

29 Mysti Beasley  
30 Ally Mae Dawson

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

New Preschool Logo's



# The Messenger

December 2023



Immanuel Lutheran Church and Preschool  
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Church: 319-260-2000 [ilcv.org](http://ilcv.org)  
Preschool: 319-260-2005 [immanuelpreschool.org](http://immanuelpreschool.org)



The poster features a vertical calendar for the month of December. The background is a dark, starry night sky with a bright, glowing comet or meteor streaking across it. Silhouettes of people are visible at the bottom, looking up at the sky. The word 'SCHEDULE' is written vertically on the left side. The word 'ADVENT' is written in large, bold letters at the top. The calendar entries are as follows:

Date	Event	Time
06 DEC	ADVENT SERVICE	NOON   6:00 PM
10 DEC	SUNDAY WORSHIP	8:00 AM   10:30 AM
13 DEC	ADVENT SERVICE	NOON   6:00 PM
17 DEC	SUNDAY WORSHIP	8:00 AM   10:30 AM
20 DEC	ADVENT SERVICE	NOON   6:00 PM
24 DEC	SUNDAY WORSHIP	8:00 AM   10:30 AM
24 DEC	CHRISTMAS EVE	CELEBRATION   6:00 PM
25 DEC	CHRISTMAS DAY	CELEBRATION   9:00 AM

At the bottom, there are two QR codes. The left one is labeled 'YOUTUBE' and the right one is labeled 'FACEBOOK'. Between them, the text reads: 'SCAN A CODE TO WATCH OUR LIVE STREAM BROADCASTS'.

## December Anniversaries

- 2 Weston and Elizabeth Dee-Hageman
  - 3 **Joe and Brenda Edgerton**
  - 8 **Dean and Elizabeth Bartholomew**
  - 19 Daniel and Nita Matthias
  - 21 Jamie and Allison Stein
  - 26 Charlie and Jaclyn Stoakes
- Milestone Anniversaries in bold are for 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years.**

## December Birthdays

- 1 Cyrus Leyda, Eva Glasrud
- 2 Kevin Culpepper, Bri Netty, Isabelle Simmer
- 3 Dustin Knight
- 4
- 5 Luke Duff, Dave Koehler, Trudy Shepard
- 6 Jennifer Daniels, Amanda Dart, Sharon Loftus, Ashleigh Panning
- 7 Josh Byers, Ehren Simmer, Jaclyn Stoakes
- 8 Magnus Stiner
- 9 Mary Smith
- 10 Lexi Kapanka, Tera Pries,
- 11 Kingston Pries, Aspen Sparks
- 12 Lydia Dawson, Lori Rule, Stacey Simmer
- 13 Dawn Stone
- 14 Kyler Dunbar, Hogan Simmer
- 15 Nancy Culpepper, Erich McHone, Trevor Schneider, Lori Schoepske
- 16 Zoe Vollaro
- 17
- 18 **Doris Meyer**, Isaac Natvig
- 19 Matt Natvig
- 20 Ashley Monroe, Hannah Nebel
- 21
- 22 **Merle Bush**, Kathy Diehl, Melissa Meyerhoff, John Swartzendruber
- 23 Jake Kobliska, Kayla Winders
- 24 Joyce Piehl
- 25 MJ Meeks, Michael Blohm
- 26 Nita Matthias, **Betty Tyler**
- 27 Alex Galloway, AdAson Hovey, Amanda Scheel, Ashley Trost
- 28 David Dawson, Lindsey Ernst, **Teri Mason**





The annual meeting for Immanuel Lutheran Church and Preschool was held on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> after the luncheon following the 2<sup>nd</sup> service. Board elections were held and Matt Natvig, Jason Hayes, Cindy Grim and Jeff Oltmannn were elected to office. A review of the year was presented by Jackie Illian and helped cover the events and happenings within the church since the last annual meeting. The budget was presented to the congregation with a couple of new changes and additions. One piece to the puzzle of understanding how the budget is affected by giving was a chart that showed participation of households within the congregation. There are currently 363 households (also known as “giving units”) in the church. Of these, 151 giving units contribute \$1 or more per year. This equates to a giving participation rate of 42%. A total of 58% of all households do not contribute toward the church at all. Of the 151 giving units who contribute anything, 118 of these contribute a total of \$500 or more per year. This presents a healthy challenge to all of our members to ensure that we are participating financially within the church. Included within the Messenger this month is a table that shows how the Tithe is calculated so that everyone can ensure that we are supporting Immanuel Lutheran Church in a Biblical way.

## 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



## 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

**Advent Services 12:00pm & 6:00pm\* on December 6, 13, & 20**

\*Live streamed on Facebook and available later at [www.ilcv.org](http://www.ilcv.org)

## Information from the Office

### Official Business

Received: 8 adult members

Deaths: 5

## In Our Prayers

### Prayers from October

Marvin Miller – health

Frances Melsh – broken wrist

Family of Berdine Pooch as they mourn her passing.

Family of Barb Laue as they mourn her loss.

Family of John Schrum as they mourn his passing.

Family of Fred Schoepske as they mourn his passing.

Family of Kenneth Cutsforth as they mourn his passing.

### Ongoing Prayers

- Deb Morrison- health
- Ron Schmadke - health
- Scott Bratthauer- father of Corissa Volker, cancer
- Ruth Schutte
- Amanda Davis - health
- Sylvia Demster - health
- Robin Morelock, as she transitions back



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

- Missionaries Scott & Ivy Wiens in Peru
- Missionaries Christian & Lula Tiews in Germany
- Valley Teacher Mrs. Lee
- Valley Teacher Mrs. Bean
- Valley Lutheran School
- Immanuel Lutheran Preschool

## 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. Contact the church office, Lois Bonefas, or Deb Pather for more details.



### NE IA Food Bank

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

### Christmas Baskets

## Other News of Interest

### 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.



Stay Informed

### Reflection Garden:

Fall work is being finalized and more work will be done in the spring.

### Acknowledgments

Thank you to Marlene Auringer and Warren and Joanne Hartman for preparing communion in November.

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!

### RightNow Media

We've purchased unlimited access to thousands of Christian videos and are giving free access to everyone in our church.

Get Free Access

[WWW.RIGHTNOWMEDIA.ORG](http://WWW.RIGHTNOWMEDIA.ORG)

If you do not have access, let the office know so that they can get you connected.





Seminary Support Fund is a fund in which the congregation has established to support and help members of our congregation that have entered the seminary. Although our seminaries offer “tuition free programing,” it implies that each congregation that which each seminary comes from will contribute to the educational expenses for each year.

### **Eternal Care Fund**

The "Eternal Care Fund" is to help our brothers and sisters in Christ who have no one else in their lives and no financial means to provide for their Christian burial and funeral.

### **Giving Through Immanuel Website**

Through the Immanuel web page, [ilcv.org](http://ilcv.org), electronic gifts can be made to the church. The credit card option charges larger fees so we would prefer that people use the ACH option.

### **Change Challenge**

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

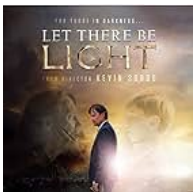
## **Women’s Ministry**

### **Dorcas**

Dorcas (LWML) Society will meet on Sunday, December 17th, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the church. The group will go Christmas Caroling to care centers with fellowship after.



### **Chick Flick**



Women of Immanuel, come join us for Chick Flick on Monday, January 8, 2024, at Laverne Kelderman's home, 5415 Lemongrass Drive, Cedar Falls. We will be viewing the film “Let There Be Light,” with Kevin Sorbo. Starting time is 6 pm. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk if you will be joining us!

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 Christmas program will be on December 10 at the late service.

### **SPARC**

Classes will begin again in January,

### **Lanterns – Jr. High Youth**

Christmas Party at Church on December 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:00- 4:00 pm. There will be a gift exchange(no more than \$10 for boy or girl), decorate pretzels, and play games. RSVP to [shanlea1947@yahoo.com](mailto:shanlea1947@yahoo.com) no later than December 4<sup>th</sup>.



### **Sr. High School Youth Group**

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

12/3 Bible study

12/10 Bake Sale during service – evening shopping

12/17 Christmas Event

If you have not been receiving emails or text messages from the Illian’s please send them a message or text.

[jonillian@immanuelcf.com](mailto:jonillian@immanuelcf.com) or 319-252-0684

## **Fellowship Together**

## Glowing Embers

Glowing Embers Christmas Party will be at the Waterloo Perkins at 4045 Hammond Ave at 11:30 on Thursday, December 7.



Besides ordering from the menu and eating, we will sing Christmas Carols, and play bingo. There will be a \$5.00 gift exchange for bingo. Come and join us. We would love to have you. No need to come early as there is a party before 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. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Mom's Night at 6:00 pm Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> Family Night, Dad's Night contact Pastor Kevin.

Anyone with children in Elementary are encouraged to attend the Family Life Ministry Family Nights on December 19 at 5:30 p.m. Join us for a meal and a fun exciting night of activities.



## 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, 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

Ushers	
Presentation	Jackie Illian
Live Stream	Jon Illian

9:00 AM

12/25/23	Deacons:	
	Readers	
	Greeters	
	Acyoltes	
	Ushers	
	Presentation	Jackie Illian
	Live Stream	Jon Illian

Early Late

12/31/23	Deacons:	Ehren Simmer
	Readers	
	Greeters	
	Acyoltes	
	Ushers	
	Presentation	Jackie Illian
	Live Stream	Jon Illian

## Tithes and Offerings

### Attendance & Offerings

Available in office upon request.

**October 22 – November 12** Online Average Weekly Worship Attendance 41

### 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.

### Seminary Support Fund



Acyoltes	
Ushers	
Presentation	Jackie Illian
Live Stream	Jon Illian

12:00 PM

6:00 PM

12/13/23	Deacons:	
	Readers	
	Greeters	
	Acyoltes	
	Ushers	
	Presentation	Jackie Illian
	Live Stream	Jon Illian

Early

Late

12/17/23	Deacons:	Henry Pahlkotter
	Readers	Henry Pahlkotter
	Greeters	
	Acyoltes	
	Ushers	
	Presentation	Jackie Illian
	Live Stream	Jon Illian

12:00 PM

6:00 PM

12/20/23	Deacons:	
	Readers	
	Greeters	The Clark's
	Acyoltes	
	Ushers	
	Presentation	Jackie Illian
	Live Stream	Jon Illian

Early

Late

6:00 PM

12/24/23	Deacons:	Ehren Simmer	Henry Pahlkotter
	Readers		Henry Pahlkotter
	Greeters		
	Acyoltes		

## Mission Committee Meeting

Next meeting: January 2, at 6:15 pm.

Leader- Bob White

Message from Hope for Destitute:

Thank you for your donation to Hope for the Destitute. We greatly appreciate your support! In Christ, Alicia

## New Life for Old Devices

Your old smart phones, laptops, and tablets can be put to good use. Manohar James of *Serving Along Side International* will give them to pastors and engineering students in India who can't afford to buy them. If you want to give to this worthy project, please complete a form in the office when you drop off the device. In order to wipe them, we will need to have the username/password to the device. If they are not able to be used (because of age or other restrictions), we will contact you so that you can retrieve them from the office. The mission committee will get them to Manohar James.



## Missionaries:

Scot and Ivy Wiens, Peru, Pioneers,  
Michael and Irene Paul, Taiwan, Mission Central,  
Tiews, Germany, Mission Central  
Robin Morelock, Paupa New Guinea, Wycliffe Bible Translators,  
Luke and Sarah Barnett, Training in Camdenton, MO, Ethnos360,  
Manohar James, India, Serving Alongside International,  
Pastor Omolo, Kenya, Hope for the Destitute, Dianne Moellering

## Missionary Workers Immanuel Helps Support

- **Robin Morelock** has returned home to Waterloo
- **Scott & Ivy Wiens** in Peru
- **Christian & Lula Tiews** in Germany

## School News

### Immanuel Preschool



It is hard to believe that Christmas is not too far away. Advent and Christmas have become far too busy for most of us – far too cluttered with activities, decorations, gifts, and more. If it is too busy for us, then think about how it is for our children! All the coming and going around Christmas must be confusing to them. Think about how you can make this Advent season meaningful for the whole family.

November activities for preschool classrooms was filled with Crossing the Red Sea, Wondering in the Wilderness, and stories of Gideon, Jonah, and David. The children act out these stories, listen to puppets, and move characters to help tell the story. All of these stories lead us to the birth of Jesus in December.

The classrooms were busy this talking about things we are thankful for and how we show we are thankful. Many of the art projects focused on turkeys and fall type items. Pumpkin pie was our cooking project for the month.

December will be another busy time as we prepare for our Christmas program that will be held on December 17 at 2:00. We invite you to attend this event and see how these children share the love of Jesus in their words, songs, and actions.



### Valley Lutheran

#### **Coming Soon: "A Little Bit of Drama"**

Valley Lutheran's Fall Play will be December 2nd at 7 p.m. and 3rd at 2 p.m. There will be 3 short plays, The Fairyland Detective Agency, Dad-Joke Intervention and Jonah and the Big Fish. Tickets are now on sale for \$5 each. Valley is closed for Thanksgiving Break until November 27th. Baked items will be for sale during intermission.



### **Christmas Program**

Come and join us for our K-12th Christmas Program to get you in the Christmas Spirit! Our program will be on Tuesday, December 12th at 6:30 at the school.

## **Serving This Month**

**December Altar Duties:** Kelly and Carsyn Rodriguez

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

**Signup Genius:** <https://ilcv.360unite.com/volunteer-sign-up>

If you need assistance, speak to Jon Illian, Director of Communication.

		Early	Late
12/3/23	Deacons:	Ehren Simmer	Henry Pahlkotter
	Readers	Les Redinbaugh	Henry Pahlkotter
	Greeters		
	Acolytes		
	Ushers		
	Presentation	Jackie Illian	
	Live Stream	Jon Illian	

		12:00 PM	6:00 PM
12/6/23	Deacons:		Brian L'Heureux
	Readers		
	Greeters		
	Acolytes		
	Ushers		
	Presentation		Jackie Illian
	Live Stream		Jon Illian

		Early	Late
12/10/23	Deacons:		
	Readers		Gavin Pahlkotter
	Greeters	The Clark's	



Offering Percentage Tables												
Weekly Offering = Annual Income x Percentage / 52												
Annual Income	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10% Tithe	12%	15%
\$ 10,000	\$ 2	\$ 4	\$ 6	\$ 8	\$ 10	\$ 12	\$ 13	\$ 15	\$ 17	\$ 19	\$ 23	\$ 29
\$ 20,000	\$ 4	\$ 8	\$ 12	\$ 15	\$ 19	\$ 23	\$ 27	\$ 31	\$ 35	\$ 38	\$ 46	\$ 58
\$ 30,000	\$ 6	\$ 12	\$ 17	\$ 23	\$ 29	\$ 35	\$ 40	\$ 46	\$ 52	\$ 58	\$ 69	\$ 87
\$ 40,000	\$ 8	\$ 15	\$ 23	\$ 31	\$ 38	\$ 46	\$ 54	\$ 62	\$ 69	\$ 77	\$ 92	\$ 115
\$ 50,000	\$ 10	\$ 19	\$ 29	\$ 38	\$ 48	\$ 58	\$ 67	\$ 77	\$ 87	\$ 96	\$ 115	\$ 144
\$ 60,000	\$ 12	\$ 23	\$ 35	\$ 46	\$ 58	\$ 69	\$ 81	\$ 92	\$ 104	\$ 115	\$ 138	\$ 173
\$ 70,000	\$ 13	\$ 27	\$ 40	\$ 54	\$ 67	\$ 81	\$ 94	\$ 108	\$ 121	\$ 135	\$ 162	\$ 202
\$ 80,000	\$ 15	\$ 31	\$ 46	\$ 62	\$ 77	\$ 92	\$ 108	\$ 123	\$ 138	\$ 154	\$ 185	\$ 231
\$ 90,000	\$ 17	\$ 35	\$ 52	\$ 69	\$ 87	\$ 104	\$ 121	\$ 138	\$ 156	\$ 173	\$ 208	\$ 260
\$ 100,000	\$ 19	\$ 38	\$ 58	\$ 77	\$ 96	\$ 115	\$ 135	\$ 154	\$ 173	\$ 192	\$ 231	\$ 288
\$ 120,000	\$ 23	\$ 46	\$ 69	\$ 92	\$ 115	\$ 138	\$ 162	\$ 185	\$ 208	\$ 231	\$ 277	\$ 346
\$ 140,000	\$ 27	\$ 54	\$ 81	\$ 108	\$ 135	\$ 162	\$ 188	\$ 215	\$ 242	\$ 269	\$ 323	\$ 404
\$ 160,000	\$ 31	\$ 62	\$ 92	\$ 123	\$ 154	\$ 185	\$ 215	\$ 246	\$ 277	\$ 308	\$ 369	\$ 462
\$ 180,000	\$ 35	\$ 69	\$ 104	\$ 138	\$ 173	\$ 208	\$ 242	\$ 277	\$ 312	\$ 346	\$ 415	\$ 519
\$ 200,000	\$ 38	\$ 77	\$ 115	\$ 154	\$ 192	\$ 231	\$ 269	\$ 308	\$ 346	\$ 385	\$ 462	\$ 577
Monthly Offering = Annual Income x Percentage / 12												
Annual Income	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10% Tithe	12%	15%
\$ 10,000	\$ 8	\$ 17	\$ 25	\$ 33	\$ 42	\$ 50	\$ 58	\$ 67	\$ 75	\$ 83	\$ 100	\$ 125
\$ 20,000	\$ 17	\$ 33	\$ 50	\$ 67	\$ 83	\$ 100	\$ 117	\$ 133	\$ 150	\$ 167	\$ 200	\$ 250
\$ 30,000	\$ 25	\$ 50	\$ 75	\$ 100	\$ 125	\$ 150	\$ 175	\$ 200	\$ 225	\$ 250	\$ 300	\$ 375
\$ 40,000	\$ 33	\$ 67	\$ 100	\$ 133	\$ 167	\$ 200	\$ 233	\$ 267	\$ 300	\$ 333	\$ 400	\$ 500
\$ 50,000	\$ 42	\$ 83	\$ 125	\$ 167	\$ 208	\$ 250	\$ 292	\$ 333	\$ 375	\$ 417	\$ 500	\$ 625
\$ 60,000	\$ 50	\$ 100	\$ 150	\$ 200	\$ 250	\$ 300	\$ 350	\$ 400	\$ 450	\$ 500	\$ 600	\$ 750
\$ 70,000	\$ 58	\$ 117	\$ 175	\$ 233	\$ 292	\$ 350	\$ 408	\$ 467	\$ 525	\$ 583	\$ 700	\$ 875
\$ 80,000	\$ 67	\$ 133	\$ 200	\$ 267	\$ 333	\$ 400	\$ 467	\$ 533	\$ 600	\$ 667	\$ 800	\$ 1,000
\$ 90,000	\$ 75	\$ 150	\$ 225	\$ 300	\$ 375	\$ 450	\$ 525	\$ 600	\$ 675	\$ 750	\$ 900	\$ 1,125
\$ 100,000	\$ 83	\$ 167	\$ 250	\$ 333	\$ 417	\$ 500	\$ 583	\$ 667	\$ 750	\$ 833	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,250
\$ 120,000	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 300	\$ 400	\$ 500	\$ 600	\$ 700	\$ 800	\$ 900	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,500
\$ 140,000	\$ 117	\$ 233	\$ 350	\$ 467	\$ 583	\$ 700	\$ 817	\$ 933	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,167	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,750
\$ 160,000	\$ 133	\$ 267	\$ 400	\$ 533	\$ 667	\$ 800	\$ 933	\$ 1,067	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,333	\$ 1,600	\$ 2,000
\$ 180,000	\$ 150	\$ 300	\$ 450	\$ 600	\$ 750	\$ 900	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,250
\$ 200,000	\$ 167	\$ 333	\$ 500	\$ 667	\$ 833	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,167	\$ 1,333	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,667	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500