

November Birthdays

- 1 Brynn Culpepper, Brayden Waldon
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- 3 Colton Ott, Adam Volker, Carolyn Winder
- 4 Judy Hinkle
- 5
- 6 Sara Dix
- 7
- 8 Melissa Knight, Penney Neisen
- 9 Jasper Downs, Lynnae Freet
- 10 Lynn Galloway, Bob Heide, Truman Meeks, Abigail Schutt
- 11 Jean Barrett
- 12 Kathleen Frank, **Doris A. Schmidt,**
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- 14 **Delores Bush,** Dennis Roberts, Hadlee Roth, Jeff Woods
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- 19 Lillian Immel
- 20
- 21 Lance Banwart
- 22 Harley McHone, Melia Stone
- 23 Noah Klein
- 24 Valerie Hanson, Dani Heide, Lori Netty
- 25 Noah Scholomann
- 26 Nathan Jeys
- 27 **Joanne Hartman,** Katelynn Panning, Arianna Volker,
Macy Wright
- 28
- 29 Cameron Morelock, Evelyn Winder
- 30 William Determan



Milestone Birthdays in bold are for 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100 years.

The Messenger

November 2023



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Serving in the Military

Members

- **Reece Buck** serving with the National Guard
- **Blake Determan** Air Force Staff Sergeant, back in California.
- **Gus Camarata** Waterloo, Army National Guard
- **Camryn Meyer** serving with the Army National Guard 209th Medical Company
- **SFC Jamie Stien** Military Instructor

Friends of the Congregation

- Dylan Meyer, Doris Meyer's grandson (Navy)
- Austin Jacox, grandson of Bob and Kathy Camarata, National Guard, deployed to Djibouti, Africa



November Anniversaries

- 7 Ryan & Amanda Davis
- 11 Lyle & Nanette Gaines
- 12 **Douglas & Colleen Schatzle**
- 13 Gene & Cheryl Boevers
- 15 Ryan & Kathryn Thompson, Keith & Lynn Galloway
- 16 Peter & Kaylene Natvig
- 19 Charles & Jolene Clos
- 24 Paul & Teri Mason
- 29 Timothy & Sharon Chamberlin
- 30 Daniel & Alyssa Simmer




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Gathering for Worship

'23-'24 Theme

Living by the Book

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.." 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Regular Worship

Sundays 8:00am* & 10:30am

*Live streamed on Facebook and available later at www.ilcv.org

Information from the Office

Official Business

Received:

Marriages: Keely Daman and Zach Rosonke

In Our Prayers

Prayers from October

Sylvia Demster – on hospice

Frances Melsh – health concerns

Ron Schmadeke – kidney disease

Marvin Miller – health

Amanda Davis – health concerns

Thea Streittmatter – hospitalized

Frances Melsh – broken wrist



Ongoing Prayers

- Deb Morrison- health
- Gary Kaune – health
- Scott Bratthauer- father of Corissa Volker, cancer
- Ruth Schutte
- Robin Morelock, in Papua New Guinea
- Missionaries Scott & Ivy Wiens in Peru
- Missionaries Christian & Lula Tiews in Germany
- Valley Lutheran School
- Immanuel Lutheran Preschool

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

Adult Education

Bible Study Opportunities

- **Sunday Adult Study**

9:15am in the sanctuary with Pastor Kapanka

- **Women's Bible Study**

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am.

Caring Ministry

Love, INC

Gas Card Gap Ministry

Fulfillment by mail only at this time.



Grief Support

Grief Share is a network of churches worldwide equipped to offer grief support groups. The program is nondenominational and features biblical concepts for healing from your grief. Session are held on Monday evenings from 4:00 to 5:45pm. Contact the church office, Lois Bonefas, or Deb Pather for more details.



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Discover a community of people who understand and practical insights for navigating the holidays after loss. Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future

November 6 at 5:45 P.M.

and wife are separated on their own card. Thank you in advance for your help in keeping our records updated.

Church 360 Texting

Stay up to date on news from the church by receiving text messages from Immanuel. If you do not currently receive messages, stop by the office to make sure your phone number is correct.

Reflection Garden:

We're excited to see progress with planting in the garden. Thank you to those who donated towards buying and/or planting the small trees and shrubs.



If you are considering an engraved paver, we encourage you to purchase it soon, as the area where pavers will go will be completed when the landscaping is done. You can still purchase pavers after that, but they will have to be engraved on site. Again, our thanks as we continue to work on this project.



Acknowledgments

Thank you to Deb Newton and Linda Mahncke for preparing communion in October.

These advertisers helped provide our 2023 phone directory at no cost to our congregation. Black Hawk Memorial, Lance & Christy Banwart; Blue Line Moving and Storage, Bob & Linda Mahncke; Kobliska Chiropractic, Rod Kobliska; Polk's Lock Service, Myron & Joyce Piehl. We encourage you to think of them in the future as your needs arise!

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Women's Ministry

Dorcas

Dorcas (LWML) Society will meet on Thursday, November 16th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the church. Bring along three Christmas cards with stamps to be addressed and mailed to Shut-ins and Military.



Other News of Interest

2024 Guidebook and Directory

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

Update Membership Information

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct? It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

We are asking that everyone check the data that we have on file by reviewing your Information Card. Cards are on the round table in alphabetical order. Make corrections on the card and place completed cards in the basket. All corrections will be updated next week. Members who are 10 and older have a card to be completed, husband



NE IA Food Bank

Check their website <https://www.northeastiowafoodbank.org/> for opportunities to serve.

Christmas Baskets

Caring Committee will meet the week of December 18 to put food baskets together. Items needed: boxed potatoes, canned vegetables, boxed stuffing, canned or gravy mixes, canned sweet potatoes, refrigerator rolls, and no bake dessert mixes. Please have any items you may wish to donate to the church by



Sunday, December 17. (Use the container in the entry.) If you are aware of an Immanuel or community member in need, please give the name to the office. It will be passed along to the committee for consideration.

Children & Youth Ministry

Sunday School

Sunday School has begun with four classes and teachers for each. The children meet to sing with Mrs. Limback at the beginning of the Sunday school hour and then split up into their prospective classrooms.

SPARC

Faith Alive classes have started with this year being a Bible Overview of Old and New Testament. The classes will run through November 15. Classes will begin at 6:00 and end at 7:30 each week.



Lanterns – Jr. High Youth

New event schedule will be established soon.

Sr. High School Youth Group

Senior High youth are meeting on Sunday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00. November's schedule is as follows:

11/5 Bible study

11/11 Service project – TBD

11/19 Shut in project/event

11/26 Game night

If you have not been receiving emails or text messages from the Illian's please contact them.

Fellowship Together

Glowing Embers

November 2 at 11:30 we will be meeting for our monthly Glowing Embers at the Cedar Falls Pizza Ranch. If you are interested in a great meal, great Senior fellowship, singing, and updates on health issues please come and join us.



Family Life Ministry

All families with any child who has not started elementary are encouraged and welcome to join us. Check your emails and messages for more details. If you are new and would like to join this group, stop by the office to get more information, or contact Pastor Kevin.



Anyone with children in Elementary are encouraged to attend the Family Life Ministry Family Nights on November 14 at 5:30 p.m. Join us for a meal and a fun exciting night of activities.

Annual Meeting Soup Lunch

The Annual meeting will be held on November 19 after a soup luncheon provided by the Board of Directors.



Music Ministry

Praise Team

Did the Lord bless you with musical talent? We invite you to join the Immanuel Praise Team as a full or part-time member! The Praise Team (high school to adult) leads the congregation in singing the worship music during both services on the second Sunday of the month Sep-May. A mix of contemporary songs and traditional hymns are used. Instruments include piano, drums,

Eternal Care Fund

In Matthew 25:35-40, Jesus said "For I was hungry, and you gave me food...I was sick and you visited me..." Through these words, we are instructed to care for those among us who don't have the means to care for themselves. It is for this purpose that we have created the "Eternal Care Fund" to ensure that we care for our brothers and sisters in Christ who have no one else in their lives and no financial means to provide for their funeral and burial. We aim to help them have the dignity and honor of a proper Christian burial and funeral. You're invited to help us provide for our brothers and sisters in Christ who need our help the most. You can give through our website or through the offering plates, marked Eternal care Fund. Thank you in advance for your help with getting this fund started. Have a great week!



Giving Through Immanuel Website

Through the Immanuel web page, ilcv.org, electronic gifts can be made to the church. We have recently found that the credit card option was turned off on the site. It has been brought to the attention of our provider and they are in the process of fixing it. The credit card option charges larger fees so we would prefer that people use the ACH option.



Electronic Giving

Electronic Giving is available for all members through a program called Joyful Response. This comes with a bonus: there are no fees! If you would like to make a change to how you are giving, contact the church office for more details.

Change Challenge

Drop your pocket change in the 5-gallon bucket in the back of the sanctuary. All monies go towards the building payment.

	Early	Late
11/12/23	Deacons:	
	Readers	
	Greeters	Clark's
	Acyoltes	
	Ushers	
	Live Stream	Jon Illian
	Presentation	
	Snacks	

	Early	Late
11/19/23	Deacons:	
	Readers	Les Redinbaugh
	Greeters	
	Acyoltes	
	Ushers	
	Live Stream	Jon Illian
	Presentation	Jackie Illian
	Snacks	

	Early	Late
11/26/23	Deacons:	
	Readers	
	Greeters	
	Acyoltes	
	Ushers	
	Live Stream	
	Presentation	
	Snacks	

Signup Genius: <https://ilcv.360unite.com/volunteer-sign-up>
If you need assistance, speak to Jon Illian, Director of Communication.

Tithes and Offerings

Attendance & Offerings

Available in in the office upon request.

bass guitar and acoustic guitar to support the vocalists and congregation singing. Two practices are usually held for each service on the preceding Wednesdays in the Sanctuary.



See the church calendar for schedule. Dave Koehler, leader.

Mission Ministry

Mission Committee Meeting

Next meeting: November 7, at 6:15 pm.

Leader- Bob White

Mexico Mission Project:

The Mexico Mission Project brought in just under \$4100. With this amount Gene and Cheryl Boevers along with others in the retirement community in Texas will be able to build two homes in Mexico. Thank you for your contributions!



Robin Returns:

Thank you for your help in filling Robin's pantry. She will be returning to around the 12th, so if you have not brought your items in yet, please do so right away.

Missionary Workers Immanuel Helps Support

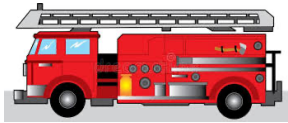
- Robin Morelock in Papua, New Guinea
- Scott & Ivy Wiens in Peru storeup@securenym.net
- Christian & Lula Tiews in Germany

School News

Immanuel Preschool

Preschool is busy as usual, and children are hearing the word of God daily. Stories such as Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph have been the highlight. It is great to hear from parents about how their child comes home and tells them about the bible stories they learn and then apply that information to their lives today.

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 to take to the fire fighters as part of our visit. The 3's class had a special visit from Firefighter Dustin to show them the equipment that he wears so that they should not be scared if they ever need help from a fire fighter. They also got to take a closer look at the Cedar Falls Fire Truck when it came to visit.



The 4's classroom is working on learning the way to make the letters of the alphabet. They are practicing how to make the various lines that form the letters. During letter "P" week, a parent who is a Police Officer came to visit the class and they also got to pop popcorn.

Grandparents were here for a visit on Friday, October 27 in the 4's classroom. The children worked together with their grandparents to make a jack-o-lantern and decorate pumpkins. We also shared some of our favorite songs with them and had snacks.



November is going to be another busy month as we prepare to sing in church on November 12 at 8:00. We will have our Family Feast for Thanksgiving in the 4's classroom, 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 thanksgiving.

Valley Lutheran

- Valley Lutheran School will be hosting a Veteran's Day celebration on Friday, November 10 at 10:00 A.M. Our theme this year is "Called to Serve." We will be having our annual slide show presentation for those who have served or are currently serving in a branch of the military. If you currently have a picture in the



slideshow and would like it to remain, please email Mr. Holtzman with the name and relationship to a Valley student or our ministry. Send a picture, the military branch, rank, and years of service to chad.holtzman@vlscrusaders.org or drop it off at Valley Lutheran School in the office by Friday, November 3. Any pictures not spoken for will be removed.



This event is open to the public. Our Boosters will be hosting a free lunch for veterans after the program. Please join us on Friday the 10th at 10:00 A.M. to celebrate our Veterans!



• **Craft Show**

The 15th Annual Valley Lutheran Craft Sale will be held on Saturday, November 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will be accepting items for the rummage sale beginning on October 23rd from 8:30 to 3:30 p.m. Please no clothes or large pieces of furniture. We thank you for your donations.

Serving This Month

October Altar Duties: Deb Newton and Linda Mahncke

Deacons, Greeters, Ushers, Readers, and Acolytes are needed each week at both services. Please sign up on Signup Genius.

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