# IMMANUEL'S

MESSENGER

JANUARY 2024

### WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS MONTH AT IMMANUEL

# Annual Meeting - January 28, 2024 - 11:30am Following 10:30 service in the Sanctuary

### 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!
- Keep it Current You may have had your best hair 25 years ago, but we want everyone to recognize you.
- How to Take Your Photo 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 <u>directory.immanuel@gmail.com</u>. 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 <a href="mailto:thom.">thom.</a> in the church office or Trevor Thom, our Director of Congregational Life, at <a href="mailto:thom.">thom.</a> in the church office or Trevor Thom.





### Socks and Undies Sundays return in January!

Mission and Outreach will be sponsoring a sock and underwear drive for our local elementary schools during the month of January. A barrel will be set out in the narthex and Immanuel is encouraged to fill it to the brim. Boys and girls undies size 6 to adult medium are needed. Socks up to adult size are also needed. This year we're including the Gosling Nest so girls 'boy shorts' and boys boxers and boxer briefs would be appreciated. Start checking out those sales and help make this drive for our kids a big success!

### **Membership Report - November 2023**

### **Worship Attendance:**

	8:00 am	10:30 am	6:30 pm	9 am / Special	Total	Average	Info/Service
2023				5,000.0			
Nov. 5/6	104	54	25		183	61	All Saint's Sunday
Nov. 12/13	102	59	21		182	61	
Nov. 19/20	85	73	26		184	61	
Nov. 26/27	79	49	23		151	50	
Totals	370	235	95	0	700		
2022							
Nov. 6/7	78	70	26		174	58	All Saint's Sunday
Nov. 13/14	69	88	24		181	60	
Nov. 20/21	80	59	24		163	54	
Nov. 20		·	86		86	86	Ecumenical service @ 4pm
Nov. 27/28	80	40	25		145	48	
Totals	307	257	185	0	749		

#### Deceased:

Robert William 'Bob' Geier, Aug 18, 1939 - Nov 19, 2023

### New Members received December 3, 2023:

Ron Albright Peter & Joanna Bredlau Sherrie Pinno Bev Schmidt

#### **Members Released:**

Mel & Joann Teska have asked to be released, 11/01/2023 Phil & Sheila Strunz have been released to Good Shepherd in Watertown, 11/22/2023 **Baptized:** 838\* **Confirmed:** 708\*

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

### **COLLEGE STUDENTS and Parents**

Faith Formation will again send gift boxes to our college students whose mailing addresses we receive. Please notify the office or Mrs. Mack at <a href="mailto:jrmacklaw2@gmail.com">jrmacklaw2@gmail.com</a> with your mailing address as of February 2024.

### **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.

### **Treasurer's Report - November 2023**

### **Actual Weekly Income**

	General	Debt Retirement	Building Offering	Mission Support	Other Budgetary Designated	Capital Campaign	Other Designated	Total
11/5	15,373.50		135.00	110.00	465.00	5,517.00	8,532.15	30,132.65
11/12	4,390.50		35.00	10.00	412.00	1,257.00	515.00	6,619.50
11/19	5,213.50		35.00	10.00	30.00	1,630.00	2,624.30	9,542.80
11/26	4,128.00		35.00	10.00	30.00	6,465.00	391.81	11,059.81
BBQ						8,095.50		8,095.50
TOTALS:	29,105.50		240.00	140.00	937.00	22,964.50	12,063.26	65,450.26
Year-to-Date GENERAL Budget Needs (Week #48)		\$339,917.00		Actual	\$340,082.58			
	-Date CAPIT dget Needs (		\$275	5,000.00	Actual \$281,247.30			
Year-to-D	Year-to-Date OTHER Designated Income				\$43,580.93			

Loan Expenses: Line of Credit: \$ 0.00

Immanuel's Promise: Loan Balance: \$1.060.000.00

(Interest paid in November - \$5,894.22 Principle paid in November- \$20,000.00)

### Memorials:

Hildegarde Kuehl: PEP-\$100.00 Robert Geier: Hometown-\$25.00 Donny Bohn: Undesignated-\$20.00

Honorarium:

### BUILDING A WELCOMING WATERTOWN

Sunday, January 14 from 12:30-2:30 at the community room in the Watertown Public Library.

Join folks from several area congregations, including Immanuel, to build relationships and learn how to make sustainable, healthy change in communities through faith-based community organizing. Light lunch provided.



# IMMANUEL'S BOOK CLUB Wednesday, January 17th - 1:00pm

The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, January 17, at 1:00 in the Youth Room at church. The book list for the new year will be distributed at that time. Watch your emails/phone calls for an announcement of the January book.

### Immanuel Ladies Lunch Bunch -

We usually meet the 4th Tuesday of the month. Look for more info on a January meeting.

### **Bereavement Group** -

We will meet again on Tuesday, January 16th at 11:00 am upstairs in the Youth Room.

### W-ELCA & IMMANUEL'S CIRCLES

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

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

Tuesday, January 2 - Thursday, January 25

Wednesday, January 10 - Quilter's will meet at Kris Stocklin's home for pot luck at 10:30am

### **Bible Circles**

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

Mary Circle will meet Tuesday, January 16th at 4:00pm upstairs in the Youth Room Sarah Circle will meet Thursday, January 18th at 10:00am in the Conference Room.



**2024** Offering Envelopes are available in the narthex. If you can't find yours please contact the church office.

Also, most of us get new numbers every year, please destroy any old envelopes you may have. You may call

the office to find out what your number is. There is a number assigned to every family.

### Jam Sales are Complete!

We sold over 450 jars and made a profit of \$2,042 which went to the Building loan fund. Thanks to everyone who purchased jam and those who helped make the jam.



### **Immanuel's 150th Anniversary**

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

Did you know . . . A special meeting of the congregation in November 1946 (yes, 26 years later than the USA) by written ballot 96-25 a constitution was approved giving women of Immanuel the right to vote. It also limited council members to two consecutive terms of 3 years; reelection was possible after a year off.

Watch for more fun facts in the coming months!

# MONTHLY REPORTS November 2023

### **Hometown Mission Fund**

 Beginning balance:
 11/01/2023
 \$ 3,234.63

 Deposits
 \$ 1,669.41

 12 check(s) written
 -\$ 1,460.00

 Service fees
 -\$ 2.36

 Ending balance
 11/30/2023
 \$ 3,441.68

23 contacts made in November 12 families received assistance

### **Community Laundry**

Beginning balance: 11/01/2023 PLUS: Deposits	\$ 1,908.49 \$ 248.92
PLUS: Interest	\$ 0.00
MINUS: Service Fee (Simply Giving)	\$ 0.00
MINUS: Withdrawals	- <u>\$ 300.00</u>
Ending balance 11/30/2023	<u>\$ 1,857.41</u>
Loose Coin on Hand 11/01/2023	\$ 329.50
Withdrawals	\$ 300.00
Coin thrown in & used at laundry	\$ 13.25
MINUS: Operating Cost	<u>- \$ 537.25</u>
Loose Coin on Hand 11/30/2023	\$ 105.50

75 families served in November 111 washer loads - 151 dryer loads

### **Personal Essentials Pantry**

Beginning balance: 11/01/2023	\$ 7,565.51
November Deposits	
Other credits	\$ 70.00
November Purchases	\$ 1,545.34
Other debits	\$ 567.50
Ending balance 11/30/2023	\$ 5,522.67



### SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY . . .

4	
11	NOT AVAILABLE
18	NOT AVAIL
25	

### **Bread & Roses - November Report**

Beginning Balance 11/01/2023	\$ 3,440.68
November Deposit	\$ 992.50
November Expenses	\$ 2,202.74
Ending Balance 11/30/2023	\$ 2,230.44
Savings	
Savings Balance: 11/01/2023	\$ 2,543.72
Guests Served: 11/01 - 11/30/2023	891

### 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.



January 21-22, our Noisy Offering will be for Mary's Room. Money collected this weekend will help purchase diapers & other baby supplies that are handed out to Watertown families.

Start saving your change for this worthy project!

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Immanuel,

Happy New Year! God Bless all of you in this new beginning of our secular calendar. We are already well underway with our sacred calendar as we took the journey of anticipation for the arrival of baby Jesus. With the new year, we are so blessed to continue our worship through the amazing guidance and leadership of Pastor Carina Schiltz as well as Director of Music, Matt Stein, and Director of Congregational Life, Trevor Thom. In October, I told the Church Council how thrilled I am with all of the activity, excitement, hard work, and new members I am seeing in our church home and through our community outreach. We are truly **blessed by God**. And don't forget the wonderful team that keeps all our services and programs up and running -- Janis Shackley, Dawn & Bob Westenberg, and Dan & Linda Argus.

### **Exciting developments**

When I began my term as President, I promised that it would be my goal to be transparent about what was happening throughout our church and with the Council.

One thing that is not a new issue, is a new, re-energized committee that will focus on our current heating system. This committee will define our actual system deficiencies, current solutions that are or are not working, bring in specialists and contractors to assist us with identifying our most efficient future solutions, and then set goals and timelines.

According to the ELCA's social message on **Earth's Climate Crisis** (adopted April 20, 2023), "In the Holy Scriptures, God assigns a sacred responsibility to human beings: we are to care for and keep God's creation for future generations." "As God's people we address the climate crisis with active hope rather than paralyzing despair." "Captured by hope, we proclaim that God has made peace with all things through the blood of the cross (Colossians: 1:15-20), and that the Spirit of God, 'the giver of life,' renews the face of the earth." With these important concepts in mind, we have formed a new committee that is investigating and researching Immanuel's future incorporating solar power as the major source of our electrical needs. In the long run, using this new system will save Immanuel several thousand dollars per year in utility costs and there are currently significant federal financial credits and WE Energy grants that will save us a large amount of the cost for the purchase and installation of a solar system. But these funds will only be available to us for a limited time. If we use "active hope rather than paralyzing despair," we can gain great benefits for our "bottom line."

I want to thank Mark Putra who is guiding a small committee to study Immanuel's building security and fire prevention. This year, we had walk-through visits from the Watertown Police and Fire Departments to guide us on necessary adjustments or changes, review of our current active protection systems, ideas for future protection needs, etc. I took part in a security webinar presented by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Mark is currently preparing a competitive Federal grant application that would cover many of the costs for our security initiatives.

### John 1:5 NIV

I will end this year's President letter in the same way as last year's letter because I feel this is something we must continue to consider. In our current world of confusion, confrontation, warfare, and distrust, please remember: *The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.* Keep in your minds and hearts the emotion as you held a single candlelight and sang "Silent Night", or heard the ethereal words and tune to "Were You There", or sang the song of hope, praise, and faith "It Is Well with My Soul." God will provide. God will protect.

Immanuel—God is with us.

Warne W. Roberson

DeWayne W. Roberson Church Council President

### Mistletoe Market Thank You's

Thanks to everyone that helped make this a successful event; especially Mary Eckert and Judy Schumacher who arranged for all the vendors, Bob Westenberg who set up all the tables & Trevor Thom for publicity.

Thanks to our bakers at church for three days; Barb Eske, Sue O'Connor, Donna Borchardt, Karen Foelker, Sue Weihert, Mary Wolff, Jean Kwapil, Phyllis Turke, Patti Grunseth-Petersen and all our confirmation students.

Members who donated bakedKris SoloveyKathy SchuettitemsPhyllis TurkeGloria Snow

Anne Roberson Cindi Limburg Checkers and Baggers

Kim Carpenter Sue Schramm Ann Lees

Heidi Schaller Linda Maas Nancy Gillingham

Dorothy Woodard Val Engelbrecht

Mary Morstad Bonnie Bohlman **Greeters**Laura Ferree Jean Chapman Trevor Thom
Char Andracek Sue Weihert Marty Miller

Kathy Schuett

Gloria Snow Packers and Pricers Set Up & Clean Up
Barb Eske Mary Wolff Samantha Zubke

Donna Borchardt Barb Eske Barb Eske Jean Kwapil Donna Borchardt Ed Wegner

Mary Eckert Jenifer Hedrick Carol & Steve Schroeder

Chris Koehler Mary Morstad Laura Wolter

Trevor Thom Karen Foelker David & Dorothy Woodard

### For the sake of welcome:

### a Lutheran introduction to sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression

Join in a learning experience with teaching and discussion led by Pastor Carina. The Reconciling in Christ team has planned this learning time along with other events in the coming months.

Often people ask, "Why do we need to single out and name specific welcome for LGBTQ+ people?"

Unfortunately, many LGBTQ+ people have learned through experience that they are *not* welcome in churches, even churches that proclaim "all are welcome." Being a truly welcoming church takes intention and an openness to learning.

This adult education session is a Lutheran introduction to sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

As we continue living more fully into "accepting all unconditionally," we will take time to learn terms and definitions, but more importantly, we learn these things in order to honor people and their identity.

Thank you for being people of intentional welcome and hospitality.

See you in the Youth Room on the second floor of the education wing on Sunday, January 14 at 9:15.

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN JANUARY

1 Austin Fuchs 16 Taylor Foltz 16 Marlene Polenski 1 Gloria Jones 2 Douglas Heller 17 Tyler Gruenwald 3 Emma Hanson 18 Sandra VanBeem 3 Richard Henning 19 Esther Gibbs 19 Heidi Schaller 4 Xavier Quintero 5 Ashley Boeder 22 Jackson Barta 5 Jake Mueller 22 Cary Gillingham 6 Antoine Dukes 22 Katie Johnson 6 Kenneth Huehn 22 Patti Schilling 6 Diane LaPoint 23 Carmen Barta 6 Adam Morstad 23 Dennis Daley 6 Joe Skaar 23 Martin Reyna 8 John Bucher 23 Al Schmidt 8 Kristen Korth 24 Donata Jacob 9 Keenan Androff 25 Katie Bast 9 Katie Braunschweig-Behl 25 Cindy Schubert 9 Dalton Kelman 26 Adam Bazan 10 Kelly Surdick 26 Aleece Reyna 11 Steven Baldwin 26 Kris Travis 11 Ashley Lawson 27 James Kwapil 12 Steven Lueck 27 Carol Lenius 12 Gage Pickens 27 Dean Rauls 13 Caroline Ferree 28 Leah Grochowske 14 Landon Grosenick 28 Parker Wheeler 14 Larry Nehls 29 Terri Kreitzman

29 Grace Wegner

30 Gary Kemnitz

31 Ann Lees

31 Dick Wolff

30 Patrick Weihert



## Wedding Anniversaries!

- 1 Evan & Laura Ferree
- 6 Garry & Ann Schmitt
- 7 Dana & Mark Grosenick
- 11 Rob & Denise Jacob
- 11 Josh & Melissa Koehler
- 20 Margaret & Wayne Steward
- 28 Jerry & Jayne Adams

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

Dawn Westenberg, Financial Secretary

Janis Shackley, Office Manager

14 Steve Polenski

15 Amanda Miller

15 Edward Wegner

15 Deborah Zabel

15 Rebekah Wheeler

Trevor Thom, Director of Congregational Life

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed NO Food Pantry NO 6:30pm Service	2 9:00a Quilter's	3 No ESL Classes 10:00a W-ELCA 3:30p Confirmation 6:30p Faithful Men 7:15p Festival Choir	4 6:00p Worship & Music	5	6
<b>7</b> 8:00a Morning Worship 9:15a Education Hour 10:30a Worship	8 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 5:15p Mission & Outreach 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Evening Worship	9 5:00p Food Pantry Conference Room	10 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 10:30a Quilter's @Kris Stocklin's home 3:30p Confirmation 6:30p Faithful Men 7:15p Festival Choir	11	12	13 1-4p Family rental Multi-Purpose Room
14 8:00a Morning Worship 9:15a Education Hour Adult Ed w/Pastor Carina 10:30a Worship 11:45a Finance	15 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 5:00p Faith Formation 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Evening Worship	16 11:00a Bereavement Support Group 4:00p Mary Circle Youth Room 6:00p Congregational Council - Conf. Room	17 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 1:00p Book Club Youth Room 3:30p Confirmation 6:30p Faithful Men 7:15p Festival Choir	18 10:00a Sarah Circle Conference Room	19	20
21 8:00a Morning Worship 9:15a Education Hour/Meet with Mentors 10:30a Worship Confirmation leads service 11:30a Family rental Fellowship Hall	22 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Evening Worship	23 11:30a I.L.L.B. 3:00p Youth Room 150th Anniversary Mtg	24 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 3:30p Confirmation 6:30p Faithful Men 7:15p Festival Choir	25 9:00a Quilter's	26	27
28 8:00a Morning Worship 9:15a Education Hour 10:30a Worship 11:30a Annual Meeting	29 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Evening Worship	30	31 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 3:30p Confirmation 6:30p Faithful Men 7:15p Festival Choir			



From the joy of the children entering the sanctuary to share their message of A
Light for All the
World...









To the joyous sounds of Advent readings, songs, bells, flute & cello in the 68th Annual Candlelight Concert **Voices of Hope** . . .







To the quiet reverence of Silent Night; we have been blessed. May our blessings continue in 2024!

Immanuel God with us!

### CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### **Congregation Council Meeting**

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 6:00pm

Location: Conference Room

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

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ABSENT: Andy Woodard, Brian Konz, Ruth Mack

### Call to Order

President DeWayne Roberson called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. A quorum was present.

### **Opening Devotion**

How do you keep yourself well at this time of year?

### Modified Agenda presented by President DeWayne Roberson.

MOTION: To accept the modified agenda.

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

### 2024 Budget Review

Decision made on Sunday at finance meeting - not to approve finalized budget until January meeting. This will take place prior to the congregational meeting.

#### **Discussion Notes:**

The general offering budget is higher than it was this current year. Discussion regarding how this was determined (commitment cards).

Immanuel's Promise capitol campaign continues to be listed. Explanation: We anticipate \$200,000 would be coming in to offset the payments we are making over the coming year.

Used synod guidelines to advise increases to salaries.

Miscellaneous staff expenses - Explanation of Fee Schedule for Preachers and Presiders

Utilities - Gas/Electricity - consistent with what we have been paying

Grounds Maintenance - Discussion of need - budget dollars included in proposed budget

### **Acceptance of November Financial Reports**

MOTION: To accept the November 2023 Financial Reports as presented.

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

#### **Approval of November Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: To accept the November 2023 Minutes as presented.

Clarification from minutes related to paying of musicians - \$150 per day, additional \$50 for second service (if on Sunday or day with multiple services)

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

### **Acceptance of November Membership Report**

MOTION: To accept the November Membership Report.

By - Ryan Lessner, Second - Bob Boxell - Motion carried by voice vote.

#### **Pastor's Report**

#### **Acceptance of Council/Committee Reports**

MOTION: To accept the council and committee reports received.

By - Bob Boxell, Second - Sue Putra - Motion carried by voice vote

### **Old Business**

### **Church Library**

Parish Protection Plan - Pastor 150th Anniversary Welcoming Task Force

#### **Bread and Roses Follow-Up**

- DeWayne shared his observations following his visit to Bread and Roses. He shared his conversation with the team (B&R) regarding equipment and future expenses (dishwasher, exhaust, lift station)
- Alarms have gone off for lift station, freezer overheating (supplies had been jam-packed with supplies, blocked fans)
- Next Steps: DeWayne and Pastor Carina will be attending the January board meeting (Bread and Roses)

#### **New Business**

### **Heating Committee**

- Dan Argus, Adam Bazan, Rocky Bohlman, Randy Braunschweig, Bob Eske, Kevin Sukow, Pastor Carina, DeWayne Roberson
- Working with company to put together a design for our space

#### **Solar Committee**

- Randy Braunschweig, Evan Ferree, Jim Daniels, Jim Stein, Kris Travis, Pastor Carina, DeWayne Roberson
- Two webinars have been attended (put on by Waukesha County) regarding churches and use of solar; another webinar coming up from the synod

Will be sharing this information at the annual meeting.

#### **Approve Annual Meeting Date**

MOTION: To approve Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, January 28th - 11:30 AM By - Sue Putra, Second - Sue Weihert - *Motion carried by voice vote* 

#### **Upcoming Calendar Events**

12/20 - Wednesday - Blue Christmas (6:30 PM)

12/24 - Sunday - Christmas Eve Services (11:00 AM, 4:30 PM, 6:30 PM)

12/25 - Monday - Christmas Day Service (9:00 AM)

12/31 - Sunday - New Year's Eve Service (9:00 AM)

1/16 - Tuesday - January Council Meeting (6:00 PM)

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

### **Closing Prayer**

Lord's Prayer

#### Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM.

By: Pastor Carina, Second: Ryan Lessner — 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.

### PASTOR HAS THE LAST WORD!

January 2024

Peace to you, dear church.

In this new calendar year, we continue to center our life together in celebrating God's grace in Jesus Christ. From there flows everything else!

As we celebrate the time after Epiphany this month, we remember Christ being revealed to all nations. God in Christ seeks to love, include, and welcome!

There are opportunities for welcome and inclusion this month! If you are seeking to deepen relationships within the congregation and be encouraged in your faith, consider signing up for a Faith and Life group.

We have an adult education opportunity coming up as well. I will lead a learning time and conversation on "Lutheran introduction to sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression." This is a part of the education phase of the Reconciling in Christ journey. A team has worked on preparing educational events and conversations over the next few months for the congregation to consider more deeply what it means to "welcome all unconditionally." See you on January 14 in between worship services at 9:15 in the youth room for this time of learning.

Thank you for attending the annual meeting on January 28th, as this will help us all stay up to date with the business of the congregation.

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

In Christ, Pastor Carina



Thank you to all who helped staff the office while Janis recovered from surgery. We appreciated your presence and your responsiveness to people who called or came through the doors. Thank you for the welcome you gave!

Pastor Carina

### 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



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### **Mission Statement**

Celebrating God's grace in Jesus Christ. Accepting all unconditionally.

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!