IMMANUEL

MESSENGER

What is Happening this Month at Immanuel



2024 Beaver Dam Conference Spring Gathering

SATURDAY **APRIL 27** 9:00A-12:00P

The women of Immanuel invite you to spring into action!

Join us for prayer and reflection and inspiring bible study and presentations as we consider how our faith can produce action in our congregations and communities. You are invited to bring in-kind gifts of women's hygiene products, paper products, and Kwik Trip gift cards. A delicious meal will follow. Please call Immanuel's office at 920-261-1663 to register.



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Dear Immanuel Friends, Thank
Thank you so so so much for you
the notes for my ordination! I am so grateful for your

support and prayers on that really special day. You all are the best!

Grace & Peace Pastor Rita

SERVICE OF HEALING PRAYER Monday, April 22 @ 6:30pm

Worship in a quiet, contemplative setting at the Service of Healing prayer. This worship service is especially meaningful for all who sense a need for healing in any aspect of life, for those who long for peace, comfort and the hope of Jesus Christ. There will be beautiful music, a time for individual prayer with the pastor, remembrance of baptism, and holy communion.

Membership Report - February 2024

Worship Attendance:

	8:00 am	10:30 am	6:30 pm	9 am / Special	Total	Average	Info/Service
2024			•			<u> </u>	
Feb. 4/5	81	55	22		158	53	
Feb. 11/12	56	90	22		168	56	S.S. led 10:30 worship
Feb. 14		50	79		129	0	Ash Wednesday 11am, 6:30pm
Feb. 18/19	76	50	24		150	50	
Feb. 21		12	40		52	26	2nd wk of Lent 6:30
Feb. 25/26	70	45	22		137	46	
Feb. 28		13	38		51	26	3rd wk of Lent 6:30
Totals	283	315	247	0	845		
2023							
Feb. 5/6	81	87	21		189	63	
Feb. 12/13	59	91	27		177	59	
Feb. 19/20	80	78	18		176	59	
Feb. 22					0	0	Ash Wednesday Cancelled due to weather
Feb. 26/27	88	42	18		148	49	
Totals	308	298	84		690		

Baptism:

Cameron James Jordan-Hrobsky, February 19, 2024 Greenlee Ruth Jordan-Hrobsky, February 19, 2024 Baptized: 838* Confirmed: 709*

*These are the numbers that are available through our current membership software.

Deceased:

Kathleen 'Kathy' Joyce Ebert October 31, 1925 – February 11, 2024

Immanuel's 150th Anniversary

Mark your calendars NOW for **January 2025** when we will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our congregation.

Did you know . . . During the construction (1952-1954) of our current church building services were held downtown Watertown in the old Savoy theater.

Watch for more fun facts in the coming months!

Treasurer's Report - February 2024

Actual Weekly Income

	General	Debt Retirement	Building Offering	Mission Support	Other Budgetary Designated	Capital Campaign	Other Designated	Total
2-4-24	11,862.50		150.00	100.00	668.00	1,010.00	277.87	14,068.37
2-11-24	4,234.50		35.00	10.00	323.00	795.00	292.75	5,690.25
2-18-24	7,565.50		35.00	10.00	35.15	2,055.03	765.84	10,466.52
2-25-24	5,472.00		35.00	10.00	26.05	1,735.00	551.00	7,829.05
TOTALS:	29,134.50	_	255.00	130.00	1,052.20	5,595.03	1,887.46	38,054.19
Year-to-Date GENERAL Budget Needs (Week # 8)		\$59,480.00		Actual	\$76,564.01			
Year-to-Date CAPITAL CAM- PAIGN Budget Needs (Month # 2)		\$33,330.00		Actual	\$89,388.03			
Year-to-Date OTHER Designated Income					\$5,63	32.81		

Loan Expenses: Line of Credit: \$ 0.00

Immanuel's Promise: Loan Balance: \$969,000.00

(Interest paid in February - \$7,147.77; Principle paid in February - \$6,000.00)

(Mortgage payments begin in March)

Memorials:

Judy Hoffstetter: Capital campaign-\$225.00

Jim Miller: Capital campaign-\$20.00 Marlene Meiers: Capital campaign-\$25.00 Ernie Riesen: Capital Campaign-\$100.00

Kathy Ebert: Endowment-\$20.00; Undesignated-\$125.00

Honorarium:



IMMANUEL'S BOOK CLUB Wednesday, April 17 - 1:00pm

Immanuel's Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, April 17, at 1 pm in the Youth Room at church. Discussion will be regarding the *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes. See you there!

W-ELCA & IMMANUEL'S CIRCLES

W-ELCA Board will meet on Wednesday, April 3 @ 10:00am

Quilter's are meeting in the Multi Purpose Room at 9am on: Tuesday, April 2 - Wednesday, April 10 - Thursday, April 25

Bible Circles

Our Bible Circles continue to meet; you are welcome to visit either group.

Mary Circle will meet Tuesday, April 16th at 4:00pm upstairs in the Youth Room. Showing love, sharing food. Bring your favorite dish to pass.

We invite all Immanuel women to share a meal together with Mary Circle.

Sarah Circle will meet Thursday, April 18th at 10:00am in the Conference Room.

Pi Day 3.14

Thanks to everyone that helped prepare, package, sell and deliver pot pies!

We set a new record of 525 pot pies! Thanks to all of you that purchased these pies!

We began this project on Monday February 5, worked 4 mornings per week and ended February 28. We couldn't have done it without the following volunteers: Wanda Udovich, Mary Eckert, Judy Schumacher, Mary Wolff, Sue Weihert, Barb Eske, Chris Koehler, Grace Wegner, Dorothy Woodard, Donna Borchardt, Cindi Limburg, Sue Putra, Patty Grunseth, Mary

This is only one day with these women. They worked many days with several other women joining in on different days.

Morstad, Gola Martin, Karen Foelker, Jenifer Hedrick, Natalie Krause, Janis Shackley, & Jean Kwapil.

So, how many ingredients does it take to prepare all these pies?
480 lbs of chicken breasts, 60 lbs onions, 80 lbs carrots, 40 bunches of celery, 40 lbs of butter, 70 lbs of peas
Thanks to Piggly Wiggly and Glenn's Market for allowing us to pick up supplies weekly!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

The annual food drive will be **Saturday, May 11th**.

We are always looking for help. If you can help this day, please contact Dawn.

dawn@watertownfoodpantry.org



MONTHLY REPORTS February 2023

Hometown Mission Fund

Beginning balance: 02/01/2024	\$ 3,459.19
Deposits	\$ 2,357.98
21 check(s) written	-\$ 3,003.00
Void Checks	\$ 300.00
Service fees (simply giving)	-\$ 2.36
Ending balance 02/29/2024	\$ 3,111.81

25 contacts made in February 21 families received assistance

Community Laundry

Beginning balance: 02/01/2024	\$ 1,697.31
PLUS: Deposits	\$ 100.00
PLUS: Interest	\$ 0.00
MINUS: Service Fee (Simply Giving)	- \$ 0.00
MINUS: Withdrawals	- <u>\$ 690.00</u>
Ending balance 02/29/2024	<u>\$ 1,107.31</u>
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Loose Coin on Hand 02/01/2024	\$ 342.00
Withdrawals	\$ 690.00
MINUS: Operating Cost	- \$ 559.75
MINUS: Coin Shortage	- \$ 0.00
PLUS: Cash thrown in at laundry	\$ 0.2 <u>5</u>
Loose Coin on Hand 02/29/2024	<u>\$ 472.50</u>

72 families served in February 109 washer loads - 145 dryer loads

Personal Essentials Pantry

Beginning balance: 02/01/2024	\$ 6,344.18
February Deposits	\$ 0.00
February Purchases	\$ 945.00
Ending balance 02/29/2024	\$ 5,399.18



SCHEDULE FOR APRIL . . .

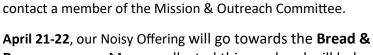
4	Leadership Watertown
11	Hope Lake Country
18	Zion Lutheran Clyman
25	Zion Lutheran Ashippun

Bread & Roses - February Report

Beginning Balance 02/01/2024	\$ 5,989.69
February Deposit	\$ 538.85
February Expenses	\$ 487.22
Ending Balance 02/29/2024	\$ 6,036.32
Savings Balance: 02/29/2024	\$ 2,544.22
Guests Served: 02/01 - 02/29/2024	926

Noisy Offering

Mission & Outreach will coordinate the Noisy Offering schedule. We will always (most usually) have the Noisy Offering on the 3rd weekend of each month. If your group is interested in having a weekend set aside please



Roses program. Money collected this weekend will help pay for food or other supplies as needed to run this important program.

Start saving your change for this worthy project!

FAITH FORMATION by Ruth Mack

"Thank you Immanuel"

Seventeen Immanuel members attending college received gift boxes from Immanuel's Faith Formation Committee. Thank you to the cookie bakers: Carol Lenius, Donna Borchardt, Esther Gibbs, Ruth Mack, Heidi Schaller, Penny Wegner, Neale Jones, Vicky Arndt, & Dorothy Woodward. In addition to the cookies and other snacks encouraging notes from Immanuel members were included.



Alexis Zubke



Logan Fuchs



Jake Crogan



Austin Fuchs with his friends!

The following will receive their First Communion at our Maundy Thursday service, March 28, 2024.



Declan Andrew Burke
Ryan Thomas Burke
Evelina Louise Grinwald
James Hallet Kwapil
Sierra Jayden Mayer
Alex Ryan Schuett
Eleanor 'Nora' Delaine Sukow



Thank You, Thank You!!!

A big thanks to our Immanuel Family for your generosity in supporting Austin and Charlie as they prepare to visit New Orleans in July for the ELCA Youth Gathering. We earned \$604.20 through the Puffin fundraiser, an additional \$400 in donations, and the Endowment Board approved our application for \$2000 in funds.

I'm honored to be a part of our church family and appreciate all of your gifts.

We will keep everyone posted on our journey this summer!

Thank you- Katie Bartelt, Austin Bartelt and Charlie Sukow

There is still time to send your picture in for the new church directory.

Submit Your Photo for our NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!



- No Need to be Formal There is no need for a formal photo shoot. If you have a favorite photo from a recent vacation or holiday party, use it! Have a beloved pet? Include them in your family photo! We want our directory to reflect our Immanuel family, and we want to see the real you!
- <u>Keep it Current</u> You may have had your best hair 25 years ago, but we want everyone to recognize you.
- <u>How to Take Your Photo</u> Most smartphones today take photos that are just as good as professional cameras, so feel free to use yours for your photo. Each photo will be a square shape, so keep that in mind as you're capturing yours.
- How to Submit Digital submissions are highly preferred. Please send your photo to directory.immanuel@gmail.com. If you only have a printed copy, please bring it to the church office. If you would like the photo returned, it must be labeled.
- We're Here to Help If you'd prefer that someone help you take your photo or you have any questions, please reach out to the church office or Trevor Thom, our Director of Congregational Life, at thom.immanuel@gmail.com.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL

- Joy Caine Adam Pichette Sue Weihert 2 2 Bailey Wolff 3 Judith Griep Bryce Pickens 3 Rob Gruenwald Herbert Page 4 4 Carrie Theis 5 Angela Klecker 5 Spencer Lueck
- Nayeli Calzada-Chairez 6 Barb Eske 6 Patrick Koehler 6 Penelope Lueck Kris Solovey 6 Emily Olszewski 7 Isabella Galston 8 **Brett Gaugert** 8 Claire Petersen 8 Amy Rice Jeremy Schmidt 8 8 Judy Schumacher Norma Albright 10
- 10 Cole Pickens 10 Richard Udovich Dena Vette 10 11 **Bentley Kumbier** Kimberly Vette Avila 11 11 Geo Woldseth Wieda Christian 12 13 Logan Korth 13 Jameson Stocks **Trevor Thom** 13

Melissa Burke

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Tanner Bast 14 Mike Hedrick Dale Pirila 14 15 Patti Grunseth-Petersen 16 LeRoy Nemitz 17 Miles Sutton 17 Sheri Thom Tammy Jorgensen 18 18 Peyton Peterson Weston Umland 18 19 Carson Gahlman 19 Denise Jacob 19 Sandy Kemnitz 20 Pam Vette-Burgardt 21 Melissa Polenski 21 **Dustin Schramm** 21 Robert Zimmermann Karen Lee 22 22 **Grace Matson** 22 Camryn Zechzer 23 Gail Lamp 23 Sondra Sweet 24 Josephine Galston 24 Davin Lee 25 Monica Miller 26 Amber Boeder 26 **Brooke Fuchs** 26 Gola Martin 26 Ann Meske

Melissa Prochaska

Theo Woodard

Connor Young

Nolan Bast

Kayla Bethke

Evelina Grinwald

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Wedding Anniversaries!

- 1 Spencer & Nancy Lueck
- 1 Kevin & Jennie Sukow
- 14 Dale & Lori Sjoberg
- 17 Jeff & Natalie Krause
- 18 John & Kay Zastrow
- 23 Bill & Sondra Sweet
- 24 Ashley & Mark Lawson
- 25 Rob & Cindy Gruenwald

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If your date is missing, please call the office.

Ministers: All the people of Immanuel

Rev. Carina Schiltz, Pastor Matt Stein, Director of Music Ministries

Janis Shackley, Office Manager Dawn Westenberg, Financial Secretary

Trevor Thom, Director of Congregational Life

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Notify Janis @ jshackley.immanuel@gmail.com if you would like to receive the Messenger online INSTEAD of U.S. Mail.



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room NO Evening Worship	2 9:00a Quilter's 10:00a W-ELCA Board	3 3:30p Confirmation 5:00p Mission & Outreach No Choir Rehearsals	4 10:30a Food to Go & Grow Packing at Methodist Church	5	6
7 8:00a Morning Worship 9:15a Education Hour 9:15a Coffee Fellowship By W-ELCA 10:30a Worship	8 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 5:15p W&M 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Evening Worship	9 5:00p Food Pantry Conference Room	10 9:00a Quilter's 3:30p Confirmation 6:30p Faithful Men 7:15p Festival Choir	11 6:00p Finance	12	13
14 8:00a Morning Worship 9:15a Education Hour 9:15a Coffee Fellowship 10:30a Worship	15 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 5:00p Faith Formation 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Evening Worship	16 4:00p Mary Circle Youth Room	17 1:00p Book Club in Youth Room 3:30p Confirmation 6:30p Faithful Men 7:15p Festival Choir	18 10:00a Sarah Circle Conference Room 6:00p Congregational Council - Conf. Room	19	20
21 8:00a Morning Worship 9:15a Education Hour w/Mentor Meeting 9:15a Coffee Fellowship By Worship & Music 10:30a Worship led by Sunday School Noisy Offering for	22 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Service of Healing Prayers Bread & Roses	23 11:30a I.L.L.B. 3:00p Youth Room 150th Anniversary Mtg	24 3:30p Confirmation 6:30p Faithful Men 7:15p Festival Choir	25 9:00a Quilter's	26	27 9:00a - Noon Beaver Dam Conference Spring Gathering Multi Purpose Room
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28 8:00a Morning Worship 9:15a Education Hour 9:15a Coffee Fellowship 10:30a Worship	29 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Evening Worship	30				

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Congregation Council Meeting

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 6:00pm (LAST МОНТН) Location: Conference Room

PRESENT: Bob Boxell, Lauren Wheeler, Rev. Carina Schiltz, Ryan Lessner, Katie Bartelt, DeWayne Roberson,

Sue Weihert, Sue Putra, Ruth Mack, Andy Woodard

ABSENT: Emily Lessner

Call to Order

President DeWayne Roberson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. A quorum was present.

Opening Devotion – Sharing of Good Friday artwork

Agenda Approval

MOTION: To approve the agenda.

By – Sue Weihert, Second - Ruth Mack - Motion carried by voice vote.

Vision Victories

Sharing of worship books; enjoyment of Wednesday Lenten services; First Communion class; Penny Wars winners; ELCA Youth Gathering fundraiser

Acceptance of February Financial Reports

MOTION: To accept the February 2024 Financial Reports as presented. By – Sue Putra, Second - Andrew Woodard - *Motion carried by voice vote.*

Approval of February Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the February 2024 Minutes as presented. By – Bob Boxell, Second - Sue Weihert - *Motion carried by voice vote*.

Acceptance of February Membership Report

MOTION: To accept the February Membership Report.

By – Ruth Mack, Second – Sue Putra - Motion carried by voice vote.

Pastor's Report

Acceptance of Council/Committee Reports

MOTION: To accept the council and committee reports received.

By – Andrew Woodard, Second – Lauren Wheeler - *Motion carried by voice vote*.

Old Business

Teens Encounter Christ request to use facilities

Motion: To use the facilities at no charge

By- Sue Weihert, Second- Sue Putra - Motion carried by voice vote

Church Security Project

Mark Putra completed course; working on grants for FEMA and evaluating Immanuel's risk; application due in April 2024.

Motion: For affirmation of continuation of security project and grant application

By – Bob Boxell, Second - Katie Bartelt - Motion carried by voice vote.

Work continues in the following areas:

Church Library
Parish Protection Plan - Pastor
150th Anniversary
Reconciling in Christ
Heating Committee- hydronic heating estimate
Solar Committee

New Business

Approve Audit Committee appointments: Evan Ferree, Tina Johnson, Doug Schilling By – Sue Weihert, Second - Andrew Woodard - *Motion carried by voice vote*.

Approve 2024 Confirmands:

Addison Strobel

Aubrey Altreuter

Cameron Hrobsky

Greenlee Hrobsky

Molly Lessner

Nolan Sommers

Zachary Grosenick

By - Ruth Mack, Second - Bob Boxell - Motion carried by voice vote.

Move to Closed Session (Personnel)

By – Sue Putra, Second -Sue Weihert - Motion carried by voice vote.

Return to Open Session

By – Andrew Woodard, Second - Bob Boxell - Motion carried by voice vote.

Upcoming Calendar Events

03/24 Sunday Palm Sunday and Breakfast 03/25 Monday ELCA World Hunger donation

03/28 Thursday Maundy Thursday

03/29 Friday Good Friday

03/30 Saturday Easter Vigil

03/31 Sunday Easter Sunday

04/27 Saturday WELCA Spring Gathering

Closing Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. By - Andy Woodard, Second - Sue Weihert — *Motion carried by voice vote*

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Bartelt
On behalf of Secretary Emily Lessner

Please notify the Church Office If You...

- Have moved.
- Have a new phone number.
- Have a new e-mail address
- Have a child go off to college and want them to receive the Messenger online or U.S. mail.
- Have someone in the hospital.

With updated information, we are able to keep you up to date on all the great things that are happening at Immanuel Church.

KEEP UP WITH IMMANUEL SERVICES IN ANY OF THE WAYS LISTED BELOW

Cable Broadcast

Channel 985 & WatertownTV.com
Tuesdays at 12:00p & 7:00p
Sundays at 4:00p

Web Site & YouTube:

watertownimmanuel.org/online worship

FaceBook:

facebook.com/watertownimmanuel

PASTOR HAS THE LAST WORD!

April 2024

Peace be with you, dear church.

As we live into the promise of new life in the Resurrected Christ, we celebrate the Easter season for the next seven weeks! We also reflect on a powerful lent season, trusting we are sustained by God's grace in Jesus Christ through it all.

During Lent, we worshiped God and strengthened our relationships through lunch and evening worship in the youth room. The conversations around the lunch table helped us get to know each other better and encourage each other in our faith.

During the evening worship services, we heard **15 people** share their stories and experiences in a panel format, focusing on the baptismal promises: live among God's faithful people, hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serve all people following the example of Jesus, and strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

How beautiful it is to be a community, to take time to listen to one another, and to recognize the gifts that God has given us in abundance. Those who shared their stories also gave us a call to action: how will we live out our baptismal identities?

We are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection. We are freed from sin and death, and freed for serving God and loving our neighbor.

It is the Crucified and Risen Christ who gifts us God's grace. This is what can sustain us in times when the "alleluias" don't come as easily. This is what centers our identity and gives us purpose. This is what empowers us when we consider how to respond in love to a world in need. This is what gives us hope.

The hymn "In Christ Belong, in Christ Behold" (ACS 958) final verse reads:

"In Christ abide, in Christ behold, the world beloved and whole. In love remain, by love proclaim God's wonders still untold."

Remain in love, dear friends. As we move from lent into the new life of Easter, how is God calling Immanuel to be a congregation that, abiding in Christ, lives our baptismal promises of serving all people, and working for justice and peace?

"In Christ behold God's wonders still unfold: the buried grain springs forth again with fruit one hundred fold. Baptized into the death of Christ, with Christ from death we rise, drawn through the night by dawning light into abundant life."

Amen.

Pastor Carina



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Growing in God's call to serve the world

TRUST IN HIS TIMING
RELY ON HIS PROMISES
WAIT FOR HIS ANSWERS
BELIEVE IN HIS MIRACLES
REJOICE IN HIS GOODNESS
RELAX IN HIS PRESENCE

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Worship Services -

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Monday 6:30 p.m.

Holy Communion at Every Service

All are Welcome!