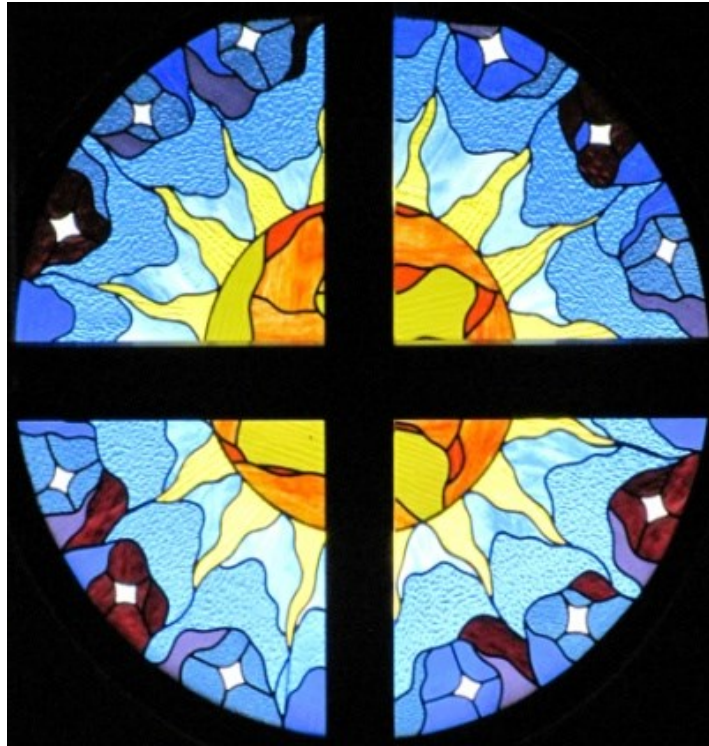


Immanuel Lutheran Church

Share Christ's Love.

December 2022 Newsletter



Worship and Communion

Sunday services

9 am

** In-Person*

** Live Streaming*

Faith Formation

Sunday

10:15 am

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/UCv8w8w8w8w8w8w8w8w8w8w8) * Email us at luthwash@hotmail.com

Come visit us at 1226 East Washington Street, Washington, Iowa 52353

Church ~ 319.653.3950

Monthly Updates (Month to date)

Account balances as of 11-29-22

General Fund ~ \$28,597.43

Visions ~ \$2,530.26

Endowment ~ \$3,309.57

Community Assistance ~ \$3,793.70

Mortgage ~ \$29,069.20

For detailed finance information,
refer to the monthly Council minutes or
contact any member of Finance.

Attendance

Sunday, October 30

9 am ~ 51 Views ~ 46

Kinnick ~ 21

Sunday, November 6

9 am ~ 66 Views ~ 38

Sunday, November 13

9 am ~ 38 Views ~ 42

Sunday, November 20

9 am ~ 95 Views ~ 128

Sunday, November 27

9 am ~ 39 Views ~ 93



ENCORE EXPRESS

Heritage

Area Agency on Aging



Meals for seniors 60+!

Encore Express is **"your second call to enhance your health"**

This **NEW** and **INNOVATIVE** program features

Bi-monthly meals catered by Hy-Vee (coming soon!), Vouchers for meals at Hy-Vee

Suggested voluntary contribution of \$5.00 per meal, Evidence-Based Programs

(Chronic Disease Self-Management, Tai Chi, Stepping On and more), Nutrition Education & Counseling, and Opportunities to socialize

To pick up meal vouchers and for additional information call Immanuel

Lutheran Church at (319) 653-3950. Or stop in on Tuesdays and

Encore Express Meals for November:

Thursday, December 8th and Thursday, December 22nd

Serving at 11:30 a.m.

RSVPs are required.

See you there!!



Birthdays for December

1- Quinn Wubben
2- Stephen Bay
11- Addison Six
14- Lyle Moen
14- Sandy Weller
18- Bill Zywiec
29- Pastor Howard



Anniversaries for December

31- Jim & Kathleen Almelien

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Finance - Thursday, December 1 @ 6:30 pm

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



My sincere thanks to the many friends who called me, sent cards and/or befriended my in any way during the past month. A special thanks to DeAnn Hakert who got me to the doctor's office at a very early hour and patiently waited for me to get the care I needed. It has been a difficult month but I am healing very well and can do "almost" everything I have always done by myself. I hope to be back in church soon. My appreciation and thanks also to the Sunday School kids for the adorable Halloween pumpkin cat--what a joy to get! I also enjoyed a lovely visit with Fran Victor who delivered the pumpkin cat--so nice to get better acquainted with a fellow member of Immanuel, which has been my church home for over forty years, but some more recent members that I don't know very well.

God's Blessings and thank you all so much,
Vi Kruse

December 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

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!”



Centering Prayer: December 5th and 19th 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

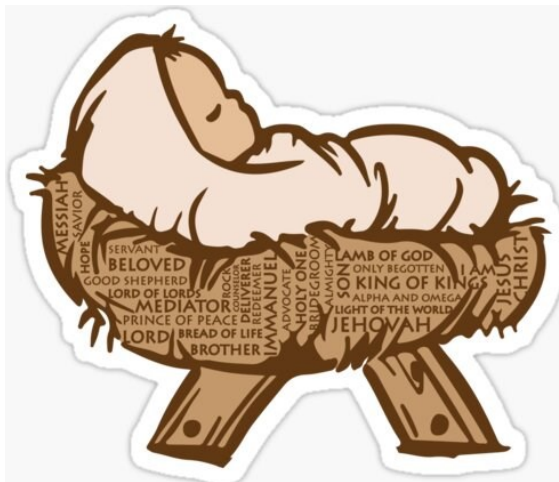
Looking ahead at the dates for upcoming Centering Prayer times

December 3rd and 17th (Note this is a change to the 1st and 3rd weeks to avoid Christmas Eve.)

In January we return to the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month.

Everyone is invited to attend Immanuel's Children's Christmas Program

"BABY JESUS, PRINCE of PEACE"



Sunday, December 18, 2022 at the 9 am church service.

Children from Preschool through High school are participating.

After the service, please join us for Jesus' Birthday Party,
an intergenerational activity.

This will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

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.



Kinnick is done for the season. A crew of 27 with some help from friends, family, and FCA.

Thank you!!



Arts in Worship Sunday



Mark your calendar.

**Our next Saturday Kitchen will be
December 10th.**



The week of December 12th, Immanuel will be hosting Toys for tots again this year. More information to follow.



The HOPE workers will still be meeting every Tuesday morning but will no longer meet on Wednesdays. The Tuesday hours will be 9 to noon.

You are invited to join Jim and Kathleen Almelien in celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The open house will be held :

December 31, 2022 between 2-4 pm
Art Domestique Gallery on the square
118 S. Iowa Avenue
Washington, Iowa 52353
Light Norwegian refreshments will be served.

RSVP: jk.almelien@gmail.com

-no gifts-





Service Date	Acolyte	Greeter	Reader	Tech	Usher	Communion
December 4	Clayton Bartholomew	Michelle and Taylor Bartholomew	DeAnn Hakert	Brian Lueck	Ray Poe and Scott Bartholomew	Bev Bailey
December 11	Vivi Kroll	Tricia and Caitlin Kroll	Tricia Kroll	Steve Vetter	Brad Kroll and Gary Fischer	No communion
December 18	Paige Woline	DeAnn Hakert and Pam Johnston	Peg Harris	Brian Lueck	Stan Kroll and Steve Vetter	Stan & Sharol Kroll
December 24 6 pm	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Bev Bailey
December 25	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Bev Bailey

Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly PARTY

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 20, 2023

YOU READ THAT RIGHT—NEXT YEAR THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY WORK SESSIONS WILL BE ONLINE ONLY FOR THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES (MAY BE IN DES MOINES ON SATURDAY, MAY 15 AND 16) AND THE PARTY IS IN PERSON **FOR EVERYONE IN THE SYNOD** ON SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023 IN DES MOINES.

SAVE THE DATE! WE ARE ALL INVITED!

Christmas meal at Washington First Assembly
Donations of money, food, or paper goods needed.
Meal held December 25, from 11 am - 1pm

Contact Dave Watson 319.653.3749