

IMMANUEL'S

MESS ENGER

MARCH 2024

WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS MONTH AT IMMANUEL

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 memory of someone, your gift must be received by the dates listed below.

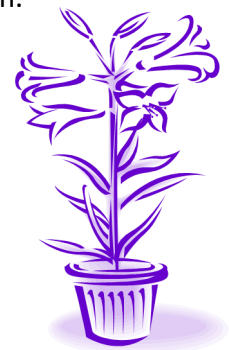
Checks should be made out to *Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church* and enclosed with this form.

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 ELCA Hunger Appeal, please write your check to: Immanuel/ELCA World Hunger.

Deadline is March 25, 2024

Env. No. _____

Given by: _____

In honor/memory of: (Please circle one)

Saturday, March 16 - 10-12:30

ALL AGE COMMUNION RETREAT!

Parents of 1-5 graders are encouraged to attend. Please email me with any dietary restrictions or requests.

I look forward to our time together of learning how holy communion informs and strengthens our faith in God and our life together as the church!

Pastor Carina



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. - Sue Putra

Membership Report - January 2024

Worship Attendance:

	8:00 am	10:30 am	6:30 pm	9 am / Special	Total	Average	Info/Service
2024							
Jan. 7/8	88	50	23		161	54	
Jan. 14/15	68	28	14		110	37	extreme cold after lots of snow
Jan. 21/22	50	107	17		174	58	
Jan. 29/29	54	84	29		167	56	Annual meeting
Totals	260	269	83	0	612		
2023							
Jan. 1/2			14	45	59	30	
Jan. 8/9	89	54	19		162	54	
Jan. 15/16	72	59	24		155	52	
Jan. 22/23	68	58	24		150	50	Annual meeting
Jan. 29/30	42	42	14		98	33	
Totals	271	213	95	45	624		

Deceased:

Judith Ann 'Judy' Hoffstetter -
August 10, 1940 – January 14, 2024

Baptized: 837*

Confirmed: 709*

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



March 10, 2023

Be sure to set all your clocks ahead before you go to bed on March 9th so you get to church at the correct time on Sunday, March 10th!

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 1920 the idea of a group of ushers to seat the congregation was proposed. The council rejected the idea stating that was the duty of the council.*

Watch for more fun facts in the coming months!

Treasurer's Report - January 2024

Actual Weekly Income

	General	Debt Retirement	Building Offering	Mission Support	Other Budgetary Designated	Capital Campaign	Other Designated	Total
1-31-23	5,735.50	---	85.00	60.00	869.85	4,500.00	2,121.00	13,371.35
1-7-24	12,841.96	---	90.00	10.00	161.00	1,790.00	1,062.42	15,955.38
1-14-24	9,010.00	---	35.00	10.00	20.00	54,508.00	57.00	63,640.00
1-21-24	12,359.00	---	35.00	10.00	120.00	12,565.00	429.93	25,518.93
1-28-24	4,435.00	---	35.00	10.00	60.00	10,430.00	75.00	15,045.00
TOTALS:	44,381.46	---	280.00	100.00	1,230.85	83,793.00	3,745.35	133,530.66
Year-to-Date GENERAL Budget Needs (Week #4)			\$29,740.00		Actual		\$45,992.31	
Year-to-Date CAPITAL CAMPAIGN Budget Needs (Month #1)			\$16,665.00		Actual		\$83,793.00	
Year-to-Date OTHER Designated Income							\$3,745.35	

Loan Expenses: Line of Credit: \$ 0.00

Immanuel's Promise: Loan Balance: \$975,000.00

(January: Interest paid \$5,590.00 and Principle paid \$70,000.00)

Memorials:

Judy Hoffstetter: PEP-\$25.00; Bread & Roses-\$10.00; Hometown Missions-\$25.00; Capital Campaign-\$2,435.00

Honorarium:

Neale & Ruth's wedding: Capital Campaign-\$250.00

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you!

One good act leads to another. And the impact grows. Thanks to Thrivent, that's what we've experienced through the Thrivent Choice® program.


Many of you directed Choice Dollars® to Immanuel. And by doing so, you have helped to make a difference. We received \$862 Through the 2023 Choice Dollars program. The outreach funding we receive from both you and Thrivent helps us to continue our important mission.

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Thank you for your support.

W-ELCA & IMMANUEL'S CIRCLES

W-ELCA Board will meet on Tuesday, March 19 @ 11:00am

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

Tuesday, March 5 - Wednesday, March 13 - Wednesday, March 27

Bible Circles

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

Mary Circle will meet Tuesday, March 19th at 4:00pm upstairs in the Youth Room

Sarah Circle will meet Thursday, March 21st at 10:00am in the Conference Room.

FAITH ACTION

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.

REV. CARINA SCHILTZ
Pastor of Immanuel

I VOTED

MICHELE ALTMAN
Cornerstone of Grace

Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church | 209 North Ninth Street, Watertown, WI 53094 | WatertownImmanuel.org/spring

Socks and Undies Sundays was a resounding success! In total, the churches of the Shared Community Mission Group that collected items, collected a whopping 2290 pairs of socks and undies. These were then distributed to the local elementary's and middle school. We couldn't have done it without the very generous donations in actual items and in money from Immanuel members. We also had an incredible team on packing day of 13 Immanuel volunteers. Shared Community Mission Group knows that we can count on Immanuel to come through with needed help. We are very grateful! Thanks for your part in helping the children of Watertown.

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



Immanuel Ladies Lunch Bunch

I.L.L.B. will meet again this month on Tuesday, March 26th at the Golden Dragon, 516 E. Main Street at 11:30am. Please call the church office by Monday so we know how many to reserve a place for.

MISSION WORK



MONTHLY REPORTS January 2023

Hometown Mission Fund

Beginning balance: 01/01/2024	\$ 5,047.92
Deposits	\$ 75.00
11 check(s) written	-\$ 1,660.78
Void Check	\$ 0.00
Service fees (simply giving)	-\$ 2.95
Ending balance 01/31/2024	\$ 5,047.92

24 contacts made in January
11 families received assistance

Community Laundry

Beginning balance: 01/01/2024	\$ 2,097.31
PLUS: Deposits	\$ 200.00
PLUS: Interest	\$ 0.00
MINUS: Service Fee (Simply Giving)	-\$ 0.00
MINUS: Withdrawals	-\$ 010.00
Ending balance 01/31/2024	<u>\$ 1,697.31</u>

Loose Coin on Hand 01/01/2024	\$ 329.50
Withdrawals	\$ 600.00
MINUS: Operating Cost	-\$ 585.75
MINUS: Coin Shortage	-\$ 1.75
Loose Coin on Hand 01/31/2024	<u>\$ 342.00</u>

72 families served in January
119 washer loads - 151 dryer loads

Personal Essentials Pantry

Beginning balance: 01/01/2024	\$ 4,514.18
January Deposits	\$ 2,025.00
January Purchases	\$ 195.00
Ending balance 01/31/2024	\$ 6,344.18

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH . . .

7	Orbis Corporation
14	Associated Bank
21	Bank of Lake Mills
28	Cornerstone of Grace

Bread & Roses - January Report

Beginning Balance 01/01/2024	\$ 4,209.94
January Deposit	\$ 2,206.77
January Expenses	\$ 427.02
Ending Balance 01/31/2024	\$ 5,989.69
Savings	
Savings Balance: 01/31/2024	\$ 2,544.06
Guests Served: 01/01 - 01/31/2024	944

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 contact a member of the Mission & Outreach Committee.



March 17-18, our Noisy Offering will go towards the **Food to Go & Grow** program. This means we would love to accept your paper money or even checks. Money collected this weekend will help fill the weekend backpacks with food for school kids to take home.

Start saving your change for this worthy project!



IMMANUEL'S BOOK CLUB Wednesday, March 20th - 1:00pm

Immanuel's Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, March 20, at 1 pm in the Youth Room at church. We will be discussing *Unlocked* by Karen Kingsbury.

In July 2024, Austin Bartelt and Charlie Sukow will be representing Immanuel at the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. To support our trip, we will be selling Pastry Puffins!

Pastry Puffins are a unique and delicious, Classic Puff Pastry, that is made with ultimate taste and convenience in mind. Each *Pastry Puffin* has hundreds of light, thin layers of French Pastry to make them a melt-in-your-mouth flaky Treat! **The Best thing about the Pastry Puffins is that they are a Freezer-To-Oven product, no thawing required.** The *Pastry Puffins* and *Pizza Puffins* are available in **Nine** different delicious flavors. Each package is \$16.



Fundraising begins on Sunday 2/25 through Monday 3/11 with an estimated delivery date of Monday 3/25.

We will be at a table in the narthex between services on Sunday 2/25, 3/3 and 3/10 with an order form, or call the office to place your order!

Thank you for your support!
Katie Bartelt (Youth Trip Leader)

FAITH FORMATION by Ruth Mack

Jesus the Good Shepherd Sunday - complete with a lamb provided by shepherd Tim Strobel.



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!

Hope you ordered your pies back in February so you are able to enjoy a hot pie this month! And, hopefully, the W-ELCA Ladies will be able to do this again next year.

Special thanks to all the ladies that worked so hard preparing these pies. You are appreciated!



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

Second Annual Sunday School Students vs Congregation Penny Challenge

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.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH

2	Eliza Schmidt-Wood	16	Barry Ashenfelter
3	Aimber Kelman	17	Colin Gillingham
3	Elliott Martin	17	Colby Mueller
3	Michelle Mueller	17	Deanna Zubke
3	Teagen Stivarius	19	Kristina Gruenwald
4	Kathy Schuett	19	Emily Page
5	Emerie Gahlman	20	Patti Hills
5	Donald Snow	20	Nancy Klein
7	Sarah Taugher	20	Maryah Theis
8	Jake Johnson	21	Charlene Berg
8	Sharon Seeber	21	Grace Jagler
8	Charlene Vogt	21	Kaitlin Miller
9	Lexy Schneider	22	Lisa Crogan
10	Jane Bender	22	Jayden Stocks
10	Kelly Braunschweig	22	Savannah Szalanski
10	Todd Griep	23	Robert Stocks
11	Jayne Barta	24	Tina Johnson
11	Beth Boxell	25	Trish Braatz
11	Susan Heintz	25	Lynel Hetzler
11	Jean Kwapil	26	Donna Hill
11	Randy Lindemann	27	Elden Engelbrecht
12	Kris Stocklin	27	Bob Scott
12	Collin Travis	28	Lisa Cutsforth
13	Kelly Kreitzman	28	Lori Epstein
14	Jennifer Bellinge	29	Jason Wesemann
14	Thomas Pugh	30	Carrie Krueger
14	Debbie Zubke	30	Zach Lascari
14	Ricky Zubke	30	Julie Peterson
15	Dan Argus	30	Ty Thom
15	Makenzi Christensen	31	Joel Bethke
15	Cindy Gremmels	31	Bode Gaugert
15	Ridge Johansen	31	Boden Nagel



Wedding Anniversaries!

3	Dale & Ellen Schauer
10	Don & Kathy Neverman
12	Patti & Neal Grunseth-Petersen
12	Josh & Rikki Gutzdorf
13	Stan & Sue Schramm
16	Randy & Cassandra Lindemann
16	Scott & Wendy Umland
18	Melvin & Cindy Boeder
20	Randy & Pam Vette Burgardt
20	Cindy & Tom Schubert
22	Doug & Laurie Zwieg

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 Westenber, Financial Secretary

Trevor Thom, Director of Congregational Life

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March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>3 8:00a Morning Worship 9:15a Education Hour 9:15a Coffee Fellowship by W-ELCA 9:15a RIC Study 10:30a Worship</p>	<p>4 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 5:15p Mission & Outreach 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Evening Worship</p>	<p>5 9:00a Quilter's</p>	<p>6 12:00p Lent Lunch in Youth Room No Confirmation 6:30p Lent Worship in Youth Room 7:30p Festival Choir</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 8:00a Morning Worship 9:15a Education Hour 9:15a Coffee Fellowship by Mission & Outreach 9:15a RIC Study 10:30a Worship 11:45a Finance</p>	<p>11 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 5:15p W&M 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Evening Worship</p>	<p>12 5:00p Food Pantry Conference Room</p>	<p>13 9:00a Quilter's 12:00p Lent Lunch in Youth Room No Confirmation 6:30p Lent Worship in Youth Room 7:30p Festival Choir</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 10:00a First Communion Retreat</p>
<p>17 8:00a Morning Worship 9:15a Education Hour 9:15a Coffee Fellowship by Worship & Music 9:15a RIC Study 10:30a Worship</p>	<p>18 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 5:00p Faith Formation 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Evening Worship</p>	<p>19 10:00a W-ELCA Board 4:00p Mary Circle Youth Room</p>	<p>20 12:00p Lent Lunch in Youth Room No Confirmation 6:30p Lent Worship in Youth Room 7:30p Festival Choir</p>	<p>21 10:00a Sarah Circle Conference Room 6:00p Congregational Council - Conf. Room</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p><i>Noisy Offering for Food to Go & Grow</i></p>						
<p>24 PALM SUNDAY 8:00a Morning Worship 9-10:30a Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 9:15a Education Hour 10:30a Worship</p>	<p>25 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Evening Worship</p>	<p>26 11:30a I.L.L.B. @ Golden Dragon</p>	<p>27 9:00a Quilter's 7:30p Festival Choir</p>	<p>28 MAUNDY THURSDAY 11:00a Worship Service 6:30p Worship Service w/First Communion</p>	<p>29 GOOD FRIDAY 1:00p Worship Service 6:30p Worship Service</p>	<p>30 8:30a Decorate Sanctuary EASTER VIGIL 6:30p Worship Service</p>
<p>31 EASTER SUNDAY 8:00a Morning Worship 9:15a Coffee Fellowship 10:30a Blended Worship</p>						

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 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 thomt.immanuel@gmail.com.

Reconciling in Christ (RIC)

Reconciling in Christ education opportunity in March: Beginning Sunday, March 3rd, Beth Boxell will be leading a three-week study on *Reconciling Scripture for Lutherans*. The group will meet in the Conference Room at 9:15am. The study will take a deeper look at some of the ways scripture texts have been used to discriminate against LGBTQ+ people, and to consider a more inclusive reading of scripture. If you are interested, please contact the church office so we have a book for you.

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!

March 2024

Dear Disciples of Jesus Christ at Immanuel,

Together this month we will journey through Lent and Holy Week. Along the way, we will hear faith stories and experiences from fellow Immanuel folks during Wednesday lent evening worship, offer first communion instruction on a Saturday as a retreat, host a Bible study considering exclusive and inclusive readings of scripture, and encounter the living God in our daily lives.

Lent and holy week is not a long-ago, lifeless story that we repeat each year, but a present reality of the Crucified and Risen Christ for the sake of the world. Crucified as a criminal, Jesus Christ is in solidarity with all who suffer, who on the cross, embraces the brokenness of the world, taking it into God's very self. Somehow, this brokenness is transformed to new life.

From the stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday, leaving in silence on Good Friday, and the miracle of the empty tomb on Easter Sunday, all the vault of heaven resounds: Christ has triumphed.

He is living.

Alleluia.

Pastor Carina



Sunday, March 24 - We will start in the multi-purpose room with a palm procession that will go outside, weather permitting. This will begin 10 minutes before each service.

Sunday School will sing at the beginning of both worship services.

Palm Sunday Breakfast will begin at 9am and end at 10:30am downstairs in the Fellowship Hall

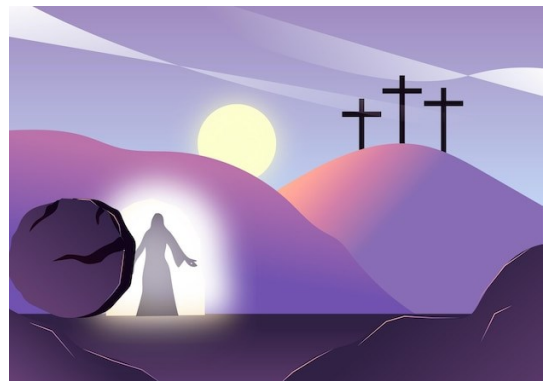
Maundy Thursday, March 28, worship services will be held at 11am and 6:30pm with First Communion

Good Friday, March 29, worship services will be at 1 & 6:30pm.

Easter Vigil will begin at 6:30pm on Saturday, March 30.

Easter Sunday worship services will be at 8 & 10:30am.

There will be no Monday evening worship service.





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