IMMANUEL'S

MESSENGER

FEBRUARY 2024

WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS MONTH AT IMMANUEL

Mission & Outreach - Souper Bowl of Caring 2024 February 11-12

In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be
mindful of those who are without even a bowl of soup to eat."

You can become an MVP by taking the **TACKLE HUNGER CHALLENGE!** Participate in the "Souper Bowl of Caring" on the Weekend of February 11-12 by bringing to Immanuel at least one can of soup for the Watertown Food Pantry and/or a monetary donation.

It's been 34 years since this program first started and over 170 million has been raised for local charities across the country. Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need.



February 21 & 28 March 6, 13, & 20

12:00pmLent Lunch

A time for soup, scripture, and discussion with Pastor Carina!

6:30pm Evening Worship

Gather for song, scripture, reflection, and panel conversations!

IMMANUEL NEEDS YOU

Assisting Ministers, Readers,
Communion Assistants, Acolytes
Altar Guild & USHERS

If you are planning on coming to church on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday - please consider helping with one of these services. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex.



If you would like to provide hospitality and treats in between worship services, a sign up sheet for 2024 is in the narthex. You do not need to know how to make coffee in order to help!

Membership Report - December 2023

Worship Attendance:

| | 8:00 am | 10:30 am | 6:30 pm | 9 am / Special | Total | Aver- | Info/Service |
|------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|-------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 2023 | am | am | μπ | Special | rotar | age | IIIO/Service |
| Dec. 3/4 | 79 | 59 | 17 | | 155 | 52 | |
| Dec. 10/11 | 95 | 59 | 25 | | 179 | 60 | |
| Dec. 17/18 | 59 | 162 | 17 | 105 | 343 | 86 | Sunday School program/Candlelight |
| Dec. 21 | | | | 98 | 98 | 98 | Blue Christmas 6:30p.m. |
| Dec. 24 | 168 | 185 | 41 | | 394 | 131 | 11:00 am; 4:30 & 6:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 25 | | | | 36 | 36 | 36 | 9:00 a.m. |
| Dec. 31/1 | | | | 62 | 62 | 62 | only 9:00 a.m. on Sunday |
| Totals | 401 | 465 | 100 | 301 | 1267 | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| 2022 | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 4/5 | 74 | 63 | 19 | | 156 | 52 | |
| Dec. 11/12 | 98 | 51 | 19 | | 168 | 56 | |
| Dec. 18/19 | 52 | 147 | 22 | 135 | 356 | 89 | Sunday School program/Candlelight |
| Dec. 21 | | | | 22 | 22 | 22 | Blue Christmas 6:30p.m. |
| Dec. 24 | 131 | 198 | 52 | | 381 | 127 | 11:00 am; 4:30 & 6:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 25 | | | | 40 | 40 | 40 | 9:00 a.m. |
| Dec. 26 | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | no Monday service |
| Totals | 355 | 459 | 112 | 197 | 1123 | | |

Deceased:

Harvey H. Ruehlow, November 18, 1932 – December 21, 2023 Melvin Norbert 'Mel' Teska, April 10, 1941 – Dec. 23, 2023 Baptized: 837* Confirmed: 710*

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

New Members received December 3, 2023:

Ron Albright, Peter & Joanna Bredlau, Sherrie Pinno, Bev Schmidt

IMMANUEL RIC ANNOUNCEMENT - An update from the Reconciling in Christ team.

An important part of our three-fold mission here at Immanuel is to be a congregation that is "accepting all unconditionally." Our team, which was appointed by the Congregation Council, is tasked with leading us through the Reconciling in Christ process and providing educational opportunities that will help all of us put our mission into practice in more tangible, intentional ways.

Many congregations claim to be welcoming, but we believe that to be truly welcoming, we at Immanuel are called:

- to understand the needs and experiences of LGBTQ+ people in our congregation and community
- to learn and grow in our understanding of scripture
- and to be clearer in our proclamation of welcome and inclusion.

On January 14th, Pastor Carina led an Adult Forum conversation on SOGIE: sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression. We also hope you'll join us on **Friday, February 2nd at 6:00pm for a movie night and discussion around the documentary:** "Ending the Silence: Confronting Sexual Shame in the Church." The video is only an hour and features the perspectives and experiences of women and LGBTQ+ people in American Christianity. Refreshments will be provided.

There will be more learning opportunities throughout the coming months, and other members of our team will share those with you as they get closer. In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to learn more about what the RIC process is, please talk to any of the members on the team. You may also visit *WatertownImmanuel.org/ric* for more information:

Team Members: Katie Bartelt Jens Hetzler Brandon White Pastor Carina Schiltz

Trevor Thom Lynel Hetzler Beth Boxell

Treasurer's Report - December 2023

Actual Weekly Income

| | General | Debt Retirement | Building Offering | Mission Support | Other Budgetary Designated | Capital Campaign | Other Designated | Total |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| 12/3 | 7,294.50 | | 115.00 | 100.00 | 772.65 | 8,162.00 | 597.98 | 17,042.13 |
| 12/10 | 4,518.00 | | 35.00 | 10.00 | 56.00 | 4,644.00 | 671.60 | 9,934.60 |
| 12/17 | 10,446.00 | | 135.00 | 150.00 | 36.00 | 5,997.00 | 1246.35 | 18,010.35 |
| 12/24 | 6,347.00 | | 55.00 | 20.00 | 597.00 | 3,510.00 | 180.00 | 10,709.00 |
| 12/31 | Posted in Control (Deposited | January I in January | ; but poste | in Decembe | er.) | | | |
| TOTALS: | 28,605.50 | | 340.00 | 280.00 | 1,461.65 | 22,313.00 | 2,695.93 | 55,696.08 |
| Year-to-Date GENERAL Budget Needs (Week #52) | | \$368,245.00 | | Actual | \$370,7 | 769.73 | | |
| Year-to-Date CAPITAL CAM- PAIGN Budget Needs (Month #12) | | \$300,000.00 | | Actual | Actual \$303,560.30 | | | |
| Year-to-Date OTHER Designated Income | | | | \$46,276.86 | | | | |

Loan Expenses: Line of Credit: \$ 0.00

Immanuel's Promise: Loan Balance: \$1,045,000.00

(Interest paid in December - \$5,616.89 Principle paid in December- \$15,000.00)

Memorials:

Robert Geier: Undesignated - \$70.00 Wendell Wilson: Capital Campaign - \$20.00

Wanda Christian: Capital Campaign - \$580.00; Hometown Mission - \$100.00

Honorarium:

In honor of Phil & Sheila Strunz 25th anniversary: Boiler - \$25.00

In honor of Pastor Robert Hutson: baptism, confirmation, wedding, ordination on

7/1 fifty years ago (all at Immanuel): Capital Campaign-\$1,000.00

In honor of Faithful Men at Highland Village Christmas party on 12/11/23: Capital

Campaign-\$50.00

In honor of Trevor, Matt & Pastor Carina: Capital Campaign-\$1,500.00



IMMANUEL'S BOOK CLUB Wednesday, February 21st - 1:00pm

Immanuel's Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, February 21, at 1 pm in the Youth Room at church. We will be discussing *The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Richardson. Book lists for this year will be distributed at that time. See you there!

Endowment Fund Board News

The Endowment Fund Board meets four times a year to consider funding requests. Our next meeting will be **February 7, 2024**. The application process is simple and straightforward. Applications for funding are available through the church office. If you have questions related to applying, then please feel free to contact Mark Putra through the church office.

Bereavement Group -

We will meet again on Tuesday, February 20th at 11:00 am upstairs in the Youth Room.

W-ELCA & IMMANUEL'S CIRCLES

W-ELCA Board will meet on Wednesday, February 6 @ 1:00pm

Quilter's are meeting in the Multi Purpose Room at 9am on:

Tuesday, February 6 - Tuesday, February 13 - Thursday, February 22

Save the date for a Spring Women's Gathering with other churches from the Beaver Dam Conference on **Saturday April 27 from 9-12** followed by a baked potato bar. More information in March Messenger.

Bible Circles

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

Mary Circle will meet Tuesday, February 20th at 4:00pm upstairs in the Youth Room Sarah Circle will meet Thursday, February 15th at 10:00am in the Conference Room.

FAITH FORMATION

Immanuel 's Sunday school students offerings will again this year purchase ELCA good gifts animals or maybe even a well for water. The students are challenging the congregation to donate coins (paper money gladly accepted) for this purchase.

Containers labeled A-L,M-Z and "SS students" will be in the narthex during Lent. Please join the challenge by donating your coins. *Note pennies and paper money count as a positive vote, silver coins as a negative vote.*

ALL money however counts for the ELCA purchase. Votes go toward the honor of winning the traveling trophy.



Immanuel's 150th Anniversary

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

Did you know . . . In **1902** the stove in the sanctuary of the old church with its "long black arms" was removed and replaced with a furnace and the kerosene lamps were replaced with lights.

Watch for more fun facts in the coming months!

MONTHLY REPORTS December 2023

Hometown Mission Fund

| Beginning balance: 12/01/2023 | \$ 3,441.68 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Deposits | \$ 2,956.35 |
| 9 check(s) written | -\$ 1,450.14 |
| Void Check | \$ 108.00 |
| Service fees (simply giving) | -\$ 7.97 |
| Ending balance 12/31/2023 | \$ 5.047.92 |

14 contacts made in December 9 families received assistance

Community Laundry

| Beginning balance: 12/01/2023 | \$ 1,857.41 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| PLUS: Deposits | \$ 850.00 |
| PLUS: Interest | \$ 1.40 |
| MINUS: Service Fee (Simply Giving) | \$ 1.50 |
| MINUS: Withdrawals | - <u>\$ 610.00</u> |
| Ending balance 12/31/2023 | <u>\$ 2,097.31</u> |
| | |
| Loose Coin on Hand 12/01/2023 | \$ 105.50 |
| Withdrawals | \$ 610.00 |
| Coin thrown in & used at laundry | \$ 4.50 |
| MINUS: Operating Cost | <u>- \$ 390.50</u> |
| Loose Coin on Hand 12/31/2023 | \$ 329.50 |
| | |

53 families served in December 79 washer loads - 100 dryer loads

Personal Essentials Pantry

| Beginning balance: 12/01/2023 | \$ 5,522.67 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| December Deposits | \$ 100.00 |
| December Purchases | \$ 1,108.49 |
| Ending balance 12/31/2023 | \$ 4,514.18 |



SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY...

- 1 St. Luke's Lutheran Church
- 8 First Congregational Church
- 15 GLOW Giving Ladies of Watertown
- 22 Cross Lutheran Church Ixonia
- 29 St. Henry's Catholic Church

Bread & Roses - December Report

| Beginning Balance 12/01/2023 | \$ 2,230.44 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| December Deposit | \$ 2,666.15 |
| December Expenses | \$ 686.65 |
| Ending Balance 12/31/2023 | \$ 4,209.94 |
| Savings | |
| Savings Balance: 12/01/2023 | \$ 2,543.89 |
| Guests Served: 12/01 - 12/31/2023 | 886 |

Noisy Offering

Mission & Outreach will coordinate the Noisy Offering schedule. We will <u>always</u> (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 contact a member of the Mission & Outreach Committee.



February 18-19, our Noisy Offering will go towards the **Panther Den at Riverside Middle School.** Money collected will help purchase clothing and personal hygiene items for students in need.

Start saving your change for this worthy project!

| memory of someone, your gift must be received by t | ne dates listed below. | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Checks should be made out to Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church and enclosed with this form. | | | | | | | |
| Deadline is March 18, 2024 | Env. No | | | | | | |
| Given by: | | | | | | | |
| In honor/memory of: (Please circle one per sheet) | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| If you would like to give a gift to the ELC Immanuel/ELCA World Hunger. | A Hunger Appeal, please v | vrite your check to: | | | | | |
| Deadline is March 25, 2024 WORLD HUNGER | | Env. No | | | | | |
| Given by: | | | | | | | |
| In honor/memory of: (Please circle one) | | | | | | | |

The Worship & Music committee would like to purchase flowers for the Easter season in the same way we did for Christmas. If you'd like to make a \$12-\$15 donation to this Easter Flower Garden, in honor of or in



PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST - March 24, 2024

Serving will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 10:30 a.m. The menu will be announced later; the sit down breakfast will be served by the confirmation students and congregational helpers. Please consider adding this event to your family calendar! Great food, great fellowship! Sneak peek - one of the main entree items will be Apple Cinnamon Brioche French toast! Free will offering.

| Name: Phone #: # of Pi(es): Price is \$15.00 per pie. Make checks out to W-ELCA. | - - - |
|--|-------------|
| Price is \$15.00 per pie. Make checks out to W-ELCA. | |
| | |



Pi Day 3.14

Celebrate **Pi Day** this year with a made to order nutritious Chicken Pot Pi for your Family! Prepared fresh, frozen and ready for your oven!

The W-ELCA ladies are having a "Pi" Day fundraiser. We will take your orders and hand make a sumptuous Chicken Pot Pi to help you celebrate Pi Day 3.14.

Place your order by **February 26, 2024** by filling out this order form. Along with cash or check made out to WELCA, drop at

church office, in collection plate, or mail to Immanuel, 209 N. Ninth Street, Watertown, WI 53094

We will contact you when the pies are available for pick up.

Questions? Or to volunteer:

Contact Jean Kwapil at 920-248-3077 (leave a message) or email: kwaplljl5@charter.net

Please... We will need volunteers to help prepare and package chicken pot pies, also. Work days in the kitchen will start February 5 on Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday until all orders are filled starting at 9 a.m. Contact Jean Kwapil at 920-248-3077 & leave a message or email <code>kwapiljl5@charter.net</code>.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY

- 1 Timothy Pickens
- 1 Noah Trujillo-Zubke
- 2 Remi Field
- 2 Rob Jacob
- 2 Krista Schuett
- 3 Grace Madsen
- 3 Lewis Schultz
- 3 Ashley Woodard
- 3 Raymond Zubke
- 4 Betty Krueger
- 4 Marty Miller
- 4 Julian Tonche
- 6 Kenyon Kemnitz
- 6 Cathy Stein
- 6 Penny Wegner
- 6 Danielle Wood
- 7 Zach Boxell
- 7 Carol Nelson
- 8 David Beattie
- 10 Jarred Burke
- 10 Philip Buss
- 10 Mary Schmidt
- 11 Sharon Ferry
- 11 Brady Lessner
- 11 Preston Schmidt
- 12 Ella Berndt
- 12 Missy Koehler
- 12 Richard Kusel
- 12 Ron Miller
- 12 Joy Rohr
- 12 Nicholas Yang
- 13 Michelle Mueller
- 13 Gavin Stivarius
- 14 Jason Gruenwald
- 14 Sophia Page
- 15 Mia Ashenfelter
- 15 Whitney Heiden
- 15 Fredrick Rowoldt

- 16 Charleen Andracek
- 16 Fred Gremmels
- 16 Roger Klein
- 16 Phyllis Turke
- 17 Steve Andracek
- 17 Kristin Reyna
- 17 Sheila Smulders
- 17 Ethan Trujillo-Zubke
- 19 Jessica Chairez
- 19 Teresa Jensen
- 19 Helen Johansen
- 19 Holly Kuehl
- 19 Tabitha Kumbier
- 20 Annette Dunbar
- 20 Joel Rennhack
- 21 Scott Umland
- 22 Betty Duffy
- 22 Melody Pickens
- 22 Evelyn Schmidt
- 23 Lee Burling
- 23 Stan Schramm
- 24 Bob Adler
- 24 Nancy Buss
- 24 Betty Layton
- 24 Karey Lueck
- 25 Matthew Dunbar
- 25 Maura Prochaska
- 27 Clay Stocklin
- 28 Jean Chapman
- 28 Bryn Giernoth
- 28 Evan Winker



Wedding Anniversaries!

- 7 Pat & Bill Kreitzman
- 12 Joel & Christine Bethke
- 14 Dennis & Harriet Daley
- 14 Lohny & Christine Seeber
- 15 Paul & Linda Riesen
- 16 James & Darcilla Moyer
- 25 Matthew & Caitlin Berndt
- 25 Josh & Nicole Kueffer
- 25 Erin & Christopher LaCombe

If your date is missing, please call the office.

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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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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|----------------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 6:00p RIC Movie Night & Discussion (Youth Room) | 3 |
| 4 8:00a Morning Worship 9:15a Education Hour 10:30a Worship | 5 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 5:15p Mission & Outreach 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Evening Worship | 6 9:00a Quilter's 1:00p W-ELCA Board 3:00p Meeting for the 150th Anniversary Committee | 7 3:30p Confirmation 5:00p Endowment Board 6:30p Faithful Men 7:15p Festival Choir | 8 10:30a Food to Go & Grow Packing @ Methodist Church | 9 | 10 |
| 11 8:00a Morning Worship 9:15a Education Hour 10:30a Worship S.S. Led Service | 12 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 5:15p W&M 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Evening Worship | 9:00a Quilter's 5:00p Food Pantry Conference Room | 14 ASH WEDNESDAY In-Person Worship 11a & 6:30p No Confirmation 7:30p Festival Choir | 15 10:00a Sarah Circle Conference Room | 16 7:00pm to | 17 o 8:00am |
| Souper Bowl | of Caring | | | | | |
| 18 8:00a Morning Worship 9:15a Education Hour w/Mentor Meeting 10:30a Worship | 19 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 5:00p Faith Formation 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Evening Worship | 20 11:00a Bereavement Support Group 4:00p Mary Circle Youth Room 6:00p Congregational Council - Conf. Room | 21 12:00p Lent Lunch in Youth Room 1:00p Book Club in Youth Room No Confirmation 6:30p Lent Worship in Youth Room 7:30p Festival Choir | 22 9:00a Quilter's | 23 | 24 |
| Noisy Offering for RMS Panther Den | | | | | | |
| 25 8:00a Morning Worship 9:15a Education Hour 10:30a Worship | 26 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 5:00p RIC Task Force 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Evening Worship | 27 | 28 12:00p Lent Lunch in Youth Room No Confirmation 6:30p Lent Worship in Youth Room 7:30p Festival Choir | 29 | | |

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Congregation Council Meeting

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 6:00pm Location: Conference Room

PRESENT: Bob Boxell, Emily Lessner, Rev. Carina Schiltz, Ryan Lessner, Katie Bartelt, DeWayne Roberson, Sue

Weihert, Sue Putra, Ruth Mack, Andy Woodard

ABSENT: Brian Konz

Also in Attendance: Dennis Daley and Wanda Udovich

Call to Order

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

Opening Devotion - James 3 Reflection

Agenda Approval

MOTION: To approve the agenda.

By - Ruth Mack, Second - Andy Woodard - Motion carried by voice vote.

Special Presentation - Cemetery Committee

Dennis Daley and Wanda Udovich presented on a columbarium

Cemetery Endowment allows for consideration - Currently have up to \$31,000 available without touching the principal to purchase a columbarium

Discussed with another church to learn about their columbarium and their cost (St. Henry's)

Cost of available columbarium is \$15,000 (this would hold up to 40 graves - 20 sections for up to 2 per section)

Committee would like to proceed with purchase, needs approval from council to proceed MOTION: To approve the Cemetery Committee's request to spend up to \$20,000 on the columbarium project.

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

Acceptance of December Financial Reports and 2024 Budget

MOTION: To accept the December 2023 Financial Reports as presented. By - Bob Boxell, Second - Ryan Lessner - *Motion carried by voice vote.*

2024 Budget Discussion

Confirmed questions and inclusions from council Biggest Change - Repairs and Maintenance line item

MOTION: To accept the 2024 Budget

By - Ryan Lessner, Second - Sue Weihert -

Discussion - Staff salaries and responsibilities, discussion around hours/wages

Motion carried by voice vote.

MOTION: To conduct an evaluation within 90 days to consider tasks of Director of Congregational Life and use to re-evaluate compensation.

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

Approval of December Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the December 2023 Minutes as presented.

By - Andy Woodard, Second - Sue Putra - Motion carried by voice vote.

Acceptance of December Membership Report

MOTION: To accept the December Membership Report.

By - Ryan Lessner, Second - Andy Woodard - Motion carried by voice vote.

Pastor's Report

Acceptance of Council/Committee Reports

Mission and Outreach - Question about "loose" offerings during Lenten Wednesday going to PEP. PEP had reported she was a bit concerned about funds with usage being "up".

Faith Formation - Sue Putra heading up Palm Sunday Breakfast, Penny Challenge for Sunday School MOTION: To accept the council and committee reports received.

By - Sue Putra, Second - Andy Woodard - Motion carried by voice vote.

Old Business

Church Library
Parish Protection Plan - Pastor
150th Anniversary
Welcoming Task Force
16 people at the Sunday 1/16 event

Bread and Roses Follow-Up

Discussed communication with board and Immanuel ceasing as host as of 5/31/24

Heating Committee

Solar Committee

New Business

Mortgage Clarifications

Expecting \$985,000 Mortgage

Question on amortization - As of 2019 meeting on capitol campaign, decision/vote was to have a 20 year amortization; no prepayment penalty

Question - Monthly or special payment structure - planning on monthly payment

Rate being considered and available early during the week of 1/22/24

Annual Meeting Prep - Motions, Ushers

Discussed who might be responsible for presenting and communicating Ushers - Count for Quorum - Bob Boxell, Katie Bartelt

Upcoming Calendar Events

1/28 - Sunday - Annual Meeting (11:30 AM)

2/2 - Movie Night RIC - 6-7:30 (Documentary followed by discussion, recommended for adults)

2/14 - Ash Wednesday

3/24 - Palm Sunday

3/28 - Maundy Thursday

3/29 - Good Friday

3/30 - Easter Vigil

3/31 - Easter Sunday

Closing Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM.

By: Andy Woodard, Second: Bob Boxell — Motion carried by voice vote

Respectfully submitted, Emily Lessner Secretary

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 & <u>WatertownTV.com</u> 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!

February 2024

Dear friends in Christ,

Even though it feels like Christmas was just here... *SURPRISE*, *SURPRISE*! Ash Wednesday is around the corner on February 14 this year! We hope you'll join us for worship that day at 11:00am or 6:30pm as we begin this season together.

The season of Lent is an intentional time for renewal, reflection, and preparation for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter. Long ago, this season was created for the purpose of preparing new Christians to receive the sacrament of baptism at the Easter Vigil. In that spirit, we'll have two opportunities each Wednesday during the season of Lent to explore the theme, "Living water. Living faith." which focuses on our five baptismal promises:

- to live among God's faithful people,
- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Lent Lunch: Wednesdays at 12:00pm

New this year, we will have a Lent Lunch that will take place in the second floor Youth Room from 12:00pm-1:00pm. Join Pastor Carina as we enjoy soup, scripture, and discussion together around the theme for that day. Feel free to join us for the whole time or pop in during your lunch hour. The soup will be provided for our first gathering. Please contact the church office if you're able to provide soup, set up, and clean up for one of the other four weeks (ask some friends to join you!).

Lenten Evening Worship: Wednesdays at 6:30pm

We heard some wonderful feedback last year about our seating arrangement for midweek worship, so we're trying out a new space for 2024! We will be gathering for song, scripture, reflection, and panel conversations with members and friends of Immanuel in our second floor Youth Room – which will become a beautifully transformed space for worship and reflection throughout the season.

Because each gathering will be slightly different, feel free to join us for one or both each week! **Lent Lunch & Evening Worship will be held on February 21 & 28 and March 6, 13, & 20.** Plan to enter through the office entrance for both of these gatherings. The elevator will be available, and greeters and signs will help you find your way!

It's our hope that these two gatherings each week during Lent will help each of us give thanks for God's gift of baptism and offer an opportunity to reflect on the promises we have made.

In Christ,

Trevor Thom

Director of Congregational Life



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Growing in God's call to serve the world



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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!