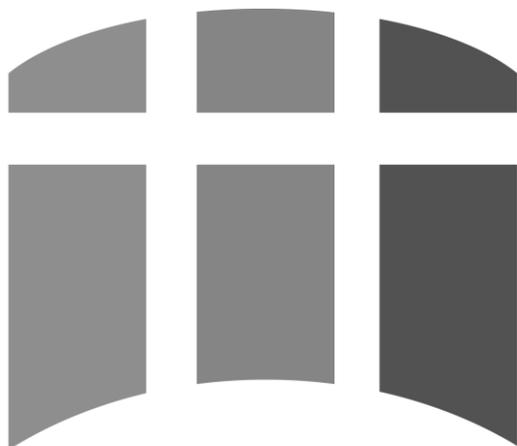


# The Messenger

November 2018



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Immanuel Lutheran Church and Preschool  
4820 Oster Pkwy, Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Rev. Dr. Gerald Kapanka, Don Illian, Pastors  
Church: 260-2000 [ilcv.org](http://ilcv.org)  
Preschool: 260-2005 [ilswaterloo.com](http://ilswaterloo.com)

# A Message from Pastor Illian

***“Celebrate the Festival of Harvest  
with the first fruits of the crops you sow in your field.”*** Ex. 23:16

When God was laying down the law for the Children of Israel He told them to Celebrate Thanksgiving. Frankly, that sounds an awful lot like a parent saying to a child after opening a Christmas present, “Now, what do you say?” Understand, I’m not faulting the parents; they are trying to teach the child how to express thanks for gifts received. In fact, I have met far too many children (of all ages) who never learned how to be thankful. Perhaps they are the product of a prior generation who never learned how to express thankfulness, and thus did not teach their children to be thankful.

After Noah brought the animals from the Ark the first thing he did was “build an altar to the Lord” and offered a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord. (Gen. 8:20) Today countries around the world do something similar by celebrating the land’s bounty. In Ghana, the people celebrate the Yam Festival as a harvest event. In Brazil, *Dia de Acao de Gracas* is a time to be grateful for the crops that yielded their food. In China there is the Mid-Autumn (Moon) Festival. In the United States and Canada, it is called Thanksgiving.

But, wait a minute! Who are we thanking? Mother Earth? Father Time? The Sun, the Moon, the Stars? Previous generations who homesteaded Iowa? John Deere who first started building tractors, so we could have manufacturing jobs? Our thanks flow freely from grateful hearts to the Father of Creation for His wonderful gifts which abundantly overflow all we could ever ask for or deserve. Again, we are reminded of our precious Redeemer who offered Himself as the Lamb of God who ransoms us from the debt of sin. We listen to the sanctifying call of the Holy Spirit who calls us to faith through the Word and Sacraments. The seasonal cornucopia finds its tail beside the throne of God the Father, and we thank Him for our blessings. The golden cross finds its luster in memory of the sacrifice the Christ offered on it for our salvation. The flames of Pentecost dance on our hearts as we remember His calling us to faith. For all these things we lift our Thanks to God 24 hours a day, seven days a week, three hundred sixty-

five and a quarter days a year for as long as we live. So, what do you say? Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Pastor Illian

## October Prayers

For Betty Hazen, Cindy Grim's mother, health issues  
For Karen Weber, recovering from hip surgery  
For Danielle Mason, preschool parent, diagnosed with cancer  
For Vicki McDonald, Kathy Camarata's sister, cancer  
For our missionaries Scott & Ivy Wiens and Pr. Carl & Chen Hanson

**Please** call the church office if you will be in the hospital or if you know of a member that is ill.

## Information

### Official Acts:

**Death:** Arlene Stabenow

**Transfer In:** Sylvia Dempster, from Trinity Ft. Morgan, CO

### Address info requested for:

Aliyah Abben

Arno & Margaret Behrens

Dan Cox

Stamm family

Dean Wilson

Alice Wallace

Ben Sink

Jade Allspach

Kale Clay

Ryan Finger

Ruefin Sleh

Jemima Wallace

Cory Hawbaker

### Directory Updates:

Thea Streitmatter 106 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Wloo 03 319-236-0660

Bob & Chris Panther 5313 Caraway Lane Apt. 220, Cedar Falls

Donna Lichty 312 Southbrooke Dr. Apt. 9, Wloo 02 319-291-1308

# Worship

**This year's theme is Missions: Reaching the Unreached**

**Theme Verse:** Acts 13:47 *"I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."*

## Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sundays @ 8:30am & 11:00am

Wednesdays @ 5:30pm

Thanksgiving Eve Worship November 21 @ 5:30pm



**Altar Committee:** Marlene Auringer & Joanne & Warren Hartman will set up communion in November. Thanks to Linda Mahncke & Deb Newton for setting up communion in October.

## November Acolytes

Sunday, Nov 4 w/HC	8:30 a.m.	NEED	
w/HC	11:00 a.m.	NEED	
Sunday, Nov 11	8:30 a.m.	NEED	
	11:00 a.m.	NEED	
Sunday, Nov 18 w/HC	8:30 a.m.	NEED	
w/HC	11:00 a.m.	NEED	
Sunday, Nov 25	8:30 a.m.	NEED	
	11:00 a.m.	NEED	

**The Welcome Committee's** goal is to welcome visitors with conversation and foster a connection with everyone that walks through our door. If you have a passion for making others feel valued and connected, contact JT & Angie Reisdorph for more information.

# Mission Ministry

**Mission Committee:** Meets Tuesday, November 6 @ 6:15pm. Speak to Bob White for more information.

**In November,** the Mission Committee has organized a trip to Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa for Saturday, November 10. It will be an exciting day trip to learn more about the mission work being done by the LCMS. We will tour the facility including the chapel, Creation Museum, and hear missionaries Rev, Herb and Markie Burch currently serving in Belize. Cost is \$10 – includes lunch. We will leave from church at 6AM and return by 6PM. (Sign -up for this has ended.)

**Spring Break Mission Trip:** Our Mission Trip will take place from March 16- 24 and our destination will be New Orleans. Everyone is invited to join us from ages 13 on up. We will be doing community service projects in the New Orleans area. The cost will be approximately \$500+ and hopefully a good share of this can be raised by fund raisers. If you are interested in joining us, there is a signup sheet at the welcome desk. Any questions, please ask Laverne Kelderman.

**Our Missionaries:** Please keep in your prayers the missionaries our church is supporting: Scott & Ivy Wiens (Thailand) and Pr. Carl & Chen Hanson (Hong Kong)





## Christian Outreach

### LCMS Radio and Web Ministry

[www.Kfuo.org](http://www.Kfuo.org) reaches listeners worldwide 24/7

“The Lutheran Hour” can be heard on these stations:

KXEL 1540 AM Sunday 5:30am

WGN 720 AM Sunday 6:00am

WMT 600 AM Sunday 6:30am

WHO 1040 AM Sunday 7:30am

KWAY 1470 AM Sunday 8:00am

## Fellowship

**Glowing Embers: November Glowing Embers** will be back at the CF Pizza Ranch at 11:30. You might want to make a special note that the first Thursday of Nov, is Nov. 1. If you are interested in a great meal (Dutch Treat), great Senior fellowship (conversation & jokes), great singing (from little red hymnal), and great update (on various congregational health issues) you are invited to **GLOWING EMBERS** at **THE CEDAR FALL PIZZA RANCH**. Next month, [December] will be our Christmas Party at The Village Coop. That is a potluck meal and \$5 gift exchange. You can pre-register at the November Meeting, or call Kathy Illian (988-3446)

**Fall German Dinner:** Thanks to LeeAnn Kleiner and her family for preparing a great German meal. Thanks to Ron Uhlenhopp for his music. Thanks to all those who volunteered!

# Children/Youth Ministry

**Sunday School** for grades Pk-8<sup>th</sup> grades. Meets at 9:45am.

**Check out the music opportunities for Kids below...**

## Music Ministry

### For Kids

**Kid's Praise Choir:** Children K-5<sup>th</sup> grade practice Mondays from 5:30-6:00pm. (Will sing in church Nov. 11.)

**Children's Chimes** meet at 6:00pm, right after Praise Kids on Monday nights. 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades are welcome. (Will play in church on Nov. 11.)

### For Adults

**Hand Bells** practice Mondays at 5:30pm. Anyone 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older is welcome to participate, even if you can't read music! (Hand Bells will provide music in church on Nov. 18)

**Praise Band!** If you are interested in either singing or playing an instrument, contact Ashley Ehrich. Practice Wednesdays at 6:30pm. (Will play in church Nov. 11 – last practice for 2018 will be Nov. 7)

**Cantata Practice:** Please join practice at 7:15pm on Wednesday, November 7 and then at 6:30pm on November 14 & 28. The Christmas Cantata will be on December 9 and we will be practicing for the Cantata from now till then – still time to join in!

## Men's Ministry

**Pancake Breakfast:** The men of Immanuel will serve a pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 11. If you can help serve or clean up, contact Jeff Dawson.



## Women's Ministry

**Dorcas:** Dorcas met Thursday, October 18 for their annual Progressive Supper. Appetizers were at enjoyed at the home of Laverne Kelderman. Then it was on to Immanuel for the entrée followed by ice cream at Menchies.

On Thursday, November 15, Dorcas will meet at the church at 6:30pm, for devotions and to plan our 2019 schedule and activities. All ladies are welcome to bring along ideas for events and service projects they would like to see happen through the LWML.

**Advent by Candlelight: A Special Evening for Women** will be Saturday, December 1 here at Immanuel from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Registration, social hour with appetizers, and table viewing begins at 4:00pm. Our program begins in the sanctuary at 4:30pm. The Hand Bell Choir from Nazareth and Immanuel's Children's Chimes will be our musical entertainment. Our theme is *Joyfully Ring His Praises!* Registration begins Sunday, November 4 and ends Sunday, November 25. Space is limited, so please register your table and guests early. See Cindy Grim for registration materials and Barb Buescher with any questions.



## Caring Ministry

**GriefShare** is a national Christ-centered grief recovery support group. This 13-week program meets here Mondays at 4:00pm and is led by Lois Bonefas. If you are dealing with the death of a family member or friend, whether the loss is recent, or years ago, please join us.

**Love, INC Gas Card Gap Ministry:** If you are willing to meet briefly with clients who pick up gas cards here at Immanuel on Wednesdays between 10:00-11:00, call Kathy Diehl.



# Adult Education

## **Bible Study Opportunities:**

**Sunday Adult Study** – Pastor Kapanka leads a Bible study on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary from 10:00-10:45am. Join in!

**Women’s Bible Study**—This women’s Bible study, led by Deb Staack, meets on Tuesdays from 9:15-11:00am. Current study: 2 Corinthians. Any interested women are welcome!

**At the Village** – Kathe Kisling organizes a Bible study at the Village Co-op. New participants are always welcome. Contact Kathe 277-4097 for info.

# Service

## **Service Opportunities:**

**Food Bank:** Immanuel volunteers at the NE IA Food Bank on Lafayette St. in Waterloo from 4:30-6:00pm on Thursday, November 1.

## **Other Upcoming Opportunities at NE IA Food Bank:**

\*Assist with packing boxes of food for senior citizens on November 10 & December 8 from 9-11:00am.

\*Help package the fixings for Thanksgiving meals on November 17 from 1-3:00pm.

\*Open volunteer time December 8 from 1-3:00pm, December 27 from 1-3:00pm, December 28 from 9-11:00am. Bring your family and friends! Email [dbohner@northeastiowafoodbank.org](mailto:dbohner@northeastiowafoodbank.org) if you are interested!

**Readers & Greeters:** Please sign up at the Welcome Desk, if you would like to read our lessons or greet at the door.

**Ushers:** Please contact Will Determan, if you are willing to usher. See the schedule at the Welcome Desk for dates and times.

**Presentation Assistant:** If you are interested in learning how to run the Proclaim software we use during our service, tape our services, or perhaps operate the sound board, speak to Jon Illian, Tech Director.



## Preschool News

Preschool is busy as usual. Classes are full, and children are hearing the word of God daily. Stories such as Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph have been the highlights. We also were able to have Mrs. G. and her puppet Abraham join us for chapel. We truly enjoy the stories that our leaders share.

Fire Safety was an important part of our program during the month of October. Our 4's class attended a field trip to the fire station to see the working of the station as well as learn a few fire safety tips. The class also collected a variety of snacks for the fire fighters as part of our visit. The 3's class had a special visit from Fire Fighter Dustin to show them the equipment he wears so that they would not be scared if they ever need help from a fire fighter.

November is going to be another busy month as we prepare to sing in church on November 11 at 11:00. We will have our Family Feast for Thanksgiving, which is an opportunity to come together to share a finger food meal with our families and friends. The children will share a few thoughts about the first thanksgiving and how the people gave thanks for all that God had given them.

In short order it will be time to prepare for Christmas. Our Christmas Program is scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. You are all invited to attend.

Mrs. Illian, Mrs. Meyerhoff, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Grim. Mrs. Peter



**VLS 11th Annual Craft Sale** will be Saturday, November 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Shop over 50 craft and vendor booths. Concessions will be available for lunch or a snack. We are asking for rummage sale items that are in good shape, no clothing please. Items can be dropped off starting October 8th between the hours of 8:30-2:30 and again from 3:30-4.

**Bake Sale:** VLS in need of baked goods to sell at the Craft Sale. Items can be brought to the school on Thursday, November 1 in the afternoon, Friday, November 2 after 4 p.m. or on Saturday, November 3rd before 8:30 a.m. Thank you for the support!

**Brunch Fundraiser:** VLS' High School Cheerleading Squad is raising money for new uniforms. An all-you-can-eat brunch will be held Sunday, November 4 from 11am-2pm in the school multi-purpose room. More info on the VLS board.

**Middle School Girls Basketball Coach:** Valley is in need of a basketball coach for the middle school girls. If interested or have more questions, please contact Coach Jo at [brian.jo@vlscrusaders.org](mailto:brian.jo@vlscrusaders.org).

**Before/Aftercare:** We are still looking for someone to do our Childcare Program. We would like someone for Wednesday afternoons from 2:30-6:00 p.m., for the rest of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, and then 2nd semester would be mornings from 6:30-7:45 a.m. and afternoons from 3:20-6:00 p.m. with Wednesdays being 2:30-6:00 p.m. If you, or someone you know is interested, please contact [brian.lheureux@vlscrusaders.org](mailto:brian.lheureux@vlscrusaders.org).

## Other News

**The College Hill Music Conservatory:** As a service to the church and community, the purpose of the College Hill Music Conservatory is to offer private music lessons taught by Christian instructors in a Christian environment. To inquire about private lessons and costs, please contact Rev. John Wegener at [prwegener@cfu.net](mailto:prwegener@cfu.net) or (319) 427-3098. Current music instructors accepting students are:

**Piano-** Vicar Nathan Wille (SPC), Anya Shorey (UNI School of Music), Alan Beving (UNI School of Music)

**Organ-** Vicar Nathan Wille (SPC)

**Flute-** Shelby Miller (UNI School of Music)

**Trombone-** Joshua Piering (UNI School of Music)

**Tuba-** Alan Beving (UNI School of Music)

**Bassoon** – Anya Shorey (UNI School of Music)

**Violin-** Bailey Renfro (UNI School of Music)

### **Keely Daman's Book Drive for Lou Henry Elementary**

For my 18th birthday, I have decided that I wanted to give back to my community in a unique way. I've decided that starting Sunday (10/14) through the end of November, I will be conducting a book drive that will be donated to the Lou Henry Media Center where I currently work part-time during the school day. The books need to be in the following conditions...

- Kindergarten through 5th Grade age appropriate.
- Hardcover or paperback.
- Gently used.

If you don't own any books that qualify, cash donations are also acceptable since the students fill out wish-lists of books they wish to have within the library, and that is where the cash donations will go towards.

I can always pick up the books from you or you can drop off the books in the cardboard box in the entry way of church. If you have any questions, contact Keely Daman at..

- Cellphone Number: (319) 883-1243
- Email: [keelydaman@gmail.com](mailto:keelydaman@gmail.com)

Thank you all!

**Metropolitan Chorale** will perform Sounds of Faith, Hope and Love on Sunday, November 4 at 3:00pm at Nazareth in Cedar Falls. (Immanuel members Warren & Joanne Hartman are part of the Chorale). See church bulletin board for details.

**Bah Hum Bug!** Immanuel member Jessica Meron will be among the cast of the CF Community Theater production of A Christmas Carol playing at Oster Regent Nov 30, Dec 1 & 2, 7-9.

**Join a bus trip to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter**

Taking reservations for 2019. Contact Roger and Ellen Bauer 319-352-5435 or [ellen.bauer@mchsi.com](mailto:ellen.bauer@mchsi.com).

**Become an Immanuel Traveler!** We would like to extend an invitation to you -- singles or couples, to go with us on a 14-day tour of England, Scotland, and Ireland June 20-July 3, 2019. We have booked a trip through Gate 1 Travel that includes airfare from Minneapolis to London, hotels, numerous meals, sightseeing, bus trip for the price of \$3,769 per person, if booked before December 13th. We have 30 people signed up at this point and can add 12 more. If you are ready to go or would like more information, please contact Myron or Joyce Piehl @ [joyce.piehl@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.piehl@gmail.com) or text Joyce at 318-610-3733.

**40 Days for Life:** Abortion is the leading cause of death in the world. 40 Days for Life is the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history, helping people in local communities end the injustice of abortion. We are in our 8<sup>th</sup> 40 Days for Life Campaign, praying to end abortion. **We Pray at:**

Planned Parenthood, 2520 Melrose Dr., Cedar Falls

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

40 days straight from September 26-November 4.

You are invited to join with others from many churches in the Cedar Valley for 40 Days of prayer. Call Kie if you want more information, 231-5711 or go to [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com).



**If you have not yet fulfilled your pledge, we encourage you to do so; if you have fulfilled your pledge, please prayerfully continue to give to the building fund to make our building payment.**

**Change Challenge!** Save your pocket change each week and drop it in the 5-gallon bucket in the church entryway. All monies from the bucket will go towards the building fund. We are over \$9,300 collected!

### **Contributions for September/October**

**Electronic Giving:** Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? Immanuel offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have your contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. Contact the church office for more details. We have over 20 church families who use this easy option!



**Buy SCRIP Gift Cards!** From retail stores to restaurants, using scrip cards is easy! We keep many of your favorites on hand but can also order what you need. Not only are the cards great gifts but are handy for your everyday use. All families buy gas, buy groceries, and eat out. Why not use a scrip card? Immanuel keeps a percentage of each card purchased (and is given to the building fund)! Buy scrip at the Welcome Desk or from the office.



**Please pray for these MEMBERS serving in the military:**

- **Cale Buck**
- **Blake Determan** is currently an Airman First Class, stationed at Beale AFB in California. He is a crew chief on the Lockheed U-2 (a spy plane). Blake is scheduled to be deployed in December to the United Arab Emirates.
- **SFC Jamie Stien**, Military Instructor for ROTC at UNI

**And these FRIENDS of the Congregation serving in the military:**

- Jonathan Chung, grandson of the late Ted Schuler, serving airborne stateside.
- Senior Chief Jacob Gardner, grandson of Sandy McDonald, serving in the Navy. Stationed in Seattle with wife Anne and children Attica & Ava.
- Lt. Colonel Chad Lichty, grandson of Bill Foulk, stationed at Vance Air Force Base, Enid, OK.
- Ben McCombs, grandson of Margaret McCombs, Navy
- Dylan Meyer, grandson of Doris Meyer, US Navy Seals Training Coronado Island, CA.
- Colonel Kevin Minor, working at the Pentagon, son-in-law of Deb Staack. (Air Force)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Ryan Richter, Marines, nephew of Barb Laue, serving in Afghanistan.
- Jessica Schmidt, Army, family of Doug & Mary Schmidt, serving in the Army.



## November Birthdays

1. Brynn Culpepper, Brayden Waldon
- 2.
3. Colton Ott, Adam Volker
4. Judy Hinkle
- 5.
6. Sara Dix
- 7.
8. Melissa Knight, Penney Neisen
9. Jasper Downs, Lynnae Freet
10. Diane Buls, Lynn Galloway, Bob Heide, Karon Hines, Abigail Schutt
11. Jean Barrett, Betty Sieglaff
12. Kathleen Franck, **Doris Schmidt**
13. Mike O'Brien
14. Delores Bush, Dennis Roberts
- 15.
- 16.
17. Veronica Lewis
- 18.
- 19.
- 20.
21. Lance Banwart
22. Harley McHone, Melia Stone
23. Joe Ehrich, Noah Klein
24. Valerie Hanson, Dani Heide, Lori Netty
25. Jeff Chamberlin, Judy Dumler
26. Nathan Jeys, Char Vaala
27. Joanne Hartman, Katelynn Panning, Macy Wright
- 28.
29. Barbara Cook, Cameron Morelock, **Evelyn Winder**
30. Will Determan

## **Members Celebrating 90+ Birthdays**

Doris Schmidt, 1002 Scott Ave., Wloo 01  
Evelyn Winder, 2826 Rownd, Cedar Falls

## **Milestone Anniversary**

Chuck & Linda Gomez will celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Nov. 24.

# **Minutes**

**Board of Directors  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Tuesday, October 23, 2018**

## **This Just In....**

**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will take place on Sunday, November 18. Following late service, the Board of Directors will serve a soup lunch with a freewill offering going to the Mason family. (Danielle Mason has stage four cancer and is the mother of one of our preschoolers.) The annual meeting will follow lunch. Agenda and board nominees will be published in the *Weekly News* on November 4.

