citizens, those you've helped to feel at home in a new country: "Thank you"; from the young first-time mom who has learned how to care for her newborn: "Thank you"; from the teenager who needed some redirection and support: "Thank you".

From the veterans needing help readjusting from trauma they endured: "Thank you"; from the person who was able to receive the kind of mental health therapy they needed: "Thank you".

From the person with disabilities who is able to live as independently as possible with our help: "Thank you"; from the parents who are learning new processes to provide healthy, safe environments for their children: "Thank you"; from the foster parents who are providing care when needed, "Thank you".

From those kids in residential whose lives have come to a turning point with new skills to use going forward: "Thank you!"

And from all of us at LSI that you have encouraged and supported: "Thank you!"

KIDZ KORNER

Christmas Word Find

G C P M E H E F F N Y Y A S E
 V F I O G K N O C Y R R I L B
 Z H S J Z X U H E G A B Z N B
 H A T I D U R X S Z M E I P E
 R P L R S I L E N T N I G H T
 R K O Q S N E M E S I W A J H
 Y L X T Y Z S W C Z S P E P L
 M I M F H F N P N S J V E K E
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| JESUS | HAY |
| MARY | ANGEL |
| JOSEPH | FAITH |
| WISEMEN | HOPE |
| MANGER | FRANKINCENSE |
| NATIVITY | MYRRH |
| BETHLEHEM | SILENT NIGHT |
| CAMEL | LORD |
| DONKEY | SAVIOR |
| STAR | CHRISTMAS |



1. Candle
 2. Holly leaves
 3. Bow
 4. Gift
 5. Snowflake
 6. Santa Claus
 7. Shooting star
 8. Snowman
 9. Star
 10. Lantern
 11. Reindeer
 12. Angel
 13. Cherries

SOLUTION: CHRISTMAS TREE



Radio Broadcast Sponsorship!

December 2022 & January 2023

- Dec 4, 2022 In loving memory of Adam Samec. Adam’s birthday was on December 8th, 1980 and he passed away on April 11th 2001. Sponsored today by his devoted mother Vicky Reicks and family.
- Dec 11, 2022 In honor of those who put their hearts and souls into the Fall Dinner each year. It does NOT go unnoticed. Sponsored today by members of Immanuel who wish to say Thank You for all you do!
- Dec 18, 2022 In loving memory of Don Davis. Don was born on August 2, 1942 and he passed away on December 22, 2013. Sponsored today by the Davis and Bergan family who still miss him today.
- Dec 25, 2022 In loving memory of Dawn (Davis) Meyer. Dawn was born on December 31, 1974 and passed away on June 25, 2007. Sponsored today by her mother Sue Easler and Dawn’s entire extended family.
- Jan 1, 2023 In recognition for the folks behind the projection, radio boradcasts, facebook and U-tube that keep us connected to the community both near and far. From members of Immanuel who say Thanks!!
- Jan 8, 2023 In loving memory of Wayne Ollendieck who was born on January 8, 1947 and passed away on February 27, 2018 after a long courageous battle with cancer. Sponsored today by his wife, Sharon Ollendieck, his 4 children and 8 grandchildren.
- Jan 15, 2023 In loving memory of Diane Berg in honor of her birthday on January 19th. Sponsored by her husband Dave Berg and the entire Berg Family.
- Jan 22, 2023 Available for Sponsorship
- Jan 29, 2023 In honor and gratitude for all those who helped with the Living Nativity, from the builders to the actors to those behind the scenes making everything happen, the community was blessed to see such an event and our Congregation was blessed to be a part of something so special.

“Making a Joyful Noise” is what the MAJN singers are all about: bringing special music to the congregation. We all feel choir is a way of enhancing God’s Word through song. Many of the members have been a part of choir for many years, committed to practice every Wednesday, September through May. Choir, under the direction of Rick Nance, and Karen LeFebvre as our accompanist, is an hour of concentrated work and just plain fun...with a strong sense of friendship & family among the choir members.



YOUTH & WORSHIP BAND!!

We would LOVE to build back our YOUTH & WORSHIP MUSIC MINISTRY! If you, or someone you know would like to be a part of this, please let us know! Do you or a friend play an instrument of ANY KIND, do you or a friend sing EVEN A LITTLE?? Can you hum or keep a beat???



Let us know as we would love to build on our Wednesday night Youth Music program with many more talents from throughout Immanuel Lutheran and the Community!! Bring a friend along to make it fun & less intimidating!! All are welcome!!



Altar Guild: Volunteers are 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 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 7:00 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, Arliss Fox, Sammy Evenson,
Stacey Anderson, Sarah Lienhard, Randy Reinhart, Lois Albers,
Ron Herbison, Jeff Mason & Roger Rodden

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 October

Funerals: None

Baptisms: Zoey Lynn Stevenson
Oct 16, 2022

Confirmation: Oct 30, 2022

Kayli Hinck, Payton Johnson, Elizabeth Koch, Kenzie Moellers, Aden Rasmusson,
Alden Shaw & Brennan VanDyke



**December & January
Mid Month Communion**

Please join us in the Community Room at 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 8th & January 12th for a service of Holy Communion and a time of Fellowship.

All are welcome to attend!!

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