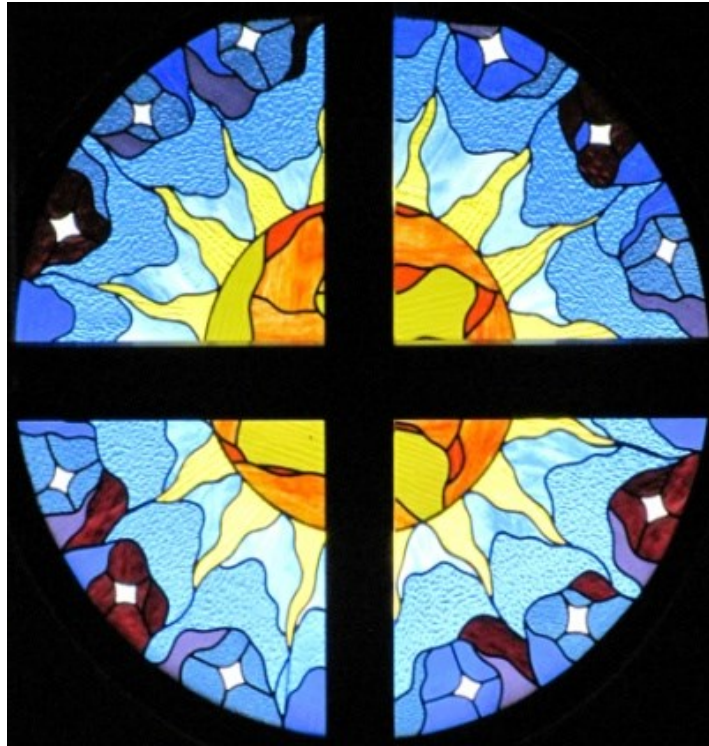


Immanuel Lutheran Church

Share Christ's Love.

February 2023 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/luthwash) * Email us at luthwash@hotmail.com

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

Church ~ 319.653.3950

Attendance

Sunday, January 1
9 am ~ 38 Views ~ 68

Sunday, January 8
9 am ~ 65 Views ~ 81

Sunday, January 15
9 am ~ 62 Views ~ 64

Sunday, January 22
9 am ~ 43 Views ~ 101

Sunday, January 29
9 am ~ 56 Views ~ 95

If you aren't signing the register, you aren't counted in these numbers.



Birthdays for February

3- Lee Buchholz
6- Vi Kruse
12- Axel Six
15- Susan Baker
15- Vivienne Kroll
18- Danielle Six
23- Molly Zywiec
25- Aden Six
25- Avery Six
25- Ajay Six



Anniversaries for February

15- Brian & Carrie Lueck

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Finance- Thursday, February 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Council - Sunday, February 5th at 11:30 a.m.

Education - Tuesday, February 21st at 4:15pm

Worship & Music - Thursday, February 23rd at 1 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

December 2022 Finance

Checking	30645.43	Faith Formation Income	46.27
Visions	4934.65	Thrivent Choice Dollars	300.00
Savings	1596.93	Building and Grounds	50.00
Community Assistance	3793.70	Misc. Income Savings	0
Luther League	10432.14	Visions	690.00
Hills Bank		Christmas	120
Checking	61148.90	Interest Income Checking	11.70
Refresh Renew	600.89	Interest Income Savings	.71
Erma Thompson	3310.95	Total Income	37519.73
(Scholarship Fund)		Total Expense	27211.81
Envelope Offering	9670.00	Net Income	10308.21
Simply Giving	2432.00		
Total	12102.00	YTD Income	78414.33
		YTD Expense	[62106.11]
Loose Offering	796.00	YTD Net Income	16308.22
Income other	0		

February Happenings

We could call this awesome February!!

February 5th- Erin Kaye and the Presbyterian congregation will be here. Pastor Erin will be leading our service at 9 AM.

February 19th- The Bishop Amy Current will lead our service at 9 AM and join us for refreshments afterwards. Please come and stay for a visit.

February 22nd- Ash Wednesday. Pastor Runaas will lead the service with Imposition of Ashes and Communion will be served at the 6 PM service.

March 1st- Lenten soup supper served at 5:30 PM with Holden Evening Prayer service following at 6:15 PM



Confirmation Project Donations Needed:

Please donate any books you're looking to recycle and get off your home shelves! Any books, all age groups, and all book genres are welcomed!!!! Thomas Lueck is building a free little library on church grounds and needs your book donations to keep his library rotation going!! He will keep and maintain the rotation with the help of your donations. He will place a donation box in the front hallway of church! Thank you so much!!



Many paper products for your use at breakfasts and soup suppers, that are needed have been purchased and are in the cupboards in the kitchen. There are napkins, cutlery, glasses, 2 sizes of plates, and soup bowls. You won't need to purchase anything for serving food.

WE ** DO ** NEED DONATIONS OF COFFEE.

BOTH DECAF AND REGULAR PLEASE

Lenten Soup Suppers

Serving at 5:30 pm

March 1st- Choir hosting

March 8th- No Committee signed up

March 15th- No Committee signed up

March 22nd- No Committee signed up

March 29th- Faith Formation hosting



**Please see sign up sheet on hall table to sign up to
host a Lenten soup supper.**



LENTEN WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Ash Wednesday Service will be on February 22nd at 6:00 p.m. with Communion.

Wednesday services will continue in March at 6:30 p.m. with Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m.

The choir will host the first one on March 1st. Committees and volunteers are asked to sign up to host the rest of the month.

LENTEN SERVICES AT IMMANUEL

During Lent we will "Walk with Jesus" using labyrinths to clear our minds to pray and be open to the presence of God. There will be finger labyrinths to use in the pews during the prelude, information about 2 labyrinths in our community and there will be an actual labyrinth in the fellowship hall March 25th - April 1st. which leads us to Palm Sunday Processional. Our focus is on prayer, charity, and service. We will also be using a "Service of Diminishing Light" at the start of Sunday services to recall how there were attempts to put out Christ's light but His light could not be extinguished and we have Light Eternal through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

April 2 - 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday

April 6 - 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday

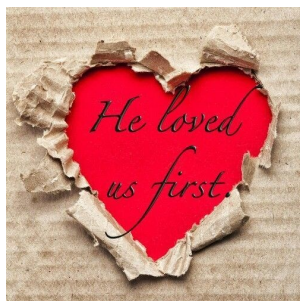
April 9 - 9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday



Centering Prayer: February 11th and 25th 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



Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you do much for all the gloves, hats, coats, and warm outerwear you collected for the students at Lincoln Elementary! The students and staff appreciate your kindness and concern in keeping us warm this winter.

Sincerely, Lincoln Staff

A very heartfelt THANK YOU to each and everyone who contributed to our mitten tree fund! After contacting the grade schools here in Washington, we found that there were requests for boy's coats, sweat pants and socks. Because of your **GENEROUS** donations, we delivered:

62 pairs of mitten/gloves

18 stocking hats

7 coats

6 pairs of cozy slipper socks

2 pair of snow pants

8 pair of sweat pants

3 pair of snow boots

And a scarf

Your response was wonderful and the elementary schools were extremely grateful!

Thank you - you guys are **AWESOME!**



ENCORE EXPRESS

Heritage

Area Agency on Aging

HyVee
EMPLOYEE OWNED

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, February 9th and Thursday, February 23rd

Serving at 11:30 a.m.

RSVPs are required.

See you there!!

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.



Service Date	Acolyte	Greeter	Reader	Tech	Usher	Communion
February 5	Grace Taylor	Angela Taylor and Emma Taylor	Fran Victor	Steve Vetter	Jason Taylor, Ray Poe, and Gary Fischer	Bev Bailey
February 12	Axel Six	Aaron & April Six	Linda Six	Brian Lueck	Ron Andersen and Aaron Six	Stan & Sharol Kroll
February 19	Paige Woline	Ryan & Christina Woline	Christina Woline	Steve Vetter	Ryan Woline, Steve Vetter, and Clyde Pearce	Naomi Erickson
February 22 Ash Wednesday	Vivi Kroll	None needed	None needed	Ajay Six	Volunteers needed *	Bev Bailey
February 26	Ainsley Six	Tricia Kroll and Caitlin Kroll	Tricia Kroll	Avery Six	Stan Kroll and Brad Kroll	Tricia Kroll



Rev. Amy Current is a pastor in The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and has served the Southeastern Iowa Synod in the office of bishop since 2020. She is a graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, MN (B.A.) and Wartburg Theological Seminary (M.Div.).

Prior to her role as bishop, Current served as vice president for admissions and student services at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. She also served in various leadership roles at Wartburg Seminary including director for financial aid and stewardship formation, director for public communications, and interim director of the Center for Youth Ministries. Born and raised in North Dakota, Amy was honored to serve as pastor of Maple Sheyenne Lutheran Church in Harwood, N.D., as pastor of Golden Ridge Lutheran Church, Fargo, N.D., and Congregational Lutheran United Church, Gardner, N.D.

Bishop Current serves on the boards of Grand View University, Lutheran Services in Iowa, Wartburg College, and Unity Point Health – Des Moines.

Bishop Current is married to Rev. Dr. Samuel Giere, who serves as professor of biblical interpretation at Wartburg Theological Seminary. They have two children, Isaac and Shonagh Current Giere. The family has two miniature Australian shepherds, Archie and Otis.

Bishop Current enjoys reading novels, kayaking, snowshoeing, walking, sharing meals, lingering in conversation, watching tv, and exploring through travel.