

# IMMANUEL'S

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SEPTEMBER 2023

## WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS MONTH AT IMMANUEL

### FAITH FORMATION by Ruth Mack

**FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 10 - 9:15AM**

Everyone is invited to join the children and their teachers in the multi-purpose room for the beginning of Sunday School 2023-24 for children Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

You can hear Pastor Carina's welcoming message, sing along with the children led by Mr. Morstad, and enjoy the refreshments. Parents will be asked to complete the simple registration form. After the message and music the children and their teachers will go to their class areas.



**BIRTH to 3 YEAR old Sunday school begins SEPTEMBER 10 and thereafter will meet the FIRST Sunday of each month.** All other classes meet weekly (except December 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023). Sunday school time is 9:15AM to 10:15AM.

Children will lead the 10:30AM service September 24<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will receive their Bibles.

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

The next Book Club meeting will be on Wednesday, September 20, at 1 pm in the Youth Room at church. We will be discussing *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. This is the story of a woman and her son, forced by a drug cartel to flee from their home in Mexico and seek refuge in the United States. The book should provide a thought provoking and lively discussion. As always, the book is available through the public library and new members are always welcome. Hope to see you there!



**Remember!**

- ⇒ Our last 9am service is on Sunday, September 3.
- ⇒ The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kay Ward will preach at this service on Sept. 3.
- ⇒ There is **no worship service on Monday, September 4th.**
- ⇒ The following weekend, September 10-11, we will return to 2 services on Sunday at 8 & 10:30am and 6:30pm on Monday.



IMMANUEL'S  
**MISTLETOE MARKET**

**Craft Fair & Bake Sale**  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023  
9:00 AM TO 2:30 PM

**Bake Sale** - more to follow from Jean Kwapil

**Craft Fair** - *Looking for crafters for this event NOW!*

Booth Size & Price will vary

In order to grow our Fair, we offer larger booths on our 2nd floor

- ◆ Electricity is limited- if needed - - - cost additional \$10.00
- ◆ Advance set up: Fri., Dec. 1, 2:00 to 5:00 PM & Sat., Dec. 2 8:00 to 9:00 AM
- ◆ Parking after set up will be in our parking lot between 8th & 9th Streets
- ◆ Refunds not given - - We will include photos of your crafts for advertising purposes, if submitted electronically to us by Sept. 15.

Applications can be found in the church office or contact Mary and/or Judy for applications and questions:

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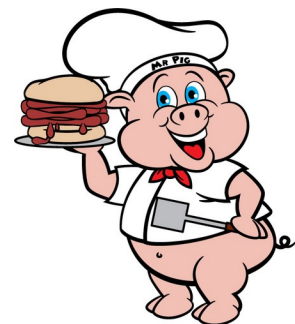
**F.Y.I.** First floor is filled for our Craft Fair. But, we still have room on the 2nd floor which is spacious, bright and with elevator accessibility. Plus, a large 10x10 booth is available!

W-ELCA will also be hosting the Rite Brite fundraiser again in October selling a variety of Butter Braids for your holidays.

**SAVE THE DATE - October 15, 2023**



Pardon the Turkey



Pull the Pork

Look for more information later!



**S-CSW Synodical Women of the ELCA Biennial Convention & Gathering**  
**Saturday, October 7, 2023**  
**Midvale Community Lutheran Church, Madison**

This event is open to all women of the ELCA. Those not active in a Circle/women's ministries AND those active in a Circle/women ministries..

Register online at <https://scsw-elca.org/2023gathering/>

- Early Bird Registration Fee: \$25 (by September 9, 2023)
- Regular Registration Fee: \$40 (September 10-October 7, 2023)

Payment can be done online or mailed to the WELCA Treasurer

The Gather event includes an opening service at 9:30, a **morning** workshop (Sue Levetzow will be leading one), lunch, an afternoon workshop (Donna Peterson will be leading one), and a closing session 1:35 to 2:30 p.m. led by Bishop Joy and Marie Leafbald, Associate to the Bishop for Leadership Support.

In kind gifts will be collected in the coffee area at Grace. They will be taken to Midvale, blessed during the opening service. Spiritual devotionals/Bibles that are soft covered for Madison Area Jail Ministry. Greatest need is the Spanish language. See a suggested listing on the registration web page. And cleaning, personal hygiene products for the St. Mark's Lutheran Church food pantry.

If you are interested contact Jean Kwapil. If you get your reservation into Jean by September 8th, Immanuel's W-ELCA will pay the fee.



*Good Things Come  
in Small Packages*

## **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 1999 Immanuel's men's softball team changed its name from the **Sacrificial Lambs** to the **Sacrificial Rams** after finally winning a game! It was their second and final year in the Watertown Men's League.*

Watch for more fun facts in the coming months!

## W-ELCA & IMMANUEL'S CIRCLES

W-ELCA Board will meet on Wednesday, September 20 @ 10:00am

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

Tuesday, September 5, Wednesday, September 13 and Thursday, September 28

## **Bible Circles**

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

Mary Circle will meet Tuesday, September 19th at 4pm in the Youth Room

Sarah Circle will meet Thursday, September 21st at 9:30am in the Conference Room

**Immanuel Ladies Lunch Bunch** - We hope to meet the 4th Tuesday of the month on September 26 at 11:30am. Look for more information later.



## **Personal Essentials Pantry**

**Personal Essential Pantry is in need of a few more volunteers.** We could use some help from 1-3 or 4-6 on Thursdays. This is not every Thursday. If you can help 1 or 2 times a month or would like to be on call, this would be very helpful. We have wonderful volunteers and you would be working with 2 other people. We could use help with computer entry or two volunteers greeting guests and packaging their requests. If you would like to learn more, please contact Barb Eske at 920-253-1021.

**Thank you for considering this worthwhile need in our community!**

## **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.

# MISSION WORK

## MONTHLY REPORTS

July 2023

### Hometown Mission Fund

Beginning balance: 07/01/2023	\$ 1,480.33
Deposits	\$ 530.00
7 check(s) written	\$ 995.00
Service fees	\$ 2.36
Ending balance 07/31/2023	\$ 1,012.97

13 contacts made in July  
7 families received assistance

### Community Laundry

Beginning balance: 07/01/2023	\$ 3,691.80
PLUS: Deposits	\$ 337.85
PLUS: Interest	\$ 0.00
MINUS: Service Fee (Simply Giving)	-\$ 1.28
MINUS: Withdrawals	-\$ 1,100.00
Ending balance 07/31/2023	<u>\$ 2,928.37</u>

Loose Coin on Hand 07/01/2023	\$ 19.00
Withdrawals	\$ 1,100.00
MINUS: Operating Cost	-\$ 411.00
Loose Coin on Hand 07/31/2023	<u>\$ 689.00</u>

53 families served in July (0 new families)  
84 washer loads - 109 dryer loads

### Personal Essentials Pantry

Beginning balance: 07/01/2023	\$ 7,093.46
July Deposits	\$ 0.00
July Purchases	\$ 889.03
Ending balance 07/31/2023	\$ 6,204.43



### SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER . . .

- 7 Cornerstone - Oconomowoc
- 14 Associated Bank - Watertown
- 21 Zion Lutheran Clyman
- 28 Hope Lake Country

### Bread & Roses - July Report

Beginning Balance 07/01/2023	\$ 10,206.49
July Deposit	\$ 00.00
July Expenses	\$ 3,912.57
Ending Balance 07/30/2023	\$ 6,542.92
Savings Balance: 07/30/2023	\$ 3,542.85
Guests Served: 07/01 - 07/31/2023	951

### B&R HOSPITALITY COORDINATORS

There is an exciting new opportunity for Immanuel members to support the longevity and outreach of the Bread and Roses mission, as we work to expand back to in-person dining!

Volunteer Coordinators are sought to welcome, orient and direct community service groups each week. Ideally numerous volunteers will work in groups of two on a rotational basis.

Please call Jenifer Hedrick 920.988.8209 or Wanda Udovich 920.342.7864 for further information.

## 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.

**September 17-18**, our Noisy Offering will go towards **Food to Go and Grow**. 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!**



## Treasurer's Report - June 2023

### Actual Weekly Income

	General	Debt Retirement	Building Offering	Mission Support	Other Budgetary Designated	Capital Campaign	Other Designated	Total
6/4	7,995.50	---	135.00	110.00	585.00	3,120.00	20.00	<b>11,965.50</b>
6/11	4,938.00	---	55.00	20.00	710.00	765.00	60.00	<b>6,548.00</b>
6/18	6,420.50	---	55.00	20.00	34.00	2,465.00	190.00	<b>9,184.50</b>
6/25	7,731.00	---	65.00	30.00	20.00	5,840.00	6,762.99	<b>20,448.99</b>
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>27,085.00</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>310.00</b>	<b>180.00</b>	<b>1,349.00</b>	<b>12,190.00</b>	<b>7,032.99</b>	<b>48,146.99</b>
<b>Year-to-Date GENERAL Budget Needs (Week #26)</b>			<b>184,113.00</b>		<b>Actual 190,986.15</b>			
<b>Year-to-Date CAPITAL CAMPAIGN Budget Needs (Month #6)</b>			<b>150,000.00</b>		<b>Actual 168,385.80</b>			
<b>Year-to-Date OTHER Designated Income</b>					<b>15,994.91</b>			

**Loan Expenses:** Line of Credit: \$ 0.00

**Immanuel's Promise:** Loan Balance: \$1,141,500.00

(Interest paid in June - \$6,318.85 Principle paid in June - \$5,000.00)

**Memorials:**

Elmer Christian, Jr. (Father's Day & Birthday): Hometown Mission-\$40.00

M.King: General fund-\$25.00

Sandy DeBlare: Capital campaign-\$20.00

Harriet Behm: Capital campaign-\$20.00

Terry Lundsten: Capital campaign-\$20.00

Lavern Lenius: Capital campaign-\$500.00

John David: Capital campaign-\$125.00

**Honorarium:**

### GIVING REMINDER:

The opportunity continues for us to decrease the principal on our building loan through end of January 2024 before we begin a mortgage. Let's pay down the principal as much as possible together! Please consider giving to this effort now. **Our goal is to raise \$100,000 by the end of January 2024 to bring the loan amount below \$1,000,000.**

You can give online on our website, write a check, or use vanco or Venmo.

Thank you for your commitment to the present and future of Immanuel and the ministry we do for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ.



## Treasurer's Report — July 2023

### Actual Weekly Income

	General	Debt Retirement	Building Offering	Mission Support	Other Budgetary Designated	Capital Campaign	Other Designated	Total
7/2	9,974.00	—	125.00	100.00	1,023.10	1,717.00	120.00	<b>13,059.10</b>
7/9	5,350.00	—	55.00	20.00	2.95	1,290.00	40.00	<b>6,757.95</b>
7/16	6,204.00	—	55.00	20.00	10.00	2,165.00	1,630.53	<b>10,084.53</b>
7/23	10,554.00	—	210.00	140.00	35.00	2,350.00	335.00	<b>13,624.00</b>
7/30	<b>Posted in August</b>							
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>32,082.00</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>445.00</b>	<b>280.00</b>	<b>1,071.05</b>	<b>7,522.00</b>	<b>2,125.53</b>	<b>43,525.58</b>
Year-to-Date GENERAL Budget Needs (Week #30)			<b>212,441.00</b>		Actual		<b>224,914.20</b>	
Year-to-Date CAPITAL CAMPAIGN Budget Needs (Month #7)			<b>175,000.00</b>		Actual		<b>175,907.80</b>	
Year-to-Date OTHER Designated Income							<b>18,220.44</b>	

**Loan Expenses:** Line of Credit: \$ 0.00

**Immanuel's Promise:** Loan Balance:

(Interest paid in July: \$6,088.00 Principle paid in July: \$0.00)

**Memorials:**

Victor Miller: Capital Campaign-\$100.00

Carl Nicholson: General fund-\$25.00

**Honorarium:**

## Membership Report - July 2023

**Worship Attendance:**

	8:00 am	10:30 am	6:30 pm	9 am / Special	Total	Average	Info/Service
<b>2023</b>							
Jul. 2/3			22	117	139	70	
Jul. 9/10			31	117	148	74	
Jul. 16/17			29	107	136	68	
Jul. 23/24			22	112	134	67	
Jul. 30/31			27	117	144	72	
<b>Totals</b>			<b>131</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>701</b>		
<b>2022</b>							
Jul. 3/4			18	84	102	51	
Jul. 10/11			38	118	156	78	
Jul. 17/18			30	88	118	59	
Jul. 24/25			36	77	113	57	
Jul. 31/1			36	99	135	68	
<b>Totals</b>			<b>158</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>624</b>		

**No Baptisms in July**

**No Funerals in July**

**Weddings:**

Mark Peterson & Sharon Seeber, July 15

August Matson & Wilhelmina Zastrow, July 21

**Baptized:** 842\*

**Confirmed:** 713\*

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

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER

3 Courtney Boeder	16 Timothy Graf
4 Ezekiel Chairez	16 Dale Jorgensen
4 Jeffrey Martin	17 Matt Galston
4 Reagan Wolff	17 Georgeanne Kusel
5 Nate Preuss	18 Katie Crogan
5 Linda Riesen	18 Molly Grochowske
5 Jean Vogt	18 Theodore Gutzdorf
6 Ryan Burke	18 Ann Schmitt
6 Sierra Endel	18 Kayla Suhr
6 Kyle Martin	19 Joe Gillmann
6 Addyson Moore	19 Marcia Kelman
6 Peter Neverman	19 Ryan Schuett
6 Zachary Newhouse	20 Terry Doerr
7 Laurie Zwiig	20 Mark Grosenick
8 Rhiannon Stivarius	20 Kathy Neverman
9 Alexander Crogan	21 Jayne Adams
9 Neale Jones	21 Betty Schultz
9 Esther Uttech	22 Jerry Adams
10 Andy Boxell	22 Lynette Hertel
10 Jayce Norsetter	23 Kayla Surdick
10 DeWayne Roberson	24 Janice Buss
10 Michael Travis	24 Kimberly Carpenter
10 Jacob Voigt	24 Matthew Englebrecht
10 Xao Yang	24 Mark Heiden
11 Jennie Sukow	24 Steve Schroeder
12 Suzanne Adler	24 William Surdick
12 Megan Kehl	25 Mary Campbell
13 Cameron Bethke	25 Samantha Field
13 Marissa Calzada-Chairez	25 Kelly Quintero
13 James Conant	25 Ethan Skaar
13 Evan Ferree	26 Zoey Amis
13 Nancy Gillingham	26 Cassandra Lindemann
13 Jason Korth	28 Vicki Olson
13 Alex Lueck	28 Bobbi Jo Trujillo-Zubke
13 Jana Strobel	29 Craig Crogan
14 Evelyn Agar-Pratt	29 Jim Daniels
14 Wendy Umland	29 Addison Szalanski
15 Gideon Kueffer	30 Rylan Berndt
15 Riya Kueffer	30 Stan Dabrowski
15 Nichole Lenius	30 Brian Konz
15 Kelly Scholze	30 James Moyer
16 Ashley Gillingham	30 Randy Zechzer



## Wedding Anniversaries!

2 Ryan & Krista Schuett
4 Phil & Nancy Buss
5 Doug & Patti Schilling
6 Andy & Kim Grinwald
6 Brian & Cathy Winker
7 Karen & Daryl Herritz
7 Bruce & Julie Zwiig
10 Craig & Lisa Crogan
10 Jake & Michelle Mueller
13 Doug & Karen Heller
13 Brette & Jennifer Szalanski
15 Rich & Wanda Udovich
17 Justin & Alexandra Agar-Pratt
17 Tim & Theresa Jensen
17 Davin & Karen Lee
18 Randy & Tina Johnson
19 Neil & Ruth Baumann
19 Scott & Alyson Shackley
20 Ron & Linda Maas
21 Donna & Dave Stangler
22 Bobbi Jo & Ben Nielsen
24 Matt & Annette Dunbar
25 Allen & Deborah Zabel
28 Jim & Ellen Conant
28 John & Heidi Jagler
28 Jana & Tim Strobel
28 Nic & Laura Wolter
29 Ed & Grace Wegner
30 Kris & Michael Solovey

*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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*Immanuel*  
Evangelical Lutheran Church

# September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 9:00a Morning Worship <i>LAST 9AM SERVICE</i>	4 <b>LABOR DAY</b>  Office Closed No Food Pantry No Evening Worship	5 9:00a Quilter's	6 3:30p Confirmation 6:30p Faithful Men 7:15p Festival Choir	7 6:00p Worship & Music	8	9
10 <b>RALLY SUNDAY</b> <i>Installation of Teachers</i> 8:00a Morning Worship 9:15a Education Hour S.S. Students meet/ register in Multi Purpose Room 10:30a Blended Worship	11 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 5:15p Mission & Outreach Conf. Room 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Evening Worship	12	13 9:00a Quilter's 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 3:30p Confirmation 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Faithful Men 7:15p Festival Choir	14	15	16 7-11a LWR Boxcar Loading Madison
17 <i>Healing of the Nations</i> 8:00a Morning Worship 9:15a Education Hour 10:30a Blended Worship 11:45a Finance  <b>Noisy Offering for Food to Go &amp; Grow</b>	18 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 5:00p Faith Formation 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Evening Worship	19 11:00a Bereavement Support Group 4:00p Mary Circle in Youth Room 5:00p Food Pantry Multi Purpose Room 6:00p Congregational Council - Conf. Room	20 10:00a W-ELCA in Conference Room 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 1:00p Book Club in Youth Room 3:30p Confirmation 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Faithful Men 7:15p Festival Choir	21 9:30a Sarah Circle in Conference Room	22	23
24 8:00a Morning Worship 9:15a Education Hour 10:30a Blended Worship Led by S.S. students Present 3rd Grade Bibles	25 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Evening Worship	26 11:30a I.L.L.B.	27 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 3:30p Confirmation 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Faithful Men 7:15p Festival Choir	28 9:00a Quilter's	29	30

# CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Thursday, August 15, 2023 at 6:00pm Location: Conference Room**

PRESENT: Bob Boxell, Emily Lessner, Ruth Mack, Sue Weihert, DeWayne Roberson, Rev. Carina Schiltz, Brian Konz, Sue Putra, Andy Woodard, Ryan Lessner, Katie Bartelt  
ABSENT: None

## Call to Order

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

## Opening Devotion

What is bringing you joy lately?

## Approval of Meeting Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

By: Sue Weihert, Second: Sue Putra — *Motion carried by voice vote.*

## Vision Victories

Service on Sunday at the Town Square; Ministry Fair; Summer Celebrations - People bringing extra friends along

## Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Congregation Council meeting held in June 2023.

By: Ryan Lessner, Second: Katie Bartelt — *Motion carried by voice vote.*

## Financial Report

The Finance Committee reviewed the financial reports, discussed Finance Committee meeting and conversation around general fund and loan status. Member of the finance committee will be speaking to congregation regarding Capital Campaign in September. The Committee recommends acceptance of the reports.

MOTION: To accept the June and July 2023 Financial Reports as presented.

By: Sue Putra, Second: Ruth Mack — *Motion carried by voice vote.*

## Membership Report

MOTION: To accept the June and July 2023 Membership Reports.

By: Andy Woodard, Second: Sue Weihert — *Motion carried by voice vote.*

## Pastor's Report

Pastor submitted her report to council prior to the meeting.

Pastor commented on positive things happening within the congregation and further on some of the financial concerns - capital project, future projects (boiler). Wonder - how do we empower leadership to do something fun to raise money?

Pride in the Park - Pastor shared her experience at the event. Chaplain emergency response following the event. Want to build something good together.

## Committee Reports

The council received written reports from most committees of the congregation via email prior to the meeting. Following the meeting, all reports will be on file in the church narthex.

MOTION: To accept Committee Reports

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

## Old Business

- Police Dept. walk-through with Mark Putra, Pastor, & DeWayne
- Staff Evaluations Committee
- Church Library

- **Parish Protection Plan - Pastor**

- Further discussion on section D
- Discussed working with parole officer and the individual to develop a plan, per section D
- Discussed levels of care - working with children, etc.
- Discussed items in 1-4 - questions related to number 4.
- Questions, notes, and suggestions to be reviewed and brought back to council.
- MOTION: To approve the revised policy as read by Pastor - By: Brian Konz, Second: Bob Boxell - *Motion carried by voice vote.*

- **Bread & Roses considerations**

- **Ministry Fair review**

**Handrails in bathrooms** - concerns re: install and quality; DR will lead up contacting company who installed.

## **New Business**

- **Turkey Dinner**

- We currently have no one who will be coordinating the Turkey Dinner, so we are unable to continue.
- Discussed a variety of options/ideas for future dinner options (examples: Turner Hall, combine with another church). Also discussed holding a pot-luck, fundraiser
- Committee to brainstorm ideas for a replacement event: Sue Putra, Sue Weihert, Bob Boxell

- **Stewardship Campaign**

- **Budget Review**

- Dwayne shared:

- ✦ This is the time of year that we need to start looking at our budgetary needs.
- ✦ We have known costs, as well as building/maintenance costs coming - boiler, roof; options: boiler system, forced air (could be more cost effective, but would require a system to heat water), solar

✦ MOTION: To move to closed session to discuss employee leave - Brian Konz, Second: Andrew Woodard

✦ MOTION: to return to open session - By: Sue Putra, Second: Sue Weihert - Motion carried by voice vote

## **Calendar Review**

8/16 - Wednesday - Book Club - 1:00 pm  
8/16 - Wednesday - Summer Celebration - 5:30-7:30 pm  
8/25 - Friday - Game Night - 6:00-8:00 pm  
9/10 - Sunday - Rally Day - 9:15 am  
9/24 - Sunday - Child-led Service - 10:30 am  
11/5 - Sunday - Children sign at both services  
12/2 - Saturday - Mistletoe Market - 9:00-2:30 pm  
12/16 - Saturday - Pageant rehearsal  
12/17 - Sunday - Children's Christmas pageant

## **Closing Prayer**

## **Adjournment**

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM.

By: Andrew Woodard, Second: Katie Bartelt — *Motion carried by voice vote.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Emily Lessner  
*Secretary*

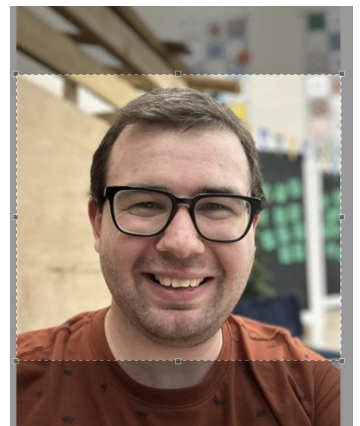
# New Church Directory - Submit Your Pictures!

We are excited to announce that work is beginning on a new church directory in anticipation of our 150th anniversary!

We will be using a service called *Instant Church Directory*, which **will allow members to access the directory through a secure website and app AND allow the church office to publish printed copies of the directory** whenever they are needed. One of the exciting benefits is that this directory can be continuously updated. As contact information changes and new members join the congregation, we can make those changes online instantly and print new editions as needed.

To make this successful, we need your help! Because this directory is not connected to a photo studio like previous directories have been, **we will be relying on you to submit a picture of you or your family** or sign up to have your picture taken by a volunteer. Please follow the tips and guidelines below or contact the church office to request someone to take your photo.

- **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](mailto: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](mailto:thomt.immanuel@gmail.com).



# PASTOR HAS THE LAST WORD!

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Hello, dear church.

"Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law." (Romans 13:10).

Hello, dear church! Welcome to September, a wonderful month in the life of the church!

With Christ at the center, love for the neighbor leading us onward, and attentiveness to the Holy Spirit, we continue to joyfully celebrate God's grace, accept all, and grow in our call to serve God and the world.

This month we begin Sunday school and confirmation again, the Sunday school kids will lead worship, choirs will sing, the already bustling building continues to be full throughout the week. WELCA, quilters, book club, the food pantry, PEP, Hometown Missions, Bread and Roses, and more!

More good news: English as a second language classes, led by our friends from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, is adding another class session time thanks to the new teachers from Immanuel who signed up during the ministry fair in July. We give thanks to God for our neighbors and support them in learning English and beyond!

This building belongs to God, and I think you are wonderful stewards of this gift for the sake of the wider community--God's beloved creation. We continue pursuing our goal of raising \$100,000 towards the building loan by January 2024--please consider giving to this effort now as we look to move to a mortgage starting in February. Let's work toward paying it off together. You've come so far! Thank you, dear church.

In gratitude and hope, following Jesus alongside you,

Pastor Carina

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Channel 985 & [WatertownTV.com](http://WatertownTV.com)

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Sundays at 4:00p

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Growing in God's call to serve the world



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